### Communications

# Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Department of New York, Mary Gahan Tent #109, Waterloo Waterloo Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day Committee

### 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day



### Waterloo, New York "Birthplace of Memorial Day"



Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30, 2016

Civil War Reenactors, Living Historians and Special Guests

#### Friday, May 27, 2016

8:00 pm Illumination Program, American Civil War Memorial (Corners of Locust and Washington Streets, to request a Wreath Laying during the Ceremony Contact Caren Cleaveland at ccleavel@yahoo.com)

#### Saturday, May 28, 2016

10:30 am Line-up for Parade, Unit 2, Step-off at 11:00 am 3:00 pm Star Stone Reconstruction Event, American Civil War Memorial 9:20 pm Fireworks, Oak Island

See our Public "Schedule of Events" and Tourism Brochures to plan the balance of your Patriotic stay with us in the Finger Lakes Region of New York

Reservations for needed accommodations can be made at the Waterloo/Seneca Falls Holiday Inn, Call (315)539-5011 use <u>DUV</u> code for the discounted room rate of \$105.00 per night plus tax.

Reservation may be made until April 28, 2016

For further information call: Marty Hillman (315)878-6302 or Caren Cleaveland (585)703-6489

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January 11, 2016

Dear Sons of Union Veterans,

My name is Nathaniel Bauder and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scouts of America Troop 81 in Waterloo, NY. I am writing to you concerning my Eagle Project. I am working with Caren Cleaveland and the Daughters of Union Veterans to build a cabin at the American Civil War Memorial in Waterloo. As I am sure you are aware, Waterloo is the birthplace of Memorial Day and 2016 will mark the 150th anniversary of the first Memorial Day. The American Civil War Memorial remembers the 58 men of Waterloo who died in the Civil War as well as recognizes all the soldiers and sailors from both the North and South who gave their lives in the conflict. The Memorial, designed by sculptor Pietro del Fabro is located on Lock Island along the Cayuga Seneca Canal, part of the Erie Canal system. If you've seen the Memorial I think you will agree it is a fitting tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in the American Civil War. The Memorial's website is located at: <a href="http://www.americancivilwarmemorial.com/">http://www.americancivilwarmemorial.com/</a>. Caren and the Daughters have determined that a cabin would assist in the interpretation and care of the site. The 10x12 foot cabin will be multipurpose, providing space for both presentations/ displays and storage. I am a Civil War re-enactor with Reynolds' Battery L, 1st NY Light Artillery as well as a Scout and I am proud to take this on as my Eagle Project.

My hope is to complete the cabin by the beginning of May in time for the 150th Anniversary Commemoration on May 30th. I am asking you to join me in this worthwhile project. While I will be seeking help to construct the cabin, the most immediate need will be the funds to purchase the materials. I estimate the cost of the project to be about \$2,000. I need your help in securing the necessary funds to move forward with my Eagle Project. Donations are tax deductible. Contributions of any size are needed and would be greatly appreciated. All Contributors will be listed on an appropriate plaque in the cabin with special recognition at the \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 levels.

Checks can be made out and sent to the American Civil War Memorial to the attention of Caren Cleaveland at 16 E Wright Ave., Waterloo, NY 13165. Please label donations as Eagle Scout Project. I hope to have all of the funding secured by the end of February if possible in order to meet my timeline.

Make checks payable to "The Eagle Sout Project"
In this, the year of the 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day, I thank you for your consideration of

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In this, the year of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Memorial Day, I thank you for your consideration of this request to join in my project to honor our history and those who gave their lives in the Civil War. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me either on my cell phone at 315-406-3717 or at <a href="mailto:nathanielbauder9@gmail.com">nathanielbauder9@gmail.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Bauder

Life Scout

BSA Troop 81, Waterloo, NY

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Subject: SUVCW National Encampment

From: DON MARTIN (d76lm@yahoo.com)

To: rlemay1407@earthlink.net; flycar@frontiernet.net;

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2016 10:27 AM

#### Greetings Commander,

I write to request your support and that of your Department as I seek election to the office of Commander in Chief at the 135th National Encampment in Springfield, IL. Please share this correspondence with your Department.

