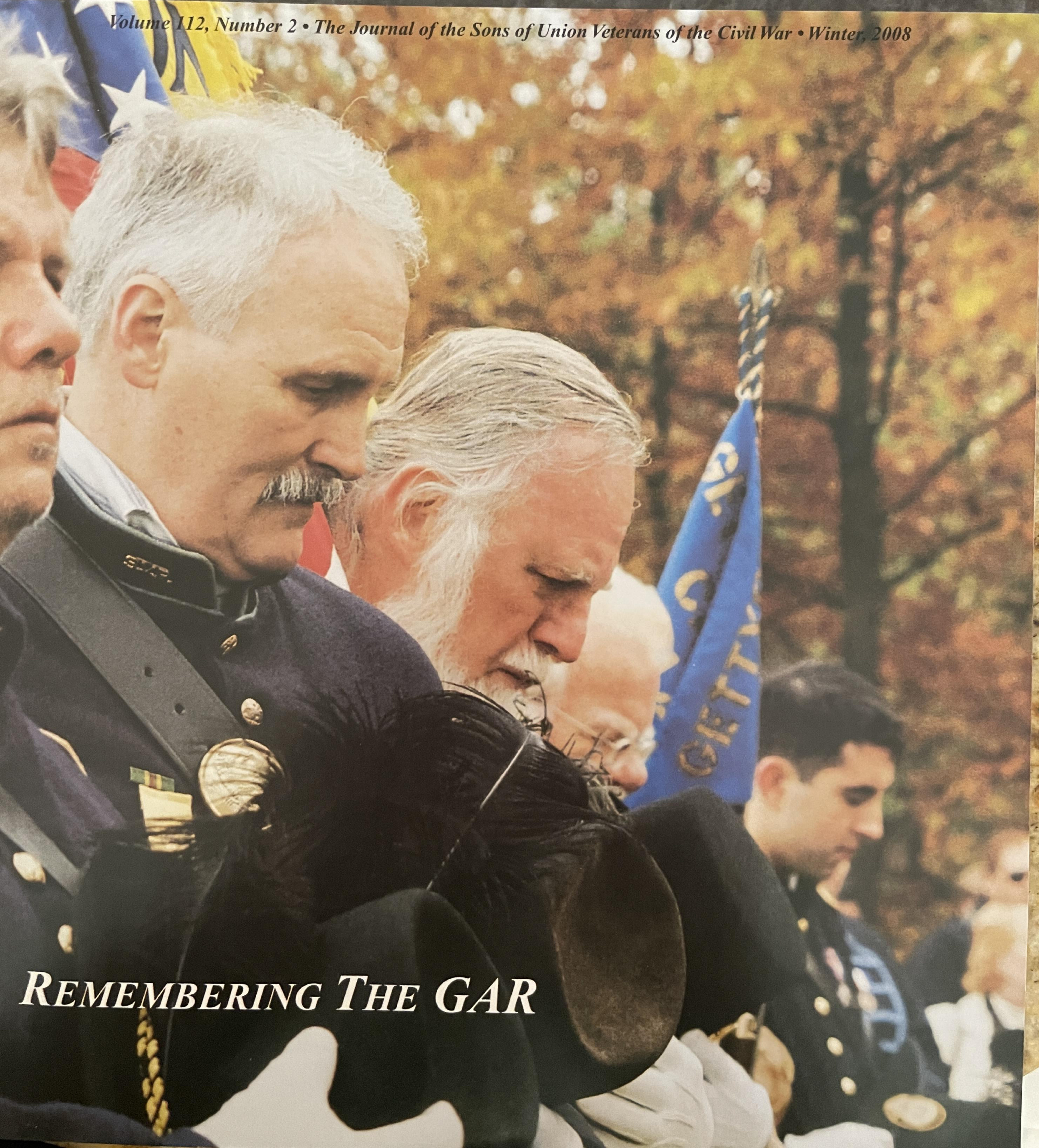


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REMEMBERING THE GAR

CENTRAL REGION MEETS

The Central Region Association of the GAR's Allied Orders held their annual Conference in Crawfordsville, IN, on October 6th. The SUVCW's Indiana Dept. sponsored the Conference. There were 40 attendees representing 11 states. All five Allied Orders heads sent a representative or were present themselves, including WRC Nat. Pres. Marcia Butgereit of Michigan and LGAR Nat. Pres. Phyllis Houston of Oregon. Indiana's 17 attendees included three DUVCW and 14 SUVCW members.

