



2nd Quarter 2023

THE VOLUNTEER

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

Brothers:

All of you should have received your raffle tickets by now. If you have not and want them, or need more, please contact me directly at:

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Thank You.

Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty.

Edward P. O'Brien

From Dep't Sec't Pugsley PDC

Just a few reminders and notes.

Our membership breaks down like this;

Members 455

Associates 39

Jr 12

Jr Associates 0

Honorary 1

Total of 507

We have 54 Life members. That is up from 44 from last year.

Once we eliminate duals we have 484 individual members.

We have a total of seventeen camps.

Form 22 "Certification of Elections" was due to me on February 15. Form 27 "The Camp Annual Report", roster and per-capita dues are due to me by April 30th.

If your fiscal year ends December 31, your 990Ns are due May 15th. June 30th by

November 15th. I know this year the Camp Treasurers had a hard time getting on the IRS site. I did also, but eventually got through.

The 140th NY Department Encampment will be held May 5-7, 2023 at the Villa Roma in Callicoon, NY. Go online to find registration info and how to reserve your room. Your Camp should be electing delegates for the Encampment. This is how you can determine your number of delegates. Per Regulations, Chapter II, Article II, Section 1 (a). All PCinC, PDC, PCC, sitting Dept Commander, sitting Camp Commanders are automatically Delegates. Each Camp gets one delegate, plus one for every ten brothers or major fraction thereof. Any Camp Treasurer or Camp Secretary who has served for ten years is given the rank of PCC with voting privileges. When you send in your

registration you can include your delegate card or bring it with you. Also, you will need your current membership card. The Encampment is always an enjoyable time and a great opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones.

At this Encampment we will be electing a Dept Commander, Sr Vice Commander, Jr Vice Commander and three Council Members. Typically, the Sr Vice will move up to Dept. Commander, Jr Vice to Sr Vice and then a new member to Jr Vice although this is not mandated. If you think you would like to run, feel free.

This looks to be a busy agenda and we can accomplish quite a bit.

Yours in F, C, and L,
Bob Pugsley, PDC
NY Dept Secretary, SUVCW

Brothers of New York:

I hope you are all safe and well. As you prepare for your upcoming Department Encampment, *please* ask all of our Brothers to visit the official SUVCW YouTube channel. The link is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SUVCW>

Once there, please click the "Subscribe" button and watch and comment on some of the videos. The more people who watch the videos, the more people to whom Youtube will recommend the videos.

As a member of the National Marketing and Promotions Committee, I built this channel and have been populating it with SUVCW and GAR-related content.

We hope that being more active on social media like Youtube will help us be relevant to younger potential members. The more subscribers we have combined with more video watches will enable the YouTube algorithm to recommend us to others.

I wish you all the best for your 2023 encampment!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Roderick Fraser
Senior Vice Commander and Editor
SUVCW Department of Massachusetts
Commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw
Camp 54

(From Commander French)

Preservation of the NYS Battle Flags

Brother O'Brien started off running as the Chairman for the NY Department Fundraising Committee. With the support of Brother Albanese, Brother Stump, and Brother LeMay III the PayPal link was posted on our website to start the fundraising efforts. Within days \$20 for the Battle Flags and \$22 for the department general fund was submitted through PayPal. A modest start but a start indeed. PayPal will only work if we promote the website and donate for our cause.

The Fundraising page was posted on the website to bring more attention to our efforts to raise funds. That is when Brother George McGraw contacted Brother O'Brien to inform him of his donation to the NYS Museum to preserve two Battle Flags of the 111th. Brother McGraw lives in Texas but is a member of Sgt Judson Hicks Camp #111 in the Department of New York. Brother McGraw donated \$20,000 for the preservation of these two battle flags. Brother McGraw did this to honor his Great Grandfather Isaac Mullie who served in the 111th NY Infantry Company D. Isaac at the age of 20 enlisted 5 August 1862 at Williamson. Private Mullie in an engagement at Sutherland Station, VA was wounded in action. He was discharged for

disability on 13 May 1865. Thank you, Brother McGraw, for honoring your Great Grandfather Isaac Mullie and the Boys in Blue.

