

# **Department Orders**

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**  
**Department Order #1, 2016-2017**

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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Department Order #1, 2016-2017

1. I wish to thank all the brothers who attended the 133rd Department Encampment, Past Department Commander Ray Le May for his leadership during his tenure, and all other elected and appointed officers for our organization's continued success. I hope that I can live up to your expectations and serve the NY Department, SUVCW well.
2. The headquarters of the Department is transferred to my home address as stated above. You can reach me either by email or by phone (also above).
3. As of the end of the 133rd Encampment, according to our Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese, we have a balance of \$10,413.37 in our checking operating account.
4. Appointments of Department Officers and to Department Committees are now posted on the Department website. Many thanks to Webmaster Bob Paul and Dept. Secretary Bob Pugsley for their invaluable assistance!
5. The contract for the 2017 Department Encampment has been finalized. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, 2310 Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 on May 5th and 6th, 2017. Thank you to Past C-in-C and our current Counselor Danny Wheeler and representatives of the Allied Orders for getting the job done.
6. The Mid-Year meeting of Department Officers and Committee members will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2017 at the Ithaca Veterans Firemen's Association, 638 Elmira Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The building will be open for early arrivals at 8:00 a.m.
7. Of all of the goals that we heard discussed at the last encampment, the one that has stuck in my mind since then is the need to enlist new members in our organization. As time passes on, the viability and strength of our or any organization is dependent on expanding its membership base. To that effect, I would like to set what I believe is a realistic goal by the time we meet next May. I would like every brother in our department to bring in ONE new member into their respective camp. If we do this, we can secure the future of the Department of New York.

So ordered on this, the 20th of July, 2016

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander  
Department of New York, SUVCW

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**  
**Department Order #2, 2016-2017**

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Department Order #2, 2016-2017

1. The new amended address for the Department of New York, SUVCW, is as follows:  
Commander Paul Ellis-Graham  
2 Ridgeview Lane  
Marlboro, NY 12542.

It is effective immediately. Contact cell phone number, home number (not yet installed), and email remain the same. They are:

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2. The Midyear meeting will be held at the Ithaca Veterans Firemen's Association from 10 am to 4 pm. Doors will open at 8 am for early arrivals. The address is 638 Elmira Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Anyone needing directions can call Camp Counselor Danny Wheeler at 607-592-1444.
3. Brother and PDC Earl Allen is very ill. He is currently in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Room 439, 2209 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13501. A card wishing him well might lift his spirits. I will do so on behalf of the Department.

So ordered on this day, September 29, 2016

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander  
Department of New York, SUVCW

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**  
**Department Order #3, 2016-2017**

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Department Order #3, 2016-2017

As a result of our midyear meeting, held in Ithaca, NY on Saturday, October 15, 2016, it was decided to reach out to The Volunteer Editor, Brother Donald Zeilman, regarding the publication of the most recent edition of our department newsletter. Unfortunately, my retirement from teaching and my subsequent move to Marlboro, NY after 28 years, resulted in a massive dislocation and general confusion that prevented me from fulfilling my duty in the manner to which I am accustomed and that all of you deserve. Now that I'm settled in our new home, and with the help and counsel of fellow department officers, I have begun to "get me house in order."

The following is the result of my conversation with Brother Zeilman.

We decided that we would try to get out two issues of The Volunteer, one for December and the other for April of next year.

Feature articles have already been decided but he would like to receive any camp activities held since the beginning of the summer (Memorial Day) through the fall, and that any future events after that be sent directly to him via email ([dzeilman@gmail.com](mailto:dzeilman@gmail.com)) or via snail mail to his home, 1104 Success St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

As per the information set forth above, I direct that all officers and camp commanders comply with the editor's request if they have not already done so.

PS: Upon my return from Georgia next week, I will send out in a circular regarding the results of our midyear meeting, and any other recent developments regarding the Department of New York.

