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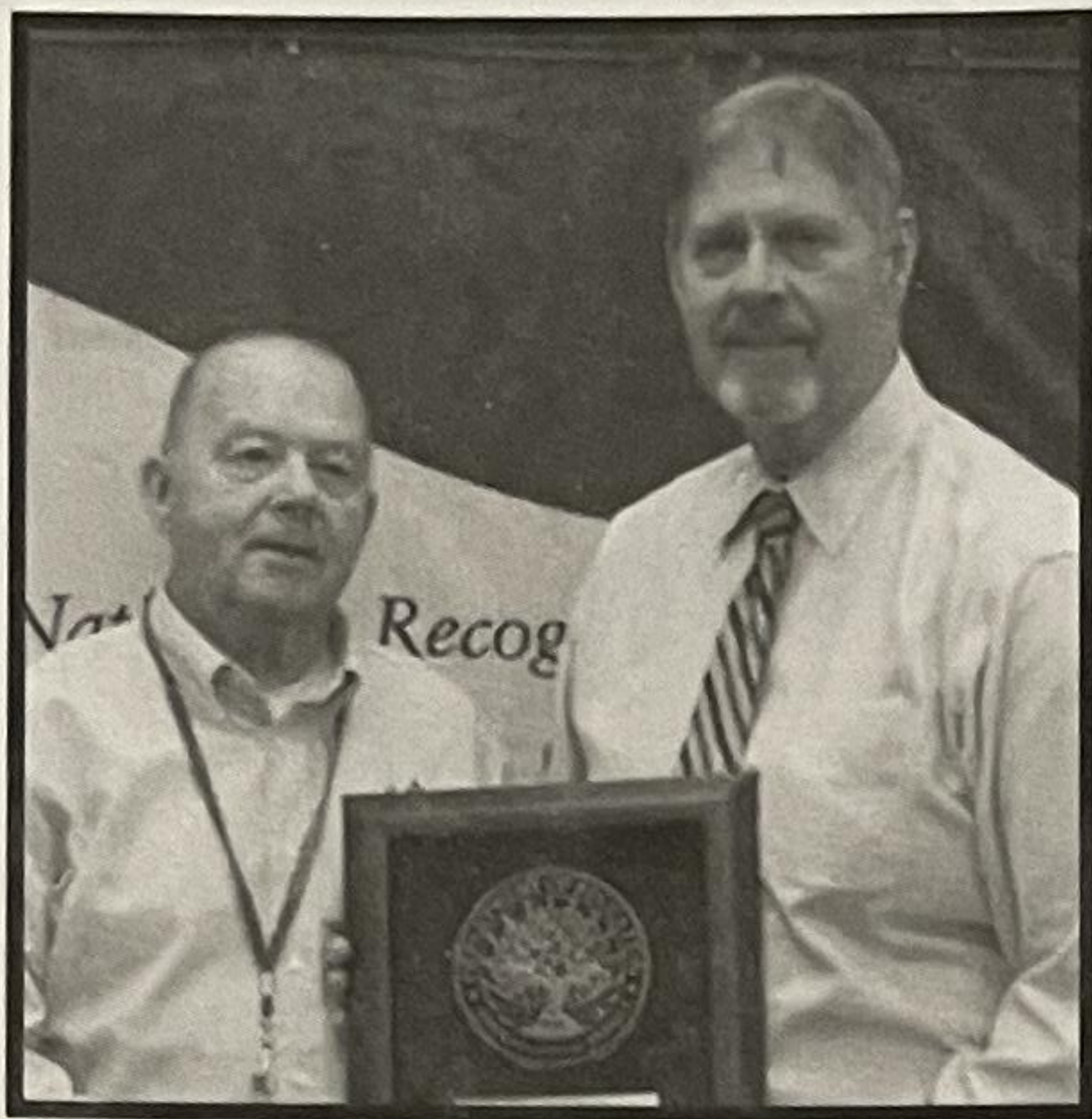
*150 YEARS AGO*



# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

About four years ago, Wm. R. Keith 12 adopted Helen Marie Smith Elementary School in Las Vegas, presenting history and patriotism to the students. The Camp has provided visitations from Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, essay contests, poster coloring contests, and color guard instruction and participation.



*PDC Al Peterson and Principal John Haynal with the National Blue Ribbon Award plaque.*

Assemblies have included presentations on Civil War memorabilia, American symbolism and holidays.

These activities were considered when the school was recently selected, as one of two in Nevada, to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award.

