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THE VOLUNTEER

**A quarterly publication of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Department of New York**

A reminder to all Department Brothers – Department Secretary Pugsley will not be running for another term. The Department Secretary position will be open at the Encampment in April for any interested Brother. It is imperative that this position be filled.

From Newsletter Editor Darin Everdyke

Brothers and Sisters- I have not gotten any newsletters from any of the Camps or Tents in many months. Much of the content for The Volunteer comes from your Camp's activities, as does the annual Department Newsletter Award. If you do a periodic mailing to your Camps or Tents, feel free to add me to your distribution list. Thanks!

Baldwin Camp in the News



In Nassau County, New York, each month the local United Veterans Organization tapes a program on a topic of interest to veterans which is shown on public access TV the following month under the title VETERANS NEWS. For December 2024 the show is about the mission and projects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War as explained by Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 Secretary and GRO, Dennis Duffy and Junior Cadet Awards Coordinator, Paul Farinella, LtCol (Ret) USA. The show can also be seen on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3zNCRRaIK8>

Many thanks to interviewers Ed Aulman of the American Legion and Sabrina Lacy of the VFW who did a great job in facilitating brothers Dennis and Paul in telling the SUVCW story. Also, congratulations to Ed for becoming the most recent and 69th active member of the Baldwin Camp!

In F., C., & L.,
Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary
Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, Department
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Improvements to the “baby bear” GAR hall in Ovid



Jerry Orton, Bill Evans, Steve Wheeler, (Commander), Danny Wheeler. Inside GAR Hall. Picture Courtesy of Department Historian Jerry Orton.

We have been busy at the “Baby Bear” in Ovid. The room has been painted- it went from a dark brown to an almost sky blue (similar to union pants color). We have new inserts for the windows to help keep the heat in the building and are planning upon nicer weather to work on doors and outside windows. We are also rearranging all the pictures and certificates on the walls. We also upgraded the exterior lighting.

Steven Wheeler, Commander

The LAST Real Son



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders:

Next January 13, 2025 will be the 100th birthday of our last "real son", William Pool.

Brother Pool is a veteran of WW II serving in the 30th Regiment, 3rd Division in the 3rd Battalion. He took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

His father, Charles Parker Pool, along with his father, enlisted the same day in the 6th WV Co. D on August 20, 1861.

Brother Pool's family has graciously allowed us to give out his address. He enjoys receiving cards. The holiday season is close at hand. But you do not have to wait for the holidays.

His address is Parkview Health Care, 119W. Forest St., Room 114B, Bolivar, MO 65613.

If you google his name you can hear an interview with Brother Pool. I do not think you will get a reply directly from him.

Brother Tim Pletkovich published in 2007, "Civil War Fathers" Sons of the Civil War in WW II". I would suggest that you obtain this book which documents Brother Pool's life and that of his brothers. There are other family histories of "real sons" who were WW II veterans. We are indebted to Brother Pletkovich for doing all these interviews. If he did not do this research all this history would be lost.

The reason I am sending this message sooner than expected as I had a WW II veteran friend pass away just before his 100th birthday.

There are 2 real daughters known to be alive, one a DUVCW member and one who wishes to be left alone.

History is the homage we owe the past.

Sincerely, in F, C and L,
Jerome Orton
Real Sons and Daughters Committee

Baldwin Camp at Gettysburg-

Seven Brothers of the Moses Baldwin Camp attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.



Baldwin Camp Treasurer and NY Dept. JVC Ted Phillips with the Baldwin Camp Flag at the Monument to the 119 NY Inf. In Gettysburg.



Ted's photo of the 5 NY Cavalry Monument, the unit in which his GGF served.

The Memorials and Monuments Committee has \$750.00 grants available. Applications may be found on the Department Website and must be submitted between June 1 and February 28 of each year.

Grant Cottage Happenings



At Grant Cottage in Wilton, NY. PDC McGuire and PDC Castler, presented Ulysses S. Grant (great -great grandson of Gen. Grant) a commemorative coin of Gen. Thomas issued by the Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, Albany, NY SUVCW. Mr. Grant gave an informative talk on his family. He still gets about \$ 100.00 on royalties from Gen. Grant's book. The largest crowd I ever saw at Grant cottage on July 26, 2024.

From the New York State Military Museum

Hello everyone. Happy holidays. I am very happy to report that the conservator has finished her work on the 130th NYV regimental color! This is welcome news of course. Thank you one and all for all your support.

I don't have any images yet. The flag remains at the conservator's lab awaiting pickup. With the weather and the holidays just around the corner, I'm not sure when I will be able to get to her lab and safely bring the flag to the Museum. I'll let you know!

Thank you,

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Early Christmas



JVDC Br Ted Phillips joined Max Kenny, Co. K 67th NY and George Munkenbeck, Co. H 14th Brooklyn at their ceremonies for their 7th Annual Civil War Christmas at St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakdale, NY.

They had a full schedule including a Soldiers Encampment, Soldiers Q&A session, local singing groups, and a Civil War Christmas Service. It was a pleasure to be invited and enjoy the great community spirit evident from the encampment!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Br Ted Phillips

Baldwin Camp at Moses Baldwin's gravesite.



Brothers from Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 gathered to place a wreath at the grave of our Camp's namesake. Camp Commander Don McMahon led the group. We were joined by DUVCW Past-President Lynne Gallaudet Dolan who placed a flower at the grave.



Willard Camp- Wreaths Across America Pictures submitted by Leo McGuire (unspecified cemetery and date)



Calendar-

March 15, 2025 Deadline for contributions for the newsletter, 2nd Quarter .

April 4-6 – 142nd New York Department Encampment, Utica Poly Institute.

Passings-

Phyllis Smeltzer- October 23, wife of Charles Smeltzer, PCC Lincoln Camp

Deb O'Brien- November 23, wife of Ed O'Brien, PDC, PCC Lincoln Camp.

The Society of the Second War with Great Britain in the State of New York wants you as a member. If you have an 1812 ancestor, please contact:
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*142nd NY Department Encampment - 4-6 April, 2025. Meeting at
Utica Polytechnic Institute, staying at the Holiday Inn.*



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