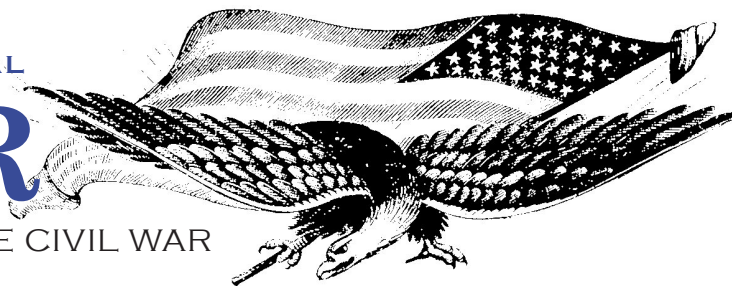


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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Grant Memorial Event

Commemorating Appomattox Surrender

On April 9, 2015, the National Park Service at the General Grant National Memorial in Riverside Park, New York City, commemorated the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant.



Members of the 57th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Company B; Tilden Camp member, Larry Clowers as U.S. Grant; Commander George J. Weinmann, and Janice Weinmann (ASUVCW)

Department Commander George J. Weinmann and his wife Janice Weinmann (ASUVCW) attended the event and participated with the US Coast Guard color guard. Tilden Camp member Larry Clowers and his wife Connie portrayed Ulysses S. and Julia Grant, and gave presentations at the Visitor Center.

Special talks and costumed interpreters were available from 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Bro. Clowers presented, "General Grant and the Surrender." Connie Clowers – "A Woman's Perspective on the End of the War." Bro. Frank Scaturro, President of the Grant Monument Assn., also gave a presentation, "The Appomattox Campaign." Bros. Bill Webb and Steve Reilly from the Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3, Dept. of Georgia & S.C. SUVCW attended, along with Eileen Sleckman, New York Department President, DUVCW.

The event culminated with a ceremonial bell ringing from the memorial's neighbor, the Riverside Church, and a furling of the colors by members of the 57th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Company "B" re-enacting unit.

The program coincided with events that were held at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, the site of the original surrender, with the National Park Service Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War.

Commander Weinmann and wife, Janice also attended the Grant Monument Association din-

ner at the Union League Club in Manhattan, following the ceremony at the Grant National Memorial. General Petraeus was the special guest. SVC Arthur Kirmss and Bro. Mark Goret were in attendance. Bro. Frank Scaturro, President of the Grant Monument Assn. gave a presentation on the Appomattox Campaign. Bro. Frank did a great job organizing the dinner. Many guests from different organizations were also in attendance, including cadets from West Point.

Sergeant Judson Hicks Camp No. 111

The Department of New York welcomes a new camp into our order. The Sgt. Judson Hicks Camp No. 111, SUVCW is a new camp in Arcadia, N.Y.

Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell approved the forming of Sgt Judson A. Hicks Camp No. 111, Department of New York, and has established the date of ranking for the camp as March 25, 2015. The camp is in the final process of obtaining their new charter from our National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Interim Commander Daryl VerSteaete, and N.Y. Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC have helped to form the new camp. We look forward to welcoming the new camp to the 132nd Encampment. Congratulations to Hicks Camp and its members.

Department Fundraiser

Raffle Helps Fund Department Projects

The Department is reaching out for support. Each year the New York Department holds its annual fundraiser. Help honor our Civil War ancestors by showing support and keeping their memory alive.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Tickets have been mailed to the Brothers of the Department. The drawing for prizes will be made at the 132nd Department Encampment on May 2, 2015. Additional tickets will be available at the Department Encampment.

First Prize: An autographed copy of *Lincoln* movie screenplay by Tony Kushner; autographed copy of *How A. Lincoln Ended Slavery in America* by Harold Holzer; and a DVD copy of the movie *Lincoln*.

Second Prize: Autographed copies of the books *Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis* and *The Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse* by James Swanson; *The Fiery Trial—Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery* by Eric Foner, and a DVD copy of *The Conspirator*.

Third Prize: Two resin busts of Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, and a glass paperweight with the painting, "Apotheosis of George Washington" (original in the U.S. Capitol).