So ordered on this day, October 23, 2016

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander  
Department of New York, SUVCW



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**Department Order #4, 2016-2017**

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Department Order #4, 2016-2017

TO ALL OFFICERS, CAMP COMMANDERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DEPT. OF NY:

It is my duty to inform you that Earl Allen, Past Department Commander and Past Camp Commander of Homer Searle Camp #114 passed away yesterday, Sunday, October 23, 2016.

We have lost a great man and a dedicated Son. I had the pleasure of speaking to Earl several weeks ago, expressing our love and support for him. I attempted to send him a card to the hospital he was in but it came back return to sender. I again sent a card from the department to his home. He leaves us with fond memories and a legacy of service and dedication.

As commander of the NY Department, I hereby order that all Camp Charters and badges be appropriately draped for a period of 30 days, according to the National SUVCW By-Laws.

So ordered on this day, October 24, 2016

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander  
Department of New York, SUVCW

PS: Once details about the arrangements have been finalized regarding Brother Allen's funeral, we will see to it that they are made available to members of the department. I have to be away in Georgia this week but Danny Wheeler has agreed to keep you informed.

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**  
**Department Order #5, 2016-2017**

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Department Order #5, 2016-2017

TO ALL NEW YORK DEPARTMENT CAMP COMMANDERS:

It is the job of every camp to complete a federal IRS 990N Form every year in order to affirm their tax-exempt status as a nonprofit organization. The deadline for filing the form, which can only be done online, depends when each camp ends its fiscal year and the deadline is the 15th of the month five months after the end of that fiscal year.

For example, the New York Department's fiscal year ended on June 30, 2016 so the Department deadline was November 15th. Dept. Treasurer Albanese has already completed this task for the Dept.

Now each camp must follow the online process. You need to link into the IRS online with the link:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5248.pdf>

In order to complete the form each camp will need to provide:

1. The camp's EIN/TIN
2. The current tax year
3. Legal name & mailing address of the camp
4. Any other name the organization uses
5. Name & address of the principal officer
6. Name & address of the principal officer
7. Confirmation that the organization's gross receipts are not more than \$50,000
8. If applicable, a statement that the organization has gone out of business.

Failure to complete this form by the deadline required by law can result in the revocation of a Camp's charter, as specified in our National By-Laws.

Please take care of this matter as specified in this General Order.

In F, C, and L,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander, Dept. Of NY,  
SUVCW

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**  
**Department Order #6, 2016-2017**

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Department Order #6, 2016-2017

Dear Brothers:

The following items require your immediate attention, consideration, and support. They are:

1. Information regarding the 134th Department Encampment scheduled to take place in Ithaca has been posted on our Department website. Please alert all of your camp members and refer them to the website so that they can register and make their hotel reservations, if needed.
2. As instructed by General Order #13 by National Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin, a NEW Patriotic Instructor's Handbook has been issued and is available on the national website. There is also a NEW Patriotic Instructor's Report Form. These must now be filed by the appropriate deadlines which are: CAMPS BY APRIL 1ST and DEPARTMENTS BY JUNE 1ST.
3. The April edition of the department newsletter, THE VOLUNTEER, is due to be distributed next month so if any camps have items of interest that they would like to share, please send them as soon as possible to Newsletter Editor Donald Zeilman at [dgzeilman@gmail.com](mailto:dgzeilman@gmail.com).

The Department of New York has been very fortunate to have such an excellent newsletter editor for the last seven years. Don Zeilman, a member of the Willard Camp, wishes to step down from his position after the April edition is published. I salute Don and thank him for all the work that he has done on behalf of the Dept. of NY and its camps. If anyone is interested in taking over the position of newsletter editor, please let me know.

