

# DEPARTMENT NEWS

Monument by holding a Program of Speakers and Ceremony of Rededication at the monument.

The event included the rededication ceremony by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts Officers, the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Willie Grout Camp 25 and the 13th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry reenactment unit.



Featured Speakers included Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. The Assabet Valley Technical High School Junior R.O.T.C. honor guard posted colors for the event, with Boy Scout Troop 114 leading the assembly in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”. The “Star Spangled Banner” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic” were played on the bells of the First Congregational Church.

## MICHIGAN



Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 hosted their annual Christmas dinner on December 14. Co-hosted by the Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the Union, 1861-1865. They were joined brothers of U.S. Grant Camp #67, Austin Blair Camp #7 and Curtenius Guard Camp #17 along with Len Thomas of Genesee County Civil War Burials. Special guest was John Howe Post Commander, Flushing American Legion Post #283. A program was provided by Matt VanAcker, Chair of the State of Michigan Save the Flags project.



Several Camp members were also reenactors with the old 8th Michigan. They donated their retired reproduction flag to the Save the Flags Project.

PCinC Don Shaw was presented a restored watch, originally presented by the Auxiliary to Commander in Chief Park F Yengling in August of 1934.

## MISSOURI

Six year old Abigail “Abbie” Warren is inducted into the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 - A.S.U.V.C.W. as a Junior Member on her 6th birthday (December 14, 2019). Abbie has been participating in Civil War history events since the age of 2 months, and is very knowledgeable of children’s roles and toys from during that time period. She is the daughter of proud parents Twyla D. Johnson Warren of the Louisa Volcker Auxiliary and D. Christopher Warren, P.D.C. Dept. of Missouri.



## NEBRASKA

On August 24, 2019 members of the Nebraska Rangers SVR participated in a headstone dedication honoring Dr. Aurelus Bauer, 2nd Nebraska Cavalry Regiment who served at the Battle of Whitestone Hill.



Brother Nathanael Harder of Shiloh Camp #2 Department of Nebraska, received his Eagle Scout Award and was presented a certificate by Mark Nichols, Department Commander. Brother Harder has been



involved in scouting for 12 years along with SUVCW for 3 years and First Nebraska Infantry Volunteers for 3 years.

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## KENTUCKY

Sgt Elijah P Marrs Camp #5 held a stone dedication for Civil War Soldier John Mosby Black at Bohon Christian Church Cemetery in Bohon KY. Camp 5 members worked diligently to obtain a stone thru the Veterans Administration to honor a Civil War Soldier, whose grave was unmarked. The project was initiated by Camp 5 member Jimmie Black. John M. Black served with Co I, 19th KY Vol Inf.



## MASSACHUSETTS

On Sunday, February 9th, the Department of Massachusetts held its 20th Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch at the Exchange Street Bistro in Malden, Massachusetts. Among those in attendance were Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris, Sandy Bates representing the Department of New England Auxiliary, members of the Civil War Round Tables of Massachusetts and friends and family. The featured speaker was Dr. Kate Clifford Larson, PhD, author of “Harriett Tubman Portrait of an American Hero - Bound for the Promised Land”.



She was also a consultant on the Academy Award nominated movie “Harriett”. Dr. Larson gave a captivating presentation on the amazing life and heroic deeds of freedom seeker Harriett Tubman, nicknamed “Moses” by Abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison. She was presented by Commander-in-Chief Norris with a high relief Abraham Lincoln commemorative medallion, struck in 1963 during the Civil War Centennial, as a token of the Department’s appreciation.

## MISSOURI

Brothers of the Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17 and Lt. Col. J Felix St. James Camp #326 participated in a funeral service for Dr. Andrew Werth, 7th New York Cavalry, at the Odd Fellows cemetery in Washington,

MO. His remains were unclaimed since his passing in St. Louis in 1911. They were located by the Missouri chapter of Missing in America.



## NEW JERSEY

Brothers of the George Armstrong Custer Camp #17 hosted a civil war day at our local library in Barneget New Jersey. It was well attended, and very interactive with the crowd. The Library was very happy to have us.



On November 2, 2019, brothers of the Col. Louis R. Francine Camp #7, placed and dedicated a “Last Soldier” marker for Atlantic County, New Jersey’s last Civil War veteran, Samuel Morey, buried at Union Cemetery, Mays Landing, NJ. Morey passed away February 20, 1943 at the age of 103. The Francine Camp was assisted by Company A, 7th New Jersey SVR and Beck’s Philadelphia Brigade Band, a/k/a James S. Stratton Camp #82, who provided a fine program of period martial music.

