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Newsletter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Indiana
Timothy J. Beckman – Commander
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Two Sailors equal Five Marines – Seems Right



From the Desk of the Department of Indiana Commander - Timothy J. Beckman



Brothers, the Department of Indiana has been very active this past summer and fall with many activities and rededications taking place. This issue of the *Indiana Legion* is packed full of articles and pictures from many of these events. I am pleased to report that the Department had 13 members in attendance, with 11 voting members, at the 138th National Encampment in Independence, Ohio, last August. A good time was had by all who attended. The Department of Indiana 2020 Midwinter Encampment, which will be hosted by the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, will take place on January 25, 2020 at the Eden United Methodist Church, 2122 E Eden Rd, Greenfield, IN 46410. As most of you might remember, this is the same location as the 2018 Midwinter Encampment. Registration is due by January 20, 2020. I hope to see all of you there! More information along with the registration form can be found in this edition of the newsletter. As I approach the midway point of my second one-year term as your Department Commander, I am always appreciative of the great work all of you are doing throughout the Department of Indiana. Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas Season and it is my hope and prayer that your 2020 be full of endless blessings. Any questions or concerns about anything going on in the department may be addressed to me via e-mail: timbeckman@gmail.com.

Last Soldier in Tippecanoe County Honored with Ceremony

On September 21, 2019, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) presided over the rededication of Private Benjamin Wilson Cohee, Company K, 10th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, who was the Last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Tippecanoe County.

*Remembering the sacrifices made by the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War who fought to preserve the Union
we are dedicated to continuing the patriotic work begun by our parent organization,
The Grand Army of the Republic*

This grave rededication was hosted by the SUVCW Orlando B. Sumers Camp #1, Kokomo, Indiana. The three (3) volley rifle salute was performed by Company D. 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry SVR, Commanded by Captain Mike Beck. Listed below are the SUVCW an SVR members in attendance and roles in the ceremony.

Invocation: PCC Larry Myers

Opening remarks: PDC Alan Teller

Pvt. Benjamin W. Cohee Biography: Brother Dr. Mark Griffith

History of 10th Indiana Volunteer Infantry: Brother Mark Thornton

Presentation of Wreaths: Orlando A. Sumers Camp #1 – Kokomo, IN
John W. Foster Camp # 2 – Evansville, IN
Champion Hill Camp # 17 – Huntington, IN
Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 – Indianapolis, IN

Ceremony: Russ Kirchner PCinC, Larry Myers PCC and Matt Elkins PDC.

Three (3) Volley Rifle Salute – Company D. 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry SRV, commanded by Captain Mike Beck. Taps was performed by 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb PDC.

Also in attendance was Department Commander Tim Beckman.



Dept of Indiana Participants at Pvt. Benj. Cohee's Grave

From the John Auten Camp No. 8 at South Bend Last Soldier Ceremony and Monument Rededication

The New Carlisle Cemetery, New Carlisle Indiana was the location of two Civil War era dedications September 21, 2019. The dedication ceremonies were planned and implemented under the direction of the John Auten Camp No. 8, South Bend.

The original purpose for the dedication was to mark the grave of “The Last Soldier” of St. Joseph County, the Reverend George Streeter. It was difficult however to ignore that the Rev. Streeter’s grave was in the shadow of a Civil War Monument placed in the cemetery by the Deacon Women’s Relief Corp #48 of New Carlisle in 1909. The monument was dedicated to all unknown Civil War Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who died in the Civil War. Therefore, it was appropriate that both should be recognized and dedicated on the same day.

The Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 of the LGAR supported the John Auten Camp by performing the monument rededication. Arsinoe Martin President Elizabeth Thurston, also a member of the WRC, led the Monument dedication and wreath laying ceremony. Sister Thurston read a letter from Jessica Booth, the National President of the WRC acknowledging the dedication and sending her regrets that she was unable to attend.

John Auten Camp 8, then led the Last Soldier dedication for the Private Reverend George Streeter. Private George Streeter served in Company E & H of the 6th New York Heavy Artillery which later became the 10th New York Heavy Artillery. He Enlisted: February 2, 1864 and was honorably Discharged August 25, 1865. The Reverend Streeter was born in Watertown New York on February 24, 1848 and died December 24, 1944 at 96 years of age. George R. Streeter joined the Wm. H. Calkins Grand Army of the Republic Post # 502, Department of Indiana, located in Hammond, Lake County Indiana, in 1908. He served as post commander in 1915 and also served as post chaplain and patriotic instructor. The Reverend Streeter served in various department positions such as patriotic instructor, inspector, and chaplain. He was a Methodist Minister who served the Methodist Church in Hammond Indiana until the time of his death.

Approximately 35-40 area people attending the dedication were treated to drum and fife music before the ceremonies. Music was provided by Brother Bill Brennan of General Pritchard Camp 20, Kalamazoo, Michigan on the fife and Brother Alan Hall of John Auten Camp 8, South Bend, Indiana on the drums. During the intermission between the two ceremonies all were entertained by the wonderful voice of Brother Will Radell of David D. Porter Camp 116, Valparaiso, Indiana as he sang the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. After the firing of muskets echo taps was played by two members of the New Prairie High School Band.



