

# Department Orders

**Department Order #1**  
**May 9, 2013**

1. To the Brothers of the Department of New York, SUVCW who attended the 130<sup>th</sup> Encampment in Ithaca, NY. I wish to extend my appreciation for your support in electing me your Commander. I promise to do to my best to warrant your faith in me.
2. The headquarters of the Department will be located at 1602 West Ave, Middlesex, NY 14507. All correspondence can be sent to that address. E-mail can be sent to [flycar@frontiernet.net](mailto:flycar@frontiernet.net). Phone communications can be made to (585) 554- 3655, Fax (585) 554-3695.
3. I would request that all Department Officers should review their duties and obligations as outlined in the National Constitution and Regulations and the Department By-Laws.
4. The 131<sup>st</sup> Encampment of the Department of New York will be held May 16-18, 2014 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY 14586 in Rochester, NY.

So Ordered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013  
Robert Pugsley  
Department Commander, Department of New York  
SUVCW

Attest;  
Michael Bennett  
Department Secretary  
Department of New York, SUVCW

## **Department Order #2**

### **May 31, 2013**

- 1. At the May 4, 2013 NY Department Encampment, SUVCW held in Ithaca, NY, a resolution was passed, to wit: *"that a special committee be formed pursuant to Article X section 3 of the Bylaws of the Department of New York to consist of between one to three members to be appointed by the Department Commander whose purpose will be to complete the work begun by the aforesaid GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee and make a final report including recommendations and policy suggestions to the 131<sup>st</sup> NY Department Encampment."***
- 2. It was further resolved *"that the Department GAR & SUVCW Artifacts Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to said special committee and shall assist in all respects in the completion of its task."***
- 3. Pursuant to that Resolution the following Brothers are appointed to the Special Committee of the GAR and SUVCW Property and Artifacts:  
Chairman: Jeffrey Albanese, PDC  
Member: Matthew Hereford, PCC**
- 4. The Committee shall present their findings and recommendations to the 131<sup>st</sup> NY Department Encampment held in Rochester, NY.**

**So ordered this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June, 2013**

**Robert Pugsley,  
Department Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW**

**Attest:  
Michael Bennett  
Department Secretary  
Department of New York, SUVCW**



## **DEPARTMENT ORDER #3**

**July 28, 2013**

- 1. This Department Order supersedes Department Order #1, section 4 regarding the location and date of the 131<sup>st</sup> NY Department Encampment, SUVCW.**
- 2. Due to difficulties with the RIT Inn and Conference Center, the 131<sup>st</sup> Department of New York Encampment will be held May 2-4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Ave, Rochester, NY 14624**
- 3. The Encampment Committee regrets any difficulties this may have caused.**

**So ordered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013**

**Robert Pugsley**

**Department Commander, Department of New York  
SUVCW**

**Attest;**

**Michael Bennett**

**Department Secretary**

**Department of New York, SUVCW**



# Department Order #4

- 1.) Whereas pursuant to National Constitution and Regulations, SUVCW, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3(a) and 5, formal charges have been filed against New York Department Secretary/Treasurer and Archivist Michael S. Bennett.
- 2.) In Accordance with C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, I will be appointing a Hearing Council within 45 days.
- 3.) In Accordance with C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 15, I am hereby suspending Brother Michael S. Bennett as NY Department Secretary/Treasurer and Archivist until this matter is resolved.
- 4.) Until further notice all correspondence and monies usually sent to Michael Bennett shall be sent to me as Department Commander at 1602 West Ave., Middlesex, New York 14507.
- 5.) Brother Michael Bennett is directed and ordered to turn over all Department records, archives, collections, artifacts, financial records, check books, savings passbooks, CD's, check registers, debit cards, ledgers, Departmental reports, proceedings records, Department proceedings, any and all other Department records he is required to maintain by virtue of the National Constitution and regulations, and any and all other Department property he may possess to the Chairman of the Department Council or his designee on or before December 6, 2013.

So Ordered this Day, November 24, 2013

Robert Pugsley, PCC  
New York Department Commander  
SUVCW

## **DEPARTMENT ORDER #5**

- 1.) Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Department of New York, SUVCW By-laws, a Mid-Year meeting will be held January 25, 2014 at the Ithaca Veteran Fireman's Hall at 638 Elmira Rd, Ithaca, NY starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until done but no later than 5:00PM.
- 2.) The purpose of such meeting is for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans for the betterment of the Order. Such plans are submitted to the following annual Department Encampment.
- 3.) No funds of the Department may be distributed at the Mid-Year Meeting
- 4.) A light lunch will be provided.

