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*PIERSON BECOMES NEW CINC*

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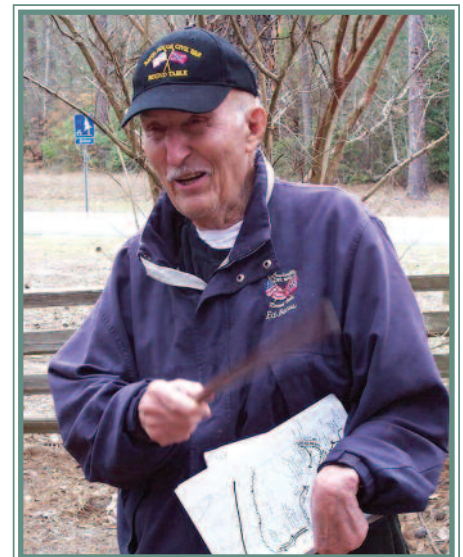
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## - OBITUARY - EDWIN COLE BEARSS JUNE 26, 1923 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

The former Chief Historian of the National Park Service and Honorary Member, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Ed worked tirelessly to preserve Civil War battlefields, interpret and educate the nation about the events surrounding and occurring during one of these nations' darkest hours. He also worked to preserve and perpetuate the memory of the service and sacrifices made by our Civil War ancestors.

Ed leaves two extraordinary legacies. As a public historian, he is the author, editor or contributor of more than 25 books, 100 scholarly papers, countless NPS monographs and oral histories. As a preservationist, he is responsible for the creation, expansion, and restoration of historic battlefields, houses, and other sites integral to American history.

For his contributions to the field, Ed was recognized numerous times, including receiving honorary degrees from Lincoln College and Gettysburg College, the Distinguished Service Award from the Department of the Interior, the Wailes Award (the highest historical award from the State of Mississippi), and awards from various Civil War Round Tables. In 2005, the Smithsonian Institution named Ed as one of 35 people "who made a difference: to our world. The National Park Service Edwin C. Bearss Fellowship Award and the American Battlefield trust Edwin C. Bearss Lifetime Achievement Award were established in his honor. He is a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians and a lifetime Trustee of the American Battlefield Trust. At the time of his death, a bipartisan coalition of members of the U.S. Congress had been sponsoring a resolution to award Ed the Congressional Gold Medal.



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*On The Cover: Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson*

**KUDOS:** To our CinC. You may have noticed his red kepi? It is to honor his great-great-great uncle Charles Alanson Pierson, Co C, 14th Brooklyn. Mortally wounded at South Mountain.



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**GENERAL ORDER #1**

1. We have just concluded an extraordinarily challenging year in our Order's history due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the unprecedented cancellation of the 139th National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia, and the subsequent accomplishment of the National Encampment via interactive video technology. On behalf of the entire Order, I extend our gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris for his outstanding leadership during this difficult period.

a. All Brothers who attended of the 139th "virtual" National Encampment are entitled to receive a special National Encampment ribbon. Attendance shall be verified by the official roster of attendees who signed into the National Encampment. This ribbon may be requested from PCinC Norris. Please send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to: Ed Norris, 91 Kelly Dr. Lancaster, MA, 01523-1959.

2. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Elizabeth Rock, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Sandra Millin, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Wanda Langdon, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year in honoring our Boys in Blue.

3. The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 35 Greenfield Drive, Bethel Acres, Oklahoma. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvcw.org. Text or telephone communications are for urgent matters at 703-989-9296. Please, no routine calls after 2230 hrs Central Time.

4. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411. The phone number is 717-232-7000.

5. Financial correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard, PDC at 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2881. His email address is treasurer@suvcw.org and phone number is 540-604-6950.

6. All other correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Secretary, Jonathan Davis, PDC, 240

Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162. His email address is secretary@suvcw.org and phone number is 614-745-6079.

7. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule and requests for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, Mark Hale, PDC. He can be reached by email at markhale101@msn.com and phone 770-900-5415.

8. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and a final for the 140th National Encampment in 2021.

9. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

10. National Chaplain, Dr. Rev. Peter Preble, PCC, can be reached by email at rev.peter.preble@gmail.com and phone at 508-864-8095. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Preble will be sending a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to the family if a name and address is provided.

11. Applications for Civil War Memorials grants will be sent to Brother Peter Hritsko, Jr, PDC, 12710 Darrow Rd., Vermilion, OH, 44089-9365. His email is CofA2@suvcw.org and phone number is 440-967-8002.

12. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr., PDC, 4300 Covell Road, Clyde, NY 14433. His email is rotc@suvcw.org and phone number is 585-305-9475.

13. All Camps and Departments are strongly encouraged to submit articles and photographs for The Banner to Brother James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519. His email is Banner@suvcw.org and phone number is 517-676-1471. Brother Pahl, PCinC has been appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2022.

14. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the permission granted in PCinC Norris' GO #21 for Departments and Camps to conduct virtual or electronic meetings is hereby extended until the next National Encampment. Departments and Camps are encouraged to hold in-person meetings and events in order when able to do so, considering the safety of their members and complying with local, county, state and national rules and guidelines.

15. The following National Special Committees are appointed:

a. National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues

(through 2021), Chair James Ward

b. National Special Committee on Website Redesign (through 2021), Chair James McGuire

c. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (2021), Chair Dexter Bishop

d. National Special Committee to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders (through 2024), Chair Mark Day, PCinC

e. National Special Committee for Monument Protection Policy (through 2021), Chair Don Shaw, PCinC

16. The following CinC appointed committees are appointed:

a. CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms, Chair Mike Paquette, SVCinC

b. CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials, Chair Joe Hall (note: this committee will transition to a standing committee per the vote of the National Encampment)

c. CinC appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Chair James McGuire

d. CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Chair Peter Preble

17. All Departments, Camps, and Brothers are strongly encouraged to recruit, retain, and return members. A growing Order is a healthy Order. This will be a focus area this year.

a. Recruiting enables our Order to persist by bringing in new blood. Each of us knows someone we could ask, a brother, son, cousin, uncle, or friend who could be a potential member or Associate.

b. Retention enables our Brothers to continue to remain with us in fraternity. Everyone should feel able to contribute in a meaningful manner as his situation permits. There are enough projects, issues, and other needs in the Order and in our local, county, state and national communities for twice the number of our membership.

c. Returning our former Brothers who have left the Order under honorable conditions re-establishes the bonds. Each may have left for a different reason, but we still value the time they were with us. Invite them back and make it easy for them to rejoin our ranks.