Last Soldier Ceremony and Monument Rededication - New Carlisle Cemetery



Co. D. 27th Indiana Sons of Veterans Reserve Upcoming Events - 2019-2020

Note: Check Dept. of Indiana website (suvwin.org) under S.V.R. tab for updates

Wreaths Across America, December 14, 2019, Indianapolis, IN

Location: Crown Hill Cemetery – 700 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

Time: 10:00am EST

Contact if able to attend: Captain Mike Beck

Note: This was a very nice (cold and wet – yes) and appreciative event last year so if any members can meet here in Indianapolis again it would be a credit to the SUVCW.

Mid-Winter Encampment, January 25, 2020, Greenfield, IN

Location: Eden United Methodist Church at 2122 E. Eden Rd., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Time: 09:00am EST

Company D, 27th Indiana Infantry, SVR Winter Meeting, January 25, 2020

Location – Eden United Methodist Church at 2122 E. Eden Rd., Greenfield, IN 46140

Time – After Mid-Winter Encampment

Lincoln Boyhood Home Ceremony, February 9, 2020, Lincoln City, IN

Time: Organizational Meeting at 1:30pm CST – The program will begin at 2:00pm CST

Location: Abraham Lincoln Hall – 3027 E South Street, Lincoln City, Indiana 47552

Contact if able to attend: Lt. William Adams

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, April 18, 2020, Springfield, IL

TBA

Annual Encampment, June 6, 2020, Kokomo, IN

Details TBA

Department Treasurer's Report



As of the printing of this issue of the *Indiana Legion* the funds stand at \$9684.76.
(The Allied Orders amount has been evenly split and is no longer part of the total of the Department Funds.)

January 25, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. EST

Eden United Methodist Church • 2122 E Eden Rd • Greenfield, IN 46140

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Indiana
Timothy J. Beckman – Department Commander

MIDWINTER ENCAMPMENT

Please join us for a fun day of Department business,
GAR heritage, and SUVCW comradery
hosted by Ben Harrison Camp No. 356.

Light Breakfast, BBQ Sandwich with Sides & Dessert Lunch, Included On-Site

Wife/Significant Other Encouraged to Attend

Presentation During the Lunch Break

Special Displays

Encampment is FREE! Cost of food for the day is \$15.00 Per Person

PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 20, 2020. Checks made payable to BEN HARRISON CAMP NO. 356.
MAIL TO: Jim Floyd, Camp Commander • 829 N. Riley Avenue • Indianapolis, IN 46201

Name: _____ Camp #: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Number Attending (Free): _____ Number Eating (\$15.00 per person): _____

Pictures from the 138th National Encampment, Independence, OH, August 2019



Indiana Delegation



J. Alan Teller, PDC, Receiving his Meritorious Service Award from C-in-C Donald Shaw

Saturday Evening Banquet



Wreath Laying at Grave of President Benjamin Harrison

The Department of Indiana Commander, Tim Beckman, laid a wreath at the grave of President Benjamin Harrison, during the annual wreath laying ceremony celebrating the 186th birthday of the Hoosier President and the 23rd President of the United States of America, on August 17, 2019, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN. Mr. Christopher Barnthouse, Major, U.S. Army (Ret.), served as Master of Ceremonies and the keynote speaker was Brigadier General Patricia R. Wallace, the Deputy Commanding General of the 88th Readiness Division. The Presidential wreath was laid by Brigadier General Wallace. Representatives from the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter and the State of Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution also presented a wreath during the ceremony. President Harrison served as the Colonel of the 70th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War and was Brevetted Brigadier General by President Lincoln on January 23, 1865. President Harrison was a member of the George H. Thomas Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 17 located in Indianapolis.



Dept. Commander Tim Beckman and Ben Harrison Camp Member Joe Beckman at the Grave of President Harrison

Civil War Veteran Honored with Gravestone

On October 2, 2019, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) John B. Anderson Camp #223 and Company D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (SVR) along with the Orange County Historical Society dedicated a new Civil War Veteran's headstone in the Newberry Friend Church Cemetery near Paoli, Indiana. Brother Taylin Allen initiated the project to set this new stone for Private Archibald Burnett, Company D, 28th United States Colored Troops, the only African American Regiment formed in Indiana.

Private Burnett at the age of 19 or 20, enlisted in the 28th USCT on January 6, 1864 and was on detached duty as a nurse in a hospital. The 28th USCT was involved in the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg, Globe Tavern, and Boydton Plank Road. After General Lee's surrender, the 28th USCT was sent to Texas and remained there until November 1864. After his discharge in 1864, Archibald returned to Indiana and in 1867 married Mary Sweet. Their union brought at least 8 children. He and Mary remained in Orange County until he died of pneumonia in 1893.

