

# THE BANNER

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## KEEPING GREEN THE MEMORY







## MISSOURI CIVIL WAR MUSEUM CONTINUES TO GROW

In 2002, a grassroots group of Missouri businessmen and citizens formed the "Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center", a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. This organization, without bias to either side, is dedicated to the preservation and study of Missouri and its involvement in the American Civil War. The opportunity arose to locate at historic Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis. To learn more about site's history as a military base since 1826 visit [http://www.mcwm.org/history\\_jbtimeline.html](http://www.mcwm.org/history_jbtimeline.html)



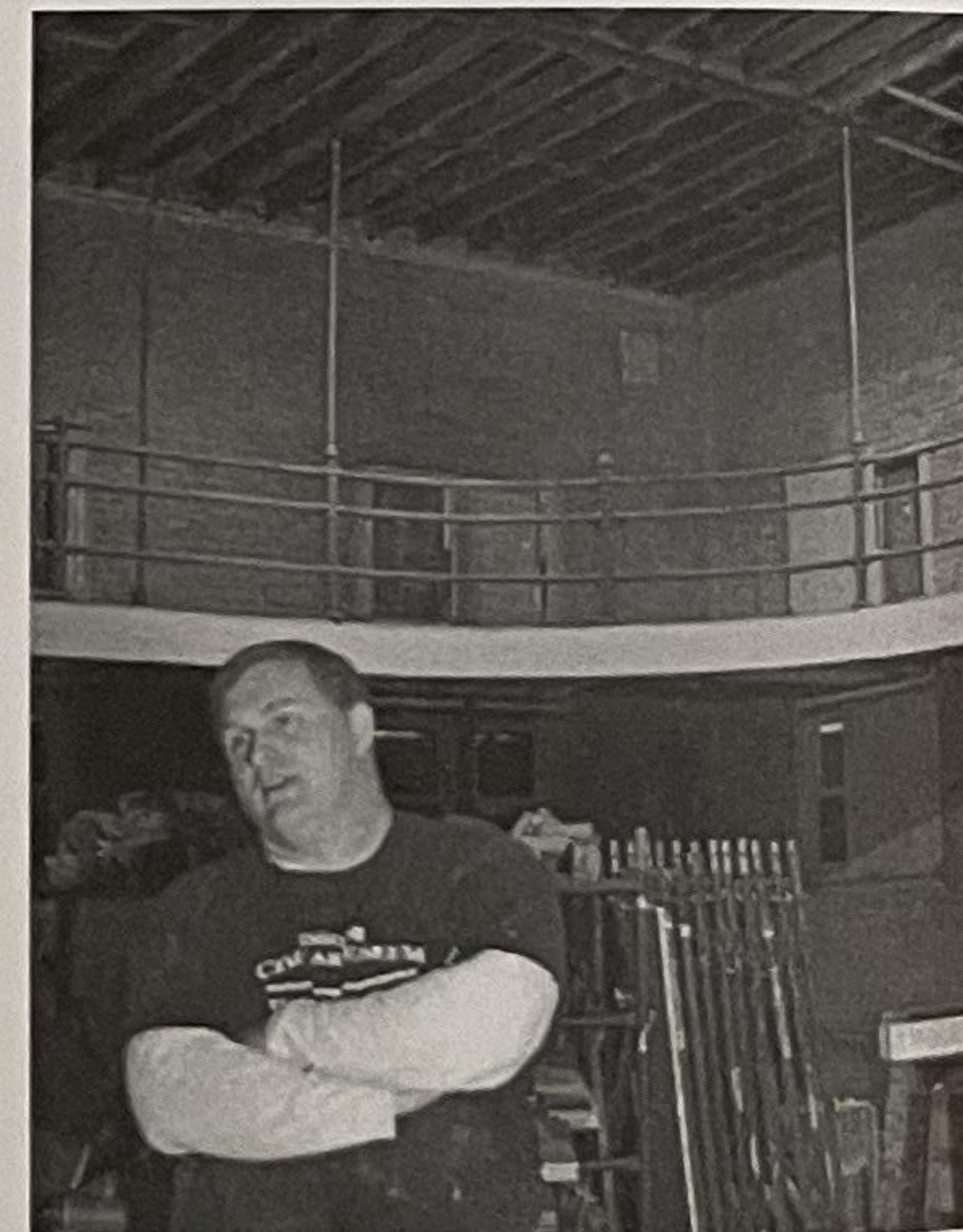
In 2003, the group acquired the old "Officer's Post Exchange and Gymnasium Building," a Federal-style building, built between 1903 and 1905, which will become the Missouri Civil War Museum and the neighboring, WWI era officer's post exchange building, for use as the Missouri Civil War Library and Research Center. To date, over 3000 volumes have been collected for the library. Both buildings are being refurbished. Membership in the organization has quickly grown to over 400 members. To learn more about the Museum, Library and Research Center, please visit <http://www.mcwm.org>

