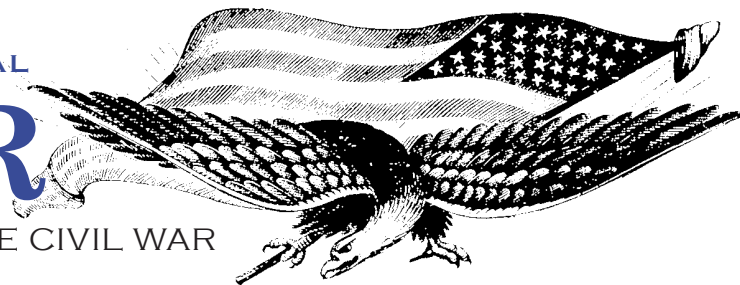


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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



The 2012 National Encampment

Allied Orders meet in Los Angeles California

Jeffrey Albanese, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW

The National Encampment of the Allied Orders was held August 9 through 12, 2012 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in Los Angeles California. This 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans also marked the centennial of the last G.A.R. Encampment in Los Angeles in 1912. Attending the National Encampment on behalf of the Department of New York was Department Commander Jeffrey Albanese, PDC and Department Counselor and National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, PCinC. In addition Brother and Department JROTC Officer Jeff French was present in his capacity as Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. Further, Department of Wisconsin Member and C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1 Commander, Brian MacManus joined the Department as a member of Lincoln Camp 6 at National and was initiated into the Department by both PCinC Wheeler and myself.

Department Commander Albanese was appointed to serve on the National Encampment Resolutions Committee during the proceedings by C in C Palmer. One key development of the Encampment that was a decision to finally achieve IRS 501c3 status. The SUVCW is currently a 501c4 entity and donations to it are not tax deductible. In order to properly grow

the organization and fulfill its mission more revenue needs to be developed. The 501c3 status will make donations to the Sons tax deductible thereby making it an attractive tax shelter of sorts and also useful for estate purposes. In addition, it would make the Sons eligible to apply for grants to foundations and similar entities. This will not come without costs. It should be noted that this conversion will also allow Departments and camps to solicit tax-deductible donations and grants although they will be costs as far as registration fees and renewals that would be imposed annually to do so. If done on a website it may require registration on all 39 states that currently require it along with annual registration fees or a decision to only accept funds solicited from within the state or states the Department is located in. For Departments and camps that decision to do so will have to be carefully considered but for National it is essential. The target date to achieve 501c3 status is 2013.

For the Eagle Scout coordinator a new procedure was passed and should be reviewed once the information is forwarded. A permanent battlefield flag preservation committee was established A committee was formed to study a proposed fund raising pro-

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Commander in Chief Mellor addressing the 2012 National Encampment



Dept. Commander Albanese PDC, Brian MacManus CC and Danny Wheeler PCinC, National Quartermaster and Department of N.Y. Counselor

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gram. For the Patriotic Instructor the Encampment passed the development of a Visual audio program for Camps and Departments, redesigning Memorial university, and establish a Patriotic Instructors Award to a Department. For the Memorials officer a requirement that all files be presented online in PDF format with digital backup and sent annually to the National Memorials officer. A constitutional amendment was passed which will require approval by the Department to add the words Revenue Cutter Service to the preamble.

The USS Monitor Resolution passed by our Department at our last Encampment and sent to national was also adopted at the National Encampment, in addition, the USS Monitor Sesquicentennial Signature Event was the sole recipient of the Albert Woosen Award for outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature event since the last national Encampment. This was from among 23 National Sesquicentennial Signature Events reported held during this period.

Finally, Brother Perley Mellor a frequent visitor to our Department was elected National Cin C, with Brother Ken Freshley moving up to Senior Vice and Tad Campbell of the Department of California and the Pacific was elected Junior Vice.