So ordered this day  
December 6, 2013

Robert Pugsley  
New York Department Commander  
SUVCW

## DEPARTMENT ORDER #6

- 1.) By virtue of Department Order #4, dated November 24, 2013 suspending Brother Michael Bennett from the position of Department Secretary/ Treasurer the position of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer is now temporarily vacant.
- 2.) The Department Council having conferred and having considered the temporary vacancy and upon due deliberation have appointed Past Department Commander Todd A. Shillington, 15 Park Place, Holley, N.Y. 14470 as acting Department Secretary. In addition, the Department Council has appointed Past Department Commander Jeffrey Albanese, 19 Gregory Drive, Goshen, N. Y. 10924 as acting Department Treasurer both to serve until the charges against Brother Bennett have been resolved and/or until further notice otherwise. Until further notice, all further correspondence, camp reports, monies etc. normally sent to Michael Bennett shall be sent to the appropriate acting Department Officer
- 3.) Brother Bennett having served as Department Secretary/ Treasurer is reminded of among other things the provisions of Chapter V, Article I, section 9 regarding "Record Retention" of the National C & R, which seeks compliance with the IRS requirement that not-for-profits comply with the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards. Among other things, this requires the retention of all cash receipt records for a minimum of 5 years from the end of the fiscal year, cancelled checks for a minimum of 7 years, and bank accounts statements for a minimum of 7 years including Checking, Savings, CD's and any other form of investments. The Department Council has advised the Department Commander that there has not been complete compliance with these requirements by Brother Bennett. This includes but is not limited to the failure of Brother Bennett to provide complete bank statements or any actual CD statements, nor the identity and contact information of the current repository of any of the CD's listed in the Department Treasurers report given at the May 2013 Department Encampment nor in the recently provided report he prepared dated December 6, 2013. Any continued failure to do so in contrary to the law and prejudicial to the Department and the Order.
- 4.) Therefore, Brother Bennett is hereby directed and ordered to comply with these requirements forthwith but in no event later than December 17, 2013 by turning over these additional records to the Acting Department Treasurer.
- 5.) The Acting Department Treasurer is directed to forward a copy of this Order to Brother Bennett by regular mail.

So Ordered this Day, December 12, 2013

Robert Pugsley, PCC  
New York Department Commander  
SUVCW



## **DEPARTMENT ORDER #7**

- 1.) Whereas pursuant to the National Constitution and Regulations, SUVCW, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3(a) and 5, further formal charges have been filed against Brother Michael S. Bennett and these charges concern Camp offices.
- 2.) In accordance with National C & R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 15, I am suspending Brother Michael Bennett from all offices at both the Department and Camp level both elected and appointed until these charges are resolved. Said now vacant offices at the Camp level to be filled in accordance with the National C & R.
- 3.) In accordance with the National C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, I will be appointing a hearing council and consolidating these charges with the charges referred to in my Department Order, #4 dated November 24, 2013.
- 4.) Brother Bennett is directed and ordered to turn over all camp records, financial records, checkbooks, savings passbooks, debit cards, ledgers or any other records or property of the respective camps in which he is officer to the respective Camp Council within 7 days of this order.
- 5.) In regards the Ellis Camp #124 in which he is listed as Camp Secretary/ Treasurer he is again reminded of the provisions of Chapter V, Article I, section 9 regarding "Record Retention" of the National C & R, which seeks compliance with the IRS requirement that not-for-profits comply with the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards. Among other things, this requires the retention of all cash receipt records for a minimum of 5 years from the end of the fiscal year, cancelled checks for a minimum of 7 years, and bank accounts statements for a minimum of 7 years including Checking, Savings, CD's and any other form of investments. It is my understanding that he has not turned over any financial records whatsoever to the Ellis Camp Commander and he is directed to do so within 7 days of this order.
- 6.) In regards the Sickles Camp #3, where Brother Bennett is currently listed as Commander, the Camp Council is to remove Brother Bennett from any camp bank accounts while he is suspended.

So Ordered this Day, December 12, 2013

Robert Pugsley, PCC  
New York Department Commander  
SUVCW

## **DEPARTMENT ORDER #8**

1). Pursuant to my authority under the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, specifically: Chapter II, Article IV, Section 3 and Chapter V Article VI, Section 15, I hereby appoint Brother Robert Comegys of the Admiral Worden Camp #150 as Department Archivist.

So Ordered this Day,  
December 28, 2013

Robert Pugsley, PCC  
Commander,  
Department of New York,  
SUVCW

## DEPARTMENT ORDER #9

- 1.) In regards to Department Order #4 part 2, dated November 24, 2013 and pursuant to the National Constitution and Regulations, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, a Hearing Council has been appointed and consist of the following Brothers:

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Bridgewater, NY 13313

Stuart Smith, PCC  
Smith Camp # 193  
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Macedon, NY 14502

Rodney Parker, PCC  
P.G. Cook Camp #223  
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Robert Paul, PCC  
General Alexander S Diven Camp # 77  
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Jeffrey French, PDC  
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Leo McGuire  
Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154



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Charles Dono  
Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26  
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Brooklyn, NY 11203

- 2.) The charges that the Hearing Council will consider are attached at the end of this Order.
- 3.) The Hearing Council will perform their duties as outlined in The National Constitution and Regulations, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 9-10, 12-13.
- 4.) The Hearing Council in compliance with Chapter V, Article VI, Section 10 has elected XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX as the Hearing Council Chairman.
- 5.) Anyone who may have evidence may submit it in accordance to Chapter V, Article VI, Section 13 (a)
- 6.) The Hearing Council shall convene the hearing within 90 days and give 10 day notice to both parties.