The Civil War is still considered to be one of the most popular subjects in America, and Civil War sites are still one of the biggest tourist draws. The 2000-acre Jefferson Barracks campus is being renovated, becoming a national tourist destination, with museums throughout Jefferson Barracks dedicated to various wars. During the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in 2011, an influx of visitors is expected from all over the country and abroad; the Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center will be in an important position to direct visitors to key Civil War sites located throughout Missouri, including Wilson's Creek (near Springfield), Pilot Knob (Fort Davidson), Westport (Kansas City), Cape Girardeau, Belmont, Palmyra, Lexington, Carthage, Nevada, Jefferson City, and St. Louis.

The Missouri Civil War Museum (MCWM) wants the story of every county told, and wants every County represented at the museum. Links have been created from their website to the Civil War link of every County in the Missouri GENWEB system. As many know, soldier's military records and pension records, can sometimes contain a great wealth of family and genealogical information. The MCWM hopes to some day have a file created for every Missouri soldier from every county, including military records and pension records. This will include soldiers from other states who served in Missouri, who lived in Missouri after the war, and/or who are buried in Missouri. If you would like to help, please send any information or pictures you have to the MCWM. Those who have Civil War artifacts or books (and especially Civil War books about a particular county) are asked to consider donating them to the MCWM. All donations are tax-deductible and appropriate paperwork is supplied to the donor. Staff will make arrangements to pick up these items if they can't be delivered or shipped.

Despite the tough times, good things are happening, and this memorial to our Missouri Civil War ancestors is long overdue. Here's a chance to make Missouri history and help preserve the memory of our Missouri Civil War ancestors. Spread the word about the museum and please consider becoming a member at:

<http://www.mcwm.org/imgs/Museum%20Membership%20Form.pdf> (put to the attention of "John")



*Museum Board Chairman Br. Mark Trout stands in front of the former elevated track, which will serve as a museum gallery. photo by Diana Linsley*



## FROM THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

"Patriotism means 'love for country.' The word comes from the Latin "pater," meaning "father." Loving your homeland is just as natural as loving your father or mother—after all, your country nourishes you, protects you, and in many ways makes you who you are. Just as it's a virtue to honor your parents, it's a good and admirable thing to honor the land you call home."

*Patriot's Almanac*

—William J. Bennett, *The American*

Reminder to Department Patriotic Instructors. Your annual reports are due to me by 1 June.

Memorial University is an Officer Training Course for members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We currently have 90 Brothers enrolled with 38 graduates. To enroll contact me at [PatrioticInstructor@suvcw.org](mailto:PatrioticInstructor@suvcw.org) and visit the site at <http://www.suvcw.org/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm>.

