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Department Commander

Dear Brothers,

Greetings!

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Department of New York, Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Ithaca Veteran Firemen's Hall, 638 Elmira Road, Ithaca, NY. The Ithaca Veteran Firemen's Hall is about 2 miles south of Home Depot on Route 13.

All Department Officers, Camp Commanders, and interested brothers should attend. The business of the meeting includes camp reports and discussion of the June 5-7, 2009 Department Encampment in Binghamton. A luncheon will be served, and period entertainment will be provided.

My brothers, as we approach the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, and the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, we should be even prouder to wear that badge upon our chest that proclaims that we are a son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

It all started at the National Encampment in August When Bro. Don Holtz showed me a file on his ancestor. Could I make it to the headstone re-dedication? So there I was, on Remembrance Day Perched precariously on the slick Lockport escarpment, honored to present the closing remarks at a moving ceremony for Private Baylis, Holtz's ancestor. Later that day I proudly drank a toast to our late president at the Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 Annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

My brothers, these are exactly the types of things we should be doing. The blood of those men who lie in their green and narrow bed, that blood which quickened at the rat-taat-tat of martial strains and which streamed, unstinted, upon our soil, --- that same blood flows through our veins. We have not been asked to shed ours--- only to stand and remember. So let us assemble once more to continue the work which is our birthright and duty.

I hope to see you on January 17!

PeterJ. Lindemann
 Department Commander
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 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Members of the Allied Orders met in Binghamton to iron out details of the 09 Encampment.

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**OLIVER TILDEN CAMP #26
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GENERAL U.S GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE 2009

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

Our annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant will be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the National Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan.** The ceremony begins at 11:00 AM, which also includes the initiation of new members of the Oliver Tilden Camp.

Each year the General Grant Committee solicits **“Memorials and Boosters”** from our members and from organizations to help us defray the cost of the ceremony. **“Memorials honor our Civil War ancestors or deceased brothers. “Boosters” allow organizations to demonstrate their support of the annual commemoration of having their name and address appear in the printed program.**

Your financial support of this effort is very much appreciated. Please complete the following form and return it with your check, Payable to: Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW.

Send the form and check to: **SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, 78-05 82nd Street, Glendale, N.Y. 11385 (718-628-0818).** They must be received no later than **March 31, 2009.** You will receive a copy of the program. Thank you for your consideration and continued support. We remain,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
The General Grant Committee

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE PRINT THE NOTICE YOU WISH TO APPEAR (2 lines \$10.00. Additional lines \$2.50 each.)

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It Takes 6,000 Acres to tell a Story This Big!

In three fateful days in 1863, 165,000 soldiers met on the Gettysburg Battlefield. More than 51,000 soldiers became casualties as they fought for their beliefs. It was a conflict of tremendous proportion - and because of it, the tides turned in the Civil War, leading to a Union victory. Months later, Abraham Lincoln came to Gettysburg to deliver his famous Gettysburg Address. From those words, a nation was inspired to heal and unite. The new Museum and Visitors Center at the Gettysburg National Military Park does an incredible job of explaining and showing what transpired in those three days and after. This new center is beyond description. Words can not do it justice. You must visit to truly appreciate how well it is done.

First thing you should know is that they sell two day tickets in addition to one day. If you truly are a Civil War buff you need to take advantage of the two days. The fee covers a great movie and the new presentation of the Cyclorama. This is greatly enhanced and very emotional to witness. Positioned all through the museum are small theaters that give great information by video and allow you to set for the moments it takes to view each.

The building also has a large gift shop very well stocked and a large book store; one of the finest we have seen. Also there is a very nice large cafeteria with additional seating outdoors for good weather. All and all a great place to tour and get a sound basis before going out on the battlefield, we highly recommend it.



The new Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park.



The new Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park.



PDC, Dale Theetge and wife Diane were privileged to tour the new Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center with George and Janice Weinmann of Oliver Tilden Camp 26.



Janice Weinmann in front of a portrait of the battle between the Monitor and the Virginia. The Monitor was built in Brooklyn in the Continental Iron Works at Green Point, Janice is President of the Green Point Monitor Museum.



Gettysburg GAR Hall, Great place for Sunday Breakfast on Remembrance weekend.



Members of Co. D7th NY Cavalry and their ladies pose after breakfast at the Gettysburg GAR Hall.

