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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

718. Jody M. Switzer Philip H Sheridan Camp 2 Department of Illinois

719. Kenneth A. Brickman Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75 Department of Iowa

720. Dale Harlow Hodge Member-at-Large National MAL Department

721. William Bayard McLane Frank Reed Camp 24 Department of Illinois

722. Robert Dean Hammack Lt Col J Felix St. James Camp 326 Department of Missouri

723. Dale L. Carstens Col John Bryner Camp 67 Department of Illinois

724. Jonathan Mark Jacobs Memorial MAL 300 Department of Pennsylvania

725. Christopher Edward Chapman James B. McPherson 1 Department of Georgia & S. Carolina

726. Conley Winston Ford Satuit Camp 3188 Department of Massachusetts

727. Michael Patrick Downs David D Porter Camp 116 Department of Indiana

728. John P. Munro Picacho Peak Camp 1 (AZ) National Department-at-Large

729. John J. Heine Gen. George H. Thomas Camp 19 Department of Pennsylvania

730. Lyman E. Baker Sydney Camp 41 Department of New York

731. Allen W. Lease Lt. Ezra S Griffin Camp 8 Department of Pennsylvania

732. David Howes Swenson S G Griffin Camp 10 Department of New Hampshire

733. Douglas Earl Deuel Sydney Camp 41 Department of New York

734. Charles William Riegle Gen. John F Hartranstt Camp 15 Department of Pennsylvania

735. Robert G. Herron, Sr. Lt. Ezra S Griffin Camp 8 Department of Pennsylvania

HONOR ROLL

In Honor of DC Charles K. Mabie Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp 24 Dept. of CA & PA by Br. Jeffrey Vaillant

In Honor of Paul J. Wilmot 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry by Br. Theodore J. Cillo, Jr.

In Honor of James H. Worden USS Morning Light by Br. Robert I Worden

In Honor of Pvt. Crist Biery 109th Ohio Volunteer Infantry by Br. Samuel D. Wang

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

NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

e Commander-in-Chief is seeking recipients for the following awards to be given at this year's Nat. Encampment:

. Grant Cup (est. 1939)—presented to the Dept. with the greatest percentage growth during the last year.

gustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award (est. 1969)—presented to the Dept. with the greatest numerical growth during

shall Hope Award (est. 1992)—presented to the Camp and Dept. with the most outstanding newsletters. aham Lincoln CinC Award (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding Camp during the

nelius F. Whitehouse Award (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding brother during the

Stephenson Award (est. 1996)—presented to the brother, who is the top recruiter during the last year.

ders Award (est. 1998)—presented to non-Allied Orders group or individual, who performs outstanding service in y of Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

h S. Rippey New Camp Award (est. 2003)—presented to the most successful new Camp.

torious Service Award w/Gold Star—presented to a brother or brothers, who served the Order for an extended of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.



WELCOME NEW CAMPS!

GEN. GEORGE STONEMAN, JR. CAMP 18 RECEIVES CHARTER

CinC Brad Schall and DC Charles W. Mabie presented Gen. Geo. Stoneman, Jr. Camp 18 with its charter during the CA &

Pac Dept. Encampment on March 12th. CC Richard Burns and Camp Sec/Treas. PCC Rudy Velasco III accepted the charter. Assisting with the presentation were Camp 18 Br. Ken Walker and Camp 2 CC Loran Bures. Camp 18 was created from Camp 2 - Division 7 to serve the southern California Inland Empire counties of Riverside and San Bernardino. The Camp headquarters is in Riverside and starts with a membership of 29 Brothers, several of whom transferred from Camps 2, 17, and 21 to belong to a Camp closer to their homes. Brs. Burns and Velasco undertook an aggressive and highly successful recruiting campaign to fill the ranks. CC Burns serves as the Adjutant for the Marine Corps Semper Fi No. 1 Honor Guard burial detail at Riverside Nat. Cemetery. The Camp's Memorial Day ceremonies will be held at the GAR plot in Riverside's Historic Evergreen Cemetery. The history of Riverside's GAR dates from the organization of Post 118 on May 1, 1886.



left to right; CinC Schall, DC Charles Mabie, CC Richard Burns, Camp Sec/Treas. Rudy Velasco III, Br. Ken Walker, and Camp 2 CC Loran Bures. Photo courtesy of Bob Duncan – Camp 28.

Camp 18 is the first of six new southern California Camps to be created out of Camp 2 Divisions as planned by CC Loran Bures in January 2010. The first organizing meeting for Camp 18 took place last May 1st. The

Camp number "18" was suggested by the late Camp 17 Br. Richard Ignatius, in honor of the old Sons of Veterans Camp which once existed in nearby Corona (then called South Riverside), CA.

General J. P. S. Gobin Camp 503, Sunbury, PA (Date of Rank 3/6/2011) is awaiting it charter presentation.