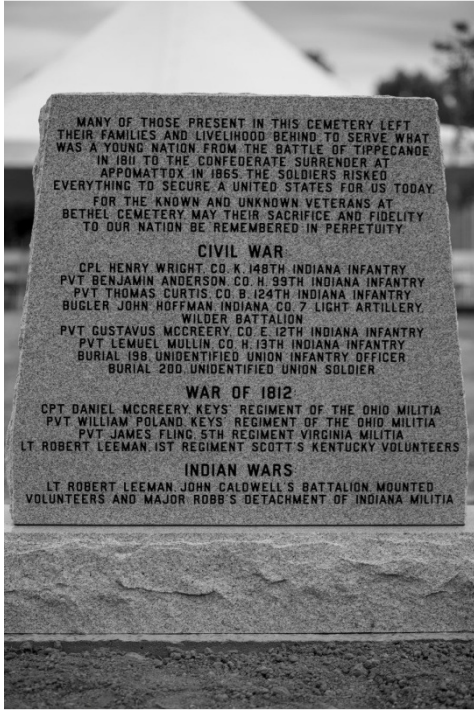
Photograph was taken by The Bloomington (IN) Herald-Times. Members are 2nd Sgt. Terry Furgason, Private Taylin Allen and William (Bill) Goller of the John B. Anderson Camp #223.



Bethel Cemetery Relocation Rededication

On September 28, 2019, seven members from the Department of Indiana, including three members of Co. D, 27th Indiana S.V.R., attended the Bethel Cemetery relocation rededication in Indianapolis, IN on September 28, 2010. Department Commander Tim Beckman gave a brief address to the assembled guests. The entire Bethel Cemetery was relocated from the Indianapolis International Airport to the Concordia Cemetery in Indianapolis. The Indiana Society of the War of 1812 and the Indiana National Guard also participated in the rededication ceremony. There are eight known Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery (see pictures on next two pages).





Veterans Day Commemoration with Camp 17

Brothers from Champion Hill Camp 17 took their musical act on the road for observation of Veteran's Day. The boys from the Camp serenaded veterans and guests and staff at two retirement homes in Ft. Wayne Indiana on Sunday Nov. 10, 2019. If the audience had as much fun as the Company Singers then a good time was had by all at Lutheran Life Home and Silver Birch Assisted Living on the city's south side.



(l to r) Eric Fricke, Dave Tilden, Rick Henly, Rich McConnell
(Gib Young taking photo)



**Camp 17 brothers riding to the Veterans Day Ceremony in Huntington Nov. 9, 2020.
Brother Dave Tilden's Horse and Wagon demonstrate how 'old' soldiers travel.
Brother Don Morgan says this reminds him of how he courted Mrs. Morgan years ago**

Soldiers Headstones Restored - Nov. 10, 2019 – Concord Cemetery, Smith Township, Whitley Co.

A group of local women have worked for over a year restoring headstones at Concord Cemetery, Smith Township, Whitley County, just south of Churubusco. There are eight Union veterans in addition to a daughter from a Rev war soldier whose headstones have been worked on. There was a ceremony sponsored by the 30th Indiana Reenactment Unit. Brothers of the SUVCW were a part of the ceremony with a dedication prayer. A number of local folks were invited to attend by the ladies.



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Remembrance Day, November 23-24, 2019, Gettysburg, PA



(L to R) Brothers Alan Teller, Bruce Kolb, Jim Floyd, Bill Adams, Tom Schmitt, Mike Beck at Indiana Monument, Gettysburg National Park



Members of Co. D, 27th Indiana S.V.R. Before Parade



Brothers Tom Schmitt and Alan Teller on Parade Route

Gettysburg National Cemetery - Indiana Section





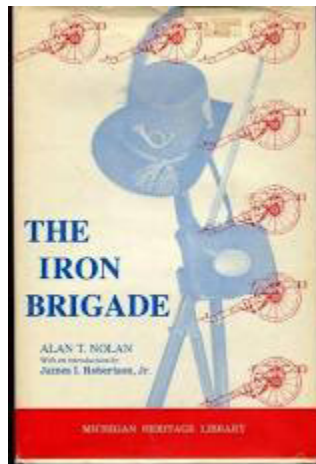
Congratulations to Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 and Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) members CPT Mike Beck, 2LT Bruce Kolb, and CPL Jim Floyd for being awarded SVR Certificates of Commendation for serving as Provost Guards during the 138th National Encampment of the SUVCW held in Independence, OH



The Book Stand

This second article brings to the fore one of the top five books (in my opinion) ever written about the Civil War. The Iron Brigade was published in 1961 and it was a perfect book to start the centennial of the American Civil War. Of course it took a Hoosier to write it. Alan Nolan, who was an attorney in Indianapolis could have not written a more perfect book about a Civil War unit. I don't think anyone could have done so.

My hardback copy has 300 pages of pure delight. If you can't smell the gunpowder and feel the weight of a Springfield on your shoulder while reading this then you need to check your CW credentials. If you can't feel the pride of accomplishment and brotherhood while reading this then you need to check where your heart is.



It is a 'can't put down' book. (But pay for it before leaving the store.)

Rating Five Minnie' Balls and a Gleaming Bayonet

*The Indiana Legion is looking for some brother to write book reviews for the three yearly issues. If you enjoy reading and would like to share your view on books you are reading or have read please contact the Legion editor for more details.

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