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THE VOLUNTEER

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Department of New York**

Brother in distress-

Brothers - an SUVCW Brother, member of the D. G. Caywood Camp # 146, Ovid NY, is in distress. I'm asking you all to please consider donating to Brother Jim Griffith who lost everything in a tragic fire including his home and pet. Make checks payable to James Griffith and mail them to myself: Edward O'Brien, PO Box 69, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472. I will then forward them to Brother Griffith.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Edward O'Brien, Commander Department of NY, SUVCW

Department Encampment Preparations –

Brothers,

We have exceeded our minimum for the luncheon, but we are short by 12 on the Banquet. If we do not meet the minimum number we either cancel the banquet or pay a higher cost per person. PLEASE get the word out. We have to finalize the numbers in the early part of April.

Second, only 8 for both nights and 1 for one night have registered for their hotel rooms. We are short 11 rooms that we contracted for. The deadline for reserving the rooms is mid-April, so it is fast approaching. If you need a hotel room, go to our website and reserve one using the code, submit your registration to the

encampment, luncheon if you choose to attend the banquet.

Don't forget to register for the Encampment so Brother Pugsley has an account of who is attending.

The ASUVCW will be providing the form for the Memorial/AD booklet. The deadline for memorial ad book is 5 April. Let's support the Auxiliary!

Appreciate your help and support.

Yours in F, C, & L
Brother French, PDC

Reports for the Encampment Proceedings

Brothers – Now that I'm on a different internet provider, I will be attempting to compile all of the reports and other required material for the full Encampment proceedings. They will then be forwarded electronically to Brother LeMay, our webmaster for publication.

Therefore, please ensure I get a DIGITAL copy of any Officers' reports you are submitting for the encampment.

Yours, in F., C., & L.,
Darin Everdyke,
NY Department Asst' Sec'y.

Department Fundraising

Brothers -

Please get the word out on our fundraising effort to raise revenue for the battle flags, scholarship program, historical markers and Monuments. There are boxes of chocolates (8 Oz, 1 and 2 lb box) , peanut brittle, truffles and more.

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/deptons_sons_of_union_veterans_of_the_civil_w42/JefFre2861/candy

Yours in F, C, & L
Thank you all for your continued support.
Jeff French, PDC

Lincoln Birthday observance in Buffalo



Some pictures taken at the Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration at the Buffalo History Museum on February 18th. Several Daughters, SUVCW members and SVR Units present, such as, Col. John B. Weber Camp # 44 with SVR Weber Guard, Lackawanna. Sgt. Judson A. Hicks, Camp # 111, Buffalo. Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 with SVR Company A/126 NYV Composite, Rochester. 148 NYVI SVR Unit, Waterloo. 155 NYVI and 140 NY Engineers reenactors. DUVCW from Buffalo/ Rochester & SUVCW NY DC. The following link goes to the WGRZ news video clip ---
<https://www.wgrz.com/video/news/local/as->

[seen-on-tv/history-museum-celebrates-lincolns-birthday/71-9a1b267b-19b7-42db-84b5-c69d37b60b88](https://www.wgrz.com/video/news/local/as-seen-on-tv/history-museum-celebrates-lincolns-birthday/71-9a1b267b-19b7-42db-84b5-c69d37b60b88)



A NY Brother in a podcast

Brother Anton Schwarzmuller of Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 was invited to participate in a podcast hosted by David Lander, Historian of the State of New York, about the apprehension of Confederate spy and guerrilla John Yates Beall (pronounced "Bell") and his cohort on 16 Dec 1864.

The podcast was recorded via Zoom on January 8th and published later. It was sponsored by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. The Foundation provided the grant for a historical marker acquired by the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. The historical marker commemorates the arrests of the two Confederates by a local policeman, preventing them from escaping back to Canada after a failed attempt to derail a passenger train. They had been waiting for a train to take them across the Niagara Railway Suspension Bridge.

The historical marker was dedicated in May of last year. It stands at the entrance to the Amtrak Station in Niagara Falls, which is also the entrance to the 1863 former U.S. Custom House occupied today by the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Museum. Here is the link to the podcast.

[Confederate Spies at the Canadian Border | William G. Pomeroy Foundation \(wgpfoundation.org\)](#)

PNC Wheeler receives award for 40 years of service

Contributed by DC O'Brien



Attached are photos taken at our D. G. Caywood Camp # 146 meeting on 1/6/2024. Award, he joined 1/12/1984. Presenting him with the award is Camp Commander Steve Wheeler. At the same meeting, Noah Wells (Brother Ed's Grandson) continued in the Sons tradition by being inducted as a Regular Member into the Camp.