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

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

- Maj Gen Gordon Granger Camp 9, Mobile, AL (awaiting Charter Request)

- Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 4750 (awaiting Charter Request)

INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

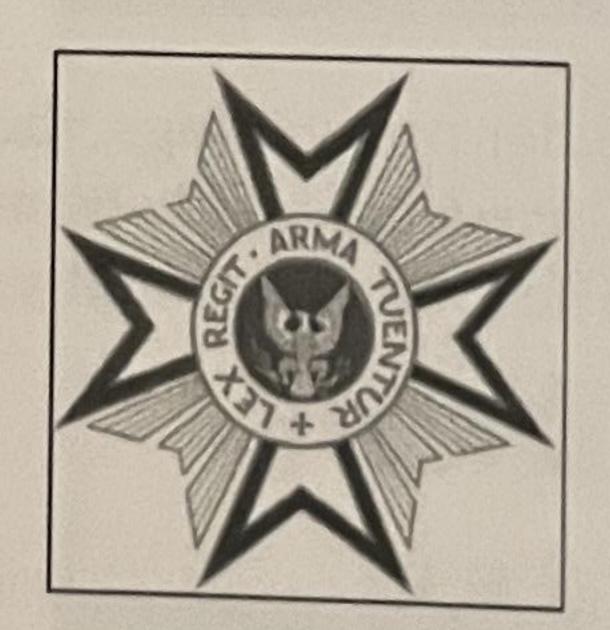
Once authorized by your Dept. Commander, contact your Dept. Secretary for the necessary forms and instructions. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Acceptance is the answer to all of my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing or situation - some fact of my life - unacceptable to me. I can find no happiness, no joy, no serenity until I accept that person, place thing or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake. Until I can accept my shortcomings, my character defects and addictions - I cannot overcome them. Unless I accept life completely on life's terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes.

(Adapted from page 417, The Big Book, AA, IV Ed.)

Chaplain Jerry



Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Attention Notorone of the circles

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Help us honor the service and sacrifices of your Union Civil War Officer Ancestor

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was established on April 20, 1865. Currently, the MOLLUS has 21 State Commanderies nationwide. Hereditary Membership is available to direct male descendants (18 years and older) of a commissioned officer in the United States Army, Navy or Marines who served during the Civil War, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer.

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at: http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm

or
Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS SVCinC) at:

pcinc@prodigy.net



UNION DEFENDER'S DAY

The Sons of Veterans, USA, held the first nationwide observance of Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 1889. Based upon the celebration's success, the 1890 Nat. Encampment (1) supported the observance, (2) recommended it be called "Union Defender's Day," and (3) prescribed that the CinC issue orders providing for its observance by our Order.

MISSOURI

On November 6th, three members of Springfield's Phelps Camp 66 traveled to the Lincoln Home Nat. Hist. Site in Springfield, IL, to help mark the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's election. Dressed in authentic Republican Party "Wide Awake" garb, Brs. Kip Lindberg, Greg Wait and Jeff Patrick paraded with Lincoln (Fritz Klein) and a large group of visitors from the Old State Capital to the Lincoln Home. The "Wide Awakes" sang the election song, "Lincoln and Liberty," and answered questions about this pivotal event in American history. Brs. Lindberg, Wait and Patrick returned to Springfield on February 11th (the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's departure for Washington) to help escort the President-elect to the Great Western railroad station."



L to R: Br. Greg Wait, Mrs. Lincoln, Br. Kip Lindberg, Mr. Lincoln and Br. Jeff Patrick.

LINCOLN VISITS THE OHIO STATE HOUSE

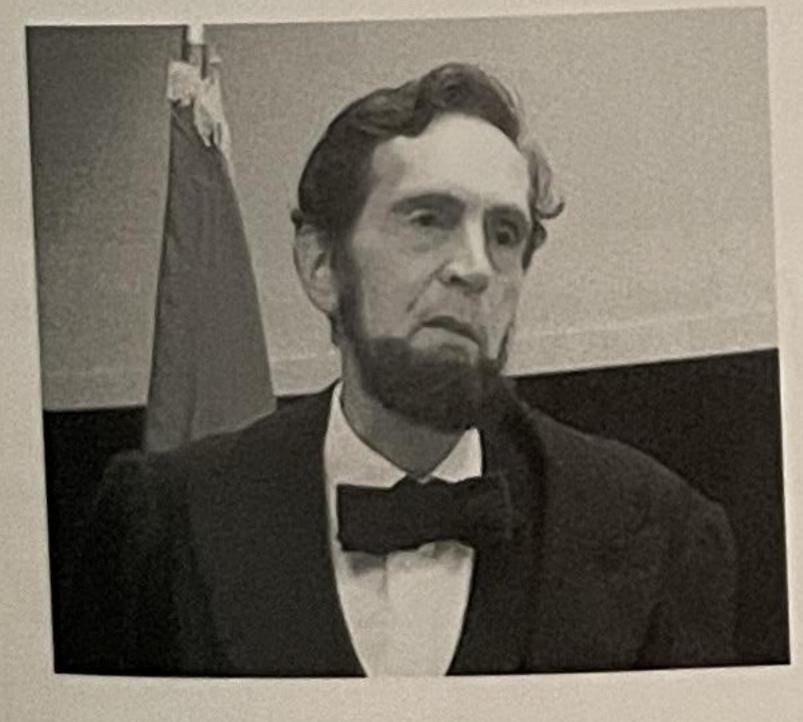
One of Pres. Lincoln's stops on his way to Washington, DC, in early 1861, was the new Ohio State House in Columbus, where he met with Gov. Wm. Dennison and spoke in the House Chamber to a Joint Session of the Ohio Legislature. While in Ohio, he received a telegram informing him that his election had been officially certified.

