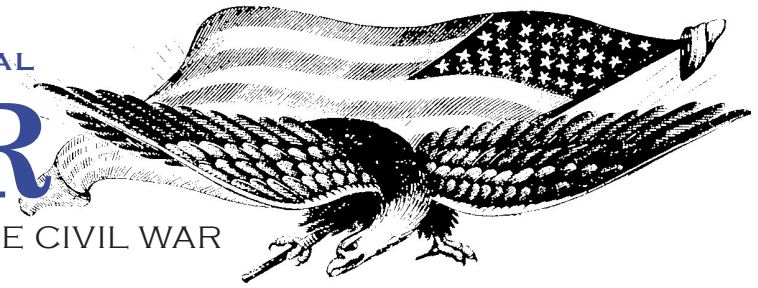


THE VOLUNTEER

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



(above) Dept. Color Bearer, Robert H. Walter with color guard, (below) officers' oath at the 131st NY Department Encampment held in Rochester



Encampment Wrap-Up

Much accomplished, some items outstanding
Robert Pugsley, PDC, Secretary, Department of N.Y.

I would like to thank you for your support in electing me as the Department Secretary at the 131st NY Department Encampment held in Rochester. I will try to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability.

I am pleased to announce that Jeff Albanese, PDC, Dept. Treasurer, and I submitted the Annual Department Report and per capita payment to the National Organization on time this year. I believe that is the first time in a number of years. Credit also goes to the Camps that submitted their reports on time. It is important for the Camps to submit their reports to me when they're due so that I have time to compile them and send them to National in a timely manner.

Currently, I am working on the Proceedings from the Encampment. I am still lacking some Officers'

reports and Camp Reports. These are not the Form 27s that you turn in for the Annual Report, rather these are a narrative of what your Camp did over the previous year. The report will be part of the Proceedings so if you want an Official Record of what your Camp did over the past year (2013-2014) please submit these reports as soon as possible. Also *thank you* for submitting your Form 30s. Please note that at the 131st Encampment it was voted and passed to raise the NY Departments dues from \$4/year to \$6/year. Please make your checks out appropriately.

After a tumultuous year, I believe that with your help, we are on track for making the New York Department the Premier Department in the National Organization.



Robert Pugsley, PDC, Dept. Secretary, now Past C-in-C, Ken Freshley (13-14), and newly elected Dept. Commander, George J. Weinmann, PCC

Reunion Notice

The 136th New York Volunteers are having a Reunion on September 13, 2014 to be held at Letchworth State Park Training Ground. A huge collection of original artifacts will be there along with direct descendants of members of the 136th.

Yours in F,C & L,

John Du Bois, Lincoln Post #6



Delegates standing at the GAR memorial in Mt. Hope Cemetery following the 131st N.Y. Department Encampment in Rochester



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U.S. Grant Anniversary

Tilden Camp's Annual Observance on April 26
George J. Weinmann, PCC, Dept. Commander

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its annual ceremony to commemorate the 192nd birthday of President-and-General Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant National Memorial in Manhattan on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The event drew representatives from various Civil War-related organizations, such as Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Bro. Larry Clowers as General Ulysses S. Grant, his wife Connie as Julia Grant; Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum & Aux. member to the SUVCW; Patrick Falci (Played A.P. Hill in *Gettysburg*) and William Finlayson, Past Presidents of The Civil War Round Table of New York; Tilden Camp member Frank Scaturro, President of the Grant Monument Association; Caren Cleaveland, President, New York Department, SUVCW Auxillary; and Meki Tate, National Chief of Staff, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The United Daughters of the Confederacy were also in attendance.