Fraternally,  
PCC Don Martin  
National Patriotic Instructor





## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

703. **Charles Hart Nalls**  
Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2  
Department of Maryland

704. **Marc Robert Pitters**  
Sherman DMAL Camp 25  
Department of Florida

705. **Niel Robert Kelley**  
Oliver Tilden Camp 26  
Department of New York

706. **LtC. Lawrence King Casey, Jr.**  
Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2  
Department of Texas

707. **David Michael Lamb**  
Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75  
Department of Iowa

708. **Leland Lloyd Smith**  
Gen. Thomas J. McKean Camp 3  
Department of Florida

709. **Dennis Clark Derr, Sr.**  
Gov. Henry Crapo Camp 145  
Department of Michigan

710. **Dennis Clark Derr, II**  
Gov. Henry Crapo Camp 145  
Department of Michigan

711. **Thomas C. Crawford, Jr.**  
Orlando A. Somers Camp 1  
Department of Indiana

712. **John Michael Cannon**  
Daniel Chaplin Camp 3  
Department of Maine

713. **Robert Eugene Collins**  
George Armstrong Custer Camp 1  
Department of Illinois

714. **James Gearey Ward**  
Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4  
Department of Florida

715. **Christopher D. Collins**  
George Armstrong Custer Camp 1  
Department of Illinois

716. **Perley L. Mellor**  
Willie Grout Camp 25  
Department of Massachusetts

717. **Robert J. Amsler**  
Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68  
Department of Missouri