Participants toured the Lane Place and the Lew Wallace Study in the morning. After a catered lunch, PCinC Allen Moore and PDC Gib Young presented "Recruiting the Troops," followed by breakout sessions on recruitment activities that Camps, Tents, Corps, Auxiliaries, and Circles could attempt over the next year. Commander Mary Fritz (IA) presided over the business session. In the evening, banquet guests were entertained by Indiana's own Company Singers from Huntington.

The Installation of Officers was also completed during the banquet. The new elected officers for 2008 are Commander Alan Teller (IN), SVC Walter Busch (MO), JVC Gracanne Smith (MI). Region secretary Lee Ann Teller is finishing the second year of a 3-year term. Appointed officers are Chaplain Barbara Stone (IN), Patriotic Instructor Alan Russ (KS), Historian Mary Fritz (IA), Color Bearer Mike Beck (IN), and Guide Marcia Butgereit (MI).

The 2008 meeting will be in St. Louis, MO, on October 4th, at the Holiday Inn South-Butler Hill.

FROM THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

By PDC Brad Schall

Active membership in the SUVCW has, throughout our history, had periods of a lot of activity and then periods when we have almost been dormant. The active period by its mere description means we were doing things and I think you can trace that to periods of National Patriotic events...anniversaries, parades, and centennials or in some cases, movies. "Gettysburg" was a great shot in the arm and the Civil War's 150th anniversary (2010 - 2016) will also be a period of great focus.

Our Brothers in Kansas and Missouri have had an increased awareness and activity due to the focus and interest on the Border War period (1855 - 1860).

Now is the time to start planning events for the 2010 period. Nationally, CinC Kuhn has appointed a committee to prepare us. It would behoove all Camps to check with their local area, county and state governments to see if they have commissions to serve on.

The SUVCW may be the best kept secret in this country. Each of us has heard, "I didn't know there was a Civil War group like yours." The general public can get to know the Sons through its patriotic initiatives. We have two such programs that could have a long term effect on our membership: the Eagle Scout and the ROTC award certificates. Young men and women who receive these awards are prime candidates for membership in the Allied Orders later in life. Does your camp participate in these programs?



Holidays offer an opportunity to gain community support. Shown here is Missouri's Phelps Camp 66 in Branson's Veterans Day parade. The Camp's "Parade of the American Soldier" marching unit features members in uniforms of the Revolution through the current War on Terrorism. Photo by Nancy Clanton

Celebrating Patriotic events is one of our primary functions and holidays offer us the opportunity to gain support for our camps in the community. Listed below are some events between now and the 4th of July.

March 17th - St. Patriotic Day

March 23rd - Easter Sunday

April 1st - April fools day

April 12th - Lincoln's Death Day (Springfield, Illinois)

April 15th - Lincoln's Death Day

May 11th - Mother's Day

May 19th - Armed Forces Day

May 26th - Celebrated Memorial Day

May 30th - Traditional Memorial Day

June 6th - D-Day

June 14th - Flag Day

June 15th - Father's Day

July 1,2,3 - Battle of Gettysburg

July 4th - Independence Day

If you have any questions or I can be of assistance, please let me know. My email address is dschall@starstream.net.

The next time you see our flag flying, pause a little longer and give thanks to this great country we live in.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

MASSACHUSETTS

Fourteen year old Jeremy R. Ryerson receives his Membership Certificate from his grandfather, PDC William T. Ryerson, at a recent meeting of Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Wakefield. Jeremy's Ancestor was William Delos Ryerson of the 4th VT Vol. Inf., who was captured at Weldon Railroad in June 1864 and was imprisoned at Andersonville and Millen, GA, where he died in late October 1864.



MICHIGAN

Honoring A Real Son - Myron O's 100th Birthday by PCC Mark D. Heath, Austin Blair Camp 7

Myron Orlando Heath was born September 29, 1907 to Faydelia and Darius Chancey Heath in Big Rapids, Michigan. His father, Darius, was only 16 years of age when his father W. H. H. Heath, a 3-year Veteran of the war himself, consented to Darius and his 17 year old brother Henry joining Co. K, 10th MI Cav. The two took part in the War's last cavalry raid, "Stoneman's Raid," through North Carolina and were honorably discharged at Camp Blair in Jackson, MI.



Back (L to R) Brs. Howard Lloyd, Doug Heath, Jacod Gedman, Matt Heath, Darius Heath, Ed Conklin, Greg Heath and Dan Heath. Front (L to R) Brs. Myke Heath, Kevin Heath and CC Mark Heath.

