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# THE VOLUNTEER

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Department of New York**

*(From NY Dep't Commander French)*

Here are the details as the resort operates differently from hotels. Rooms are double occupancy which means a Brother or Sister that is not married or have a significant other will have to share a room with a fellow Brother with another Brother and the same with the Sisters.

Room rate is a package deal. For staying two nights it will cost \$386 per person. This includes dinner Friday evening, Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings and the banquet.

Staying one night will be \$193 per person and includes evening meal and breakfast. For example, stay Friday night you get dinner Friday evening and Breakfast Saturday morning. Stay Saturday night it includes the banquet and Breakfast Sunday morning.

Here is the link to Villa Roma to check out: [Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center – Guest Reservations.](#)

## ADDITIONAL COST INFORMATION:

1. The rate at Villa Roma Resort is the best deal we could get in the Southeast region. Average room prices in NYS range from \$140 - \$189.
2. The cost of the 3 meeting rooms ranges from \$3,000 - \$5,000 for Friday and Saturday.
3. The Banquet ranges from \$2,000 - \$3,500.

In addition to the cost breakdown mentioned; the cost of the room as mentioned includes breakfast and dinner. It also includes the cost of the 3 meeting rooms.

The cost of the room for a single occupant is reasonable. However, for a married couple or an individual with a significant other the cost will be expensive. After subtracting the meals, it will be roughly an additional \$200 for the couple.

## POSSIBLE RESOLUTION:

The best we can do is vote at the encampment to reimburse the cost of the meeting rooms for couples only from the budget for the meeting rooms. It won't cover the \$200 but at least we can ease some of the pain.

## FUTURE DISCUSSIONS:

Hotels and resorts are charging a significantly higher price. As an Allied Order we need to seriously look at options

down the road to help reduce the cost to our Brothers and Sisters. Our organization along with the Daughters and Auxiliary in the coming days are working together to come up with options to this goal.

We will be sharing this in a joint proposed resolution for each to vote on at May's Encampment.

We must change the way we do business if we're going to keep costs down or charge our members a higher price. Tough decisions will have to be made at our next encampment.

Encourage everyone to provide input to me and the Department Officers so we can look at everything on the table. Some of the things we're looking at are:

- eliminating the Campfire and possibly the Banquet
- holding our meetings in a different location from the hotel to reduce high costs.

There are many more options; but we want you all to be prepared.

### ***Increase of National Per Capita***

At the request of the brothers in the Department of New York, here is the background information for the increase of National Per Capita Issue and Voting on the National Per Capita:

Under "New Business" Brother Darby brought forward either increasing the National Per Capita or send the Banner electronically with no "OPT out"

provisions. The friendly amendment was to allow an OPT out provision which Brother Darby refused to accept. The 165 attending brothers voted on mandating the electronic version of the Banner versus hardcopy. After discussion the vote was counted - as it was close. Unfortunately, the electronic version of the Banner was shot down.

The next issue was now to decide on the increase of the National Per Capita. It was brought to everyone's attention that there has been no significant increase since 2012. Also, inflation costs have put us in the red in publishing the Banner.

The Brothers debated that a \$10 increase was too much and should be phased gradually versus the one-shot increase. After a lengthy discussion it was put up to vote for a \$10 increase. At this point it was overwhelmingly passed.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The vote to send the Banner electronically was close- within 5-10 votes. Many Departments did not have their full number of Delegates attending National. For example - NY with PCinC, PDCs, and Delegates was authorized 41. We had only 2 attended.

If NY had at least half the Delegates attending, the vote to send *The Banner* electronically and avert the increase of the

National Per Capita would have had a completely different outcome.

### **POSSIBLE SOLUTION:**

Ensure Department of NY have a good showing of Delegates attending National.

### **FUTURE DISCUSSIONS:**

It is critically important for Camp Commanders to explain the benefits of attending the Department and National Encampments. It's the Encampments that vote on the way we do business, the cost of business, and changes to our By-Laws. For our brothers to have a say; having delegates attend both encampments are crucial.  
Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Jeffrey I. French, PDC (CH), PCC  
NY Department Commander.

