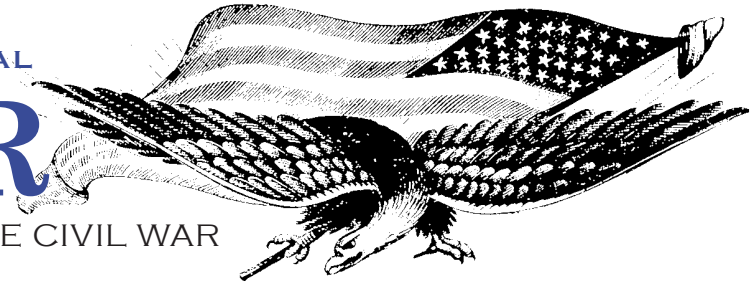


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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Grant Cottage Update

New proposal brings hope for historic site

The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage (the non-profit organization running the day-to-day operations of the site in cooperation with NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation) began a series of meetings between their partner agency and the NYS Department of Corrections to discuss the continued functioning of the Grant Cottage State Historic Site following the correctional facility's intended closure in 2014.

In July, the State announced plans to close medium-security Mount McGregor Correctional Facility by July 2014. The announcement comes three years after the closing of minimum-security Camp McGregor on the site. The news was greeted with concern in the surrounding communities due to potential job loss and the negative economic affects.

The governor's plan to close the Mount McGregor Correctional Facility next year also threatens Grant Cottage, said Friends of Grant Cottage President Tim Welch for an article in the Albany *Times Union*. The article went on to say, "The state prison sits atop a mountain next to the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage State Historic Site, where the Union general and two-term U.S. president died July 23, 1885.

The refurbished 19th century museum depends on the prison for power, water and sewer service, its

newly restored visitors center, even security, Friends of Grant Cottage President Tim Welch said. He said Gov. Andrew Cuomo's announcement that Mount McGregor would close July 26 has caused a lot of uncertainty at the cottage, which operates on a \$50,000 annual budget funded through donations and \$5 entrance fees. 'There's a lot of implications with the prison closing, and we're quite concerned about it,' Welch said"

The facility originally opened in 1913 as a sanatorium for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company employees suffering from tuberculosis. The buildings' 100th anniversary was observed in September 2013 at the prison and at the Grant Cottage State Historic Site. Mount McGregor has been a prison since 1976.



Grant Cottage exhibit at the *Saratoga 150 Festival* encampment in Saratoga Springs

The *Times Union* article continued: "The state leases a building on Mount McGregor to the Grant site that now serves as its visitors center. It also supplies water, sewer and electricity on the mountain to both the center and cottage, Welch said.

If the medium-security prison shut down, so would the state-manned guard shack located at the entrance to the jail and cottage. Although the historic site closes each October for winters, it relies on the state for snow removal so the hill's road is clear for emergencies, Welch said.

'We're going to have to make other arrangements, and the nature of the organization might change radically if we have to find a way to finance all those services,' Welch said. ..."

Grant Cottage would become the hub of a regional walking and mountain bike trail system under a proposal to expand Moreau Lake State Park to include portions of the land surrounding Mount McGregor Correctional Facility, reported the Glens Falls *Post Star* on January 4, 2014. The article stated: "The proposal brings hope for Grant Cottage, which had record visitors of more than 5,000 people last season but faces uncertainty because of the prison closure. ... Welch said the first step is for state officials to negotiate an agreement for the state Department of Corrections to transfer land around the prison to the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

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'We're hoping that after that is done, then Parks and Recreation can talk to us about how they can replace some of the costs that had been born by the Department of Corrections here before,' he said.

There are a number of organizations working on the project in addition to the Friends, and the proposal includes adding some of the prison property to Moreau Lake State Park."

The *Post Star* article continued: "Welch said Grant Cottage's friends organization is moving forward with plans for the 2014 season, which runs from Memorial Day through Columbus Day, and is hoping for the best.

'We have a full season of events planned,' he said. 'I'm a little nervous about the fact that more has not been done at this point. But I am quite convinced that the Department of Parks and Recreation wants to preserve and continue the operation of our Grant Cottage on top of Mount McGregor, and that they are working as quickly as they can to complete the legal work.'"

