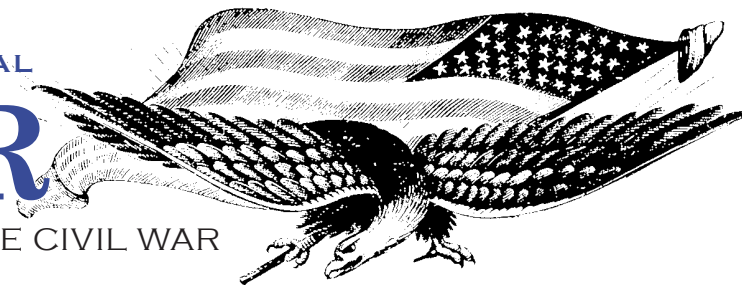


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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



U.S.S. Monitor Signature Event

Jeffrey Albanese, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW

In 1861 with word of the construction by Confederate authorities of the armored C.S.S. Virginia from the hulk of the Merrimac the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Wells, by virtue of the order of President Lincoln, organized a board of officers to review designs for an ironclad ship. The Board accepted an innovative design by Swedish born inventor John Ericsson, whose ironclad included his earlier patented screw propeller and a new innovation a rotating gun turret. The ship would be christened the U.S.S. Monitor and would gain immortality with its battle with the C.S.S. Virginia at Hampton Roads, Virginia on March 9, 1862. This battle between the first two ironclads would not only save the Union fleet but would spell the end of wooden warships and usher in the era of modern warships.

New York played an important role in the history of U.S.S. Monitor. John Ericsson, its designer was a resident of New York City at the time of the design and construction of the U.S.S. Monitor. Many of the component parts of the U.S.S. Monitor were constructed in the State of New York. This, included its steam engine for the turret and blowers at the Clute Brothers Foundry in Schenectady, N.Y., its iron plates for its armor belt, deck and hull at the Albany Iron Works (aka Corning Winslow & Co.), its twin

11-inch Dahlgren cannons forged at the West Point Forge in Cold Spring, N.Y., its turret at the Novelty Iron Works in Manhattan and its engine and boilers at Dalamate's Iron Works in Manhattan. The overall construction of the ship was done at the Continental Iron Works in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn where the ship was launched on January 30, 1862. The launching of this vessel and its subsequent encounter with the C.S.S. Virginia would be of national significance to the American Civil War and of international significance in the annals of naval warfare

The Department of New York SUVCW, in conjunction with the Oliver Tilden Camp 26 SUVCW, the John Ericsson Society and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum, will observe the 150th anniversary of the Monitor's launching on January 28-30, 2012 with a series of events at or near the location of the final construction and launching of this historic vessel.

Events currently planned include a Parade, a concert at the Church of the Ascension at Greenpoint, a history fair and a U.S.S. Monitor 150th anniversary reception. The Church of the Ascension at Greenpoint is connected to the U.S.S. Monitor as Thomas Fitch Rowland, close personal friend of John Ericsson and owner of Continental Iron Works who assembled the Monitor, was a member of this congregation and used



Crew members cooking on the deck of the Monitor, in the James River, Virginia, 9 July 1862

funds he received from the construction to help build the church. There will also be programming related to this observance at local schools, speakers (including Monitor crew descendants), art displays, photographs and 150th commemorative items. Further details will be posted in the coming weeks on the Department website.

Local hotel accommodations are available at the Fairfield Inn/Marriott, New York Long Island City/Manhattan View, 52-34 Van Dam Street, Long Island City, New York 11101. Their phone number is

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Swedish-born designer John Ericsson

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(718) 389-7700. Room rates, which include a continental breakfast, are \$89.00 per night plus taxes. When making reservations please mention "SUVCW GPT Monitor Museum."

This observance has been designated by the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event.

At the National Encampment of the SUVCW, the Department of New York was awarded the *Albert Woolsen Outstanding Sesquicentennial Event Ribbon* for its Elmer Ellsworth Observance last May.



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LAUNCH OF THE USS MONITOR 150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, January 28, 2012

HISTORY FAIR : Capital One Bank
(Former Greenpoint Savings Bank building)
Thomas Fitch Rowland, builder of the USS Monitor, was one of the first trustees of the Greenpoint Savings Bank. There will be organizational displays and speakers at this event.