The Baldwin Camp raised separate from the fundraising committee \$500. But due to Brother George McGraw through the fundraising committee, he matched Baldwin camp raising it to \$1,000 to preserve the battle flags. Great job Baldwin Camp and Brother McGraw. Keep the great work up.

To date the fundraising committee has raised, with the help of Brother McGraw and Brother Duffy \$21,020 as of 22 February 2023. Not bad for just starting.

Brother George McGraw is putting up an additional \$9,500 dollars to match any camp and department fundraising for the battle flags. Brothers, please take up the gracious offer by Brother McGraw.

Brother O'Brien, knowing this wasn't enough, engaged Hon. Richard Dollinger retired to help our effort. This man of experience volunteer to assist our fundraising committee to raise the funds required to preserve the rest of the battle flags. This effort requires setting up a separate account to save and build the funds at minimum to \$2,500,000 to pursue a matching grant from NYS. However, Hon. Richard Dollinger agreed with Brother Dennis Duffy that the legislatures should honor their obligation to fund and preserve the battle flags. Brother Duffy and Hon. Dollinger are working together to pursue

this avenue first before we launch a massive fundraising effort for the battle flags. Hon. Dollinger stated that we may be too late for this budget cycle but can mount an aggressive grassroot operation in April on. This will require a large contingent of Department officers to show up in Albany when brother Duffy and Hon. Dollinger coordinate and inform us of the date and time. Hon. Dollinger recommended taking high resolution pictures of the battle flags by the museum for fundraising purposes. Brother Duffy is confirming with the museum to see if this was already accomplished and if we could use those pictures to raise funds.

The fundraising effort will require massive support within our department. Brother O'Brien found volunteers to reprise the Rally Around the Flag Committee which will serve as a sub-committee to the department fundraising committee. With volunteers on both committees, the NY Department can now aggressively raise and work on the preservation of the battle flags. The fundraising committee is currently reaching out to 16 Veteran Organizations to form a coalition in lobbying for the funding of the battle flags. Those that respond positively to our request; we will also request their help in raising funds. Every little bit of funds we raise gets us closer to our end state.

It is my firm belief that Brother O'Brien leadership is taking the fundraising

committee in the right direction to accomplish our goals. We ask that every brother in the NY Department help support this huge endeavor. With all of us working as a team we will be successful, not only in this effort, but in all our other projects as well.

***** Brother LeMay III has created a Department Fundraising page on our website.**

Please get this out to all our brothers so we can promote this effort. Also, we can post future fundraising efforts on this page.

I like to thank everyone involved in making this initiative move forward.

<https://nysuvcw.org/fundraising>

Department SVC (Commander of Caywood and Lincoln Camps) has started a GoFundMe for desperately needed repairs to the GAR hall in Ovid, NY.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/fjugs-preserve-the-g-a-r-hall-in-ovid-ny?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Brother Jeffrey French, PDC (CH)
NY Department Commander
Walter H French Camp #17
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
Camp Commanders and Department
Officers,

Grant's Birthday Commemoration

Brothers, Dear officers, members and friends of Tilden Camp:

Oliver Tilden Camp #26 extends an invitation to you from the 2023 General Grant Birthday Committee for the 201st Birthday Commemoration Ceremony at Grant's Tomb (West 122nd St. & Riverside Drive, Manhattan, NY), Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Many officers and members from organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will be in attendance along with historical and patriotic organizations. New members will be initiated during the ceremony.

Each year the camp's General Grant Committee solicits "Memorials and Boosters" from our members and from organizations to help us defray the cost of a wreath, ribbons and printed programs. "Memorials" honor our Civil War ancestors or deceased brothers. "Boosters" allow organizations to demonstrate their support of the Annual Commemoration of having their name and address appear in the printed program.