Pictured L to R are:

Rick Lewis, Chrystal McGloughlan, Darren Towner, Phil Swaney, Dale Theetge, Diane Theetge and Marilyn Swaney.



Breakfast inside the Gettysburg GAR Hall.

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Co.1, 83 NYVI(9 NYSM) Sons of Veterans Reserve thanks everyone who supported the headstone dedications on Saturday, November 15, 2008. It rained on and off throughout the day. Special thanks to David Gigler, Superintendent, MT. Olivet Cemetery (Donated the foundation fees for the headstones) and Senator Serphine R. Maltese for providing funding for the research on the Civil War Veterans, flowers, flags, flyers and printing of the programs; Commander David Brink, Moses Baldwin Camp 544, SUVCW; Fred Kuntz, 67th NY Vol.; Marc Hermann, 52nd NYV; Bro. George Munkenbeck, Co.H. 14th Brooklyn NYSM; Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum; Rev. Fr. John O'Halloran; Tres. James F. Bond; Sect. Roy Wildenberger; Camp Council Mark Goret; Bro. Robert Fries; SVC Arthur P. Kirmss for providing the music; Brigadier General Robert E. Grim, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and everyone who supported this effort.

It is Oliver Tilden Camp's goal to make sure that as many veterans as possible are suitably remembered. We are grateful to the Veterans Administration of the Federal Government who provided the stones, but we must present proof of service. *Research time was donated by Commander George J. Weinmann, PCC.



Cpt. George Weinmann holds the Commanding Officer's Unit Citation Award, Given to Co. I 183 NY Vol. Inf, SVR for outstanding service in upholding the presep of the SUVCW in multiple tasks of Education, Dedication and Patriotic remembrances.



Co. I 183 NY Vol. Infrantry, SVR received the Commanding Officer's Unit Citation Award at the SVR Breakfast in Gettysburg during Remembrance Weekend.

Pictured L to R:

Ray Wildenberger, Sgt, George Weinmann, Cpt. Janice Weinmann and George Rand, Cpl.



The new Waterloo Civil War Memorial. Dedicated September 19-21, 2008. Each soldier from Waterloo who died in the war has his own cenitaph with marker in addition to the main monument.



Smoke from canon lingers over the battlefield as the first day of Gettysburg is reenacted during the Amherst Museum's Civil War days.

CAMP FITZ-JOHN PORTER

On this site in 1862 was erected Camp Fitz-John Porter as a recruit camp for Civil War soldiers. Named after a Union general, it was the initial training ground for Monroe County's 108th and 140th New York infantry regiments and Mack's 18th Independent "Black Horse" artillery battery. The camp stretched southwest along Cottage Street between Magnolia and Utica streets.

Other camps were at the former county fairgrounds next to what is now Strong Memorial Hospital, just across the river, and at what is now the Rose Garden at Maplewood Park.

From Camp Fitz-John Porter soldiers departed for different theaters of the war: The 108th and 140th to the Army of the Potomac to fight against Lee; Mack's battery to Louisiana.

The 108th, for example, had its baptism of fire at the Sunken Road at Antietam, charged up Marye's Heights at Fredericksburg, fought near the Chancellor House at Chancellorsville, helped repel Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg, was caught up in the savage fighting in the Wilderness, and participated in the siege at Petersburg before pursuing Lee to Appomattox.

The 140th helped turn the tide at Little Round Top during the second day of fighting at Gettysburg, lost half its men killed, wounded or missing in an ill-fated charge across Saunders' Field at the Wilderness, lost more men in an equally futile charge at Spotsylvania, fought in the trenches at Petersburg, then helped overwhelm the enemy at Five Forks. It, too, was present at Lee's surrender.

Mack's Battery endured stifling heat and enemy snipers during the siege at Port Hudson and later helped capture Spanish Fort outside Mobile in the last days of the war.

Monroe County sent 10,372 soldiers into the Union ranks. 1,374 of them died of wounds or disease.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #6
SUVCW
Rochester, NY



Historical sign designating the location of Camp Fitz-John Porter. This was a training camp on the river in Rochester. The sign along with a garden was a Boy Scout Eagle project.



Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, Douglas E. Deuel, PCC presents the Sons Eagle Scout Certificate to Tyler Breen of Troop 10, BSA Honeoye Falls in recognition of his project to mark the site of the Fitz-John Porter Civil War Training Camp.



