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PORTRAYING HIS KANSAS ANCESTOR

MOH CEREMONIES CONDUCTED

MISSOURI

On March 25th, Medal of Honor Day, two ceremonies were held in the Department, marking the day and honoring veterans.



Camp 65 participants—front row: Br. Keith Brown, Joe Difani, Sr., Brs. Robert Champlin, Charlie Funck, Joe Difani, Jr., and Wayne Davis. Back row: Maj. Emmett Taylor, III, SVR, Br. Bill Groth, Lt. Col. Jack Grothe, SVR, and 2Lt. Marty Aubushon.

The final resting place of Civil War MOH recipient William Giles Hills was marked at Hillcrest Crematory. Wm. T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65 participated. Hills exhibited extraordinary heroism on September 26, 1864, while serving with Co. E, 9th NY Cav., in action at North Fork, VA. Pvt. Hills voluntarily carried a severely wounded comrade out of a heavy fire of the enemy.



MSgt. Robert Hammack (retired, Army) presents a wreath at Pearsall's grave after Camps 215 and 326 fire a salute at Pearsall's grave.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326, Gen. McCormick Camp 215 and U.S. Grant 68 conducted a ceremony at Doe Run, recognizing Cpl. Platt Pearsall. Pearsall served as a Corporal with Co. C, 30th OVI at Vicksburg. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his distinguished gallantry as part of a volunteer storming party (Forlorn Hope) on May 22, 1863.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte's MG John Gibbon – 1Sgt. Daniel W. Burke Camp 2 and the 88th NYVI Reg. conducted a memorial

service in memory of Medal of Honor recipient Lorenzo Deming, USN, on May 8th at Salisbury Nat. Cemetery. Landsman Deming participated in the October 27, 1864, attack that sank the CSS Albemarle in the Roanoke River near Plymouth, NC. He was captured during the fight and imprisoned at Salisbury Confederate Prison, where he died from pneumonia in February 1865. He was buried with thousands of his Union comrades in an unmarked burial trench and was unaware that he was awarded the Medal of Honor on December 31, 1864.