4. As we approach the Department Encampment in May, the department issues a number of awards. One of them is given out to the camp with the best newsletter. If you have an online edition of your camp newsletter, please update it so that it can be considered. If you only have a print edition, then please forward a paper copy to both myself and Don Zeilman whose addresses appear below:

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In F, C, and L,  
Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander, Dept. Of NY,  
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# **Camp Reports**



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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



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**Camp Report**  
**134th New York Department Encampment**  
**May 5-7, 2017, Ithaca, New York**  
**Camp Activities**

Dear Department & Camp Officers and members:

It is my pleasure as camp commander to give my Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26 camp report to the N. Y. Department, SUVCW in Ithaca, New York. My Report begins on:  
Dec. 15, 2015 (Tue.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum Awarded \$600.00 Grant to improve the shoreline of their property. NOAA, Oliver Tilden Camp and the local schools are partners in this project.  
Dec. 23, 2015 (Wed.) After 12 long years of the threat of Eminent Domain on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land that shares the building & launch site of the USS Monitor in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY is FREE FROM THAT THREAT on the 12th anniversary of the land donation back on Dec. 23, 2003.  
Feb. 3, 2016 (Wed.) Mayors Office of Veterans Affairs - Mayor Bill de Blasio 2016 New York City State of the City Address—Lehman Collage Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall, Bronx NY. Commander George and Janice Weinmann attended.  
Feb 12, 2016 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class I, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.  
Feb. 25, 2016 (Thur.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class II, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.  
Feb. 26, 2016 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class III, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.  
Mar. 3, 2016 (Fri.) Took Class from MS126 to Brooklyn Navy Yard to tour a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Research Vessel that was under repair in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.  
Mar. 11, 2016 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.  
Mar. 30, 2016 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Bro. William Webb Topic: Part 2 "My Civil War ancestor, George W. Edmondson". (127th regiment, Co. G, USCT).  
April 24, 2016 (Sun.) Annual Grant Birthday Commemoration at US Grant National Monument. Many national, department, and camp officers and members of the Allied Orders were present and participated in the ceremony. We were honored to have National Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff; Tilden Camp Member Philip Koether was the recipient of the Robert W. Lord "Patriot of the Year Award". Our keynote speaker was Brother Bob Costello who portrayed President Abraham Lincoln.  
April 29, 30, May 1, 2016, (Fri.-Sat.) 133rd NY Department Encampment, Suffern, NY. The camp was awarded the PDC Kernan Cup Award for recruiting the most new members in the NY Department.  
April 30, 2016 (Sat.) Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund Public Open House. Joined by NOAA representatives and Engineering Firm Representative from AECOM Introducing the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's project to the community together with other grant recipients.  
May 13, 2016 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 34, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.  
May 20, 2016 (Fri.) PS110 preparatory Class at our PS110 Classroom for our trip to NOAA's Research Lab and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse in New Jersey.



May 20, 2016 (Sat.) - Memorial Day Service – Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Cypress Hills Cemetery and Lutheran Cemeteries.

May 23, 2016 (Mon.) PS110 Class boat trip to NOAA's Research Lab & the Sandy Hook Lighthouse.

May 25, 2016 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Memorial Service for our Civil War ancestors and past members. SVC Arthur Kirmss played and sang Civil War music. Everyone had coffee & donuts in the pantry.

May 28, 2016 (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 29, 2016 (Mon.) Leading Honor Guard for Memorial Day Ceremony at Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument at Riverside Park at 89th Street in Manhattan.

June 1, 2016 Civil War Presentation, Babylon Memorial School, Babylon, NY. John Portanova, PCC.

June 3, 2016 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS161M at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

June 10, 2016 (Fri.) Eagle Scout Certificate Awards, Boy Scout Troop 45, Maspeth, Queens, NY, John Portanova, PCC.

June 14, 2016 Civil War Presentation, E. Broadway School in Levittown, NY. John Portanova, PCC.

June 14, 2016 (Wed.) Color Guard at PS 34 Flag Day celebration at 10:00 AM.

June 26, 2016 (Sun.) Eagle Scout Certificate Awards—Boy Scout Troop 37, Walker Valley NY, John Portanova, PCC.

June 14, 2016 (Wed.) Flag Day Parade. 12:00 PM City Hall Park in lower Manhattan. Sons of the Revolution hosted the event.