The Department urges Brothers and Camps to support the Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage, Inc., in their efforts to preserve this national treasure. See www.grantcottage.org for more information, and for links to the articles referenced here.

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From The Commander

Robert Pugsley, PCC, Commander, Department of NY

Dear Fellow Brothers,

Since the last Newsletter I had the privilege of attending the National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I was joined there by PC-in-C Danny Wheeler and PDC Jeffrey Albanese. It was an interesting time and it is always nice to meet new Brothers from around the country. Our own Danny Wheeler was reelected to the Office of National Quartermaster. Congratulations to him.

As many of you know the past several months have been a time of upheaval and tumult in the Department. For this I apologize for the strife and how this has hampered our doing the Department's real business. I believe that the end is in sight of this dreadful situation. Hopefully, we will come out of this a stronger and better Department. I know that some have said that I have not been open about what is happening in your Department. I hope that you all understand that I have to be vague to protect all the parties involved. I would like to disclose everything and the Brothers deserve nothing less but it would be irresponsible of me to disclose everything. We have a mid-year meeting coming up and hopefully we can be more forthcoming then.

In closing, I would also like to apologize for the delay in this newsletter. With the events in the Department and some personal issues, I have held up the Newsletter from being published. Thanks should go to Brother Zeilman for putting out such an outstanding product.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Robert Pugsley

New York Veteran Honored

Headstone cleaned and flagholder installed at grave of Stephen Moore in Wisconsin

Brother Brian D. McManus, PCC, C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Department of Wisconsin and member of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 Dept. of N.Y., reports



that he recently found the grave of Br. Stephen Moore through the Dept. of Wis. GRO, when he noticed that Moore served in the same Regiment, 17th NY Light Artillery (Orleans Battery) as his Great-Great-Grandfather, John McLean.

Stephen Moore was born in Williamson, Wayne Co. N.Y. in 1818. He died in 1899 at King, Wisconsin and was buried at Lakeside Memorial Park, Waupaca, Wisconsin. Moore was discharged in Rochester, N.Y. June 16, 1865.

Br. Moore's headstone was cleaned, a bronze GAR flagholder installed, and a flag placed on his grave. A moment of silence was observed, followed by a prayer wishing him eternal peace.

Brother McManus wrote: "Br. Todd Shillington installed a grave marker for me at John McLean's grave in Lyndonville, N.Y. a few years ago. It was my honor to return the favor at Br. Moore's grave."

For those interested in the Orleans Battery: *The "Orleans Battery": A History of the 17th New York Light Artillery in the War of the Rebellion*. Edited by Thomas R. Taber. Illustrated, photos, maps, biographies, 320 pp., 2012, Almeron Press.



Remembrance Day

Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 holds annual dinner

On November 16, Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 held its annual Remembrance Day dinner at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon, N.Y. This annual event is held to commemorate Remembrance Day in Gettysburg which honors the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

The dinner was well attended with members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans attending along with members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sons of other Camps.

After the meal the attendees had cake and made numerous toasts with sparkling grape juice. Whenever fellow Brothers and members of the Allied Orders get together a good time is always guaranteed.

Holiday Miracle

Anticipating the holiday season

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Patriotic Instructor

Let me begin by apologizing for not doing many of the things I envisioned as Department Patriotic instructor but other events of the last several months have gotten in the way and occupied the time I had wished to bring to this position. I hope that in the months to follow I can follow through with some of those plans.

Many of us in the next few days will enjoy the company of family and friends as we celebrate and enjoy the Christmas and holiday season. However, for those involved in the grim work of war, Christmas and the holiday season many times goes unobserved or barely noticed as the killing and maiming continues, or is simply a fond but distant memory as men find themselves shivering or sweating in some fox-hole or bunker far from home in some distant place. So it was during the Civil War, but there is one story of a small miracle that occurred along a river in Tennessee known as Stones River not long after Christmas 1862 and is told eloquently in a small volume written by James McIvor entitled *God Rest Ye Merry Soldiers: A True Civil War Christmas Story*.

The setting takes place after Confederate General Braxton Bragg had withdrawn his army into Tennessee after his failed Kentucky Campaign in the fall of 1862. Pursued by the Union Army under General William Rosecrans both armies found themselves situated not far from each other near Stones River during the evening of December 30, 1862.