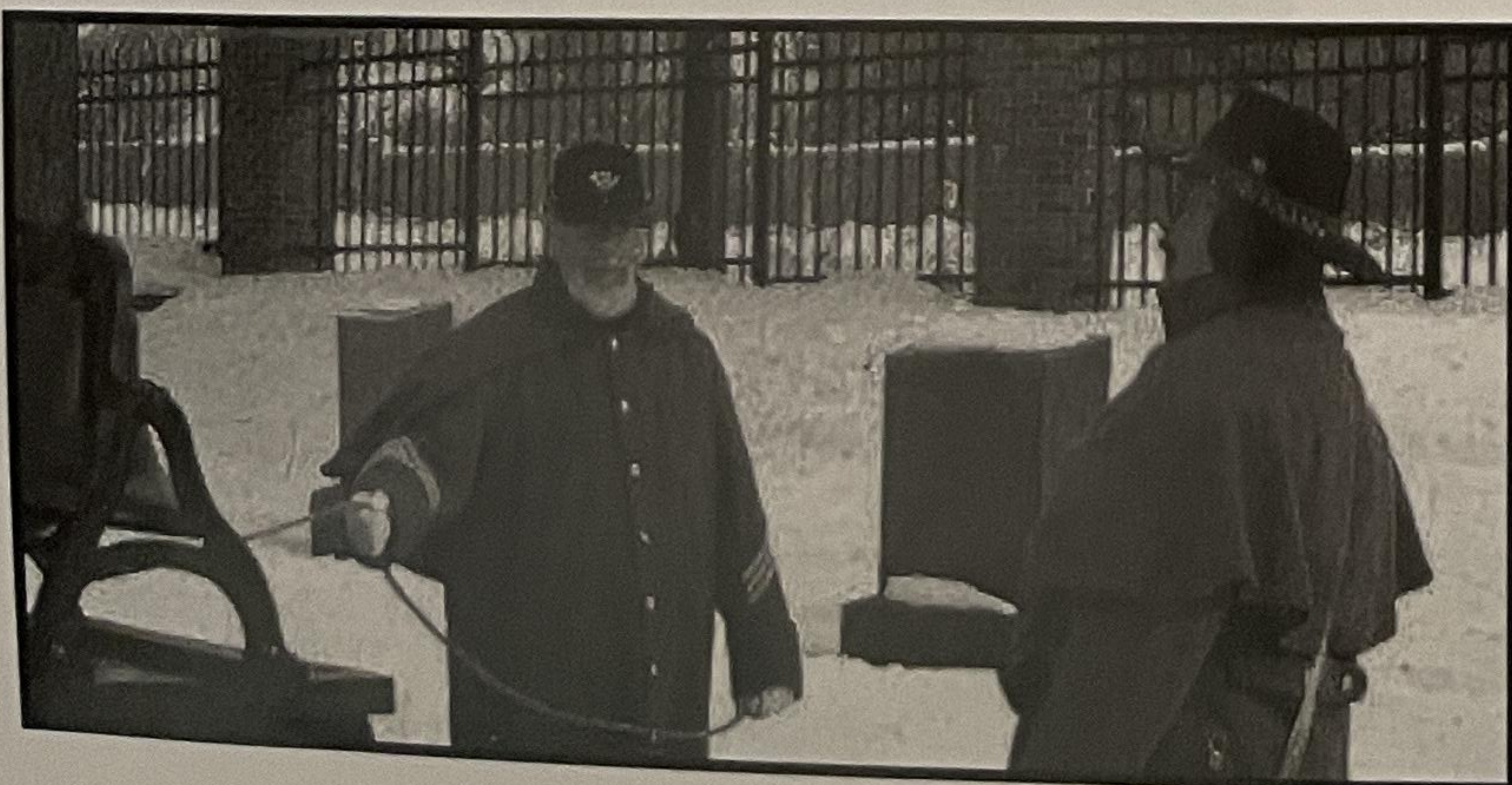
## HONOR ROLL

In Honor of **Jeremiah Sullivan**  
Co. M, 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry  
By Br. Jack A. Searle

A tribute is placed when a contribution (\$10 min.) is made to the SUVCW Permanent Fund.

## BROTHERS PLACE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75 participated in Des Moines' Wreaths Across America ceremony at Woodlands Cemetery on December 11th. The Camp was joined by the Civil Air Patrol, the DAR, the SAR, the Iowa Rifles (SVR), the VFW, the ASUVCW and others. Gov. Culver proclaimed the day as Wreaths Across America Day in Iowa. The ceremony ended with the ringing of a liberty bell, by SVR Sgts. Danny Krock and David Thompson (shown here)...struck once every three seconds for each of the 731 veterans buried in the cemetery.



MG John Gibbon Camp 4 participated in the ceremony at Milwaukee's Wood National Cemetery. The CAP, West Side Soldiers Aid Society, Patriot Riders, American Legion and Boy Scouts also assisted with the wreath laying. Pictured are PCC Bob Mann and Camp Sec/Treas. Patrick Lynch.



Meanwhile, at Madison, WI's Forest Hill Cemetery, Br. W.J. Raftery and PCC Alan Hembel presented wreaths. Their Camp's namesake, Col. Henry Harnden, and GAR CinC Lucius Fairchild were honored. Shown is Br. Raftery at the Fairchild monument.



# WELCOME NEW CAMPS

On February 13th, IL DC Steve Westlake presided over the installation ceremony for the Department's newest camp, **Simon Shaffer Camp 134**, in Lacon.



*Shown standing left to right are: Council 1 Neal Rudy, GRO & Hist. Rick Keating, JVC & Sec. Justin Meierkord, PI Dan Pelphery, SVC & CWMO Scott Blakeley, CC Dave Dellinger, DC Steven Westlake and Treas. & Chap. Kirk Anderson. Sitting in foreground is CC Jim Zingales of Gen Sheridan Camp 2.*

*The altar (table) is from the old Masonic Building, used by GAR Post 134 and used again for the first time in over 80 years ago. The Camp was organized by Br. Dellinger. Its date of rank is 28 Dec 09.*

**Bay State Camp 61** – Melrose MA, Department of Massachusetts (Organized by ODC John Bates) Date of rank: 22 Nov 09



*DC Charles Worley installs CC William Morris.*

**U.S. Grant Camp 67** – Bay City, MI, Department of Michigan (Organized by PCC Don Shaw) Date of rank: 28 Dec 09

## NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

The following Camps have been given permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

**Ft. Simcoe Camp 2** – Yakima, WA, Camp-at-Large (Organized by Br. Thomas Hull)

**Capt. George A. Cribbs Camp 276** – Greensburg, PA, Department of Pennsylvania (Organized by Br. William Poulton)

**Gen. James B. McPherson Camp 1** – Little Rock, AR, Department of Missouri (Organized by PDC Walter Busch)

**Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger Camp 9** – Mobile, AL, Department of Tennessee (Organized by Br. Ernest Treubig III)

**Maj. William A. McTeer Camp 39** – Maryville, TN, Department of Tennessee (Organized by Br. Douglas Fidler)

**Phineas Catlin Camp 341** – Odessa, NY, Department of New York (Organized by Br. Richard Lewis)

## INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

Once authorized by your Dept. Commander, contact your Dept. Secretary for the necessary forms and instructions. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required.

