



Office of the President
Logan's Brigade
Men's Associate to the
National Women's Relief Corps
Saddle Brook, NJ



NEWSLETTER 2022-01

Dear Logan's Brigade Members,

I trust this letter finds you and your family in good health and happiness in this New Year. A lot has happened in this past year and moving forward there is a lot more to come. From the beginning of this organization, there have been many hurdles that needed to be jumped to obtain our non-for-profit 501-c3 designation which started by me giving my information to the attorney who could use it to start the organization on its way to obtaining it.

I do not intend to cover the same information so graciously provided to you by President Jessica Booth's letter; however I would like to reinforce it by stating that starting a unit like this from scratch is not an easy thing. The time spent going back and forth with ideas and concepts of what was best for Logan's Brigade and how it was to proceed was certainly a challenge, but where it will go from here will be all up to its membership and what guidance the leadership can provide.

Soon we will be reaching the end of our "Charter Membership" and a second chapter will be written. One that you as members, will be even more an active participant. Decisions will be made and the expectations of the members will be the wave of the Brigade's future. We will be soliciting even more suggestions from the members as to what philanthropic endeavors that Logan's Brigade could support and you will certainly have a say in the matter.

Dues will be due soon when the charter membership ends in the Spring and the new season begins. Elections for officers are intended, from what I am to understand; to occur on or near the time of the summer convention of this year. Events will continue to occur in your local areas, which I hope you can attend if you are available to participate

Future fundraisers will occur and additional novelty items will be designed and marketed to publicize and draw more attention to the existence of this organization.

The concept and design of the membership badge, which I was able to participate in, was a significant start as I am a person that believes that there needs to be a signet or badge to look toward to build the esprit de corps. Just as the troops of old looked to their own regimental battle flag to rally behind and align themselves on the field, so should our badge and our emblems draw us to our solidarity in our kinship and purpose.

If you have not received your membership badge and still want to purchase one, we have them available, along with the Founding/Charter member 40 Rounds attached device. Remember, anyone who joins after the charter membership is over, this device will no longer be authorized for them to wear on the membership badge. Currently it is only reserved for "Founding/Charter" members. So, if you know anyone who is interested in becoming a charter member they should join before the cutoff date.

I consider it a privilege to be logged in as Badge #1 and to be officially the first to be a paid-in-full founding member, but more than that, it is my distinct honor to be your first and founding president in this great and grand organization.

God bless you and keep you Always
And God Bless America

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyally

Steven E. Tichenor

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Founding President
Logan's Brigade

Appointed Interim Officers of Logan's Brigade

President Steven Tichenor
Vice President Preston Michael Jones
Secretary Frank Campo
Treasurer Edward Krieser
Chaplain Greg Miller
Director of Grant's Guards Tim O'Neal
Presidential Assistant Bob Petrovic
Executive Board Ed Bower



Message from
Woman's Relief Corps
National President
Jessica Booth

Dear Logan Brigade members:

I've written to some of you previously, but since we are nearing the end of the Charter period, I felt it was important that I write a note of encouragement to you and offer my congratulations on the successes of Logan's Brigade. My name is Jessica Booth. I'm the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is my great honor to have been a part of the process of creating a non-profit associate men's organization legally connected to the NWRC. In time I hope to meet each of you. I also hope that you will endeavor to learn more about the unique history of the WRC. I believe most if not all of you descend from an early (if not founding) member. If you trace your heritage to a Civil War Union soldier, you probably have a WRC founding member or first group member in your family tree.

The process of creating the Brigade has been hard for many of you. Some of you likely wondered about the progress and found the long wait to be a bit mysterious. It is not easy to create a legal non-profit organization and handling it at a national level is even more complicated. It is slow work, requiring a lot of steps and patience. Time and patience have been the key.

First there had to be a basic outline and mission statement which was in line with the sponsor organization, the Woman's Relief Corps. Willing members had to commit to the process of forming and maintaining the organization. Five of the earliest-joining members committed their signatures to the legal formation basis. An attorney was contracted to ensure every step was correct. His original estimate to do this work was quite enormous. Because there were no funds to begin the legal steps, the WRC carried the costs while the membership grew, and a treasury could be built. A few WRC ladies pitched in and helped do clerical work for the attorney, so that reduced legal costs significantly. The process of developing all the required minimum Constitution, bylaws, rules, and regulations, ensuring they were in step with the WRC, took many months.

