



3rd Quarter 2024

THE VOLUNTEER

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

From Department Commander Stump

Brothers,

For those whom I have not yet had the pleasure to meet, I am honored to be serving this year as Department Commander. I hope to touch base with each individual camp in the coming weeks to get an idea of what you all are getting up to. I hope all of you and your respective camps have outstanding Memorial Day events. I would ask that you please send me at least one photo with a brief synopsis of what occurred so that I can share it on the Department Facebook page.

As we prepare to mark the day our ancestors set aside to keep green the memory of the heroes of our republic, I

would share with you an anecdote of one veteran's stand for justice 100 years ago.

Sherlock Foster Black was born in Castle Creek, NY on October 24, 1843 and saw hard fighting with the 27th New York Infantry and the 14th New York Heavy Artillery. On June 17, 1864, he was captured as his regiment was devastated during an assault on the rebel works at Petersburg. Black was sent to the hell of Andersonville Prison and survived a long imprisonment there before being exchanged in April 1865.

After the war, Black returned to Broome County and served in the County Sheriff's Department as a lawman for 50 years including several terms as Sheriff. On May 30, 1924, he found himself in Binghamton confronted with a horrible sight: the Klu Klux Klan (whose New York headquarters

were in that city) were attempting to lay a wreath at the Broome County Civil War monument. The 1920s were the period of the Second Klan, as the organization founded by Confederate veterans had metastasized into the north. The First Klan had been defeated by President Grant and the Reconstruction Era US Army, but their ideology had festered and grown. Grasping his cane, which was made from the stockade of Andersonville Prison, the 80-year-old Black strode towards the klansmen in a rage.

On that day in Binghamton, S. Foster Black swung for the fences. With his cane, the octogenarian scattered the gaggle of a dozen or so white sheet clad goons with a righteous fury before they could desecrate the monument further with their presence. Black was hailed in the local paper for his actions and the story of his stand against the

Klan was reported nationally. Black, former commander of the Joseph J Bartlet Post #108 of the GAR, passed away on January 10, 1928, and is buried in Floral Park Cemetery in Johnson City, New York.

One man with courage makes a majority. Among the toasts on this Memorial Day remember the relentless S. Foster Black and his shout of the battle cry of freedom on and off the battlefield.

William P Stump, NY Department Commander.

Excerpt from the Encampment Committee Report –

The Daughters have locked in our Encampment for 2025 to be at Utica Poly Institute for our business sessions and Banquet and the Holiday Express Inn for our Guest rooms. The Date for the Encampment is 4-6 April 2025.

The committee is now working on securing 2026 Encampment in the Ithaca NY area and the Southeastern region in 2027.

The committee is working diligently to use second-tier locations as it has proven that the cost is substantially reduced for the Allied Orders and our Brothers and Sisters.

New Camp Formed

Hello Leaders/Brothers across the Dept of NY,

Our Camp's date of rank was 16 May 2024. We continue to build.

Below is the name of our camp's Facebook page and a direct link to it.

Sgt. William C. Lilly, Camp #66, Syracuse, NY

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560558260918>

Eventually, I plan to start an Instagram Page of the same/similar name and link the two pages so posts on the Facebook page update Instagram as well.

There is a small amount of content on the page just to introduce the camp and provide an email account which I will monitor.

Brothers, I respectfully request that you Like/Follow our page if you feel so moved. This will help promote it.

Thank you, Brothers.

***Brother Phurriott Henry
Secretary/Treasurer
Sgt. William C. Lilly, Camp #66
Syracuse, NY***

U.S. Grant 202nd Birthday



General Ulysses S. Grant 202nd Birthday Commemoration Sunday, April 28, 2024

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was the last ceremony of the week for the National Park Service to Commemorate 202nd Anniversary of the birth of President and General Ulysses S. Grant. The ceremony was held at the General Grant National Memorial on West 122nd St. and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, NY on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

I wish to thank the following people and organizations for their participation: Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, NY Dept. Treasurer, New York Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Hope Parker PDP, New York Department Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Lynne Dolan, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the

Civil War 1861-1865; Eileen Sleckman. PDP, New York Dept. Secretary, DUVCW 1861-1865; Janice Laulett-Weinmann, President, Greenpoint Monitor Museum and Auxiliary SUVCW; Bro. Frank Scaturro, President, Grant Monument Association; Hon. Robert J. Amsler, Dept. Commander. U.S. Grant Camp, SUVCW, Department of Missouri; The Knights Templar. BG., NY Guard (Ret) David J. Warager, Esq., BG., US Army, (Ret) Baron John T. Digilio, Jr., SFC Ruben Vega, Aide-de-Camp, (US Army), & Anthony Mele; Thomas Principe, BG Ret. NYARNG, Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Association & Patrick Falci, Past President of The Civil War Round Table of New York. Thanks Pat!