See Form 50 for specifics.

## INQUIRIES & RESPONSES

EDITED BY  
PCIN C RICHARD D. ORR

I. If the ritual was not properly followed during the installation of the Camp officers, were they legally installed?

R. While the Regulations (Chapter I, Article II, Section 4) declare the Ritual to be optional for Camp meetings and initiation of new Brothers, no such option exists for the installation of Camp officers.

The Ritual is part of the Regulations (Chapter V, Article XI) and as such, carries the same meaning, requirements and need for adherence as any other part of the Regulations.

Therefore, when no exception is provided in the Regulations or Ritual, the Ritual must be followed. This is of paramount importance in the installation of Camp officers. For it is only through the proper administration of the Oath of Office that the Camp officers can be held accountable for their actions or lack thereof on behalf of the Brothers of the Camp.

Without the proper administration of the Oath of Office and the proper transfer of power from the seated officers to the new officers, the installation of the new officers is incomplete and therefore improper. It is as if no installation occurred and, pursuant to the Ritual, those officers most recently legally elected and installed, remain the officers of the Camp until such time as their successors are legally elected and legally installed.

PCinC James B. Pahl contributed to this Response.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## COLORADO/WYOMING



DC Garry Brewer salutes the oldest member of Rifle, Colorado's VFW Post 4333 during the town's new Veterans Memorial Park dedication ceremony last November 8th. PDC Gary Parrott and DC Brewer were speakers at the event. Br. Alan Lambert coordinated the Sons' participation there.

## FLORIDA

Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4 recently met at St. Cloud's GAR Memorial Hall and had a good time despite the very cold weather. New Member Lance Woolrich (left) was



initiated at the meeting and is now the youngest member of the Camp. The Camp now hopes to attract younger members with his help. Br. Woolrich is also a Cadet Midshipman in the Navy JROTC.

## GEORGIA

### Thank you to the Dept. of Georgia & South Carolina.

I was struck down this summer by a disease that has left me with some brain damage and unable to drive or even work for six months. The Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War, Dept. of Georgia and South Carolina worked on a fundraiser and donated the money to me. These funds helped me save my house and keep my pride.

They showed all of us that the comradeship and caring that the Veterans of the Civil War had for each other still exists today in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thanks to all my comrades in the Dept. of Georgia and South Carolina for your kindness and friendship and may God bless all of you for your thoughts and prayers through this trying time in our lives.

Br. Bradley Quinlin  
James B. McPherson Camp 1

## MARYLAND

Sixteen years ago, PDC Neil Hanlon, Irish Brigade Camp 4, contacted Troop 14 Scoutmaster Jeff Weaver of Smithburg, proposing that scouts plant small American flags accompanied by green Irish Brigade streamers

alongside the headstones of Irish Brigade soldiers who fell in battle at Antietam..



Hanlon imagined that enthusiasm would fade in a few years. Instead, the number of scouts participating has grown from four to the present assembly. Hanlon is the only participant not in uniform in the photo.

## MISSOURI



L-R: Sec/Treas. Gary Scheel, JVC Tom Greminger, Council member Jerry Kasten, Clarence Warfield, SVC Tom Farlow, Council member Bob Schmidt, Guide William Zoughaib, Clarence Hill, Eagle Scout Coord. Robert Hammack, CC & Hist. Paul Cameron. Not shown is PI Larry McDowell. SVC Farlow has his left hand placed on the Bible.

The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326, which includes members of Co. F, 78th Enrolled MO Militia, met on January 12th for the installation of officers. Eleven of their 15 brothers were present. Installing officer was Dept. JVC D. Christopher Warren.

Wives and daughters were to discuss forming a new Auxiliary.