## ***From Dep't SVC Ed O'Brien***

Brothers,

Department of New York conducts a single fundraiser each year, the Raffle. As Senior Vice Commander I have the responsibility of managing that effort.

Recently, the costs of our annual Encampments, which must be in person, have soared as hotels now charge for meeting rooms which they previously provided at no charge, if we had enough attendees. It would not be fair or productive to increase costs to those who attend at their own expense and considerable travel time to conduct the business of our Order. Doing so would probably reduce attendance and we would lose the participation and valuable input of many brothers and their camps.

Generous brothers have contributed all the raffle prizes, the proceeds of every raffle ticket you buy goes 100% to the Department which cannot sustain operations with \$6.00 in dues.

When you receive your raffle tickets in the mail, please be generous as the alternative is raising dues which would probably cause us to lose membership.

If you decide not to bother with the raffle but would still like to help, or would like to contribute more than the cost of the raffle,

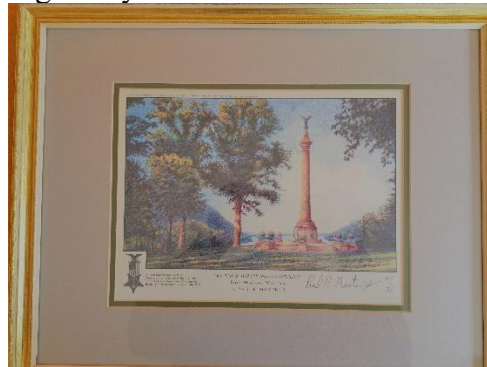
the Department has 501 (c) 3 not for profit status you can make a donation check payable to: Department of New York, SUVCW any amount you want, and write Donation in the memo note space.

All Donations and raffle tickets when mailed out to you should be returned to: Edward O'Brien PO Box 69 Honeoye Falls NY 14472 Tickets will be mailed out in the next few months. If you have a new address, tell your Camp Secretary, so they can update the mailing addresses.

Sampling of Prizes to date:

Two \$50.00 Home Depot Gift Cards, (separately).

Framed SUVCW Official Print 118<sup>th</sup> NY Dept. Encampment Newburg-West Point- June 9-10, 2001. "By Their Surviving Comrads" Battle Monument West Point NY Signed by Paul R. Martin III



Civil War Stamp Collection Framed 1994 USPS (20) .32 cent stamps. Estimated

collectors value \$20.00



Glass paperweight 28<sup>th</sup> National G. A. R. Encampment Pittsburgh, Sept. 1894 Estimated collectors value \$135.00



Large round circular bronze coin 39<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of G. A. R. Denver Sept. 1905 Pikes Peak, Co. Estimate



collectors value \$165.00



I will also be setting up a White Elephant Table in the conference room with many more items available for a donation.

Edward P. O'Brien

Senior Vice Commander

Department of NY

## ***Founders Award to Ethel French.***



Dept. Cmdr. Jeff French, Ethel French, & then C in C Michael Paquette.

At the last National Encampment, Ethel French received the Founders Award for her tremendous contributions to the Order. Here's what Brother Jerome "Jerry" Orton, PDC, PCC wrote in nominating her:

*Ethel has been a steadfast supporter of the SUVCW since her husband Jeff joined in 2006. As reported in the Banner, Ethel has been in parades and living history events in period dress representing how women lived during the Civil War era. Ethel and Jeff have educated children about the Civil War at Faith Fellowship School and Harrisville Central School. Ethel provided a female perspective of the civil war to the young*

*ladies in the classroom fostering their interest in this period of our history.*

*Over the last 10 years Ethel dedicated over 10,000 hours to research on-line and in visits to cemeteries and historical societies.*

*A year ago, Ethel submitted an excel database of 3,000 Lewis County Civil War Veterans for entry into the SUVCW Graves Registration Data Base. In order to promote the Boys in Blue and support the SUVCW Ethel posts these veterans stories on the following Facebook pages: Walter H. French Camp #17, Focus on Lewis County, & You Know You're From Lewis County. These postings generate discussion and interest in the SUVCW and Allied Orders. Ethel recently completed research on a second batch of 3,000 veterans, this time from Jefferson County, and is still adding more.*

*Ethel enjoys researching these veterans as a passion of joy and satisfaction. She refers to them as her veterans. Ethel Beyer French definitely [remembers the Boys in Blue](#).*

Thank you, Ethel, and Congratulations.