Passings



Marilyn Elizabeth Rowsey-Dirk, age 81 entered her eternal rest in the arms of Jesus on March 7, 2024, at Upstate University Hospital after a brief illness.

Marilyn was the only child born of her parents Harry Edward Rowsey and Helen Leona Dawson Plogger. Born in Lexington, Virginia, Marilyn moved to Oswego as a child and attended Oswego schools. There she met the love of her life; David and they were happily married for 49 years before his passing in 2011, seven months short of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Marilyn was an active participant in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lodema Strickland Tent #56 (Ontario, NY) and was past NYS president-elect of the DUVCW. She was an avid civil war reenactor, travelling to Gettysburg, PA

annually for the Remembrance Day parade in November and participating in local living history events. She was often seen portraying Dr. Mary Edward Walker and Belle Boyd, a Confederate spy. Marilyn was also an avid genealogist, collecting family pictures, lore, and historical records to pass down to her grandchildren. She often thought of it as a treasure hunt and loved finding new cousins and stories to share. Marilyn enjoyed politics and was also an election inspector for many years for the Republican party.

She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, David Lee Dirk and her sister, Donna Rowsey Floyd. She is survived by her four daughters, Samantha Golden, Rebecca Dirk, Claudette (Michael) Sharrow and Melinda (Gregory) Standish, brothers Gary (Lisa) Rowsey and Ricky (Leeta) Rowsey, as well as seven grandchildren: Jared Golden, Brittani Boyer, Chase (Jamie) Golden, Alexander Munger, Tristen Munger, Carson Golden and Hunter Kaplan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS), the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation in Marilyn's name. The burial will be at Riverside Cemetery at a later date, where she will join her "Shatzy" in eternal rest. As Marilyn would say, "Bye for now" until we meet again.

Calendar

April 24, 2024 11:00 am. (Tentative)
Annual U.S. Grant Commemoration.
National Monument – 122nd and Riverside
in Manhattan.

April 27, 2024 Historic Pomeroy Marker
Dedication, GAR meeting room at 966
Main St. Hunt, NY at 2:00 PM Corporal
Schwarzmueller is POC

May 3-5, Canandaigua, NY – Department
Encampment

Etc....

A Pastor named John Coulliette, whose father was a reenactor, would like to sell the following items to anyone who would enjoy them. If anyone in the SVR is interested- he has the following:

Tpv wood & brass- asking \$1,000

Springfield 1848 wood & silver asking
\$1,000

Springfield 1847 wood & silver Armisport
asking \$1,000

Italy cal. 69 serial 998. Black powder
shotgun best offer

Swords - asking \$125 each

2 Hawken Black powder rifles- asking \$500
each

His phone number and email is,
503-939-9179

Fbcblackriver@gmail.com

Yours in Fraternity Charity and Loyalty
Brother French

*(Editor's note- I have pictures of the
above-listed items. Please contact me or
Brother French if you wish to see the
original e-mail including pictures.)*

A Request-

Hello,

My name is Ryan Pilmer. I am from
Halifax, Nova Scotia, and one of my
hobbies is collecting Challenge Coins &
Patches. My Uncle Greg Vardy, who got me
started in this hobby, is a Royal Canadian
Mounted Police (RCMP) Staff Sergeant and
works for the "H" Division in Nova Scotia.

My Uncle and a friend of the family got me
to start collecting RCMP Challenge Coins
& Patches. I had about a dozen coins that
they had gathered for me from their travels.
However, I started wondering if maybe I
could collect a few more by contacting

various agencies and members throughout the country. Over the last few weeks, I have been doing so and have received numerous coins from very generous individuals from across this country. I have been very pleased with the responses, and every day I look forward to seeing what is arriving in the mail.

To give you a little background about myself, I am 30 years old, and I have a rare genetic disorder called White Sutton Syndrome. I am also developmentally delayed and one of my comorbidities is autism. As a result, I find friendships and employment difficult to maintain. I still live a good life with my parents and enjoy skiing, swimming, and exercising. I've always wanted to collect something of significance, and I'm happy to say that challenge coins seem to fit that bill.

I was wondering if your department, unit, organization, or team would be able to make an exception and provide me with your Challenge Coin & Patch. It would be greatly appreciated if I was able to add another coin to my collection. If I can get a challenge coin, please mail it to the address below.

If you are mailing me a coin/patch, please make sure it is secured in a sturdy envelope. There have been cases where the sorting machines have dislodged the coins/patches from envelopes

Mailing Address:
346 Toni Avenue
Boutiliers Point, Nova Scotia
B3Z 1X3
CANADA

Kind Regards,

Ryan C Pilmer
rpilmer93@gmail.com

A Brother -

(n.) A person who is there when you need him; someone who picks you up when you fall; a person who sticks up for you when no one else will; a brother is always a friend.



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