The Keynote speaker was Martin Smith, President, The Civil War Round Table of New York. Special thanks to Bro. Robert Fries (bugler) and SVC Arthur P. Kirmss (vocals, guitar and Civil War flute) for providing the music for the event. In addition, special thanks to Pvt. Charles Lirio, Co. I 83rd NYV (9th NYSM) SVR for leading the Color Guard and Bros. Michael Mitts, Philip Brown, James Bond, and Capt. Gary A. Collier and Bob Danialski for their participation in the event.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler awarded Bros. Mark Goret and Arthur Kirmss for 30 years of membership, and Bro. George J. Weinmann for 25 years of membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Congratulations to JVC George I. Rand, awardee of the Bob Wilder Lord "Patriot of the Year" honor.

Oliver Tilden Camp SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, Secretary Roy Wildenberger and Commander George J. Weinmann, PCC co-hosted the event. The 2014 General Grant Memorial Committee thanks the National Park Service (Manhattan Sites) and everyone for making the event once again very successful!



PC-in-C Danny Wheeler awarding certificates and membership numerals to Bros. Mark Goret, Arthur Kirmss and George J. Weinmann.



Commander Robert Keough, Willard Camp #154, reads the SUCVW Eagle Scout Certificate during his comments at the Boy Scout Court of Honor for Nicholas Hages in Elizaville, New York.

Strengthening The Order

Eagle Scout and school history programs

John Portanova, PCC, Coordinator for the Eagle Scout Certificate Program

Brothers, as you know each camp should have an Eagle Scout Coordinator—but if you don't, please see to it that someone from your Camp attends Court of Honor award ceremonies to make a presentation of the Eagle Scout Certificate to the Scout who made Eagle. Alternatively, send it to them when your schedule doesn't allow attendance. It's also fitting that Brothers attend in uniform, whether SUCVW or Civil War attire.

The best way for the Sons to be more visible is to be involved with the Boy Scout Troops in their Camp's area, or at least be in contact with them. In this way, when an Eagle Scout Court of Honor is scheduled, the organizers have it in mind to notify your Camp so as to include representation from the Sons.

Another way to promote the Sons is to introduce yourself to principals at your local schools, explaining what the Sons are all about and seeing if they are interested in having a Civil War history presentation. I feel that this is a good way to make more people aware of the Sons, as well.

I notice, and I'm sure that you do too, that history doesn't seem important today, and that it's not promoted at home or even in the schools. Together we can hopefully change that, adding more members, juniors and adults, to our wonderful organization.

To those Brothers who are already doing this: thank you and keep up the good work. To those who aren't—but can help out—please consider stepping up to the plate. I have been doing living history programs for the last 23 years, and continue to present them. If you have any questions about promoting history, or the Eagle Scout Certificate Program, please contact me.



Photo: Sarah Hermann



Photo: Bro. Marc Hermann

Surrender at Appomattox

New interpretive film for 150th anniversary

In preparation for the 150th anniversary of Lee's surrender, Appomattox National Historical Park has contracted for a new interpretive film to be shown in its Visitor Center. Filming of reenacted scenes took place during the week of July 14, and several brothers of the SUCVW had the opportunity to participate.

Photo Above: John Griffiths (Irish Brigade Camp 4, Dept. of the Chesapeake), descendant of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, portrays a staff officer alongside Dr. Curt Fields (Fort Donelson Camp 62, Dept. of Tenn.), portraying Gen. Grant, and Alvin Parker, descendant of Col. Ely Parker, portraying his own ancestor, in front of the McLean House at Appomattox Court House.

Photo Left: Mark Day, PDC (Taylor-Wilson Camp 10, Dept. of the Chesapeake) portrays Maj. Gen. Edward Ord and **Marc Hermann (Oliver Tilden Camp 26, Dept. of N.Y.)** portrays Capt. William M. Dunn.

Traditions Old and New

Willard Camp #154 marks two occasions

By Robert Keough, Camp Commander

The members of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 in the past would get together for what was known as the Lincoln Dinner. It now has been brought back as the Lincoln Luncheon combined with the Legion of Merit medal presentations.