Special Thanks to John Gregor, JVC, Steven Lally, Sergeant-at-Arms, Mark Goret, Charles Lirio, Treasurer, Bro. Bill & Eva Webb, Marc Hermann, Chaplain, Sister Janice Lauletta-Weinmann and Arthur P. Kirmss SVC & PI (Singer, guitar & Civil War flute) for providing the music for the event.

In addition, special thanks to 1st Lt. John Portanova, Co. I 83rd NYV (9th NYSM) SVR for leading the Color Guard and Major McKinley Camp #9, New Hampshire & Past Department Commander Michael C. Shklar, Department of New Hampshire SUVCW Auxiliary Color Guards. We thank them all for their participation in this special event.

During the ceremony, Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, NY Dept. Treasurer, PDC, SUVCW with Marc Hermann, Tilden Camp Chaplain initiated the following new members into the Oliver Tilden Camp: Randell Hammond, Andrew Sherman, Vincent Romano and Joseph Kelley. Congratulations to them and to Brother Seve Lally for being the recipient of the 2024 Bob Wilder Lord "*Patriot of the Year*" award.

This year, the program was dedicated to Oliver Tilden Camp Past Commander James Allen Grismer, Past New York Dept. Commander who passed away on July 3, 2023 in Georgia. He will be missed!

Oliver Tilden Camp SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, JVC John Gregor and Commander George J. Weinmann, PDC co-hosted the event. The 2024 General Grant Memorial Committee thanks the National Park Service (Manhattan Sites) and everyone for making the event once again very successful!

Oliver Tilden Camp looks forward to seeing you next year for the 203rd Birthday Commemoration of President and General Ulysses S. Grant!

Green Point Monitor Museum



Brother George Weinmann and wife Janice.

The Greenpoint Monitor Museum was honored again to be the Color Guard for PS 34's 75th Anniversary of their Flag Day Ceremony.



Marker Dedicated in Hunt



Bro. Anton Schwarzmuller, Livingston County Historian Holly Watson, Nunda Historian Lorraine Rocker, Bro. Ed O'Brien PDC

Lincoln Camp Acquires Historical Marker for G.A.R. Hall in Hunt, Livingston County

On April 27, 2024, a free-standing National Register of Historic Places marker was dedicated for the 1880 G.A.R. Memorial Hall at 966 Main Street in the tiny hamlet of Hunt in the town of Portage, Livingston County, not far from the south end of Letchworth State Park. Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 acquired a grant for the marker

from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. Brothers Anton Schwarzmuller and Tom Cook spoke at the dedication. Department Commander Edward P. O'Brien and Camp Commander Darin Everdyke supported the ceremony under the mission of Company A, 126th NY composite of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The 1st NY Dragoons assisted. Important locals who were present were Lorraine Rocker, town of Portage Historian; Holley Watson, Livingston County Historian; and Commander Bob Ellsworth and Clyde Clancy of Arland-Kelley Post 1569 of the American Legion which owns the 1888 G.A.R. Hall in nearby Dalton.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation offers different historical marker program grants. The two grant programs that Abraham Lincoln Camp has successfully procured markers from are the New York State History program and the National Register of Historic Places program. The grants cover 100% of the cost of the marker, the post for the marker, and shipping from the manufacturer.

Upon learning that the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Hunt lacked a historical marker, brother Anton Schwarzmuller, with the consent and assistance of his camp, began the process of acquiring the grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for the marker. To be eligible to apply, Lincoln Camp had to provide the IRS 501(c)(3) designation letters to the Foundation. The Foundation already had this documentation

on file for Lincoln Camp from our first grant application in 2021. The National IRS exemption letter from 2020 is on the SUVCW website. National Treasurer D. Michael Beard provided additional documentation to show that Lincoln Camp is exempt as a subordinate organization.



Written permission from the property owner to install a historical marker is essential. The G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Hunt is owned by the town of Portage. Brother Schwarzmuller contacted the town Historian, Lorraine Rocker, with the assistance of the Nunda Historical Society of the adjacent town. Ms. Rocker presented our offer to the town Supervisor and Board. They accepted, and the town Supervisor provided Lincoln Camp with a letter of permission to install the marker. We

explained that the actual installation would be the responsibility of the town.