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Headstone Dedication

Weber Camp 44 holds service at grave of
Acting Ensign Perez Chapin Gooding

By William A. Christen II, Graves Registrar

The weather was warm and sunny when the Color Guard comprising members from the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, the SULLIVANS Division, began the march to the grave of Acting Ensign Perez Chapin Gooding on Saturday, November 17. The Color Guard comprised Seaman Ryan Dutchman, Seaman Apprentice Nickolas Coggins and Seaman Apprentice Angel Krempa. They were under the command of LCDR Kenneth Hall, LT (jg) Melanie Pawli and LT (jg) Deanna Coggins, United States Navy Sea Cadet Corps, for the November 17 detail.

At the grave, Weber Camp Commander Bill Tojek along with Brothers Mike Erb, Tom Himmelsbach, Bob Wiltshire, Jim Pace, Tim Leary, and Bill Chris-



Ryan Dutchman, Nickolas Coggins, and Angel Krempa of the United States Navy Sea Cadet Corps, the SULLIVANS Division, followed by Fifer Jim Pace, Drummer Brian Seibel, and Drummer Alexander Percy of the Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, during the march to Acting Ensign Gooding's grave.



Brother Tom Himmelsbach bearing the Weber Guard standard during the march to the grave.

ten undertook the Headstone Dedication Service, which is adapted from a 1917 Service used by the Grand Army of the Republic to dedicate a member's headstone. The service was scheduled to coincide with the 56th Anniversary of Remembrance Day sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

This service honored and marked the grave of Acting Ensign Gooding. He enlisted in the United States Navy on February 15, 1865. Gooding was assigned as an Acting Ensign on the USS Paul Jones when the ship was re-commissioned at the Boston Navy Yard for further service in the Gulf of Mexico. Perez Gooding died on November 20, 1902 in a hotel in Buffalo. On November 23, 1902, he was buried under the name Peter Gooding. The service dedicated the new military marker that was erected during 2011 with his correct name, Perez C. Gooding.

Also participating in the ceremony were the Weber Guard of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Sister

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Camp Commander Bill Tojek with Friends of Concordia Cemetery after the ceremony

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Nicolle Beatty of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Companion Bill Christen representing MOLLUS, members of the 155th New York Volunteer Infantry Reenacting Regiment, members of the 49th New York Volunteer Infantry, and the Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps. The members of the 155th commemorated all veterans with a “silent drill,” while the Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps recognized the active Armed Forces by playing *Sailor’s Hornpipe* for the Navy and *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching* for the Army. Sister Beatty and Companion Christen placed flowers at the new military headstone.

Also participating were Ray Ball, Sr. and Jr. of the U.S. Engineers Battalion, Company C, as well as David Kreutz portraying President Abraham Lincoln and Pat Petrie appearing as Mary Todd Lincoln. President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address to end the ceremony. Ray Ball, Jr. skillfully played TAPS during the service, while Ray Ball, Sr. was assigned Guard Duty during the service.

This was the second year that the Brothers of Weber Camp 44 collaborated with the Friends of Concordia Cemetery to honor and mark a Civil War Veteran’s grave as well as recognize the active Armed Forces and commemorate and all veterans.



Brother Tim Leary (left) and Brother Bob Wiltshire (right) at Gooding Headstone after the ceremony



All the participants at the Gooding gravesite in Concordia Cemetery

130th Department of New York Encampment

Ramada Conference Center in Ithaca is site for 2013 gathering

Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

The 130th Encampment of the Department of New York will be held May 3–5, 2013 at the Ramada Conference Center in Ithaca (2310 N. Triphammer Road, Ithaca, New York 14850). The room rate is \$99.95 per night, with the reservation deadline for that rate being April 1, 2013. When the reservation is made, please mention “Allied Orders.” The Conference Center telephone number is 607 257-3100 and their website may be found at: www.ramada.com/hotels/new-york/ithaca/ramada-ithaca-executive-conference-center/hotel-overview

The Department business meeting will be on Saturday, May 4, 2012 and will follow the agenda as contained in the *Order of Business* for Department Encampments as contained in the *Ritual and Ceremonies of the SUVCW*.

The Campfire for Friday evening May 2 will feature Walter Gable, Seneca County Historian, who will talk on Seneca County and the Civil War. A Saturday luncheon hosted by the DUVCW will cost \$15 per person, and the Saturday evening banquet hosted by the SUVCW will cost \$35 per person.