Veterans Day observances in Gridley began with a ceremony held at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery in honor of Pvt. H. C. Veatch, otherwise known as Colonel Veatch. Pvt. Veatch was the last Union veteran in Butte County.



*Brs. Steven Neuburger, Don Wilt, Jim Monteton, CC Owen Stiles. Photo by Br. Forrest Allen.*

Gen. Geo. Wright Camp 22 CC Owen Stiles MC'd the SUCVW-sponsored event, which included the mayors of Gridley and Biggs, the American Legion, VFW, and Veatch family members. Stiles described the Last Soldier Project and explained that Pvt. Henry Clay Veatch, Co. C, 5th IN Cav., tried to enlist at the age of 13, but was sent home. He then gave his age as 18 and enlisted as a drummer boy, becoming the first from his hometown of Everton, IN. He was given a Bible, which he had until his death in 1939.

Veatch was given the honorary title of "Colonel" because of his 30 years of service in Oroville's Wm. T. Sherman GAR Post 96. He also was affectionately dubbed Gridley's "Grand Old Man" and both the Gridley Museum building and a street in Oroville bear his name.

Participants laid wreaths at Veatch's grave, and an

honor guard fired a salute before Taps was played.

*Information for this article was obtained from Ms. Lisa Van De Hay, publisher of the Gridley Herald.*

## FLORIDA

Gen. Wm. S. Harney Camp 8 honored the Civil War soldiers buried in Orange City's Hollywood and Lincoln Cemeteries on November 13th in a Rededication Ceremony. PCC Msgr. William R. Cavins credits incoming CC David Hoover with the work of re-identifying these graves from WPA files compiled in the 1940s.



*Newly elected and installed CC David Hoover (left) presides over the ceremony, assisted by DC Robert V. Chandler, Br. Zachary A. Cavins and Camp Sec/Treas. Gene L. Thompson II.*

One of those identified was 2Lt. Hadley P. Burrill who was the postmaster in Chelsea, MA before being elected 2Lt. in the 4th MA Inf. Militia (90 days). He moved his family to Orange City by 1880 and worked as an agriculturalist farmer. The ceremony was held at his grave.

## MISSOURI

On October 9th, Junior William Zoughaib was one of two members of St. James Camp 326, who participated in the annual Spirit Reunion at St. Genevieve's Memorial Cemetery.

Br. Zoughaib portrayed 15-year old Civil War soldier Jacob Zimmer, a musician in Co. I, 30th MO Inf., who died in December 1862 while in a hospital at St. Genevieve. This was one of 20 spirits represented and viewed by nearly 150 visitors.



Br. Zoughaib is an interesting young man. Born in Russia, he was adopted and brought to America. He is home schooled and interested in history. He participates in Camp activities and is also a member of the French Marines, a French Colonial re-enacting group. He is a great asset to our Camp and a joy to be around.



## BELATED CEREMONY IN MISSOURI

On November 13th, Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 held a "Belated Veterans Day Ceremony" at Hopewell Cemetery. The Camp, Louisa Volker Auxiliary, and two members of St. James Camp 23 began the day by placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans. This was followed by the opening ceremonies of the men in uniform marching the length of the cemetery road, U.S. flag waving in the wind, and a riderless horse, led by our Junior. Members of the Camp and Auxiliary gave talks, read a poem, had prayer, and fired an honor volley as part of this ceremony.



## GRAVE BLANKET CEREMONY HELD IN NEW JERSEY

By DP Bonnie C. Meyers, Nat. Press Secretary

Gen. Nathaniel Lyon Camp 10 and Cornelia Hancock Aux. 10 assisted in placing blankets on hundreds of graves at the Cumberland Cty. Veteran's Cemetery on December 4th. The grave blankets were made by students at Cumberland Regional High School.

Area veteran's groups, Bridgeton High School JROTC students and Boy Scouts with flags lined the cemetery driveway on a very cold and blustery day. A motorcycle club and sheriff accompanied the donated tractor trailer through city streets into the cemetery. The motorcade arrived promptly and guests gathered around the American flag in the center of the cemetery for the opening address.

NJ DP Bonnie Meyers and DC John Makos thanked the crowd for coming. DP Meyers and Director of Veteran's Affairs for Cumberland County Diana Pitman laid the first blanket on the grave of the first veteran buried in the cemetery. Everyone, including, then gathered at the truck, as blankets were unloaded and covered each of the 528 sites in the cemetery.

