

THE VOLUNTEER, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW, NEWSLETTER

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

The Office of the Commander

Department of New York

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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GENERAL ORDER # 1

June 25, 2009

Greetings:

To the Officers and Brothers of the Department of New York I offer this the first of my General Orders. This has been a very trying and uncertain past several weeks, on July 14, 2009 Dale Theetge entered Robert Packard Hospital in Sayre, PA, with a medical condition classified as a staff infection. With exception of two days Dale is as of this writing still in Robert Packard. Our heartfelt prayers and hopes are extended to Dale, Diana and their family. As Dale progresses I hope to be able to give you update on his condition. This has of course caused a lot of projects and committees that Dale has been involved in to come to a halt. I have been directed by Dale to try to find suitable replacement for him in these endeavors. These replacements I hope will only be temporary until Dale is back on his feet and ready to be active in the Order. To that end this issue of the Volunteer is being published through my office with the capable help of Brother of Sydney Camp #41.

This Newsletter may not be of the same high quality that Dale was known for, but it is our hope that it will prove informational to the New York Department.

The mailing of this Newsletter will be different in the fact that it will be bulk mailed to all the Camps and then the Camps will be asked to distribute the Newsletter to their members in whatever method they prefer.

Signed:

Raymond Wheaton,
New York Department Commander

GENERAL ORDER #2

July 3, 2009

Greetings:

Brothers this being the beginning of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War I am forming a committee of Patriotic Instructor Lyman Baker, Department Jr. Vice Doug Deuel, PDC Dale Thegete, Webmaster Robert Pugsley, Guide Raymond LeMay III and Department Historian Jerome Orton.

This Committee is to be called the New York Department Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Chairperson of the Committee will be Department Jr, Vice Doug Deuel.

The charge of this will be to organize and ask for contribution of material and calendar events, to be placed in a Sesquicentennial Web page on the New York Department Web site.

I am asking the Department Web Master to develop a web page, which will be able to handle both articles and a calendar of events for the Sesquicentennial.

Signed:

Raymond Wheaton,
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GENERAL ORDER #3

September 19, 2009

Greetings:

Brothers I am directing the Web Master to add a line or two to the Camp location on the web page. This will be for the entry of Camp meeting dates and times of meetings.

I am directing the Commanders of all the Camps within the Department of New York to send to the Department Web Master all dates, day and time of the meetings of your Camps. This should include a good contact number so if someone is interested in a Camp meeting or event it can be verified.

I am also directing all Camp Commanders to update their information contained in the Camp Directory on the Department Web Site.

Signed:

Raymond Wheaton,

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GENERAL ORDER #4

January 2, 2010

Greetings:

Brothers it has come to my attention that the Governor State of New York is contemplating the stopping of funding for the New York Flag restoration Program at Saratoga Springs, NY.

This project has been on going for the past several years and the attempt is to conserve and preserve the largest collections of Civil War battle flags.

The amount of money that will not be funded is very small compared to the whole of the

State Budget. I do recognize that during these time of very severe budget funding, the Finance Committee of the State of New York will and have looked for soft areas to cut from the budget.

I am directing the Commander of all the Camps in the New York Department to mail or email both their State Reps and the Governor of the State of New York.

It is my hope that the funding will not be reduced and if the funding is reduced, that it not be of a level that the program will not be completely lost.

Raymond Wheaton,

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GENERAL ORDER # 5

January 18, 2010

I am directing the Department Secretary to increase the Encampment Registration fee from \$10 to \$15. It is my hope that this will not place to large a burden onto the Brothers of this order, but to enable the Department of New York to keep the same high quality of Encampment activities this must be done at this time.