Find attached our Grant Memorial/Booster form.

Your financial support of this effort is very much appreciated.

Yours in, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George J. Weinmann, (Commander)
Captain, Co. I, 83rd New York Vol. (9th
NYSM), SVR
Commander [Oliver Tilden Camp
#26](#), SUVCW
Past NY Department Commander



Marker Dedication

The City of Niagara Falls, NY will be hosting the dedication of a historical marker at the Amtrak Station in Niagara Falls, NY on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at noon. The marker commemorates the arrest of two Confederate saboteurs who were arrested before they could escape back to Canada by train. They were arrested at the former train station at Niagara City – also known as Suspension Bridge – in December of 1864 by a local policeman. The marker was funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation through a grant application made by the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

I will advise if the dedication is rescheduled.

In F., C. & L.,

Anton Schwarzmüller Secretary,

A. Lincoln Camp 6

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GAR Café



The **GAR** cafe is located inside the Albany County NY Courthouse. You must go through the security for the courts to enter the room. We have a few artifacts on the walls. A private company has control of the restaurant. Photos of the interior are on the link included. It isn't open on weekends. We have talked about trying to re-stain or somehow protect the original entrance door which is not used, as far as I know. Possibly one of our next projects but we must talk to the county first. I thought it might be an interesting subject for the Volunteer and possibly the Banner. Albany at one time, had 5 GAR posts.

<http://glwillard154.org/the-g-a-r-cafe>

In F, C & L

Leo McGuire

Col. George L. Willard Camp #154 Dept of NY SUVCW

One Country and One Flag



~Anton Schwarzmuller, A. Lincoln Camp 6

In 1899, S. B. Kemp Post #108 of the G.A.R. erected a memorial in the resort hamlet of Olcott in the town of Newfane, Niagara County. It was a bustling place at the turn of that century, on the shore of Lake Ontario. Originally erected in the center of an intersection, the monument suffered from being struck by cars as those vehicles became commonplace. The monument was periodically repaired in

places and was eventually moved out of the intersection and onto a median. In 2018 the monument was removed, expertly restored, and returned to its position in Olcott. A half-hour video about the memorial and its restoration is on YouTube: [The Olcott Civil War Memorial Restoration - YouTube](#)

The monument is adorned with just over 70 *incomplete* names of Civil War soldiers and sailors. As a New National Graves Officer, I decided to try to complete the identity of the names on the monument, find the basics of their service records, and find and register their graves in the SUVCW graves database. Overall, I spent two months on this project. Some names were especially difficult to complete and match in the Find-a-Grave website.

For example, J. JEFFREY is on the monument. I was able to determine that this was Jackson JEFFERY (different spelling) through his muster roll abstract. Looking for his grave, I kept coming up with nothing, hour after hour, day after day, until I found his true name in a desperately wide search: Andrew Jackson JEFFERY. I'll remember that the next time I find Jackson as an alleged first name.

I found 57 graves matching names on the memorial. Some graves were not found; some names were of soldiers buried anonymously on the fields where they fell. In 2015 I posted this monument, called "One County and One Flag," online in the Historical Marker Database (HMdb.org) and

updated it with 2019 images of the restored panels with now legible *incomplete* names.



This year I added these remarks to the page in the Historical Marker Database:

“For each of the names on this memorial, I provide the Find-a-Grave ID below, if found.

“All who have an individually identified grave have been registered online with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW.org) with their service information.

“For each name without a grave, I provide a brief description, however, duplicates are skipped, as are those not honorably discharged.

“I proceed as they appear on the memorial. Please advise of additions & errors.