As the Sequential ends, we as an Order need to examine and decide what our future holds. We need to market our goals and work with the general public so we become a familiar face. The Promotions & Marketing and Vision & Planning committees are important to this end, but should not be the only source of a vision for our future. Brothers, Camps, and Departments need to share their ideas and the positive elements of the work they are completing in their respective areas. Here is where the real work of the Order is accomplished.

Recruitment needs to be a segment of all we do, but we need to focus on how we can attract young adults. Our message needs to be tailored in a way that attracts youth through the interests they have already. This can be difficult because as we become familiar with the technology they are using, they often have moved on. Perhaps our best messengers are the young Brothers in the Order.

The Last Veteran Project, Memorials, and grave preservation were areas of my initial interest in the Sons and we need to continue our work in these historic fields. Advertisement and public promotion of these endeavors is very important, not for our glory, but to attract interest in what we do. This interest helps with recruiting and provides us a network to assist with our future projects.

We need to continue good relations with the Allied Orders and expand our fraternal relationship with other Veteran Organizations as we honor not only the Boys in Blue but all Veterans. Working in conjunction with other Veterans groups shows a united front as we pursue issues of joint interest such as the problems with the Veterans Administration over grave markers. These organizations are another source of potential recruitment.

Patriotic instruction needs to be a vibrant part of the Order at each level. Memorial University as a component of this instruction is being revised. This great program should soon be redesigned and readily available for our Brothers as they seek to learn more about our Order.

We are working on solutions to issues the Sons face and I ask for your vote to allow me to continue this work and to represent you as Commander in Chief.

Yours In Fraternity, Charity& Loyalty,

Donald L Martin, PDC

Attached: Resume

#### Attachments

• CinC-Resume.doc (1.95MB)

#### **Don Martin for Commander In Chief**

Senior Vice Commander in Chief, present

**Programs and Policies Committee Chair, present.** With Committee, reviewed and updated Forms 3, 4, 27, 30, 60, 61, 62 and ROTC Form. Reviewed & recommended 7 different guidelines for the continuance of the organization.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief 2014-15 Processed 285 new member applications.

**National Council of Administration 2011-14** 

National Committee on Constitution and Regulation 2013- present

National Civil War Memorial Grant Committee 2012-2014

National Military Affairs Committee, 2011-present

National Patriotic Instructor 2009-10 and 2010-11

National Guide 2008-2009

**Ohio Department Commander 2011-12** 

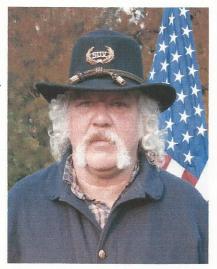
Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73 Commander 2005-2010

Graduate Memorial University Officer Training Course, 20 Sep 2009

US Air Force Veteran 1983-1992

High School Social Studies and Science Teacher 1998- Present

**SUVCW member since 1998** 



#### Preserving and Perpetuating the GAR

- Dedication of the only Memorial to the Civil War Soldiers of Pike County, Ohio Researched, organized, & coordinated installation. Jun 2015
- Dedication of grave stones and memorial plaque to 73<sup>rd</sup> OVI soldiers who died of measles and camp disease at Clarksville, WVA, 1862. Researched, organized, & coordinated installation. Oct 2012
- -Last Union Civil War Veteran Project, Researched, organized and participated in the dedication ceremony Pickaway County 2010, Pike County 2009, Ross County 2007. Franklin County Honor Guard 2009
- -History of Enderlin Camp #73. Wrote and maintain. 2008- Present
- Lincoln Dinner Enderlin Camp #73. Planned, Coordinated, Hosted Enderlin Camp's First. 11 Feb 2009

#### **Honoring Union Veterans**

- Memorial Day Service, Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe.
   Honor Guard 1999-03, Master of Ceremonies 2005-09, Attendee/Participant 2010-present
- July 4th Ceremony Frankfort Historical Society. Participant 2013
- -Civil War Veterans Wreath Ceremony, Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, OH, Honor Guard 13 Jul 2013
- -Parade, Chillicothe Feast of the Flowering Moon, Marched with Camp, May 29, 2010
- -Grate Day Celebration, Marched in parade and participated in Honor Guard. Atwater, OH 10 Oct 2009
- -Honor Guard, Circleville Presbyterian Church, Civil War Veterans Memorial Service, Circleville. 2007

#### **Patriotic Education**

- -Guest Speaker and Living History, "Civil War Soldier & Equipment", "73<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry" Pike County Heritage Museum 2011, Waverly Street Festival 2009, Boy Scout Camporee 2007, Pike County Rotary Club 2006, University of Rio Grande 2003 & 2004, Waverly High School, 2000 2003
- -Led Boy Scouts in flag placement on military graves, Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe. 1999, 00, 02 & 03
- -Assisted Boy Scout Eagle Project, located and replaced/installed 128 GAR markers Chillicothe. Jun 2001

A motion made for

Sons of Wind Vertices Camp # 46, Defeatment of N.Y.

