



2nd Quarter 2022

THE VOLUNTEER

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

(From Col. David Ireland Camp 137, John Goodnough)

This submittal is just after the annual return to Eastern Daylight Savings Time and the calendar rolling over into the beginning of Spring. It's also getting closer to resuming an "in person" edition of the NY Department's Annual Encampment after a three-year hiatus. "ZOOM" is no substitute for gatherings of "real" people! The last experience being surrounded with "live" brothers was at the Lake George encampment in 2019. The 2009 Encampment was the last time Binghamton was the place of venue. As host of this year's event, Col. David Ireland Camp is pleased that local arrangements are going well. Department bulletins have reached out to the several Camps within this district, including our sisters in the DUVCW and Auxiliary. "The die is cast," so it can be

said. Now the degree of success rests in timely responses from brothers and sisters by sending in their reservations, and the various officers and committees actively preparing for the upcoming annual ceremonies and business meetings.

The literature released via the Web Site to the Allied Orders memberships spells out the itinerary for the weekend of May 13-14 and outlines the modest costs involved for initial reservations and the Saturday noon luncheon. Fundraiser prize drawing ticket sales are under way. The block of hotel rooms for attendees coming in from out-of-town locations will be held until April 13th (one month prior to the beginning of the Encampment weekend). Please get your submittals in to the Doubletree by Hilton at Binghamton as soon as possible; also submit your checks for the drawing tickets,

the initial registration fee, and the luncheons. All information is on the Department Web Site for your timely use.

Planning for the Friday Evening Camp Fire program is going forward. As each attendee arrives on Friday afternoon, they should plan on going directly to the check-in and information table by the Endicott-Johnson Room on the lower level of the Doubletree to pick up your convention tote bags, programs and schedules, and other items you will need during the weekend. The reception/Information table opens at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 13th. There will be an ample break for on-your-own dinner plans, followed by the evening program beginning at 7 p.m. Between 8 and 9 a.m. on Saturday will be a short welcome and memorial ceremony before the beginning of the day's business sessions. For those who reserve

with the fee, there will be a noon luncheon. Unless there are unforeseen circumstances, the Annual Meetings should be concluded by 5 p.m. on Saturday. Some who travel in from longer distances will be staying over for a second night's lodging. On Sunday morning (15th) there will be an exercise to honor and remember local Civil War veterans at sites within Spring Forest Cemetery in Binghamton. This will begin at 9:30 a.m. Logistics will be under auspices of local Allied Orders, and details will be posted on the Department's Web Site as well as in hard copy form in each attendee's packet. Please plan to attend and renew acquaintances and enjoy the camaraderie that can only be realized by this in-person event.

Note the recent communications regarding opportunity to place ads in the Annual Memorial Booklet. Please send in your descriptive data, photos, artwork and payments for space in the sizes provided per the literature.

It's very important that we showcase what various committees in camps around the state are doing to further the work under the theme of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Also, we might add Patriotism, Honoring and Remembering, Researching and Documenting. As such, we invite all camps to bring their cherished banners, flags, guidons, captioned photographs,

descriptive panels or albums for display in the large meeting hall. If you do plan on bringing them, please provide adequate floor stands, drape frames or easels. Projects progress is another important factor in our existence. In addition to tables for check-in/information/registrations and arraying door prizes, there will be others where brothers or sisters can exhibit examples of projects on behalf of the Orders. Standard tables will be 30" x 96". If you have special table coverings to enhance your displays, please plan to bring them. Extra tables will be provided for displaying progress in the work of Archives, Historian, Patriotic Instructor, Graves Registration. There will be a table for placing IN MEMORIAM tributes to departed members. Other topics will include "Last Surviving County Resident Veteran" Project, USS MONITOR, recent monument and headstone dedications; awards, "Collecting the GAR/SUVCW, RAILROADS DURING THE CIVIL WAR" and a host of others. If anyone will be bringing SUVCW supplies for sale, space can be provided.

In F, C & L, Host Camp #137
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(From Dep't Secretary Pugsley, PDC)

Dear Brothers,

The 2022 Encampment May 13-14 is rapidly approaching. If you have not already done so, please register to attend. Also please sign up for the luncheon. Information for both can be found on the Department's website.

If you are attending as a Camp Delegate, please bring your delegate card if you have been chosen as one. If you forget, I will have extra cards with me. You need to have a current membership card.