So Ordered this Day,  
January 2, 2014

Robert Pugsley, PCC  
Department of NY,  
SUVCW

## DEPARTMENT ORDER #10

- 1.) It is hereby ordered that the Hearing Council that was appointed by Department Order #9 be dissolved. This is in conjunction with General Order #10.
- 2.) The members of the Hearing Council are relieved of their duties and responsibilities with the thanks from the Department.
- 3.) The Hearing Council was dissolved due to the resignation of Michael S. Bennett from all Camp Offices, Department Offices and as a Brother in the Order while under suspension.
- 4.) Pursuant to Chapter V, Article VI, Section 25 "Any Member, Associate, Junior or Junior Associate who 1) resigns while under suspension must receive a majority vote of the Department Encampment to which he belonged at the time of his resignation to re-join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War after receiving the endorsement of the Camp to which he belonged" ....

So Ordered this Day January 10, 2014

Robert Pugsley  
NY Department Commander  
SUVCW

## **DEPARTMENT ORDER #11**

- 1.) Pursuant to the National C&R, Chapter II, Article IV, Section 3, Brother Peter Braell of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 is hereby appointed as Assistant Secretary to Department Secretary Todd Shillington.

So Ordered this Day, January 10, 2014

Robert Pugsley  
NY Dept Commander  
SUVCW



# Camp Reports

2013 Annual Report: Augustus V. Ellis Camp 124,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

While the Augustus Ellis Camp 124 participated in various activities and events during 2013, a large amount of time was devoted to planning for Sesquicentennial events and activities in 2014 that required advance preparations. These included a biennial commemoration event for the Shohola Train Wreck Disaster that occurred in 1864 in the Shohola, PA/ Barryville, NY area. Plans also began for the creation of a memorial plaque honoring Civil War soldiers of the City of Warwick, NY. and dedication ceremony. The Camp was involved during 2013 with planning the installation of permanent lighting for the statue in Goshen, NY called the Bradley Monument, memorializing the members of the 124<sup>th</sup> New York State Volunteers. An additional event planned during the 2013 calendar year, was a ceremony at Mt. Moor Cemetery in West Nyack, NY, which would honor the soldiers of the United States Colored Troops, who are buried there.

While planning these various events, the Camp participated in an Annual Civil War event at Museum Village, in Monroe, NY and held commemorative services at the grave of a fallen Union soldier buried in the Walkill Cemetery, in Walkill, NY., Lt. David C. Lloyd – 87<sup>th</sup> NYVI.

A significant amount of time was devoted in 2013 to research and remedies for an unfortunate lapse in the responsibility incumbent on one of our primary officers, that involved both fiscal and record-keeping duties. The confusion and delays caused by this incident had serious negative effects and prevented a more active Camp schedule.

The Camp, nevertheless, was able to carry on the activities mentioned above, as well as conduct our annual scholarship contest, awarding a scholarship to a high school student who submitted the best essay on a local Civil War theme out of 24 applicants. A number of Eagle Scout recipients were presented with certificates of recognition from our organization.

A special remembrance event was conducted in July, at the grave of General J. H.H. Ward in Monroe, NY. A project to restore Civil War gravestones at a cemetery in New Windsor, NY. , was initiated and brothers participated in restoration work there. Our Graves Registration Officer continued his fine work in identifying the burial sites of many Union veterans, especially those of the 124<sup>th</sup> NYVI.

In the face of some troubling difficulties, the Camp carried on and had a successful and productive year. With a new slate of officers and a busy schedule planned for 2014, we look forward to continued success.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barry T. Hawkins,  
Camp Commander



2013-2014 Annual Report  
Homer Searle Camp #114  
Jason G. Wolczanski, Commander

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I beg to report on the activities, experiences, and duties that have marked the year since the passing of the last annual encampment. Homer Searle Camp #114 had an eventful year, and we continue to do our utmost to mark the occasion of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in which the men we honor fought as well as seeing to the regular business that keeps our camp in good standing with the community and the order.

In June of last year we returned to Peterboro, New York, the location of the Gerrit Smith Land Office and National Abolition Hall of Fame to participate in the annual Civil War Days. We pitched our tent and stayed for both days. There we spoke with the public about the formation of the Sons of Union Veterans and did our utmost to bring our camp and the order at large to the attention of prospective new members.

In July we set up our display at the Madison County Fair in Brookfield, New York. The attendance at the fair in 2013 was not what it had been in other years, and our location there was not conducive to our meeting many people (fortunately, this changed in 2014, as will be reported next year), but we did our utmost, and our booth took second place in its category, coming in second only to the display of our associated order, the Daughters of Union Veterans.

In August we held our annual picnic in Bridgewater, New York. All had a good time, and once again we were fortunate to share the occasion with the Daughters of Union Veterans. A program on General Slocum followed the meal.

In October, the camp was privileged to take part in one of the most solemn ceremonies that the Sons of Union Veterans observe when we travelled to Watertown, New York to help dedicate the tombstone of one of the soldiers who we remember and honor. Private Asa Forbes, from whom one of our camp members, Chad Miller, is descended, never had a tombstone to mark his grave, a situation which we are glad to report has been rectified. We were honored to be able to join with our brothers from French Camp #17, the Daughters, and the Copenhagen Legion Post in delivering this long overdue tribute to Private Forbes.