The Ohio Statehouse Sesquicentennial Celebration partnered with the NPS 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Inaugural Journey. Just as on February 13, 1861, Pres. Lincoln (Fritz Klein) was introduced in the House Chamber by Gov. Dennison (PDC Bob Davis) at the same podium with the same speaker's chair in the background. Elements of Lincoln's original speech were delivered. CJVC Steve Ball provided Civil War Era music.

Brs. Davis and Ball are both members of Columbus' William Dennison Camp 1.



Bob Davis, PDC (Gov. William Dennison) and Fritz Klein (Pres. Lincoln)



TENNESSEE

Last year, Fort Donelson Camp 62 moved to Nashville's historic Federal Fort Negley and established an educational program as part of each bi-monthly meeting. Over the past year, community interest has steadily grown in these programs.

In spite of terrible weather, the largest crowd to date attended the first program of 2011 featuring a presentation by Abraham Lincoln (a.k.a. Br. John Mansfield). Br. Mansfield (left), a member of Camp 62, is an award-winning Lincoln presenter.

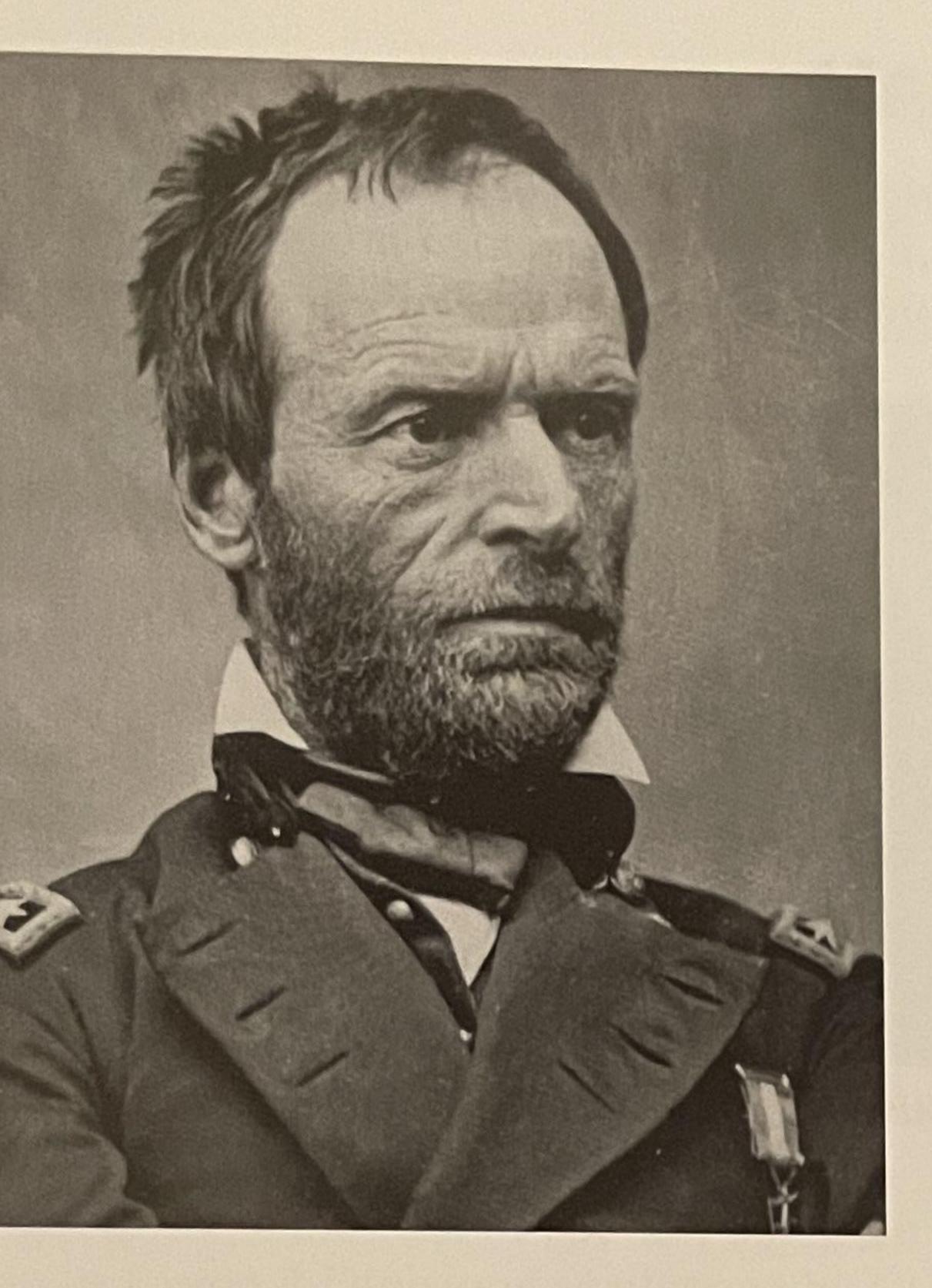
WISCONSIN

Mrs. Jessica Michna, as Mary Todd Lincoln, spoke to 120 people, representing over 40 different patriotic and hereditary organizations at Milwaukee's 41st annual Patriotic Luncheon, held February 5th. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 have hosted the observance since 1890. Brothers from Henry Harnden Camp 2, MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, Old Abe Camp 8, and sisters from Ammi Hawks Aux. 5 also attended.

