



4th Quarter 2026

THE VOLUNTEER

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

Brothers and Sisters of the Department of
NY

The 2027 Encampment will be in
Kingston, NY from 30 April to 2 May.

Guest rooms are \$109 per night plus state
and local tax at the Regency Inn. Meeting
rooms for all three Allied Orders are \$250
for Saturday only. Banquet is \$68.40 per
person. The savings from the guest rooms
per person will offset the Banquet cost and
still yield a savings overall for all our
members.

In F, C, & L
Brother French DC

**Pictures from the August 22nd dedication
of the 111thNY Monument in Lyons.**

Videos of the parade and full ceremony
were posted on YouTube by spectators:
(copy and paste)

[https://www.facebook.com/waynehistory/
videos/28585061844489761/](https://www.facebook.com/waynehistory/videos/28585061844489761/)

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*Commander French and the Ladies of the DUVCW
lay a wreath.*



Department SVC Schwarzmuller lays a wreath on behalf of Hicks and Lincoln Camps



The firing party marches in – 148thSVR, 126thSVR and friends.



Some of the Department of NY participants.



New Members- Secretary Pugsley has submitted the following list of new members of the Department of New York.

Camp Name	First Name	Last Name	Status Description
Osbon Camp 150	Michael	Daly	Associate
Sgt Judson Hicks, Camp 111	Gabriel	Shelton	Member
Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124	Craig	Babcock	Member
Walter H. French Camp 17	Terry	Evans	Member
Col George L Willard Camp 154	Gary	Comley	Member
Osbon Camp 150	William	Stump IV	Junior
Bradley S Osbon	John	Davis	Member
Walter H. French Camp 17	James	Bond	Member
Moses A Baldwin Camp 544	William	Barto	Member
Sgt William C. Lilly	John	Dunn	Member
Moses A Baldwin Camp 544	James	Bogle	Member
Moses A Baldwin Camp 544	Robert	Bogle	Member
Sgt Judson Hicks, Camp 111	Tyler	Maybe	Junior
Sgt William C. Lilly	David	Hinds	Member
Sgt Judson Hicks, Camp 111	Christin	Barton	Member
Osbon Camp 150	William	Stump	Member
Col George L Willard Camp 154	Michael	Kipp	Member
Col George L Willard Camp 154	Gordon	Thompson	Member
Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124	Daniel	Myers III	Member
Col George L Willard Camp 154	Cole	Recor	Member
Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124	Leigh	Barnard	Member
Osbon Camp 150	Dennis	Rosenfeld	Member
Col. David Ireland Camp 137	John	Dennison	Member
Sgt Judson Hicks, Camp 111	Eugene	Bavis	Member
Col George L Willard Camp 154	Theodore	Loshbaugh	Member
Col George L Willard Camp 154	James	McElhinney	Member
Walter H. French Camp 17	Alexander	Walts	Member
Sgt William C. Lilly	Andrew	Miledonis	Member
Walter H. French Camp 17	James	Gregory	Member
Moses A Baldwin Camp 544	Robert	Bogle	Member
Moses A Baldwin Camp 544	Richard	Pawelkiewicz	Member
Sgt Judson Hicks, Camp 111	Parker	Maybe	Member
Sgt William C. Lilly	Walter	Upham Jr	Member
Phineas Catlin Camp 341	Edwin	Arnold	Member
Oliver Tilden Camp 26	George	Dunston, Jr	Member

Grant's Casket Flag to Hang in Grant Cottage.



In an Incredible piece of good news, on August 1, The Friends of Grant Cottage announced that their \$50,000 bid at auction was sufficient for them to buy the 38-star flag which draped Ulysses S. Grant's casket in 1885 so the flag will soon be exhibited at Grant Cottage. Grant Cottage is a New York State Historical Site which has recognition as a National Historic Landmark and is the place where Grant completed his memoirs and died. It is located on Mount McGregor in the Town of Wilton, just north of Saratoga Springs, New York on a site originally developed as a resort hotel (the cottage was part of the resort which burned down), then by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as a TB sanitarium for its employees, then a recuperation center for WWII veterans, then a residential school for children with

disabilities and, finally, a minimum security prison which is now closed.

