



1st Quarter 2022

THE VOLUNTEER

**A quarterly publication of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Department of New York**

(Editor's note- At the mid-year meeting in Ithaca on October 15th, the assembled Brothers discussed making this publication a quarterly paper. As this would incur little or no added expense, and does not require a by-laws change, it was agreed. Editions will now be published 4 times per year, hopefully allowing for more timely information exchanges – specifically in the new “Calendar” section.

See also another new section, “Etcetera”, for short bits that might otherwise get lost in the body of the newsletter.)

The Encampment Committee has officially signed an agreement with the Doubletree in Binghamton. In an E-mail from Commander Castler – --

“Brothers and Sisters,

This is it. After further review of key players for the encampment (Those who replied with available dates) and going back to the most current available dates at the facility, the dates will now be Friday, 13 May and Saturday, 14 May 2022.@ the Double Tree Hilton, Binghamton.

We will have the campfire Friday night, memorial service Saturday morning, and go right into our meeting. We'll break for a luncheon midday with any awards and the raffles, then go into our

business meetings after the luncheon. We hope to be done by 4:30-5:00 PM. Thank you all for your patience.”

Further, at the mid-year meeting, Department Commander Brian Castler presented Department Historian Jerry Orton with an award from The Committee of Real Sons and Daughters.



PNC Danny Wheeler received an award from National for Outstanding Service,



And the Chaplain Father William Corby award went to our Chaplain – Samuel



Lundy.

From John Goodnough



A building formerly housing a G.A.R. post meeting place in the Village of Deposit, NY has recently come on the real estate market. It's the former Municipal Building there at 146 Front Street, in eastern Broome Co., NY.

The brick-faced structure was built in 1899 and included two floors holding at various times elements of the local fire district, police station and jail, village hall and private offices. Space was afforded the membership of Lewis Eggleston Post 184, G.A.R. which at its peak carried over 165 veterans on its roster.

Regular meetings of the Post were held in the building until massive decreases in active membership prevailed by the mid-1920s and the organization representing Eastern Broome and Western Delaware County Civil War veterans was forced to close. The grave sites of well over 400 lie

in cemeteries within a 10-mile radius of Deposit.

Eggleston Post 184 was chartered in September 1880 with nearly 30 on its initial roster. Prime mover in establishing the local commandery was former 144th NY Infantry Assistant Surgeon (and local physician) Dr. Oliver Treat Bundy. It was named after highly esteemed Sergeant Lewis Eggleston of the 144th. Today the old building, in remarkably good condition, is on the market for eventual sale. If those old walls could speak!

Over the past several months the undersigned has been compiling or revising biographical sketches of most men who served in the Civil War, associated with Deposit, NY and vicinity. Many have been the basis for completing new or revising older versions of data per SUVCW Form GR, and submitted for further processing by NY Department GRO Dennis Duffy. As another winter approaches, the effort continues...

Respectfully submitted, in F, C & L,

John Goodnough, Secretary
Col. David Ireland Camp #137
Binghamton, NY

***Wreaths Across America was observed in at least 2 Camps in the Department of NY –
Caywood Camp –***



and Lincoln Camp at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester.



***Terence F. Smith, Coal Heaver, USN,
Grave Re-dedication.***

Last Fall Brother Bro. David Peavy of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2, Houston, Texas asked if a grave marking and re-dedication could be arranged for his Civil War ancestor Terence F. Smith, Coal Heaver on the *USS Wyandotte*. The Moses A. Baldwin Camp said “yes” and decided to also honor the other 82 Union veterans in Holy Cross Cemetery, East Flatbush, Brooklyn.