18. I encourage any Brother interested in serving in a national position or committee to volunteer. There are many Brothers who will support and assist you as far as you want to go.

## 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.

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## HIGHLIGHTS 139<sup>TH</sup> VIRTUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Only those matters that were absolutely necessary were considered by the brothers at the 139th Virtual National Encampment held October 24, 2020 with the aid of Zoom technology. A record 300 plus brothers attended of such nearly 1/3 reported this was their first National. There were a few glitches, most notably the Memorial Service, but overall, this was a productive Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson was elected Commander-in-Chief. Brian is a dual member of the Department of Georgia/South Carolina and Oklahoma, the first CinC from either Department. Michael Paquette of the Department of Columbia was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Bruce D. Frail of the Department of Rhode Island was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Kevin Tucker easily won re-election to a three year term on the Council of Administration. The election of Bruce Frail caused him to vacate his CofA position and Henry Duquette of the Department of North Carolina was elected to complete his term.

Several amendments to the National Regulations were discussed and adopted.

Several Awards were announced: PCinC Don Darby received the Elmer (But) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. Brother Thomas Ludka, C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Wisconsin was awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. Daniel Grable of the Sgt Henry E Plant Camp #3, Michigan, was awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

Brother Jordan Levi Milburn, Henry Casey Camp #92, Ohio, was awarded the John C. Clem Award for the Most Outstanding Junior Member. Sister Margaret Berres of the Woman's Relief Corp in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was awarded the National Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award.

Mr. Leonard E. "Len" Thomas of Swartz Creek, Michigan was awarded the Founders Award for this work in surveying every cemetery in a three county area, recording every Civil War soldier's grave. He also researched pertinent information on each and self published a three volume work, which has been updated.

Scott Camp #73, New Jersey was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award

The Department of California and Pacific was awarded the Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award, adding 68 new brothers.

The Department of Maine was awarded the U.S. Grant Cup for a 15% increase in membership.

The Department of Pennsylvania received the Under Forty Award, adding 11 new brothers under 40 years of age.

The Department of Missouri received the Marshall Hope Award for best newsletter 0 the Missouri Unionist. The General Thomas C Fletcher Camp 47, Missouri, received the Marshall Hope Award for best Camp newsletter.

Scholarships were awarded to: Sister Samantha M Dudgeon, ASUVCW Phineas Catlin Tent #341, New York; and Brother Jaeger R Held, Chapman-Compliment Camp 2, Colorado/Wyoming.



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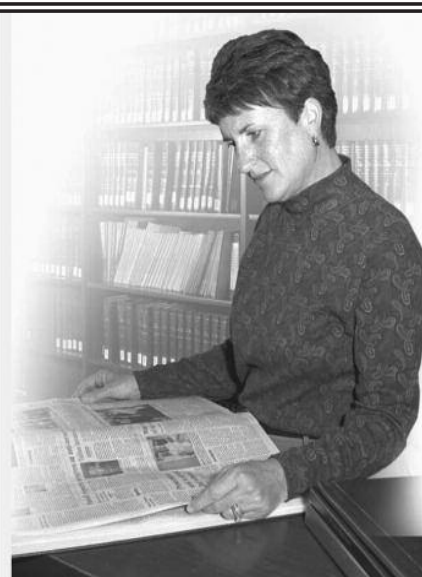
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# VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

The New Year has come and gone, and we are now looking forward to new beginnings and opportunities. The year 2020 was tough on all of us, and we hope that the year 2021 will bring us all good tidings and joy. We must again renew our conviction in our mission statement of preserving the memory of the Boys in Blue. However, that is not all we have to renew with the turn of the year, 2020 was not just hard on us, but it was hard on our country, on the good ol' United States of America, and it is time for us to remind not only ourselves, but our neighbors and fellow countrymen and countrywomen, that we have not, and will never turn our back on Lady Liberty.

I have mentioned in the past that Patriotism starts in our neighborhoods, and in our communities, this is a sentiment that I truly believe in. We must get into our communities and start educating as to why we are so lucky to be in this country. We must point out, that while not perfect; America has given us all amazing opportunities that more than likely we would not have received if we lived elsewhere. Are there some that have a tougher road than other, of course there are, but this is the country that if you want something bad enough, and work your tail off, odds are you will be successful in one way or another, and that is something to be proud of.

The United States of America, at its foundation, was a unique concept, in the sense that we wanted nothing to do with a monarchy or long-term leadership. You see many of the world powers in the 1770s, France, China, Ottoman Empire, Portuguese Empire, Prussia, Spanish Empire and British Empire were all a monarchy or dynasty in one form or the other, in other words, the leadership passed from family member to family member and the decisions were made by them with little to no input from the citizens. The Constitution of the United States of America, which was originally drafted by the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and sent to the States for Ratification, with Delaware being the first state to ratify in December of 1787 and the last original colony to ratify being Rhode Island in 1790. The first thing that is established by the Constitution, in Article I Section 1, is Congress. Later Sections of Article I go on to define who can be members of the newly formed House of Representatives and Senate, and how they get put in position. The long and short of it is, the States decided every 2 and 6 years for Representatives and Senators, respectively. This concept was foreign to most countries in the late 1700's, the idea that the people living in the country, the citizens, have a voice in how the country is governed. From this, the American Dream was born as any citizen could come to a position of power in this country, like say a lawyer from Illinois, who was born in Kentucky, which would go on to be arguably the greatest President this country has seen.

