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*I PLEDGE
ALLEGIANCE*

MARYLAND Americans Unite

by CC Jeffrey French

George Brown, father of eleven, farmed in Charles County and joined Co. I, 19th USCT. He was wounded near Petersburg on July 30, 1864, during the infamous "crater incident." After mustering out, he returned to Charles County near Blossom Point, where he leased land to farm. He died in 1916 at age 83.



In 1955, an elderly African American lady told a young priest of her father's love and dedication to ensure his wife, Sara, had a headstone, leaving him without one. She told how he served heroically in the Civil War, sustaining several wounds. Since that time, Fr. Edward O'Connell's passion and mission in life was to mark this honorable man's grave. He tried for years to no avail. Recently, the SCV's Jim Dunbar helped Fr. O'Connell get a VA headstone and a local funeral service placed it on his grave.

Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp 5's CC Jeffrey French helped Fr. O'Connell and Fr. Kosty plan a dedication on March 29th and contacted Jim Dunbar for assistance. Lincoln-Cushing Camp Brs. Ben Hawley and Klaus Schmidt, Co. B, 54th MA and 2nd RI re-enactors became an instrumental part of organizing the ceremony.

Several organizations then joined in honoring Cpl. Brown: SUVCW Dept. of MD, Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp 5, Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Co. B, 54th MA Vol. Inf. Reg., Baltimore Chap. 9th & 10th Horse Cav. Assoc., "The Buffalo Soldiers", MD Div. SCV, Pvt. Wallace Bowling Camp 1400, MD Line CSA Camp 1741, the African-American Heritage Soc., African-American Ladies of the Civil War, Female Re-enactors of Distinction, and five of Brown's descendents. U.S. Senatorial and Charles County proclamations were presented to the family.

All five family members wondered how both Union and Confederate descendents could work together to honor their ancestor. But the SUVCW and SCV had forged a relationship that will continue as both organizations work together on the 350th Charles County anniversary.

On April 28th, the 7th WV Infantry Camp 7 members with re-enactors from the 1st WV Calvary were in Petersburg, WV for the Spring Mountain Festival. They rode the train with tourists and talked about local Civil War history. About 350 people rode the trains that day.



MISSOURI

Members of Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp 17, the DUVCW, St. John's UCC congregation, local dignitaries and descendants recently gathered to honor the Last Soldier of Franklin County. Pvt. Charles Frederick Facius, a German immigrant and bugler with the 2nd and 15th Missouri Infantry Regiments, was provided a new commemorative marker. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and in the siege of Corinth before being captured at Dalton, Ga. He returned to Missouri after the war, raised a family and passed away in 1939 at the age of 97.



Pictured above front row, left to right are Jim Peffermann, 1st MO; Mike Just, Turner Brigade; Tim Horton, 1st MO; Br. Constantine Venardos, CC Douglas Niermeyer, Br. Gene Roberson, DC Walter Busch, Brs. Glennon and Thomas Alsop, and Scott Gurnow, 1st MO.

2nd Row, left to right are PDC Charles Funck, Brs. Ron and Patrick Burke, and Don Calvin, 1st MO. Photo by Bryon Raterman, Fricke Studio

NEBRASKA

The Dept. of Nebraska Encampment was held in Fremont on April 26th. This encampment marked the 65th anniversary of the last GAR encampment, also held in Fremont in 1943.



Seated L to R: Glenn Kietzmann (Dept. Chaplain), PDC Merle Rudebusch (Sec/Treas.,GRO), Joe Mettenbrink (Musician), Lawrence Obrist (Council), PDC Paul Hadley (Council) - Standing L to R: Brs. Mark Nichols (Color Bearer), DC Norm Weber, Mark Witkovsky (Guard), PDC James Hanby (CofA), Steve Bauermeister (ROTC/Eagle Scout), Bill Dean (Patriotic Inst), JVC Michael Ponte, Nate Raabe (Guide), SVC Phillip Rudebusch, Mark Glaubius (Historian).