I created a three-part circle of data for each grave matching a name on the monument. 1) For each SUVCW grave registration with a matching name on this G.A.R. monument, I made a notation of it in the SUVCW registration entry along with the Find-a-Grave memorial ID. 2) For each Find-a-Grave memorial ID matching a name on this G.A.R. memorial, I left a G.A.R. “flower” noting that the grave is registered in the SUVCW graves database. 3) On the HMdb.org page for this G.A.R. monument, I matched the Find-a-Grave memorial ID with names as explained above.

The 151st NY and the 8th NY Heavy Artillery are well represented on this monument, among others.”

Lincoln’s Birthday Observance in Buffalo



Pictured above- Left to Right- Edward O'Brien, 2nd Lt. Unit Commander, Company A/ 126 NYV Composite, Ray Ball, Capt. Company A / US Engineers, Bill Tojek, Unit Commander, Weber Guard, Noah Pvt. Company A, US Engineers, Alex Johnson, Sgt. Company A / US Engineers, Wally Rupp, 155th NYVI, David Bertuca 155 NYVI--- Out of Picture, Todd Shillington representing Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, Rochester, NY. and Bill Parker, representing Cook Camp 223 Buffalo, NY, Mike Erb with Weber Guard and the CW Buffalo Round table.

***Authorization of Grant's
posthumous promotion to
the army's highest rank
becomes law***

The Grant Monument Association is pleased to report that Congress has passed, and today President Biden signed into law, legislation authorizing the President to posthumously promote Ulysses S. Grant to General of the Armies of the United States, the U.S. Army's highest rank. This provision was passed as Section 583 of the National Defense Authorization Act, which is accessible here. It confers on Grant the same rank and precedence held by General John J. Pershing, the only officer to have been General of the Armies of the United States during his lifetime. The posthumous honor of that rank was conferred in 1976 upon George Washington during the celebration of the nation's bicentennial. This posthumous promotion of General Grant is a fitting honor in this bicentennial year of his birth. It reflects the extraordinary importance of his military career. Washington and Grant were the top commanders of the U.S. Army during the two wars of existential importance to the United States: the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Grant, whose battlefield achievements ensured the survival of our nation amid the greatest threat it had ever faced, is regarded by many military historians as the most capable and

accomplished general in American history, besides being one of the great military commanders in world history. His campaigns are still studied by the modern U.S. Army. Beyond that, his battlefield accomplishments effected the emancipation of enslaved people, and during his postwar career, he fought for profound changes to the Constitution that conferred upon former slaves equal rights, including the right to vote regardless of race. This singular record of accomplishment should stand as an inspiration to Americans for generations to come. Special thanks to the cosponsors of the original legislation authorizing Grant's posthumous promotion (see links for House cosponsors and Senate cosponsors), without whose support this honor would not have been conferred. We hope that President Biden makes the posthumous promotion now authorized and look forward to celebrating this honor soon.

Grant Monument Association
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Visitation —



On Saturday, February 4, at 1:00 PM, Department Commander Jeff French visited the D. G. Caywood Camp # 146 in Ovid, NY. He was greeted by Officers and members of the camp. Attached is a picture of Camp Commander Edward O'Brien, Department Commander Jeff French, and past National C in C Danny Wheeler.

***For future planning... From
Commander French and the
Encampment Committee- the 2024
Department Encampment***

The 2024 Department Encampment will be in Rochester area.

We are booked at the American Legion Post 256 at 454 North Main St. Canandaigua, NY for one room on 3 May for the DUVCW executive meeting followed by the Camp Fire, then 4 May for 3 meeting rooms, lunch and banquet.

There will be a price change for the rooms. We'll know in October after the Legion votes on the new rates. Kim, our point of contact, thinks it'll go up to 100 dollars per room per day. So that'll be a total of 400 dollars for both days.

They're looking for caterers to do their functions. Once they have that locked down we can get a cost for the lunch and banquet.

Lunch is a minimum of 15 people. The banquet will depend on the new caterer.