# Book Review

## All for the Union

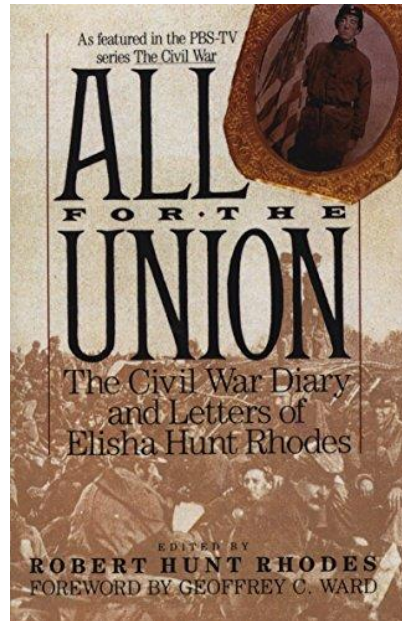
At 19, Elisha Hunt Rhodes enlisted in the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry. His battalion would go on to see combat in every major battle in the eastern theater of the Civil War, his diary and letters providing an excellent first-hand account of what the war was like for the typical infantryman.

Much of his writing details the privations and challenges familiar to grunts no matter when they served: long forced marches, the weight of a pack, the blistering heat and biting cold. His participation the major conflicts tends to be vague and generalized (“it was warm work” or “we were in a tight spot”) - the details of his combat experience is something he does not dwell on, and understandably so.

Similarly, it is not surprising that Rhodes is largely unfamiliar with where in the order of battle his unit is - more than once I had to scour a map to see where in the battlefield he was. What did surprise me were the accounts of banter between Confederates and Union soldiers (especially during the siege at Petersburg) and the unofficial agreement between pickets that they would not fire on one another while standing watch.

As far as primary sources go, *All for the Union* is certainly among the better accounts of the Civil War I have read, especially so as it is written from the perspective of the ranks (although Rhodes would, by the war’s end, become a commissioned officer, commanding the 2nd Rhode Island Infantry.)

For armchair historians, this is a must read. For the serious student of the Civil War, I strongly recommend it.



## Lynne Dolan Testimonial Luncheon



Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, President, DUVCV.

Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, wife of our SVC Jay Dolan, and longtime friend of our Camp, was recently elected President of the National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW). A testimonial luncheon was held on October 22 at the Old 1776 House in Tappan, New York.

Built in 1668, the restaurant occupies the building in which British Major John Andre who collaborated with Benedict Arnold was imprisoned before his trial and execution. The sketch over the fireplace of Benedict Arnold which hangs upside down is said to have been placed in that position by George Washington! Benedict Arnold, upside down.

Among the many who came to pay tribute



to Lynne's long, continuing, and meritorious service to the DUVCW were its New York Department President Susan Berardi, Kady Brownell Tent #36 President & National Historian Eileen Sleckman along with many of the sisters and Denise Van Buren, President- General of the DAR. From the SUVCW were Commander in Chief Bruce Frail, John McNulty, PDC, Department of Pennsylvania and Doug McMillin, Camp 112, Pennsylvania, Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, President, DUVCW, Department of NY Treasurer Jeff Albanese, PDC, representative for Department Commander Jeff French who was prevented from attending, wished Lynne good luck during her administration.

Another longtime friend of our Camp, Janice Guy, was there and, in addition to Lynne's husband and son, John, our Camp was represented by Fred Kuntz, PCC, accompanied by his wife Marianne, and Dennis Duffy who in addition to the lunch, along the way enjoyed the Fall foliage on the Palisades Interstate Parkway and the view of Yankee Stadium from the vicinity of the Polo Grounds Towers.

