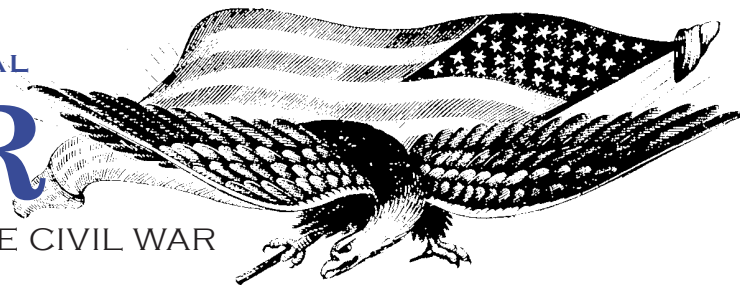


THE VOLUNTEER

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



150th USS Monitor Anniversary

Commemorating this historic event with three days of activities in Greenpoint, Brooklyn

Jeffrey Albanese, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW

On January 30, 1862 the USS Monitor, an iron warship of revolutionary design slid down into the East River at Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N.Y. from the Continental Iron Works shipyard and with that event the history of naval warfare in the world would change. On March 9, 1862, it would engage in its famous battle at Hampton Roads, Virginia with the Confederate ironclad the CSS Virginia and on December 31, 1862, this naval marvel would sink in a storm off Cape Hatteras.

Designed by Swedish born and New York City resident, John Ericsson, the vast majority of the manu-

facturing of the Monitor's component parts would take place within the state of New York and it would be assembled at the Continental Iron Works located in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. Captained by New York born Lt. John Worden the USS Monitor is truly linked to the State of New York.

On January 28 through the 30th, 2012 the Department of New York SUVCW in conjunction with the Oliver Tilden Camp # 26 SUVCW, the Greenpoint Monitor Museum, the John Ericsson Society and the 83rd NYV, SVR commemorated this historic event with three days of activities in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. The commemoration was designated a National Sesquicentennial Signature event by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

On January 28, 2012, a history fair held at the Capitol One Bank formerly the Greenpoint Savings Bank commenced the observance. Displays included those of the USS Lehigh Civil War Navy Reenactment & Living History group, USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA, the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and the John Ericsson Society along with presentations from several descendants of the USS Monitor crew. That evening a concert was



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING The Encampment of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Notice is hereby given that the 129th Encampment of the Department of New York, SUVCW will be held on May 18–20, 2012 at the Newburgh Hilton Garden Inn, 15 Cross Roads Court, Newburgh, N.Y. (845) 567-9500.

The business portion of the Encampment will be held on May 19, 2012 at the above location commencing at 9 am. Registration is \$10. Registration forms, hotel accommodations, banquet reservations and further information may be found at the Department website < suvcw.org/ny/deptny.htm > or by contacting Michael Bennett, PDC at PO Box 1825, White Plains, NY 10602 (914) 949-4679. All Camp Reports and appointed officers reports are to be mailed or e-mailed to the Department Secretary with a copy to the Department Commander on or before May 7, 2012.



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held at the Church of the Ascension in Greenpoint, the church having been built in part from funds given by Thomas F. Rowland the owner of the Continental Iron Works.

On January 29, 2012, a service was held at the Church of the Ascension for the crew of the USS Monitor, followed by a parade to the USS Monitor launch site now owned by the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. Later that day a reception in honor of the observance was held at the Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Old Bethpage Brass Band provided music, and speakers included President of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum Janice Weinmann, Congresswomen Nydia Velazquez, N.Y. Department Commander SUVCW Jeffrey Albanese, Superintendent of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary David Alberg and the Vice President of the Mariners Museum, Newport News, Virginia, Anna Holloway.

On January 30, 2012, the actual 150th Anniversary of the launch of the USS Monitor, a bus tour including visits to Building 92, Brooklyn, Navy Yard Center, the John Ericsson statue and the USS Monitor Monument in New York City concluded the commemoration.