A raffle and silent auction were held, with proceeds benefiting veterans' relief, patriotic education and historic preservation.

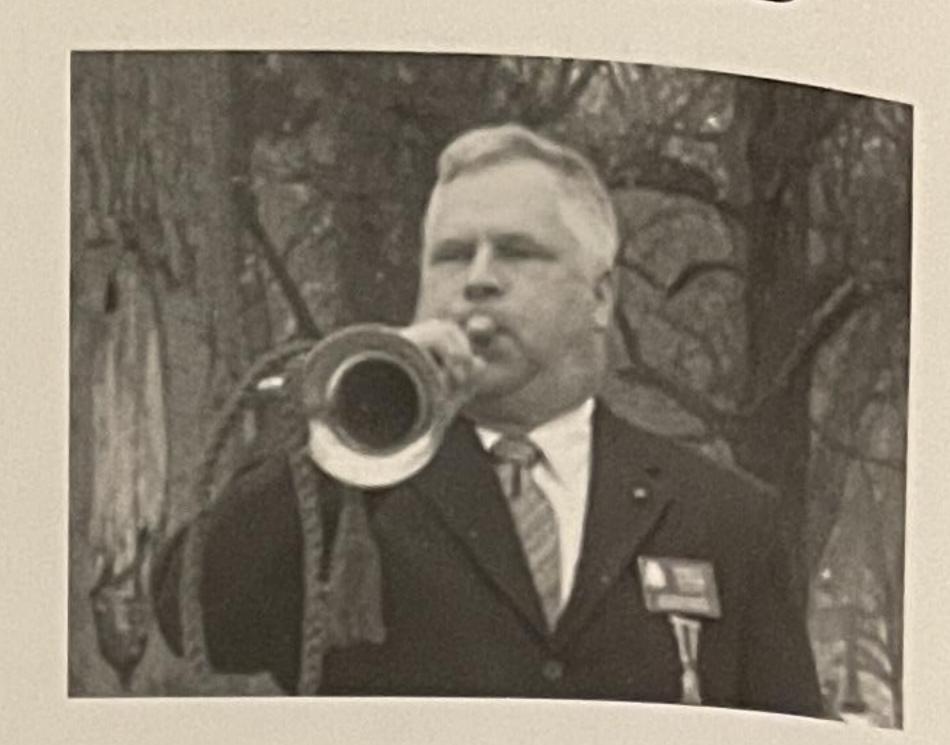






WILLIAM T. SHERMAN REMEMBERED

The 191st anniversary of Gen. William T.
Sherman's birthday was celebrated in North St.
Louis on Sunday, February 27th. William T.
Sherman—Billy Yank Camp 65 held its 32nd observation of the date at Sherman's final resting place in the city's Calvary Cemetery. After assembling at the cemetery's main gate and receiving an artillery signal from Co. M, 1st MO LA (SVR), the color guards and military units processed to the general's grave. The Colors were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was recited,



Br. Jackson plays Taps.

followed by the invocation by Camp 65 Chaplain Joe Difani, Sr. CC Joseph L. Difani, Jr., was master of ceremonies. Capt. Emmett P. Taylor, III, spoke on Gen. Sherman's horses. DC Rod Price was acknowledged.

All the Allied Orders were represented. Wreaths were presented and greetings extended after which "America the Beautiful" was sung, the chaplain gave the benediction and rifle and artillery salutes were rendered. Taps was played by MOLLUS and U.S. Grant Camp 68's Br. Daniel Jackson.

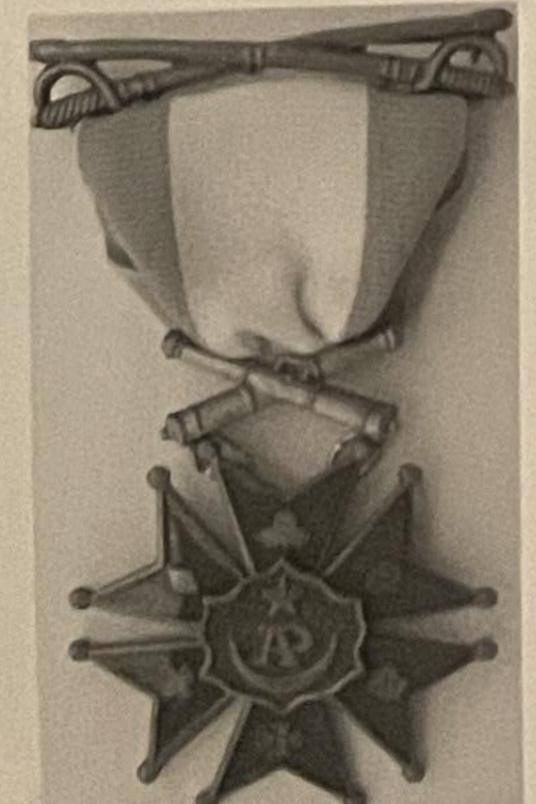
SVR unit present included Co. C, 34th Reg. IL Vol. Inf., Co. A, 2nd MO Vol. Inf., Co. C, 5th MO Cav., Co. E, 47th MO Inf., and Ship's Company U.S.S. Crandolet. Re-enactors from Co. G, 17th MO Inf., 9th Reg. MO CSA Sharpshooters and the Ladies Union Aid Society attended also. A Fellowship Dinner at a nearby restaurant gave everyone a chance to socialize after the ceremony.