This was done with a lot of back-and-forth proofing and new suggestions, discussions, and lots and lots of double-checking. It took an enormous amount of time. Dedicated WRC volunteers as well as the appointed interim Brigade officers were determined to keep costs as low as possible to allow as much opportunity for the Brigade membership to grow and form into its own identity. The total cost of startup was significant. I will leave the final report of costs to your Treasurer to share.

John A. Logan was known as the volunteer soldier. I have witnessed first-hand the evidence of Brigade members' dedication and willingness to volunteer. But it is important for the organization that you each resolve to support one another. Prove that this is a noble and worthy work. Many of you have already represented the Brigade, providing great service and positive image of the organization. Within this newsletter are reports of such efforts.

Congratulations! May God richly bless each of you and your families.

In fraternity, charity, and loyalty

Jessica Booth, National President

Woman's Relief Corps



WRC Liaisons to Logan's Brigade

Jessica Booth, National President

Lurene Wentworth, PNP, WRC

Kathy Bower, National Secretary WRC

Katie Booth, Presidential Liaison WRC

Kathy O'Neal, WRC Presidential Liaison, Assistant to Grant's Guards' Director

Message from Brigade Vice President Preston Michael Jones

Dear Brigade members,

John A. Logan issued “General Order # 11” very early in his tenure as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army. The Order unified all members and mobilized them to a singular purpose to honor the heroes who’d given their lives for the Union. I believe it can unify us as an organization and inspire us to help carry out the charge of honoring the brave.

I look forward to the future of Logan’s Brigade and to hopefully meeting as many of you in person as possible.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Preston Michael Jones

Vice President, Logan’s Brigade

MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,

Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 11

I. The 30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to

suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Command of -
John A. Logan,
Commander in Chief

N.P. Chipman, Adjutant General

Message from the Brigade Secretary Frank Campo

So much has taken place in our first year. I'm privileged to hear from some of our brothers about their patriotic work. I felt that this first message would be a great time to share with everyone some of the great work already accomplished by the Brigade. **HUZZAH!** to these Brigade members:

In Arizona:

In August 2020, **David Williamson** reported that a government marker placed on the grave of Private Joseph McLernon located in a National Park in Arizona, had been vandalized and subsequently removed. McLernon served during the Indian Wars. In July 1882 he was killed in action at the Battle of Big Dry Wash. McLernon's grave went unmarked for 94 years. The VA marker then stood as a memorial to Private McLernon until 2020 when vandals destroyed it. David contacted the Woman's Relief Corps, asking for assistance in getting the marker replaced. As a result of the initial contact, David learned of the Brigade and decided to become a Charter member. David has worked very hard to ensure that McLernon's grave marker was replaced, and finally in July 2021, received word that indeed a new marker was successfully received in the Park District, and would be placed on McLernon's grave.

In Illinois:

Marty Aubuchon and **Bob Petrovic** greatly assisted in the coordination of the Springfield, Illinois Lincoln Death Day memorial in April 2021. They served as planners, hosts, and escorts for the dignitaries. During that event these men proudly wore their "40 rounds" pin, representing the Brigade! At the same event, **Ed Krieser**, Brigade Treasurer, and Charter member, placed a wreath on behalf of Logan's Brigade at the Lincoln tomb. **Ed Bower** placed a wreath on behalf of the General John A. Logan Museum, and **Gabriel Booth**, member of Grant's Guards Cadet Corps of Logan's Brigade, placed one on behalf of the Guards.

Mike Jones, Brigade Vice President, **Frank Campo**, Brigade Secretary, **Ed Krieser**, Brigade Treasurer, **Ed Bower**, Brigade Executive Board, **Walt Busch**, **Dave Danielson**, and **Gabriel Booth**, Grant's Guards Cadet all attended the dedication ceremony of the 56th Illinois Infantry Regiment Lyon Disaster Memorial held at the General John A. Logan Museum in October 2021.

Walt Busch, **Frank Campo**, and **Ed Krieser** attended the annual Central Region Association of Allied Orders meeting held in Murphysboro, IL in October 2021, and **Dave Danielson** was a featured speaker at that event.

In Massachusetts:

Beginning many years before the Brigade was formed, **Bob Murphy** began gathering names and information about the nurses that served during the Civil War. Bob contacted the WRC with his work and began working with some of the members in the WRC to add to his already very extensive and detailed list. When the Brigade began it was no surprise that Bob joined the Charter. Bob continues to add to the extensive list and finally after all these years there is an online database published on the WRC website. There are currently only 500 names listed online since adding them to the website at this time is very involved. Soon though, an extensive list will be available.