Please buy your tickets for the raffle. This is the major fundraiser for the Department and helps to fund projects. If you received tickets by mail, please send them in. They can also be printed out on the website and they can also be purchased at the Encampment.

It is exciting that after three years we can finally meet in person. We have a full agenda to go through along with all elected positions up for a vote. Please visit the website for more information. If possible, bring your Camp Charter and Camp flag for the meeting.

990-Ns !!! If your fiscal year ended December 31, your 990-N is due May 15. If your fiscal year ends on June 30, they are due on November 15th.

I should have received each Camp's Form 22, Certification of Elections and Roster, by now. If you haven't submitted it please do

so. Form 27, Camp Annual Report, is due to me by April 30. This should be accompanied with your roster and your per Capita check made out to the "Department of New York, SUVCW"

The Encampment is a great opportunity to meet with fellow Brothers from across the state. Hope to see you there!

Yours in F, C, and L,

Robert Pugsley, PDC

NY Department Secretary

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Grant Cottage Update

It has been a great year for the folks at Grant Cottage. The site received its National Historic Landmark designation, completed a solar powered energy backup system and had record attendance despite COVID restrictions. The future will see a 3-D virtual tour of Grant Cottage to include never before seen second floor content. Grant Cottage is planning a major celebration in June 2022 for U.S. Grant's 200th birthday, with special guests planned to be on hand for the occasion.

Read more at: www.grantcottage.org

77th NYVI Monument Anew



The bronze sentinel stands ready to retake his place on the 77th Regiment's monument in Saratoga Springs,

It took over a year, but the statue atop the 77th NY Volunteer Infantry (NYVI) monument, that was destroyed on July 16, 2020, is now back in place.

It was cold but clear on Tuesday morning, November 16, 2021 when workmen started the task of remounting the statue of a Civil War soldier back onto the 77th NYVI Regiment's pedestal in Congress Park in downtown Saratoga Springs, NY.

Col. George L. Willard Camp Brothers, including Brian Castler DC, Jerry Orton PDC, Leo McGuire PDC, Ray LeMay III PDC, Tim Mabee, Lance Ingmire and

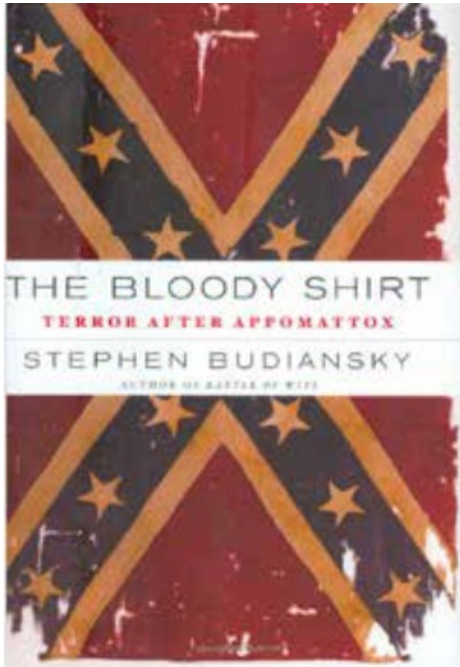
Robert Keough PCC, were on hand for the event.

Between the Willard Camp and the NYS Sesquicentennial committee, of which Camp brothers Keough, Ingmire and Dziwulski (not present) were members, donated over \$14,000.00 to be used for improved security and landscaping for the monument.

The original monument was built and dedicated in 1875 and cost \$3000, or an astounding \$76,000 in 2021-2022 dollars. It consists of a slightly larger than life soldier and a twelve foot granite base. Others in attendance at the event were relatives of members of the 77th, local politicians, media, city workers and interested bystanders.



Civil War soldier's statue just before it reaches the monument on which it will rest.



Book Report- The Bloody Shirt

by Stephen Budiansky

A gripping look at terrorist violence during the Reconstruction era....

Between 1867, when the defeated South was forced to establish new state governments that fully represented both black and white citizens, and 1877, when the last of these governments was overthrown, more than three thousand African Americans and their white allies were killed by terrorist violence. Drawing on original letters and diaries as well as published racist diatribes of the time, acclaimed historian Stephen Budiansky concentrates his vivid, fast paced narrative

on the efforts of five heroic men; two Union officers, a Confederate general, a Northern entrepreneur, and a former slave who showed remarkable idealism and courage as they struggled to establish a New South in the face of overwhelming hatred and organized resistance.