To sponsor a Resolution for New York State
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to help
create a Fund (\$500-\$1000/amt. to be determined)
for the services of a Tree Surgeon, to Aid in
extending the life of the Historic Scythe Tree
of Waterloo, N.Y. for future generations. Due
to age and storm damage this Living Monument
needs Our Help.

Where as this Landmark of note is significant to N.Y.S., Civil War, G.A.R., Womans Releif Corp and Decoration Day/Memorial Day History. This Living Memorial represents a Tradition entrusted to Us to perpetuate.

Where as this being one of but a few Trees Designated Historic by N.Y.S. still surviving.

Where as over the last Hundred years its unique history has been Recognised, Recorded and Repeated for the ages.

Where as this is a story of a Young Man's Promise Unfulfilled, a Reminder of Loss and Symbol of Ultimate Sacrifice. All left in the Heart of this Majestic Tree. Exemplifying the Patriotic Ideals of Our Country.

> Thank You Blaine M. Elkie

Plow MaF Lkie P.C.C. #341 Odessa, N.Y. Past Chapter President, S.A.R. Public Historian Curater to N. Memorial Day Museum

Motion Passed to Sponsor above Resolution.

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SENATOR, 53RD DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN

John Clancy, Regional Director New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Taughannock Falls, R.D. 3 Trumansburg, New York 14886

RE: Scythe Tree

Waterloo, Seneca County

Dear Regional Director Clancy:

As the State Senator for the 53rd Senate District, it is my pleasure to represent William Walters of Waterloo, New York.

Recently, Mr. Walters and officials of the Town of Waterloo have advised me of their interest in assistance for the maintenance of the Scythe Tree, located on Routes 5 and 20 in Waterloo. The Scythe Tree is a historical landmark dating back to the Civil War, and was placed on the State Historical Registry six years ago under guidelines set by the State Forest Stewardship Initiative Program.

Mr. Walters, who owns the property on which the Scythe Tree is located, has been in contact with a number of State agencies, as well as local veterans organizations, and has been unsuccessful in securing assistance in the upkeep of this site. The Scythe Tree is visited on a regular basis by local and state veterans organizations, as well as tourists in the area.

On behalf of Mr. Walters and the Town of Waterloo, your willingness to review this matter will be deeply appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes.

Since rely,

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Wyman J. Johnson, A. Land, Specific A. 1915.

This young man, son of Mr. James Johnson, of this town, was captured at Plymouth, N. C. in May last, and reported to have died. Hopes have been entertained that these reports would not prove to be true, but the following letter from the Surgeon who attended him dispels these hopes, and confirms the sad news:

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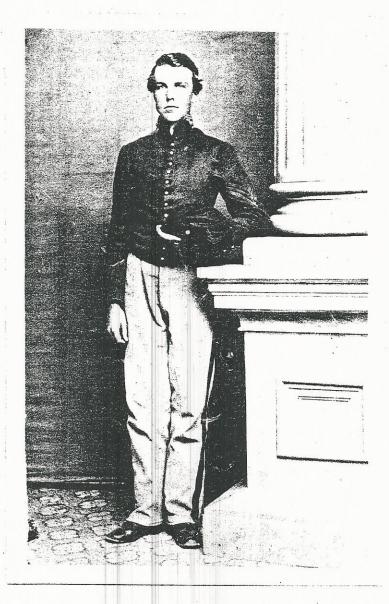
U. S. A. GEN. HOSPITAL, DIV. No. 1. ANNAPOLIS, Md. Jan. 16, 1865.