The SUVCW, SVR on the march in the Remembrance Day Parade.



USCT on the march, over 300,000 served our nation in the Civil War. Approximately 30% of the armed forces of the United States at the end of the war were Black.



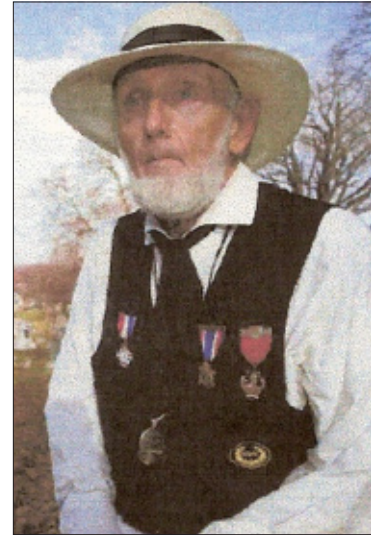
The Zouaves halt just before doing a marching maneuver to center the Company on the street.

Bobby Lee Leads the Confederates in the Remembrance Day Parade.





The main monument area of the American Civil War Memorial in Waterloo, N.Y.. Almost 9 years ago the Allied orders of the New York Department set in place the idea that Waterloo, the birth place of Memorial Day would finally get a monument to the Civil War. Brothers and Sisters that job is done.



Don Holtz of Weber Camp 44 stands near the gravesite of his Grandfather, Jefferson Baylis, a Civil War Veteran, in Glenwood Cemetery. A Memorial Ceremony for Pvt. Jefferson Baylis, company H, 49th NYI was held at his gravesite on Saturday, November 22.



Brother Don Holtz (center) stands among other decendants of Pvt Jefferson Baylis after the ceremony to dedicate Baylis's grave stone.



Members of the 148th NY Infrantry drill-new inducties at the Kiddy Camp in Waterloo. Children from 9 to 12 could volunteer to serve and received a kappi and practice drill formation.

Sydney Camp 41 provides a color guard for a gun salute at the Annual Firemens Monument ceremony in Ithaca.

Left to Right: Larry Green, Bob Shaw and Danney Wheeler.



The headstone dedication of Captain Homer Searle name sake of Searle Camp 114. Pictured L to R: Richard Sherman, Bradley Osborn, Betty Washburn, Norma St. Claire, PDC Jerry Orton, Rosella Osborn, Jerry Beigh, Bob Dye, Dorthoy Prettice, Richard Lillie, Earl Allen, Melinda Wadsworth, Paul Brown, Richard Blum, Pierre Depeyster, Gordon Knapp Department Commander Peter Lindemann and Elmer Niles.

Mike Erp's face "says it all" about the heat as he participated in the Civil War Living History Day Mumford Reenactment at Genesee County Village and Museum. Mike is a member of Weber Camp SUVCW and the 155th NYVI.



Members of US Signal Corps, N.Y., L to R: Mark Hageman, Jr., Mark Williams, Mark Hageman, Sr., Eric Dale and Rodnet Dale participated in the events during the RE-Enactment at Mumford.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES

Sydney Camp 41's SVR unit the 7th New York Cav. Attended the Pinnacle Fall Festival in Addison, N.Y. Although the weather was rainy and attendance was down the 7th's booth got over 60 families to visit and gave out info to several people on membership.

Brian Swartz of Col. David Ireland Camp 44 was recently represented the Civil War era during a military history timeline event at Fort Drum; Watertown He portrayed a private in a company from a Watertown Regiment in the "Parade of Soldiers" as part of the Fort Drum Centennial celebration.

Bill Tojek, CC of J.B. Weber Camp 44 was named Fireman of the Year in the City of Lackawanna.

Raymond W. LeMay LLL, PCC, Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, was elected National President of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans. He is a life member of both the SSAWV and SUVCW and was most recently recognized for his recruiting efforts by the National and NY Dept. He holds memberships in MOLLUS. SAR. DMWV and Soc. Of War of 1812

The following New York Brothers were appointed as National Aids for recruiting 5 new members. Raymond LeMay, Bruce Glaser, Joe Hervan and George Weinmann.

GAR Highway officer Jeffrey Albanese, PCC informs us the newest sign is up in the west bound direction of RT 6 in the hamlet of Slate Hill in the Town of Wawayanda. Albanese recommends no more signs till after the Mid-Year meeting and the Department decides what to do. Look for photo of this sign in this issue.

