

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.



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 Volker 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.

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.