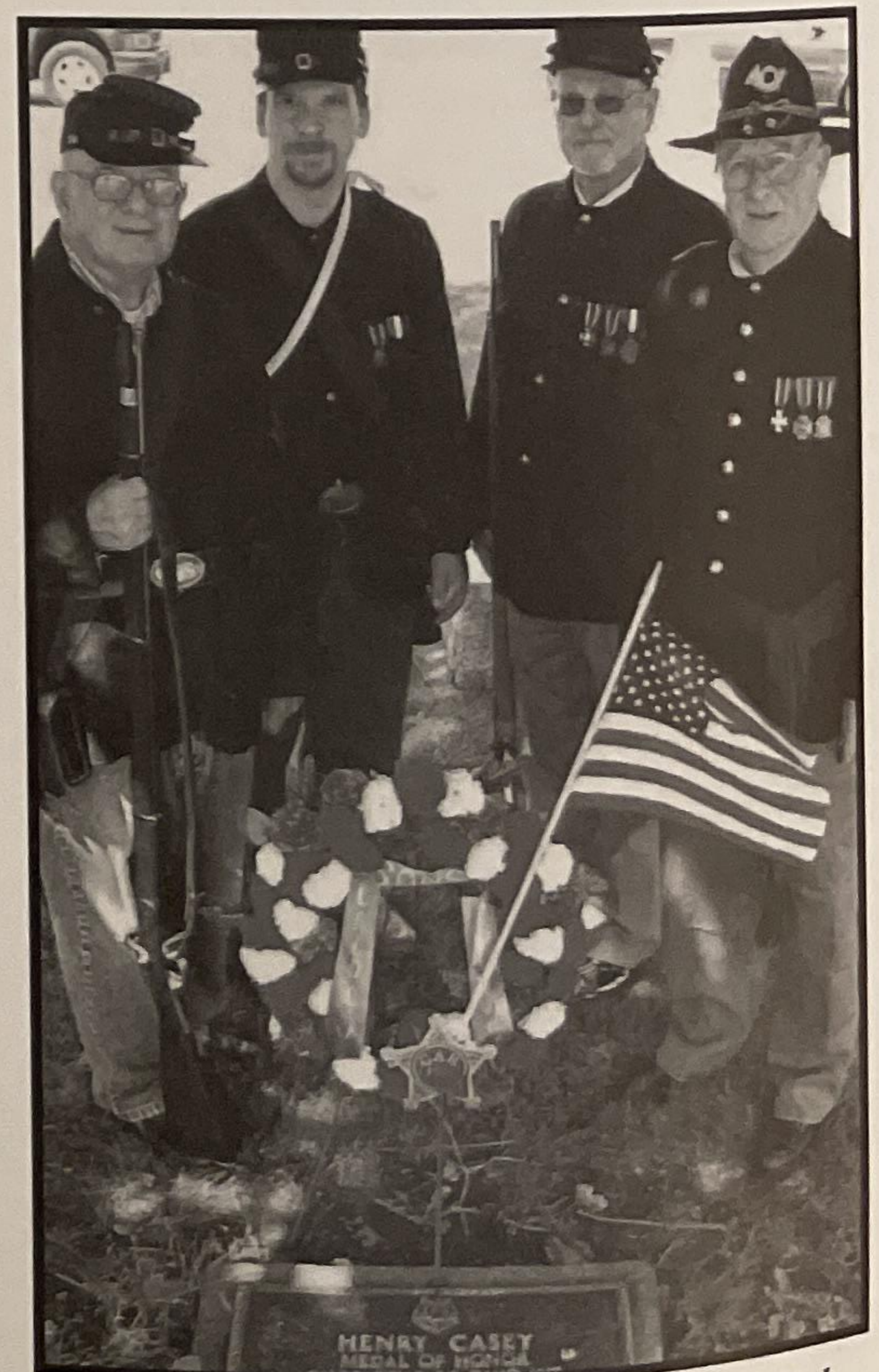


Gibbon-Burke Camp 2, the 88th NYVI Reg., and Mr. Rodney Cress gather prior to the ceremony.

Mr. Rodney Cress, a Salisbury resident and Vietnam veteran, discovered Deming's story while conducting research at the cemetery. He found out that the U.S. government had placed a marker honoring Deming near his family's home in New Britain, CT, but wanted to make sure that his service was honored at Salisbury.

OHIO

Co. C, 20th O.V.I. place a floral wreath at the grave of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Henry Casey who is buried in Bloomingburg. Casey is one of only four Fayette County residents to receive the nation's highest military award for valor. All four earned their Medals during the Civil War. Co. C, 20th OVI conducts a wreath laying ceremony every Memorial Day at the gravesite of all four.



Left to right: Pvt. James L. Grim, Cpl. Shawn A. Cox, 1Sgt. William E. Radabaugh, and Company Commander 1Lt. Robert E. Morris.



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Sec. 200307(c) of the U.S. Code, prohibits the Council of Admin. from expending funds for attorney fees to employ legal counsel to render professional advice to the Order regarding issues with the U.S. IRS pertaining to funds allotted to national officers of the SUVCW for expenses.

The expenditure of funds for legal advice relating to tax issues pertaining to the Order may in some incidental way benefit individual officers of the Order, but the principal beneficiary of such an expenditure is the Order. Such legal advice will provide direction to the Order relating to its dealings with the IRS. The necessity for such expenditure is a matter for the Council of Administration to determine, but it is my opinion that such expenditure does not violate this provision of the law.

Opinion No. 10 – Dept. Voting Members (April 13, 2010)

The question for consideration is whether all elected and appointed Dept. officers should be considered voting members of a Dept. Encampment. Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 1 par. 1 of the Regulations list those who constitute the Dept. Encampment and neither the elected or appointed officers are mentioned except for the Dept. Commander.