The ceremony was conducted June 12. Grace Brancale, Performing Arts Teacher at the Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School (BLMHS) kicked off the event with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Sgt.-Major Steve Zawislak of the 6th New York Independent Battery followed with a reading of Smith’s bio. Then, Bill Mason, Past Camp Commander of Tilden Camp #26 and a social studies teacher at BLMHS, and Kevin Duffy of the Baldwin Camp, alternately read the names of the other veterans. This included two recipients of the Medal of Honor, 6 killed in action or died of wounds, 2 died of disease and 14 wounded in action. This was followed with a prayer by John Shaud, PCC, Chaplain. Cmdr. Don McMahon then conducted the GAR ceremony including placing of the gifts on the grave by brothers Scott McKendrick, PCC (evergreen wreath), Bill Mason, PCC

(rose), John Shaud, PCC (laurel wreath) and Cmdr. McMahon (American flag).



The 14th Brooklyn Living History Society executed the three round musket salute in fine fashion followed by a beautiful rendition of *Taps* by Sgt.-Major Zawislak.



The event closed with an appeal for contributions to the New York State battle flags conservation fund which resulted in \$338.00 in donations, bringing the total raised so far to \$963.00.

Membership applications were given to several attendees who expressed interest in joining the SUVCW and two young women in attendance were referred to the DUVCW.

Grace Brancale and Gintare Seiger, Co-Coordinator of the Performing Arts program at BLMHS provided Civil War era tunes before (*When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again*, etc.) and after (*Battle Hymn of the Republic*, etc.) the ceremony by flute and keyboard. Uncorroborated reports say that they also snuck in the Loughlin fight song.... "*Loughlin, fight for victory. And show your might for the right we adore....*," which was not written until 1948.

Dennis Duffy, NY GRO and Secretary-Treasurer of the Baldwin Camp is a 1957 graduate of BLMHS which has been educating Brooklyn youth in the LaSallian tradition since 1853.

If you would like to see the 25 minute video of the entire event recorded by Gerry Albrecht, member, Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW, e-mail Dennis at duffy99999@aol.com

From Tilden Camp

Dear Brothers of the New York Department:

I have exciting news about building the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. On its 25th Anniversary year, the museum building will become a reality.

Below find the NYC Transit Authority's Press Release. Please share it with camp members. All the hard work has finally paid off to honor the USS Monitor, John Ericsson and the officers and sailors that sailed with her and fought the famous Battle of the Ironclads - The USS Monitor & the CSA Merrimac.

The museum and Tilden Camp thanks the New York Department for all their help and support over the year to get to this point. You will receive updates on our building progress and groundbreaking.

Be proud Brothers!

FC&L,

George J. Weinmann, PDC & Sister Janice Lauletta-Weinmann

Commander

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW

(For full details of the above article, visit <http://greenpointmonitormuseum.org/>, or <https://new.mta.info/press-release/mta-unveils-monitor-point-proposal-redevelop-40-quay-street-mixed-income-housing>)

Book review -Brothers One and All

Mark Dunkleman is an historian, artist, and musician living in Providence, RI, but his Cattaraugus County, New York, roots go back four generations. His interest in the Civil War was sparked by stories from his great-grandfather, Corporal John Langhans, a veteran of the 154th New York Volunteer Infantry which became known as the "Hardtack Regiment." Threaded with the theme of esprit d'corps. *Brothers One and All* tells the story of the 154th from original formation to the end of the war.

It is filled with quotations from the letters written by the men of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties who served in it. The men's personal stories and battlefield experiences, always linked to home, unfold with amazing detail and correlation to other members of the regiment until you feel you actually know these sons of western New York. Mark is a long-time member of the SUVCW and his research permitted me to add well over 400 entries to the Sons' Graves Data Base. Find the book on the internet, buy it, read it, and send a donation to: C. A. M. P. (Citizens Advocating for Memorial Preservation) which is restoring the Cattaraugus County Civil War Memorial in Little Valley, NY a building dedicated largely to the soldiers of the "Hardtack Regiment." CAMP PO Box 303 Allegany, NY 14706

Dennis Duffy, GRO, Department of New York, duffy99999@aol.com.