When November came we had our annual elections. I was honored to be re-elected to my post as camp commander, and was also very happy that the newer members of our camp also found positions alongside those who continue in their commitment to the camp and order. Earlier in November we joined with the Daughters as they dedicated a New York state historical marker dedicated to

the life of Myrtilla Miner, abolitionist and civil rights activist from North Brookfield, New York.

December saw us once again fortunate to join with the Julia Hibbart Tent #71 of the Daughters for our holiday get-together. I personally provided a program that evening entitled *1863 in Review: The Year the Tide Turned*. The year 2013 ended on that high note, and we were able to look back at what we had accomplished with pride.

At our January meeting we installed our new officers, and I personally began my new term as camp commander. Of immediate concern was the planning of our annual sesquicentennial forum. We had provided this forum each year for the previous three years, and we had experienced quite a bit of success with it.

In April of 2014, we held the forum at our meeting place in Bridgewater, New York. We had a small but spirited crowd, and were treated to four speakers and the Crooked Stovepipe Band who sang a wide selection of period songs and provided the story behind each piece.

The Homer Searle Camp #114 had a very productive year between the two annual encampments, and we have been active since the last. Our numbers remain steady, but our hope and focus has been on increasing these whenever possible. We look to the year ahead in the hope that we shall ever be able to represent the men who risked and gave their all that our Union could be persevered, and hope that upon our meeting in the fields beyond we can greet them with dignity and pride.

Most Sincerely,  
Jason G. Wolczanski  
Camp Commander



From: rstuartsmithjr@yahoo.com  
Subject: Camp Commander Report - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Annual Encampment  
Date: August 5, 2014 at 3:01 PM  
To: flycar flycar@frontiernet.net

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June 7, 2008.

Our camp continues with a respectable number of members on its rolls. However, all but a few of these members live too far away for us to expect them to be active or even to attend meetings. They all respond well to dues requests so that we are able to stay up to date with our indebtedness to the New York Department.

Ownership of the GAR building at Halsey Valley is still in the hands of the local Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans of the Civil war. Encouraging discussion with their leadership has recently been initiated with one of our Sons who lives nearby. We realize and are motivated by the fact that the Sons MUST have ownership of the building if we are to access available monetary funds for maintenance and controlled improvements to it.

As I've stated in previous reports, we must seek a balanced control of this building so that those who will provide funds for maintenance and improvement AND those local members who will cooperate with each other. Sons and Auxiliary, who have worked to save this building through the years will share authority and responsibility for what gets done AND what doesn't get done. I shall keep you informed and will welcome your comments and suggestions.

Although we are not able to carry on the many patriotic actions that are expected of a fully functioning camp, we rarely fail to conduct a memorial service in the Halsey Valley Cemetery at the grave of Schuyler F. Smith. Prior to this service, available members and Auxiliary distribute American flags to the graves of service veterans and sons.

Respectfully, in fraternity, charity and love.

R. Stuart Smith, Jr. - Commander

## **Annual Report of the Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 SUVCW May 2013 - April 2014**

**May 3, 2013** Brothers attended dedication of a gravestone for Private Thomas Ray, Co. H 177 NYVI at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY. (Brothers: L. McGuire, C. Walter, R. Keough CC, Dave Dziewulski PCC and J. Swartwout) **May 3,4,5, 2013** Seven Brothers attended the 130th Department Encampment at Ithaca, NY. (Brothers: L. McGuire, R. Walter, R. Keough CC, Dave Dziewulski PCC, R. LeMay III PCC, T. Mabee and J. Orton PDC) **May 30, 2013** Willard Camp Brothers conducted Memorial Day Ceremony and placed flowers at:

Soldier's plot Albany Rural Cemetery  
Soldiers and Sailors plot in Oakwood Cemetery  
Grave of General Thomas and Col. Willard  
Grave of George Geer a member of the USS Monitor crew  
(Brothers: Halpin PCC, R. Keough CC, Dave Dziewulski PCC, R. LeMay III PCC, T. Mabee and R. Straight)

**July 9, 2013** Four Brothers conducted a cleaning at the General Thomas grave site. (R. Keough CC, R. Walter, Dave Dziewulski PCC and J. Hilton) **July 20, 2013** Four Brothers provided music at the Kickerbocker Mansion in Schaghticoke, NY. (DJ Dziewulski, R. Keough CC, R. Walter and Dave Dziewulski PCC) **July 21, 2013** The Willard Camp was the Color Guard for the Grant cottage Remembrance Day on Mt. McGregor, Wilton, NY. (DJ Dziewulski, R. Keough CC, R. Walter and Dave Dziewulski PCC and J. Orton PDC)

**August 17th 2013** Two Brothers attended Civil War Heritage Days at Schuyler Flatts to recruit members. (R. Keough CC and R. LeMayIII PCC)

**September 14-15, 2013** At least seven Brother were at the Annual Saratoga Springs Civil War Encampment. (DJ Dziewulski, L. Ingmire, R. Straight, Joe Dziewulski, Dave Dziewulski PCC and F. and J. Swartwout)