Miss Julia Johnson:

I have just returned from the North, and found, on my arrival here, a letter from you, dated Dec. 29th, 1864, asking of me to give you some information concerning your brother, W. J. Johnson. In reply, I will inform you that I was personally acquainted with your brother, and that I was with him from the day he was wounded to the day of his death.

Your brother received a severe wound of the middle 3rd of right thigh, the ball lodging near the bone and fracturing the same .-We remained at Plymouth till May 15th, when we were removed to Raleigh, N. C .-The journey was a very severe one, which so exhausted him that, on our arrival, I gave up all hope of his recovery. On the 18th of May severe vomiting and ague fever set in, which so exhausted him, that at 6 o'clock of the morning of the 22d of May, he breathed his last. He was conscious until within a few minutes of his death. I dressed his wound from the day he received his injury to the day of his death. I never once heard him complain. He was conscious of his danger, and wished me to inform his friends of his fate. This was the only request he made. As he never seemed willing to converse during his sickness, I did not exact anything further from him. As the subject was very painful for him I thought it best not to.

He received every attention in my power to bestow upon him. The nurses that were with me were very kind and attentive to him, being men from his own regiment. The rebel surgeons, I must say, were very kind, and did all they could. The medicines, dressing and diet, were good. Your brother was buried near the city of Raleigh, N. C. I was furnished a very good coffin. He was laid out in his clothing, and wrapped in his blanket. I had his grave properly marked. I sympathize with you all in your great lass.



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#### ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, May 10, 1883.

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SERVICE.—Duty in the Defences of Washington, D. C., till March, 1862. Advance on Manassas, Va., March 10-15. Moved to the Peninsula, Va., March 28. Slege of Yorktown April 5-May 4. Reconnoissance toward Lee's Mills April 29. Battle of Williamsburg May 5. Reconnoissance to Bottom's Bridge May 20-23. Seven Pines, Savage Station and Chickahominy May 24. Reconnoissance to Seven Pines May 24-27. Battle of Seven Pines or Fair Oaks May 31-June 1. New Market Road June 8. Seven days before Richmond June 25-July 1. Bottom's Bridge June 27-28. White Oak

Swamp June 30. Malvern Hill July 1. At Harrison's Landing till August 16. Moved to Fortress Monroe August 16-23, thence to Suffolk, Va., September 18, and

August 16-23, thence to Suffolk, Va., September 18, and duty there till December. Reconnoissance to Franklin October 3. Blackwater October 9, 26, 29 and 30. Franklin October 31. Zuni November 18. Ordered to New Berne, N. C., December 4. Foster's Expedition to Goldboro, N. C., December 11-20. Actions at Kinston December 14. Whitehall December 16. Goldsboro December 17. Duty at New Berne, N. C., till April, 1865. Expedition to relief of Little Washington April 7-10. Moved to Plymouth, N. C., May 2, and duty there till July. Expedition to Williamston and Gardiner's Bridge July 5-7 (Detachment). Expedition from Plymouth to Foster's Mills July 26-29. Expedition to Roanoke Island August 6-13, and to Columbia August 26-27. Duty 11 Albemarle Sound and Chowan River till November. Expedition to Williamston and Sarver till November.

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### Flag Day Tribute at Scythe Tree



Ten veterans of the Civil war, nearly all thie Grand Army me nnow left in Waterloo and vicinity, gathered Tuesday under the famed Scythe Tree to pay tribute to Wyman Johnson, and to place a new flag on this patriotic shrine. Standing, from left, Commander John Hill, Joseph Harrington, Frank Lamphear, Jacob Sands, George K. Marshall; seated, Aaron Lahr, George Shiley, J. H. Stevens, James Carroll, Abraham Schott.

Waterloo, June 18 .- (Special) .-Ten grand old men, nearly all now remaining of the 229 Grand army veterans who banded themselves together on June 25, 1870, forming Tyler J. Snyder Post, G. A. R., answered the roll call once more as they gathered under the spreading foliage of the famous Scythe Tree, that stands midway between this village and Geneva. Tuesday, and were entertained by the women of the auxiliary.

