



Quarter 2022

# THE VOLUNTEER

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

*(from the Editor)*

The Annual Department Encampment was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Binghamton with 29 voting members attending. Incoming Commander French posted a summary of the minutes through the Department e-mail system. The full minutes and Proceedings will be posted on the NY Department web site when they are completed.

<https://nysuvcw.org/proceedings>

***John Goodnough Receives Award***



John Goodnough received an award for his work for making the arrangements for the 139<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment.

***Past DCs receive awards***

Past Department Commanders Leo McGuire, Richard Straight and Darin Everdyke were given Certificates of Commendation in recognition of outstanding service during the COVID pandemic.



## Memorial Day Observances



Lincoln Camp #6, Lodema Strickland Tent and others at Mt. Hope Cemetery (top), and the Congress Avenue Cemetery in Rochester (above).



On Sunday May 30, as customary, Moses Baldwin Camp participated in the ceremonies jointly hosted by the Village of Hempstead and the Town of Hempstead. Our own brother, retired Brigadier General Bob Guarneri, gave the keynote address and Camp Commander Don McMahon placed our ceremonial wreath at the monument.

## New Flag for U.S. Grant's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday



American 38 star flag with 2" black border ordered for Grant Cottage.

No one sang "Happy Birthday to you", and there was no cake with 200 candles on it, but US Grant's 200 birthday was celebrated by his many friends at the Grant Cottage in Wilton, NY. With sunny spring weather, a number of events went on without a hitch. Tim Welch, President of the Friends of US Grant Cottage, gave the opening remarks before Ernie Belanger, a local veteran's advocate and Roy McDonal, Friends Trustee and veteran, gave short remarks about veteran's activities in the area.

A plaque designating the Cottage as a National Historic Landmark was unvalued by Ben Kemp. It will be mounted on a stone in front of the existing flagpole.

The Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have purchased a new American flag for Grant Cottage. This is a unique flag in that



it has 38 stars with a 2" black border. The flag will fly daily when the cottage is open to the public. This gift is part of the ongoing relationship, built up over the years, between the Camp and Grant Cottage.

The Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 then conducted a flag ceremony, first removing the old 38 star American flag and then replacing it with a new 38 star flag with a 2" black border that the Camp had purchased and donated to Grant Cottage.

Besides the flag, the Camp donated two Civil War cutouts to Grant Cottage that were painted by Brother Keough's wife Barbara.

### ***CAMP ACHIEVES 501(c)3 STATUS, INDEPENDENT OF NY DEPT AND NATIONAL***

The D.G. Caywood Camp received notice from the IRS in late March that it has qualified for 501(c)3 status, effective July 21, 2021. It was necessary for the Camp to apply for this status, independently of that held by the NY Department and the National Organization, due to its consecutive 3-year failure to file 990s a decade ago.

Thanks goes to Bro. Dennis Duffy of Camp #544, who provided much-needed guidance in completing the required paperwork, and without whom it would not have been possible to achieve this goal.

### ***G.A.R. HALL HISTORIC MARKER APPROVED***



*Brother Anton SchwarzmueLLer of Camp #6  
(photo from the recent NY Dept Encampment)*

After many months of research by members of Camp #146 and Brother Anton SchwarzmueLLer, of Lincoln Camp #6, the funding for the proposed historical marker for the G.A.R. Hall was approved by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation on May 13th. The text for the marker was approved by the Seneca County Manager, Mitch Rowe on May 6th.

Many thanks go to Bro. Anton SchwarzmueLLer and Camp Commander O'Brien for doing most of the work to obtain this grant!

### ***New SVR Unit formed.***

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, the first meeting of the 126thNYCoA (SVR) was held in Honeoye Falls.

There has been a conspicuous lack of uniformed, kitted, trained and drilled personnel at many ceremonies, dedications and parades in Central and Western New York. Through the efforts of Ed O'Brien and Daryl VerStreate, the first call for volunteers netted about 16 members.

Ed O'Brien was elected as Lieutenant. Daryl VerStreate will be the Adjutant and Darin Everdyke was appointed as 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.

The Lieutenant will be handling organizational matters, membership, communications, etc. with some clerical duties assigned to his adjutant.