As the ceremony closed, Meyers thanked everyone for honoring and remembering veterans everywhere. A Deerfield Presbyterian Church elder pronounced the benediction. The SUVCW fired a 21-gun salute and the playing of 'Taps' ended the observance.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The annual Remembrance Day observance, sponsored by the Department's Sons and Auxiliary, was held on November 13th at the Historical Society in Concord. Featured speakers were Sharon Wood, who portrayed Mrs. Betsy Phelps, a NH mother of a Union Soldier killed at Gettysburg, and Steve Wood as Abraham Lincoln, who delivered the Gettysburg Address. The NH Arts and Humanities Council supported this presentation, free and open to the public. A bountiful collation followed the program.



(L to R) DVP Mary E Flynn, Sharon Wood as Mrs Betsy Phelps, PNP Cynthia Brown, Steve Wood as Pres. Lincoln, DC Gary Ward, and Dept. Treas. Clayton Longver.

## WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Aux. 4, Ami Hawks Aux. 5, and C.K Pier Badger Camp 1 were able to bring the spirit of Christmas to needy veteran families in the Milwaukee area. The Auxiliaries sponsored two families, provide DVDs to the spinal cord Hospital, as well as donate winter hats scarves and socks to the many veterans at the Zablocki VA Hospital. With the help of Camp 1, they were able to raise and donate over \$2000 worth of gifts during the holiday season.



Photo at right:  
(Standing) DP Allison Michaels, PNP Danielle Michaels and AP Kathy Anderson.  
(Sitting) Camp PI Br. Eric Graff (aka- Santa) with Army vet and son.





*Following the march to the Carter House, Sons listen to Prof. Flagel's presentation.*

On November 28th, as part of the 146th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Memorial Assembly, members of Fort Donelson Camp 62 and the 10th Reg., TN US Vol. Inf, SVR, marched from Fort Granger to the Carter House, the epicenter of intense fighting during the battle. The 10th TN U.S. Inf. SVR color guard, commanded by 1Sgt. David DuBrucq, led the Camp 62 and relatives on the 1.1 mile march through the streets of Franklin, TN. Their arrival at the Carter House was carefully timed to coincide with that of Confederate reenactors led by SCV Sam Davis Camp 1293, marching from Winsted Hill. A brief ceremony led by Prof Thomas Flagel, who described the thoughts of a soldier facing battle, commemorated the shared heroism of both Union and Confederate soldiers who fought in that epic battle.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Per SUVCW General Order Series 2010-2011 No. 4, BG Robert E. Grim is reappointed as Commander of the SVR. Pursuant to SVR Regulations, Art. II, Sec. 2 and Sec. 5, BG Grim is hereby commissioned a Major General, effective 20 Nov. 2010 and in force until 15 Nov. 2013. The following General Staff appointments and commissions shall continue in force until 15 Nov. 2013:

Col. Henry Shaw, Jr., Dep. Co.

Col. Elmer F. Atkinson, IG

Col. Andrew M. Johnson, Wash. D.C. Liaison

Col. Donald E. Darby, AG

Lt. Col. Robert E. Petrovic, CoS, commissioned a Colonel.

Lt. Col. Larry E. Freed, Chaplain.

Lt. Col. Jack G. Grothe, Commander 4th MD

Lt. Col. David E. Allyn, Commander 6th MD

Capt. Edward Kreiser, Commander 3rd MD, commissioned a Major.

Maj. James B. Pahl, JAG.

Maj. Peter N. Rotando, Commander 1st MD

Maj. Kenneth V. Early, Commander 7th MD

Capt. Eugene Mortorff, Commander 2nd MD

Capt. Leo F. Kennedy, PIO

Capt. Eric J. Schmincke, Dep. Provost Marshal

Musician Sgt. Maj. Ivan E. Frantz

Maj. Charles E. Kuhn, Provost Officer SVR, has requested to be transferred to the Inactive Reserve, SVR. The Commander SVR approves the request and wishes to thank Maj. Kuhn for his dedication and service to the SVR. Capt. Eric J. Schmincke is appointed Provost SVR.

## PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to the grades indicated:

Capt. Richard J. Lewis, CO, 1st Mtd. Rifles, 7th NY Cav. (until 13 Mar 2013)

2Lt. Philip J. Swaney, Adj., 1st Mtd. Rifles, 7th NY Cav. (until 13 Mar 2013)

2Lt. Wm. Morris, CO, 14th MI Inf. (until 13 Mar 2013)

Naval Lt. Timothy Graham (until 4 Apr 2013)

Naval Ensign Kenneth Freshley (until 4 April 2013).

## AWARDS

The Commander General takes great pleasure in presenting the following awards:

Meritorious Service Medal, Silver Star, to 2Lt. Charles "Buck" Custer, Amzi D. Harmon Co., 7th MD

Distinguished Service Medal, Gold Star, to Col. Donald Darby, Nat. AG, SVR.