The Bloody Shirt sheds new light on the violence, racism, division, and heroism of Reconstruction, a largely forgotten but epochal chapter in American history.

ROTC Award to Cadet



On February 27, 2022, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 presented a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) medal and certificate to Abdelmoshen (“Abby”) Mossolem for *showing high*

degrees of patriotism, academic performance, and leadership.

A resident of Williston Park, Abby is an Army ROTC Cadet at St. John’s University, Jamaica, Queens where he is majoring in Biology. Amazingly, in addition to his college and ROTC commitments, Abby is a volunteer fire fighter with the Albertson Fire Department, Nassau County, New York.

Camp Commander Don T. McMahon, Jr. explained the meaning and importance of the SUVCW ROTC awards given to the best of our developing leaders and, in a ceremony attended by Abby’s father, Hassan, Donald T. McMahon, III, Chief of the Albertson Fire Department, and members of the Camp, the medal was pinned on Cadet Mossolem by Camp Guide William Kempner, Commander, USN (Retired).

Cadet Mosselem will graduate in May and be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in July.

All wish him great success and safety!

Passings –



Robert F. Costello who played the role of Abraham Lincoln hundreds of times including notably at Grant's Tomb at each annual commemoration of Grant's birth and on Remembrance Day, died September 25, 2021 at the age of 79.

Bob was a member of both the Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Department of New York and the Maj. Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp 17, Department of New Jersey. He was predeceased in 2019 by his wife Helen and leaves behind his daughter Mac Roberts (Scott), his grandson Colin (Danielle) and great grandson Liam. Had had a career as a title searcher and earlier was a fire fighter.



Paul E. Foster 68, of Fulton passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022, at home following a long illness. Born in Fulton, he was a lifelong resident. Paul was a graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School, class of 1971, where he lettered in varsity football and gymnastics. In 1973, he received an Associate degree from SUNY at Canton in applied science (Mortuary Science Program) and was a member of Alpha Theta Gamma Fraternity. Upon completion of college, he immediately joined the family firm of Foster Funeral Home, Inc. in Fulton making him the third generation in funeral service following his grandfather and founder of the firm, Rudolph P. Foster

"R.P." and his father, Clifford C. Foster. In 1985 Paul acquired the firm from his father and continued in funeral service until his retirement in 2019. In 1990, he purchased property in the village of Hannibal, NY and built a funeral home to serve the needs of the area. He received an honorary degree from Simmons Institute of Funeral Service in 1996.. He was a former member of State Street United Methodist Church in Fulton. Paul was extremely active in several professional and civic organizations. He was a former member of Selected Independent Funeral Homes, an international funeral service organization of privately owned and operated funeral homes. There, he served on its Board of Directors from 2008 – 2011 and as Secretary-Treasurer in 2011. He was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the New York State Funeral Directors Association. Paul was also a member and past president of the Onondaga-Oswego Funeral Directors Association; Central NY Funeral Directors Association; Greater Oswego–Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Oswego County Chamber of Commerce and Greater Fulton Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Paul served on the A.L. Lee Memorial Hospital Board of Directors for over 12 years and was elected as president for three terms of office. He was a member of the Fulton Lions Club for more than 48 years serving as president in 1978-1979 and 2015-2016;

as Deputy District Governor; Zone Chairman and was a recipient of the Lions Clubs International Melvin Jones Humanitarian Fellowship Award for community service in 1994. He served on the Catholic Charities of Oswego County Board of Directors for many years and the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse Corporate Board. Paul had been very active with the Fulton Historical Society serving three terms as president and was a recipient of the Alma Smith Award for Dedicated Service. He was also a member and past chairman of Mt. Adnah Cemetery Board of Trustees. Paul was a member of several fraternal organizations including Past Master of Hiram Lodge #144 F&AM; Past Potentate of Media Shriners; Past Director of Royal Order of Jesters; York Rite Bodies and Scottish Rite Bodies; Red Cross of Constantine; Knights of York Cross of Honor; St. Joseph's Council #254, Knights of Columbus; Elks Lodge #830 and Friends of Fort Ontario serving on the board and as president from 2015-2019. In his spare time, Paul was a Civil War enthusiast and member of the 148th NYS Volunteer Infantry Regiment in Waterloo, NY and Sons of Union Veterans, Camp 146. He enjoyed Civil War reenacting at local and at national events. He frequently traveled to Gettysburg National Military Park and Battlefield and was a member of Friends of Gettysburg Foundation.