Brothers welcomed the approximately 60 attendees. Special guests included 3rd and 4th generation Morey descendants. Morey served in the Company I, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, known as the Irish Dragoons. Morey was also a member of the General William J. Sewell Post #47, G.A.R.





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Frederick Wagner, a Civil War veteran whose grave has been unmarked for over 110 years.



## KENTUCKY



The Department of Kentucky held a gravestone dedication in Flatwoods Cemetery in Waco, Ky., to honor Civil War veteran George T. Grinstead. He later became the Kentucky Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.



Sons of Veteran Reserves held a stone dedication ceremony at the grave of Henry C Miller assistant Surgeon for the 53rd Kentucky Infantry at Cave Hill cemetery in Louisville. They were supported by brothers of Fort Duffield Camp 1, Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp 3 and Sgt. Elijah P Marrs Camp 5.



SGT Elijah P Marrs Camp 5 sponsored a marker dedication for Pvt Benjamin Newland at Georgetown Cemetery in Georgetown KY. Benjamin signed up for service on 12 Dec 1863 and mustered out on 18 April 1865.

## MICHIGAN

The brothers of General Israel B. Richardson Camp2 had a busy and fulfilling Memorial Day 2021 with services at Oakland County's Civil War monument in Birmingham. At the conclusion of the service the Camp moved to historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac and the grave site of namesake General Richardson.



Brother David L. Conklin of the Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 has retired as First Sergeant from the U. S. Army and the Michigan National Guard with 50 years of service. He saw service in Vietnam and the deserts of the Middle East.

## MISSOURI

Westport Camp #64 had a Medal of Honor ceremony for Sergeant Freeman Davis on March 21, 2021 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler, MO. Sergeant Freeman Davis, Company B, 80th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was awarded the Medal Of Honor for his bravery at the Battle of Missionary Ridge on November 25, 1863.



## NEBRASKA

The Department of Nebraska held their twelfth Last Soldier Ceremony Saturday May 22 in Dixon's St. Anne's Cemetery. The dedication was hosted by Harrison Camp 53-2 of Wisner. The ceremony honored Pvt. Jeremiah Sullivan, Dixon Counties Last Union Soldier of the Civil War. They were joined by members of the VFW and a local Cub Scout pack.



# THE BANNER

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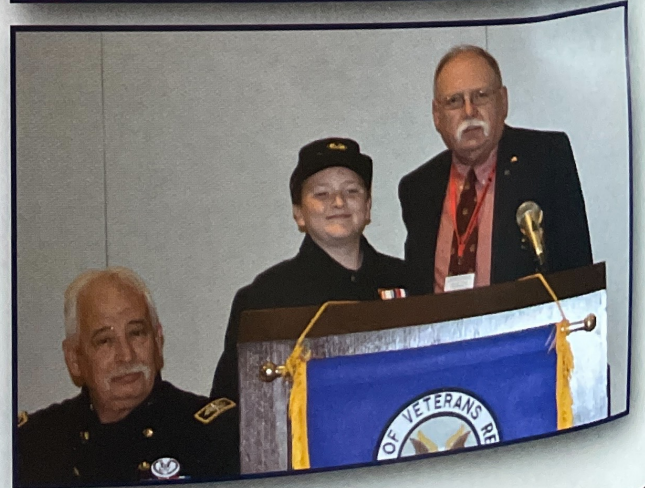


*NEW CINC MICHAEL A. PAQUETTE*



Fall 2021

# NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 2021



Photo's by Cher Petrovic



Brothers of the Daniel Chaplin Camp #3 participated in the Fort Knox Maine recruiting & education event during Civil War Days Reenactment.

MASSACHUSETTS

On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, The Department of Massachusetts and the 1st Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve conducted a rededication of General Frederick W. Lander's grave at Broad Street Cemetery in Salem, Massachusetts. Frederick Lander was born in Salem, MA, and before the Civil War, was employed by the United States government on transcontinental surveys to select a route for a Pacific railroad. Later he undertook a survey for the same purpose at his own expense and was the only man of the party to survive. He constructed the overland wagon route in the face of great difficulties and constant hostility of the Indians.



After its completion in 1859, the "Lander Road" became popular with wagon trains as an alternate route from Burnt Ranch in the Wyoming Territory to Fort Hall in the Oregon Territory. Among the places named for Frederick Lander are Lander, Wyoming, Lander County, Nevada, Lander Peak, Lander Creek, Lander, Maryland and Post #5 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Lynn, Massachusetts.