In Missouri:

Bob Petrovic, Logan's Brigade Senior Aide and his wife WRC Presidential Liaison *Cher Petrovic* helped secure a contract for the production of the Charter Member Badges/Medals. Bob and Cher also worked tirelessly to recruit new members during the August Encampment held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ed Kreiser, **Marty Aubuchon**, and **Bob Petrovic**, all Brigade members, volunteered during the August 2021 WRC National Convention in St. Louis, to provide teller services. They were given a very complicated and tedious task and without their help the WRC would have had great difficulties with their elections process held at Convention.

Walt Busch is the coordinator of an annual special memorial for General William Tecumseh Sherman. The event in 2021 was held even with inclement weather. At the 2021 event Walt ensured that the Brigade was featured as an invited patriotic organization.

In Pennsylvania:

Bobby Welch, **Jerry Orton**, **Ed Bower**, and **Gabriel Booth** attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade and Memorial Service in November 2021. Bobby and Jerry were participants.

In Washington:

Markdaniel Brasel organized and participated in a very large Veterans' Day parade held in the Elma, Washington area. Markdaniel is currently working toward creating a connection with WRC members nearby to include the WRC and the Brigade in area patriotic events.

...And finally, though not a Brigade member, WRC Presidential Liaison Susan Rosenvold placed a wreath on behalf of the Brigade at General John A. Logan's tomb on Memorial Day, 2021. Join me with a hearty HUZDAH to WRC Presidential Liaison Susan and the NWRC!

The Brigade has been rapidly developing and growing. I look forward to meeting more of you! Please let me know of any work you are doing on behalf of the Brigade. If you have news to share with the members, send questions or comments to me at my email address:

Secretary.Campo@logansbrigade.org

Reminder! Our charter period ends on March 31, 2022. If you know someone who would like to be a charter member, please direct them to the website to fill out an application. If they cannot access a computer, please help them by requesting I email to you a downloadable application form, or I can USPS mail one to prospective members.

In fraternity, charity, and loyalty

Frank Campo

Secretary, Logan's Brigade

Message from the Brigade Treasurer

Ed Krieser

I am pleased to announce that we have established our bank account and we've got a PayPal non-profit account to use for billing. The next step may take a bit, but we are working toward having the ability to collect dues and pay for items using an electronic portal on our website. Our Treasury is in good health, considering we started with nothing. Legal expenses were significant (the total amount has not yet been calculated), but we are debt-free, with incorporation fees and required IRS forms submitted.

Ordering medals was a cost we truly could not afford, but it seemed like such an important component to help us uniquely identify the organization. One of our members donated the cost of the first order. They look like this:



If you want a Brigade medal, please email Secretary Frank Campo with your request and the order can be processed using an invoice, or you can mail a check or money order to the GAR Memorial Museum in Springfield, where our records are filed. Medals are \$35 plus postage and handling of \$5.

The medal shows a pendant that has a "Forty Rounds" cartridge box dangling. This pendant is ONLY available to Charter members. Once the Charter closes no new member will be authorized to wear that pendant on his medal. Officer badges appear the same with the exception that the top bar bears the title of office, and the ribbon is a golden yellow, mirroring the color used for National Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, the organization to whom we are legally associated.

The medal design is made of symbolic components. The top bar is the same design as that of the Woman's Relief Corps badge. There are three initials designed in a monogram style "F C L". Most of you know that the initials stand for: "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty" and mirror the WRC parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. The G A R stipulated their formal communication should always contain those three words. The WRC, the only legal and recognized auxiliary to the GAR, elected to mirror that practice, and to incorporate the terms and/or initials in their symbolism.

For those of you who may be curious, the pendant with "forty rounds" cartridge box is based on the XV Corps badge. General John A. Logan, our namesake, was the Commander of the XV Corps during Sherman's Atlanta campaign. Here is an excerpt from General William T. Sherman's memoirs in which he talks about the badge design:

It was on this occasion that the Fifteenth Corps gained its peculiar badge: as the men were trudging along the deeply-cut, muddy road, of a cold, drizzly day, one of our Western soldiers left his ranks and joined a party of the Twelfth Corps at their camp-fire. They got into conversation, the Twelfth-Corps men asking what troops we were, etc., etc. In turn, our fellow (who had never seen a corps-badge, and noticed that every thing was marked with a star) asked if they were all brigadier-generals. Of course they were not, but the star was their corps-badge, and every wagon, tent, hat, etc., had its star. Then the Twelfth-Corps men inquired what corps he belonged to, and he answered, "The Fifteenth Corps." "What is your badge?" "Why," said he (and he was an Irishman), suiting the action to the word, "forty rounds in the cartridge-box, and twenty in the pocket!" At that time Blair commanded the corps; but Logan succeeded soon after, and, hearing the story, adopted the cartridge-box and forty rounds as the corps-badge.