Jerome R. Beigh, 75, of Bridgewater, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

He was born on February 13, 1946 in Utica to the late Robert and Charlotte (Hungerford) Beigh. He was a graduate of Bridgewater Central Schools, and attended MVCC. Jerry served his country, with honor, in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968.

On June 28, 1969 Jerry was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Sharon Fitch at the Bridgewater First Congregational Church. The couple shared a blessed union filled with love and devotion for over 52 years. Jerry was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather who cherished the time that he spent with his family, especially his adored children and grandchildren. He loved relaxing at his camp on Raquette Lake. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races, traveling around the world, attending his grandkids' school activities, taking pictures, and cooking. He will be sadly missed by his many family members and friends.

Mr. Beigh was employed with Remington Arms in Ilion, retiring in 2004 after 33 years of dedicated service. He was a member of the Bridgewater First Congregational Church, the Western Star Masonic Lodge #15, and a member of the Bridgewater Historical Society. Jerry was the Town

Historian for Bridgewater, served on the Town Council, and was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was also a member of the Mt. Markham Youth Association, the Mt. Markham Optimist Club, and the West Winfield VFW.

Jerome is survived by his loving wife Sharon Beigh of Bridgewater, his children, Kara (Christopher) Haar of Bridgewater, Robert (Amanda) Beigh of West Winfield, and Andrew (Holly) Beigh of Leonardsville. He leaves his cherished grandchildren, Noah, Rebekkah, and Samuel Haar, Mitchell and Mason Beigh, and Elijah Beigh. He also leaves his brothers and sisters-in-law, Barb and Gary Comstock of Utica, Stephen and Colleen Fitch of Bridgewater, his cousins, Laura and Michael Bader of Sauquoit, Margaret Ryniker and Michael Hungerford of Syracuse, also many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Linda Beigh, and a brother-in-law, Robert Fitch.

Interment, with Military Honors, will be in the spring at the Fairview Cemetery, Bridgewater. For those who wish, please consider the Bridgewater First Congregational Church, 382 North St., Bridgewater, NY 13313 or The Bridgewater Fire Department in his memory.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

GENERAL U.S. GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE 2022

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:
The 200th Birthday Commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the National Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. Our ceremony will commence at 11:00 am which includes the initiation of new members of the Oliver Tilden Camp.

June 18th – Ovid Strawberry Festival – Parade and Recruiting Table

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

August 11-14, 2022 SUVCW 141st National Encampment in DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, Department of Michigan.

Etcetera.....

Brother Matt Duffy received a letter from the American Battlefield Trust thanking him for making donations to the Trust for more than twenty consecutive years! Brother Matt says he’s just getting started. Thank you, Brother Matt, for setting a great example in Remembering the Boys in Blue and helping make it possible for future generations to walk the battlefields on which our ancestors fought and there contemplate the sacrifices they made, why they made them, and our good fortune to be living in the Union they preserved.

Brother Lucas Hooker is doing very well as a Freshman in the Pre-Medical program at SUNY Albany. He ended his first semester with a 3.9 GPA. While home between semesters, he worked as an Aide at the Ithaca hospital

David Neiss, Jr., PCC recently discovered that Martha J. Aiken Sears (1834-1909), the wife of his g-g-g-uncle, Sylvester Sears, Co D, 137th NY Volunteer Infantry, was the g-g-g-aunt of (late) Brother Phillip J. Soyering, Jr. Martha Jane Aiken Whiting Sears. There was no known relationship between the two members of the Camp until this discovery.



Martha Jane Aiken Whiting Sears

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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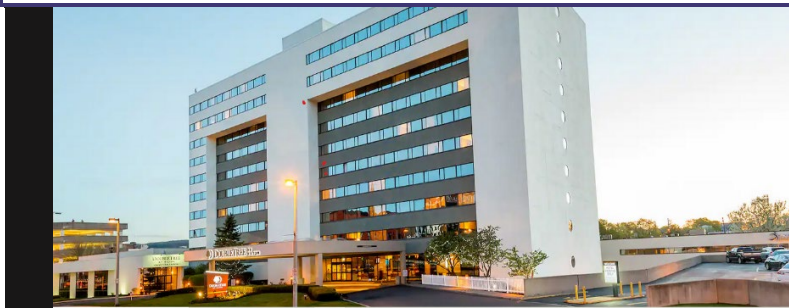
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