Headstone Dedication in Walworth

The Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 Rochester in conjunction with the Gould Family and Sgt. Judson A. Hicks Camp # 111 in Palmyra and D. G. Caywood Camp # 146 Ovid, dedicated a new headstone for Pvt. Abram Gregor. The Ceremony began at 10:00 AM at Sherburn Park on Sherburn Rd. Walworth.



Headstone Dedication in Trumansburg

The August 7th dedication of the headstone at the previously unmarked grave of Sergeant Lewis Sears in Grove Cemetery, Trumansburg, using the 1917 G.A.R. Service was a success. Camp #41 (Ithaca), the 148th NY Infantry (SVR), the Auxiliary, and American Legion Post 770 provided valuable support to our Camp for the ceremony.

Distinguished guests were Past National Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, NY Auxiliary Department President Diane Theetge, and Past NY Department Commander Darin Everdyke. About a dozen members of the general public turned out for the event.



From left to right: Guard of Honor PCC Bill Sebring, CC Edward O'Brien, Officer of the Day PCC David Neiss, Jr., Past National C-in-C Danny Wheeler. New Headstone with Wreaths of Evergreen and Laurel, and Rose. SUVCW marker and flag presented by PC-in-C Wheeler.



Members of Camp #41 and the 148th NY Volunteer Infantry, SVR, forming for the Musket Salute

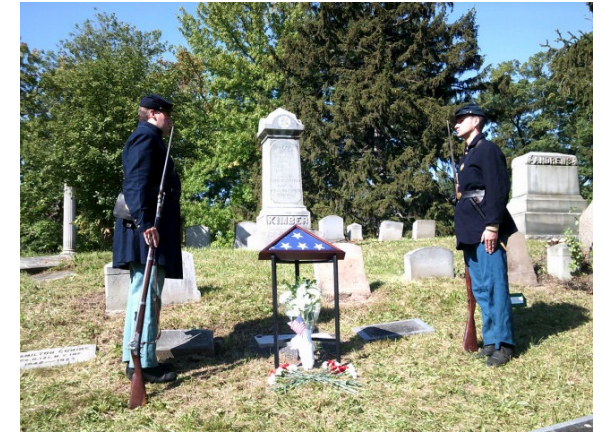
Grant Presented –

Brother Bruce Glaser (right), in his last official act of many years as Treasurer of Lincoln Camp #6, presents Pat Corcoran with Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery with a check for \$1750.00 from the William Pomeroy Foundation for the restoration of the monument Defenders of the Flag in the Union Veteran section of the Cemetery.

So far, \$3000 has been raised for the cleaning and restoration project.



Oakwood Cemetery Civil War Event Honors Black Soldiers



On Saturday, September 25, the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Preservation Assoc., Syracuse, NY, held a ceremony to dedicate headstones for four Black Civil War soldiers. Their gravesites had been without a marker for over 100 years.

The soldiers honored were Asa Dennison (11th U.S.C. Heavy Artillery), Jeremiah Davis (4th U.S.C.T.), James Hale (51st U.S.C.T.) and James Jameson (54th Massachusetts Infantry). Davis and Hale were both born slaves, Davis in Maryland and Hale in Mississippi. Dennison was born in central New York, and Jameson was for over 60 years a barber in the city of Syracuse.

The National Anthem and the Black National Anthem were sung by Dashe

Roberts. Among the speakers at the event were State Senator Rachel May, Syracuse Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens, Rev. Nitch Jones, and Sue Greenhagen representing the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Local reenactors provided the Honor Guard, and the Mattydale American Legion fired a salute. Jamie McGill blew Taps.



Of the over 840 Civil War veterans buried in Oakwood Cemetery, 25 are Black. Two, Jameson and Charles Creamer, served in the 54th Massachusetts Infantry. Two, Charles Highgate and Riley Ham served in local white regiments, the 185th NYSV and the 3d NY Light Artillery respectively. Highgate was wounded at Quaker Road, VA, on March 29, 1865, and died four days later.

HOCPA's research has shown that over 70 veterans of the Civil War in Oakwood do not have headstones. The group has begun the process of rectifying that situation. Those veterans deserve no less.

Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 Rochester NY – Installed G. A. R. Markers at three locations in the Old Section of the Honeoye Falls Cemetery. Hiram Johnson Co. B U. S. Colored Troops 1847-1906.



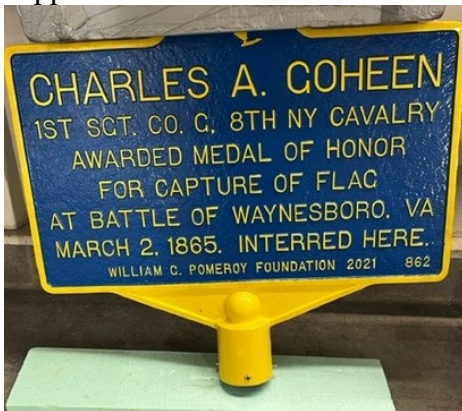
Lewis Gates Post # 369 Dept. of NY 1883-1923 Marker



1st Sgt. Charles Goheen 8th NY Cavalry, Medal of Honor winner - for the capture of a Rebel Flag at the Battle of Waynesboro, Va.



Below is the Historic Marker at the DPW in Honeoye Falls awaiting installation at the cemetery. A special Thank You to Brother Anton Schwarzmuller for making this happen.



Civil War Veteran Headstone Rededication Service, Remembrance Day 2021

Major James McConvey

Captain Timothy W. Kelly

Second Lieutenant Thomas J. Cantwell



The Brothers of Weber Camp 44 honored Major McConvey, Captain Kelly and 2nd Lieutenant Cantwell by rededicating their headstones on Saturday, November 20th at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York. Also participating were members of the Weber Guard (Sons of Veterans Reserve) and the Union Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps as well as representatives of Company A of the United States Engineers

Battalion, the Buffalo Civil War Roundtable and Reynolds Battery. The service was planned and coordinated by Weber Camp Graves Registration Officer David Demmerley and Brother Michael Erb.

These three officers were captured on August 25, 1864 during the Second Battle of Ream's Station, Virginia. Kelly and Cantwell were confined to the Confederate prison known as "Libby Prison" in Richmond. The two were prisoners until April 23, 1865 when they were exchanged and returned to their regiment. McConvey was wounded through the lungs during the battle on August 25, 1864 and left for dead. Ultimately, he was taken to Richmond, Virginia as a prisoner by the Confederate Army who thought he would not live. He was returned to the Union Army after a month and spent the next few years in a Soldiers' Home.

These three were selected because they matched a story circulated over the years about three Civil War officers that were captured in battle and sent to a Confederate prison. They looked after each other, survived, and returned to Buffalo. They decided to be buried together when their days were done. They were not buried together but the three are buried in Section E of Holy Cross Cemetery.

James McConvey was 28 years old when he enlisted as a Captain on September 19, 1862. He was commissioned into Company K of the 155th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, on December 5, 1862, promoted to Major on February 16, 1865 and discharged on May 15, 1865. He died on September 25, 1895.

Timothy Kelly was 25 years old when he enlisted as a Captain on August 20, 1862. He was commissioned into Company C of the 164th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, on September 6, 1862 and mustered out on July 18, 1865. He died on August 29, 1880.

Thomas Cantwell was 25 years old when he enlisted as a First Sergeant on August 25, 1862. He was mustered into Company C of the 164th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, on November 19, 1862 promoted to Second Lieutenant on March 3, 1863 and discharged on May 28, 1865. He died on January 6, 1869.

Immediately following the rededication service, the names of twelve soldiers from the 155th and 164th Regiments, who were captured during the Second Battle of Ream's Station, and died as prisoners were read. A bell tolled after each name was read.

From Brother Dennis Duffy, in a letter to Bruce Crandall)



“Yesterday I drove Town of Northampton Historian Gail Cramer and her husband Larry to the NYS Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs so Gail could donate to the museum her collection of letters written to and from Union soldiers.