Back in 1885 the flag was given to Mrs. H.H. Hathorn just 19 days after Grant's burial, as her husband Henry had loaned his Mount McGregor cottage for Grant's final use. Since then, it was passed down or sold through private hands. It has not been made public who consigned it to Alexander Historical Auctions.

The Friends of Grant Cottage is fundraising furiously so they can pay the bill. Their address is - Friends of Grant Cottage, PO Box 2294, Wilton, NY 12831 and their website is <https://www.grantcottage.org/>

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Lilly Camp Dedication



On 15 Aug 2026, the Sgt. William C. Lilly Camp #66 of Syracuse, NY performed their first event, a headstone re-dedication at the Fort Hill Cemetery in Auburn, NY. The re-dedication honored Union Civil War Soldier, Corporal David B. Robbins.

CPL Robbins served in Co. C of both the 1st and 2nd District of Columbia Infantry. Robbins was born in Corning, NY in 1839 and began his service in 1861. His unit fought at Harper's Ferry in May of 1862, and he then served as a sharpshooter in the Battle of Cedar Mountain and the Second Battle of Bull Run. He was promoted to corporal in 1863, and married Arianna Absolom, of Maryland, two years later.

The headstone re-dedication was a great success. It could not have happened without the support, contributions, and attendance of many great folks.

The effort received support from Superintendent Gerald Delfavero, the Auburn Police Department, and the Fort Hill Cemetery Staff. The event was attended by Corporal Robbins' great-great granddaughter, Margaret Simpson of Kentucky, her cousins, Lynn Court and Bob Fayner of Auburn. Unfortunately, Corporal Robbins' other great-great granddaughter, Elizabeth Grauwelman of Ohio, could not attend and the Camp wished her well and kept Elizabeth in their thoughts during the ceremony.

Camp #66 Secretary/Treasurer, Brother Phurriott Henry, was Master of Ceremonies, Brother M. "Murph" Murphy lead prayers as Camp Chaplain, and Brother Christopher Krecidlo read the poem, "The Unknown Dead."

During the ceremony, distinguished guests included, Sister Ella Peryea, NY Dep't President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW), who laid a rose near the headstone; Brother Anton SchwarzmueLLer, NY Dep't Senior Vice Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), who offered brief remarks; Brother Jerry Orton, NY Past Dep't Commander (PDC), NY Dep't SUVCW, who fired musket volleys with the 149th New York Volunteer Infantry Syracuse, NY skirmish Team; Sister Diane Theetge, Past President, NY Dep't Auxiliary to SUVCW, who laid a wreath of grapevine near the headstone; Brother Jason

Wolczanski, Camp Commander, Homer Searle Camp #114, SUVCW, who laid a wreath of evergreen near the headstone; and Camp #66 Commander, Robert G. Harrington, who planted a flag near the headstone in a G.A.R. marker.

Camp #66's Brother R. David Neiss, Past Camp Commander (PCC) (#146), was the Officer of the Day, and his nephew, Alex Rappleye-Neiss, was the Guard of Honor, and Alex was very professional and sharp while executing his duties as the guard. Brother R. David Neiss's leadership and coordination were key to the success of Camp 66's first event.



Camp #66's Brother Christopher Krecidlo and his spouse, Stacy Krecidlo, and their daughter, Allison Krecidlo, who are all members of the 149th New York Volunteer Infantry Syracuse, NY Skirmish Team, contributed a firing party that rendered honors by firing three 4-round volleys from period correct muskets. Brother Jerry

Orton, PDC, was the fourth member of their firing party. Brother Christopher's other daughter, Liz, was also in attendance.



"From The Citizen, Auburn, NY, 17 Aug 2026, Katy McCumber."