## ***Six new headstones dedicated at Greenfield Cemetery.***



*A Great turnout for our Veterans*

*Photo: Ted Phillips*

On October 15 the Moses Baldwin Camp, Officers members of the Allied Orders and local Officials assembled at the GAR Plot in the Town of Hempstead's Greenfield Cemetery to dedicate six new head stones for the following veterans who no longer lie in unmarked graves:

- Albert Henry Rhodes, Private, Co. A, 95th NY Infantry, Civil War, Malverne
- John Rieth, Musician, General Services, US Army, Civil War, Freeport
- Charles Hammond, Sergeant, 124th Ohio Infantry, Civil War, Lynbrook
- James Brightman, Private, Co. I, 69th NY Infantry, Civil War, Rockville Centre
- William Van Buren, Private, Co. C, 3rd NJ Inf., Spanish-American War, Rockville Centre
- James Donato, Private Co. G, 320nd Infantry, KIA in France, World War I, Rockville Centre.

We were joined by Deputy Town Supervisor Dorothy Goosby who presented the Camp with a Certificate of Recognition for its work and Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray who said that he plans to spread the word about the Rally Round the Flags Project to New York's hundreds of Mayors.

Deputy Supervisor Goosby also told us that when she first was elected to the Town board 20 + years ago, consideration was being given to selling the cemetery to a private operator. She successfully fought against this and asks today we be alert to any future plans that might divest the Town of what she considers an asset and a matter of trust.

Also joining us were the Nassau County American Legion Riders and representatives from the Kady Brownell Tent #36, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) , East Rockaway Post 3350, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rockville Centre Post 303 and Hempstead Post 390, American Legion, Co. H - 119th NY Infantry Living History Association, 14th Brooklyn Living History Society, Boy Scout Troop 336, Lynbrook, members of the Historical Society of East Rockaway and Lynbrook, including Art Matson, long time Historian of the Village of Lynbrook,.....and many others.

The stones were provided by the Veterans Administration based on documentation from research by Camp members, primarily

Bro. Phil Ageuce with help from other members of the cemetery staff. The Town of Hempstead's cemetery staff placed the stones.



Bro. Bruce Weidenburner opening the ceremony with the National Anthem Photo: Ted Phillips

Bro. Dennis Duffy was M.C., Commander Donald McMahon conducted the GAR ceremony. Sister Lynn Gallaudet Dolan (recently elected National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War) placed a bouquet of blue flowers on each of the graves.



Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, President, DUVCW placing flowers on the graves. Photo: Ted Phillips

Bro. Bruce Weidenburner, gave a magnificent rendition of the National Anthem, Bro. Steve Zawislak, Sgt.-Major, 6th New York Independent Battery, played Taps and Bob Lynch, Bagpipe Instructor, Kellenberg Mem. HS, marched at the head of the Color Guard and played Amazing Grace to close the ceremony. The rifle detail, with only one veteran and two new recruits, performed well in firing the traditional three volleys under the command of Lt. John Portanova, PCC, Oliver Tilden Camp #26 and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Co I 83rd NY Volunteers, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The fifty attendees were asked to contribute to the Rally Round the Flags Fund and \$190.00 was received to conserve the battle flags these brave veterans fought under. The camp will continue to seek out other unmarked graves in Greenfield and we expect to hold a similar ceremony next year.

### *(In a separate note from Brother Duffy)*

Here's the link to the video of the headstone dedication ceremony we performed on October 22 for 6 veterans including 4 from the Civil War.

You may not have time to watch the entire video but I suggest you look long enough to see Bro. Bruce Weidenburner sing the National Anthem. Bro. Weidenburner is outstanding.

If you watch it all, at the very end you will see Mayor Fran Murray of Rockville Centre (three of the veterans we honored, including James Donato, KIA in France during WWI, were residents of his village) tell us that he plans to make sure every mayor in New York State becomes aware of the plight of the battle flags.

<https://www.veed.io/view/5950b988-2197-4038-b100-6eef2c0f53d3>

Thanks to Sister Gerry Albrecht of the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW for taking the video and sharing it with us. She is also outstanding for having taped our last four events and photographing many stones in several cemeteries.

In F., C., L.,  
Bro. Dennis  
Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary

Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, SUVCW

## ***Hello from our Friends of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum***

We have good news to share with you and request your support in our efforts to establish a Museum home on its land as part of a new development called "Monitor Point".