Thought you might be interested that the flag currently on display is that of the 124th NYVI.

The Moses A Baldwin Camp #544 presented Gail with a certificate of merit and I got to see the flag of the 8th NYVI, "The First German Rifles" in which my GGGrandfather served. It has returned from loan to a museum in Suttgart, Baden where many of its members, like my GGGrandfather, had been born but emigrated to America as a result of the failed revolution of 1848-9.”

Dennis

Passings –

Obituary for John Wilson Oliver Jr.

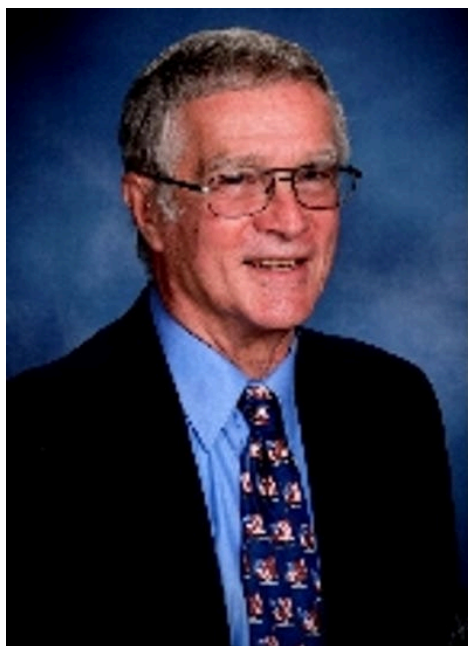
John Wilson Oliver Jr., age 96, of Talbott, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021. He was a long-time member and organist for Talbott Baptist Church. **John was the son of a Civil War Veteran.** He also retired from Magnavox.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Emma Taylor Oliver; sister, Ruth Oliver.

He is survived by his son, John “Chuck” (Mary) Oliver III; granddaughters, Morgan Elizabeth and Skyler Rose.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Gideons International or Talbott Baptist Church, 951 Talbott-Kansas Road, Talbott, TN 37877.

“Brother John was known to us, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a Real Son, meaning he was first generation son of a Union Civil War Veteran. John was one of our last remaining Real Sons. RIP John.” -- David W Demmy Sr, National Executive Director, SUVCW with Hqs at Harrisburg PA.”



Bruce Thorne Crandall

December 12, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Bruce Thorne Crandall announce his passing. Bruce died unexpectedly on December 12, 2021, at the exact age of 79. Bruce was a friend to all and loved by all. He never spoke an unkind word, and was a shining example of how to love unconditionally. He was happiest when serving others and spending time with his family.

Born to Dorothy (Taylor) and Joseph Crandall, Bruce was proud to hail from the small town of Earlville, New York. As the youngest of three brothers, his older siblings, Joseph and Allan, punished him

with jokes and frivolity from an early age. This corruption forced the development of his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, and instilled in him the optimism and enthusiasm that became essential parts of his personality.

Bruce graduated from Earlville Central School in the class of 1960, was captain of the basketball team, and a proud trumpet-playing member of the marching band, dance band, and brass ensemble. His high school senior quote was, "Without music, life would be a mistake." Bruce went on to major in history at Gettysburg College, graduating in 1964, and earned his master's degree in 1971 from Fairleigh Dickinson University. At Gettysburg, Bruce began building his encyclopedic knowledge of Civil War scholarship.

While working at the Gettysburg College dining hall, he reprimanded a beautiful woman for the offense of sneaking an extra salad. He and Jean Moss Crandall would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this week.

In a display of great inner strength and resiliency, Bruce chose to teach middle school social studies. He worked briefly in Eldred and then spent thirty-two years as a beloved teacher at Farragut Middle School in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Many generations of 7th grade students "fondly" remember his extensive slide show presentations on the historical markers of New York State, his collection of Time

Magazine covers, and the "Joy City" project they worked on while in his class. An avid runner, Bruce also served as the coach of the Hastings girls cross country team, and battled jungles of poison ivy to carve new cross-country courses out of the woods at Westchester Community College and on the Burke Estate in Hastings.

