

THE VOLUNTEER, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW, NEWSLETTER

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.
<http://www.suvcw.otg/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm>

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 later than 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

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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/Tres Michael Bennett, PDC, P.O. Box 1824, White Plains, N.Y. 10602. Designate for Col. Ellis Memorial Scholarship.

The General Alexander 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.



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