PENNSYLVANIA

The Bradbury Camp 149 recently honored its namesake, Sgt. Jones Bradbury. Jones enlisted in the 26th PA on May 1861 as a Pvt. and served till he was wounded in the foot at Locust Grove in Nov. 1863. He re-enlisted in Feb. 1864 and was transferred to the 99th PA when the 26th PA mustered out in June 1864. He was captured at Mechanicsville in June 1864 while leading his men on a skirmish line and sent to Andersonville Prison, spending 6 mo. there before being paroled due to illness.



He convalesced in Phila. until March 1865 when he was recalled to the Regiment. On April 6, while the 99th was chasing the retreating Confederates away from Saylor's

Creek, he was mortally wounded. He clung to life for only two hours, but was able to send a bloodstained letter to a friend. He is buried in the Cavalry Episcopal Church Cemetery in Rockdale, Aston Township. Union veterans in Delaware County named their GAR Post after him

WISCONSIN



Members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4, and MG John Gibbon Camp 4 participated in the March 29th dedication ceremonies for the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha. Some appeared in the opening procession and others as guides for about 4,000 visitors. After construction and fire delays, the museum's opening is set for August.

CENTRAL REGION ASSOC. TO MEET

The Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association (CRA) will hold its 2008 Conference in St Louis on Saturday, Oct. 5. The SUVCW Dept. of Missouri is sponsoring this year's CRA Conference, which will be held at the Holiday Inn – St Louis South, 4234 Butler Hill Road, St Louis, MO 63129; Phone 314-894-0700, Toll Free 800-785-2328. The room rate for single or double occupancy is \$84. The reservation deadline for this rate is Sept. 3rd. The Dept. of Missouri has put together an outstanding program, which includes a fellowship dinner on Friday evening with movies. On Saturday, a tour of the Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse Grounds starts the day. After lunch, a program on "Archiving your Auxiliary/Camp/Circle/Corps/Tent's Records" will be followed by the business meeting, and evening banquet. Online Conference info and forms can be found at:

<http://www.suvcwmo.org/forms/2008%20Central%20Regions%20Association.pdf>

Conference registration deadline is Sept. 15th. Questions? Contact Bob Petrovic 636-274-567, petrovic@aol.com or Walt Busch 314-630-8407, wbusch@suvcwmo.org.