In 2005 the city rezoned the land adjacent to the Museum's land which is owned by the MTA for residential development. The Museum's neighbors the MTA put out a Request for Proposal in its efforts to find a developer who would work on this development project. The developer that was selected is Gotham. The project includes the MTA, Gotham, Riseboro (a not for profit dealing with Senior and Affordable Housing) and The Greenpoint Monitor Museum. The MTA did not sell its land. It will be ground leasing the land and benefiting from the funds generated from the project.

The project includes many benefits including:

Affordable housing, Senior housing the construction of a new building for the MTA's Mobile Wash Unit to a nearby manufacturing area, freeing the land for the development., moving the Existing MTA emergency vehicles from Box Street to the

basement of the new development freeing the space at Box Street for a new park the community has been waiting for 15 years.

Attached is the Museum's Request for Support to be signed and returned to George (gjweinmann@aol.com) or Janice (Jlauletta@aol.com) at our email addresses or Greenpoint Monitor Museum, PO Box 220378, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Instructions are on the bottom of the Request for Support. We will put together all the signed support we receive and submit them to the MTA.

The flier created by the developer says contact your elected officials and neighbors. As a not for profit, we are restricted from lobbying politicians. So, we are limiting our outreach to neighbors, friends like you, family members, coworkers, etc. who would like to support the Museum's efforts. It is the developer's job to contact the elected officials and finalize the project benefits. The drawings on the flier are conceptual at this time.

Thank you so much for your help on this. We look forward to a museum built on the Museum's land for all of us to enjoy. *(In lieu of attachment to this newsletter, the Editor has substituted the web site link)*

<http://greenpointmonitormuseum.org/>  
Janice and George

## ***US Grant Ceremony***



On Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 11:30 am, Oliver Tilden Camp's Color Guard, Co. I, 83rd NY Vol. Inf. Sons of Veterans Reserve conducted a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the General Grant National Memorial at 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The Ceremony was for Ulysses S. Grant who died on July 23, 1885 at the age of 63. He was the Commanding General of the Union Army during the Civil War and the 18th President of the United States. Commander George J. Weinmann, PDC was the MC for the event.





During the ceremony, Grant Monument Association member Kathie Dito read various Grant bicentennial messages from six living presidents. The presidential letters were sent to Bro. Frank Scaturro, President, Grant Monument Association. Commander Weinmann, PDC presented a SUVCW Challenge Coin to a member of the Parks Service for their support and Grant collection. John Portanova, PCC spoke about General U.S. Grant. National Park Service, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW and Grant Monument Association placed wreaths during the ceremony.

The commander thanks Color Guard members, Brothers Charles Lirio, John Portanova, PCC, John Gregor, Marc Hermann and Sister Janice Weinmann. Special thanks go to the National Park Service at the Grant National Memorial for asking our Camp Color Guard to perform the wreath laying ceremony; it was truly an honor.



## *A Visit to the G.A.R. Hall in Dalton, NY-Anton Schwarzmuller*



On October 5, 2022, I visited the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Dalton, NY which is owned by Arland-Kelley Post 1569 of the American Legion. Dalton is an unincorporated hamlet in the town of Nunda (pronounced “noon-day”), Livingston County. My tour was hosted by Bob Ellsworth, Commander of the Post. Google street view will hardly help you to see the hall. The street view ends a couple lots short and north of the hall. The image quality is very poor. The address is 10053 State Street.

“G.A.R. Hall” is prominently displayed on the tower over the front entrance. The Commander explained that the topmost story of the tower was removed at some point as it had become too decrepit to save. The green metal roof is rather new and looks perfect. Inside the tower vestibule are the tower stairs and a small, barred ticket

window used when movies were shown in the hall from a projector in the tower. The main hall is quite large and unfurnished but for a few tables and folding chairs. Side windows and ceiling are high, the wood flooring set in an interesting pattern. A raised stage with stairs and banister is at the back of the main hall, with an economically acquired second-hand wheelchair lift installed to code. Behind the stage is a back room with kitchen and rest rooms. A pool table was once in this back room.



The Hall is available to rent for celebrations, such as weddings. There is no parking lot for the Hall. A small empty lot on the north side of the Hall, owned by the transport business across the street, can be used with advanced permission through the Commander.