There are two hotels nearby. Here's the information that brother O'Brien obtained:
1.) Holiday Inn Express, 330 Eastern Blvd. Canandaigua, NY 14424 585-396-3669 x153 Kim Betkowski General Manager. @\$125.00 night

2.) Super 8 by Windham 4450 Eastern Blvd. Canandaigua, NY 14424 (next to above) Taylor Demay 585-396-7224

or frontdeskcanandaigua@gmail.com @ \$90.00 night.

After the Encampment our committee will need to tighten the details and costs.

We will need to work 2025 department encampment which the DUVCW will work the contract. The next rotation is in the northeastern region.

The northeastern region essentially includes the upper northeastern quarter of the state including the upper Hudson and currently includes four camps the Willard, Tanner, Searle and French Camps (117 total members in region.) There have been about five encampments in that region since 2003 three of which since 2011, one in the Albany suburbs, one in Saratoga, and one in Lake George.

As brainstormed on encampment options to keep costs down we'll be using second tier locations for Friday through Saturday meetings and banquet. Second tier meaning a place like the American Legion, colleges, elks club, etc. That can provide 3 meeting rooms, possibly lunch and banquet, located near a hotel.

Yours in Fraternity Charity and Loyalty
Brother French
NY Department Commander

***126thNY SVR Drill at the Letchworth
Battle Event***

The 126thNY SVR will be having its first hands-on drill on Saturday, May 20 at 11:00, in conjunction with the Letchworth Battle Event. Members are encouraged to wear Federal uniform and battle kit, if you have it. We will be practicing basic Hardee's manual of arms, loading and firing, with limited marching and movement, based on weather, turnout, etc. There will be NO battle drilling or field work as the 126thNYSVR will be solely a ceremonial unit for now.

The event's full Infantry Drill is scheduled for 10:00, before ours. Per standard re-enacting rules you must register as a re-enactor and attend the 10:00am drill if you wish to participate in the actual battle.

For the 126th's drill, meet at 11:00am at the south end of the parking lot in the Upper Rec Area, just a mile in from the Mt. Morris entrance to the Park.

You will have to stop at a Park Entrance and possibly pay the entrance fee. They generally let re-enactors through if they are in uniform.

Yours, in F., C. & L.
Darin Everdyke, 1st Sgt, 126thNYSVR

PCC John Shaud's 90th birthday. Sixteen brothers and several spouses participated in a birthday celebration for John Shaud, PCC along with the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW, the Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW, American Legion Post 1087, the W. Hempstead Historical Society, family, friends, and neighbors, about 75 guests, all of whom had a great time!



Camp Cmdr. Don McMahon presenting certificate of Appreciation to John Shaud, PCC This and following photos by Ted Phillips

The Camp purchased life membership for John and Cmdr. Don McMahon presented him with a 30 year pin and a certificate noting long and meritorious service. The Oliver Tilden Camp #26 where John joined the SUCVW also presented him with a certificate of recognition. Guests were given fliers asking support for the Green Point Monitor Museum and the NYS Battle Flags. Bro. Dennis Duffy was given a desk



Janice Auletta-Weinmann, President, Green Point Monitor Museum; George Weinmann, Cmdr., Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW; John Shaud, John Gregor & Charles Lirio, Members, Camp #26.

pen miniature Monitor by the museum for his efforts on its behalf and he pledged to match the next \$500.00 in donations for the battle flags. Webmaster Mike Duffy topped it all off by tuning up John's computer!



Fred Kuntz, PCC, Eileen Sleckman, President, Tent #36, Jay Dolan, SVC; Lynn Dolan, National President, DUVCW, Mary Cordato, PhD., Secretary & Historian, Tent #36; Ron Trista

NEW YORK CIVIL WAR OFFICER WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ENGINEER, by Bro. John Goodnough.