The Memory Book will be produced through the ASUVCW. Send ads to: Betty J Baker PNP, 3191 Cty Road 139, Interlaken, NY 14847. Full Page \$40, Half page \$20, Quarter Page \$10, 1/8 page \$5.

Additional details, menus and reservation forms regarding the May 4 luncheon and banquet will be provided within the next few weeks on the Department website.

Sesquicentennial Event

Ellis Camp 124 dedicates historical marker at train station where infantry embarked

On September 9, 2012, the Colonel Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 held a Civil War Sesquicentennial event by dedicating an historical marker at the train station where the 124th New York Volunteer Infantry embarked on September 6, 1862 on its way to the seat of war, after being organized in the Village of Goshen in the summer of 1862.

Funds for the marker were raised through a grant from the Orange County Historian's office and from fund raising by the camp. The original train station, which still exists, now serves as the Village of Goshen Police Department. The 124th New York served in the Army of the Potomac in all of its major engagements from Fredericksburg to Appomattox Courthouse. At Gettysburg its Colonel and Major were killed, and Lt. Colonel wounded, during the regiment's defense of the triangular field at Devil Den. The regiment's action at Chancellorsville is thought to be the basis of Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage* who interviewed its veterans while writing the novel in Port Jervis, New York.



New historical marker in place at the former station



Photograph taken before cleaning Fall 2011



Photograph taken after cleaning Summer 2012

The Before & After of Things

The General George H. Thomas Project begins
By David M. Dziejewski, CC

Willard Camp 154 was notified in an August 1, 2012 letter from Mr. Bernie Vogel of the Troy Cemetery Association, Inc. (Oakwood Cemetery) that the trustees accepted our adoption of the Kellogg Family plot that holds General George Thomas. Several days prior to receiving that letter, Commander Albanese, Department of New York, issued Order #6 which recognized Willard Camp's adoption of the grave site in concert with the Department and encouraged support of the project. On September 8, Camp members assembled at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, N.Y. to kick off the General Thomas grave site project. The Camp was very fortunate to retain the services of Mr. Joe Ferannini of Grave Stone Matters who was able to make a preliminary assessment of the monument's

condition. To accomplish our first task the Camp purchased two gallons of D/2 Biological Solution using the donations from the Department of New York and Brother Roland Neiss of the D. G. Caywood Camp 146. In addition to Joe Ferannini, five brothers attended along with a faithful volunteer from the community, Ms. Alysia Hamilton. In a few hours we were able to clean the entire monument and Ms. Hamilton completed a significant amount of work on grave markers of various members of the Kellogg family. We finished our work, cleaned the work site and packed Joe's truck and trailer just in time – a torrential downpour helped complete our work by giving all of the monuments a terrific final rinse!

If brothers are interested in donating to a fund in support of the maintenance of the General Thomas monument please contact Camp Secretary & Treasurer, Brother George Malinoski: [gmalino1\[at\]nycap.rr.com](mailto:gmalino1[at]nycap.rr.com)

Orders of the Department Commander Series III

Department Order No.7

1. Article III, section 5 of the Department Bylaws authorizes the Department Commander to call a midyear meeting. Neither Department business nor expenditure of Department funds may occur at said meeting. The purpose of the meeting is limited to progress reports and a discussion of plans for the betterment of the Order.

2. Attendance at these meetings over the last few years has been in the decline. This may be due in part to the increase in gasoline prices, the time of year they have been held, the fact that no actual business can be held, the distance some have to travel or otherwise. I have wrestled with this issue over the last couple of months and now in part by necessity and in recognition that this year's Encampment is almost a month earlier than normal have decided not to call for a midyear meeting.

3. Nevertheless, it is important that Department business be monitored. In addition, I have heard very little from many Department Officers or committees of their activities, nor from many camps. In addition, the Department Encampment has voted and directed that certain committees perform certain activities and investigations for the betterment of the Department and the Order and those directives should not be ignored. Those committees include The New York SUVCW Sesquicentennial Committee, the Young Members Recruitment Committee, and the Greenpoint/Monitor Museum Committee Encampment Committee. In addition the Department GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee which is suppose to develop a policy or policies for the care, protection, transfer of custody, record keeping or po-

tential repository for the care and protection of the quantity of Civil War Veteran artifacts and records which the Department and its respective Camps have acquired over the years. In it addition it is directed that perform a study concerning the advisability of depositing the aforesaid collection in a repository at a university, museum or similar facility within the Department for safekeeping.