**November 2, 2013** Held elections of 2014 Camp Officers. November 3rd and 7th, Brother McGuire went to two open houses to hand deliver the JROTC application. (The Schools were LaSalle and CBA) November 19 - 23, 2013 Three Brothers were at the 57th Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA. (R. Straight, J. Orton PDC and V. Bent)

**December 7, 2013** Initiated 2014 Camp Officers at December meeting. December 14, 2013 Five Brothers were at Wreaths Across America at the Saratoga National Cemetery to lay a wreath and fold a 34 Star American Flag, with the Patriot Guard Riders, on the grave of the Unknown Soldier from New York. (J. Swartwout, L. McGuire, R. Straight, R. Keough CC and G. Malinoski)

**January** We started off the year with the new officers of Camp being: Robert Keough, Camp Commander, David Dziewulski, Senior Vice Commander, Leo McGuire, Junior Vice Commander, George Malinoski, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain, Richard Straight Patriotic Instructor, John Swartwout, Guide and Paul Cooney Guard. The Camp Council is made up of Paul Grady, David Dziewulski and Ray LeMay III.

**February** The Willard Camp received a gift of Brother R. Wagoner's 50 year SUV medal. The gift came from Brother Jerry Orton, PDC and Department and Camp Historian.

**March** The George L. Willard Camp 154 SUVCW gave a check for one thousand dollars to the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery. The money will be used by them to erect Camp designed signage directing visitors to the General Thomas Grave Site. In Elizaville, NY at Nicholas Hedges' Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Willard Camp Commander Robert Keough presented him a SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate.



**April** Brother David Dziewulski PCC gave a talk on "Blackjacks, White Sails and Shipmates," at a three day conference held by the Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region (UHRPCR). The conference was held at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY April 11th, 12th and 13th. Robert Keough, CC, gave an illustrated lecture to the Geneseo, NY chapter of the International Torch Clubs on Civil War Photography. April 12th, Brother Orton along with Brother Danny Wheeler drove the 14 hours from Ithaca, NY to Springfield, IL to present a wreath, on behalf of the Department of NY, SUVCW. It was the 58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and the 149th Anniversary of the death of President Lincoln. On April 26th, three Brothers, Leo McGuire, John Swartwout and John Hilton, joined a number of other to help clean up Mt. Ida Cemetery for Earth Day.

The Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp numbering 61 members have had a good year, enjoying each others company and "Keeping the Memory Green." We have published 4 issues of the 4 page Camp newsletter, "The Guidon" and look forward to a great year coming up.

In F, C & L,

Robert P. Keough, Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 SUVCW

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Sydney Camp #41 Annual Report, <sup>JUNE</sup> February 15, 2014

Sydney Camp has had a very busy year. It was the proud host to the Department of New York Annual Encampment in June with a significant attendance at the Ramada Inn.

It also observed the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment in December 1988 with a steak dinner held at the Ithaca Veteran Fireman's Hall with approximately 40 attending. An interesting presentation was given by Cornell Librarian Lance Heidig on the topic of Cornell's acquisition of one of the five rare copies of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in his own hand writing.

In January the Camp held a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser in the Veteran Fireman's Hall.

Throughout the year four members of the Camp - Brothers Boyer, Wheeler, Wheaton and Jones have participated as members of the Tompkins County Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission which has sponsored several talks open to the public at the County Library.

One of those talks was given by Brother George Boyer on the topic of <sup>137<sup>th</sup></sup> 120<sup>th</sup> regiment recruited mainly from the Tompkins County area; prominent among it was Capt. Gregg whose grave in Newfield, New York was refurbished and rededicated by the Camp. This regiment played the key role in holding Culp's Hill against several furious Confederate charges.

Members of the Camp have also played several parts in an original play based on life in the area during the Civil War. The grave of Private Ehil, the last Civil War survivor in Tompkins County, was also rededicated in the cemetery in Trumansburg, New York.

The Camp regularly participates in maintaining the Ithaca City Cemetery (along with Cornell student volunteers), Dewitt Memorial Park and in local Memorial and Veteran's Day observances.

The Camp continued its traditional observance of the original Memorial Day May 30 with a solemn ceremony at the GAR plot in the City ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted, Ralph A. Jones, CCSydney Camp #41



## **Annual Camp Report**

**Report from the Commander of the Admiral John L. Worden Camp 150  
Activities from 05/2013- 05/2014**

**April 29, 2014**

**Commander Pugsley,**

**As this year's Camp Commander of the Admiral John L. Worden Camp 150, it is my honor to report that the Camp has continued to maintain the principles of the fraternity.**

**\* Six Admiral Worden Camp brothers attended a Memorial Day weekend service at the Mt. Hope Cemetery.**

**\* Admiral Worden Camp members attended and participated in the Philipstown Community Fourth of July Service, receiving favorable press in the local paper highlighting the Camp's participation.**

**\* The Admiral John L. Worden Camp approved a \$100 sponsorship to the Friends of General Grant's Cottage in Glenn Falls, NY & a \$100 donation to its special funds request.**