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The Department and the National Organization recognize the importance of recruiting younger members to the Order in order to preserve the SUVCW and its mission for generations to come.

Part of that process is through the use of new technology and the social media. The Department has started up a Facebook page for that purpose at < www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-Department-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War/166128070082306 >.

Please visit our page “like us” and pass the word.



129th ENCAMPMENT

To be held at Newburgh, N.Y. on May 18-20

The 129th Encampment of the Department of New York will be held on May 18–May 20, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn, located in Newburgh, N.Y. All brothers are encouraged to attend. The SUVCW National Commander in Chief, Donald Palmer, Jr. is also scheduled to be present.

The business meeting of the Department will be held that Saturday, May 19, 2012 commencing at 9 am sharp with registration beginning at 8 am. The Agenda will be in accordance with Order of Business for Department Encampments contained in the Rituals and ceremonies of the SUVCW. A campfire will be held Friday evening, May 18, 2012 at the hotel and a banquet on Saturday evening.

A guided bus-tour of West Point, including the cemetery, is scheduled for Sunday commencing at 9:30 am, cost is \$15.00. Please note space is limited and the deadline for reserving a space is May 5, 2012. West Point is a secure government military facility and all tour participants over the age of 16 must have a government issued ID to enter the premises.

West Point of course has a special significance to the American Civil War, as many of the prominent leaders on both sides of the conflict were educated there. They include Jefferson Davis, Lee, Grant, Jackson, Custer, McClellan, Beauregard and many others. Many famous Civil War personalities are buried there including Robert Anderson, the commander of Fort Sumter, Chief of Staff and MOH winner General Dan Butterfield; Union cavalry commanders Generals John Buford, Judson Kilpatrick, Thomas Devin, Wesley Merritt, George Custer; Civil War Generals Ranald Mackenzie, John Newton, Thomas

Ruger, Edwin Sumner, George Sykes, Alexander Webb and of course Winfield Scott.

The hotel, which may be reserved for \$99 per night, is located in the historic Hudson Valley at the crossroads of the New York Thruway and Route 84 and is a short distance from Stewart International Airport, which is administered by the NY/NJ Port Authority. Within a half hour of the hotel is the location of the last encampment of the Continental Army where George Washington quelled the Newburgh conspiracy and where he awarded the first Purple Hearts. Also on its grounds is the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. In the nearby city of Newburgh, is located George Washington's longest serving headquarters during the American Revolution and the first property acquired and preserved by any U.S. state for historic reasons.

Details and reservation forms may be found at the Department website < suvchw.org/ny/deptny.htm >.

Volunteer Needed

Department seeks Eagle Scout Coordinator

With the resignation several months ago of Brother Deuel, who had done an excellent job as Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, we are now seeking a volunteer to serve in that position. Since Brother Deuel's resignation, we have revamped the Department Eagle Recognition page on the website so that those seeking an Eagle Scout Recognition certificate are directed to the appropriate local camp Eagle Scout Coordinator to obtain the recognition certificate. This allows a camp to receive recognition for the program and to participate in a local Eagle Scout Court of Honor if they so choose. Each Camp, if they do not already have one, should appoint an Eagle

Scout Coordinator. The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator should have some knowledge of Boy Scouting; have an e-mail address and access to a computer. The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator will be responsible for monitoring the Department and the local Camps Eagle Scout Program, for receiving applications for Eagle Scout certificates made through national headquarters and directing applicants to the appropriate Camp for the issuance of such recognition certificates. If interested please contact Department Commander Albanese.