Raymond Wheaton,

New York Department Commander

The Department Commander, Raymond Wheaton has called for a mid-winter meeting of the Department

on January 16th at 10am at the Veterans Fire Hall on Rt 13, Ithaca, N.Y. All Department officers are expected to attend and Camp Commanders. Reports of doings so far in the Department year are expected. Lunch will be served. Directions can be gotten from Theetge@fltg.net.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for your care and concern during my recent health problem. The number of friends, from the Sons, Daughters and Auxiliary who cared enough to pray for me and let me know they cared had a direct effect on my getting well. You all are a blessing in my life and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. DALE THEETGE

Doug Deuel and Ed Welser of the 137th David Ireland Camp road on Moses, Doug's cannon while Thomas Crouse drove the truck that pulled it in Ithaca's Veterans Day parade on November 8, 2009

Do not miss putting your 2010 event listing and unit, group, CWRT recruiting ads in the January Civil War News. The January issue of the Civil War News will include a free section to advertise in. The deadline is December First. Give your name, membership path, a brief description of your group, contact person, address, phone and E-mail. A 3 1/4 wide by 2 1/2 deep recruiting ad is only \$20.00 prepaid. Credit Cards are welcomed. Send checks to 234 Monarch Hill Rd. Tunbridge, VT 05077

At Cornell University, The Lincoln Presidency, Last Full Measure of Devotion. Runs through April 2010 open 9am to 5pm weekdays and 1pm to 5pm Saturdays. Division of Rare Manuscripts Collection, Carl A Kroch Library located in Hirshland Exhibition Gallery, Level 28 of the Library. Parking is very scarce on the Cornell Campus

To brothers Patriotic Instructors in the New York Department

The Memorial University is an online course developed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as an Officer Training Course for its members. This course was a vision of Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert and was achieved through the efforts of a Special National Committee on Education and Leadership established by the 127th SUVCW National Encampment. This course came on line in September of 2009 and currently has 13 graduates.

The class is totally free for all Brothers of our Order. It was developed by and is operated by our members and is a great way to learn about our Order. Even if you already know all about the Order, I challenge you to sign up and see how you do. Please pass this information on to your Camps and share with the Brothers in your Department. [Memorial University](#)

Lyman Baker, Department Patriotic Instructor

The annual Patriotic Instructor's report is available on line with this Volunteer. Please look it over, fill it out and return to me no latter then January 15, 2010 as I have to send them to the National Patriotic Instructor by February 1, 2010. Be sure to include your Camp number and what your Camp has done over the year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, this award is very nice for your camp

Lyman E. Baker, PCC, MYSPI

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[Annual Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report Printable Version](#)

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The Fourth Annual Colonel Augustus van Horne Memorial Scholarship will be awarded this spring to a Ellis Camp area high school student who demonstrates public and community service and writes a 500 word essay. Donations for the scholarship fund are welcome. Send to Sec/Treas Michael Bennett, PDC, P.O. Box 1824, White Plains, N.Y.10602. Designate for Col. Ellis Memorial Scholarship.

The General Aleaxander S. Diven Camp 77 provided the funds to have a local 4H group paint a Civil War Cannon and Cannonballs at a cemetery in Millport, N.Y.

Sydney Camp 41 provided four members as a color guard for a rededication of a Civil War monument at Carthage, N.Y. on November 3rd 2009. The monument had been vandalized and needed a good cleaning. Thanks to the efforts of Walter H. French Camp 17's Commander, Jeffrey French and others it is restored.

Pictured L to R: Phil Swaney, Bob Decker, Jeffrey French, Richard Lewis and Dale Theetge



The Delancy Delaney Guard, Col David Ireland Camp 137 at the Sunday Ceremony at the Department Encampment held in Binghamton in June



Members of a North Carolina Sons Camp join New York Department members Lyman Baker, Dale Theetge and Jerry Orton at the dedication of a returned civil war soldier's stone in Auburn.





First Sgt. Theetge, Co. D, 7th NY Cavalry carries the railroad lantern accompanying President Lincoln and followed by General Lee in the Waterloo Memorial Day Ceremony.

For our Jr. Members

It's May 19th and the battle of Vicksburg has just begun. Multiple units of the Union Army are in action against the Rebel strong point to the north east of Vicksburg. One of those units is the 55th Illinois commanded by Col. Oscar Malmborg, a heavy drinking soldier of fortune who is not real popular with his men.