At the Nat. level elected Nat. officers are included among those constituting the Nat. Encampment but not appointed officers. Chap. III, Art. II, Sec. 1 of the Regulations list the Nat. Encampment membership and it states specifically: "its own elective officers".

The credentials card used for both Nat. and Dept. Encampments list only the following: C-in-C; PC-in-C; DC; PDC; Delegate; Alternate; CC; and PCC. It has a place to check whether it is being issued for a Dept. or Nat. Encampment and a place for the Camp or Dept. Secretary to sign.

It is my opinion that neither the Dept. elected or appointed officers except for the Dept. Commander should be considered voting members of a Dept. Encampment.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

President Lincoln was furious. Gen. George Gordon Meade could have ended the war if he had but pursued R. E. Lee and the A.N.V. as they left the field at Gettysburg. He could have crushed them because they were stretched out for miles as they crawled back to the safety of Virginia. Mr. Lincoln set his pen to paper and castigated the newly appointed Commander of the Army of the Potomac. Verbally he created an additional orifice on the General's backside. Then he folded the letter, placed it in an envelope and put it in his desk. It sat there. It was never sent. Even though the war went on for another two years - sending it would have accomplished nothing.

How often have we been angered by family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or even passers by on life's highways? How often have we lashed out and said things to retaliate, get even or cause pain. Even though we have been wronged, we would all probably do better to put our anger on paper, or on our computer then put it in a drawer or in the "Drafts" section and not send it.

A week or a month later when we look at it - we may have different feelings. We might recognize the harm that may have been done if we had sent it.

It seems to me that this simple step is what must be done if we are to make any effort to understand the meaning of the word Fraternity.

Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

Wayne David
Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp 33 (PA)
February 27, 2009

Herbert Webb
MG Wm. T. Sherman Camp 93 (OH)
May 21 2009

Ralph M. Elliott
Capt Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)
July 3, 2009

William Reynolds
Davis* Camp (PA)
July 2009

Kenneth W. Vaughan
Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2 (TX)
September 6, 2009

John Kaithern
Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)
September 11, 2009

Mark A. Herring
Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
September 18, 2009

Douglas F. Neal
Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
November 4, 2009

Roger M Fardink
Gen. Thomas McKean Camp 3 (FL)
November 11, 2009

Robert L. Shadle, Jr.
John Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)
December 24, 2009

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

Vance Champion
James B McPherson camp 66 (OH)
January 27, 2010

Carl T. Jolley
Ruger Camp 1 (NC)
January 30, 2010

George A. Perry
Elisha Dyer Camp 7 (RI)
February 1, 2010

Ernest C Treubig Jr
MG James H Wilson Camp 1 (TN)
February 3, 2010

Albert L. McMullin
Appomattox Camp 2 (MD)
February 15, 2010

Mark McIntosh
Champion Hill Camp 17 (IN)
February 20, 2010

Thomas Charles Smith
H.A. Grant Camp 24 (CT)
March 31, 2010

William Kooser
Phil Sheridan Camp 2 (IL)
March 26, 2010

Chadd M. Vail
Charles Devens Jr. Camp 10 (GA & SC)
April 7, 2010

Albert L. Karnbach
Gen. Thomas McKean Camp 3 (FL)
April 9, 2009

CC Charles C. Metternich
Col. David Moore Camp 70 (MO)
April 13, 2010

Otis Miller
Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp 443 (IL)
May 3, 2010

Rev Gage Hotaling
L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
May 16, 2010

Dr. Gerald W. Cady
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 (CA&Pac)
May 20, 2010

William E. Lakey
Robert Finch Camp 14, (MI)
May 25, 2010

PDC Richard F. Lee
Gilluly-Kingsley Camp 120 (MI)
May 28, 2010

C. W. "Chuck" Wagner
Legion of the West Camp 7 (CO/WY)
May 30, 2010

John May
Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8 (PA)
Date Unknown

Thomas C. Smith
H. A. Grant Camp 24 (VT)
Date Unknown