Hecker Camp 443's (IL) Br. Greg Zielinski, left, commands the infantry during the ceremony's final salute.



Camp 65's CC Joseph L. Difani, Jr. bows his head while Chaplain Joe Difani, Sr. gives the invocation.

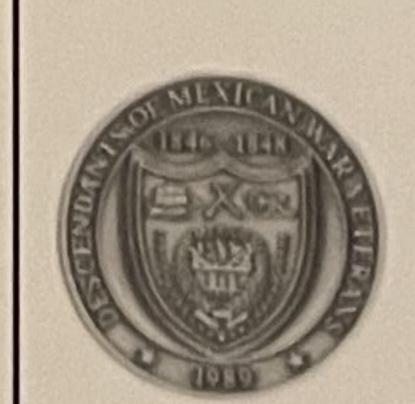


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and

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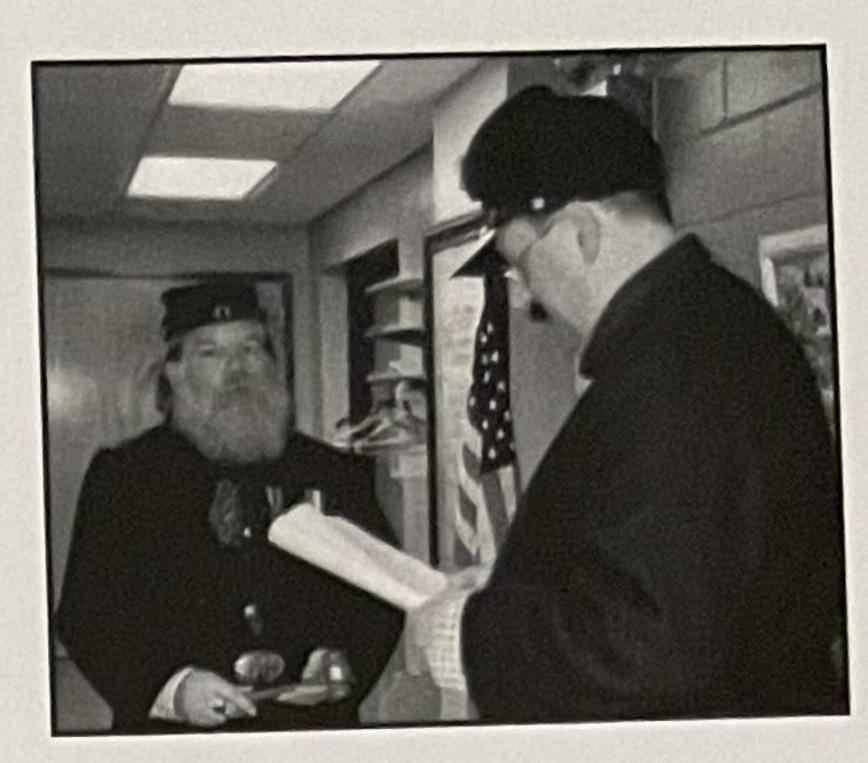
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WITH OUR SISTERS

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Officers of Salem's Gilman E. Sleeper Camp 60 & Aux. 60 were recently installed. Shown is Sr. Mary Flynn being sworn in as the new president of Gilman E Sleeper Aux 60 by PNP Cynthia Brown. Sr. Mary is also Dept of NH VP. Br. Doug Jenkins was sworn in as Camp Commander by DC Gary Ward.





MISSOURI

On December 4th, Ste. Genevieve had its annual Christmas Walk Parade. Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 marched in this parade for the second year. The Camp was also going to unveil the Civil War Plaque on this date, so other Camps were invited to participate in the parade and to the unveiling of the plaque.

In addition to Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 and its Auxiliary, Gen. James McCormick Camp 273, its Auxiliary, and St. Louis' U.S. Grant Camp 68 and Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp 17 were there.

The plaque did not arrive in time for the display, so the brothers and sisters assembled at the site before a mock up of the plaque and a large photo of the J. Felix St. James GAR Post 326, taken in the

late 1880s. They spoke to local citizens about the plaque and the Grand Army presence in Ste. Genevieve. DC Rod Price and his wife honored us by attending the parade.

Photo courtesy of Bob Mueller.



NEW JERSEY

Br. Peter P. Bahuk, Jr. (right) escorted Judi Cox as Mary Todd Lincoln (center) during her presentation, which took place February 21st at the Middlesex Public Library. Br. Peter is a member of George A. Custer Camp 17.