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132nd Encampment

Saratoga Springs, New York on May 1st–3rd

The 132nd Encampment of the Department of New York will be held May 1 through May 3, 2015 at the Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

The business meeting of the Department will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 commencing at 9 a.m. sharp with registration beginning at 8 a.m. 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 1, 2015 at the New York State Military Museum.



New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs

FRIDAY MAY 1, 2015

- 5:30 PM–6:30 PM REGISTRATION
- 6:00 PM–7:30 PM N.Y.S. MILITARY MUSEUM TOURS & SOCIAL HOUR
- 7:30 PM–9:00 PM CAMPFIRE (RESERVATION SUGGESTED)

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015

- 8:00 AM–9:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 8:30 AM–9:00 AM ALLIED ORDERS MEMORIAL SERVICE
- 9:00 AM–12:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING
- 11:00 AM–12:00 PM GREETINGS COMMITTEE SENT TO VISIT OTHER ALLIED ORDERS
- 12:00 PM–1:00 PM LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE DUVCW (RESERVATION REQUIRED)
- 1:30 PM–4:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUES
- 4:00 PM–5:00 PM NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 6:00 PM CASH BAR
- 7:00 PM BANQUET SPONSORED BY THE SUVCW (RESERVATION REQUIRED)

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015

- 9:00 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE AT GREENRIDGE CEMETERY

Orders of the Department Commander—First Series

Department Order No. 10

1. In accordance to General Order #15, dated February 14, 2015, by Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell, Section 2: All Camps, Departments, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Headquarters, SVR Military Districts and SVR Units are hereby directed to submit a hard copy of their current bylaws to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PC-in-C at 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. The deadline for submission of by-laws is March 1, 2015.



Commander Weinmann attended the Admiral John L. Worden Camp No. 150, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Annual Luncheon at Mary Kelly's in Beacon, N.Y. on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Janice Weinmann (ASUVCW) and James F. Bond from Tilden Camp also attended. Commander Weinmann reports that it was a great event and that everyone had a good time.

- 2.** Section 3: Hard copies of the by-laws of the above mentioned subordinate entities of the National Organization MUST be received by the March 1, 2015 deadline. Electronic copies are not acceptable. If the by-laws are not received by the deadline, the subordinate entity in question will not be included in the group exemption letter from the IRS, if the IRS approves the conversion, and the subordinate entity will no longer be tax exempt and will be required to file a corporate income tax return and pay Federal income taxes on all income, including dues. There will be no extensions and no exceptions.
- 3.** By virtue of the power vested to me as New York Department Commander, I hereby request all camps of the New York Department to comply with General Order #15 as soon as possible. Failure to comply with the order will directly affect your camp's status as stated in our national order.
- 4.** All Camp Commanders or Camp Secretaries must notify the New York Department Commander and Secretary that your camp mailed out a signed copy of your camp's by-laws to the National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PC-in-C at 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. The deadline for submission of by-laws is March 1, 2015.
- 5.** The purpose of notifying the New York Department Commander and Secretary is of extreme importance. By notification, the department can monitor the progress of each camp's compliance to General Order #15. The department will also know what camp is having a problem sending out a copy of their by-laws.

So Ordered this 15th day of February 2015
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No. 11

- 1.** This department order serves as a reminder to the department and all camps within the department to comply with the current By-laws of The Department of New York, SUVCW.
- 2.** As New York Department Commander, it is my responsibly to make sure that all New York camps comply with the by-laws by submitting their Annual Report and Certification of Election & Installation forms on time. The department risks suspension by National SUVCW for not being able to file a department report on time. This can be due to a camp or camps not sending in their annual reports with appropriate per capita payment by April 30th.
- 3.** Now that camp elections and installation of officers have been completed. This is also a reminder that effective January 1, 2014 , IRS Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party form must be filled out and submitted to the IRS within 60 days of the responsible party (Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) change in your camp. An updated Form 8822-B is available on the www.IRS.gov website. The form can be filled in online and printed out. The form must be mailed to the IRS office listed on the form for New York State.
- 4.** From the By-laws of The Department of New York, SUVCW.