The Foundation requires a copy of the original National Register of Historic Places designation documentation. Depending on when the designation was conveyed, the documentation is available online with either the National Park Service (1960s and from about 2014 onward) or the National Archives (early 1970s through about 2013). Very recent designations typically take some years to appear on the National Parks website. The ID number for a National Register of Historic Places site can be found in Wikipedia. The ID number is used to find the documentation online on the National Park Service website or National Archives website, whichever has it available.

The New York State History marker grant program offered by the Foundation is very challenging and the grant application window opens once a year per “region” within the state as defined by the Foundation. In contrast, the National Register of Historic Places grant program is always open for submitting applications. Its scope is national. The text of the markers in this program follows a template. The title of the site is taken directly from the National Register, as is the year of designation. Note that is not about applying for property placement on the National Register. This is about acquiring a grant for a marker for a place on the National Register that does not yet have a marker.

Our grant application for the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Hunt was approved in 2022. The Foundation mailed the grant check to the camp with instructions and an order form for the manufacturer. The Foundation designates the manufacturer. For this marker, the manufacturer was Sewah Studios in Ohio. The instructions state to deposit the grant check in our account and write a check from the camp for the exact same amount to the manufacturer. The time from mailing the check and order form, to shipping the completed marker, was months. It depends on the number of backlogged orders being filled by the manufacturer. For the shipping address, we consulted with Ms. Rocker and had it shipped directly to her.

As it happened, the town of Portage had received grant money from New York State for remedial work on the hall. Installation and dedication of the marker was delayed by this necessary work. Water was removed from the basement. Grounds work was done to prevent water seepage. Some asbestos was removed. The front doors were removed, restored, and reinstalled. The grant monies expired before the town could find a contractor to build an accessibility ramp to the rear door at an affordable price. With some major work done, and no future work scheduled, it was time to install and dedicate the marker.



Interior view of the GAR hall.

To date, Lincoln Camp has acquired five historical marker grants from the Foundation. We show our appreciation by reading their congratulatory letter at marker dedications, and we provide images of the installed marker as they request and require.



Members of the 1stNY Dragoons, Lincoln Camp #6 and 126thNYSVR



Brother in distress- (repeat from 2nd Quarter edition)

Brothers - an SUVCW Brother, member of the D. G. Caywood Camp # 146, Ovid NY, is in distress. I'm asking you all to please consider donating to Brother Jim Griffith who lost everything in a tragic fire including his home and pet. Make checks payable to James Griffith and mail them to myself: Edward O'Brien, PO Box 69, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472. I will then forward them to Brother Griffith. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

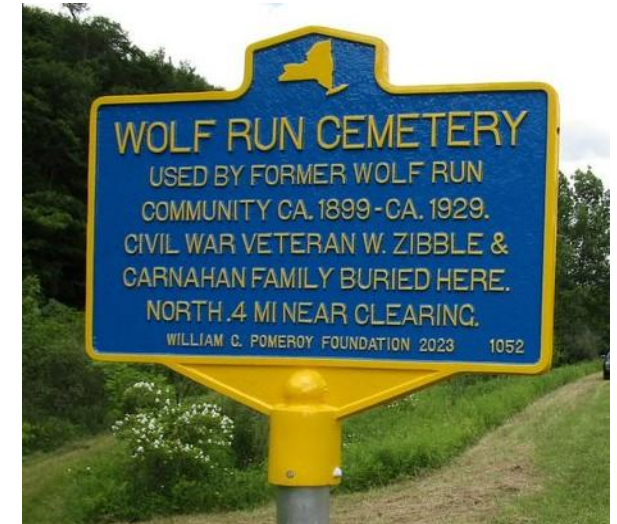
Edward O'Brien, PDC

A Brother -

(n.) A person who is there when you need him; someone who picks you up when you fall; a person who sticks up for you when no one else will; a brother is always a friend.



Marker Dedicated in Allegeny



On June 8, 2024, members of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 and composite Company A, 126th SVR participated in the dedication of a historical marker in Allegany State Park by the Allegany State Park Historical Society. The park is in Cattaraugus County. The marker was acquired through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy foundation, applied for by brother Anton Schwarzmuller of Lincoln Camp. The marker is for Wolf Run Cemetery, also known as Carnahan Cemetery and Elko Cemetery. The

cemetery is a .4-mile hike off Wolf Run Road in an undeveloped area of the park. There is one veteran in the cemetery.