U.S. Grant Anniversary

Tilden Camp's Annual Observance on April 29

Oliver Tilden Camp No 26 has scheduled its Annual General Ulysses S. Grant Ceremony to take place on April 29, 2012, at Grant's Tomb National Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan at



11:00 A.M. There will be special guests from the allied orders for this annual birthday ceremony. In attendance, Brother Larry Clowers as General Ulysses S. Grant. He will be accompanied by his wife Connie Clowers as Julia Grant. Actor Patrick Falci who portrayed A.P. Hill in the movie *Gettysburg*. The ceremony will also honor Tilden Camp's late Chaplain Rev. Fr. John D. O'Holloran who passed away since last year's ceremony. All Brothers, Sisters, their families and friends are encouraged to attend this annual event. Tilden Camp hopes to see you there!



Department Fundraiser

Raffle Helps Fund Department Projects

The Department is currently running its annual fundraiser to support the Department and its projects. The Department itself receives very little of the money from members' annual dues so this fundraiser is important to the Department and the Order. In the past money from the fundraiser has been used to erect Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway signs and to support Civil War Sesquicentennial events.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5. Tickets for sale will be mailed to Brothers of the Order. The drawing for prizes will be made at the Department Banquet on May 19, 2012. Additional tickets will be available at the Department Encampment or may be obtained by contacting Department Commander Albanese <jalb@frontiernet.net> or by writing to him at 19 Gregory Drive, Goshen, NY 10924. Your support will be appreciated.

First Prize: a Dale Gallon, framed, limited edition print, *Expecting a Battle*.

Second Prize: 18 hard bound volumes of the *Civil War Times* magazine for the years 1962–1980.

Third Prize: the recently published book *USS MONITOR: A Historic Ship completes its Final Journey* by John Broadwater former chief archeologist for NOAA office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

Angel of Andersonville

Young prisoner kept record of Union dead

Jeffrey Albanese, Commander

Most of us probably have never heard of Dorence Atwater but this obscure private of the 2nd New York Cavalry is perhaps most responsible for much of the information we have for those Union soldiers who lost their lives at the notorious Confederate prisoner of war camp know as Andersonville.

Dorence Atwater was born in Terryville, Connecticut in 1845, and in 1861 enlisted in the Union Army when only sixteen. Apparently well educated he served both as a clerk and scout while a member of company D, 2nd New York Cavalry. In July 1863, he was captured near Hagerstown, Maryland and was subsequently sent to Andersonville as a prisoner. Apparently, his education served him well as he found himself sent to the prison surgery where he was assigned to keep the camp's Union prisoner "list of the dead" and also as a sometimes clerk to the camp commandant, Henry Wirz. In addition to keeping the official record for the camp administration, he secretly kept a copy of the list as well as the location of the burials at great peril to himself. Upon his exchange in February 1865, he managed to smuggle through the Confederate lines the thick list of approximately 13,000 dead prisoners in a laundry bag.

Upon his return to health he was enlisted in the General Service, and went to work in Washington where his "list of the dead" was confiscated by some members of the government. Expecting the list to be released to the public so that family members of the dead prisoners could find out what had happened to their loved ones he waited in vain as for unknown reasons the list was not released. At some point, he met the famous civil war nurse and later founder of

the American Red Cross, Clara Barton who was at that time attempting to locate the whereabouts of thousands of missing union soldiers for their loved ones. Upon advising her of the existence of the list of Andersonville dead Atwater managed to remove the list from its federal depository and along with Clara Barton, traveled to Andersonville where they began to mark the graves of these otherwise unknown soldiers. Upon discovering that the list had been removed, his superiors demanded its return and when Atwater refused he was arrested, court-martialed and sentenced to prison. Clara Barton however, secured for Atwater a general pardon from President Johnson and after only serving a few weeks he was released.

Dorence Atwater's story does not end there, however. In 1868, President Johnson appointed Atwater the American Consul to the Seychelles and several years later, he was reassigned as American Consul to Tahiti. While in Tahiti, he worked with and provided aid to the islands lepers and in 1875, he married Princess Moetia Salmon, of the royal Tahitian family. Dorence Atwater died on November 28, 1910 and is buried in the Tahitian royal plot on the island of Tahiti.