Article VII, Headquarters and Officers, Second Paragraph Section 5. "At least one week but not more than 2 weeks prior to the Department Encampment business meeting the Department Treasurer shall transmit to the Department Council Chairman for dissemination to the Department

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Council copies of all of the Department books and accounts reflecting all financial activity since the prior Encampment. Said books and accounts shall include but necessarily be limited to copies of all Department monthly bank statements for all accounts, check and deposit registers, investment and CD account statements along with a copy of the most recently adopted budget of the Department and the prior Encampment's Treasurers report and financial statement. In addition, in the event of a Department midyear meeting the Treasurer, if requested by the Council Chairman, shall make available for review by the Department Council at said midyear meeting copies of all monthly bank account statements issued since the prior Encampment."

5. From the By-laws of The Department of New York, SUVCW.

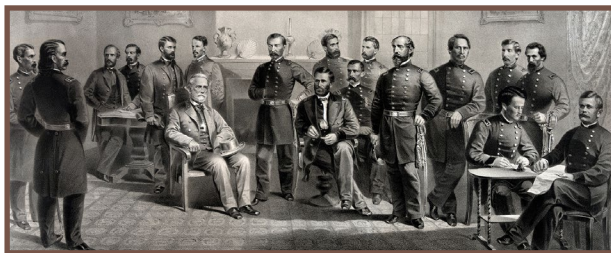
Article XI, Reports, Section 5. "The Department Commander will declare any Camp that does not submit an annual report with appropriate per capita payment by April 30th or the date of the business meeting of the Department Encampment whichever is earlier of that calendar year to be "not in good standing." When a Camp becomes one (1) year delinquent in making its annual report or per capita payment, the Department Commander will request that the Commander-in-Chief revoke the Camp's Charter. Camp reports that are submitted incomplete or that contain inaccuracies deemed to be significant by the Department Commander, Department Secretary, or Department Treasurer, will be returned to the submitting Camp for correction. If the report is not corrected and resubmitted to the Department within thirty (30) days of the date it was originally due, the report will be deemed

un-submitted. Any Camp that has not submitted a correct Camp Annual Report Form 27A and Certification of Election and Installation Report Form 22 by April 30th or the date of the business meeting of the Department Encampment whichever is earlier will not be allowed representation at the ensuing Department Encampment."

6. From the By-laws of The Department of New York, SUVCW.

Article XVI, Section 1. "Alterations, amendments, or deletions to these By-Laws shall be made only at a regular session of a Department Encampment, and by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present. All proposed alterations, amendments or deletions to the bylaws must be received either in writing or electronically by the Department Secretary and Department Commander no later than 60 days prior to the Encampment and shall thereafter be published on the Department website as soon as practicable but not later than 10 days prior to the Encampment. Alterations, amendments or deletions received less than 60 days prior to said Encampment cannot be considered until the next succeeding Encampment. The 60 day notice requirement may be waived at the Department Encampment upon two-thirds vote of those voting members present and entitled to vote."

So ordered this 23rd day of February 2015
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander



Department Order No. 12

1. The 132nd Encampment of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held on May 1 to 3, 2015 at the Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY. A 9:00 AM business meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015, which will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order. The business session will follow the Order of Business for Department Encampments (page 25) in the Ritual and Ceremonies, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Blue Book.

2. Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY. Phone: (518) 584-4550 Fax: (518) 580-1924. It is recommended that you reserve your room now and directly with the hotel. Don't forget to mention SUV for our Group Rate. Deadline for discount rate is April 10, 2015. On line reservations and more details on the encampment is posted on the Internet at: http://suvchw.org/ny/encampments/current_encampment/home.htm.

3. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as New York Department Commander, I am hereby requesting that all Department Officers, elected and appointed, along with Department Committees, Department Special Committees and Camp Commanders submit their reports. Note, Department Colorbearer, Guide, Guard and Musician are exempt from this order. To improve the running of the encampment business meeting and ensure that all business is conducted properly, all reports should be sent to the Department Secretary by e-mail or by US Mail with a copy to the Department Commander. The reports should be received on or before April 30, 2015. Camp reports shall be submitted at the meeting in written form

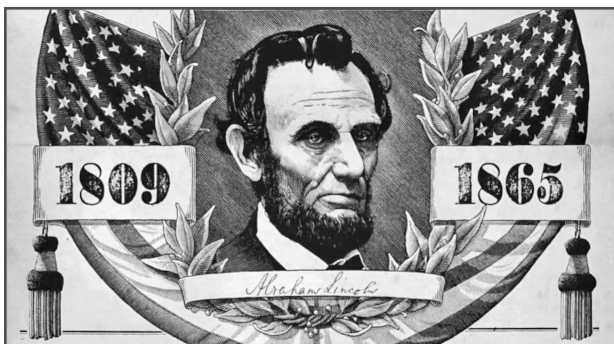
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only. Any recommendations to the Department from elected and Department Officers, Standing and Special Committees, and Camps, will be given in written form or orally, in turn they will be given to the proper encampment committee for review and recommendation to the encampment.

4. All elected and Department Officers, Standing and Special Committees, and Camp reports that are submitted on or before April 30, 2015 will be available at the New York Department Encampment for review.

5. Reminder, any Camp that has not submitted a correct Camp Annual Report Form 27A with the correct per-capita payment by April 30th, will be considered not in good standing and will not be allowed representation at the Department Encampment.”

6. The New York Department welcomes a new camp into our order. The Sgt. Judson Hicks Camp #111, SUVCW is a new camp in Arcadia, N.Y. The camp is in the final process of obtaining their new charter from our National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Interim Commander Daryl VerSteaete, and NY Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC have helped to form the new camp. We look forward to welcoming the new camp to the encampment. Congratulations to the new camp and its members!



7. Brother Donald G. Zeilman, Department Signals Officer and Editor of the Department Newsletter “The Volunteer” is in the process of publishing the Spring 2015 issue of “The Volunteer.” Please send him your camp newsletters, stories, photos, camp activities or news articles that can be used for the department newsletter. His e-mail address is <<dgzeilman@gmail.com>>. His mailing address is 1104 Success Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

So Ordered this 19th day of March 2015
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No. 13

1. As Department Commander, I want to inform all Brothers of the New York Department that our Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC has completed the 131st New York Department Encampment Proceedings. The Proceedings covers the business session held on Saturday, May 3, 2014, held in Rochester, New York. Secretary Pugsley should be commended for his time and effort putting this report together. The 131st New York Department Encampment Proceedings are posted on our Department website for review.

2. Reminder, all New York Department Camp Secretaries must apply the new \$6.00 per capita dues amount to their “Camp Status Reports” and yearly “Camp Annual Report Form 27A”. Camp Commanders, please make sure all “Camp Annual Reports” are submitted on or before April 30, 2015.

3. Any Camp that has not submitted a correct Camp Annual Report Form 27A with the correct \$6.00 per-capita payment by April 30th, will be considered not in good standing and will not be allowed representation at the Department Encampment.

4. On Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 11:00 am, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW will be conducting their annual Grant Birthday Commemoration at the Grant National Monument on 122nd St. and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, NY. Keynote speaker is Waldron K. Post, II, Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. National SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell and National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell will be present with officers and members of the Allied Orders. Members of Archibald Gracie Camp #985, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy plan to be there. We salute Oliver Tilden Camp for conducting this service for over 75 years.

So ordered this 26th day of March 2015
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No. 14

1. At the 131st New York New York Department Encampment held on May 3, 2014, in Rochester, New York. A special Committee on Property and Artifacts made recommendations that were adopted by the membership at the Encampment.

2. The adopted polices are known as “DEPARTMENT POLICIES CONCERNING THE ARCHIVES, RECORDS, ARTIFACTS AND COLLECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW.”

3. As Department Commander, I want to inform all Brothers of the New York Department that the department policies concerning the archives, records, artifacts collections adopted at the 131st New York Department Encampment on May 3, 2014, held in Rochester, New York are posted on our Department website for review.