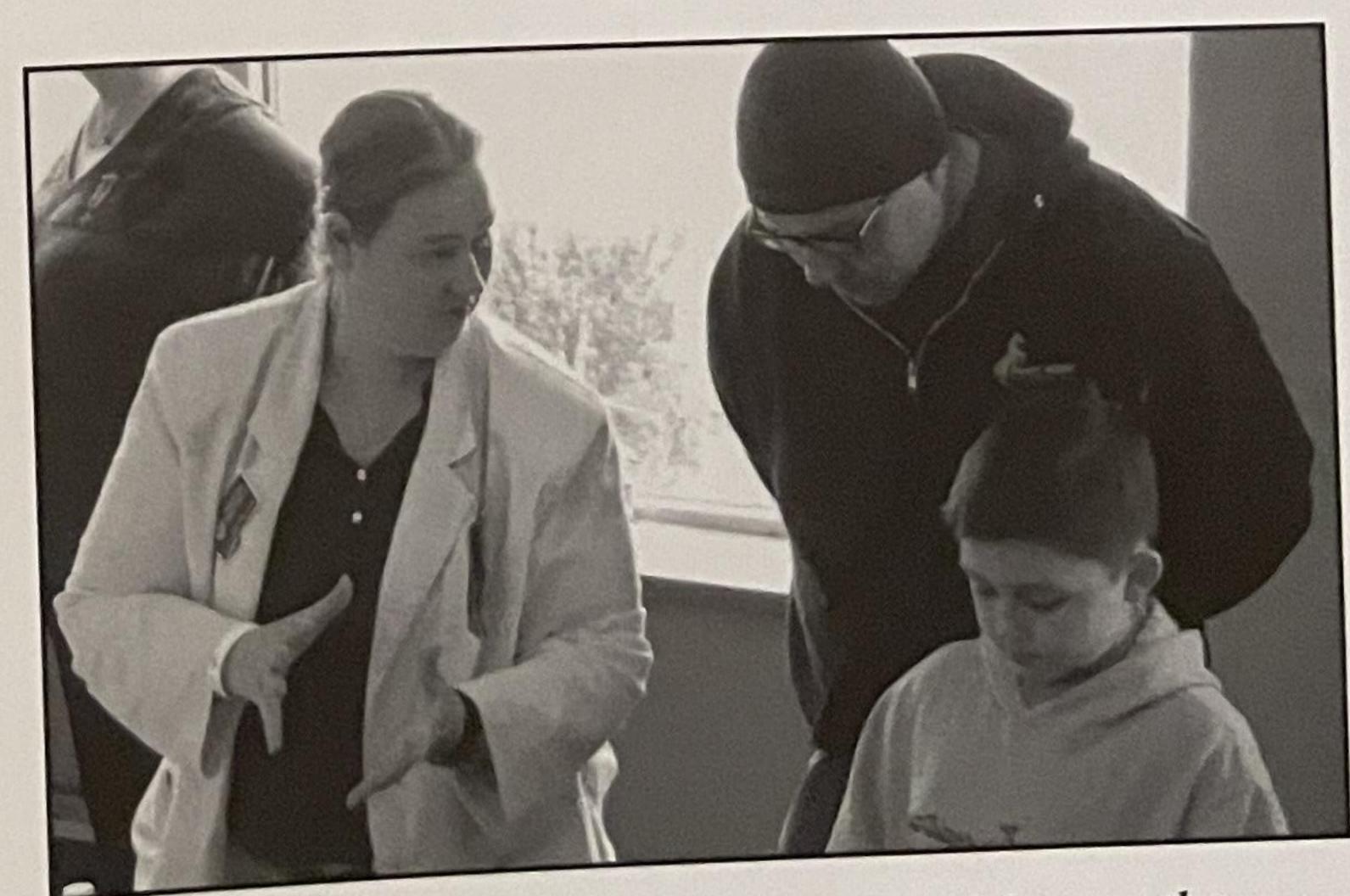
Lori Bahuk (left) portrayed Mrs. Lincoln's friend at tea. She is a member of Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 of Philadelphia.



WISCONSIN

Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, and Cordelia Harvey Detached Tent 1 (DUVCW) participated in the 1st annual Civil War Expo inside the Kenosha Civil War Museum on March 26th. Over 25 groups manned booths and spoke to visitors about this historic period and their organizations. Camp 5 manned a cannon, used as a static display on the second floor. The public often heard music from period musicians playing violins and a vocalist singing songs of the Civil War.

Meanwhile, some organizations gave presentations in two of the museum's meeting rooms throughout the day. These included talks on the SUVCW, Auxiliary, DUVCW and the use of artillery during the war.



Aux. 4's Sr. Susan Fallon, speaks to visitors at the SUVCW/Aux. booth during the Expo.





PROVOST MARSHAL RETIRES

Maj. Charles E Kuhn, Jr, SVR, recently retired as Provost Marshal of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. He had taken the lead in marshaling troops and running the parade for the past ten years. His service and leadership to the SVR in this and other tasks has been exemplary. Maj. Kuhn is active in the Gettysburg community and is a member of Gettysburg Camp 112. Maj. Kuhn will continue to assist when needed in the set up of the parade in his Gettysburg community.