Various items of interest adorn the walls of the hall. One item is very special to us. Encased in a frame, mounted perpendicular and out from the north wall, is the banner for C. S. Lynde Camp #50, Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. As shown by framed copies of documents on the wall, the C.S. Lynde Post voted on 30 September 1946 to convey the real property to the Arland-Kelly Post along with the remaining funds in their treasury with the stipulation that the funds contribute to the cost of repairing the roof of the Hall. The documents also stipulate that the G.A.R. Hall sign remain on the building, as it is today. The legalities of the transfer were completed in April of 1948.

Thanks to Brother Tom Cook of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6, who is also the local

Nunda historian, I was able to search scans that he made of the Nunda newspaper archive. These are on an external drive at the Nunda library and they enabled me to confirm that the Hall was built in 1888. It was built by J. L. Thompson and C. S. Thompson Post #190, Grand Army of the Republic. Brother Tom advised that they were local brothers who perished in service to the Union.

James Luther Thompson and Cordenio Smith Thompson enlisted in the 104<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry, Co. A, at Geneseo on 30 September 1861 to serve three years. They were aged 23 years and 19 years. James was promoted to Corporal in October 1862. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863 he was captured in action at Gettysburg and died of illness 16 February 1864 at Richmond, VA. Cordenio was mortally wounded in action at Fredericksburg, dying 13 December 1862, very shortly after capture.

The J. L. Thompson and C. S. Thompson Post #190 of the G.A.R. was chartered on 23 December 1884 and organized 6 January 1885. I was able to acquire electronic copies of the charter and the last two reports of the Post from the New York State Archives for a modest fee. Of minor note is that the number of the Post is the same as William A. Jackson Post #190 of Duanesburg, NY, chartered 27 December 1880. Apparently the Duanesburg post became defunct, and the number 190 was assigned to the new Dalton post. The original charter for Dalton

has the number 529 stricken and 190 written above it. There are 16 members, all of Dalton, listed on the original charter for the Post in Dalton, including C. S. Lynde, 2<sup>nd</sup> NY Mounted Rifles, Co. L. The J. L. Thompson & C. S. Thompson Post dissolved in 1926. Its last Commander was C. S. Lynde.

Dalton cemetery on Church Street is a short walk from the hall. It is small and not fenced. Using the small American flags as cues, I collected some gravestone images that I passed to Brother Dennis Duffy, Graves Registration Officer and Secretary of Moses Baldwin Camp. A number of G.A.R. star markers still exist in the cemetery. The Thompson family monument includes an inscription for brothers James and Cordenio on the north side. Next year Abraham Lincoln Camp will apply for a grant for a historical marker for the G.A.R. Hall in Dalton under the William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historic New York marker program. Assuming all goes well, The Hall will have a yellow-on-blue historical marker that will honor the Thompson brothers and will stand long after we ourselves pass on.





## ***Camp Treasurer Ted Phillips completes the SUVCW***

### ***Memorial University Course-***

becoming the second brother in the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 and the fourth in the Department of New York to do so by showing his knowledge of the Constitution and Regulations of our Order.



Bro. Dennis Duffy welcomes Bro. Ted to Memorial U. alumni association.

We are going to give Bro. Ted a brief respite and then challenge him to read all the decisions and orders of all the Commanders in Chief plus our 20 policy statements. Sometimes it seems we have more words than the number of minie balls

that flew at Gettysburg! Bro. Ted will be presented with his Memorial University pin next August at the Nashua, NH National Encampment, another good reason to attend as, in addition to giving Bro. Ted a great hand, critical decisions will be made then regarding leadership, lineage and other important issues.

Memorial University is getting a lot of attention lately with National considering making completion a requirement for elected and appointive National office and a second course being developed which will be a requirement for anyone wishing to add records to the SUVCW Graves Database.

### ***126thNY Co A, SVR notes***

The members of the 126thNY Co A met briefly at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel in Rochester for a business meeting on November 12, 2022. It was discussed that due to the confusion on the NY State gun laws, our military participation will be limited to functions where we will not need muskets.

When the weather breaks in the Spring, we intend to start drilling on ceremonial formations and musket handling – likely on private land to avoid potential legal issues.

