



1st Quarter 2024

THE VOLUNTEER

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Department of New York**

From Commander O'Brien

At our recent Mid-Year Meeting, Secretary Bob Pugsley again emphasized the importance of filing your Camp Annual Report Forms on a timely basis.

As of publication of this newsletter, the Camp dues are due.

If your Camp's fiscal year ends June 30, 2023, your 990-N Filing Deadline was November 15, 2023. If your Camp's fiscal year ends December 31, 2023 your 990-N Deadline is May 15, 2024. Do not lose your Camp's tax-exempt status by failing to file on time!

In accordance with Department By-Laws, the Certification of Election & Installation

of Camp Officers, Form 22 is due on or before February 15, 2024.

Similarly, in accordance with National Regulations your Camp's Annual Report Form 27, is due on or before April 30, 2024 along with the appropriate per capita payment and an updated Camp Roster with updated member street and email addresses. Remember, the Secretary must, in less than 30 days, reconcile and compile all the Camps' reports into one document that "adds up" at that same time as he is working hard to ensure the upcoming Encampment is a success. The least we can do is file our reports on time.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me, or the Department Secretary if you need help, or you anticipate not making the deadline dates.



'I think we skipped too many meetings.'

Annual Fundraiser

Greetings Brothers,

I write to you, in this season of giving and renewal, to call on your support for the Department of New York.

The department receives just \$6 per member from yearly dues and relies on the generosity of our Brothers to support our many initiatives and the operation of the department. I am proud to relate to you that this past year, the department has allocated \$4000 for the New York State Military Museum to help fund the preservation of precious New York battle flags carried by our ancestors in defense of the republic. The department's yearly Memorial and Monument Grant, designed to support camps' local projects, has been increased from \$500 to \$750. And finally, \$2000 has been set aside by the department to establish a new statewide college scholarship essay contest to inspire the next generation of Civil War historians from New York's high school seniors.

Since November 6, 1883, the SUVCW Department of New York has stood for celebrating and preserving the legacy of the soldiers, sailors, marines and revenue cutter service members who fought for the United States in our Civil War. Stand with us now by sending in your donation today! I feel so strongly that you will rally with me around our flag

and exceed last year's \$2000 goal that I have pledged to match the first \$500 dollars donated.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
William Stump, Senior Vice Commander
Department of New York, SUVCW.

4th of July parade in Candor, NY

Submitted by David Neiss

Brother Jim Russell is a Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander and a 42-year member. As far as I can tell, he is still in Oak Hill Manor in Ithaca. Anyway, in addition to his dues, he included this photo to put in the Banner. It is of him at the July 4th parade in Candor.



Marker dedication in Dalton, NY



Brother Anton Schwarzmuller, Brother Tom Cook and members of the 1st Dragoons attended a marker dedication in the hamlet of Dalton (Nunda) New York. The turnout for the dedication of the historical marker we acquired for the G.A.R. Hall in Dalton was impressive. The ceremony lasted about 45 minutes. Brother Tom Cook played a significant role in preparing the dedication, and five members of the 1st NY Dragoons attended in support. Unfortunately, night came rapidly, resulting in unusable picture quality before the marker was unveiled.



Following the dedication an even larger crowd enjoyed a local railroad history presentation by William Burt in the hall. A variety of free homemade cookies and drink were provided. Brother Tom Cook has posted a video on You Tube of the dedication of the historical marker at the G.A.R. Hall in Dalton, town of Nunda, Livingston Co. We acquired the marker through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtVqZ221os8>



In F., C. & L., Anton.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM IRELAND CAMP #137.

Season's Greetings from our coverage area in South Central New York! As another Winter is imminent, volunteer work continues here with available resources to keep alive memories of men who served in the Union forces during the Civil War. We also wish to keep our Department Brothers apprised of the importance and value of moving along research regards those who comprised over 450,000 enlistments from New York. Well over 90% served in the land forces. Most of the remainder wore uniforms of the U.S. Navy or Marines.