On Saturday June 12, 2021, the Shirley Historical Society and the Department of Massachusetts Sons Of Union Veterans and First Military District SVR coordinated a rededication ceremony for the 130th anniversary of the Shirley Civil War monument that was erected in 1891. In 2010 the statue's head was removed in an act of vandalism. Gravestone Services of New England's Kai Nalenz reattached the head once it was found.

MICHIGAN

On July 6, 2021, members of General Israel B. Richardson Camp #2 conducted the dedication service of a new headstone for a local veteran of the famed Michigan Cavalry Brigade. Following the formal dedication ceremony, Matt Van Acker, Chairman of the State of Michigan Save the Flags program, presented a Legislative Tribute Certificate to the Camp for their adoption of the regimental flag carried by the First Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. This adoption also honors trooper George Washington Cole of Algonac, Michigan who fought with Company H of the regiment. A photo of the flag was presented to Mary Lewis, great granddaughter of trooper Cole.



After the Lincoln Death Day observances in Springfield, IL, several members of the 14th Michigan, SVR participated in an 8 day Tour of some of the Western Theater Battlefields. The Michigan contingent took a tour included Fort Heiman, Fort Henry, Raymond, Vicksburg – including the USS Cairo Restored Exhibit, Grand Gulf, Grant's Canal, Fort Donelson and Donelson National Cemetery, Spring Hill, Shiloh, Stones River and Franklin.



MISSOURI





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Members of Phelps Camp No. 66 recently purchased and donated an original 1861 letter to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the National Park Service. The letter was written by Benjamin Fullagar, a member of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry. The battlefield's museum collection contains a number of letters written by Fullagar, who served in western Missouri during the war.



The Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 and the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 set up a living history encampment at Kimmswick on July 28. The Mississippi river-town was a stop of the Governor's bicentennial tour of the state. Members of the camp had the opportunity to meet and chat with Governor and First Lady Parson. Photo courtesy of Ted Howells.

## NEBRASKA

On Saturday June 5, 2021 the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas hosted by Shiloh Camp No. 2 conducted two Last Soldier of the County ceremonies: Butler County, David City for Isaac Johnson West of Co. L 9th Iowa Cavalry; and York County, York, for William Henry Coleman, Co. E 209th Pennsylvania Infantry.



On Saturday June 12, 2021 the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas hosted by Harrison Camp No. 53-2 conducted two Last Soldier of the County ceremonies: Pierce County in Plainview for Ransom Kile, Co. A 73rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry; and Knox County in Creighton for Charles Pangburn, Co. H 88th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.



## NEW JERSEY

Brothers of the General George A. Custer Camp of the Matawan American Legion post 176 along with a crowd close to 100, honored four veterans of the United States Colored Troops buried at the A.M.E. Zion cemetery in Matawan on April 24.



Brothers at the tomb of Henry Martin Nevius, Commander-in-Chief 1908 / 1909 in Fairview Middletown New Jersey Memorial Day 31, 2021



The Brothers of General Philip Kearny Camp are endeavoring to recognize and mark the places where GAR met. We have located a number of places where GAR posts were located. The first town to be recognized was Kearny, NJ, where GAR Post #36 met. The ceremony was hosted by the Mayor, town council and the Veterans Organizations of Kearny.



## NEW YORK

The Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 and the Oakwood Cemetery Association and the Fairview Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, jointly have a General Thomas/Kellogg Family gravesite rededication ceremony was held on July 3 to mark the 205th anniversary of General Thomas' birth. Since the Camp entered into a merger with the cemetery which in



## FINAL MUSTER

When my daughter was 8 or 9 years old, she loved playing Monopoly. We would play for hours, and when we finished - it Would All Go Back In The Box. The same was true when I played checkers with my Father to cool down after playing racquetball - when we finished - The pieces Would All Go Back In The Box. On a beautiful Summer weekend, I attended the Funeral of a great leader, living historian and artilleryman - at the Church Service his remains were in a beautiful box. Which reminded me that when we Cross Over the River - We Will All Go Back In The Box.