SVR Commanding General MG Robert E. Grim has appointed Capt. Eric Schmincke as the new Provost Marshal. Capt. Schmincke was previously the deputy provost marshal and is well versed in marshaling the troops and organizing the parade. The SVR has organized and sponsored the Remembrance Day Parade for the past 54 years. Maj. Kuhn was CinC from 2007-2008.

MOLLUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF INVITES SVR TO MARCH IN MEXICO IN 2012



At the annual Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday commemoration in Washington DC, MOLLUS CinC (and SUVCW PCinC and SVR Past Commanding Officer) Keith G. Harrison met the Secretary of Education (Luis Maldonado Venegas) and his delegation from the Mexican State of Puebla. They were guests to the MOLLUS banquet and Sec. Maldonado was slated to lay the wreath of the Diplomatic Corps at the MOLLUS Lincoln Memorial program the following day. During the banquet, the Mexican government awarded CinC Harrison a medal with neck ribbon, acknowledging his and the MOLLUS role in preserving Lincoln's memory and his activities with the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Also at the banquet, Sec. Maldonado (on behalf of Mexican State of Puebla Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle) presented CinC Harrison with a letter, formally inviting MOLLUS to attend and coordinate a Civil War uniformed contingent to march alongside the Mexican Army in the May 2012 celebration and parade, commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Cinco de Mayo in Puebla, (southeast of Mexico City). The battle of Cinco de Mayo was a Mexican-French Battle in which the French lost terribly and ultimately lost their foothold in Mexico. The battle also effectively stopped the French from providing support and supplies to the Confederate States of America. MOLLUS CinC Harrison has since extended this invitation to the SVR. He also has initiated discussions with the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. about the arrangements that would be needed for this to occur.

MISSOURI UNIT HOSTS DINNER

The 2010 Regimental Christmas Dinner, hosted by Gen Alexander S. Asboth Camp 5 and Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cav., SVR, was held at the Creole House in Ste. Genevieve, MO. Both MO DC Rod Price and his wife and SVCinC Don Palmer attended as special guests. Lt. Col. Jack Grothe, 4th MD SVR Commander, and his wife also attended. SVCinC

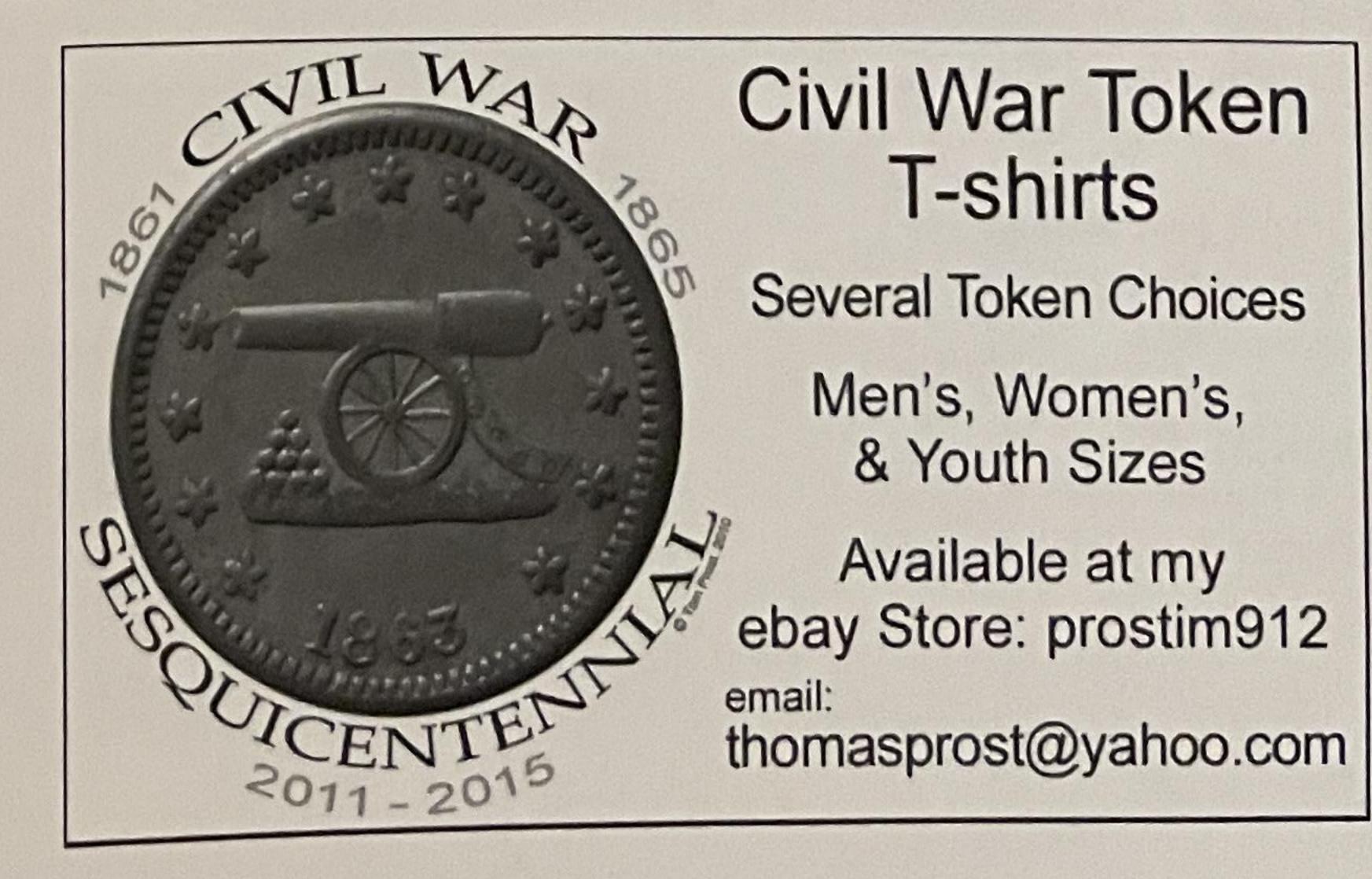
Palmer, assisted by DC Price, swore in the 2011 slate of new Camp officers during a brief Camp meeting after dinner.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