Twenty Brothers and guests enjoyed a very nice luncheon in the Trojan Room at Brown's Brewing Co. in Troy, N.Y. on June 14, 2014. After the lunch,

Alycia Hamilton and Cameron Smith, to their complete surprise, were awarded Honorary Legion of Merit medals. The two were honored for their dedication to keeping green the memories of Civil War Veterans buried at the New Mt. Ida Cemetery in Troy, N.Y. For years they have been organizing work parties to clean the area, reset stones and work on the general maintenance of the Cemetery.

Nine of the Brothers were inducted as regular members of the Legion of Merit. This is a great beginning to a new tradition for the Willard Camp.



Brothers, back row left to right, Richard Straight, Frank Swartwout, John Swartwout, Jr., Chuck Berns, Leo McGuire, David Dziewulski PCC and DJ Dziewulski. Front row left to right Robert Keough CC, Alycia Hamilton, Cameron Smith, (our honored guests) and Joseph Dziewulski

Memorial Day Observances

Activities of Weber Camp #44

Headstone Rededications

On Saturday, 24 May, Bros. Ray Ball, Bill Christen, Mike Erb, Tom Himmelsbach, and Bill Tojek commemorated the deceased veterans at Concordia Cemetery with the rededication of the tombstones for August and John Blanck, as well as undertaking a ceremony based on the Grand Army of the Republic's 1902 version for the *Observation of Memorial Day*. In addition, they remembered the deceased brothers of Weber Camp, as well as the deceased members of the Civil War re-enactment community. The Brothers were joined by a Color Guard composed of Parker Ball, Luke Eames and Noah Luthart of Company A, U. S. Engineers Battalion and civilians Cheryl Ball, Megan Wilson, Bonnie Macleod, Emily Himmelsbach, and Kathleen Pawlak.

Lackawanna's Memorial Day Observance

Bros. Bill Tojek and Bill Christen represented Weber Camp during the City of Lackawanna's Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 25. The event was hosted by the Colonel John Weber Post 898, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Weber Camp Commander Tojek played TAPS during the observance.

Ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery

The Brothers participating in the ceremony in Forest Lawn Cemetery, which was coordinated by the P. G. Cook Camp No. 223, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on Sunday, 25 May, were Ray Ball, Mike Erb, Tom Himmelsbach, Tom Schobert, and Todd Shillington.

One Hundred Years Ago

The 31st Department Encampment

The 31st Department Encampment was held June 18–20, 1914 at Glens Falls, N.Y. Bert Bentley of Glens Falls won the Ada G. Mohr Medal for recruiting the most members, 218! PDC Klein of Syracuse offered to continue his practice of giving a medal for the second highest. There was a banquet in the Glens Falls Armory and a trip to Lake George. During the evening, a grand parade and reception was held for 1,000. Mrs. Charles Cowan sang, *An Ode of Lincoln*, compose by Lelia Shipman Tromblee of Glens Falls. This was its first public performance. The program ended by the drill team of the auxiliary presenting, *Our Country, America*. This was the last Department encampment when the GAR and Allied Orders met separately. Edwin A. Bolton of Troy was elected department commander.

GAR Anniversary

2016 is the 150th anniversary of the founding
By Jerry Orton PDC, Department Historian

In less than two years, the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic will be marked on April 6, 2016. This is a very important date in our history. If you have any ideas on how this should be commemorated make your thoughts known.



Final Muster



Brother Cornwell Crystal Martin

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 New York City

Brother “Corky” Martin, former Tilden Camp Treasurer, passed away quietly in his sleep at his home in Forest Hills, New York on April 15, 2014.

Brother Martin derived his right to membership from Pvts George & Thomas Sampson, 63rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Besides being a member of Tilden Camp (March 1, 2000), he was also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, where he was on the Board of Directors and a member of the Color Guard. He was also a member of a colonial Masonic Lodge. Before retiring, Brother Martin worked as a civil engineer and facility manager at a large insurance company. He will be missed by all.



Brother Philip L. Kissel

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 New York City

Brother Philip Kissel passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. Bro. Kissel was Tilden Camp’s Sergeant-at-Arms and a former Color Bearer for the Department of NY SUVCW.