## ***Willard Camp Grave Dedication***



Col. George Lamb Willard Ceremony - Oakwood Cemetery - October 29, 2022

On October 29, 2022, , the Col. George L. Willard, Camp #154, NYSUVCW with the 125th New York Volunteer Infantry and [Oakwood Cemetery in Troy NY](#) held a rededication and new signage at Colonel Willard's grave.

At Gettysburg, Col. Willard was put in charge of a brigade and helped defend against a Confederate charge toward a gap in the Union Army's lines. He inspired his men to fight bravely against the attack, but unfortunately, Col. Willard was killed July 2, 1863 by an enemy artillery shell near Cemetery Ridge.

By Leo McGuire , PDC and current secretary for camp # 154



***AN EARLY WINTER MISSIVE FROM  
COL. DAVID IRELAND CAMP 137.***

Greetings from our coverage area in South Central New York! The first major snowstorm of the season has struck here at Binghamton and vicinity as this is written in the few days remaining 'til Christmas.

Although seasonal festivities have slowed much of the active volunteer work among local Brothers lately, we try to move forward in honoring and remembering those thousands of "boys in Blue" from the 1861-65 era. Working alongside other allied organizations such as DUVCW, the SUVCW Auxiliary, Civil War Round Table, some living history reenactment groups and many municipal historians has proved fruitful. We've made up some valuable time lost due to COVID in 2020 and 2021. A semblance of normalcy returned this past year and many events formerly mothballed or cancelled returned to active status, and we participated where possible. A big booster was being able to host the 139th NY Department Encampment here at Binghamton in May.

Our camp also took part in dedicating new or replacement headstones at grave sites of local Civil War veterans, and assisted in honoring two senior members of DUVCW Tent #2 (Sisters Eileen Patch and Daryl Holloway) who received outstanding

community service awards through auspices of NYS Senator Fred Akshar.

Along the way, sadness and the inevitable happened. Line 5 on the standard recommended form for conducting official SUVCW camp meetings provides for reporting sick brothers or a brother's family in distress. It is also where we report losses in the membership or in the immediate families of members. Just a short time ago we were saddened by the passing of long-time Brother Lyman Baker of Ithaca. An outpouring of sympathy and tribute followed from around the compass. In ceremonies organized under the direction of PDC/PCinC Danny Wheeler, substantial representation was realized on Saturday Nov. 5 at the graveside services, supplemented with ceremonial renderings per the SUVCW protocols. It was truly impressive to be with members of other camps, their flags presented along with the National Colors. I can relate to the sorrow, as my own brother Richard passed away that same weekend, after a long illness. My deep thanks for the cards, emails, telephone calls and personal expressions received from many in the Brotherhood over the past several weeks.

Now that another Winter is "nigh," we can do a few things toward documenting many facts about the men from New York who went to war in 1861-65. One of the

best ways we know is to gather information relevant to appear on National Form GR. Department GRO Brother Duffy continues coordinating the massive effort, editing and forwarding the completed forms to the National Database. Everyone can help in their own region by looking through family or public references, spending some time implementing links from such major sources as Ancestry.com and the recently added feature "Old Newspapers." Maybe some can afford a little time to visit local libraries or historical societies, or pore over any old G.A.R. records that can be accessed, to make the stories of the veterans more complete and worthy of their sufferings and sacrifices.

In F, C & L,

John Goodnough, Secretary, Col. David Ireland Camp #137.

## *Passings - Lyman E Baker*



Who died? I did, at Clifton Springs Hospital on October 19, 2022 at the tender age of 86. Lyman was born the son of the late Carl S. Baker and Bethel Keynon Baker of Ithaca.

Lyman retired from the US Post Office as post carrier #9 after 33 years of service. He worked for Tompkins Community Bank as a courier after his retirement from the Post Office.

Lyman served his community as a volunteer Fireman/Fire Police since 1960. He was also a member of the Rescue Steamer & Chemical Company No. 2 Ithaca Fire

Department, Fire Service Explorer Post 145 (Advisor), Ithaca Veteran Volunteer Fireman's Association (Trustee), National Association of Letter Carriers, and Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Lyman could be found outside working in the lawn or sitting on his swing, reading. He loved to do paint by numbers to give as gifts and display in his home. He loved chatting with friends and neighbors, he always had a smile to share and a story to tell. He loved taking long car rides on back roads and stopping for ice cream. He shared many a corny joke with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Jean E. (Galt) Baker; infant son; brother, Carl E. Baker; and sister, Patricia MacDougal.