Special thanks goes to Commander Robert Heller of the Stewart-Hope Camp 126, SUVCW who brought this fascinating story to the author's attention and special recognition to Brother William Young of the Stewart-Hope Camp who is a descendant of Dorence Atwater. For those interested there are two biographies of Dorence Atwater, *Angel of Andersonville*, *Prince of Tahiti: The Extraordinary Life of Dorence Atwater*, by Debby Burnett Safranski and *Andersonville to Tahiti: The Story of Dorence Atwater* by Thomas P. Lowry.

Final Muster



Brother Dr. Charles W. Sullivan

Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26 New York

It was only recently reported that Brother Dr. Charles W. Sullivan passed away on Oct. 27, 2010 after a brief illness. He was 70. His ancestor was Pvt. Thomas Burke, Co. H, 9th New York Vol. (Hawkins' Zouaves). Thomas served with Charles and William Weinmann of the same company and regiment.

Brother Sullivan lived in Greensboro, N.C., where his wife, Patricia A. Sullivan, had previously served as Chancellor of The University of North Carolina.

Staff and faculty at UNCG remember Charlie Sullivan as an avid basketball fan and a man dedicated to supporting his wife during her 13-year tenure at UNCG. He was known for his gentle good humor.

Brother Sullivan was a capable electrician, holding both a Master's and a PhD in electrical engineering from New York University. He had a 25-year career in the corporate world with General Electric and Texas Instruments, where he worked on the analysis, design and computer simulation of semiconductor devices and fabrication technology and the development of semiconductor engineering software.

He grew up on Staten Island, N.Y., just up the block from Pat Sullivan. They met at the Manhattan Engineers Ball when he was a junior at Manhattan College and married in June 1966.

She preceded him in death in August 2009.



Brother Ira S. Rion, Jr.

Col. George L. Willard Camp 154

Brother Ira S. Rion Jr. passed away quietly at his home early June 13, 2011. His Union ancestor was Pvt. Bartholomew Rion, Co. F., 47th NYVI – he joined the SUVCW in

Brother Ira retired from the Army after 31 years serving in three wars: WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He was decorated with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star among other honors, recently receiving the Ambassador of Peace medal by the Korean Government for his contributions during the Korean War. After his retirement he was very involved with the Order of the Purple Heart and finished his career with the State of Alaska Court System.

He was a loving father and uncle. He is survived by his children as well as family in Kentucky and New York State, and will be missed by his extended family of friends.

Brother Rion was buried at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, with full military honors on June 22, 2011.



Brother Charles W. Uhlinger

Moses Baldwin Camp 544 Hempstead

Brother Charles W. Uhlinger was born on November 21, 1944 and passed away on Monday, October 3, 2011. Brother Uhlinger was a resident of Syosset, New York, where he also practiced law.



Brother Richard H. 'Red' Davis

Daniel E. Sickles Camp 3 White Plains

Brother Davis had only been a SUVCW member for a little over a year, but had been a Civil War enthusiast his whole life. He is best known for his interest in, and impression of, Major General Daniel E. Sickles. Red fought for many years to have Dan Sickles re-interred in the Gettysburg National Cemetery, noting that not only was that a most appropriate location, but was what his surviving wife had requested – which is all the reason that is needed. Many experts believe that the National Cemetery at Arlington was a selection that Dan most heartily approved of himself – but that did not deter Red's campaign.

Born in Albany, the son of the late Walter and Helen Davis, he graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1949. Red earned an associate degree from Alfred State University in 1952 and a bachelor's degree from Siena College in 1956. He served as a US Navy Corpsman during the Korean War.

After working for Mobil Oil in Syracuse and American Oil in Albany, he spent over 30 years as a pharmaceutical representative for A. H. Robins. Red was the cofounder and director of The Montessori School in Albany.