July 4, 2016, (Mon.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum 4th of July Macy's Fireworks Party at the USS Monitor's launch site on the museum's land. Installation of Officers was performed. CC George J. Weinmann, PDC, SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, JVC Rand, Secretary Wildenberger, Treasurer Bond, Camp Council 1. Portanova 2. Lirio 3. Goret.

July 16, 2016 (Sat.) City of Water Day in Your Neighborhood event organized by the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance. Event took place on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land. Introducing community to Museum's Project.

July 22, 2016 (Fri.) Color Guard for Award Ceremony for the U. S. Army Corps. of Engineers Picnic.

Aug. 11-14, 2016 (Thur.-Sun.) 134th National Encampment at Springfield, Ill, Aug 11-14, 2016. CC George J. and Janie Weinmann attended. Meritorious Service Award citations were awarded to CC George J. Weinmann, PDC and SVC Arthur P. Kirmss. Sister Janice Weinmann received the highest Commander-in-Chief Award called The "Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award".

Aug. 28, 2016 (Sun.) 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn, Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.

Sept. 17, 2016 (Sat.) 59th Annual German American Steuben Day Parade, Manhattan, NY. We marched in the Metropolitan Div.

Sept. 28. 2016 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: CC George J. Weinmann, PDC Topic: Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund - Update on the progress on the development of the shoreline of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum site which shared the building and launch site of the USS Monitor.

Sept. 2016 NOAA's USS Monitor Trail Marker Stolen from the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land.

Oct. 7, 2016 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 31, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Oct. 26, 2016 (Wed) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: CC George J. Weinmann, PDC. Update on the museum project.

Nov. 11, 2016 (Fri.) Veterans Day—Mayor Bill de Blasio Veterans Day Breakfast, Gracie Mansion, NY, NY.

Nov. 13, 2016 (Sun.) Blessing of the Flags Ceremony, St. Thomas Church, 5th Avenue at 53rd St., NY, NY. Bro. Goret in uniform.

Nov. 19, 2016 (Sat.) Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA. Attended by CC George J. Weinmann, PDC, Janice Weinmann, Bro. Larry Clowers and JVC George I Rand.

Nov. 2016 (Sat.) Memorial Ceremony at Capt. Oliver Tilden grave site & Oliver Tilden Post Civil War Veterans grave site, Woodlawn, Cemetery, Bronx, NY.

Dec. 2, 206 (Fri.) The stolen NOAA's USS Monitor Trail Marker was found back on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land.

Dec. 3, 2016 (Sat.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show Award Ceremony." – PS 110 the Monitor School at 124 Monitor St., Greenpoint, Brooklyn. 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.

Jan. 27, 2017 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: CC George J. Weinmann, PDC.

Feb. 22, 2017 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: SVC Arthur P. Kirmss Topic: Civil War Food.

Mar. 10, 2017 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Apr. 21, 2017 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 34, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, CC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

April 30, 2017 (Sun.) Annual Grant Birthday Commemoration at US Grant National Monument located at 122nd Street & Riverside Drive in Manhattan, NY. Many national, department, and camp officers and members of the Allied Orders were present and participated in the ceremony. We were honored to have National Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin; Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff, Paul Ellis-Graham, N. Y. Dept. Commander; Major McKinley Camp #9, New Hampshire. Members of the Department and Auxiliary of the State of New Hampshire; Hope C. Parker, President, NY Department Auxiliary; Virginia Twist, Past President National Auxiliary to SUVCW, , and Caren Cleaveland, National Junior Vice President, DUVCW in attendance. Tilden Camp Member Larry Clowers was the recipient of the Robert W. Lord "Patriot of the Year Award". Our keynote speaker was Bro. Larry Clowers. Bob Costello portrayed President Abraham Lincoln. Many Patriotic and historic organizations Boy Scouts and the Knickerbocker Greys attended the event. Members of the Archibald Gracie Camp #985 Sons of Confederate Veterans were in attendance. In conclusion, Oliver Tilden Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator John Portanova, PCC reports that 11 Eagle Scout Certificates were given out this year by the camp. This concludes my Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26 camp report.