CIVIL WAR CONCERT : Church of the Ascension. Thomas F. Rowland, builder of the USS Monitor, donated funds from the construction of the USS Monitor to build this Church. There will be wine and cheese in the Church hall.

Sunday, January 29, 2012

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PARADE
TO USS MONITOR LAUNCH SITE**

SERVICE : Church of the Ascension
followed by Parade to Greenpoint Monitor
Museum.

**CEREMONY AT THE LAUNCH SITE OF
THE USS MONITOR**

GALA RECEPTION : Grand Prospect Hall

Monday, January 30, 2012

Bus Tour of Civil War Historic Sites including Brooklyn Navy Yard's New Building 92 Center.

Laying of Wreaths: USS Monitor Statue at McGolrick Park, John Ericsson Statue Battery Park, NYC.



Left to right: Michael Lumbis; Richard Bierman, CC; Robert Roshia II; Jeffery French; John Goloski, Commander, 148th NYSV, SVR and Scott French

French Camp Raises Funds

Walter French Camp 17 helps the restoration fund for the Watertown Civil War monument

On Sunday, September 24, 2011, Water H. French Camp 17 of Carthage held a fund raising dinner for the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors memorial in downtown Watertown. Dinner has held at the Eagle Club on Route 11.

The program included Greetings from Jeffrey French, PCC and Master of Ceremony, who also provided a tribute to Gold Star Mothers. Presentations were made by Richard Beirman, CC, and the guest speaker was Michael Lumbis, the Arborist and Planner for the City of Watertown. Music was provided by *The Border River*. Scott French made the closing prayer.

The camp presented funds of \$2,385 to the City of Watertown. Additional funds of more than \$1,300 have been pledged. Many members of the Allied Orders as well local community organizations have given to the fund raiser.

Around the Department

Meyers Point Watch Fire

The 21st Annual Watch Fire at Meyers Point in Lansing, N.Y. to Commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day, was hosted by the Finger Lakes Chapter 377, Vietnam Veterans of American. Sydney Camp 41 of the Sons of Union Veterans acted as one the several color guards at the event.

The large fire is a symbolic fire in hopes that the servicemen and women who are still listed as Missing in Action will be able to find their way home.

Flood Tragedy

On September 16, Douglas E. Deuel, PCC & Department Senior Vice Commander, reported that “Go West Young Man” and “River Stay Away from My Door” came to mind with what has happened to the more than active Colonel David Ireland Camp 137, located in Binghamton, N.Y.

Half of the brothers in that area are either high and dry or lost in the mud, water and silt. One of the members has lost his mobil home to a stream flood and Brother Deuel lost everything except for clothing that was retrieved from wet closets.

The Camp’s sponsored SVR unit, the 16th NY Independent Battery, had yet to salvage their Mountain Howitzer from Brothers Deuel’s Toy and Cannon shop. The ‘old timer’ (Moses) is under five feet of water, mud and silt, BUT, will rise again.

Vice Commander Deuel said that he and his wife will survive and strive ahead. “We don’t have the time to feel sorry for ourselves, we’ll salvage what we can and go on. With all the disasters that have happened in the last few years, it’s time we all stepped back and tried to sort out exactly what has angered our Maker and try to make amends.”

Community Outreach in Elmira

After much coordination and planning, Gen. Alexander S. Diven Camp 77, Elmira, was rewarded with very good attendance at their showing of *The Conspirator*, on November 21. The 2010 film tells the story of Mary Surratt, the lone female charged as a co-conspirator during the assassination trial of Abraham Lincoln.

Sickles Birthday Celebrated

Third annual event held at Gettysburg

by James Hessler

The third annual *Dan Sickles Birthday Party* was held in Gettysburg during the weekend of October 15–16, 2011. The event, co-hosted by Brother James Hessler of the Daniel E. Sickles Camp 3 (and author of the book *Sickles at Gettysburg*), is an annual gathering of Gettysburg enthusiasts to commemorate the life and military service of General Sickles.

Approximately 50 people attended a party held in the ballroom of the Gettysburg Hotel on Friday night. The guest of honor was Sickles descendant and Brother, John Shaud who entertained the guests with many photos and artifacts related to his Great Grand-Uncle. A birthday cake was also served in the General’s honor.

On Saturday night, the party re-convened on the battlefield at the Trostle farm, which served as Sickles’s headquarters and where he was wounded by Confederate artillery fire on July 2, 1863. Cigars were smoked in Sickles’s honor and a moment of silence was observed to commemorate all veterans of the battle.