The African American Civil War Memorial and Museum has opened in Washington, DC. It chronicles the African American experience in the Civil War and gives a great look at the more than 300,000 Black soldiers and Sailors who served the Union in the War. The address is 1200 U. Street N.W., Washington, DC.20009. They can be reached for information at 202-667-2667 or info@afroamcivlwar.org

A quote from Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, "I think I understand what military fame is. To be killed on the field of battle and have your name misspelled in the newspapers.

The brothers of Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 will be celebrating the 110th anniversary of the camps founding. If you are like me and would enjoy attending this anniversary celebration please notify either Raymond W. LeMay III, CC at 4 Ball Place, Watervliet, N.Y. 12189 or Gary P. Salmon Sr., 90 Avenue D, Mechanicville, N.Y. 12218

The newly formed Co. D 7th NY Cavalry, SVR had the honor of receiving 2nd place in the Seneca County parade and to be in the money at the Trumansburg parade this first year. Members participated this year also as Living History actors in three events including providing the flag raising color guard at the dedication of the new Waterloo Monument to the Civil War, and were at Gettysburg for Remembrance weekend.

NOW Available, told in their own words. The history of the 140th Pennsylvania Vol Inf. by Robert Laird Stewart D.D., edited by Robert M. Paul, Sr. In this fine book is service by Pvt. Philo Paul, brother Son Bob Paul's ancestor. The info to obtain this book can be gotten at <http://www.Madison.com>

Just out, Cavalry Outpost Duties by F. De Brack, heavily illustrated with Keith Rocco artwork. Tradition Studio is offering a first edition, signed by Keith Rocco for \$75.00 plus \$6.00 S&H. Order at www.keithrocco.com

Have a Very Merry Christmas and remember I can not print your camp news if you do not send it to me. Dale Theetge, PDC, Editor the Volunteer

Well its December and your getting ready for the Holidays of course. During the winter months when we are stuck inside I figure I'll give you Brothers a list of old and new books to read on the Civil War and other Histories.

The Class of 1846 by John C. Waugh well written about the Class of 1846 West Point with what happened to the members and so on. A good history on West Point also.

Hardluck Ironclad the sinking and salvage of the Cario by Edwin C. Bearss a nice read.

All for the Union by Robert Hunt Rhodes a decendent of Elisha Hunt Rhodes. This diary was used during the PBS Civil War by Ken Burns and is well written.

The Battle for New York and The Devils Own Work by Brother Barnet Schecter, yes a Sons member. Battle for New York is a great read on the Revolution and the part New York played during it. Did you know the British had control of New York for almost 7 years. Brother Schecter brings it alive like you are right there. Also in the Devils Own Work on the Draft Riots. Its well written and a great read. I could not put the book down.

The Day Freedom Died, all I have to say about this one is wow, read it, its by Charles Lane about the Colfax Massacre in 1873 in Central Louisiana and the recontruction period and How it failed.

Civil War Narrative by Shelby Foot. I need to say no more, a great book set, for any one reading for the first time on the Civil War.

1776 & John Adams by David McCullough great books on the Revolution

Ulysses S. Grant by Brooks D. Simpson one of the better books I ever read on Gen Grant.

Last but not least. In the Hands of Providence by Joshua L. Chamberlain and the American Civil, War another great read by Alice Rains Trullock. She uses letters that Joshua and his wife wrote during the war. Very well written agian.

So enjoy the winter reading Brothers have a great Holiday and be safe lets all have a great 2009.

John Portanova

**JIM RUSSELL,
VETERANS HOME VISITATION OFFICER,
REPORTS THAT THE LADIES BEING ABLE
TO MOVE INTO THE NEW HALL AT THE
OXFORD VETERANS HOME IS BEING
DELAYED UNTIL SPRING.**

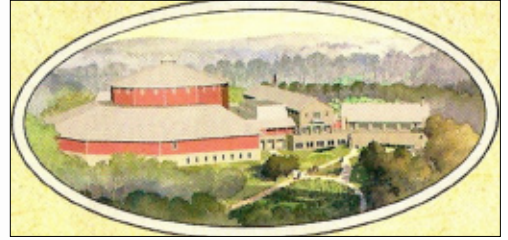


The newest sign for the Grand Army Highway, Rt. 6 in New York is up

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