PROMOTIONS

Pursuant to SVR Regulations, Art. II, Sec. 2 and Sec. 5, the following are promoted to the grades indicated, effective 12 Dec. 2010 and in force until 15 Nov. 2013:

BG Henry Shaw, Jr., Dep. Co. Lt. Col. James B. Pahl, JAG Maj. Leo F. Kennedy, PAO





Effective 16 Nov. 2011, the following Dist. Staff Officers were re-commissioned, and some promoted and assigned to the noted positions. All commissions, promotions and appointments therein will remain in effect until 15 Nov. 2013:

First Military District

2Lt. Richard P. Lufkin (re-commissioned) and re-appointed Dist. PIO.

Second Military District

Capt. Mark Day, re-appointed Dist. AG.

Capt. Michael Paquette, re-appointed Dist. CoS.

1Lt. Justin Dorsey, Gettysburg Blues, appointed Dist. IG.

1Lt. Robert Pollock, Co. A, Potomac Guard, appointed Dist. PIO.

1Lt. A. Kendall Chew III, Co. C, Dupont Guard, appointed Dist. Chaplain.

Third Military District

Capt. Donald Grant Sr. (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. CoS.

Capt. J. Alan Teller, re-appointed Dist. AG.

Capt. Timothy Downey (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. IG.

2Lt. William Morris, Co. A, 14th MI Inf., appointed Dist. PIO.

Fourth Military District

Maj. Robert D. Champlin (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. Adj.

Maj. Stephen A. Michaels (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. CoS.

Maj. Emmett P. Taylor III (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. IG. 1Lt. Randel O. Baehr (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. PIO.

1Lt. Jerome W. Kowalski (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist.

Chaplain. 1Lt. Michael W. Carr, CO, Co. B, 10th IA Vol. Inf. until 13 Mar 14 2Lt. Glen D. Kelley, JA, Co. B, 10h IA Vol. Inf. until 20 Mar 14

Sixth Military District

Capt. Jerry R. Sayre, (recommissioned), CO, Co. G, 5th CA Vol. Inf. until

13 Mar 14 Capt. William E. Tisch, (re-commissioned), appointed AG/Dist. CoS. Capt. Joseph C. Marti, Co. C, 8th CA Vol. Inf., appointed Dist. PIO. 2Lt. Carl M. Taylor, (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. Chaplain.

Seventh Military District

1Lt. Phil Hinman (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. AG. Capt. Eric B. Peterson (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. CoS. 2Lt. Theodore H. Golab, Dist. IG.

Marine Orderly Sgt. Glen Roosevelt, due to increased duties within his Dept., has stepped down as 6th MD AG. The Commanding General, SVR, wishes to thank Sgt. Roosevelt for his service to the SVR at the District Level. Sgt. Roosevelt will continue as Commanding Officer, U.S. Marine Detachment Mare Island, CA.

Effective this date, officers attached to an SVR unit will be assigned in the following Current Duty Assignments based on unit strength:

- a. Unit Commander (elected position)
- b. Unit Adjutant (Elected or appointed position according to by-laws of unit)
- c. Unit Chaplain (appointed position)
- d. Unit Public Information Officer (appointed position)
- e. Unit Judge Advocate (appointed position)

If the unit strength does not permit for an officer position, e.g. under 15 men, then the aforementioned positions may be appointed to non-commissioned personnel to have continuity within the SVR.

FINAL MUSTER

William Hubbard US Grant Camp 68 (MO) May 14, 2010

Richard A. Winger Somers Camp 1 (IN) May 17, 2010

David Lee Preshur, Sr Scyler F. Smith Camp 193 (NY) July 4, 2010

Hugh M. Wharton 1Sgt Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7 (FL) October 10, 2010

Robert E. Price Wm. P. Benton Camp 28 (IN) November 13, 2010

Harry G. Waltenbaugh, Sr John T. Crawford Camp 43 (PA) December 10, 2010

Erick Schlesier Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544 (NY) December 20, 2010

John 'Jack' W.W. Loose Gen. George H Thomas Camp 19 (PA) January 14, 2011

Carl Becker, D.O. Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 (MI) January 21, 2011

Ivan "Ike" Lee Rockwell Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI) February 12, 2011

PDC Dale Theetge Caywood Camp 146 (NY) March 1, 2011

Richard F. Haver LeValley-Huested Camp 255 (MI) March 27, 2011