Sisters from the Julia Hibbard Tent #71, DUVCW attended the event: Sister Evelyn Adkinson, Sister Dorothy Prentise (2026 recipient of the Dr. Mary Walker Award), and Sister Marlene Utter. Sister Colleen Casey attended from Auxiliary to SUVCW #72 – Ovid, NY. Other members of these sister's families were present as well.

The event was organized by the Camp #66 Remembrance Committee who were, Brother R. David Neiss, PCC (#146) and Committee Chairman; Brother Christopher Krecidlo; Brother David Hinds; and Brother Andrew Miledonis. The event would not have been possible without their efforts, especially the leadership of Brother R. David Neiss. Brother David Hinds' mother, Joni Hinds, attended as well. Ms. Hinds is a member of the Cleveland Historical Society and the Cleveland Village Historian.

After the event, several attendees went to the Prison City Pub & Brewery nearby for some food, refreshments, fun, fellowship and lighthearted conversation.

Camp #66 was very appreciative of the generous donation the family gave to the camp. The event was covered by local reporter, Katy McCumber. Ms. McCumber's article and video were published in The Citizen, Auburn, New York, 17 August 2026, "Auburn family of Civil War vet holds 'the service that should have been provided to him' at Fort Hill."

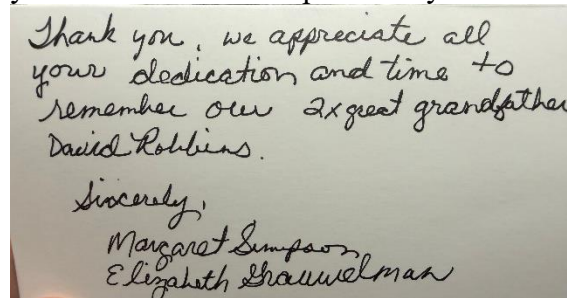


Thank you to all who contributed and attended. A special thanks to the Remembrance Committee, and to Brother R. David Neiss for his leadership and the success of this event.

Facebook Link –

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HUweaKEpT/>

We received a generous donation from the family, too. Below is a picture of their "thank you" card. I will send them a thank you and donation receipt Monday.



Warm Regards,
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Brother Phurriott Henry
Secretary/Treasurer, Camp GRO,
Historian
Sgt. William C. Lilly, Camp #66, Syracuse, NY
SUVCW New York Dept. Council & Dept Counselor
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560558260918>

Interesting story-

I thought you would be interested in this. It is remarkable a headstone was delivered to Thailand and sometimes we cannot get one here in our country. By boat?

Jerry Orton

(In a letter sent to Brother Jerry)

Good morning, Jerry,

How are you doing? How is everything going? I know it has been a while since we spoke but I wanted to give you an update on everything in Thailand with George Dupont, the American Civil War veteran buried in Bangkok.

Through the collaboration of Kathy Bower of the Women's Relief Corps and Dennis Duffy of the Sons of Union Civil War Veterans the headstone arrived in Thailand on July 3, 2026. The headstone was installed on July 16, 2026, and flowers were placed on the grave by members of the Bangkok Protestant Cemetery on July 18, 2026, the 126th anniversary of Dupont's death.

Kathy Bower filled out the paperwork for the headstone and Dennis provided Dupont's pension and service records. Kathy also served as a liaison between Thai-American Senator Tammy Duckworth and

Bangkok Protestant Cemetery Secretary Wonwimon Chimaha. Most recently, Dennis made contact with an American Legion post in Thailand and it is the hope of all of us that a small ceremony can be arranged to formally dedicate the headstone. My part? Well, I suggested that we obtain a new headstone and I have been writing a few articles on Dupont in the hope that we can publish them in the Banner and the Women's Relief Corps newsletter. I know that I did not play as important of a role as the others but I feel proud to have at least contributed in a small way and to have been a part of this project.

It is my hope that I can continue to research Civil War Veterans buried abroad. Through Dennis' help there are several known Civil War veterans buried in China however, their exact burial location is unknown. It is known that several Civil War veterans are buried in Japan however, they were victims of a ship wreck in 1870 and are buried in a mass grave. It is my hope to continue researching this and hopefully we can continue to keep their memory alive for generations to come. I enjoy the work that the England chapter of the Sons of Union Civil War veterans has done and they seem to do an amazing job at preserving their memory.