The two youngest of the "boys in blue," each four score and one years trenth New York Engineers, now livold, present were: Commander John ing in Geneva. Hill, Battery B, Third New York, Tyler J. Sny and Joseph Harrington, who went out with Company L. Sixteenth Artillery. The eight others who formed for many years past, at the beautiful call at the Balm of Gilead tree on the little company that chatted and spot on the Schaffer farm, hallowed to Flag Day, 1928.

joked as the shadows gathered across the memory of Wyman Johnson, who the green fields and around the historic tree were: George Shiley, S3, went away, never to return. Company L., Sixteenth Artillery; first New York Cavalry; Abram Marion, Mrs. Schaffer, Miss Laur C, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery; George K. Marshall, 82, Company D. Third New York Light Artillery, and J. H. Stevens, 84. Company G, Fif-

Tyler J. Snyder Relief Corps, auxiliary to the G. A. R., entertained the old veterans on Flag Day as it has

Among the women of the Relief, first New York Cavalry; Abram Marion, Mrs. Schaller, Aliss Paule, Schott, 83, Company H, 148th New York Volunteers; James Carroll, 83, United States navy; Jacob Sands, 84, Company I, 126th New York Volunteers; Frank Lamphear, 81, Company Marshall, Mrs. Sophia Sessler, Miss Estella Marshall, Mrs. Navy De Yoe, Mrs. Post Caprin Mrs. William Yost Mrs. Bart Cronin, Mrs. William Yost, Mrs. Charles Van Rippereand Mrs. Lerch.

As the evening shadows crept around, chilling the June air, tables were spread inside, and the women served good things to eat to the grand old men, who felt the end drawing near and knew that there would be some missing at the next annual roll



THE EDIFICE BUILT FROM NET PROFITS THE CHURCH OF ST. ELOI in Dunkirk . France - WAS CONSTRUCTED BY FISHERMEN, WHO EACH DAY DONATED THE PROCEEDS OF THEIR FIRST NET HAUL.

### Waterloo's 'Scythe' Tree Featured in Ripley

Ripley's "Believe Is or Not" today takes note of the famed scythe tree two and a half miles west of Waterloo in Routes 5 and 20.

On Oct. 29, 1861, James Wyman Johnson, oldest son of James the trunk. The Schaffers survived and Elizabeth Johnson, owners the war. of the farm, decided to enlist in the Union Army and hung up his scythe in the Balm of Gilead tree in the yard, saying, "Leave this scythe in the tree until I return.

Confederate hospital at Raleigh, Pittsford Central School faculty N.C., May 22, 1864.

The tree has grown around the College June 24-July 3. scythe blade and the snath has long since rotted away. In World Rusin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-War 1, Raymond and Lynn Schaf-fer, sons of the then owner of attend Boys' State at Colgate Unithe farm, placed their scythes in versity June 25-July 2. The citithe tree when they enlisted eznship training schools are Higher up in the tree the blades sponsored by the American Leof their scytnes also project from gion and its auxiliary.

#### Pittsford Picks 2 For Training School

Anna Brizee, daughter of Mrs. Truman Brizee, 81 S. Main St., Severely wounded, he died in a Pittsford, has been named by the to attend Girls' State at Skidmore

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SUBJECT to an easement of record granted to New York State Electric and Gas Corporation dated the 3rd day of September, 1953 and recorded in the Office of the Seneca County Clerk in Liber 253 of Deeds at page 420.

ALSO SUBJECT to an easement granted to New York State Electric and Gas Corporation dated November 3, 1981 and recorded in the Office of the Seneca County Clerk in Liber 391 of Deeds at page 811.

ALSO SUBJECT to the restriction that any patriotic historical society or veteran's organizations such as the G.A.R., American Legion, Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or any other similar society shall at all times have access from the highway to the Sythe Tree located on the said farm, with the right to hold any patriotic exercises there that such organizations might desire and also the right is reserved for the general public to travel from the highway to said tree and the area around enclosed by an iron fence about 12 feet square, and the right is further reserved for any patriotic society to come on the premises and care for the said Scythe Tree in any manner suitable for its preservation.

Being all of the same premises conveyed to Winifred Lohr by deed dated April 4, 1991 and recorded in the Seneca County Clerk's Office on April 15, 1991 in Liber 479 of Deeds at page 117. The said Winifred Lohr (a/k/a Winifred M. Lohr) having died intestate on December 28, 1993 and Letters of Administration having been granted to Thomas G. Bradley by Seneca County Surrogate's Court on February 24, 1994.