*Chaplain Jerry*

**John F Bermis**  
SG Griffin Camp #10 (New Hampshire)  
8/6/2020

**Donald I Holmquist, PCC**  
SG Griffin Camp #10 (New Hampshire)  
3/10/2021

**Victor Falcetti, PDC**  
J S Durgin Camp #7 (New Hampshire)  
12/3/2020

**Bernard L Smith, Camp Commander**  
Schuyler F Smith Camp 193 (New York)  
4/25/2020

**William Joseph Jacobus**  
Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (Illinois)  
3/18/2021

**Lewis J Haines**  
Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (Illinois)  
3/13/2021

**Ellis Vincent Barker Jr**  
Charles Devens Jr Camp 10 (Georgia)  
8/16/2020

**Irvin K Grant Sr**  
Edward Wallace Camp 21 (Georgia)  
4/7/2020

**Lance Paul Mead**  
Ripley Camp #3 (Vermont)  
11/4/2020

**William J Volonte**  
General Phillip Kearny Camp 20 (New Jersey)  
2/5/2021

**Samuel Ray Brasher**  
BG Joseph Bailey Camp 5 (Texas)  
5/16/2020

**William Henry Dean, PDC**  
Shiloh Camp #2 (Nebraska)  
6/24/2021

**Rev Jerome A Lukachinsky**  
James A Garfield Camp #142 (Ohio)  
6/30/2021

**David Richard Busch, PCC**  
Ulysses S Grant Camp 68 (Missouri)  
7/4/2021

**William Joseph Raftery**  
Col Henry Harnden Camp #2 (Wisconsin)  
6/19/2021

**Jeffrey Gene Givens, PCC**  
Col John Bryner Camp #67 (Illinois)  
6/24/2021

**Harry B Lamb**  
Joel Searfoss Camp #273 (Maine)  
6/7/2021

**John M Mumper**  
Sgt James H Harris Camp 38 (Chesapeake)  
7/19/2021

**Robert Traxler Jaques**  
Capt Richard Taylor Camp #53 (Alabama)  
4/28/2021

**Keith H Hawkes Jr**  
Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 (Chesapeake)  
7/23/2021

**Correction** - The Summer issue reported Gene D Dostill of the Col. Louis R Francine Camp #7 (New Jersey). The correct name is Gene D. Costill. The Banner regrets the error.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am fortunate to have a bird feeder outside my living room window. There are six perches around the cylindrical feeder, but sometimes there are more than six birds wanting to feed. It is interesting to note that the birds seem to be divided between Liberals, Conservatives and Independents. Yet no matter which group is feeding - members of that same group will chase their own members off the perch - because they want to feed. How like our own kind "I'm right, your wrong, and we'll do it my way." This is not the message of the scriptures.

**Love one another. Be kind to those who do not love you.**

**If you agree with me - say AMEN.**

Blessing and Peace,  
*Chaplain Jerry*



# FINAL MUSTER

The Pandemic has left a terrible scar on our world. If God loves us, why would He allow such misery to befall us? Why does He allow earthquakes, fires, climate change, old age and all of the other things that we experience?

Because, we were not made for here (this life), we were made for there (eternal life of joy and happiness) in the presence of our Creator.

May the souls of our departed Brothers and Sisters rest in His peace.

**James Roy Fisher, III**  
Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake)  
11/10/21

**Roger Johnson**  
Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake)  
11/6/2021

**Jeremy Matthew Newton**  
Col. William Kinsman Camp 23 (Iowa)  
9/12/2021

**Theodore S. Johnson, PCC**  
Alexander French Camp 28 (Michigan)  
11/3/2021

**Jerry Lee Kasten**  
Lt Col J Felix St James Camp 326 (Missouri)  
12/15/2021

**Robert Livingston Dodge**  
Sgt William Pittenger Camp 21  
(California/Pacific)  
11/18/2021

**John Ray Keith, PCC**  
Gen Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 (Michigan)  
10/31/2021

**David R Allee**  
Elias Moon Camp 2 (Georgia)  
9/20/2021

**Carroll R Harbaugh**  
Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake)  
8/23/2021

**Joseph R McShane**  
John T Crawford Camp 43 (Pennsylvania)  
10/1/2021

**Charles Odell, PCC**  
Life Member 741  
Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake)  
10/5/2021

**James S. Nedela**  
Wa-Bu-No Camp 250 (Michigan)  
9/30/2021

**Keith F. Rogers**  
Gen J P S Gobin Camp 503 (Pennsylvania)  
9/11/2021

**Jerald Ellsworth Potter**  
Philip Triem Camp 43 (Ohio)  
9/12/2021

**Howard W Streeter, PCC**  
Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 (Michigan)  
12/20/2020

**Ronald L Brower, PDC**  
Lincoln Camp 100 (New Jersey)  
8/27/2021

**William Alan Pollard, Department Commander**  
Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp 2 (Texas)  
8/17/2021