Lyman is survived by his son Bill Baker (Aimee); grandchildren, Caitlin Bement (Jessi), Samantha Baker, Alex Hurd (Drew), and Christopher Baker (Alana); great-grandchildren, Harper and Izzie Rainbow, and Jessi Bement, Jr.; brother, Wilbur (Wa) Baker (Angela); many nieces and nephews; as well as his wife, Michelle Baker.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lyman's memory may be made to the S.P.C.A.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Bangs Funeral Home, Ithaca, NY. Online condolences may be made to Lyman's family at [www.bangsfuneralhome.com](http://www.bangsfuneralhome.com).

This is Bake 3258 signing off.

## *John Dubois*

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of John DuBois (Avon, New York), who passed away on November 28, 2022, at the age of 81, leaving to mourn family and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Phyllis DuBois and his granddaughter Faith Ann DuBois. He is survived by: his son Robert DuBois (Heidi); his siblings, Polly Davin and Charles DuBois, Sr.; and his grandchildren, Angel Rae and Taylor Ann DuBois. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Stephenson-Dougherty Funeral Home (350 Genesee St, Avon, NY 14414). A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00 PM at the St. Agnes Catholic Church (108 Prospect St, Avon, NY 14414).

**In lieu of flowers** memorials may be made to Avon Historical Society 23 Genesee Street Avon, NY 14414 or American Battlefield Trust 1156 15th Street NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20005 in his memory.

## ***Brian Hallenbeck***



Brian R. Hallenbeck, of Basom, New York, passed away on November 23, 2022 at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. He was born in Penn Yann, NY on July 19, 1951 to the late Ralph and Hazel (Hammond) Hallenbeck.

Brian spent his younger life around the Penn Yann area and moved to Basom in 2001. He worked locally for Whiting Rollup Door Company, until his retirement in 2013. He was a member of the Son's of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 148th New

York Infantry where he took part in many Civil War reenactments across New York State.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara Jonathan-Hallenbeck; his two children, Peter Hallenbeck and Steven Hallenbeck. Brian is also survived by two brothers, Gene Hallenbeck and Britt (Dolly) Hallenbeck. He is predeceased by a sister, Ronda Hallenbeck.

Friends and relatives called on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Ross Funeral Home of Akron, LLC., 10 Eckerson Avenue, Akron, NY 1400. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 2, at 11 AM. Donations may be made in Brian's memory to the Alabama Fire Department.

## ***Patricia Lynn Lemay***



Saratoga Springs, NY- Patricia (Peppen) LeMay 68, born February 15, 1954 in Troy NY, passed unexpectedly on Tuesday December 13, 2022 in Saratoga Springs, NY. She fought a long hard battle with heart and kidney disease.

She was daughter to Earl Clarence Peppen and Lucy Jean Conde (DeConno), she grew up in Green Island and was a graduate of Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD.

Pat was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother (Ma). She met the love of her life Raymond LeMay Jr. through her best friend Carol which happened to be his sister. After meeting at the Moose Club, they knew it was true love and were married at St. Patrick's Church in Watervliet NY



spending 43 wonderful years together. They raised two children Jessica LeMay Chamberlain (Michael) and Raymond LeMay III (Kerri) and have two grandsons Brandon LeMay and Matthew Whitney. She also loved her dog Bull and her grand dog Lucy Lu. Pat is also preceded by her parents and sisters and survived by many nieces and nephews.

Pat was a kind and loving woman that loved baking her Italian gnette cookies and her mother's butter cookies, her banana bread was always a big hit. She was always making sure everyone was full especially on galumpkis that her and Ray would always make together.

Pat worked many years as a counselor at Bethesda Home in Lansingburgh NY and later at ROI in Cohoes and Seton School in Watervliet NY. She was also a proud member of Van Rensselaer Chapter DAR, Tent # 71 DUVCW and former member of the Green Island Rod and Gun Club.

Burial will be in the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Road, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

Donations can be made to the National Kidney foundation, which we express our deepest gratitude.

### *Calendar*

May 5-7, 2023 – 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment, Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY

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