Yours in, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 George J. Weinmann, PDC  
 Commander



MOSES A. BALDWIN CAMP 544 SUVCW HEMPSTEAD NY

Commander Paul F. Ellis-Graham, PCC  
Department of New York, SUVCW

April 25, 2017

Reference: 2016/2017 Activities report of Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544, Rev. A

Moses A. Baldwin camp received its Charter in 2000 and members meet monthly on the fourth Thursday in the American Legion Post 390 building in Hempstead, N.Y. This building was built in the late 1800's and was the original meeting place for the GAR after the Civil War. Due to scheduling conflicts we have been holding our Nassau County meetings at the American Legion in West Hempstead. We also accommodate our members who live in Suffolk County by meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2913 in Patchogue.

The camp participated in the following activities in the past year:

1. Installation of Officers' Holiday Luncheon was held on December 18, 2016 at Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park in Great River, NY. This was a joint installation with our sister's of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Kady Brownell Tent #36. Combined we had (48) attendees.
2. On April 24, 2016, Camp Officer's and members attended the 194th Birthday Commemoration of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Grant's Tomb, NYC
3. On Sunday May 29, 2016, the Camp and the Town of Hempstead Mayor conducted Memorial Day services within Greenfield Cemetery. The Commander and staff presented a sprig of evergreen on Moses Baldwin's gravesite and a wreath was placed at the Hempstead Civil War Monument along with other service organizations in attendance.
4. On Memorial Day 2016, Commander McKendrick was Master of Ceremonies in Civil War uniform at the Bayport Memorial Day ceremony. Brother Joe Vermaelen presented our SUVCW wreath in honor of Bayport's Civil War dead.
5. On Saturday, September 17, 2016 we held a meeting at the Grange in Sayville where we set up a Civil War display and recruitment drive. This coincided with the Civil War annual skirmish conducted by the 67<sup>th</sup> NY Volunteer Infantry. Our exhibit was well attended.
6. At each of our monthly meetings, a Brother would discuss his Civil War family history, or a significant event his family member participated in during the conflict.
7. The Camp has signed up (7) new members this year.
8. The Camp's Eagle Scout program presented (49) Eagle Scout Commendation certificates.
9. Richard J. Clark, G.A.R. Post 210 Statue Restoration Committee: The Camp is engaged with the Village of Patchogue in the refurbishment of this white bronze statue with preliminary estimates for repair at \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Respectively submitted in F.C. & L,

Scott McKendrick  
Commander, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544



# DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

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### CAMP 124

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[www.suvcw.org/nv/camps/ellis/home.htm](http://www.suvcw.org/nv/camps/ellis/home.htm)

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Camp Commander

RAYMOND T. BROWN

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April 25, 2017

## 2016-2017 Annual Report Given to the 134th Encampment – Department of New York

**May 2016** – The Ellis Camp finished hosting the 133<sup>rd</sup> Encampment of the Department of New York. At the Encampment, members of our Camp were elected Department Commander (Paul Ellis-Graham). During the final day of the Encampment the Ellis Camp and the Allied Orders of the Department hosted the Mount Moor Cemetery Memorial Service honoring the service of African American soldiers during the Civil War.

The Camp held Memorial Day Services at the graves the three Foster brothers at the Circleville Cemetery. These three brothers were all killed during the Civil War while serving in Co. A, 4<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery.

Brother Albanese speaking for the Scholarship committee announced the winners of the 2016 competition on the topic: The period in American history immediately after the end of the Civil War is many times referred to as Reconstruction. What do you believe the purpose of Reconstruction was and what were some of its successes and failures?" First place went to Sarah Bertussi, Valedictorian of the Pearl River HS. Second place was awarded to Aislinn Comisky, Warwick HS and third place went to Tyler Knox, Valedictorian at Washingtonville HS. Brother Hawkins donated three Civil War books which will go to the runners-up and Ms Bertussi will receive a check for \$250.