Many Thanks
Michael Naya, Jr.

Twenty-one New Headstones



On August 1, 2026 the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 led by Commander Don McMahon conducted a ceremony dedicating 21 new headstones for previously unmarked graves in the Town of Hempstead's Greenfield Cemetery in Uniondale, NY. Seventeen of the new stones were for Civil War veterans while two each were for veterans of the Spanish American War and WWI. Over the last 5 years the Moses A. Baldwin Camp has obtained and set in nine different cemeteries an incredible total of over 100 Veterans Administration headstones.

Catherine Ruzika, gggranddaughter of George Keep one of the honorees was there to unveil his stone.

Scout Troop 116, Valley Stream provided the color guard. The 14th Brooklyn Historical Society and Co. K, 67th NY made up the rifle detail

Marie Houanche, Chaplain, William Clinton Story American Legion Post #342 of Freeport represented the Legion.

Bill Mason of the Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW was the Chaplain

Town of Hempstead Deputy Supervisor Dorothy Goosby made her third appearance at one of the Baldwin Camp's events.

Attendees donated a total of \$162 for conservation of the battle flags in the collection of the New York State Military Museum



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Sgt. Lilly Camp works in 2 Cemeteries



Sgt. William C. Lilly, Camp #66, Syracuse, NY performs headstone maintenance.

In July, Brother David Hinds visited the Feeler Family Cemetery in Cleveland, Oswego, NY and cleaned the headstones of **Edward B. Wilson**, Private, Co. B, 5th Massachusetts Cavalry (Colored), and **Henry H. Feeler**, Private Co. I, 29th

Connecticut Infantry (Colored). Henry was also a member of the H.L. Farmer Post 16 G.A.R. in Cleveland, NY. Brother David will return for a second round of cleaning to get Henry's headstone right. Both headstones have fresh flags, and a G.A.R. marker was added to Henry's headstone. In parallel, Brother Phurriott Henry colorized and enhanced an H.L. Farmer Post 16 G.A.R. photograph (with Henry Feeler in it). Brother David will use that picture of Henry to support creation of a 'Hometown Hero Banner' that will be displayed on the streets of Cleveland, NY in honor of Henry's service.

In Sep 2026, Camp #66 performed their first 'group' headstone cleaning event. The effort occurred in the Morgan Meeting House Cemetery off Wetzel Road in the Town of Clay, Onondaga, NY. Brothers David Hinds, Phurriott Henry, and Jerry Orton (PDC, and NY Dep't Historian), and their camp's guest, Chris Berry, all contributed to the headstone maintenance. The brothers came from Cleveland, Liverpool, and Syracuse, NY and their guest came from Pennellville, NY. In all they cleaned 8 headstones, added a marker and flag to a newly discovered Civil War veteran's grave, replaced several flags, and secured marker stars to their posts. The Town of Clay Historian, Jeff Snow, met our volunteers in the cemetery, asked many questions and took pictures of their efforts.

Jeff Snow has written articles for the local Eagle News. The headstones that were cleaned honored the following veterans:

Union Civil War veterans

George L. Dutcher, CPL, Co. H. 14th U.S Infantry

John G. Houck, PVT Co. C., 101st New York Infantry, and Co. F, New York Veteran Infantry

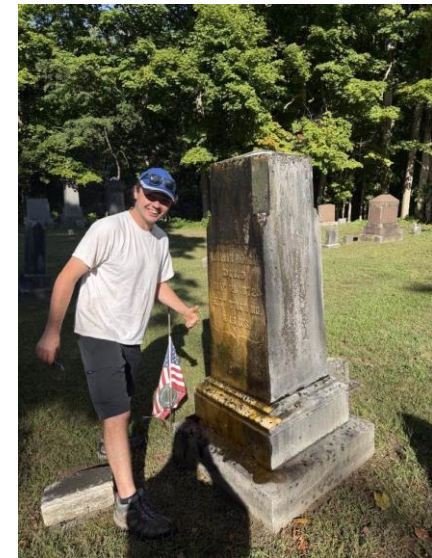




Work Day in Clay, NY



We had a great morning of fellowship while cleaning the headstones of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. Chris B was a guest of our camp, and the Town of Clay Historian, Jeff Snow, stopped by, too. Jeff has written articles for the local Eagle News. We cleaned 8 headstones, added a Civil War flag marker to another, and replaced some flags, too.