The stage now being set shortly before tattoo that night one of the Union regimental bands struck up *Yankee Doodle*, before the musical notes even faded

away across the lines a Confederate band struck up *Dixie*, followed quickly by another Confederate band with *Bonnie Blue Flag*. A Union Regiment responded with *Hail Columbia*. Then one of the regimental bands struck up *Home Sweet Home*, which was joined by another band and another until bands on both sides were all playing *Home Sweet Home*. Then as if on cue, men on both sides raised their voices in unison and sang that familiar song until its conclusion, most likely thinking of their homes, and the very real possibility that they would never see them again.

Over the next three days, these same men would kill each other and the Battle of Stones River, though inconclusive, would result in the highest percentage of casualties suffered on both side during the entire Civil War.



Members of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW #72 Ovid and D. G. Caywood Camp #146 at their summer picnic, held August 27, 2013 at Sampson State Park on Seneca Lake



Brother Dave Dziewulski, PCC, U.S. NLP camp cook

Saratoga 150 Encampment

Brothers from Willard Camp 154 participate

Willard Camp participated in the Annual Saratoga Springs Civil War Encampment on September 14–15, 2013. Participation ranged from hosting, to cooking, displaying artifacts and providing music by various Brothers. This is always a great and well attended event held in Congress Park, Saratoga Springs.



Brothers Frank and John Swarhout stop by the Sanitary Commission tent

Thomas Grave Site Update

Work on Kellogg Family Plot advances

By David M. Dziewulski, PCC

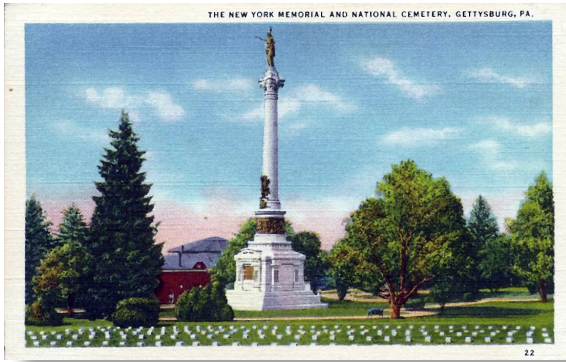
Ever since 2012 when the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 and the Department of New York officially co-adopted the Kellogg Family Plot in Oakwood Cemetery—containing the monument for General George Thomas—much has happened. A Memo of Understanding has been signed between the Willard Camp, Troy Cemetery Association (TCA) and The Friends of Oakwood Cemetery. This is a significant relationship for all. The SUVCW, being a 501(c)4 organization is tax exempt but donations to the organization are not tax deductible. It was assumed that our tax status could discourage people from making donations. Troy Cemetery Association is a 501(c)13 organization, also tax exempt. Donations however, must be made to the cemetery as a whole and cannot be made for specific lots or crypts. This clearly didn't meet our collective needs. We needed a vehicle that was both tax exempt and allowed the donors to receive the maximum allowable tax deduction by law, with the dollars targeted for the Kellogg plot and the Gen. Thomas Monument. PCC Dziewulski requested that TCA and the Sons use the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery as the vehicle for funding the maintenance and repair of the Thomas Monument and the Kellogg Family Plot. The Friends are a 501 (c)3 organization and can accept donations that are tax deductible as long as the annual income is not in excess of \$25,000. In addition, the donors get the maximum charitable tax deduction. There is also the benefit of a governing Board of Trustees for the cemetery exercising executive oversight that will give confidence to the donors that their money will be properly used.

The monument on Gen. Thomas' grave, with the help of Joe Ferannini of Grave Stone Matters, has been cleaned, showing striking results (see the *Volunteer Winter 2012*). The area has been cleared of old limbs and branches from the very large tree on the plot. Camp Brothers are now cutting the grass, raking and trimming around the stones on a regular basis. You never know the impact of the timing of a simple clean-up task can have on other people. A few Brothers gathered July 9, 2013 at the Cemetery to work on the General Thomas-Kellogg Family Plot project. Just after the Brothers finished their clean up, a late-afternoon cemetery tour arrived, at the very well-trimmed site, and heard about life of General George H. Thomas.