**\*The Admiral John L. Worden Camp has actively maintained a Facebook site and has 45 followers.**

**\*Two Union Veteran gravestones have been requested with records and proper paperwork being processed.**

**\* The Annual John L. Worden/ Col. Ketchum Banquet was held in January 2014 at Mary Kellys in Beacon, NY. Eight SUVCW Brothers and six invited guests attended the luncheon. Three new members received their initiation and Membership medals.**

**\* Camp 150 has gained two new members this year with one regular and one associate membership.**

**\*Admiral John L. Worden commemorative buttons were purchased from the "Button Man" in Gettysburg and are being used for fundraising**

**\* Four Adm. Worden Camp 150 brothers of the Admiral Worden Camp attended the 192<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration of U. S. Grant at Grant's Tomb NYC April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 & a wreath was placed by its members at the tomb.**

**Yours in F,C & L,**

**Matthew J. Hereford, PCC Admiral John L. Worden Camp 150**



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Incorporated by Act of Congress  
**OLIVER TILDEN CAMP #26**  
Chartered 1884



Commander



*Commander*  
**George J. Weinmann**  
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## Camp Report

**131st New York Department Encampment**  
**May 2, 3, & 4, 2014, Rochester, New York**

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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR  
Arthur P. Kirmss

GENEALOGIST & HISTORIAN  
CC & PCC  
George J. Weinmann

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS  
Philip L. Kissel

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE  
COORDINATOR  
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WEBMASTER  
CC & PCC  
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of the Civil War**  
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Dear National, Department & Camp Officers and members:

It is my pleasure as camp commander to give a camp report to this years NY Department Encampment in Rochester, New York. Oliver Tilden Camp #26 is proud to be part of the New York Department.

## Camp Activities

May 3-5, 2013, (Fri.—Sat.) 130th New York Department Encampment, Ramada Conference Center, Ithaca, NY. The camp received the NY Dept. JVC Growth Award. In addition, Commander Weinmann received a certificate of Recognition from NY Dept. Commander Jeffrey Albanese for his exemplary service to the Dept. and our order. Bro. Weinmann was elected New York Department Senior Vice Commander.

May 8, 2013 (Wed.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show - Northside, Catholic Academy — George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 10, 2013 (Fri.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show - St. Stanislaus Kostka School — George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 13, 2013 (Mon.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show - PS 34 School—George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 23, 2013 (Thur.) Land Mark Designation Ceremony of the Admiral David G. Farragut Grave site as a National Historic Landmark, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY.

May 23, 2013 (Thur.) Memorial Day Ceremony at Capt. Oliver Tilden grave site and Oliver Tilden Post Civil War Veterans grave site, Woodlawn, Cemetery, Bronx, NY.

May 24, 2013 (Fri.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show - PS 31 School — George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 26, 2013 (Sun.) Greenpoint Memorial Day Parade. 9:00 AM Sponsored By St. Stan's Memorial American Legion Post #1771. Food and refreshments were provided by the Post.

May 27, 2013 (Mon.) Leading Honor Guard for Memorial Day Ceremony at Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument at Riverside Park at 89th Street in Manhattan.

May 31, 2013 (Fri.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show - John Ericsson 126 Middle School — George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

June 7, 2013 (Fri.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show - PS 161M School — George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

June 14, 2013 (Fri.) Flag Day Parade. 12:00 PM City Hall Park in lower Manhattan. Sons of the Revolution hosted the event and Color Guard at PS 34 Flag Day celebration at 10:00 AM.

June 15, 2013 (Sat.) Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, 4th Floor, Long Island City, NY 11106—Topic: Gettysburg. Speakers: William Finlayson, Patrick Falci and George J. Weinmann.

CC Weinmann gave a presentation on the 1938 Gettysburg Reunion, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle.

June 19, 2013, (Wed) Metropolitan Museum of Art. 9:00 AM Breakfast and tour of the Civil War and American Art Exhibit. Tilden Camp was special guests of Commissioner Terrence Holliday, Mayors Office of Veterans Affairs.

June 29, 2013 (Sat.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting and Party hosted by Secretary Roy Wildenberger with Civil War music by SVC Arthur Kirmss. The Trinity-St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Maspeth, Queens, NY. Installation of Officers was performed. JVC Rand, Secretary Wildenberger, Treasurer Bond, Camp Council 1. Portanova 2. Parry 3. Goret.