John Shaud, Sickles’ Great Grand-Nephew



Left, John Shaud and right, Jim Hessler standing by Sickles’ wounding monument at Gettysburg

Willard Camp Activities

Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 154 activities
Commander David M. Dziewulski

Gravestone Dedication

John Hilton, Troy resident and member of the Col. Willard Camp 154 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, spent over one year working on replacing the broken and weatherworn gravestone of Corporal Michael Delker of the 169th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. Companies A through E of the 169th NYVI were mustered into service in Troy, N.Y. on September 25th 1862 with additional recruiting done later that year in Staten Island. Corporal Delker, died June 10, 1864 as a result of wounds received in the Civil War battle at Cold Harbor, Virginia. Aided by Alysia Hamilton and Cameron Smith, the three volunteers were able to place a new stone at his burial site in New Mt. Ida Cemetery. A brief ceremony to



The old and the new: Corporal Delker's original grave stone, broken and worn by time and the elements along with the newly placed marker.

honor Corporal Delker and to dedicate the new grave stone was held at the cemetery in Troy on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Late Summer Events

Willard Camp participated in late Summer events throughout the Camp territory. With informational displays, Brothers participated in the annual Schuyler Flatts Civil War Heritage Days in Menands on August 20 and 21; Saratoga Springs Civil War Encampment at Congress Park, September 17 and 18; and a living history encampment and veterans' monument dedication in Averill Park on October 1. For the latter event five members of the Iron Jacks performed and it was the first time that all of the performers present for the group were Brothers in the SUVCW.

U.S. Grant Remembered

On August 6, 2011 Brother Jerry Orton of Willard Camp and Boy Scouts from Troop 24 of Wilton, N.Y. raised the American flag at Grant's Cottage. Also present at the event were a number of local residents in period dress. This event marked the 126th anniversary of U.S. Grant's death at his summer home on Mt. McGregor near Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Ulysses S. Grant died on Thursday, July 23, 1885, at the age of 63. After lying in state in Saratoga, Grant's body was placed on a funeral train that traveled south from Albany, New York, and passed through the West Point station of Garrison, across the Hudson River from the Academy. As it passed through West Point the whole undergraduate battalion, with Cadet Captain John J. Pershing at its head, stood at present arms. The train carrying Grant's body was draped in

black and slowly continued on its way to New York City. Grant's remains are beside his wife, in New York City's Riverside Park, in the largest mausoleum in North America – Grant's Tomb.

Benefit Concerts for Flood Victims

Five Brothers from the Willard Camp, along with other member musicians, performed with the Iron Jacks at two benefit concerts for flood victims in Schoharie County. Performances on November 5 and November 11, 2011 at the Gallupville House included other musical groups such as the 77th New York Balladeers, Rural Felicity and Uncle Billy's Balladeers.



Brian Howard, Executive Director of the Oneida County Historical Society, is pictured showing volunteer Earl Allen the \$500 check that the Society received from the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be used toward the restoration of an 1861 Parrott cannon. PDC Allen applied for the grant.

News From Tilden Camp

Tilden Camp 26 named *Camp of the Year*

Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York, was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Award at the August 13, 2011 National Encampment for *Camp of the Year*. Congratulations to the members of the camp.

Department of New York Commander, Jeffrey Albanese, accepted the award on behalf of Tilden Camp. The Camp gives special thanks to PC-in-C Brad Schall for all his hard work throughout the year as C-in-C of our order.

Four Civil War Soldiers Honored

On Saturday November 12, 2011, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth Queens, Oliver Tilden Camp 26 and Co. I, 83rd NY Vol. SVR honored four Civil War soldiers with new government headstones. 1st Lt. John J. Irwin Co. I, 90th New York Volunteer Infantry, Sgt. Charles Parsons Co. H, 87th New York Volunteer Infantry, Pvt. George H. Gates Co. K, 13th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Corp. Thereon L. Neff Co. H, 25th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry.

Commander George J. Weinmann officiated the ceremony. PCC John Portanova was the speaker. Special thanks to former N.Y. State Senator Serphin R. Maltese for providing a N.Y. State Department of Veterans Affairs Grant to fund the event and for David Gigler for providing the headstone foundations and office space, Janice Weinmann, President Greenpoint Monitor Museum, Aux. member SUVCW for the relic display, Lynne Dolan President, New York Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Janice Guy Past President, New York

Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Marc & Sarah Hermann and Co. I, 83rd New York Vol. (9th NYSM) Sons of Veterans Reserve.