Red was an avid enthusiast of the Civil War. He portrayed the colorful Major General Daniel Sickles in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for 20 years, and more recently in local parades.

Brother Red was the husband of the late Sheila (Quinn) Davis. He is interred in the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.



Brother John Driscoll
Sydney Camp 41 Ithaca

Brother John Driscoll, 88, of Newfield, N.Y., passed away Sunday, August 28, 2011 at home. Born in Ithaca, New York, he was the son of the Late Joseph and Violet McGordon Driscoll, and widow of Mabele L. Sherman Driscoll (2001). Survivors include sons, daughters, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Brother Francis J. O'Connor
Col. Augustus Ellis Camp 124 Goshen

Brother Francis J. O'Connor of Wesley Hills, New York died February 1, 2012 at age 84. Known to many as "Frank the Marine," he was born on May 12, 1927 in New York City. He was the beloved husband of 47 years of Ann Lovett. He was educated at Cardinal Hayes H.S. and Fordham University Business and Law School.

Frank joined the Marines in 1945. His career included service in both China and Korea. He retired from the Marine Reserves as a Lt. Colonel in 1987.

He retired from the New York Police Department as a Detective Lieutenant after 38 years of service. Brother Frank was an honest and honorable man. He is interred at Ascension Cemetery in Monsey, N.Y.



Brother Edward A. 'Jerry' Spear
Col. John Weber Camp 44 Lackawanna

Brother Edward A. 'Jerry' Spear, 68, of Hamburg died on Friday, March 9, 2012. He is survived by his children and former wife, Ann Walters.

Brother Jerry was a fireman for 34 years, working with the Village of Hamburg Fire Department for almost 20 years, and for 10 years with the Scranton Volunteer Fire Department. From age 18 to age 21, he was a member of the Armor Fire Company. He was vice president of the Scranton Volunteer Fire Company and president of the Scranton Fire Company Benevolent Association.

He was a member of the Buffalo Fire Historical Society. He worked at the museum, where he gave tours and helped with various painting projects.

Brother Spear also was a member of the Civil War Re-enactor Regiment 154th Infantry, 155th Infantry and the 1st Light Artillery, then 49th Infantry.



Weber Camp News

Activities of the Col. John Weber Camp 44

Namesake Honored

Over one-hundred-fifty years after John Baptiste Weber enlisted in the 44th New York Volunteer Infantry, he was posthumously awarded the Civil War Campaign Medal by the U. S. Department of the Army. Colonel Weber's nomination for the decoration was recently made on his behalf by the Historian at the N.Y. State Armory in Buffalo.

The decoration was awarded to members of the United States military who had served in the American Civil War between 1861 and 1865. The Brothers of Weber Camp placed the medal into Colonel Weber's collection during a brief ceremony on Saturday, February 25. The collection is permanently displayed in the Lackawanna Public Library.

Lincoln Birthday Celebration

February began with a Lincoln Birthday Celebration at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society on Saturday, the eleventh. This event, sponsored by the Buffalo Civil War Round Table, was attended by Weber Camp Brothers Bill Tojek, Jim Pace, Tom Himmelsbach, Mike Erb, Bill Christen, and Todd Shillington. Jim lectured and played military calls as a fifer with the Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, while Tom Himmelsbach demonstrated basic infantry drills as a member of the 49th New York Re-enactors. Mike joined the Honor Guard for President Lincoln with other members of the 155th New York Re-enacting Regiment. Bill Tojek played TAPS during the ceremony while Bill Christen represented Weber Camp when he placed a wreath at the statue honoring Lincoln.