The Charter period ends March 31, 2021, but an extension to 2022 was offered so that we might have better chances to meet and recruit as many new members as possible. After April 1, 2022, with the end of the charter, we will begin working in earnest to advise on dues renewal and any other obligations.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ed Krieser

Treasurer, Logan's Brigade

Message from the Brigade
Director Of Grant's Guards
Tim O'Neal

Dear Brigade Officers, Members and National President Booth, WRC,

Below is a photo taken from the Winter 2021 edition of the "The Union Volunteer" newsletter.



It is the newsletter published by and for the Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6, SUVCW in Oregon. I've included this to show the active relationship we have with our brothers here. Our newsletter details work the members of the Camp did including:

1. Restoring the GAR monument in Newberg Oregon of which I was the project manager.

2. Our work with the Heritage Museum in Independence, OR. They are in possession of the original Descriptive Roster of the "Gen. Gibson Post No. 64 GAR" which was active from 1894 to about 1923.

3. A uniform for a Union private was donated to the Heritage Museum as a courtesy for allowing us to take pictures of the GAR Post 64 roster book.

4. We will donate a pair of Civil War Officers boots to the Oregon Coast Military Museum in Florence, OR. They have a "barefoot" mannequin of our namesake, Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6.

I've also attached a sample page from my Excel spreadsheet reproduction of the GAR Post 64 roster book.

| No. | NAME | AGE | Birthplace | Residence | Occupation | ENTRY INTO THE SERVICE | | | | FINAL DISCHARGE | | | | Length of Service | Cause of Release | Date of Muster into the G.A.R. | When Honorably Discharged | When Suspended | When Dropped |
|-----|------------------------|-----|----------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|----------|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------|-----|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---|
| | | | | | | Date | Rank | Co. | Regiment | Date | Rank | Co. | Regiment | | | | | | |
| 1 | Marcus Aurelius Baker | 56 | Ohio | Independence | Shoemaker | 1862 | Corporal | F | 69th Ind Inf | 1862 | Corporal | F | 69th Ind Inf | 4 | Disease of Health | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 2 | James Leander Stockton | 47 | Pennsylvania | Independence | Merchant | 1864 | Seaman | | USS Fairplay | | | | US Brant Washon | 12 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 3 | El Johnson | 54 | Virginia | Independence | Liveryman | 1863 | Private | F | 8th Iowa Cav | 1865 | Private | F | 8th Iowa Cav | 24 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 4 | Samuel DeCamp | 55 | Ohio | Independence | Laborer | 1861 | Private | K | 24th Ohio Inf | 1862 | Private | K | 24th Ohio Inf | 13 | Wound | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 5 | Thomas Jefferson Fryer | 50 | Missouri | Independence | Laborer | 1864 | Private | A | 1st Oreg Cav | 1866 | Private | A | 1st Oreg Cav | 20 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 6 | Donnell Reid Cochran | 54 | Tennessee | Monmouth | Laborer | 1862 | Private | A | 8th MO Cav | 1866 | Corp? | A | 8th MO Cav | 44 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 7 | Andrew W. Wilson | 53 | Ohio | Independence | Laborer | 1861 | Private | L | 1st Col Cav | 1865 | Private | E | 1st Col Cav | 50 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 8 | Allen Wylie Stansberry | 53 | Indiana | Independence | Farmer | 1861 | Private | H | 8rd In Cav | 1865 | Private | H | 8rd In Cav | 36 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 9 | William B. McKenna | 55 | Louisiana | Independence | Laborer | 1862 | Private | B | 1st MO Inf | 1865 | Private | B | 1st MO Inf | 36 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 10 | Julius Stedman Smith | 49 | Ohio | Independence | Minister | 1861 | Corporal | B | 22nd Ohio Inf | 1864 | Corporal | B | 22nd Ohio Inf | 39 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 11 | Noah Oliver Clodfelter | 51 | Indiana | Independence | Farmer | 1862 | Corporal | H | 17th Iowa Inf | 1862 | Corporal | H | 17th Iowa Inf | 9 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 12 | John William Dugger | 65 | North Carolina | Independence | Farmer | 1863 | Corporal | B | 13th KY Cav | 1865 | Corporal | B | 13th KY Cav | 24 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 13 | John Nelson Voorhies | 57 | Michigan | Independence | Farmer | | Private | E | 1st Mich Engrs | 1864 | Private | E | 1st Mich Engrs | 39 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 14 | Hiram D. Foster | 73 | Vermont | Independence | Carpenter | 1864 | Private | K | 17th Ill Cav | 1865 | Private | K | 17th Ill Cav | | | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 15 | Joseph Harrison Winn | 54 | Missouri | Independence | Farmer | 1862 | Private | E | | 1865 | Private | E | 1st MO Inf | 36 | Expiration time | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| 16 | Edward C. Vanmeer | 52 | Michigan | Independence | Miner | 1863 | Private | E | 10th Mich Cav | 1865 | Private | E | 10th Mich Cav | 23 | Expiration time | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | Parents and one son buried at Hilltop Cem |
| 17 | Jerome Donnell | 49 | Ohio | Independence | Farmer | 1864 | Private | I | 1st Iowa Cav | 1866 | Private | I | 1st Iowa Cav | 13 | Close of War | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |
| | Willie Willard Elliott | 96 | North Carolina | Monmouth | Farmer | 1861 | Private | D | 8th Missouri | 1864 | Private | D | 8th Missouri | | Expiration time | Jan. 11, 1895 | | | |