If we teach these lessons to our neighbors, in schools, libraries, community centers, and to other local organizations that at her heart, America is the Land of the Free, where every citizen's voice is heard. By doing this, our country will become stronger in the long run. That the opportunities that we all have had, will be passed on to our children and their children. That the great melting pot of America, can better the lives of those who live here as long as they follow the laws, and work their tails off.

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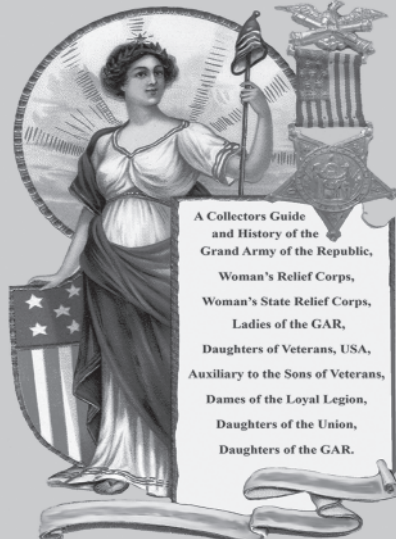
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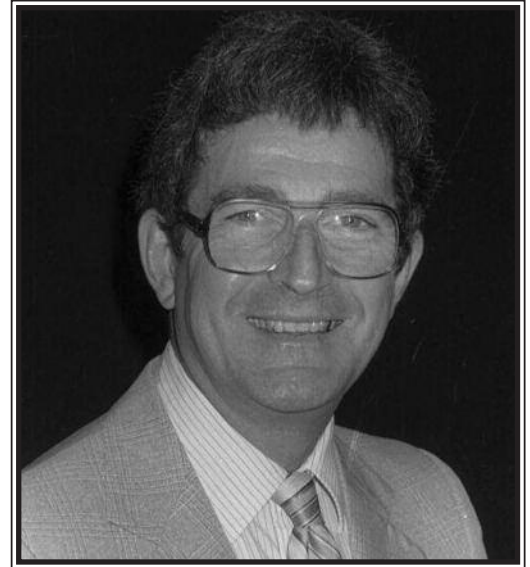
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**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (1993 – 1994)**  
**OCTOBER 26, 1929 - DECEMBER 14, 2020 (AGE 91)**

Allen W. Moore was elected and installed August 14, 1993 as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the 112th National Encampment held in Portland, Maine.

Commander-in-Chief Moore traces his eligibility for the SUVCW to Private Cornelius F. Whitehouse, Company B., 15th Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, who is his great-great grandfather. Whitehouse enlisted at the age of 31, leaving behind a wife and three young children. After serving about 18 months of a three-year enlistment, Whitehouse was discharged because of disability - he had contracted typhoid fever in a march between Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee. His younger brother, Harrison J. Whitehouse, enlisted with him in the same regiment.

Brother Moore's involvement in the Order began in June 1981 when he became a member at the Indiana Department Encampment in Indianapolis. He served as Commander of the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, at Indianapolis for two years and has been Camp Secretary-Treasurer for six years. In 1982, he reorganized the Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1 at Kokomo, and served as its Commander for five years. He is a life member of SUVCW. On the state level, he has served as Department Commander for two years and as Department Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Council Member, and Counselor.

Prior to becoming Commander-in-Chief in August 1993, he served the National Organization as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He also served as Chair of the National Committees on Membership, Fraternal Relations, and Program and Policies. Additional National Committees which he served as a member include Constitution and Regulations, Grand Army of the Republic Records, 125th Anniversary Events, and Encampment Credentials.



Commander-in-Chief Moore has been married to the former Barbara E. Tiley of Clarion, Pennsylvania for 41 years. The Moores have four daughters and five grandchildren. His wife, Barbara, and three of his daughters are members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Barbara is also a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. All four of the Commander-in-Chief's sons-in-law are members of SUVCW.

He is a life member of Delta Pi Epsilon, national honorary fraternity in graduate business education, and is a past President of the Pi Chapter. Other fraternal and hereditary organizations to which Commander-in-Chief Moore belongs include Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Huguenot Society of Indiana, Society of Colonial Wars, Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirurgen, and Society of Indiana Pioneers.

Additional interests of Brother Moore include music, genealogy, photography, travel, and collecting Civil War images.

# 2021 National Encampment Medals & Coin Set order form



*The 2021 Medal & Coin set commemorates the Bicentennial of Missouri's statehood. It is \$35.00. The Allied Orders Medal is the first time multiple Allied Orders are featured on the same medal. It is \$15.00. All are made of antique brass.*



Description	Price	Qty.	Total
2021 MO Bicentennial Medal & Coin set	\$35.00		
2021 Allied Orders Medal	\$15.00		
Shipping for medals: 1- \$5.00, 2-6 \$8.00	<b>Sub Total</b>		
	<b>Shipping</b>		
	<b>Total</b>		

***Make checks payable to:  
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***Mail to:***

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Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
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**- OBITUARY -**  
**HELEN VIOLA JACKSON**  
**AUGUST 3, 1919 - DECEMBER 16, 2020**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier, on December 16th, 2020. Ms. Jackson was 101 years old at the time of her passing. She had been a resident of the Webco Manor Nursing Home in Marshfield, Missouri for many years.

Helen Jackson married Private James Bolin, Company F, of the 14th Missouri Cavalry, on September 4th, 1936. He was 93 years old and she was 17. Her father had volunteered her to stop by his house each day and assist him with chores as she headed home from school. Bolin did not believe in accepting charity and, after a period of time, asked Helen for her hand in marriage in order to provide for her future by leaving her his Union pension. She accepted and Bolin recorded the wedding in his personal Bible. Bolin died in June of 1939 and Helen never remarried. She also never applied for the pension.