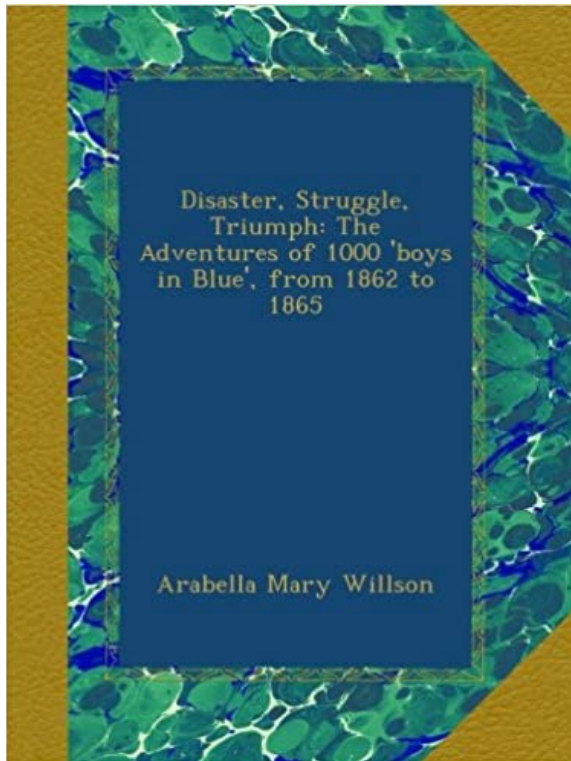
The 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt will be working with members to ensure they have proper kit and are trained in the manual of arms and parade ground formations. We will be taking into consideration the ages and physical conditions of members and altering the activities as appropriate.

The 126thNY was chosen to be honored because of their tragic misfortune in the lead up to the Battle of Antietam. Battleground confusion and conflicting orders put them in a no-win situation, causing them to be publically tagged and shamed, mistakenly, as "the Cowards of Harper's Ferry". The unit then spent the next 2 ½ years almost suicidally seeking to redeem their reputation

on the field of honor in some of the deadliest actions of the war.

For a full treatise on the 126th NY and a detailed explanation of their part in the debacle at Harper's Ferry, read "1000 Boys in Blue" by Arabella M. Willson. (1870) 593 pages.

Any NY Department members interested in joining are encouraged to contact Ed O'Brien at [eobrien1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eobrien1@rochester.rr.com) or Daryl VerStreate at [daryl17374@gmail.com](mailto:daryl17374@gmail.com)



## *Marker Dedicated*



Marker was dedicated at 1pm on June 18, 2022.

Edward Patrick O'Brien, Commander of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, offered these remarks at the dedication:

"Charles Arthur Goheen was born in Groveland, NY. At 19 years old he enlisted in Company G of the 8th New York State Volunteer Cavalry, as a Corporal for a term of 3 years. On August 25, 1861 he rose through the ranks to First Sergeant, later to 2nd Lieutenant and finally to 1st Lieutenant when he mustered out on June 27, 1865. He received the Medal of Honor for Capturing Confederate Lt. General Early's Flag at the Battle of Waynesboro, Virginia. Capturing the flag was important at that time because the placement of regimental flags served as

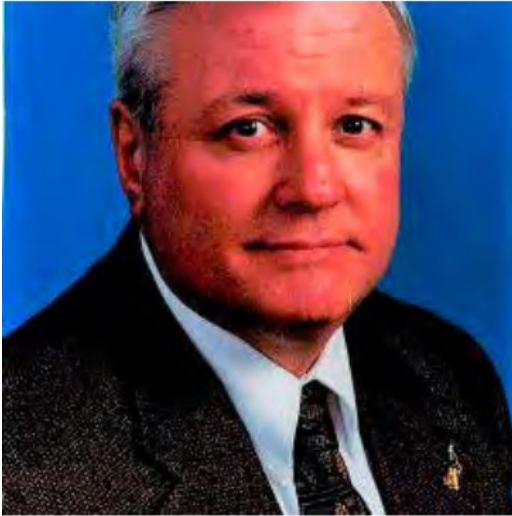
visual communication during Civil War battles. Vocal commands and bugle calls could not be heard on the noisy battlefields, so soldiers were trained to follow the flag.