The information (I realize it's small here but, you get the idea of the "look") was transcribed from the original and Find-A-Grave memorials have been added. By checking each veteran individually, we have found several who rest in unmarked graves, and we are working to correct this.

The data for Post 64, along with others currently being researched, will be presented on our website: <https://www.suvpnw.org> under the heading "Remembering the Grand Army of the Republic."

I also assist my wife Kathy Jo (a WRC Presidential Liaison, and Logan's Brigade Liaison) on her research with the Civil War Nurses project. That project is growing very fast. It is the focus of Grant's Guards, Cadet Corps of the Brigade. Though we do not have very many Cadets, this project will be their legacy, so Kathy Jo and I are determined to set up the project with good basic "bones".

Being a volunteer for patriotic events and ideals takes time and effort. Each of us can as Logan's Brigade members, contribute. We are not in competition with other organizations. We are Logan's Brigade members dedicated to patriotism and helping to honor those who gave so much for our Union.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Timothy J. O'Neal

Director, Grant's Guards,
Cadet Corps of Logan's Brigade

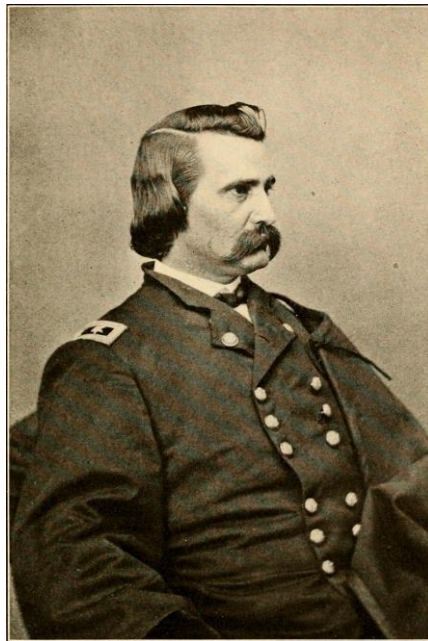


Beginning in 1884, the Woman's Relief Corps has commissioned production of sculptures and monuments to be placed in Governmental buildings, cemeteries, and town squares. The WRC also raised funds to place bronze plaques with the Gettysburg Address as well as General Logan's Memorial Day General Order #11. The WRC vowed to place one of the General Order 11 plaques in each State Capitol. Some of these plaques have had to be moved for various reasons, so locating them has been a bit of a puzzle in need of solving. We hope that you can help locate these General Order #11 plaques! Please send to Secretary Campo a photo or note if you know where one is currently located!

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE! Can you help us please convince the United States Postal Service that John A. Logan should be featured on a Stamp! Please email WRC Secretary Kathy Bower at womansreliefcorps@gmail.com for more information. You will receive from her a notice that she received your inquiry and that your name is added to the notification list for the project progress. At some point you will be sent information specific to what is needed from you.

Message from Brigade Chaplain
Greg Miller

In this world today and during the civil war, we need to apply the thoughts & quote by Christopher Reeves: “A hero is an ordinary individual who find the strength to persevere & endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.” Life is a continuous struggle. We have the choice to grab hold of our bootstraps and work at making life better or we can bury ourselves in a hole. Reach out and help the world to improve.



Frank Campo,
Secretary

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