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July 18, 2013— Color Guard for Award Ceremony for the U. S. Army Corps. of Engineers.  
 July 20, 2013 (Sat.) City of Water Day, Governors Island, NY Harbor. Camp Artifacts display with Greenpoint Monitor Museum.  
 August 9-11, 2012 (Thur.-Sun.) 131th National Encampment, SUVCW, Los Angeles, CA. Tilden Camp was the lone recipient of the Alfred Woolson Award for the 150th Anniversary of the Launching of the USS Monitor event held in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY. The three day event was a National SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event on Jan. 28, 29 & 30, 2012.  
 Aug. 25, 2013 (Sun.) 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn, Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Tilden Camp Color Guard was in the parade to Battle Hill where the ceremony took place. Sons of the Revolution hosted the event.  
 Aug. 27, 2013 (Tue.) Beauford, North Carolina - N.C. Maritime Museum. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary unveiled the first of five trail signs dedicated to the USS Monitor. A USS Monitor trail sign will also be placed at the Greenpoint Monitor Museum property sometime in 2014. (CC George & Janice Weinmann attended)  
 Aug. 30, 2013 - Mandatory meeting with the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs. Update on our office and Veteran's Memorial Hall organizations move from 346 Broadway's 8th floor. Janice Weinmann attended the meeting.  
 Sept. 25, 2013 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Commander George J. Weinmann, Topic: The first USS Monitor Trail Marker by National Ocean Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
 Sept. 29th, 2013 (Sun.) at McGolrick Park (Winthrop Park) 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Tilden Camp and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum had a table setup in the park by the USS Monitor monument. (First Annual Greenpoint Day)  
 Oct. 30, 2013 (Wed) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Commander George J. Weinmann. Oliver Tilden Camp's move from the 8th Floor at 346 Broadway, NY, NY. We will be leaving with the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs.  
 Nov. 2, 2013 (Sat.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show Award Ceremony." – PS 110 the Monitor School at 124 Monitor St., Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Again the event was very successful that involved children and their parents from all the "Road Show" schools that were visited during the school year. Awards were given to students that submitted Civil War drawings, paintings, models and letters. SVC Arthur Kirmss sang and played the recorder during the concert.  
 Nov. 9, 2013 (Sat.) 11:00 AM –Civil Headstone Dedication & relic Display with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, Queens, NY. Dedication for Pvt. Philip Kreuscher, Co. D, 159th NYVI.  
 Nov. 10, 2013 (Sun.) 4:00 PM Blessing of the Flags Ceremony, St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue at 53rd St., NY, NY.  
 Nov. 23, 2013 (Sat.) Remembrance Day Parade and SVR breakfast – Co. I, 83rd NYVI—SVR received the Commanding Officer's Unit Citation Award. Company Commander, Capt. George J. Weinmann received the Distinguished Service Medal Gold Star. Attended by Commander George J. Weinmann, John Portanova, PCC, Sect. Roy Wildenberger, JVC George Rand, Treas. James Bond, Charles Lirio, Marc Hermann & Sister Janice Weinmann.  
 Dec. 13, 2013 (Fri.) The Greenpoint Monitor Museum was given a classroom at PS 110 "The Monitor School" to be used for "Road Show" and teaching purposes. The museum and the Sons were also given full access to the auditorium.  
 Jan. 29, 2014 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: SVC Arthur Kirmss, Topic: 13th New Jersey Vol. Inf.  
 Feb. 26, 2014 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Commander George J. Weinmann Topic: Remembrance Day 2013. In addition, an update on our progress on our move from our 346 Broadway 8th floor office to the 3rd floor.  
 Mar. 24, 2014 (Mon.) Tilden Camp began its move from 346 Broadway 8th floor office to the 3rd floor East location.  
 Apr. 26, 2014 (Sat.) 192nd Birthday Commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant at Grant National Monument. Many National, Department and Camps of the SUVCW and Allied Orders of the GAR attended. PC-in-C Danny Wheeler represented C-in-C Ken L. Freshley. He presented national certificates to SVC Arthur Kirmss, Mark Goret and Commander George Weinmann. Bros. Kirmss and Goret received 30 year pins and Bro. Weinmann received a 25 year pin for their long time membership in the SUVCW. Keynote speaker was Martin Smith, President of The Civil War Round Table of New York; Bro. Larry Clowers as General Ulysses S. Grant, and his wife Connie Clowers as Julia Grant; Brother Frank Scaturro, Grant Monument Association; Actor Patrick Falcì, Past President of The Civil War Round Table of New York and played Confederate General A. P. Hill in the movie Gettysburg gave remarks.

As reported in the past, Tilden camp is still working on new headstone dedications at All Faiths Lutheran, Evergreen and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries in Queens and Brooklyn, NY. Money from several NY State Veterans' Affairs Grants is helping to mark the graves of Civil War veterans. We are placing new government headstones on their graves. The headstone applications have been put on hold for now because of new government headstone regulations. We hope that the problem will be resolved right away. The camp still plans on marking the graves with new government headstones for over 1,100 Civil War veterans located in our local cemeteries. We have a headstone dedication planned for the Fall of 2014. All being done in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War.

There is no update on the NY Civil War Monument located in Calvary Cemetery, Queens, NY, but the camp still keeps an eye on it. We are continuing to work with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum to develop its land for the public to visit and to learn about the USS Monitor, John Ericsson's work with solar energy, the Civil War, neighborhood history, GAR and the SUVCW. Brooklyn Council member Steve Levin is providing funding to the museum for its "Road Show" program. In addition, NOAA has also provided Grant money for the museum's education program on its land and plans to help the museum with a new website. The museum has applied for funding from a 19.5 million dollar lawsuit won by the Greenpoint community against Mobil Oil. The project includes a new bulkhead to protect from future flooding as had occurred during Sandy, new soil and a floating dock to be used by NOAA's USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's research vessel. The camp looks forward to the upcoming USS Monitor Trail ceremony when a USS Monitor Trail marker will be placed on the Museum's land designating the construction and launch site of the USS Monitor. Again, Tilden Camp is honored to be part of the New York Department of the SUVCW. This concludes my  
 Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26's camp report.