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**GENERAL ORDERS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

**From CinC Ed Norris:**

- General Order 37 – Preliminary rules for the 2020 Virtual National Encampment
- General Order 38 – Cancels 2020 Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg
- General Order 39 – Departments to update bylaws and have a copy on file at National
- General Order 40 – Quartermaster Store delays, call for patience
- General Order 41 – Announces the formation of the Department of Alabama, organized as the 31st Department of the Order.
- General Order 42 – National Award winners

**From CinC Brian Pierson:**

- General Order 2 – Meritorious Service Award w/- gold star to James McGuire, PDC
- General Order 3 – Calls upon brothers to honor Veterans Day
- General Order 4 – Calls upon brothers to conduct or participate in appropriate service as particular circumstances permit to honor President Abraham Lincoln
- General Order 5 – Meritorious Service Award w/- gold star to Joseph Hall, PDC
- General Order 6 – Announces 501c3 non profit tax status now extends to the Departments, Camps and SVR units of the Order.
- General Order 7 – Announces the new Monument Protection Policy
- General Order 8 – Passing of Allen W. Moore, PCinC

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.

Blessing and Peace,  
*Chaplain Peter*

**Christopher R Klenk**

Chaplin P G Cook Camp 223 (New York)  
August 29, 2020

**Lawrence Bob Henderson**

The Legion of the West Camp 7  
(Colorado/Wyoming)  
August 28, 2020

**William Ace Righter**

Col Louis R. Francine Camp 7 (New Jersey)  
August 29, 2020

**Edward E. Welser**

Col David Ireland Camp #137 (New York)  
September 5, 2020

**Robert E Hall, Jr**

Col George L Willard Camp #154 (New York)  
October 15, 2018

**James Freeman Blauer**

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp #17  
(California/Pacific)  
October 2, 2020

**Randy Charles Beisel, PCC**

Jacob M Campbell Camp #30 (Pennsylvania)  
November 10, 2020

**Ronald V Smith**

Col C S Douty Camp #11 (Maine)  
October 28, 2020

**Vernon L Thomas, Sr**

Gilman E Sleeper Camp #60 (New Hampshire)  
November 10, 2020

**Andrew P Bollen, III, PCC**

Life Member 672  
C K Pier Badger Camp #1 (Wisconsin)  
November 3, 2020

**William Elmer Nelson, PCC**

Gen W S Rosecrans Camp #2  
(California/Pacific)  
November 1, 2020

**Leonard C. Becker, PCC**

William B Keith Camp #12 (California/Pacific)  
November 18, 2020

**Duane H. Duff, Jr.**

Centennial Camp #100 (Colorado/Wyoming)  
November 26, 2020

**Clyde Adam Blanchard**

Col Robert W Barnard Camp #2 (Florida)  
December 1, 2020

**David Bruce Croas**

Life Member 850  
Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 (Georgia/South  
Carolina)  
November 5, 2020

**Eugene Wayne Long**

Life Member 252  
Lt Ezra S Griffin Camp #8 (Pennsylvania)  
December 4, 2020

**Allen W. Lease**

Life Member 731  
Lt Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 (Pennsylvania)  
December 19, 2020

**Allen W. Moore, PCinC**

Life Member 240  
Orlando A Somers Camp #1 (Indiana)  
December 14, 2020

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As the calendar pages turn to a new year, we stand in the open door of that new year and look at the possibilities that lie before us. Each new year is filled with hope that it will be better than the previous one or at least different.

The start of a new year is an excellent time to look back and to take stock of the year that has passed. What have we done? What have we left undone? It's not that we should have regrets or wish things had turned out differently, but looking back can serve as a great reminder of what lies ahead for each of us.

2020 was not the year any of us had expected. My wife and I anticipated our daughter's birth, and I started as a minister in a new church. 2020 looked as bright as any year could possibly be. Then COVID happened, and the world changed. Yes, our daughter was born but without all the usual fanfare that comes with a new child's birth. Yes, I started in the new church but again, without all the fanfare that comes with that. This was only the beginning of things being different.

But as I stand looking through the open door of 2021, I am thankful for all that has passed and hopeful for all that is to come. One of the lessons 2020 has taught me is to value what is essential in life and to get rid of those things that are not. It will be different for each of us, but I encourage you to take some time in these coming days and really think about what is essential in your lives.

For Christians, the Advent and Christmas Season have ended, but the message of that time still rings true. In 2021 I resolve to be more joyful. I resolve to be more hopeful. I resolve to be more peaceful. And I resolve to be more loving. I believe that if we can all resolve to do these things no matter what 2021 throws at us, it will be a great year.

Blessing and Peace,  
*Chaplain Peter*

## ALABAMA

Congratulations to our newest Department – the Department of Alabama! The Special Department Encampment was held September 25 and Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris was the installing officer. The Department boasts three Camps, MG James H. Wilson, Camp 1, Pvt Richard Taylor, Camp 53 and MG John T. Croxton, Camp 17; with a fourth Camp on the drawing board. Delegates to the 139th National Encampment were elected.



The Department of Alabama is proud to announce the formation of a new Camp. The Colonel George E. Spencer Camp #67 was authorized November 7, 2020. This new Camp is located in Haleyville, Winston County, the heart of the old Confederacy. All members are descendants of men who fought with the First Alabama Cavalry, USA. This county had nearly two thirds of its Civil War volunteers join Federal units. The 1st Alabama was mustered October of 1862. By the spring of 1863, it had established a reputation as a hard fighting unit. In 1864, it joined Sherman in his campaign to capture Atlanta and finished the war in North Carolina. The namesake was a native of New York and took command of the 1st Alabama in late 1863.

## CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 embarked on a project to have removed and replace the cracked and falling apart cement curb surrounding the gravesite of Sgt. William Pittenger, Medal of Honor Recipient. Additionally, a custom medal fence was designed and placed on three sides of the curb marking The Great Locomotive Chase with both of the trains, The Texas and The General. The middle of the fence has the Medal of Honor shining bright to honor Sgt. William Pittenger. Photo by Kimberly Sayre



## CHESAPEAKE

The Army of the James Camp #1864 located in Richmond, Virginia raised the \$1,700 necessary to erect a new highway marker SA-41 to replace one destroyed earlier by accident or vandals. The original marker was dedicated in 1995 and marks the spot where the Union Army entered Richmond April 3, 1865 after receiving a note of surrender from the mayor. The first troops to enter Richmond were the six regiments of Edward Ripley's Brigade of the XXIV Corp, and various USCT units from the XXV Corp.



## COLUMBIA



Commander-in-Chief Brian Pearson was privileged to participate in the virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies held by the Department of the Columbia. He reported the event was well executed and honored the memory of the Boys in Blue. There was an interesting conversation after the ceremony. The Department has located three cremated remains of Civil War veterans that have been stored in funeral homes or the State Archives. Two have been laid to rest with proper honors and negotiations are on-going for the third. How many other remains of Civil War veterans remain in funeral homes across our country?

## FLORIDA



L. L. Mitchell Camp #4 held dual Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 21st. First at the Mount Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud where at least 430 Union Veterans are buried. The second was at the Veterans Park where



the 20th anniversary of the dedication of a GAR Monument was celebrated.

## GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

The Elias Moon Camp #2 presented a flag appreciation certificate to the Lawrenceville-Suwanee H-Mart. Store Manager Lee was very pleased to accept.



Kennesaw Mountain #3 held a Veterans Day event at local cemetery near Marietta, GA. The brothers are gathered at the grave of Corporal Levi Fortner.



## ILLINOIS



The General John A. McClernard Camp #4 acted as the lead group and along with other interested individuals and organizations hosted a rededication of the G.A.R. mound nestled down the hill behind Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. The original monument was dedicated May 31, 1895 and had fallen into disrepair.



Old Glory Camp 6165 has been continuing their Union Ridge Cemetery restoration project. The cemetery has allied themselves with two local Boy Scout troops who are working on two Eagle Scout projects. Their programs include resetting, cleaning, categorizing and marking veteran's graves. These headstones represent veterans from all wars.



The George A. Custer Camp #1 has continued their headstone cleaning project to include over 230 headstones and the replacement of 15 Unknown Union soldiers markers. The Camp's work parties have completed two of its three cleaning phases and has targeted a November 15th date for the end of the marker cleaning project. The new headstone installation is set for the Spring 2021.

## INDIANA

The brothers of the Orlando A Somers Camp #1 met on November 21 in Kokomo. The meeting included the initiation of one new brother and receipt of applications from three more.



## IOWA

Brother of the Colonel William Kinsman Camp #23 placed 36 new military headstones around the Kisman Monument in Council Bluffs. These graves were previously unmarked. Brothers of the Camp were also able to travel to Spencer and rededicate the Civil War monument in Riverview cemetery.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS



The newly elected G.M. Dodge Camp #75 Commander joined with two fellow SUVCW (and SAR members) on Veterans Day for the public ceremony and reading of the names of 1000 veterans from the War of 1812 through the Vietnam era that are buried in Historic Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines.

provides services and goods to help meet the critical needs and enhances the well-being and quality of life for active-duty Military, National Guard, Reserves, Veterans, and their families.



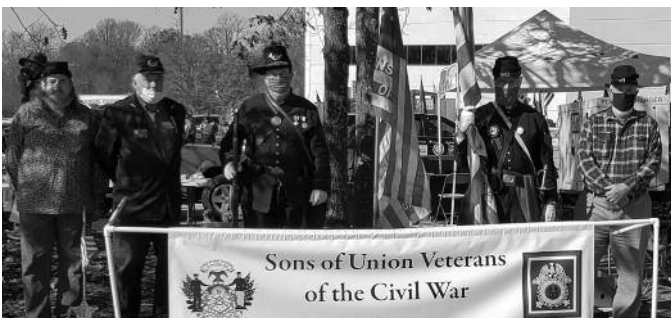
Several of the Brothers of the Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54 assembled at the Lowell G.A.R. Post Plot at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston for a Veterans Day Ceremony.



## KENTUCKY

The community of Middletown held a Veterans Day parade in reverse. The spectators drove through the stationary parade units, including brothers of the Fort Duffield Camp #1. Units were set up at safe intervals and about 500 vehicles drove through the serpentine layout.

The Brothers of Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104 in Wakefield held their first "in person" meeting in seven months, after some restrictions were lifted by the Commonwealth. The Camp meeting took place outdoors and social distancing was observed. Even the weather cooperated, as it was a beautiful New England Autumn day. Business included the initiation of a new Brother.



## MISSOURI

US Grant Camp 68 members participated in the annual ceremony at the graves of the General Sherman Family graves on Oct 25. The Camp maintains the flag at the gravesite and presents used flags to people the Camp deems worthy. The ceremony was also sponsored by the DUVCW with brothers from other area Camps attending.

## MASSACHUSETTS

On September 29th, the Department presented a check for \$1500 to Project New Hope, Inc. Project New Hope Inc. provides free weekend and weeklong retreats and workshops,



At the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution, members of the US Grant Camp #68 and Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 participated in Veterans Day Ceremonies at Bellefontaine Cemetery, the resting place of 23 Union Generals and 8 Civil War Medal of

Honor Recipients. The brothers served as Musket Detail along with the Sons of American Revolution.



## NEBRASKA

On Saturday November 21, 2020, members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2, Welstead Camp #3 and Harrison Camp #53-2 including the Nebraska Rangers SVR observed the reading of the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863 at the state capital building.