William H. Zibble served in Pennsylvania Independent Company C, “Warren’s Rifles”, for Warren County, PA. He was born in 1833 in Little Valley, Cattaraugus County, NY. The unusually unnumbered unit was the result of an oversubscription of recruits for the 145th Regiment.

Private Zibble suffered an injured hip in 1864 upon being thrown by a horse while drilling in Virginia. William Zibble was a farmer on Wolf Run Road, where he died in his home in 1913. He had been a member of Henry F. Whipple G.A.R. Post #651 in Onoville, NY, across the Allegany River from Wolf Run. The post closed the year after he died. The Allegany River here became part of the Allegany Reservoir created by the Kinzua Dam in Pennsylvania in 1965.

According to Bates’ history, Independent Company C was mustered in on September 9, 1862, at Harrisburg. Its accomplishments included picking up 150 Confederate stragglers of Antietam, provost duty in various Pennsylvania counties and in Washington, picket duty in defense of Washington in 1864, and guarding prisoners at Alexandria, escorting 10,000 deserters back to the front. The unit was mustered out on July 20, 1865.

David Zibble travelled from Illinois for the marker dedication. He is a great great grandson of Albert Zibble, brother of William Zibble. Albert,

Lewis and Thomas Jefferson, were brothers of William. All three also served in the Civil War. As provided by Lincoln Camp, David Zibble set a Grand Army of the Republic flag holder and a flag at graveside for William Zibble. David Zibble will soon be a member of Lincoln Camp.



L to R – 1stSgt Darin Everdyke 126thNYSVR, David Zibble, Cpl. Anton Schwarzmueller 126thNYSVR

The existence of this relatively small cemetery came to the attention of Brother Schwarzmueller from a YouTube video by Paul Crawford who has since added three more

YouTube videos of the Wolf Run area. The videos helped convince the W.G. Pomeroy Foundation to approve the grant for the marker.

With the creation of Allegany State Park in 1921, the state began buying land in this area to add to the park. The Carnahans sold out in 1935.



The cooperation of Park Manager Christopher Tripoli was critical for the grant application and installation of this historical marker. It would have been no surprise if the ASP Historical Society had been dismissed in presenting the crazy proposal of seeking a grant for a historical marker for a small and almost lost cemetery in the woods, off a remote and vacant dead-end road.

Let us hope that this marker helps to save Wolf Run Cemetery from disappearing. Having one more veteran's grave become lost is one too many.

The Memorials and Monuments Committee has \$750.00 grants available. Applications may be found on the Department Website and must be submitted between June 1 and February 28 of each year.

Etcetera-



New bunting and dusk-to-dawn lighting installed by Brother Harold Bush, PCC at the G.A.R. Hall in Ovid

Passings-

Robert Keough



Robert P. Keough August 23, 1942—April 11, 2024

Robert was born and raised in Syracuse, NY to Catherine (Ryan) and Joseph Keough, and older brother Richard. Robert spent his adult years in Alfred, Rochester, and Long Lake, NY.

After graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology with his BFA in Photography,

Robert joined the Navy and trained to be an officer in the USNR. After a year assigned out of Norfolk, VA his second ship the US Tutuila, a large repair ship was sent to Vietnam. As a navigation officer, deep sea diver, and recovery officer he had many varying experiences. Robert returned to RIT for a Masters in Fine Arts in Graphic Design. As a graduate student, he started off his life of teaching in which he held two full professorships and was awarded professor emeritus at retirement.

From 1969 to 1983 Robert was at Alfred State College in the Engineering College where he helped establish an early computer design program. Robert finished his last 19 years teaching at RIt where he again helped establish the Computer Design program in the Fine Arts Master program. Robert enjoyed students from all over the world.

During these years he also taught many summer workshops as the technology grew. Robert so enjoyed being on the International faculty of the Banff School in Alberta, Canada teaching photography. He did a Visiting Professorship at Indiana State in Terre Haute. There he met a faculty member who was added to the family, Nancy Ciolek.

Robert loved the history of photography, the Arctic, the US Civil War, American History, and Irish history ancient and present. With his love of history, he was

part of an Albany area Civil War naval reenactment group in the early 2000s and later became an active member of the Sons of the Union Veterans Camp Willard #154. They would tend graves in the Albany rural and Troy cemeteries.

Robert was an active member of the Lions of Long Lake for many years, a member of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Hamilton County, and a member of the Long Lake Historical Society. In connection with his varied interests, he was a member of several naval historical societies.