FINAL MUSTER

Craig Brown
U.S. Grant Camp 68 (MO)
August 12, 2007

Robert Elliott Lee
Lucius Mitchell Camp 4 (FL)
October 15, 2007

George W. Carr
Wm. McKinley Camp 21 (OH)
November 24, 2007

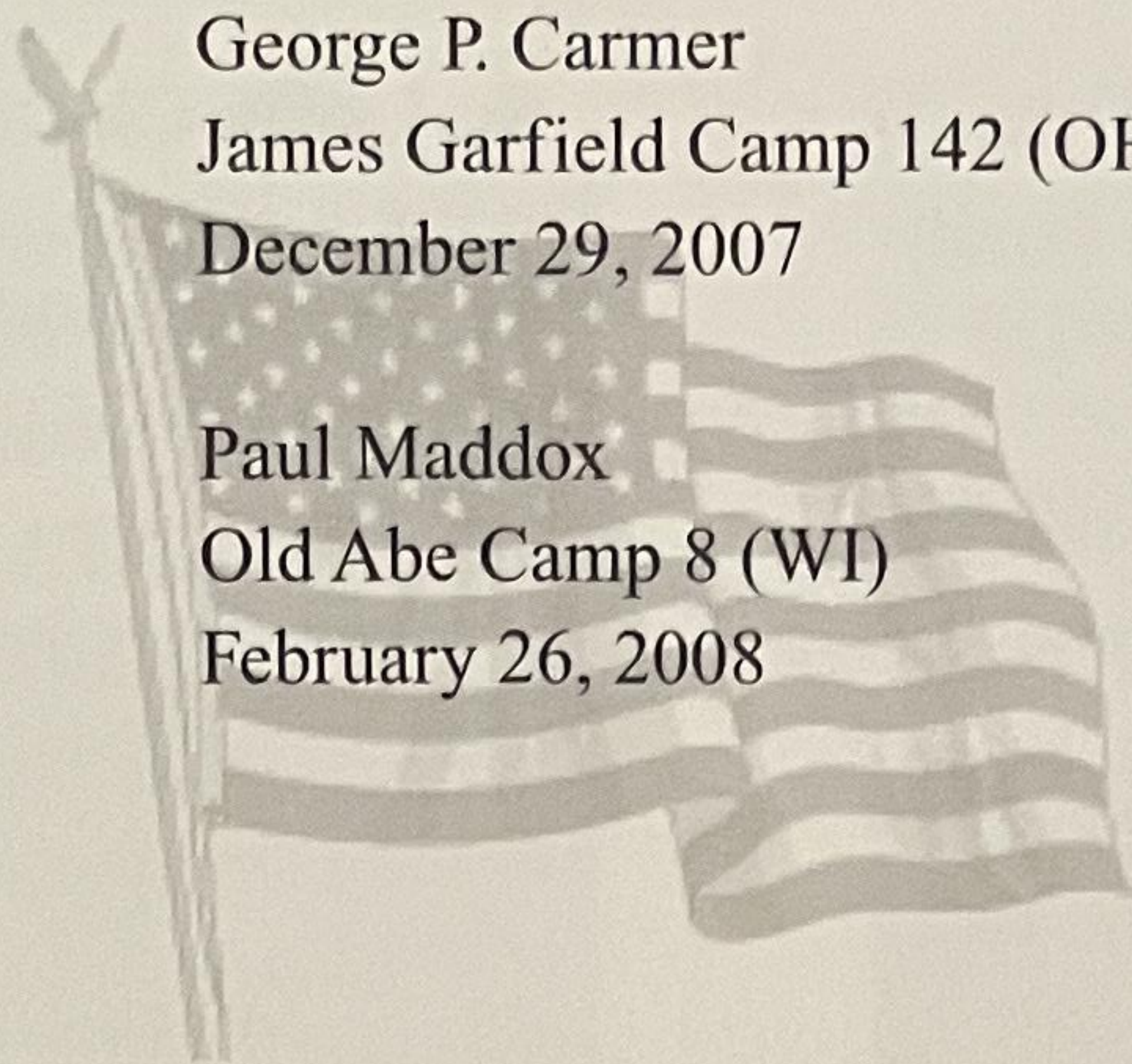
George P. Carmer
James Garfield Camp 142 (OH)
December 29, 2007

Paul Maddox
Old Abe Camp 8 (WI)
February 26, 2008

PDC Clyde F. Davis (Life Member)
Old Glory Camp & Custer Camp 1 (IL)
February 2008

PCC Carl Fulk
Chas. H. Huntley Camp 114 (IA)
April 8, 2008

Robert Estey
H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)
June 3, 2007



DUVCW NATIONAL PRESIDENT PASSES

NP Beverly K. Massey, died March 28th at Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility. She was 69. Sr. Beverly retired from Cummins Engine Company in 2002, where she had worked for 42 years. She was also a member of 1st Christian Church, 50-year member of Hartsville Order of Eastern Star Chapter 550, Indiana Dancers Assoc. and had served as President for five years, Descendants of George Washington's Army at Valley Forge and the DAR. She was a former Brown Cty. 4-H Fair Leader and Board Member.



Beverly was born in Bartholomew County on June 3, 1938, the daughter of Elbert D. and Naomi Ann Whitesides Waltz. Survivors include her sons, Bruce (Julie) Trotter and Victor (Dayna) Trotter, both of Columbus; a sister, Barbara (Ernest) Stone of Columbus; grandchildren Aubrey (Shane) Hardin and Jacob (Carrie) Trotter, both of Columbus; great-grandchildren, Braydon, Ryana and Bryce, all of Columbus; and a niece, Jan (Mike) Rynerson and a nephew, Darryl (Colleen) Stone, both of Columbus.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents. Burial was at Garland Brook Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of South Central Indiana.