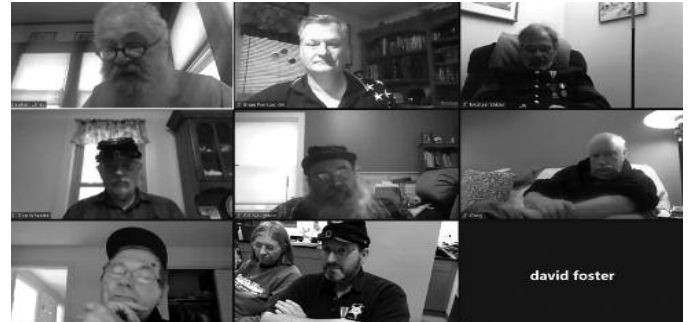


The Department of Nebraska is honoring Last Civil War Veterans from 92 counties throughout the state. This includes ceremonies in Cedar County, Douglas County, at the Stella Cemetery, Lancaster County, Madison County, Omaha Valley Cemetery in Homer and Thurston County.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Dept of NH conducted a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. The keynote speaker was Dr Stephen Lahey who discussed monuments and illustrations of key historical figures.



Brothers of the S.G. Griffin Camp #10 of Keene, Charles W. Canney Camp #5 of Rochester and Major McKinley Camp #9 of Lebanon came together for a War Memorial dedication in Unity on November 8, 2020.



## NEW JERSEY



The General James A. Garfield Camp #4 conducted a grave-side memorial service in the Trenton Riverside Cemetery on September 15, 2019 to honor the Civil War service of Major General Gershom Mott. The public and local politicians were invited and about a dozen attended. This is the sixth such grave-side memorial service the Camp has conducted over since 2011.



On September 26, 2020 Brothers from the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp held a re-dedication ceremony for the 125th Anniversary of D.A. Russell Post #68 GAR Monument, located in Greenmount Cemetery in Hammonton. The D. A. Russell Post was established on May 8, 1882 and was active up into 1915. The monument itself sits in the middle of Greenmount cemetery and was dedicated on September 28, 1895.

## NORTH CAROLINA



On October 21, 2020, Maj Gen George Stoneman Camp No. 6, completed one of its most recent projects by traveling to Forest Lawn Cemetery in Greensboro to clean the headstone of Lt. Sanford Kirkpatrick (1842-1932). A GAR marker and flag were also posted at the grave in preparation for Veterans Day.

## OHIO



The 2021 officers of Henry Casey Camp 92 were installed at their November camp meeting. All wore masks, except for the photo.

The Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73 is pleased to announce the restoration and return of the memorial to Brigadier General Joshua Woodrow Sill, (December 6, 1831 – December 31, 1862) to Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio. The ravages of over 150 years, the Ohio weather, and its closeness to a paper mill took a serious toll on the marble memorial. Details were barely noticeable with the monument being soiled and deteriorating. The bronze plaque was green and black. The Camp started the fund raising campaign back in 2018, raising \$32,000. The Camp plans to dedicate the Memorial in 2021.



## OKLAHOMA



Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 conducted a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City. The Jeremiah Smith #1 Camp is finishing a project to replace four granite pedestals with cannonball stacks which were set around the central obelisk of the monument when it was dedicated in 1918 but were removed in the mid-20th Century.

## PENNSYLVANIA

With proper permit, the Colonel James E. Crowther Camp # 89 and Ladies Auxiliary met at the 110th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment monument in Gettysburg, PA on November 21st for their annual ceremony. After, they enjoyed a nice lunch at the picnic area on Confederate Boulevard.



The Col. James A. Crowther Camp #89 and Ladies Auxiliary participated in a Commemorative Service on September 26, 2020 at the All Veterans Memorial Park in Osceola Mills. This was held on the 130th Anniversary of the visit by President Benjamin Harrison to Osceola Mills on September 20th, 1890 and the support provided by the Civil War veterans of the Joseph McCarren Grand Army Post #553.



The Colonel James E. Crowther Camp # 89 and Ladies Auxiliary safely participated in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 7th held in Altoona. The members carried

the Camp Banner in front of the their truck and trailer which had a Civil War era tent and fellow members seated on the float for display for the public to view and enjoy.



## SOUTHWEST

Brothers of the General U.S. Grant Camp #3, joined by members of the DUVCW, UDC, WRC and the ASUVCW, participated in a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens on the Salt River Reservation. The ceremony started at 10:55 coinciding with the attack of Pearl Harbor and the flyover of a WWII plane. The USS Arizona Memorial Gardens is 608 ft long which matches the ship size and the poles are in the shape of the USS Arizona. There are 1,500 poles where represent each death and the gaps between the poles represent a crew member that survived. Wreaths were then dedicated at 11:10 which marked the sinking time of the USS Arizona.



The General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 also placed military headstones on seven Union Civil War soldiers graves, who are buried in the Citizens Cemetery at Prescott.

## TENNESSEE

Brothers of the Major William Anderson McTeer Camp #39 installed a military marker for Corporal Charles McGhee, Company(BTRY) L 1st United States Colored Artillery at Soloman's Temple Cemetery in Vonore.



Brothers of the Major William Anderson McTeer Camp #39 replaced the worn and faded marker of Thomas W Gray, Bugler Company F 2nd Tennessee Cavalry at Hopewell Baptist Cemetery in Madisonville.



## TEXAS

The General James J. Byrne Camp of Fort Worth has held a Zoom meeting of members to maintain contact and has continued to publish a monthly camp newsletter. Due to gathering restrictions, the Camp was unable to gather at the gravesite of the Camp's namesake General James J. Byrne located in the Pioneer's Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth. The Camp annually commemorates his contributions during the Red River Campaign as well as his efforts to expand the railroads into Western Texas following the war.