Engineers and railroaders made up a sizable group of Civil War officers who served from New York State. Likely one of the largest stemmed from those who received their professional educations at such institutions West Point on the Hudson River, and to a much lesser extent Norwich University over in Vermont. Still others came up through the "school of hard knocks," learning their professions from private tutelage, experience and taking advantage of "windows of opportunity." Among them were Col. Daniel C. McCallum, who shared heading of the U.S. Military Railroads with Col. Herman Haupt for a time, and Col. Julius Walker Adams, who was an organizer of the 67th NY Infantry.

In his pre-war career, Adams was credited with designing the New York & Erie Railroad's Cascade Bridge, on the grade between Lanesboro, PA and Gulf Summit, NY in the late 1840s. The timber structure, one of very few of its kind, spanned a deep (185 feet) gorge over a length of nearly 200 feet where waters from the surrounding hillsides poured down into a tributary to the Susquehanna River near the NY/PA line. Adams was again heralded with completing design of another major Erie

project, the Starrucca Viaduct, at Lanesboro. It became known as THE BRIDGE OF STONE. Major features were seventeen arches, an average height of about 90 feet above the floor of the valley of Starrucca Creek, and a top width to accommodate double-tracking of the (then) 6-foot gage Erie. Adams had already gone on to other engineering projects when the railroad was frantically looking for another engineer to bring the structure's construction to completion before the portion of the line to Binghamton Road was due to open in December, 1848. He contacted his good friend (and distant relative) James P. Kirkwood, who ably took over supervision of the viaduct's building and saw it through to successful completion. The line was opened to Binghamton as scheduled, and the lives of the two engineers went on.

When the Civil War broke out, Julius W. Adams was an engineer lieutenant in the 4th U.S. Infantry. He was handy when the 67th NY Infantry organized at Brooklyn, NY in June, 1861, and as of the 24th became its Colonel. His service included campaigns and battles such as Yorktown, Seven Pines, the Seven Days and Antietam. He changed hats in late October of 1862, serving briefly in organizing the Second Hawkins Zouaves, a 9-month regiment, and helped lay foundations for what became the 178th NY Infantry. He briefly oversaw consolidation of the Zouaves with the 3rd Merchants

Brigade to form the Blair Rifles. The term of service was extended to three years. By summer of '63 he had resigned from active duty, but lent a hand to help set up shelters around Brooklyn for people caught up in the intense violence of the July, 1863 NY Draft Riots.

Both military alumnus Adams and civilian Kirkwood went on to distinguish themselves in the civil engineering profession, and both served in key roles as members of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

A lot on Adams's career can be found in STARRUCCA, THE BRIDGE OF STONE, with first printings authored in the 1970s and 1980s by local writer William S. Young. Recently, the Susquehanna County Historical Society at Montrose, PA has launched another reprinting of the work, as supplies of older versions have fast become exhausted. Brothers interested in such engineering aspects of the Civil War may find it interesting to secure a copy; reprinting is expected to be done by Fall, 2023 and seekers of the new edition can use key words to access the Society's web site.

Passings –



Betty J. Baker, age 78, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at FF Thompson Hospital, after a hard fight with cancer.

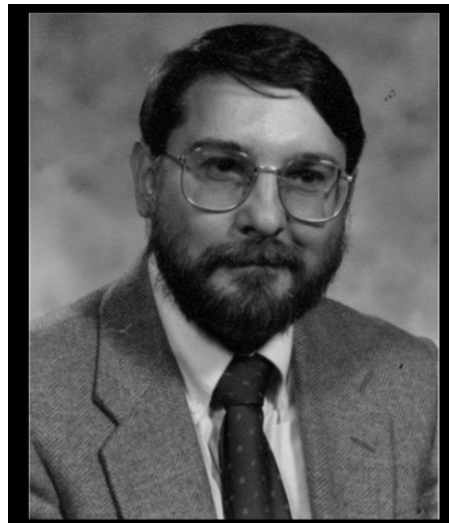
A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Covert Funeral Home in Ovid. Prayers of committal will be held at Ovid Union Cemetery and a reception will be hosted at the Ovid Federated Church. Kindly consider a donation in Betty's memory to the South Seneca Ecumenical Food Pantry, c/o Ovid Federated Church, PO Box 340, Ovid, NY 14521.