Myron O. was very proud of his father's service to the country and remembered fondly Darius' days with the Hastings GAR. He was a "Real Son" of a Union Civil War Veteran.

Myron O. was my Grandfather and I am an active member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At about the age of 12, I listened to him retell the wonderful stories of his childhood and those of his father, Darius, the family's great Civil War veteran, only to be told by my mother "stop pestering your Grandfather." So we would adjourn to the front porch and resume "our" stories. He would go from one story to the next, always in the same order. In later years, I would cue him from one tale to the next. Our conversations would continue until his death in 1991. He was responsible for my interest in family genealogy and the American Civil War.

This year, Grandpa would have celebrated his 100th Birthday. My five brothers and four nephews honored him by joining Austin Blair Camp 7 as a group. They were sworn in at a unique mass initiation in his memory on August 25th, at the annual Cascades Civil War Muster in Jackson. Also inducted that day were Howard Lloyd and Ed Conklin.

MISSOURI

A memorial stone was placed at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo. on September 14th, honoring Captain Constantin Blandowski (Blandowsky). Blandowski was the first Union line officer injured in the Civil War at Camp Jackson, St. Louis, on 10 May 1864. He died on the 25th of May (one day after Col. Ellsworth received his mortal wound). Blandowski is buried in an unknown grave in Old Picker Cemetery in St. Louis.



(L to R) Wilhelmi CC Glen Alsop, DC Walt Busch, Br. Vern von der Heydt and 4th MD SVR Co. Maj Jack Grothe, W.T. Sherman Camp 65. Not Pictured: US Grant Camp 68 PCC Gary Scheel

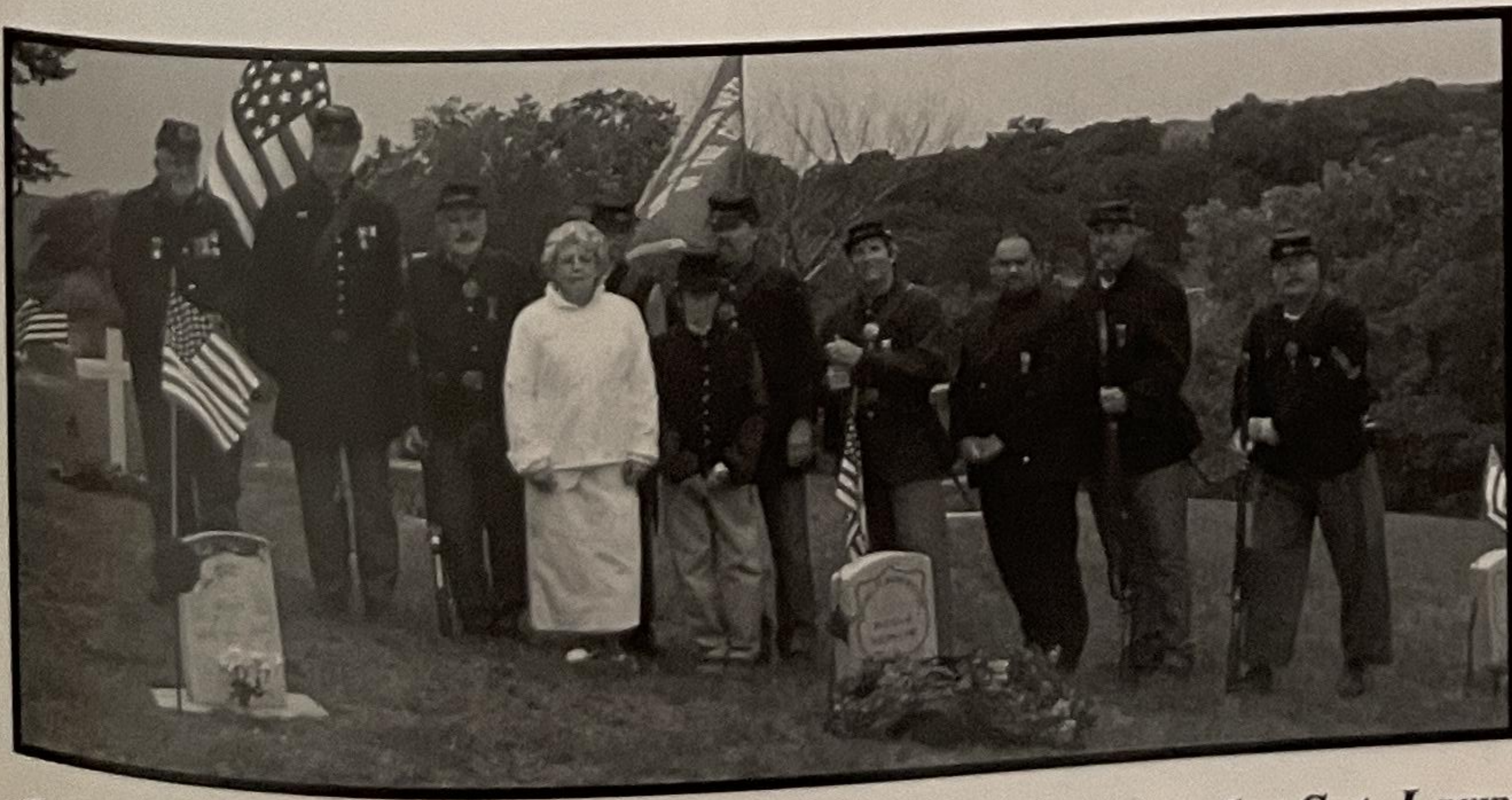
Recently, Eagle Scout candidate Josh Campbell of Independence led a group of nearly 30 scouts, leaders and parents to Carpenter Cemetery, located on the Johnson/Henry county line near Chilhowee. The Scouts placed new monuments on the graves of two Confederate and nine Union Army veterans. The graves were researched, marked and monuments ordered from the VA by Br. Lee Ward, Westport Camp 64. Ward's great-grandfather Lafayette Ward, a Union veteran of the Civil War, is buried there.