Pictured front row (L-R) are Steve Weldon, DC Brian Smarker, Battle of Lexington SHS employee John Maki, and Jeff Patrick. Back row (L-R): Kirk Singleton, Gary Riley, Greg Wait, Kip Lindberg, David Coffman and Larry Toll.



## ANNUAL SHERMAN CEREMONY

MO PDP Charlene Konersmann (DUVCW) was the featured speaker at St. Louis' annual W.T. Sherman ceremony in February. She spoke on the general's wife, Ellen Sherman. Standing beside her is W.T. Sherman Camp Billy Yank Camp 65 CC Bill Groth. At the far left is Camp Chaplain Vernon Van der Heydt. U.S. Grant Camp 68, the Women Relief Corps, ASUVCW, MOLLUS, and DOLLUS were well-represented at the ceremony.



## MISSOURI CHARTER PRESENTATION

Gen. James McCormick Camp 215 recently held its annual BBQ at Fort Davidson in Pilot Knob. As part of the festivities, CC Chris Warren formally presented the Louisa Volker Aux. 215 charter to Pres. Twyla Warren and other sisters. After the meal, Co. E, 47th MO Inf., SVR, drilled and performed a rifle salute, honoring the soldiers who died at the fort, while the Auxiliary placed a Flag and flowers inside the fort.

## TEXAS DEDICATION

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2, Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. 1 and Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent 4, DUVCW, gathered in Houston's historic Washington Cemetery, on February 13th for a memorial service for Sarah Edmondson Seelye, one of only a couple female GAR members.

Disguised as Pvt. Franklin Thompson, Ms. Seelye served in the Peninsula Campaign under Gen. George B. McClellan. Ms. Seelye is buried in the George McClellan GAR Post 9 plot.

The headstone memorial service was performed with wreaths of evergreen, grapevine, one red rose, and a small American flag placed on her grave, along with a musket salute.



Front row (L to R): Srs. Linda LaBrot, Jana Marsh, Paige Anderson, Pres. Vali Reyes, and Betty Hampton, DUVCW Srs. Shari Muller, Pres. Martha Class, Susan Salm, Past Tent President, Marilyn Sigler, Patricia Wood, and brothers Michael Lance, and SVC Sam Hampton.  
Back row (L to R): CC David K. LaBrot, Sec/Treas. Gary White and PCC James Hackett.

## CALIFORNIA

Members of Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52, the 20th ME Vol. Inf., Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 and Ivy Stiers Aux. 23 received the Parade Sweepstakes Award (the top parade award) for their entry in the 2010 Cloverdale Citrus Fair parade. The event took place on Saturday, February 13th, at Cloverdale (Sonoma County). The theme for this year's parade was "Salute to the US Military." This was their first time marching at Cloverdale.

On the sidelines, cheering and photo-documenting the day, were Camp 4 CC Tom Graham and Aux. 52 Pres. Bev Graham.



Front row (L to R): Srs. Elaine Christian, AP Ann Schleeter, and Cali Debevoise (Aux. 23), Cindy Eddy (Aux. 23 & 52), Elisabeth Gray (Aux. 52 and 20th ME), Katherine Cannon (Aux. 23), and DP Rachelle Campbell (Aux. 23 and 52).  
Back row (L to R): Dan Cheli (20th ME), PCC Dave Schleeter (Camps 4 and 23), CC Dean Enderlin (Camp 23, holding trophy with Ann Schleeter), PCC Frank Avila (Camp 4 and 20th ME), Richard Gray (Camp 4 and 20th ME), PCC Ron Cannon (Camp 23), and PDC Tad Campbell (Camp 4) holding daughter Emelia.





## A CASE FOR MAKING TIME TO VOLUNTEER

By CC Greg Carter

John A. Logan Camp 26, Rockford - Dept. of Illinois

"These projects have a finite ending" were the words from CinC Kennedy that were stuck solidly in my mind when I was voted Camp Commander in December 2009. Coming from the army, those words translated to "put boots on the ground and get the job done." Each of our Camp's Commanders throughout its history has committed something personal and sustaining to the Camp's legacy. The first established the Camp. The last committed the Camp's name on a bronze tablet for future generations to see. After that, the Camp fell silent for 75 years. Then, the most recent Past Camp Commander drew it from the shadows, rebuilt it from nothing and secured the purchase of the first Camp flag. What was I to do? This thought loomed heavily on my mind as I took the oath of office. I decided I would complete the Camp's monument documentation project. After all, how difficult could that possibly be? We only look after ten northern Illinois counties.