**July 2016** – The Ellis Camp hosted the bi-annual Shohola Railroad Disaster Memorial Observance on July 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the Ellis Camp, remarks were presented by the Shohola Town Historian, a member of the Shohola Railroad & Historical Society. Another featured speaker was Mr. David Long, great-great grandson of Caleb Senter, Co.H, 62<sup>nd</sup> NC Inf., who was killed in the train wreck and is buried at the National Cemetery in Elmira, NY.

**September 2016** -- Camps Brothers manned a SUVCW information table at the 41st Annual Civil War Days at Museum Village, Monroe, New York in Orange County. Also, present at the Civil War Days was Catherine M. Walter, Curator of the Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge in New York City. She was displaying a wooden badge carved by Sgt. William C. Lilly, Co. D, 149 NYSV. She invited SUVCW members to utilize the Masonic library in researching veterans of the Civil War who were Masons.

**January 2017** -- The installation of officers was held. Those installed were CC Raymond Brown, SVC Tony Houston, JVC Jeffrey Albanese, Secretary Bruce Crandall, Treasurer James Meaney, and Council Member John Dickerson. Also, all appointed camp officers had agreed to serve another year in their respective positions.



**January – March 2017** – At the Early Cemetery in New Windsor many Civil War veterans are buried. However, there is the problem of lack of maintenance. Lead by Brother James Meaney, there are efforts to resolve this problem. Once the question of ownership is resolved actions to rectify the situation can commence.

The annual Ellis Camp Scholarship Essay Contest is in the works. The camp determined that – “What impact did Reconstruction have on the Presidential Election of 1876 and how are they related?” – would be this year’s topic.

Raymond T. Brown

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ray T. Brown', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Camp Commander

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**Subject:** Annual Camp Report Narrative for year completed 2016 for Admiral John L. Worden Camp 150 SUVCW

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**From:** Bob Comegys (rvc714@yahoo.com)

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**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2017 1:56 PM

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Dear Brother Pugsley,

Effective January 1, 2017 I have reassumed the Camp Commander Office for Camp 150 Department of New York.

Below I explain the camp activities for the year expiring 2016. Camp 150 is a vibrant Camp with 25 members with an active participation of family members and friends of the Camp. As our membership spreads from New York and outward towards Maine, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina it is difficult to have an large number of Camp brothers at many of our events. The Camp leads or participates in at least 6 events per year. In addition to these regular annual events, which I will outline below, in 2017 we will distribute up to 144 American flags to youngsters attending the May 29 Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Fishkill in Dutchess County. We also hope to have a Camp field trip to the Grant Cottage in Wilton, NY sometime this summer. The Grant Cottage is an annual recipient of a donation from Camp 150. Here are our events for 2016.

1. January 2016 - our annual Camp Dinner was held on the Sunday of MLK weekend at Table in Cortlandt Manor, NY. Due to a severe snow storm earlier in the week attendance was not a large as in years past. The dinner was attended by 6 brothers plus spouses. The Pledge of Allegiance was made prior to the dinner. The Camp raised funds by the raffle of a basket of cheer.
2. February 2016, the annual Lincoln Day Parade in Peekskill, NY was attended by Brothers Hereford, Comegys and Hosford.
3. April 2016. The annual ceremony at Grant's Tomb was attended by Brothers Hereford, Hosford and Fries. Brother Rob Fries of Camp 150 was the bugler at this event as he has been for many years.
4. June 2016. Camp 150 holds an annual ceremony at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Hastings on Hudson, New York at the United Confederate Veterans Monument. Fifty veterans of the CSA are buried in this cemetery. These are veterans that migrated north after the war. The spirit of this ceremony is not to honor the Confederate cause but more in hopes that SCV camps may honor Union Veterans who are buried in the south.
5. August 2016 - the rededication of the Cortlandt Civil War Monument in Peekskill, NY. The event was attended by Brothers Comegys and Hosford with Brother Hosford presenting a reading.
6. October 2016 - the Camp performed a GAR graveside ceremony at the burial site of our Camp namesake, Admiral John L. Worden, in Pawling New York. The event was attended

by more than a dozen descendants of Admiral Worden and other members of the Monitor crew. Brothers in attendance was Brother Comegys, Brother Paulson PCC and Brother Worden - a descendant of the Admiral.