In recent months, Col. David Ireland Camp #137 was with several other groups representing Allied Organizations at commemorative events, exhibits, speaker presentations, headstone dedications, reenactments and related theme programs to keep the public aware of the tremendous hardships and sacrifices endured by the "Boys in Blue" and their fellows. Working closely with President Ella Youngs Peryea and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Tent #2, DUVCW, the local Civil War Round Table, living history reenactment groups, authors, historians and researchers representing several local towns and villages, a lot has been accomplished. We also shared pleasure in assisting our Brothers from Silas Gore Camp #141 in the Athens/Sayre region

of Bradford Co., PA. From the local camp level, communications and outreach were rendered by Commander Ben Gardiner and Brother Will Platt. For the next several months comprising Winter, most of the effort will be decidedly indoors with more researching and writing up biographical sketches of the vets.

In mid-October several of us were on hand for the dedication of a new regulation headstone at the grave of former soldier Lucien Oscar Stowell at Maple Grove Cemetery, comprising about two wooded acres on gentle sloping land near Castle Creek in rural northwestern Town of Chenango, Broome Co., NY. The stone was procured via the Daughters via National Veterans Affairs channels. Stowell was born ca. 1823 at or near Virgil, in neighboring Cortland Co., NY, a son of Lucius and Sally (Ketchum) Stowell. About 1854 he married the former Nancy A. Hulslander; they eventually had a total of seven children.

The Stowells were transplants to the nearby Town of Barker in Broome County by the early 60s. There the family became friends with several local residents, including some families over at Castle Creek. Enlisting from Barker in February, 1864 he was mustered as a Private in Co. E, 50th NY Engineers. As such, he became eligible for Town and County bounties. At the time of muster his physical features

were described thus: Eyes grey; Hair brown; Complexion fair; Height 5' - 9 1/4". While in service he was recognized for certain valuable skills and promoted to the rank of Artificer (date not found). For an unspecified time during the winter of 1864/5, during the prolonged federal Siege of Petersburg, VA, Stowell applied his skills in engineer brigade fabrication, maintenance and instructional facilities at and near Washington, DC. He survived the rigors and hardships of war and was mustered out with his company at Fort Barry, VA on 13 June, 1865.

Returning home virtually unscathed, he resumed tending spouse and family and running a modest farm operation. In October of 1874 he joined Daniel S. Dickinson Post #101, G.A.R. at Castle Creek as a founding member (No. 12 on the roster). Suffering with rheumatism later in life he spent an unspecified amount of time under treatment at the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Bath, NY. Extant records give discharge from the medical facility there on 8 Dec. 1907 at his own request. Spouse Nancy preceded him in death. In retirement Stowell frequently visited at homes of married children and families, passing away on 6 Oct., 1909 at or near Decatur in Otsego Co., NY. Arrangements for burial were made and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Town of Chenango, Broome Co., NY (FindAGrave Memorial #223009525).

The above chronicles a reasonably happy life and a career well served in the military and in the family setting. Brothers, if you haven't already, please consider taking up active research on veterans who served from your home regions. NY Department GRO Brother Dennis Duffy remains hard at work gathering and forwarding information gleaned from 62 New York counties to the National Database per SUVCW Form GR. There's still a long way to go!

Respectfully submitted, in F, C & L,
John Goodnough, SVC/Sec./GRO
Col. David Ireland Camp #137
Binghamton, NY and Environs

Wreaths Across America

Company A/126th NYV Composite SVR Unit, and Lincoln Camp #6 "Wreaths Across America" Mt. Hope Cemetery. Old G. A. R. Civil War Section Dec. 16, 2023.

From left to right are: Corporal, Anton Schwarzmuller, 1st Sgt. Darin Everdyke, Pvt. Noah Wells, 1st Lt. Ed O'Brien, Pvt. Mark Hudson.



Passings

None reported.

Calendar

Paint and Sip Fundraiser --

Paint-n-Gogh will be hosting a fundraiser for Willard Camp 154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on Saturday January 27, 2024. They are located at **114 Milton Avenue in Balston Spa, NY**. This social event will offer wine, beer, cheese, crackers and, most importantly, good company. Special deals are available for cheesecake bites, chocolate truffles, and individual-sized cheese or charcuterie boards. These can be selected when you register for the event at:

Tickets: \$45.00, plus tax \$3.15, total \$48.15

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