Union veterans include Privates Sidney Wilson Carpenter, Richard B., William A., and Cpl. Mathias Smith Corson, Pvt. Lycurgus Fouch, Cpl. James H. Vance, Pvt. George Porter and W. H. Porter. Other Civil War veterans discovered were Ervin Crist, William Gilbaugh Smith, Lafayette Ward, Alexander Marion Butcher, and William Harrison Lively. Confederate veterans buried in Carpenter and now marked are Capt. Felix Lotspeich, Co. E, 3rd Batt., MO Cav. and Jasper M. Anderson, Co. A, 3rd TN Inf. A Dedication of all Confederate and Union markers will be held later.

NEBRASKA

Headstone dedications were recently held for four Civil War veterans. In Wynot, Pvt. George Moore, Co. A, 2nd NE Cav., was honored. In St. Helena, services were held for: Pvt. Erving A. Remington, Co. D, 9th IA Inf.; Pvt. Josiah Gray, Co. A, 1st Dakota Territory Cav.; and Pvt. Henry Barnes Williams, Co. I, 7th IA Cav.



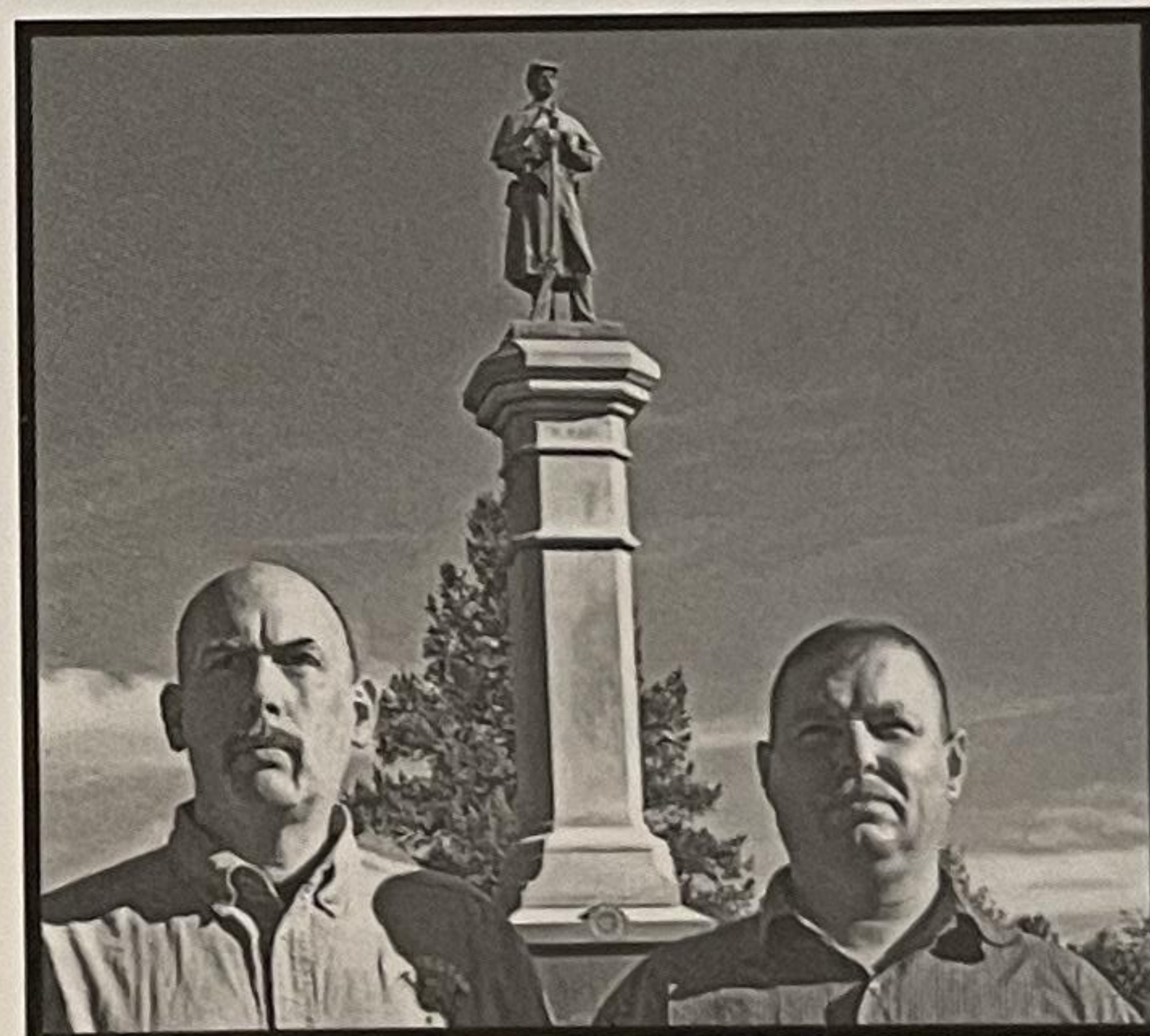
(left to right) PDC Merle Rudebush, DC Norm Weber, 1st Sgt. Larry Angle, Sr. Arlene Rudebusch (DUVCW, ASUVCW), Brs. Zach Glaubius, Alex Glaubius, and PCC Mark Glaubius (Harrison Camp), PDC Paul Hadley (Shiloh Camp), Glenn Kietzman (Dept. Chaplain), and DSVC Steve Bauermeister (Vifquain Camp)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH DC Dan Meehan, and DJVC Lance Robicheau, both from Charles W. Canney Camp 5, are known throughout the state for their knowledge of and passion for all things Civil War. Four years ago, the pair began finding ways to restore the state's Civil War monuments that had fallen into disrepair, without taxpayer money. So far, they've acquired grants, led fundraising and acquired donations to support Civil War monument restoration in Portsmouth, Raymond and Candia. The monuments, which originally cost up to \$3,000 to erect now cost up to \$100,000 to restore.