Brother Phil was a 20-year member of Tilden Camp. His right of membership was derived from his grandfather, Pvt. John Kissel, Co I, 20th NYVI (Turner Rifles). Phil was a WWII veteran and a retired police detective. He will be missed by all who knew him.



Brother LeRoy R. Lincoln, Jr.

Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 Albany

Brother LeRoy R. Lincoln, Jr. passed away on July 15, 2014 in Abilene, Texas. He was a Navy veteran of World War II having served as an aviation machinist’s mate third class in the Pacific theater of operations. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Theater Medal, and Victory Medal and received an honorable discharge in 1946. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts from Drew University in 1950, a Bachelor of Theology from Barrington College in Providence, R.I., and a master’s degree in Christian education from NYU. He was ordained into the ministry in 1956 at Glenwood Baptist Church in Glenwood, N.J., where he served as pastor for three years. He taught English at the junior high, senior high, and college levels and was chairman of the English department at Murphy Junior High School in the Three Village School District in Setauket, N.Y. He retired in 1980. Brother Lincoln was an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the Spanish-American War Veterans, and a lifetime member of the VFW.

Brother Roy attended Brunswick Church in Troy and the Wylie Methodist Church in Wylie, Texas. He enjoyed gardening, genealogy, leading Bible studies, reading, classical music, and working with his hands.

A Memorial Service for Brother Lincoln was held on Sunday, 24 August 2014 at the Brunswick Church, Troy, N.Y.

Grant Cottage Anniversary

By Jerry Orton PDC, Department Historian

On July 23, 2014, the 129th anniversary of the death of Ulysses S. Grant was commemorated at the cottage where he died.

Members of Col. George Willard camp #154 were the colored guard. The flag was raised and a special black bordered flag was presented to Mrs. Julia Grant (Kathleen Cummings). Camp member Steve Trimm, portrayed Col. Frederick Dent Grant.

Camp members shown at left are Vince Jockimo, Charles Walter, Jerry Orton PDC and Bob Keough Willard Camp Commander.



Department Order No. 2

1. By the authority vested in me as Commander of the New York Department, I hereby suspend the Daniel E. Sickles Camp #3, Department of New York, SUVCW for not submitting their annual report and their per capita dues to the department on time. This is done in accordance with the By-Laws of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Article XI Reports, Section 5 and the National Constitution & Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chapter I. Camps, Article I. Charters, Section 8. A Camp failing to pay per capita dues or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law may be suspended by the Department Commander. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per capita dues.

So ordered this 21st day of May 2014

George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No. 3

1. At the May 3, 2014, 131st New York Department Encampment, SUVCW held in Rochester, NY, a resolution was passed by the membership: "a special committee be formed pursuant to Article X Committees, Section 3 of the By-laws of the Department of New York to appoint a Chairman by the Department Commander a "The Rally Round the Flags Committee." The purpose of the committee is for the preservation of the New York State flag collection. The committee shall make a report including recommendations and suggestions to the 132nd NY Department Encampment.

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Orders of the Department Commander—First Series

Department Order No. 1

1. To all the Brothers of the Department of New York, SUVCW who attended the 131st Encampment in Rochester, NY. I want to extend my appreciation for all your support in electing me NY Department Commander. Thank you for having confidence in me to hold this high office. I will do my best to continue the correct path that was laid down by former commanders.

2. The headquarters of the Department shall be transferred to 55 Jewell St. Brooklyn, New York 11222-3507. All correspondence to the commander should be mailed the that address. Phone communications can be made to 917-832-9999 and email at «gjweinmann@aol.com».

3. All Department and Camp officers are reminded to review the Department Bylaws and the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Make

sure that you submit your reports on time and be familiar with your job responsibilities.