Cobblestone Museum in Childs (north of Albion) October 17 –

We are invited to recruit on their fall open house day. Appearance in uniform is greatly encouraged by the museum. We are permitted a pop-up and table(s). ***They will provide us with a complimentary meal, but you must let me know by the end of September if you are participating because I must provide them with a head count.***

The DUVCW will also probably attend. If weather is inclement, they will provide indoor space for us. Hours will be 10-3. Please try to stay as much of that time as you can. If you can bring anything relevant to demonstrate, please do so. Here is the event announcement: [The Cobblestone Museum – Fall Open House \(Sat. Oct. 17 – 10am-3pm\) with Italian Sausage Hoagie Lunch](#) The museum is composed of a cluster of buildings at the intersection of NY 104 and NY 98 in Orleans County, north of Albion.

Bro. Anton SchwarzmueLLer

Marker Dedication in Cambria



DSVC Anton SchwarzmueLLer of Lincoln Camp stands beside the historical Marker for Mount View Cemetery in the hamlet of Pekin, Niagara County, NY. Lincoln Camp acquired the marker through a grant from The William G. Pomeroy Foundation. It was installed by the Town of Cambria in 2024 and belatedly dedicated on 30 August 2026 in conjunction with a cemetery tour followed by speeches near the 1867 Civil War at the far north end of the cemetery, which is the edge of the Niagara Escarpment. The cannonball that topped the monument has been missing for an indefinite amount of time.

The cemetery tour was one of the 25 Western New York cemeteries of the Tombstone Trail, created in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of America.



Boy Scout Troop 8 of Cambria raised the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cambria Town Historian and event organizer Gail Rinebird led the speeches. Brother SchwarzmueLLer noted that eleven of the 20+ soldiers named on the monument served in the 8th NY Heavy Artillery, including Private Alexander Maban, mortally wounded at Cold Harbor, and dying aboard a hospital ship to New York Harbor. When the monument was dedicated on 31 October 1867, locals presumed he was buried unknown on the field. (He is in Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn). He was chosen as the namesake of G.A.R. Post #125 in Sanborn, NY, just south of Pekin.

A restored fiddle was played to close the ceremony. The fiddle had been carried off to war by Joshua B. Smith, Sergeant, Company I, 2nd NY Mounted Rifles, but he soon had it shipped back home. Sergeant Smith was killed in action before Petersburg on 9 April 1865. His family donated the fiddle to the Cambria Historical Society.

DUVCW sisters Nicolle Beyer and Claudia Carnes of Tent #110 assisted with the event.

Marker Dedication in Lockport



On July 24, 2026, at 1100 hours at the Mount Calvary Roman Catholic Cemetery on Summit Street in Lockport, Niagara County, NY, a new historical marker was dedicated and unveiled. Acquired through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and received by Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, this may be the first and only

sign that has ever identified the cemetery, believed to be the first Catholic Cemetery in Lockport, used until 1908. The effort to acquire the grant was spearheaded by Anton Schwarzmuehler, Department SVC, who was one of two speakers at the event. The event was coordinated by lead cemetery volunteer Cookie Butcher, a 40-year resident of Summit Street and volunteer with the Vietnam Veterans of America. The two-lane street carries a significant amount of traffic between the Lockport Bypass (NY 93) and heavily commercialized South Transit Road (NY 78). Cookie Butcher also personally acquired a sign that names 109 buried in the cemetery. Brother Schwarzmuehler spoke about the SUVCW, acquiring the grant for the historical marker, and the Civil War veterans in the cemetery. He also read a letter of congratulations from the Pomeroy Foundation.