They quickly inspect monuments in need; gather information and contact town officials. A curator with an expertise in restoration gives an estimate of restoration costs. They then work with the town and their Camp, to raise the needed funds.

Recently, the Rochester Civil War monument was inspected. Restoring the soldier standing at rest on top alone will cost \$29,000. Four Parrot Guns, which were removed during a WWII scrap drive, will be replaced and the surrounding area will be restored to its appearance during the 1885 dedication.



As of October 2007, the pair had visited and collected information in about half of the towns in New Hampshire. All of the information they collect eventually will be put into a book.

TENNESSEE

Fraternity Knows No Boundaries

Br. Bill Nelson of General Sedgewick-Granger Camp 17 in Santa Ana, CA, asked the Dept. of TN to supply a Honor Guard at the dedication of the grave of Pvt. Jacob Jackson of the U.S. Colored Light Artillery. The grave was in the Everbright Cemetery north of Pulaski in Giles County, TN. Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53 was the closest camp to the cemetery and agreed to provide the honor guard.

Pvt. Jacob Jackson was Br. Nelson's great grandfather and a slave in Giles County before he joined the Union Army. Jackson ran away from his master. He followed the Union Army before enlisting in Co. B, 9th USCLART. He later transferred to Battery A, 2nd USCLART, which fought in the Battle of Nashville.

The dedication was held in conjunction with the cemetery's annual meeting. Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53 supplied a Bugler and a Color Guard and performed the dedication service. Br. Nelson and many members of his family attended.