A long-range plan is being adopted to remove or trim the very large tree on the plot, repair the existing iron fence and add new fencing at the rear of the plot. The Camp Brothers are working to raise funds to this end. For more information on how you can help, contact Brother David Dziewulski, PCC at <srvc@glwillard154.org>.



Cemetery tour group gathers at the Kellogg Family Plot to learn about General George Thomas



Final Muster

Brother Robert C. Dye

Homer Searle Camp 114 Bridgewater

Robert C. Dye, of Cassville, 93, passed away on January 1, 2014 at the Masonic Care Community. He was born in Bridgewater, N.Y. on December 28, 1920 and was a graduate of Bridgewater Central School. Bob operated a dairy farm from 1939–1955, and from 1955–1975 ran Dye’s Meat Market. He then relocated to Wilmington, Ohio where he ran Dye’s King Cone from 1977 until 1985. He was very much involved in his community as a 35-year member of the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department, a 70-year member of Western Star Lodge F&AM, past Bridgewater Town supervisor, Director of the Fairview Cemetery Association for over 40 years, a member of the Bridgewater Historical Society and a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Homer Searle Camp 114. In 1977 Bob married Ruth Smith, sharing a loving union until her death in October 1992. In October of 1995 he was married to Faith L. Munch, who died in February 1999. Bob will be missed.

Orders of the Department Commander—First Series

Department Order No. 3

- 1.** This Department Order supersedes Department Order #1, Section 4 regarding the location and date of the 131st NY Department Encampment, SUVCW.
- 2.** Due to difficulties with the RIT Inn and Conference Center, the 131st Department of New York Encampment will be held May 2–4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester, NY 14624
- 3.** The Encampment Committee regrets any difficulties this may have caused.

So Ordered this 28th day of July, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

2014 Memorial Book

Order your memorials & advertisements

The annual memorial book for the 2014 Department Encampment will be done by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; the cost is as follows: full page, \$40; half page, \$20; quarter page, \$10 and eighth, \$5.

Please send a check made out to, *Dept. of NY, ASUVCW* to Betty Baker, 3291 County Road 139, Interlaken, NY 14847. Her number is, (607) 532-4046. Her e-mail is «bjbaux@rochester.rr.com».

Your memorial or ad will be greatly appreciated especially during this sesquicentennial year. The deadline is April 1, 2014.

Department Order No. 4

- 1.** Whereas pursuant to National Constitution and Regulations, SUVCW, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3(a) and 5, formal charges have been filed against New York Department Secretary/Treasurer and Archivist Michael S. Bennett.
- 2.** In Accordance with C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, I will be appointing a Hearing Council within 45 days.
- 3.** In Accordance with C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 15, I am hereby suspending Brother Michael S. Bennett as NY Department Secretary/Treasurer and Archivist until this matter is resolved.
- 4.** Until further notice all correspondence and monies usually sent to Michael Bennett shall be sent to me as Department Commander at 1602 West Ave., Middlesex, New York 14507.
- 5.** Brother Michael Bennett is directed and ordered to turn over all Department records, archives, collections, artifacts, financial records, check books, savings passbooks, CDs, check registers, debit cards, ledgers, Departmental reports, proceedings records,
- 6.** Department proceedings, any and all other Department records he is required to maintain by virtue of the National Constitution and regulations, and any and all other Department property he may possess to the Chairman of the Department Council or his designee on or before December 6, 2013.

So Ordered this 24th day of November, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

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Department Order No.5

1. Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Department of New York, SUVCW By-laws, a Mid-Year meeting will be held January 25, 2014 at the Ithaca Veteran Fireman's Hall at 638 Elmira Rd, Ithaca, N.Y. starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until done but no later than 5:00 PM.
2. The purpose of such meeting is for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans for the betterment of the Order. Such plans are submitted to the following annual Department Encampment.
3. A brief report should be prepared by each Department Officer and Camp Commander. It would be appreciated if those not attending could send their report in electronic form no later than January 20.
4. No funds of the Department may be distributed at the Mid-Year Meeting
5. A lunch will be provided. The menu will be: Ham and scalloped potatoes, baked beans, baked ziti, tossed salad, bread, Knobby apple cake and peanut butter cookies. Beverages include coffee, tea and water.