4. In order to insure the business of the Department is being furthered it would appear then that reports should be made just as they would be at a Department Midyear meeting.

5. Accordingly, on or before January 31, 2013 all Department Officers Department Committees and Department Special Committees are to file with the Department Commander, with a copy to the Department Secretary a brief report of their activities and/or progress. This includes the Department standing committees such as the Department Encampment Committee, Legislation Committee, etc. The Department Musician, Guide, Guard and Colorbearer are excused from this order. In addition, all Camp Commanders should also file a report by that time.

6. Copies of all reports filed will be made available at the Department Encampment and may be posted on the Department website.

So Ordered this 8th day of December, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

Department Order No.8

1. At the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Los Angeles 9–11 August, 2012, at which a quorum was present throughout, the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to

amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

From: We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

To: We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of American during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

This change is needed to recognize all the members of the United States Armed Forces that served in the American Civil War 1861–1865, as the membership requirements of the GAR and our organization, per Article III of the C&R, as the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces.

2. As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. General Order #4 directs Departments of the SUVCW to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2013 Department Encampments.

3. Accordingly, the Department Secretary is directed to place the aforesaid Amendment to the National Constitution on the agenda of the business meeting of the 130th Department Encampment to be voted upon in accordance with General Order #4

So Ordered this 8th day of December, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

Department Order No.9

1. The General Order #1, paragraph 16 of the Commander in Chief states as follows: "All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Department Headquarters on time. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to National Headquarters on time. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations."

2. Over the last several years, this has become a problem within the Department. While the vast majority of our camps comply with the reporting deadlines there are a few that have not, despite numerous reminders and offers of help from our Department Secretary. The Department has been reluctant to suspend camps however, that can no longer be the case. During the last two years, the Department itself has received notice of pending suspension by National due to its inability to file its reports because of a camp or camps failure to file reports.

3. While I have been just as guilty as others in not enforcing the rules I must remind the Department and all camps that the bylaws indicate that failure to file the requisite reports by May 15th results in a camp being deemed not in good standing and requires a Department Commander to so declare. It is not discretionary and cannot be used by the Department as an excuse for failing to file its report to national on time. All camps should keep this in mind from now on.

4. Last year the Department amended its bylaws to require "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 no later than 10 days prior to the Encampment."

5. Currently, the Bylaws state as mentioned above that a failure of a camp to file its required reports by May 15 results in a camp being deemed "not in good standing" and further not to be allowed representation at the ensuing Encampment. Since recent Encampments have been scheduled earlier in May the May 15th, provision no longer make sense. In accordance, therewith and pursuant to the Bylaws the Department Commander proposes the following amendment to the Bylaws to be presented to the 130th Encampment of the Department of New York. "That the words 'May 15th' be deleted in Section 5, Article XI of the Department Bylaws where they appear and that they be replaced with the words 'April 30th or the date of the business meeting of the Department Encampment whichever is earlier.'"

So Ordered this 8th day of December, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese, Department Commander

New York Veteran Honored

Effort to properly inter remains of Corporal Herman Borghardt in Wisconsin

Brian D. McManus, CC Badger Camp 1 & NY Brother

On Veterans Day, Brothers of C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Dept. of Wisconsin formed an honor guard for Cpl. Herman Borghardt, interred amid the unmarked remains of 1,300 people in the Poor Farm Cemetery on the former Milwaukee County Grounds.

Herman Borghardt was a Veteran of the 41st NY Volunteer Infantry. After the War, he moved to Wisconsin and eventually died at the Milwaukee County



Photo: C.T. Kruger

Honor guard for remains of Cpl. Herman Borghardt

Poor Farm. He was buried along with hundreds of others in a large "Potters Field" Cemetery.