## WISCONSIN

On September 12, 2020, Old Abe Camp #8 got together for a Last Soldier ceremony for Nathan Henry Lake of Shawano County. The event was in addition to a Woodlawn Cemetery walk held by the Shawano County Historical Society and the Mohican Tribe of Bowler. Photo by Kathy Heltemes.



Brothers of the Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 presented the Order's Commendation for patriotism to a retired Muskego man who has flown the U.S. flag outside his home for the past 32 years. The commendation was presented to Kenneth G. Johnson on Nov. 22. Johnson, age 76, is a retired purchasing manager and has a daughter who is a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. It reads: "Presented to Kenneth G. Johnson in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America."





**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF  
ADMINISTRATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2020**

**INTERACTIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

(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 October 18, 2020 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV.

National Treasurer reports he is still working on group exemption for Departments and Camps to obtain 501c3 status. He was approved to file the new application to change the group exemption.

C&R committee will be working on a job description for the Fraternal Relations Committee.

CinC Appointed Committee on National Headquarters appointed, Kevin Tucker to chair.

CinC Appointed Committee on Allied Orders and National Encampments continued, PCinC Mark Day to chair.

Program and Policy committee putting final touches on updated form 3 and when approved, form 60 will be retired.

5.5 National Special Committee on Strategic Development proceeding with endowments and fund raising.

Special Committee on Monument Protection. To be

addressed during National Encampment.

C&R Committee to work on development of provisions with respect to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly elected officer.

C&R Committee also working on possible language for Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions at both the Camp and Department level.

CofA established two new awards at recommendation of the National Chaplain. The Chaplain William Corby National Chaplain Award, by the CinC for Department or Camp Chaplains for outstanding ministry leadership. Then the Jerome W. Kowalski Chaplain Award, to be awarded by a Department Commander to a Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership.

The C&R committee was tasked with examining a discrepancy between the number of brothers required for a Camp to be chartered (five) and the number required to vote to continue a Camp that is in danger of being closed (ten)

The Program and Policy committee to develop a procedure for the JVCinC to follow in to issue membership cards to applicants through the on line application process. Then to forward this to C&R.

The Commander-in-Chief will be issuing a General Order, making a Department's National Encampment Host Committee a Special National Committee pending changes to the C&R.

A new database to be constructed for the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

The webmaster will try to make the National Civil War Memorials database more accessible from the SUVCW main web page.

**INTRODUCING A FULLY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE FUNDRAISING  
OPPORTUNITY FOR SUVCW DEPARTMENTS AND CAMPS**

We are unveiling a fundraising opportunity developed by the SUVCW National Treasurer Michael Beard. This fundraiser is for SUVCW Department and Camp use only, it has been stated that Department's and Camp's may collect donations to cover the costs of approved projects that fall into line with the SUVCW mission statement. Forms need to be developed for the submission and approval process. Once done, a Department or Camp may fill out the proper form to submit to the National Committee on Fundraising for their review and approval. Once approved said Department or Camp will be assigned a Project ID# and may solicit fully tax-deductible donations to that project. These donations would be made payable to the National SUVCW and the Project ID# would need to be listed in the "memo" section or "for the use of" section of the payment. An annual report would be required by the Department/Camp accounting for all use for that money, receipts would be required and all tax code regulations to whom can be paid from this account must be followed. Please contact the SUVCW National Treasurer at [treasurer@suvchw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvchw.org) for more details.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF  
ADMINISTRATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2020**

**INTERACTIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

(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 Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on October 25, 2020 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble.

National Treasurer's work on changing our group exemption for Departments and Camps from 501c4 to 501c3 continues.

Job Description for the Fraternal Relations Committee at C&R committee for presentation at the 2021 National Encampment.

CinC will appoint brothers to the CinC committee National Headquarters Committee. Duties were discussed.

The CinC Appointed Committee on Allied Orders and National Encampments, committee will continue until 2024.

Form 3 has been revised and is awaiting posting to the Order's website. Form 60 is being retired.

The C&R committee to review items from Promotion and Marketing. Technology Committee also working with Graves Registration Committee for advertisement banners on some of our database pages. Also looking at creating a line of items that can be sold thru a database web store for people who learn of their relatives or are helping with projects.

The National Special Committee on Strategic Development will not be reappointed. The National Treasurer will continue those functions.

The CinC will appoint brothers to a Special Committee on Monument Protection.

Reviewed briefly again the awards proposed by the National Chaplain. Completed.

The Programs and Policy committee will be working on procedures for clarifying approval of modifications to Camp Bylaws and a Department's Bylaws. They will also examine the idea of making the National Encampment Credentials Committee a standing committee of the Order.

Programs and Policy will continue working on the concept of applicants for membership submitted on line being accepted by the JVCinC with membership cards issued at that level. Discussed the JVCinC should be able to process the application himself and issue a

membership card as well as a transfer card to the applicant once the application is satisfactorily completed. The completed paperwork would then be sent directly to the Executive Director. The JVCinC would still contact the various Department JVCs to enable a transfer of the new member. The new member would then apply for membership in a specific Department and Camp via the existing membership transfer process.

In an effort to:

- reduce the loss of potential new online members due to the time it takes to execute the current online membership process.
- expedite getting a copy of the Banner into the hands of new online members (which they have paid for);
- simplify the online membership process by reducing the number of Brothers involved.
- reduce the cost of multiple mailings of the same application materials from the JVCinC, to the Department JVC, to the Camp Secretary and Treasurer, and then to the Executive Director.

The CinC will appoint a CinC committee on Social Media Management to work with the Signals Corp.

The Program and Policy committee will explore the concept of disciplinary action against Department Officers who neglect or refuse to file forms 35 and 49 on time, rather than suspend a Department and punish all of the brothers of a Department rather than the responsible parties. The committee will also look towards establishing a backup person or Assistant National Executive Director who can step in should the Executive Director become unable to perform duties.