Fort Willard Dedicated

Constructed in 1862 to defend Washington
Commander David M. Dziewulski

On October 6, 2011 Commander Dziewulski of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, Dept. of NY, received an e-mail from Mr. Chuck Wallace notifying the Camp of an event about to occur in Virginia. The brief note simply stated: "If you have anyone near Alexandria, Virginia who would like to participate in this ribbon cutting, please let me know." Mr. Wallace, who is a re-enactor in Virginia from the First Connecticut Volunteer Heavy Artillery, also had received very short notice of a ribbon-cutting event, to occur on October 15, 2011, dedicating the Fort Willard Historic Site! It was through Chuck's fortuitous e-mail, with an attached invitation from Fairfax County that Willard Camp was able to participate, from a distance, in the Ft. Willard Historic Site dedication ceremony.



Fort Willard Historic Site just before the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 15, 2011

An earlier press release told the story of the site: The 1.6-acre park was a Civil War fort that was constructed in 1862 by the 34th Massachusetts as part of the Union's defense of Washington. The series of forts and artillery batteries around the capitol city was developed to protect it from Confederate attack. Forts O'Rourke, Weed, Farnsworth, and Lyon formed a north-south axis along the western edge of Alexandria; Fort Willard anchored the southeastern portion of that line and Ft. Ellsworth, just west of Alexandria, anchored the northern tip of these installations. By the end of the war there was a line of 163 forts and batteries that extended 37 miles around Washington. Fort Willard is one of only four remaining defensive forts in Virginia; the others are Forts Marcy, Meyer and Ward.

Cmdr. Dziewulski contacted Ms. Judy Pederson, Public Information Officer for the Fairfax County Park Authority, with a request to submit a letter of appreciation for the preservation of Ft. Willard. The offer was enthusiastically accepted and Brothers Dziewulski, Keough and Malinoski composed and edited a letter that was read during the dedication ceremony. The final text of the letter, addressed to Park Authority Chairman William Bouie, included the following comments:

"It is very gratifying for our Camp to know that of the many forts built for the defense of Washington, one carrying the name of Col. Willard was fortunate enough to survive the development of the area over the past one hundred and fifty years."

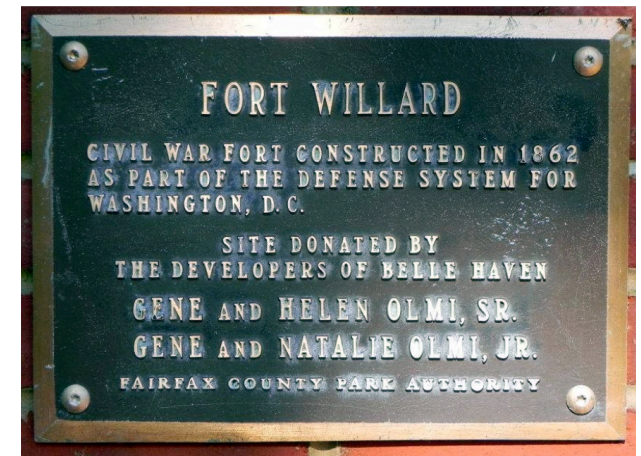
"On the occasion of the official ribbon-cutting ceremony ... we would like to recognize the efforts and collaborations of the Park Authority, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Belle Haven Citizens Association, [and] the local citizenry ... this

new park will enhance the local history as it preserves the memory of those who served our Nation at this location as well as the memory of Colonel George L. Willard."

The area, just off Route 1 in Belle Haven, Virginia, has been renovated to reflect the uses of the park as both a neighborhood park and an historic resource. New amenities such as walking paths, sitting areas, and interpretive signs were added to the park while the bomb proof, sentry area, magazine and cannon embrasures were restored to various levels resulting in the preservation of about 25% of the original structure.

As our letter to Chairman Bouie indicated, we are grateful for the efforts that helped preserve this Fort that carries Colonel Willard's name into the future.