In 1991 the County hospital had exhumed a large number of graves in a cemetery near the hospital. The remains were given to a University to study, and then to another for further study. None of the remains were reinterred. Now, as part of a planned addition to the hospital, another one of the poor farm cemeteries is to be dug up and the remains treated in the same fashion.

This cemetery includes the remains of Corporal Borghardt. In response, Brothers of C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, provided an honor guard and a reading of a burial service near Cpl. Borghardt's approximate grave area on Veterans Day.

The Camp has also joined with a local community group to ask for the remains to be exhumed, moved, and properly reinterred in an honorable fashion. Attempts are being made to identify the exact location of Corporal Borghardt. The local VA Veterans Service Officer would like to have him reinterred at Wood National Cemetery, just a few miles away.

Final Muster



Brother Bruce Terry Morgan

Col. David Ireland Camp 137 Binghamton



Brother Morgan, 55, died July 11, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Janice. He was a graduate of Owego Free Academy class of 1974. Bruce was employed for the Town of Owego as a driver. He and Janice enjoyed spending time

participating in Civil War Reenactments. He was a member of Col. David Ireland Camp 137 since 2007. He had claimed his right to membership in the SUVCW to his ancestor, Pvt. Daniel W. Dawson, 84th PA VI, Co. D.



Brother Charles F. Saam, Sr.

Col. David Ireland Camp 137 Binghamton

Brother Charles F. Saam, Sr., 91, died August 7, 2012. Brother Saam joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 2002, claiming his right to full membership to his ancestor, Pvt. Henry McCristle of the 8th NJ Volunteers, Co. E and the 6th Veteran Reserve Corps., Co. D. Both Brother Saam and his son, Charles F. Saam, Jr., have been loyal members of the Col. David Ireland Camp 137 since joining. He is also survived by his wife Jean.

He served in the US Army during WWII. He was a graduate of Dickinson College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. He was the first clinical psychologist at the

(former) Binghamton State Hospital and the first Psychologist of the Chenango Valley Central School District, retiring in 1982. Brother Saam will be missed.



Brother Charles V. Huntley

Homer Searle Camp 114 Bridgewater



Charles Vincent Huntley, 73, died August 2, 2012. Brother Huntley joined Homer Searle Camp 114 in 2004. He did not know of a Civil War ancestor, but shared an interest in that period of our American history, and our Order's passion for keeping alive the memory of the Boys in Blue. He was born in 1938 at Utica, N.Y. Charles was a 1960 graduate of Colgate University. He joined the United States Navy shortly after. A love of history was prevalent in Charlie's life. He was an active member in the West Winfield Historical Society and the Civil War Club.



Brother James D. Dorney

Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 Albany

James D. Dorney, 79, died November 24, 2012 following a long illness. He was born on July 7, 1933 in Troy, New York. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary and Troy High School. He was employed by the New York State Office of General Services, retiring in 1995. Jim was a Veteran of the Korean War and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a faithful member of Col. Geo. Willard Camp 154 for over two decades, joining in July, 1992.



Sister Lorraine M. Orton

Auxiliary to SUVCW



Lorraine M. Orton, 65, died at home following her battle with ALS. She was the wife of Brother Camp and Department Historian Brother Jerry Orton, PDC.

Born in Syracuse, Lorraine graduated from Henninger High

School and retired from Auburn prison after 34 years. Lorraine was national historian for the Women's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary to the Army of the Republic, and a member of Ladies of GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, Daughters of '98, Marcellus Grange, Fellowship of Knights of King Arthur, Camillus First United Methodist Church, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Tipperary Hill American Legion, Freedom Foundation and 148 NYS Volunteer group.

Lorraine was very active in the Allied Orders serving in both the Ladies Auxiliary as well as the Women's Relief Corp both on the state and national levels. In August of this year, Lorraine was given an honorary membership in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

She and Jerry perhaps epitomized what it meant to be a member of the Allied Orders and to honor the veterans of the American Civil War. They were particularly active in recognizing, honoring and helping those remaining living Real Sons and Daughters. Lorraine's enthusiasm for our history and encouragement of our efforts will be sorely missed.



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