Of note should be mention of a recent donation of relics and memorabilia pertinent to Admiral Worden and the USS Monitor to the Lincoln Depot Museum in Peekskill, NY. Brother Matthew Hereford spearheaded this project by obtaining a model of the USS Monitor, a C de V of Admiral Worden as well as a newspaper broadside about the battle at Hampton Roads in 1862. These artifacts are on permanent display at the Lincoln Museum and are a source of great pride for Camp 150.

Additionally, Brother Chris Hosford has attended many Eagle Courts of Honor in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties (Camp 150's territory) throughout the year. Not only has he presented the SUV Eagle Scout certificate, each new Eagle Scout has received a book about the Civil War. Brother Hosford has paid for these books "out of pocket". Like Brother Hereford, he is a wonderful brother.

Our Camp meets one per month at either the home of Matt Hereford PCC or a local restaurant.

Respectfully submitted with Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Robert V. Comegys  
Camp Commander



Col. George L. Willard, Camp# 154 SUVCW  
Events and Activities Report  
2016- 2017

April 29, 30 & May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, New York Department SUVCW 133<sup>rd</sup>  
Encampment, Suffern, NY. Members attending; Richard Straight, Ray  
LeMay, Leo McGuire, Tim Mabee, Dave Dziewulski, Lance Ingmire, Brian  
Castler and Jerry Orton.

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Camp meeting,

May 7<sup>th</sup>, ROTC Awards Ceremony, RPI, Troy NY

May 14<sup>th</sup> Civil War Encampment and Living History, Franklin, CT

May 29<sup>th</sup> Town Of Florida, Camp members attended Civil War Memorial  
ceremony, members attending Robert Keough, Richard Straight, Leo  
McGuire, and John Swartwout,

May 30, Oakwood Cemetery, Albany Rural Cemetery Camp members  
conducted Memorial Day ceremonies at Albany Rural GAR plot and  
Oakwood Cemetery, also conducted ceremony at General Thomas's Grave  
site and Col. George L. Willard's

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Camp meeting

June 14<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Luncheon and Legion of Merit Award

June 23<sup>th</sup> ROTC Award, Albany High School, Leo McGuire

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Gettysburg National Military Park Music Muster, Gettysburg  
Pa.

August 6<sup>th</sup> Civil War Music Gathering at Center Church Community  
Center, Windham, NY

August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> History Time Line, Schuyler Flatts. Brothers  
representing the Camp included, Brothers Dave Dziewulski, David  
Dziewulski, Joseph Dziewulski and Robert Kemp.

August 20<sup>th</sup> Farmers Museum Civil War Encampment, Cooperstown, NY



August 26<sup>th</sup> Concert at Olana State Historic Site

August 27<sup>th</sup> Medal of Honor Coeymans Hollow Cemetery, Camp members conducted GAR/SUVCW Grave side service for Medal of Honor recipient Peter Van Hoesen

October 1<sup>st</sup>, Camp meeting, nominations of officers

October 8<sup>th</sup>, Grant Cottage, The camp supplied Colors Guard for the event. Recruiting Tent

October 15<sup>th</sup> Mid-year Department of New York meeting.