From left to right: George J. Weinmann, Camp Commander, Janice Weinmann, President of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum, Lynn Dolan, President N.Y. Dept. DUVCW, James Bond. Treas., George Blanthorn, John Seebach, Marc Hermann, John Portanova, PCC, Roy Wildenberger, Sect. and Sarah Hermann



Greenpoint Monitor Museum and Road Show

The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show Award Ceremony on Saturday, October 22, 2011 was a great success. About 100 children, parents and school representatives were present. A slide show was presented to show how the Museum is developing its land and how the students participated in the 2010–2011 road show. During the school year Tilden camp and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum put on a two and a half hour show that includes the history of the USS Monitor, our Civil War ancestors, GAR, SUVCW, mascots, John Ericsson's Monitor steam engine and much more.

The Camp and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum received a Congressional Award from Congresswomen Nydia Velazquez for the Road Show.

Cemetery Tour Marks Civil War Anniversary

On Sunday, September 18, Tilden camp participated in a tour of Woodlawn Cemetery. Brothers stood guard at Captain Oliver Tilden's grave to honor and speak about him. Brothers also spoke about the SUVCW to the tour participants. The tour was held on behalf of the Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery. This Civil War walking tour marked the beginning of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Public Historian Peter Bunten conducted the tour.

190th Grant Celebration

Save the date: the 190th Grant Celebration at Grants Tomb will take place on Sunday, April 29 at the Riverside Drive location of Grant's Tomb. All groups are invited in any uniformed units.

General Orders of the Department Commander

General Order No.2

1. The Department of New York of the SUVCW is currently the repository for a quantity of Civil War Veteran artifacts which it has acquired over the years through donations, acquisition of the contents of GAR Halls or contributions from descendants of Civil War veterans, a process which still continues. Many of these items, but not all, are currently in the care of the Department Archivist. Although the care of these items is currently being maintained there is no policy of the Department concerning their care, protection, transfer of custody, record keeping or potential repository for care and protection within the Department. In furtherance of the resolve of the 128th Encampment of the Department of New York, I hereby charge the Department GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee with developing a policy in accordance with Section 3, Article XVI of the Bylaws to address these issues. This policy should provide for among other things the process for inventorying the collection, recording the location of all artifacts, the loan of artifacts for display to other organizations and institutions, the acquisition of new artifacts, the process of transfer of these artifacts from one Department Archivist to a successor Archivist and such other policies as may be necessary to insure the collections protection and care. In addition, the committee shall study the advisability of transferring the care and protection of the Department's collection to some centrally located and willing institution. Such study should include a study of methods used in other Departments, and should keep in mind the

obligations and duties of the Order in regards these artifacts. The GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee shall be prepared to present its report and recommendations to the 129th Encampment of the Department of New York.

So Ordered this 15th day of August, 2011
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

General Order No.3

1. In accordance with Article III, section 5 of the Department Bylaws, I, as Department Commander, hereby call a midyear meeting of the Department of New York, SUVCW to occur on October 22, 2011 from 10 am–3 pm at the Veterans Fire Hall, 638 Elmira Rd. Rt. 13, Ithaca, New York. Pursuant to the Department Bylaws, the purpose of the meeting will be for “discussing and formulating plans for the betterment of the Order, such plans to be submitted to the following annual Department Encampment for such action as a majority vote of those present at said Encampment may decide.” In addition to other topics, we will be discussing the Sesquicentennial, the recruitment of new brothers with a focus on younger candidates and our vision for the future of the Department. Interim Officer Reports will also be due. All brothers are invited.

2. By the Power vested in me as Department Commander of the Department of New York and in accordance with Article X, Section 1 of the Department Bylaws I hereby appoint Brother Dave M. Dziewulski as a member of the G.A.R. and SUVCW Artifacts and Property Committee.

So Ordered this 25th day of August, 2011
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

General Order No.4

1. The recent advents of Hurricane Irene and then Tropical Storm Lee have left a path of destruction and devastation within the Department. Many of us have suffered lengthy losses of power and communication, flooding and property loss. It is with great distress that I have learned of a number of brothers within the Department who have suffered even greater losses including the loss of their homes and belongings. This Order is founded on the tenets of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Accordingly I ask that all efforts be made by the brothers and camps of the Department to ascertain those brothers in need and to offer them whatever assistance they are able during this trying time.