Robert loved to dive into projects of research and in all these, he would make friends of like interests. There were many former students he stayed close to, especially Dave Davis of Baltimore.

Retirement brought Robert the time to work on his computer art, often montages of images and designs. These were a joy for him to create and a joy for others to view. Robert loved spending his retirement years in Long Lake with its beauty. Always finding new interests through friends he'd visit every morning at the Stewart's Shop. Long Lake was home.

Barbara Kellogg Keough and Robert were married for 59 years and as best friends one was not often seen without the other. Together they raised three daughters with

happy times and adventures as a close family.

Robert is survived by his wife Barbara, and daughters Lydia Keough Walter (Thomas) of Rochester, NY, and Althea Guss (Jamie) of New York City. With six grandchildren and one great-grandson, Robert was brought the joys of being a grandfather. These include Erin Roelle (Thomas), Luna Walter, Catherine Walter, Connor Millar, Lucy Guss, Annabel Guss, and great-grandson Devin Roelle. Also, survived by a dear cousin Linda Fiumara, and nieces and nephews in Syracuse and Florida. Robert was predeceased by his brother Richard Keough and daughter Ursula Keough. Internment will be in late summer.

The family would like to thank the C. R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital, especially Dr. C. Mason and the nurses and staff.

Walter Gable



Regrettably, we lost one of our long-term Brothers, a member of the D. G. Caywood Camp # 146 and SVR Unit Company A, 126 NYV Composite, Walter Gable, the other day in his battle with Cancer. You are missed, Sir.

Walter J. Gable, 77 died May 16, 2024 following a battle against cancer.

Walter was born November 16, 1946 in Seneca Falls, N.Y., the son of Irving J.

Gable and Elma S. Demont Gable. Friends and family may call Sunday, (June 9), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sanderson-Moore Funeral Home, Inc, 32 State Street, Seneca Falls. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

He was a 1964 graduate of Romulus High School and went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University. A life time resident of Seneca County, Walter taught high school social studies for 32 years at Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls. He was president of the New York State Council For Social Studies, and he accompanied many students to Washington, D.C. in his work with the Model United Nations Club. Continuing in his role as educator, Walter took up the post of Seneca County historian and served the community for twenty years. He was especially proud of the project to restore several roadside historic markers across the county. As historian, Walter hosted a podcast, "Our Finger Lakes History", he authored articles for his Finger Lakes Times Column, "Way Back When in Seneca County," and published three books: Seneca County and the Civil War," "The Seneca Army Depot: Fighting Wars from the New York Home Front," co-authored with Carol Zogg; and "Historic Tales of Seneca County, New York. Walter stepped down from his historian position in December 2023 due to health concerns.

Walter was recognized as Distinguished Social Studies Educator in New York State in 2000, and he was awarded the Seneca Falls Community Service Award in 2013.

Walter was an avid music lover and played piano during Sunday services at Varick United Methodist Church, and later at the First United Methodist Church of Seneca Falls. He was a member of the Wurlitzer Organ Society and held presentations in a booth at the New York Fair for several years.

Walter is survived by several nieces and nephews: Lori Gable of Fairport, N.Y.; Kim Gable Mains (Ken) of Romulus, N.Y.; Tammy Gable McCullough (Chris) of Brockport, N.Y.; Lisa Gable Ridgley (Michael) of Oldsmar, Florida; Dallis Gable, Jr. (Cathy), and several great nieces and nephews: Brandon Lewis (Michelle), Mitchell Gable, Grace Gable, Payton Ridgley (Austin Engelhardt), Shelby Bell (Greg), Ashley McDonald (Justin), Theo Storrs, and Cheyenne McCullough; as well as many great-great nieces and nephews: Silas Gable, Callie Bell, Jayden Bell, Elizabeth McDonald, Emma McDonald, Faith McDonald, Pryce Engelhardt, and Ethan Lewis.

Walter is predeceased by brothers George I. Gable, Wayne D. Gable, and Bruce M.

Gable. Walter's brother Dallis C. (Marian) Gable of Romulus passed away just days after Walter on May 20,2024.

Memorial contributions in Walter's honor may be made to Oak Hill Cemetery Association; P.O. Box 134, Romulus, N.Y. 14541, the Reconciling Ministries/Social Justice Committee or at the First United Methodist Church of Seneca Falls, P.O. Box 446, Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148.

Calendar-

Battle at the Crossroads, Lima 7/19-21

Event in Belfast, NY 8/9-11

Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua, NY 9/5-9

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Department Encampment- April 4-5 2025, Utica Poly Institute



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