In the 55th is Drummer Orion Howe, a 14 year old from Waukegan. Howe is a musician, young and agile. The soldiers fire up their ammunition fast, and they send men to the rear for more. Howe is among the volunteers. While sprinting along Graveyard Road, the lad is struck in the leg by a minie' ball. Undaunted, he continues with his hazardous mission. Staggering up to mounted General Sherman, Howe informs the general of the crucial shortage of cartridges at the front. Impressed by the lad's gallantry, the War Department awarded Howe the Medal of Honor on Sherman's recommendation. Howe thus became one of the youngest recipients of the nation's highest award for heroism. Who would have guessed that that 14 year old would earn the Medal of Honor?

These unexpected things seem to happen a lot more on the battlefield. It is not my pleasure to announce that I was hit in mid July with a terrible debilitating illness. I Spent until Aug 31 in the hospital and will be in convalescence for as much as 9 months.. This newsletter is being done on a hurry up bases so it will be

a lot of Photos and information and not much else. It also is the last Volunteer edited by me. I asked Commander Wheaton to replace me in July. That is not going to happen on its own so I will permanently tender my resignation effective with the New Year.

The new Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery located on the old Sampson Air and Navy base in Romulus has had work begun. The Seneca County Highway Department has done initial site work. Bids will be opened Monday, September 21 for demolition and removal of six old buildings on the site.

Contracts will be awarded this fall including site work on the cemetery grounds.

Planning for the veteran's cemetery began in 2002 and groundbreaking for the 162 acre site was a year ago. The first veteran is expected to be buried there in the fall of 2010.

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Chaplin's Final Muster

Albert A. Morey, PCC, Oliver Tilden Camp 26

Final muster May 12, 2009

Benedict R. Maryniak, P.G. Cook Camp 228

Final Muster May 25, 2009

Ralph Menges Elliot, Oliver Tilden Camp 26

Final Muster July 30, 2009

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 tells us they are looking forward to the Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show Award Ceremony at the Church of the Ascension Greenpoint, Brooklyn on Nov 7, 2009 and Remembrance Weekend in Gettysburg, PA on Nov 20 - 22 Hope to see you there.

Veterans Home Visitation Officer, James Russell, PDC tells us that they will be moving into the new Veterans Home Building in November, 2009 and we are invited to an open house Christmas Party on Dec 12th

You can find a complete list of New York Department officers and New York Department Camps, with addresses, telephone numbers and E-mail on the Departments Web Site www.suvcw.org/ny/deptny.htm

Former brother Daryl Verstrete Jr. from Lincoln Camp sure gets around with his work on restoring headstones. Recently Daryl was helping the SAR with replacement of stones in the McNeil/Brokaw Gospel Cemetery on Munson Road in the Town of Ovid. Keep up the good work Daryl.

From the WebMaster:

Fellow Brothers, Some counties are still not represented in our Monument Photo Database. If you live in or near one of those counties please make an effort to go out and get some photographs to put on the website. Digital or hard copy media will be accepted.

The 27th Encampment of the Department of N.Y. SUVCW will be held in Newark, N.Y. on June 4th, 5th, and 6th 2010. Reservations can be made to the Quality Inn, Newark at 315-331-9500. Rooms are being held open until May 20 so get your reservations in early. The cost of a double room is \$75.00 plus tax. Sat morning will be a joint Allied Orders ceremony from 8:00 to 8:30. The Sons meeting will start at 9:00.

There will be a Allied Orders Luncheon at noon. Cost is \$13.00 per person. Menu consists of Fresh tossed garden greens with dressing. Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Deli Meats to include Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham and tuna salad. Assorted sliced cheeses, lettuce, tomato and onions. Assorted condiments, assorted rolls and breads, desert and coffee, tea, and decaf. Send \$13.00 each to Dale Theetge, PDC 3046 Center Rd. Ovid, N.Y. 14521. Information on the banquet, handled by the Daughters will follow. Don't miss the Burnham's Canalside Sunday Buffet, served from 8am to 12pm. All you can eat \$8.95 per person.

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