"The Battle of Waynesboro was fought on March 2, 1865, at Waynesboro in Augusta County, Virginia. It was the final battle for Confederate Lt. General Early, whose force was destroyed. At that time the 8th New York State Cavalry was under the command of General Sherman's Army. And Brigadier General George A. Custer, commanding Third Cavalry Division, was the effective commander of Union forces on the field.

"Charles Goheen married Alida Whitbeck in 1869 and moved to Lima where he worked on the Lima Recorder which was edited by his brother-in-law. Goheen decided to start his own paper and moved to Honeoye Falls where he edited the Honeoye Falls Gazette, until his death in May of 1889 from a wasting disease he contracted while serving in the Cavalry.

"Today it is an Honor to remember him, for his service to our Country in the War of the Rebellion 1861 to 1865."

## *Passings –*



***Douglas James Brown***

Douglas James Brown passed away on March 5, 2022, at the age of 76.

Predeceased by his parents, Donald and Mary [Guido] Brown; father-in-law, Douglas R. Boyd; and brother Donald Brown. Survived by his loving wife Patricia “Patty” [Boyd] Brown; beloved children, Eric (Alice Webb) Brown, Lisa Brown, Katie (Chris Mykins) Brown and Matthew (Dee Benoit) Brown; cherished grandchildren, Doug (Brittany) Schultz, Dillon Schultz, Josh (fiancée Amy Schwartz) Brown and his special little girl Emjay Mykins; mother-in-law, Lois Boyd; sister-in-law, Carolee (Ernest) Brodie; brother-in-law, Stephen Boyd; his four-legged friend, Mandy; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Doug was a Professor and Director Emeritus at Monroe Community College and distinguished Marksman in the US Army Reserve. Doug devoted his nearly 30 year career at MCC to the Student Center, leading numerous campus enhancements to improve the experience of his students, developing community service and leadership programs and teaching in the Health and Physical Education department.

Prior to MCC, Doug was Director of the Town of Ontario Parks & Rec Department, City of Rochester Bureau of Recreation, and Rochester City School District.

As a member of the USAR 98th Division, Doug was a DCST Training Instructor, ensuring reservists could be proficient in using their firearms in combat.

Doug’s Funeral Service took place on Friday March 18th at 11 AM in The Interfaith Chapel of the funeral home. Procession followed to Ascension Garden.



***Bro. George E. Oswald, Jr., 1937-2022***

## **LONGTIME MEMBER GEORGE OSWALD PASSES AWAY AT 84**

Brother George Oswald joined Camp #146 in 1987, being descended from Captain George Conolly of the 105th New York Volunteers. George was also a member of the 148th NY, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), and had been active in re-enacting since 1978.

George was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was active in his community, serving as District Boy Scout Commissioner, as a member of the Hall Volunteer Fire Dept, and in leadership positions in the Zion Lutheran Church of Geneva. He was a



professional corn breeder and an active member of the International Corn Development Association.

Members of Caywood Camp #146 and the 148th NY Infantry, SVR, conducted a Grand Army of the Republic-based graveside service for Brother Oswald on April 30th, attended by many friends and family.



*148<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry, SVR at burial service*

## *Etcetera.....*

### BROTHER NOAH WELLS RECEIVES “DO THE RIGHT THING” AWARD



D. G. Caywood Camp’s only Junior Member, Noah Wells, a 6th Grader in Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School, was recently recognized by the Rochester Police Department. Noah received this award due to his long-time participation in support of the Kade Project, a non-profit which helps those in need in the Honeoye Falls/Mendon area.

In the past year, Noah also raised over \$550 to benefit the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a charity which, with the “Do the Right Thing” award, raises money for childhood cancer research. Noah is also a

member of his school’s Make a Difference Committee.

His Assistant Principal describes him “as a leader among his peers, and very supportive of first responders”.



*(left to right) Monroe County Supervisor Adam Bello,  
City of Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Noah Wells,  
Rochester Police Chief David Smith*

## ***Calendar of Upcoming Events***

***July 2, 2022*** Dedication of the Waltros Headstone. Knox Cemetery, Ouaquaga, NY. With the 137thNYVol Inf. and Ireland Camp #137.

***July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022*** Headstone Dedication for Edward Pryor Van Velsor. 11:00am at Brooklyn's historic Greenwood Cemetery.

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

***August 13-14, 2022,*** Battle event, Dundee VFW field.

***Sept 23-25, 2022*** Battle event, Angelica



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