November 5<sup>th</sup> Camp Meeting

November 5<sup>th</sup> Brothers LeMay and McGuire attended memorial Service for Brother Earl Allen PDC

November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg, PA Remembrance Day, Brother Jockimo & Straight attended services throughout the weekend.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Camp Meeting

January 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting

January 14<sup>th</sup> New York States Great Places & Spaces NYS Museum, Member of the Iron Jacks preformed over weekend. Sons members representing the Camp included Brothers Dave Dziewulski, David Dziewulski, Joseph Dziewulski, Robert Walter and Robert Keough

January 20<sup>th</sup> Fall/Winter issue of Camp Newsletter "The Guidon"  
Editor: Robert Keough

February 4<sup>th</sup>, Camp meeting

February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting with the Albany County Executive office on the GAR Room and the Camps request to secure space for a display cases within the Courthouse. Brother Ray LeMay and Leo McGuire Attended on behalf of the Camp.

February 24<sup>th</sup>, Rally Round the Flag Committee Meeting, Brothers Jockimo, McGuire, Rogler and Straight attended

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Camp meeting

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Camp meeting

April 8<sup>th</sup>, A Day of Living History, Siena College, Member of the Iron Jacks preformed. Brothers representing the Camp included, Brothers Dave Dziewulski, David Dziewulski, Joseph Dziewulski.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day, Mount Ida Cemetery, Camp donated new American Flag for Veteran Area, Brothers Attending Leo McGuire, John Swartwout and Richard Straight

May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held April 29<sup>th</sup>, due to the State Encampment

May 3<sup>rd</sup> CBA, Christian Brothers Academy. U. S. Army. Jr. ROTC Leadership Awards Night, Camp Brother Leo McGuire presented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commendation Certificate in Recognition of outstanding service as a cadet in the Reserve Officer Training Corps to Cadet Nathan Raia

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers - Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of New York EIN 13-6165515 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Ithaca, NY

On the sixth day of May, 2017 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

### OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander: Daryl VerStrete Jr	208 Fillmore St	Newark	NY	14513	(585) 305-9475	daryl_7375@hotmail.com
Senior Vice Commander: Leo McGuire	47 Merritt Dr	Schenectady	NY	12306	(518) 355-3746	
Junior Vice Commander: Richard Straight	88 Cindy Crest Dr	Rotterdam	NY	12306	(518) 344-7773	reststraight1@gmail.com
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Council Member 2: Todd Shillington	15 Park Pl	Holley	NY	14470	(585) 638-5929	coh94nyv@rochester.rr.com
Council Member 3: Paul Ellis-Graham	16 Vanderbilt Dr	Highland Mills	NY	10930	(845) 928-8945	pegsox24@gmail.com
Secretary: Robert Pugsley	4796 Lincoln Rd	Macedon	NY	14502	(585) 737-5710	flycar@frontiernet.net
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Chaplain: Barry O'Neill	49 West St	Warwick	NY	10990	(845) 986-0480	barry.oneill@nystew.ang.af.mil
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Eagle Scout Coordinator: Christopher Hosford	3875 Waldo Ave, #9T	Riverdale	NY	10463	(201) 344-6465	cfhosford@gmail.com
Counselor: Danny Wheeler	5 Benny La	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 272-7314	dwheel2@twcny.rr.com
GAR Highway Officer: Matthew Hereford	18 Secor St Suite B	Nelsonville	NY	10516	(845) 809-5188	outbackmat@aol.com
Department Organizer:  						



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### CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Leo McGuire	Schenectady	NY	12306				
Daryl VerStreate	Newark	NY	14513				

### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Do NOT include deceased.)							
Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Paul Ellis-Graham	Highland Mills	NY	10930	George Weinmann	Brooklyn	NY	11222
Daryl VerStreate	Newark	NY	14513	Jerome Oton	Syracuse	NY	13219
Raymond Wheaton	Newfield	NY	14867	Danny Wheeler	Ithaca	NY	14850
Robert Pugsley	Macedon	NY	14502	Todd Shillington	Holley	NY	14470
Ray LeMay III	Mechanicville	NY	12218	Peter Lindemann	Howes Cave	NY	12092
Jeffrey Albanese	Goshen	NY	10924	Robert Dauchy	West Winfield	NY	13492

### SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Installing Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Commander: \_\_\_\_\_ National Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received at National Headquarters: \_\_\_\_\_