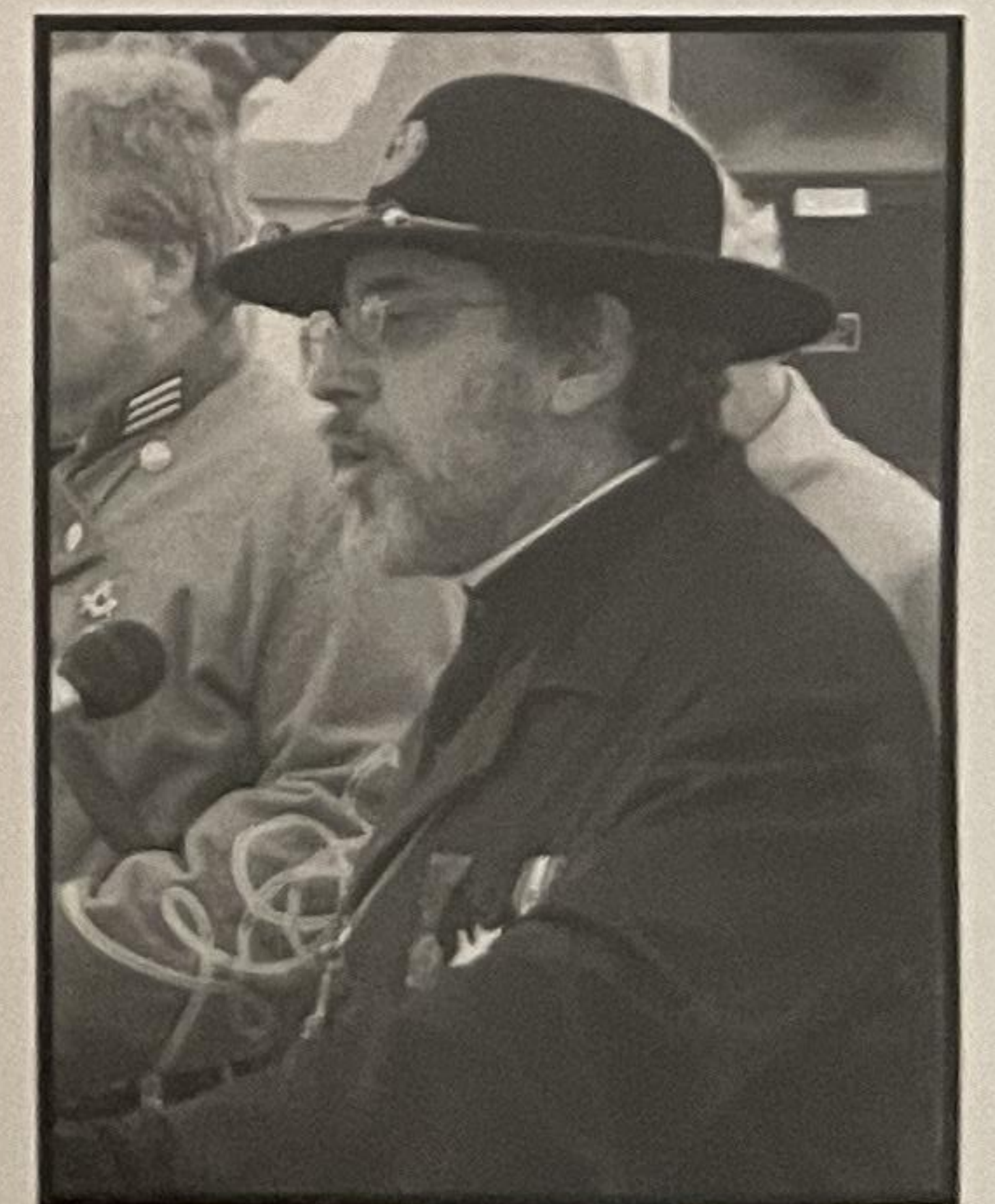
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

Early last year, I was diagnosed with cancer. I spent 30 minutes every morning dressing the cancerous wounds that covered my legs. My family and friends prayed for me. Several times, hands were laid upon me, and the power of the Almighty was invoked - that I might be healed. I went for cancer treatments three times a week, and I prayed too. A short time ago I went back to see my specialist. He had to ask me where the cancer had been - he could not tell. What a wonderful thing it is to say, "Thanks be to God, I am in remission."