Bruce and Jean moved to Peekskill, NY in 1969 to raise their two children, Allison and Brian. Bruce was a committed and active member of the Peekskill United Methodist Church for over 20 years. They moved to Yonkers, NY in 1992 and then to Goshen, NY in 2003 where he joined the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen. Bruce enjoyed singing in the choir and occasional trumpet and hand bell performances at both churches.

In retirement, Bruce remained in perpetual motion. He officiated at hundreds of track meets throughout the Hudson Valley and was in charge of training for Southern Catskills Track & Field Officials (SOCAT). Bruce returned to Farragut Middle School year after year to present lessons on Women in American History and genealogy, during which he proudly outlined his connection to his famous ancestor, Prudence Crandall (3rd cousin 4 times removed). Bruce was an active member of Camp 124 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the heroes who fought to save the

Union. Throughout the years, he was honored to play Taps at many graveside memorial services and events for various organizations. Bruce also spent part of every weekday at the Mad Science of the Mid-Hudson office, where his laughter would brighten the day for his son and daughter-in-law's office staff.

An avid genealogist, Bruce spent countless hours researching the connections of Civil War veterans. He was obsessed with the descendants of Elder John Crandall, who emigrated from Wales to Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1634 only to be expelled and become one of the seven men named in the charter of the Colony of Providence Plantation and Rhode Island in 1664. Bruce eventually identified and traced the final resting places of over 3,200 descendants of Elder John who served on both sides during the Civil War. He also identified the grave sites of nearly all the members of the 114th New York State Volunteer Infantry (his great-grandfather's regiment) and those of the 124th New York State Volunteers – the "Orange Blossoms" of local fame.

Surviving, are his wife, Jean Moss Crandall; his daughter, Allison Crandall Armieri and favorite son-in-law Brian Armieri, of Asheville, NC; his son Brian Crandall and favorite daughter-in-law Jennifer Fessler Crandall of Goshen, NY; grandson Dallas Armieri and granddaughters Emma and Mia Armieri and

Katie Crandall; and his pandemic rescue cat, Chester. Bruce also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends...all of whose lineage is precisely mapped and connected somehow to the Crandall family tree.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 25th – Ireland Camp #137

Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 5PM at the Spot Restaurant, 1062 Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905. We decided to skip December due to the way the Holidays Fall.

In F,C, and L.

Ben Gardiner, CC

June 24 and 25, 2022

“Lima Civil War Days” Blue and Gray Reenactment and living history at Mark Tubbs Park (38 acres) Lima, NY
cweventlima@gmail.com FaceBook: Lima Civil War re-enactment hosted by Madison Louisiana light artillery, co-hosted by the Village of Lima, NY

Etcetera.....

***From “The Sentinel”, Caywood Camp,
Sept 2021***

**BRO. MATT BOCCUZZI PROMOTED
TO LIEUTENANT, MSC, USN**

Brother Matthew Boccuzzi was recently promoted to Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Navy. He is stationed overseas with the 3rd Medical Battalion.



Brothers

As you know, a few years ago I made a Facebook Page for Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 Rochester NY.

I did this on social media platforms to try and promote both SUVCW and our Camp. I would like to ask those of you who have personal Facebook private pages to interact with the camp page by sharing stories pictures, history, etc.

I'm trying to spark interest in new membership using the media the young crowd interacts with. This is the Page link-
<https://www.facebook.com/SUVCWCamp6>

Thank You. -Edward Patrick O'Brien

From Jerry Orton-

April 27, 2022 will mark the centennial of the dedication of the memorial to General Ulysses S. Grant in Washington, D.C. This memorial is undertaking restoration. This memorial that stands before the US Capitol is as grand as any of the great European memorials. There are a number of events to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of U.S. Grant on this date.

May 30, 2022 will mark the centennial of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial. Lincoln's last descendant Brother Beckwith was a SUVCW member in Washington, D.C.



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