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4. Reminder, our 132nd New York Department Encampment is fast approaching. The deadline for our discount Group rate is April 10, 2015. Reserve your room now and directly with the hotel. Don't forget to mention SUV for our Group Rate. Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY. Phone: (518) 584-4550 Fax: (518) 580-1924. On line reservations and more details on the encampment is posted on the Internet at: http://suvcw.org/ny/encampments/current_encampment/home.htm

5. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA), The Greenpoint Monitor Museum (Museum) and Oliver Tilden Camp #26 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) have been working together since 1997 to keep alive the memory of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor in Greenpoint, Brooklyn where the USS Monitor was built. The Museum received its New York State Charter from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in 1996. Although without a Museum building at this time, in 2003 land was donated to the Museum along the launch site of the USS Monitor in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

6. At this time NOAA is establishing a USS Monitor Trail marking the locations of historic importance to the USS Monitor.

7. On January 28, 2015, Department Order #9, number 9, "NOAA assigned The Greenpoint Monitor Museum to assist them in locating historic sites throughout New York State that have a USS Monitor connection to be considered for additional USS Monitor Trail Markers. Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW, will also provide input in finding possible historic locations to place USS Monitor Trail Markers."

8. On Friday, May 29, 2015, NOAA will be unveiling a USS Monitor Trail Marker on the Museum's land in Greenpoint at the Bushwick Inlet and the East River. The USS Monitor was built and launched along this site. This is a historic waterfront event for Greenpoint, Brooklyn and New York in that NOAA is creating a trail linking the historic sites of the USS Monitor in New York, Virginia, North Carolina. The first marker has already been placed in Beaufort, North Carolina at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. This location is near Duke University's Marine Lab. It was Duke University's research team that discovered the USS Monitor in 1973. Cathryn Newton, a member of this team, is a professor at Syracuse University. She will be one of the Exhibitors at the May 29, 2015 event. After the unveiling of the marker at the museum's site, there will be a History Fair at the new Brooklyn Expo Center which is just 2 blocks away from the site. Notice of the upcoming event is posted on the Internet.

<http://greenpointmonitormuseum.org/USSMONITORTAIL/USSMonitorTrailNOTICEUPCOMINGMay29Event.pdf>

So ordered this 3rd day of April 2015

George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No. 15

1. It is with deep regret and profound sadness that I report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Richard L. Greenwalt who passed away on April 6, 2015 at the age of 87 years. He derived his right to membership from his grandfather, Peter R. Greenwalt, who served in Co. I, 10th West Virginia Inf. Brother Greenwalt was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 97th Annual National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 13-17, 1978.

2. The Department of New York sends its sincere condolences to Brother Greenwalt's family, friends and his camp members. You can send your condolences to Mrs. Beatrice Greenwalt at 2276 County Road 139, Ovid, NY 14521.

3. By the power and authority vested in me as New York Department Commander, I direct that the Department Charter as well as all the camps in the Department be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

4. All Brothers in the Department are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

So ordered this 9th day of April 2015

George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

THE DEATH OF LINCOLN



Oh, slow to smite and swift to spare,
Gentle and merciful and just!
Who, in the fear of God, didst bear
The sword of power, a nation's trust!

In sorrow by thy bier we stand,
Amid the awe that hushes all,
And speak the anguish of a land
That shook with horror at thy fall.

Thy task is done; the bond are free:
We bear thee to an honored grave,
Whose proudest monument shall be
The broken fetters of the slave.

Pure was thy life; its bloody close
Hath placed thee with the sons of light,
Among the noble host of those
Who perished in the cause of Right.

William Cullen Bryant



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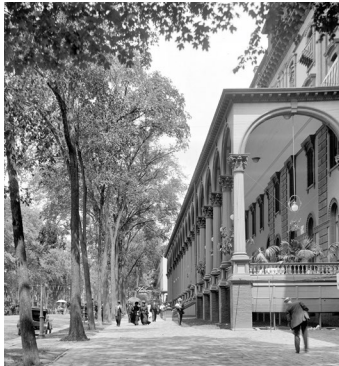
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