Ten weekends, several dozen bottles of Coke and 3,312 road miles later, I was pulling into the last town in our area. I'd been on the road since before dawn to maximize daylight. I had accounted for and photographed 98 monuments, cannon and ordnance and I had one town left. I pulled into town and discovered their monument: a twenty-foot tall grasshopper sculpted out of car parts.

To say it politely, I was not amused. I was tired of driving, cramped from sitting in the car, and wanted a day off. Something, however, had driven me to continue, giving up my days off to finish the project. I don't know what the motivation was, but after seeing the grasshopper, it had completely vanished from my mind. I wheeled the car about, pointed for home, and stepped on the gas. Ten minutes later, I was stuck on a lane-and-a-half country road behind an elderly woman with white hair, driving 20 miles an hour in a 55 zone. I knew it was not safe to pass, so I crept along behind her for several miles, my frustration over the grasshopper turning into old fashion Chicago suburbs road rage. Soon she stopped to turn into a nursing home and I looked for the first time at her license plate. Time and space all stood still for a brief second as I read three words that turned my anger to shame: Gold Star Mother. I was driving behind a living witness to the terrible cost of war, and I was angry that I was going 20 miles an hour?

At that moment I knew why I gave up ten weekends and many hours to finish this project. How could any number of hours taken to find all those monuments and prepare them to be cleaned up equal having to bury a son killed in war? The monument project for our camp is finished. What can I do next? What can you do?

## FINAL MUSTER

**Arthur Joseph Costigan, Sr.**  
Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 (NJ)  
November 3, 2006

**Kenneth E. Steizel**  
Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5 (WI)  
April 26, 2009

**Benedict R. Maryniak**  
Chap. P.G. Cook Camp 223 (NY)  
May 25, 2009

**Ralph Menges Elliott**  
Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)  
July 30, 2009

**John Drew**  
H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)  
September 3, 2009

**David A. Leach**  
Elisha Dyer Camp 7 (RI)  
September 26, 2009

**Kenneth G. Regennitter**  
Old Abe Camp 16 (KS)  
November 9, 2009

**Arvis L. Dawson**  
Russell A. Alger Camp 462 (MI)  
November 13, 2009

**Roger M. Fardink**  
Gen. Thomas J. McKean Camp 3 (FL)  
November 24, 2009

**Dwight Clinton Kennard**  
Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)  
December 10, 2009

**Robert Shadle, Jr.**  
Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)  
December 26, 2009

**Luther T. "Tom" Cook (LM)**  
Lincoln 10 & Rosecrans 2 (CA&Pac)  
December 31st, 2009

**Paul Mills McDonald**  
Henry E. Plant Camp 3 (MI)  
January 1, 2010

**PCC James A. McCafferty (LM 504)**  
Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 (MD)  
January 8, 2010

**Ervin H.A. Stahl**  
Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (MI)  
January 18, 2010

**Edward S. Milligan (LM 247)**  
Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 (MD)  
January 19, 2010

**David T. Schmidt**  
Col. John Weber Camp 44 (NY)  
January 27, 2010

**Henry E. Robinson**  
Gen. John Logan Camp 1 (MI)  
January 29, 2010

**Donald Holtz**  
Col. John Weber Camp 44 (NY)  
February 9, 2010

**PCC David E. Wilson, Jr.**  
John H. McNeil Camp 62 (MO)  
February 16, 2010

**Albert L. McMullin**  
Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 (MD)  
February 2010

**John M. Brindle**  
Elias Moon Camp 2 (GA&SC)  
February 24, 2010

**PDC Dean K. Speaks**  
Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (KS)  
March 8, 2010