Program and Policy committee to work on updating the Eagle Scout Commendation application form.

The National Secretary will be sending out Conflict of Interest Policy documents to National Officers for signatures.

The Charitable Foundation Merchandise Licenses were reviewed and approved with the sweatshirts being limited to the number in stock only.

The National Membership-at-Large dues to remain the same for 2021.

Life Membership reimbursement (pre-2001) to remain the same.

Electronic Boardroom was discussed and will continue the current system.

The Executive Directors contract renewal was reviewed and approved. CinC to sign.

300 National Virtual Encampment Ribbons will be ordered and made available to those who attended the 2020 National Virtual Encampment.

# 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.

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

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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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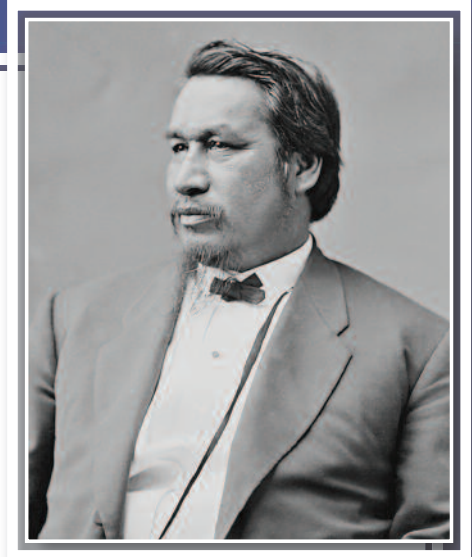
# COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

## NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS IN THE GAR?

The accepted history that many of us grew up with portrays skirmishes and wars between white expansion and Native Americans for the first 200 years of America. By 1861, reservations had been created throughout the east and many Natives had been removed to Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma). The Confederate government promised some increased civil rights and a return of Native American ancestral lands if they fought for the South. Many, however, remained loyal to the Federal government. The Delaware Nation pledged 170 out of 201 eligible adult males to serve the Union. The First Kansas Indian Home Guards rapidly enlisted 10 companies of Creeks and Seminoles. The Second Kansas Home Guard soon followed. The Pamunkey of Virginia served mostly as civilian and naval pilots for federal warships and transports. The Lumbee of North Carolina operated as guerrillas sabotaging Confederate efforts. Seneca from New York, Ojibwa and Ottawa from Michigan as well as Oneida and Menominee from Wisconsin served in infantry and artillery units. Company K of the Fifth Pennsylvania and Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters distinguished themselves as sharpshooters at the Battle of the Carter and the Virginia Campaign. These loyal Americans were often listed as US Colored Troops, so an actual number of Native soldiers is unknown. General Ely S. Parker, a Seneca, served as General Grant's secretary and drafted the terms of surrender at Appomattox so was probably the most notable of the Native American's who served..

After the war, at least seven Native American GAR posts were chartered in Oklahoma, two more Native Posts in Wisconsin, several more in Michigan with many joining integrated posts in these states and in Pennsylvania and New York. This basket was from the WRC in Jackson, Michigan. Red Jacket Circle of the Ladies of the GAR was chartered in western New York and National Proceedings say a camp of Sons formed among the Seneca. Collectibles are rare because their numbers were small. Brady recorded wounded Indian sharpshooters after the Battle of Fredericksburg, VA. Beaded watch fobs were certainly crafted by Native veterans proud of their Federal service.



The background features a central cream-colored panel with a floral wreath at the top and bottom. The wreaths are composed of various flowers in shades of red, yellow, blue, and pink. On the left and right sides, there are vertical stripes of red and blue respectively, with a wavy, textured pattern. In the center, a brown oval with a pebbled texture contains the letters 'GAR' in a white, highly decorative, calligraphic font.

GAR

"My Country  
'tis of thee  
Sweet Land of Liberty  
Of thee I sing."

*Wm. H. Chapman*

# SVR NEWS

Introducing Leo Kennedy, PCinC, the SVR Public Information Officer. This position is appointed by the Commander Officer of the SVR, the sitting Major General. Leo was honored to be asked to fulfill this position by Major General Robert Grim and currently holds the rank of Major. His responsibilities are the posting both the General and Special Orders, as received, upon the website. He has to make certain that the officers of the SVR and each of the six districts are posted on the website with correct names and contact information so that if anyone is looking to contact one of the officers or districts it is easy to do.

The year of the Public Information Officer starts, usually, with the work on the website to move the past year's Orders to an archive link and set up for the new year's Orders to be posted. He is in frequent contact with Col. Donald Darby, the Adjutant General of the SVR, who provides many of the updates. Typically, early in the year the information on the Gettysburg events is posted so that all Brothers can book rooms, breakfasts and make the arraignments to have a good time at the events. This information comes from the second in command of the SVR, Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr. who is the Deputy Commander for the SVR.

On the [www.suvcw.org/svr/svr.htm](http://www.suvcw.org/svr/svr.htm) website, we have posted the Challenge Coin of the SVR for sale as well as the Commanders Badge order forms. The sale and display of these items should show the pride of the SVR as well as promote the SVR to the public.

One of the jobs of the Public Information Officer (PIO) is to do just that, set up to inform the public. This is done in conjunction with the six Districts public information officers. They post their newsletters telling on past and future events that are planned in the six districts. These newsletters are sent to Leo to be reviewed and posted. The Districts that keep these updated have great information as well as photos of the events.

If you do not yet belong to the SVR, please go to the website, review it, contact someone in your area of the Country, or contact Leo and ask questions. You will be glad you joined with the SVR, as we will be happy to have you.



*Left to right, SVR Judge Advocate General James Pahl, SVR Adjutant General Donald Darby, and Public Information Officer Leo Kennedy.*



*Color Guard at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, Springfield, Illinois by the 14th Michigan, SVR.*



*SVR members of Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.*



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