The following link contains a very informative planning document from 2007 that was produced by the Fairfax County Park Authority: < www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/gmp/ftwillardgmp.pdf >



Fort Willard Historic Marker (photos courtesy Matthew Kaiser, Fairfax County Park Authority)

General Orders of the Department Commander General Order No.7

1. This weekend, January 28, 2012 through January 30, 2012, marks the observation of the Sesquicentennial anniversary of the launching of the U.S.S. Monitor at Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York along with the remembrance of the crew that manned her. This innovative iron ship with its revolving gun turret would revolutionize naval warship construction and its battle with the ironclad C.S.S. Virginia on March 9, 1862 at Hampton Roads, the first battle between ironclads, would mark the end of the wooden warship and forever change naval warfare. New York played a pivotal role in its construction. Designed by New York City resident John Ericsson the contract for its construction was signed on October 4, 1861 in New York City. The keel was laid on October 25, 1861 at the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint Brooklyn, New York. Other than the iron plate, which came from a company in Maryland, almost all significant construction of the ship and its components was done in the State of New York. The Rensselaer Ironworks in Troy and the Albany Ironworks in Albany manufactured most of the iron. The Clute Brothers Foundry in Schenectady contributed the turret steam engine and other small mechanical systems. The keel was built at Bigler's Steel Mill in Binghamton and the Dahlgren Guns at the West Point Forge in Cold Spring. The gun turret was constructed at the Novelty Iron Works on the East River in New York City, the engine and the main mechanical systems at Delamater's Iron Works also in New York City and the hull and overall construction at Continental Iron Works, in Greenpoint

Brooklyn, New York. This modern marvel would be launched from the Continental Ironworks site on January 30, 1862 only 118 days after the contract was signed for its construction. This vessel left New York under the command of native New Yorker Lieutenant John L. Worden. This "cheese box on a raft" almost foundered on its way south and if not for the actions of its brave crew and the quick thinking of its executive officer, Samuel Dana Greene, it could have sunk well before reaching Hampton Roads. Its fight with the C.S.S. Virginia is well documented and the U.S.S. Monitor was lost in a severe storm off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina with the loss of 16 of its brave crew on December 31, 1862. Its legacy however, in world naval history lives on.

2. On January 28–30, 2012 the Department of New York, SUVCW the Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW, Co. I, 83rd NYV SVR, the John Ericsson Society and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum will sponsor a three-day observance of the launching of the U.S.S. Monitor where it happened at Greenpoint Brooklyn, New York. This event has been designated a national sesquicentennial signature event by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and has national significance.

3. The importance to the Union War effort of the Union Navy and its thousands of sailors both on the high seas and on the rivers of the United States is often ignored. It is respectfully requested that all Camps of the Department of New York, SUVCW devote some time during their camp meetings during this second year of the Civil War sesquicentennial in reflection and discussion concerning the contribution that the Union Navy and its sailors made to the success of the Union during the American Civil War.

So Ordered this 24th day of January, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

General Order No.8

1. Recently, the Department of New York SUVCW in conjunction with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and other organizations sponsored a Sesquicentennial observance of the launching of the revolutionary iron warship the U.S.S. Monitor in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, New York. The U.S.S. Monitor designed by New York resident John Ericsson, its component parts primarily fabricated in New York, it being assembled in Brooklyn and initially captained by New Yorker, John Worden, made it a truly New York creation.

2. The Greenpoint Monitor Museum was founded in 1996 and is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 New York chartered museum whose mission is to establish a museum on the shores of Greenpoint, Brooklyn where the U.S.S. Monitor was launched. In December 2003, the Museum received a donation of land adjacent to the former site of the Continental Ironworks where the U.S.S. Monitor as well as other monitors were launched. The museum has worked closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which oversees the U.S.S. Monitor Sanctuary and artifacts from the USS Monitor are expected to be given to the museum for display once a building for the museum can be constructed on the site. The museum will tell the story of John Ericsson and the construction and launch of the USS Monitor from the historic sites in Greenpoint. Since that time, the museum has worked tirelessly to accomplish its goal.

3. This site of historical significance is now under threat for use by the municipality for other purposes and the museum has yet to be built.