So Ordered this 6th day of December, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

Department Order No.6

1. By virtue of Department Order #4, dated November 24, 2013 suspending Brother Michael Bennett from the position of Department Secretary/ Treasurer the position of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer is now temporarily vacant.
2. The Department Council having conferred and having considered the temporary vacancy and upon due deliberation have appointed Past Department

Commander Todd A. Shillington, 15 Park Place, Holley, N.Y. 14470 as acting Department Secretary. In addition, the Department Council has appointed Past Department Commander Jeffrey Albanese, 19 Gregory Drive, Goshen, N. Y. 10924 as acting Department Treasurer both to serve until the charges against Brother Bennett have been resolved and/or until further notice otherwise. Until further notice, all further correspondence, camp reports, monies etc. normally sent to Michael Bennett shall be sent to the appropriate acting Department Officer

3. Brother Bennett having served as Department Secretary/ Treasurer is reminded of among other things the provisions of Chapter V, Article I, Section 9 regarding "Record Retention" of the National C & R, which seeks compliance with the IRS requirement that not-for-profits comply with the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards. Among other things, this requires the retention of all cash receipt records for a minimum of 5 years from the end of the fiscal year, cancelled checks for a minimum of 7 years, and bank accounts statements for a minimum of 7 years including Checking, Savings, CDs and any other form of investments. The Department Council has advised the Department Commander that there has not been complete compliance with these requirements by Brother Bennett. This includes but is not limited to the failure of Brother Bennett to provide complete bank statements or any actual CD statements, nor the identity and contact information of the current repository of any of the CDs listed in the Department Treasurers report given at the May 2013 Department Encampment nor in the recently provided report he prepared dated December 6, 2013. Any continued failure to do so in contrary to the law and prejudicial to the Department and the Order.

4. Therefore, Brother Bennett is hereby directed and ordered to comply with these requirements forthwith but in no event later than December 17, 2013 by turning over these additional records to the Acting Department Treasurer.

5. The Acting Department Treasurer is directed to forward a copy of this Order to Brother Bennett by regular mail.

So Ordered this 12th day of December, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

Department Order No.7

1. Whereas pursuant to the National Constitution and Regulations, SUVCW, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3(a) and 5, further formal charges have been filed against Brother Michael S. Bennett and these charges concern Camp offices.

2. In accordance with National C & R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 15, I am suspending Brother Michael Bennett from all offices at both the Department and Camp level both elected and appointed until these charges are resolved. Said now vacant offices at the Camp level to be filled in accordance with the National C & R.

3. In accordance with the National C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, I will be appointing a hearing council and consolidating these charges with the charges referred to in my Department Order, #4 dated November 24, 2013.

4. Brother Bennett is directed and ordered to turn over all camp records, financial records, checkbooks, savings passbooks, debit cards, ledgers or any other records or property of the respective camps in which he is officer to the respective Camp Council within 7 days of this order.

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5. In regards the Ellis Camp #124 in which he is listed as Camp Secretary/ Treasurer he is again reminded of the provisions of Chapter V, Article I, section 9 regarding "Record Retention" of the National C & R, which seeks compliance with the IRS requirement that not-for-profits comply with the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards. Among other things, this requires the retention of all cash receipt records for a minimum of 5 years from the end of the fiscal year, cancelled checks for a minimum of 7 years, and bank accounts statements for a minimum of 7 years including Checking, Savings, CDs and any other form of investments. It is my understanding that he has not turned over any financial records whatsoever to the Ellis Camp Commander and he is directed to do so within 7 days of this order.

6. In regards the Sickles Camp #3, where Brother Bennett is currently listed as Commander, the Camp Council is to remove Brother Bennett from any camp bank accounts while he is suspended.

So Ordered this 12th day of December, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

Department Order No. 8

1. Pursuant to my authority under the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, specifically: Chapter II, Article IV, Section 3 and Chapter V Article VI, Section 15, I hereby appoint Brother Robert Comegys of the Admiral Worden Camp #150 as Department Archivist.