Betty was born on April 26, 1944 in Seneca Falls, NY, a daughter of the late Earl Terry and the late Beatrice (nee Doane) Terry Greenwalt. She was a graduate of the Ovid High School class of 1962. She was married to the late Edson W. Baker of Romulus on August 16, 1962. Betty owned and operated Terry's Tastee Freez, later named Rt 96 Diner for many years. She was a lifetime member of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary and held offices on the local, state, and national levels of which she proudly served as President at the State and National level. Betty spent many years working at the South Seneca Ecumenical Food Pantry as a volunteer and director. She was involved in numerous committees at the Ovid Federated Church.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Terry (Wendell) Moore of Ovid, NY and Connie (John) Lucas of Aberdeen, MD; grandchildren, Tammy (Eric) Sloughter, Ninja DeParde, Steven (Jamee) Lucas, and Eric Lucas; son in law, Brian Niver; her great grandchildren, Mathew Moore, Ryleigh Sloughter, Calla Schmeer, Auden Schmeer, Allison Morter, Daniel Lucas, Catilin Lucas, Kaedan Lucas, and Mia Lucas; many nieces and nephews; her siblings, James (Pat) Terry of Oklahoma and Beatrice (Joe) Marrone of Ovid, NY and Arizona; and many dear and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, Richard Greenwalt; her

husband; a son, Eddie; a daughter, Brenda; a sister, Sandy; brothers, David and William; and her business partner and longtime family companion, Michelle Langley.

Brother Daniel A. Olson



CAMP MOURNS LOSS OF DANIEL OLSON

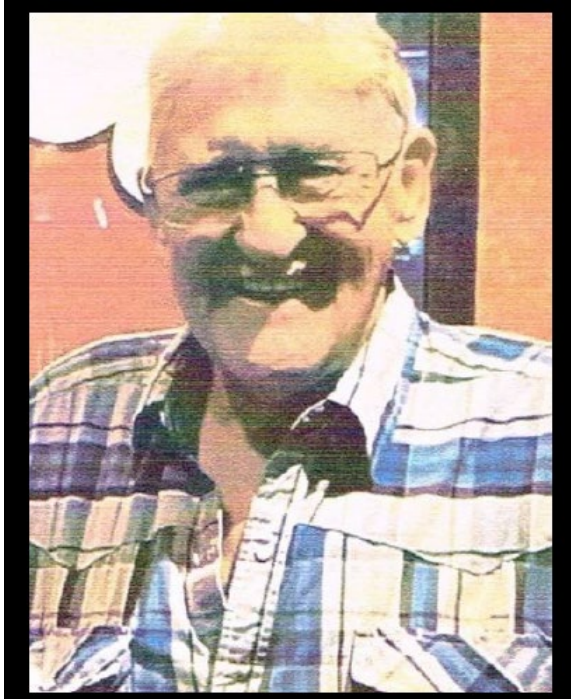
Brother Daniel Olson passed away on August 9, 2022. He was born in 1951 and joined the Order in 1994 based upon his descent from Private Omer Hassen Sutliff, Company I, 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

For nearly 30 years, Brother Olson was one of the most active members of the Camp, serving for more than a decade on the Camp Council, as well as Secretary-Treasurer in 2001, and for several terms as Senior Vice Commander, most recently from 2020 until his death. For many years Brother Olson organized the extensive Memorial Day and Veterans' Day events in Lyons.

After his graduation from college, Dan Olson served in West Africa in the Peace Corps as a Professor of Agriculture. After his return he taught high school while working the family farm. Upon his retirement from Victor Central High School, he taught at Alfred University as an adjunct professor. Dan was active in politics at the local, county, and state levels, as well as in several community organizations.