So Ordered this 15th day of September, 2011
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

General Orders Nos.5 & 6

DEPARTMENT ORDER 5

1. In furtherance of the resolves of both the 127th and 128th Encampments of the Department of New York, I continue to respectfully request that all Brothers contact their legislators and other state and local officials and continue to urge them to support and protect that historic site of national importance known as Grant's Cottage. Located on Mt. McGregor in Wilton, New York it served as the last residence and place of death of that savior of the Union and the 18th President of the United States, General Ulysses S. Grant. In addition, I urge all Brothers and Camps to support the efforts of the not-for-profit organization known as the Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage, Inc., in their efforts to preserve this national

treasure. It is through their effort that this historic site continues to be preserved and remains open to the public. In furtherance of this resolve on this date the Department of New York, SUVCW will make a further donation at the Patron level to the Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage, Inc.

DEPARTMENT ORDER 6

1. The Battle of Olustee was fought in Florida on February 20, 1864. It was the largest battle fought in that state during the Civil War. It pitted approximately 5,500 Union troops under the command of Brigadier General Truman Seymour against approximately 5,000 Confederates under the command of Brigadier General Joseph Finegan. The purpose of the Union expedition into the state was to sever Confederate supply lines, establish a loyal state government and to recruit black soldiers. The Union order of battle included three infantry brigades, a small cavalry brigade, three artillery batteries and an engineer regiment. One of the brigades, under Colonel William Barton, was an all New York brigade consisting of the 47th, 48th and 115th New York. In addition, the engineer regiment was the 1st Engineer Regiment, NYSV. The battle was a Confederate victory. Casualties in killed, wounded and missing were 946 Confederate and 1,861 Union. The casualty rate among the Union was 40% making this the third bloodiest Union battle in ratio to casualties versus soldiers involved in the entire war. Amongst these Union casualties, 929 or about half were New Yorkers.

Today, the battlefield is contained with the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park and is located within the Osceola National Forest. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There has been an annual historical reenactment regarding this battle at the park since 1976. There are no battlefield

monuments to Union soldiers or regiments on the battlefield. There are three Confederate monuments erected on the site by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Department of Florida, SUVCW intends to place a monument at that battlefield dedicated to the Union regiments who fought in the Battle of Olustee, has therefore formed a Monument Commission and established a Monument Fund. The Department of Florida, SUVCW has asked the Department of New York, SUVCW for its support in this endeavor and has invited the Department to partner with the Department of Florida, SUVCW to make the monument a reality. It is the purpose of our Order to keep green the memory of those Union soldiers and sailors who fought to preserve the Union. As members of the Department of New York, we have a further responsibility to make an additional effort regarding those Union soldiers and sailors who served from the State of New York. In recognition of that responsibility, it is apparent that the Department of New York should make all efforts to assist, within its capabilities, this effort to honor the “boys in blue” especially those who served from the great state of New York. By the authority invested in me as Commander of the Department of New York, SUVCW and pending the adoption of a formal resolution of support to be presented to the 129th Encampment of the Department of New York, I hereby declare support for the afore stated effort of the Department of Florida, SUVCW in regards the placement of a monument to the Union regiments that served at the Battle of Olustee. I further request that the Brothers of the Department provide whatever aid or assistance they are able to our fellow Brothers of the Department of Florida in regards this effort. Pending further notice, I hereby appoint myself to serve as the New York member to the Department of Florida, SUVCW

Olustee Monument Commission. Any Brother of the Department who has a special interest in this project and wishes to provide additional service should contact the Department Commander.

So Ordered this 25th day of September, 2011
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

129th Encampment

Make your plans now to be in Newburgh/
West Point on May 18-20, 2012

Accommodations:

- » Hilton Garden Inn, 15 Crossroads Court, Newburgh, New York 12550
- » Room rates: \$99 per night double occupancy (taxes excluded).
- » Reservations: 845 567-9500. (mention Allied Orders of GAR)



New York delegation to the National Encampment in Reston Virginia, left to right: Doug Deuel, DSVC; Robert Dauchy, PDC; Jeff Albanese, DC; George Shadman, PDC; Danny Wheeler PCinC, Lyman Baker, DPI and Ray Wheaton, PDC



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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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