So Ordered this 12th day of December, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

Department Order No. 9

1. In regards to Department Order #4 part 2, dated November 24, 2013 and pursuant to the National Constitution and Regulations, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, a Hearing Council has been appointed and consist of the following Brothers:

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2. The charges that the Hearing Council will consider are attached at the end of this Order

3. The Hearing Council will perform their duties as outlined in The National Constitution and Regulations, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 910, 12-13.

4. The Hearing Council in compliance with Chapter V, Article VI, Section 10 has elected PDC Earl Allen as the Hearing Council Chairman.

5. Anyone who may have evidence may submit it in accordance to Chapter V, Article VI, Section 13 (a)

6. The Hearing Council shall convene the hearing within 90 days and give 10 day notice to both parties.

7. Per Chapter V, Article VI, Section 9 both parties have the right to request removal of any member of the Hearing Council.

So Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2013
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander
(the Charges cited in Article 2 may be found with Department Order No.9 on the Department website)

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Ulysses S. Grant Cottage at Mount McGregor

Department Order No. 10

1. It is hereby ordered that the Hearing Council that was appointed by Department Order #9 be dissolved. This is in conjunction with General Order #10.
2. The members of the Hearing Council are relieved of their duties and responsibilities with the thanks from the Department.
3. The Hearing Council was dissolved due to the resignation of Michael S. Bennett from all Camp Offices, Department Offices and as a Brother in the Order while under suspension.
4. Pursuant to Chapter V, Article VI, Section 25 "Any Member, Associate, Junior or Junior Associate who 1) resigns while under suspension must receive a majority vote of the Department Encampment to which he belonged at the time of his resignation to re-join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War after receiving the endorsement of the Camp to which he belonged"

So Ordered this 10th day of January, 2014
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

Department Order No. 11

1. Pursuant to the National C&R, Chapter II, Article IV, Section 3, Brother Peter Braell of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 is hereby appointed as Assistant Secretary to Department Secretary Todd Shillington.

So Ordered this 10th day of January, 2014
Robert Pugsley, Department Commander

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The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just. Abraham Lincoln

Working Together

Recent Homer Searle Camp 114 activities

Asa Forbes Headstone

When Homer Searle Camp member Chad Miller discovered that his Civil War ancestor, Asa Forbes did not have a veteran's headstone, he contacted the Veterans Administration and ordered one. On October 12, 2013, Homer Searle Camp, joined by French Camp, Julia Hibbard Tent DUVCW and the Copenhagen American Legion Post, preformed the dedication ceremony at Forbes' grave in North Watertown Cemetery. Pictured are some of Forbes' descendants and members of the Dedication Team: Rebecca Gingrich; Lillie Gingrich; Ethel Miller; Kipper Gingrich;



DUV PDP Dorothy Prentice; Roger Armstrong, Searle Camp; DUV Betty Washburn; DUV Nancy Miller; Chad Miller, Searle Camp. In front of Chad: Abigale Miller & Sienna Gingrich; PCC Jason Wolczanski; Bill Bayman, French Camp; Mitch Beyer, Am. Legion; David Woodruff, Am. Legion; Bill Holly, Am. Legion

and French Camp; PDC Jeff French, French Camp; PDC Bob Dauchy and PDC Earl Allen both Searle Camp; and Watertown Councilman Jeffery Smith.



Myrtilla Minor Honored

Dorothy Prentice PDP of the N.Y. Dept. DUVCW, thought it was time to honor Myrtilla Minor, an American educator and abolitionist whose school for African American girls, established against considerable opposition, grew to a successful and long-lived teachers institution in Washington D.C.

With a grant from the Pomroy Foundation, Ms. Prentice procured a roadside marker and had it installed near Minor's birthplace in North Brookfield N.Y. Aided by members of the SUVCW, the DUV held a dedication ceremony on November 9, 2013. Pictured are: Homer Searle members, PDC Earl Allen and Jason Wolczanski; SVP Betty Washburn; Chaplain Amy Andrzejek; PDP Dorothy Prentice; and in front: Paula Miller of the Pomroy Foundation; Brittany Kelly; Madison County Clerk Denise Roe; Madison County Historian Matthew Urtz; Town of Brookfield Supervisor John Salka; and PDC Peter Lindemann, Tanner Camp, DDD as President Abraham Lincoln.



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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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