I have seen miracles, tumors that had been thought to be cancerous turning out to be benign. Weather forecasts for severe weather - but the bad weather never comes and an important event can take place. I have seen sons have a falling out with their fathers - and by the power of prayer - reconciliation takes place. I have seen husbands and wives healed because of that same power. I believe that there is no such thing as a co-incidence, but rather miracles for which the Almighty does not get credit.

I would encourage anyone who may read or hear of this piece to take advantage of the promises that the Lord has made to us. That if we ask for anything - anything in His name - it will be given to us. We have only to ask.



CHAPLAIN JERRY KOWALSKI

WHAT IS IT REALLY? (FROM PAGE 3)

During a Monument Dedication in Kittery, Maine, members of the 12th NHV, SVR, posed with a 5 month old pup from Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit organization enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities by providing highly-trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.



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REMEMBERING NH VETS

The 12th NH Inf., SVR posted Colors during a monument rededication in Kittery, Maine, on May 3rd. Kittery resident Albion Goodrich, a Civil War enthusiast and whose great-great grandfather served in the US Navy from 1863 – 1865, noticed names were hard to read on the local Civil War Monument. The monument was dedicated in 1864. He also noticed some names were missing, so he set out to have a bronze plaque made to honor the men from Kittery.



Al then organized to have a rededication ceremony to honor those men that were now placed upon the plaque, Al wanted to have a Civil War Color guard and contacted 1Sgt. Dan Meehan of the 12th NH SVR.

As a result, Al joined Charles W. Canney Camp in February. Soon after, Al discovered he had terminal cancer and he passed on April 15th, never seeing his finished work. As he stood at the monument, he ran his fingers across the plaque and said "See you all soon."

SHERMAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Pictured: Members of Co. C, 34th Illinois Infantry and 5th Missouri Cavalry serve on the color guard.

Nineteen members of three SVR units participated in the 29th annual Gen. Wm. T. Sherman Birthday Celebration on February 24th. Co. A, 2nd MO Inf., Co. C, 5th MO Cav. and Co. C, 34th IL Inf. braved the weather to pay respects to the General's memory.

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are commissioned and appointed as indicated:

2nd Military District

Cpt. Bruce N. Glaser, Dist. Adj. Gen.
Cpt. William S. Poulton, Jr., Dist. IG
Cpt. Sean W. Shillington, Dist. Chief of Staff.
2Lt. Michael A. Paquette, Company A, Potomac Guard

3rd Military District

Maj. Martin W. Lowery, Jr.—Commander
Cpt. Edward Kreiser—Dist. Adjutant
Cpt. Donald Grant Sr.—Chief of Staff
Cpt. Timothy Downey—Dist. IG
1Lt. Lt. John R. Burch, Co. C, 8th KY Vol. Inf.
1Lt. Timothy H. Downey, Bridgewater Scouts
2Lt. Allen Teller—Dist. Chaplain
2Lt. Wayne Scott, Bridgewater Scouts

4th Military District

2Lt. Michael W. Carr, Adj. Co. B, 10th IA Vol. Inf

6th Military District

Cpt. Jerry R. Sayre, Co. G, 5th CA Vol. Inf.
Cpt. D. Brad Schall, Com., Co. B, 8th CA Inf.
Cpt. Donald Hotchkiss Co. B, 1st NV Vol. Inf.
2Lt. Warren D. Wilt, Adj., Co. B, 8th CA Inf.
2Lt. Daniel M. Bunnell, Batt. A, 3rd US Art.

SPECIAL ORDER 2008-01

1. Effective 7 August 2008, Major Peter N. Rotando, SVR, Commander of the First Military District, SVR, is appointed Provost Marshal for the 127th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This appointment expires at 2400 hours 10 August 2008.

2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the 127th National Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the National Encampment is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

Donald E. Darby
Lt. Colonel, SVR
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Robert E. Grim
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

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