Dan's father, Herbert V. Olson, a WWII veteran, was a member of the Camp, and Dan's son, Erik Olson, joined in 1998 as the Camp's first Junior Member. In addition to Erik, Jay and Steve Olson are current members of the Camp.

PAST CAMP COMMANDER BRIAN HALLENBECK PASSES AWAY



Past Camp Commander Brian Hallenbeck died on November 23, 2022 in Williamsville, NY. He was born in 1951 and spent his younger days in the Penn Yann, NY area.

Brian joined the Camp in 1988, based upon the service of Surgeon Fletcher Hammond, 126th NY Volunteer Infantry. Brian was a very active member of the Camp, serving in many offices including Camp Commander in 1995, 1996, 2001, and possibly other

years, until he relocated to western New York State in 2001. Brian was also an active member of the 148th New York Reenactment group and participated in many events in NYS and the USA.

Calendar

April 16th- Annual Meeting- Friends of U. S. Grant's Cottage. Saratoga, Wilton Elks Lodge #161. Public welcome. 10:00am. colette@grantcottage.org

April 22 - Headstone Dedication for Franz Huels, Drummer, 46th New York Infantry and gggrandfather of Brother Bill Wagner will be at 11:00 AM on April 22 at Most Holy Trinity Cemetery, Bushwick, Brooklyn.

April 30, 2023 - 201st Birthday Commemoration Ceremony at Grant's Tomb (West 122nd St. & Riverside Drive, Manhattan, NY), Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 11:00 AM -

May 19-21 – Letchworth Park Battle event. Education day on Friday the 18th. Drill of the 126thNYCoA SVR on Saturday the 20th at 11:00. Battles on Saturday and Sunday.

May 20- Marker Dedication, Amtrak Station, Niagara Falls, 12:00pm

May 26th 8:00pm Illumination & Remembrance Ceremony at American Civil War Memorial, 46 Washington St., Waterloo, NY - 148thNYVI-SVR

June 2-4, Battle of Laine's Mill, Canisteo, NY

July 7-9, Battle Event, Delhi, NY (not confirmed)

July 15 - Headstone Dedications at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Flushing, NY is planned for July 15. Bros. Blake McCauley and Dennis Duffy visited the cemetery on February 15 and with amazing help from Joe Smith, Superintendent and Deirdre Poulos of the office staff, discovered three more burials which need headstones. This of course will require more research, but it now appears we will be dedicating six stones rather than the three we were planning on. One of the veterans is Lewis Leimbach of the 20th NY Militia.

July 21-23, Battle Event, Tubbs Park, Lima

August 3-6, 2023, 142nd National Encampment, Nashua, New Hampshire Courtyard by Marriott 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH. 03063

August 19 – Living History - Wayne County Bicentennial - at the Fairgrounds in Palmyra on Saturday between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. They are looking for both CW and Rev. War re-enactors, doing living history. George would like to promote the 111th NYVI.

September 2-3 (tentative) Spangler Springs-Gettysburg NPS Living History Weekend Sept 2 at 10:00 AM to Sunday Sept. 3 at 2:00 PM. Pre-event headcount required. Contact Lt. O'Brien, 126thNYVI-SVR

September 22-24, Battle Event, Angelica, NY

Etcetera

Fighting 69th in Africa. At the January Department meeting it was noted that the 69th Infantry had been activated and deployed to Africa. Department JVC Bill Stump's suggestion that the Department conduct a fundraiser to send care kits to the troops was agreed to. Our Camp raised over \$500 from checks mailed in and cash deposited in the barrel at the January 28th meeting.



Purchasing, packing, & shipping were handled by the Kade Project, named after Sgt. Kade O'Brien, Marine veteran of 2 tours in Fallujah and son of Department SVC Ed O'Brien and his wife Deb. Kade died at age 25 in a tragic motorcycle accident after discharge.



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