Four Civil War veterans interred in the cemetery are named on the historical marker.

- **Michael Owens** enlisted twice as a volunteer – firstly in the 36th NY Infantry in 1861 at Buffalo, serving as a Private in Company A to 1863; and secondly in the 2nd NY Mounted rifles in 1863 at Lockport, serving in Company A. He was twice promoted to Corporal and twice reduced. He died in his 20s, two months after he was discharged in 1865.
- **James Morris** enlisted in the 105th NY Infantry at Lockport in 1861, *claiming* age 44, serving as a Private in Company

B. He was discharged for disability and old age in 1862. He died in 1867.

- **Michael Slattery**, born in Ireland, also enlisted in the 105th NY Infantry at Lockport in 1861 in his late 20s, serving as a Private in Company B. He transferred to Company I, 94th NY Infantry in 1863 and was detailed to the ambulance corps. He was wounded at Welden Railroad in 1864 and discharged in 1865 for disability. He died in 1872.
- **Hugh Gleason**, born in Ireland, was drafted into the 140th NY Infantry at Wilson, Niagara County, in 1863 in his late 20s. He was captured at Welden Railroad and imprisoned at Salisbury, NC where he starved and suffered gangrene resulting in the amputations of parts of both his legs that subsequently never healed properly. He died in 1887.



Attendees of the ceremony included members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Lockport Mayor John Lombardi, representatives from the office of State Senator Robert Ortt, State Assemblyman Paul Bologna, County Clerk Joe Jestremski, County Veteran Services Director Jeff Glatz, members of the Lockport VFW, local Hibernians who provided a bagpiper, Niagara County legislators, a Marine Corps League color guard from the local Army-Navy Club, Lockport Boy Scouts of Troop 4 who raised the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance, and clergy from St. John the Baptist church of Lockport who had granted permission to the SUVCW to have the historical marker installed. The event was filmed by LCTV.com; the link is here-----
(copy and paste into your address bar)
<https://trms.lctv.net/internetchannel/show/14739?channel=1>

Greenpoint Museum News

To- Friends of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, SUVCW
The New York City Council's Land Use Committee's unanimous vote last week to approve the Monitor Point Mixed Use Project, including the Museum, probably assures approval by the full Council. This will fulfill the Museum's 2003 Christmas Miracle when Motiva Enterprises donated its land at the Bushwick Inlet to the Museum for the purpose of building a Museum dedicated to the USS Monitor which was built and launched from that land on January 30, 1862 during the Civil War and arrived at Hampton Roads just in time to stop the Merrimac which had started to systematically destroy the Union Fleet.

The Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 has long supported the Museum by signing petitions, soliciting contributions from the public at our events, and making donations itself. George and Janice Weinmann deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and patience for over 20 years.
Thanks to all of you who supported this effort.

Remembering the Boys in Blue!

Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Calendar –

Saturday, October 17th, Childs, NY
Cobblestone Museum Open House, 10:00-3:00 pm. Recruiting opportunity, living history.

Passings- Secretary Pugsley has submitted the following list of members' passings as part of his Secretary's Report:

CAMPNAME	First Name	Last Name	DOD
Oliver Tilden Camp 26	Theodore	Spiegel	4/30/2025
Phineas Catlin Camp 341	Bernard	Lewis	8/1/2025
Col. David Ireland Camp 137	John	Goodnough	11/15/2025
Col John B Weber Camp 44	Clifford	Anderson	
Phineas Catlin Camp 341	Silas	Ferguson	1/1/2026
Sgt Judson Hicks, Camp 111	Harold	Cheetham	2/2/2026
Oliver Tilden Camp 26	Robert	McKay, Esq	
Schuyler F Smith Camp 193	Ryan	Bunce	3/4/2026
Oliver Tilden Camp 26	Paul	Borodin	1/8/2026
Colonel Augustus VanHorne-Ellis	Gordon	Mathsen	3/28/2026
Walter H French	Samuel	Lundy	5/1/2026



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