4. By the authority vested in me as Department Commander, I reappointed Donald G. Zeilman as the Department Signals Officer and the Editor of the Department Newsletter "The Volunteer." The Newsletter will be published at least three times a year. The Newsletter will be published on the Department Website on or about August 1, on or about December 1, on or about April 1 in accordance to the Department Bylaws. Please send him your camp newsletters, stories, camp activities or news articles that can be used for the newsletter. Remember this is your newsletter! His email address is «dgzeilman@gmail.com». His mailing address is 1104 Success Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

So Ordered this 7th day of May 2014

George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

2. It was further resolved at the Encampment “that a special 5 year committee be created ‘The Rally Round the Flags Committee’ to bring together jointly all the State Camps of the Son’s of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the purpose of initiating a writing and lobbying campaign to reinstate funding for the New York State Battle Flag Preservation Project. That State funding shall be allocated on an annual basis until the flag collection has completely been conserved and archived. Said committee shall be responsible for bring all the State Camps of the Department of New York, Son’s of Union Veterans of the Civil War to Albany for the purpose of lobbying in both the Senate and Assembly of the New York State Legislature. The goal of this committee shall be to see this endeavor of the preservation of the flag collection through to its fruition.”

3. A copy of “The Rally Round the Flags Committee” resolution shall be posted on the Department website.

4. Pursuant to the resolution I have appointed Brother Richard Straight as chairman of the Special Committee known as “The Rally Round the Flags Committee.” I also appoint Brothers Vincent M. Jockmo and Leo McGuire to work on the flag committee.

5. The Committee shall present their findings and recommendations at the 132nd NY Department Encampment.

So Ordered this 7th day of June 2014
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No.4

1. By the Power vested in me as Department Commander of the Department of New York, I am appointing a committee known as the “Officer and Encampment Guide Committee.” The purpose of the committee is to develop a guide that will be helpful to newly elected department officers.

The guides will not be mandatory, but will only be used to help newly elected officers of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. By the Power vested in me as Department Commander of the Department of New York, I hereby appoint Brother Robert L. Pugsley as chairman of the Committee known as the “Officer and Encampment Guide Committee.”

The Committee shall present their findings and recommendations at the 132nd NY Department Encampment.

3. By the Power vested in me as Department Commander of the Department of New York, I hereby appoint Brother Matthew J. Hereford as chairman of the 2016 New York Department Encampment Committee.

The 2016 New York Department Encampment Committee shall present their findings and announce the location of the 2016 New York Department Encampment.

So Ordered this 8th day of July 2014
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander

Department Order No.5

1. At the May 3, 2014, 131st New York Department Encampment, SUVCW held in Rochester, New York, a vote was passed by the membership to increase the New York Department, SUVCW yearly per capita dues from \$4.00 to \$6.00.

All New York Department camp Secretaries must apply the new per capita dues amount to their “Camp Status Reports” and yearly “Camp Annual Reports.” In addition, don’t forget to apply the prorated dues amount to all new camp members that join our department throughout the year. Camp Commanders, please make sure all camp reports are sent out in a timely manner. This will help keep the department’s records up to date and in order.

By the vote passed by the membership at the 131st New York Department Encampment, SUVCW, the new per capita dues for the New York Department, SUVCW is now \$6.00.

On May 7, 2014, I issued Department Order #1, I reappointed Donald G. Zeilman as the Department Signals Officer and the Editor of the Department Newsletter “The Volunteer.” The Newsletter will be published on the Department Website on or about August 1, on or about December 1, on or about April 1 in accordance to the Department Bylaws. Editor Donald G. Zeilman is in the process of publishing the summer 2014 issue of “The Volunteer.” Please send him your camp newsletters, stories, photos, camp activities or news articles that can be used for the newsletter. His email address is «dgzeilman@gmail.com». His mailing address is 1104 Success Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

So Ordered this 23rd day of July 2014
George J. Weinmann, Department Commander



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For a contribution of \$5 or more to the Department Sesquicentennial Committee a window decal bearing the *New York Sesquicentennial of the Civil War* logo will be sent free of charge. Please send your contribution to Danny Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850, and include your name and address.



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