Distinguished Service Medal, Gold Star, to Maj. Stephen Michaels, CoS, 4th MD.

Unit Citation to Co. D, 27th IN Vol. Inf. Reg., 3rd MD

Unit Citation to Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf. Reg., 4th MD.

## WELCOME NEW UNITS

The Commanding General, SVR, welcomes:

+ 22 members of the OH Naval Brigade to the 3rd MD. Naval Lt. Timothy Graham commanding. Ens. Kenneth Freshley, adjutant.

+ Ten members of the 1st MO Engineers to the 4th MD. 1Sgt Martin Aubuchon, commanding. Pvt. Chris Warren, adjutant





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2. Sr. Conaway was a member of the LGAR for over 57 years in Ohio as part of the Mother McKinley Circle 4 and served as Nat. President of the LGAR during the 1979-1980 administrative year. She presided over the LGAR Nat. Encampment in Richmond, VA in August 1980. Sr. Conaway passed away on 29 January at the age of 81.

3. Sr. Mullenix served as Nat. President of the DUVCW during the 2006-2007 administrative year and presided over the DUVCW Nat. Convention in St. Louis, MO, in August 2007. She was a long time member of Charlotte

Harrison Boone Tent 20 in Kahoka, MO. Sr. Mullenix passed away on 6 February at the age of 62.

4. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Dept. charters and the Nat. website be draped in black until 09 March 2012 in remembrance of Srs. Conaway and Mullenix and in honor of their long term dedication to preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to save the Union.

Ordered this 9th day of February 2012.

By order of:  
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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:  
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## WELCOME NEW CAMPS!

PA DC Howard Wolfe presented a charter to Sunbury's **Gen. J. P. S. Gobin Camp 503** on December 17th. Shown, in rear from left: Chap. Scott Debo, Guide Ken Smith, Sec/Treas. Anthony Kline, Color Bearer Zachary Anderson; Guard Dan Herb. Front, from left: DC Wolfe, SVC John Deppen, CC Gregory Kline, and JVC Dennis Dewalt.



The presentation and officer installation took place at the historic Hotel Edison during the Camp Christmas Party. (Date of Rank 3/6/2011.) Br. Greg Kline organized the Camp.

PA DSVC Richard Essenwein presented Mercer's **Isaac Eaton Camp 504** its charter at its first meeting on September 25th. He swore in new members and Camp officers (Date of Rank 8/10/2011). Charter Members Lft to Rgt: Ian, Wm. and David Turner, Bill Philson, Dave Robinson Jr., Steve Johnston, Timothy Bennett, CC Joel Black (holding new Charter), Dave Robinson, Sr., John Tenney, Trevor and Carl Black, Charles Henderson, Richard Essenwein. Not present: Ralph Diamond, Robert McKeon, Jason Bennett. Also shown are previous Mercer Camp charters (1890-1905), kept at the Mercer County Historical Society. Br. Timothy Bennett organized the Camp.



On January 28th, **Gen. Everell F. Dutton Camp 49** was chartered at the Quad Camp Banquet at Rockford's Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall. The Sycamore, IL, Camp was chartered 100 years after its last formation and started with 14 Charter Members and 4 Associates (Date of Rank 12/16/2011). Shown: Camp 49 SVC Tom Oestreicher, IL DC Terry Dyer, and CC James Locke Lyon. Brs. Lyon and Oestreicher organized the Camp.



**Fort Simcoe Camp 2** of Yakima, WA, (Date of Rank 4/16/2011) was organized by Br. Timothy Hull.

**Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47** of DeSoto, MO, (Date of Rank 10/20/2011) was organized by Br. Rodney Price.

**Franz Siegel Camp 614** of Rolla, MO, (Date of Rank 12/27/2011) was organized by Br. Randal Burd.

**Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp 4** of Broken Arrow, OK, was organized by Br. Bernie Cooper.

**Charles Sumner Camp 25** of Chestertown, MD (Chesapeake Dept.), was organized by Br. Lawrence Slagle.

### NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

The following Camp have been given permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

**Capt G. N. Spradline 72**, Western Arkansas, Department of Missouri (Expires 7/27/2012)

**Maj Gen Newton Martin Curtis 06**, Southport, NC, Department of North Carolina (Expires 01/13/2013)

### INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

The necessary instructions are found at <http://suvvw.org/ftp/form50.pdf> The Dept. Commander authorizes formation on Form 51. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.