4. It is incumbent upon us, as descendants of those men who served the Union during the Civil War, to preserve the historic sites related to that conflict and

to promote the memory of those men who served in that war. The building of the U.S.S. Monitor was a significant achievement accomplished during that war, and its historic fight with the CSS Virginia in March 1862 not only saved the Union fleet but also was of international significance in naval warfare. The men who served and in some cases lost their lives on the U.S.S. Monitor demonstrated unique courage in serving on this revolutionary “cheese box on a raft.”

5. Therefore as Commander of the Department of New York, SUVCW I direct that the Department Legislation Committee encourage our state and national governmental leaders to both preserve this site in Greenpoint and to fund the creation of a Greenpoint Monitor Museum building and to investigate the potential ways to do so. Further, I direct that the Legislation Committee propose a resolution to be adopted by the Department encouraging the National Order to adopt a resolution to support the preservation of the site and the funding of the aforesaid Museum.

6. I also, respectfully request that all Brothers contact their legislators and other national, state and local officials and urge them to support and protect this historic site of national importance and to seek funding, either public or private, for the construction of a museum which tells the story of John Ericsson and the construction and launch of the USS Monitor and of the men who served on her on that site. In addition, I urge all Brothers and Camps to support the efforts of the not-for-profit organization known as the Greenpoint Monitor Museum in their efforts to preserve this historic site, and tell the U.S.S. Monitor’s story.

So Ordered this 26th day of March, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

General Order No. 9

1. The 129th Encampment of the Department of New York, SUVCW will be held on May 18–20, 2012 at the Newburgh Hilton Garden Inn, 15 Cross Roads Ct., Newburgh, N.Y. The business portion of the Encampment will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the above location commencing at 9 am. The agenda will follow the “Order of Business” for Department Encampments as contained in the Rituals and Ceremonies of the SUVCW. The meeting will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.

2. One of the purposes of the Encampment is to share ideas, provide constructive criticism and suggestions to assist in the improvement of the National Organization, the Department and the camps and to adopt proposals and resolutions for betterment of the Department and its camps and therefore the Order.

3. To improve the running of the business meeting and to insure all necessary business is conducted all camp reports, committee reports and appointed officers’ reports should be mailed or e-mailed to the Department Secretary with a copy to the Department Commander on or before May 7, 2012. Camp reports will be presented at the meeting in written form only. Recommendations to the Department, if any, from camps contained in camp reports will be read orally at the meeting and if appropriate referred to the proper Encampment Committee for review and recommendation to the Encampment. Appointed officer and Department standing or special committee written reports will be presented orally to the Encampment at the election of the officer or Committee chair although all recommendations will be presented orally and as in the case of Camp rec-

ommendations referred to the proper Encampment Committee for review and recommendation to the Encampment. Elected officers will give written and oral reports to the Encampment with recommendations to be submitted to the proper Encampment Committee for review and recommendation to the Encampment.

4. A copy of all written camp, appointed officer and Department standing or special committee reports submitted on or before the aforesaid May 7th 2012 date will be available for review by all Department Encampment delegates at the Encampment.

So Ordered this 26th day of March, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

Civil War Program

Searle Camp To Sponsor Forum

On April 21, 2012 Homer Searle Camp 114, in conjunction with Julia Hibbard Tent 71, DUVCW will sponsor, *War is Cruelty*, a forum on the Civil War. The speakers will be; Dave Palmer on *The Averys, A Family Divided*; Major Wayne Waite, MS, as a Civil War Surgeon. After lunch, Sister Martha Maine will present a program on Civil War Nurses. The last speaker will be William Young, PCC with a program on Andersonville prison and his ancestor Dorence Atwater. Atwater was the prisoner who kept a record of the POWs who died at that prison, and with Clara Barton placed markers on their graves.

The forum will take place from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. It is free and open to the public. Because of limited space and lunch preparation, reservations are required, and must be received before April 14.



Department of New York

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