**Andrew Michael Cullen**  
Maj Sullivan Ballou Camp 3 (Rhode Island)  
9/8/2021

**Stanley Paul Sutton**  
Old Abe Camp 16 (Kansas)  
9/26/2021

**Russell C Dannecker**  
Zenas R Bliss Camp 12 (Rhode Island)  
7/25/2021

**Clyde M Evans**  
Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 (Ohio)  
8/11/2021

**Keith H Hawkes, Jr**  
Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 (Chesapeake)  
7/23/2021

**Robert Traxler Jaques**  
Capt Richard Taylor Camp 53 (Alabama)  
4/28/2021

**Albert E Billings**  
Westport Camp 64 (Missouri)  
12/21/2020

**James Erwin Crow**  
Maj Gen John Gibbon Camp 4 (Wisconsin)  
10/19/2021

**Robert C Maerdian**  
Gen George Wright Camp 22  
(California/Pacific)  
8/15/2021

**John Willis Kohl**  
Picacho Peak Camp 1 (Southwest)  
8/1/2021

**Robert Norman Koerber**  
Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (Illinois)  
7/22/2021

**John C Martin, Jr**  
Gen John F Hartranft Camp 15 (Pennsylvania)  
11/16/2021

**Robert Edmund Sheridan**  
Joshua L Chamberlain Camp 20 (Chesapeake)  
10/8/2021

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This past year my only son celebrated his 50th Birthday, a milestone. I remember the day he was born, I got on the wrong expressway going in the wrong direction. There was a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

Then there was Scouting - he started as a Cub, and finished as an Eagle. He was a Varsity Football player, and I enjoyed every single game in which he played.

Toward the end of 2021, I had a Birthday, and he personally delivered a card to me that he had just made. It was on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper, folded in half. On the envelope was the word DAD - in triangle lettering like the one used by Def Leppard. The card itself had a 5 inch cross with the words Dad B-Day 2021. On the inside he printed,

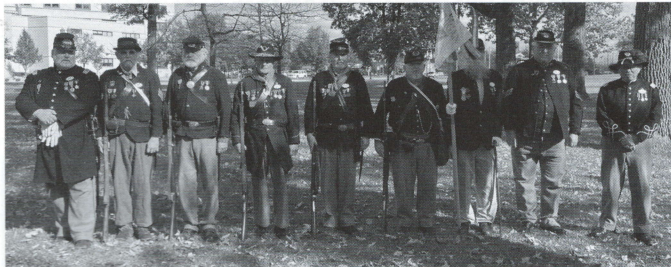
***"I have been blessed to have you as my Father, Friend, Advisor, Role Model & Mentor. Thank You for all you have done to make me the Man I have become. God be with you Today and Every Day. Love, Son"***

Have you ever been hugged by God? Have you ever had someone saying or writing something to you that made you very aware that God loves you? He does, unconditionally. Just open your heart, and He will give you Grace to Give and Receive His Love.



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due to potential vandalism and replaced with a new one.



This tablet marks the vicinity of organization 29th Michigan Infantry from Aug. 15 to Oct. 6th, 1864. The monument was originally erected by survivors and citizens on Oct. 28th, 1914.

## MISSOURI



The Westport Camp #64 held a commemoration for the "Battle of Westport" at Loose Park in Kansas City, Missouri. The Battle of Westport—the Gettysburg of the West—was fought October 23, 1864 and represents one of the largest American Civil War battles west of the Mississippi River. It was also a turning point in the war and closing chapter for Confederate General Sterling Price's 1864 Missouri raid. 30,000 soldiers were part of the engagement with an estimated 1,000 soldiers killed or wounded. The battle was the last major operation Confederate forces launched in the Trans-Mississippi Theater leaving Missouri firmly under Union control for the remainder of the war. Brothers were joined by sisters of the Louisa Vooker Macklind Tent #24, DUVCW, the Bates County Historical Society.



The US Grant Camp 68 held General Sherman Remembrance Day at his tomb in Calvary Cemetery. Brothers were joined by members of three other Camps,

WRC National President Jessica Booth, members of the local DUVCW Tent.

## NEBRASKA

Brothers of the Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and the Shiloh Camp #2 participated in the Last Civil War Soldier of Pawnee County dedication at the grave of John Lehman Co. F of the 118th Illinois Infantry.



Brothers from the Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Shiloh Camp #2 participated in a headstone dedication to William Burg who served with the Second Nebraska Volunteer Cavalry and who was the great-great grand uncle of a Victor Vifquain Camp member.



## NEW YORK



The name of Pvt. Albert Freeman, 11th US Colored Heavy Artillery, was recently added to the Civil War monument at Bartlett Pond Park in the Suffolk County hamlet of Middle Island due to research done by Carlie Preudhomme while a student at Longwood Junior High School. Private Freeman, who died of disease at Ft. Jackson, Louisiana, was a native of Middle Island but his name was missed when the monument, inscribed with the names of those from Middle Island who served, was created in 2010. The Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, Department of New York presented Carlie with a Certificate of Merit and a check