Yours in,  
 Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George J. Weinmann, PCC  
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Sydney Camp #41 Annual Report, February 15, 2014

Sydney Camp has had a very busy year. It was the proud host to the Department of New York Annual Encampment in June with a significant attendance at the Ramada Inn.

It also observed the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment in December 1988 with a steak dinner held at the Ithaca Veteran Fireman's Hall with approximately 40 attending. An interesting presentation was given by Cornell Librarian Lance Heidig on the topic of Cornell's acquisition of one of the five rare copies of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in his own hand writing.

In January the Camp held a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser in the Veteran Fireman's Hall.

Throughout the year four members of the Camp - Brothers Boyer, Wheeler, Wheaton and Jones have participated as members of the Tompkins County Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission which has sponsored several talks open to the public at the County Library.

One of those talks was given by Brother George Boyer on the topic of <sup>137<sup>th</sup></sup> 120<sup>th</sup> regiment recruited mainly from the Tompkins County area; prominent among it was Capt. Gregg whose grave in Newfield, New York was refurbished and rededicated by the Camp. This regiment played the key role in holding Culp's Hill against several furious Confederate charges.

Members of the Camp have also played several parts in an original play based on life in the area during the Civil War. The grave of Private Ehil, the last Civil War survivor in Tompkins County, was also rededicated in the cemetery in Trumansburg, New York.

The Camp regularly participates in maintaining the Ithaca City Cemetery (along with Cornell student volunteers), Dewitt Memorial Park and in local Memorial and Veteran's Day observances.



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WALTER H. FRENCH CAMP #17

4 April 2014

Department Commander Robert L. Pugsley,

It is with pleasure that I report to you and our fellow Brothers the last year activities from the Walter H. French Camp #17.

11 May 2013 the French Camp presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Steven McHarq at Augustinian Academy in Carthage, NY at 7 PM by Brother Jeffrey French.

17 May 2013 the French Camp Awarded the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Matt Gallagher, Troop 51 from Chittenango, NY by Brother Jeffrey French.

18 May 2013 the French Camp participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade followed by the Watertown Soldier/Sailor Statue Restoration Dedication Ceremony with City of Watertown Mayor Jeffrey Graham and Brigadier General Townsend. CC Beirman, Brothers Robert Roshia II, Rick Holley, and Jeffrey French Attended.

27 May 2013 the French Camp had two formations in the Lowville Memorial Day Parade. Brothers John Goloski, Bill Bamann, and Jeffrey French marched in Civil War uniform and CC Rick Beirman and Brothers Robert Roshia II, Scott French, and Rick Holley were in the float. All were part of the Lowville Statue Restoration Dedication Ceremony following the parade. Afterwards flag holders with flags were placed at the Oswegatchie Cemetery with Memorial Ceremony.

25 June 2013 the French Camp Awarded the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Stephen Larison, Troop 66 from Syracuse, NY by Brother Jeffrey French.

8 August 2013, the French Camp placed flag holders with flags on Civil War Veterans graves at Snow Hill Cemetery, Tylerville Cemetery, St. Francis Cemetery, and Liberty Cemetery.

12 October 2013 the Homer Searle Camp, joined by French Camp, Julia Hibbard Tent DUVCW and the Copenhagen American Legion Post, preformed the dedication ceremony at Forbes' grave in North Watertown Cemetery. Brothers Jeffrey French, Bill Bamann, and Rick Holley attended. City of Watertown Councilman Jeffrey Smith as guest speaker.

11 November the French Camp performed a Headstone Dedication Ceremony at Old St. James Cemetery in Gouverneur, NY for the Krol family. Gouverneur American Legion and VFW participated also. Mayor Robert McDougall was the guest speaker. Brothers Bill Bamann, Rick Holley, Scott French, and Jeffrey French attended. After the Ceremony Brother Jeffrey French represented the French Camp at E.J. Noble Hospital

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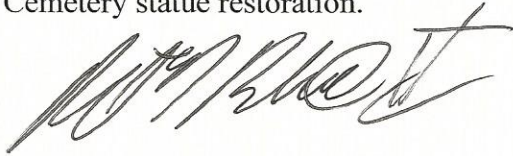
ceremony of the Veterans Hall Monument Placards representing veterans from the Civil War to Present.

9 December 2013 the French Camp Awarded the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Jonathan Wright, Troop 51 from Chittenango, NY by Brother Jeffrey French.

28 January 2014 the French Camp held thier Annual Luncheon at Cottage Inn in Copenhagen, NY. New Members Bill Bamann and Shane Sovie were sworn in. Brothers Scott French, Rick Holley, Jeffrey French, Bill Bamann, Shane Sovie, and Shawn Hinman attended.

27 April 2014 the French Camp Awarded the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Benjamin Dempsey, Troop 51 from Chittenango, NY by Brother Jeffrey French.

The French Camp future projects are headstones for Civil War Veterans at Antwerp and Tylerville Cemeteries, fundraising for more GAR Flag Holders and North Watertown Cemetery statue restoration.



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