

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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2020 Midwinter Recap, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award, Records Committee

Brothers of the Department of Indiana,

Thank you to the 19 members of the Department of Indiana who attended our 2020 Midwinter Encampment in Greenfield (Eden), IN on January 25th. A special thank you to Brother Harry Reineke, Commander of the Department of Illinois and a member of the National Council of Administration, for joining us and representing Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris. We had a very productive business meeting and a very enjoyable lunch and a great 3-D Civil War presentation after lunch. I would like to personally thank the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 for all of their hard work in hosting the encampment. A good time was had by all who attended. Mark your calendars for the 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana to take place on June 6, 2020 at the South Branch of the Howard County Library in Kokomo.

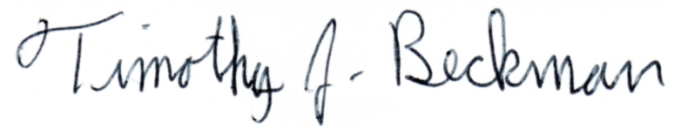
Also during the 2020 Midwinter Encampment, it was my great privilege to present the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award to Jennifer Kay Thompson. Sister Thompson has been of excellent assistant to the Ben Harrison Camp for well over 10 years now, helping the camp in keeping track of all of the paperwork of the order. She also researched and organized several of the Ben Harrison Camp Memorial Day ceremonies over that time. In 2013 Jenny organized the Eliza E. George Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Benjamin Harrison Camp No. 356 and also became one of its charter members which, up to that time, was the first Auxiliary that had been in Indiana for many years. Unfortunately the Eliza E. George Auxiliary had to surrender their charter at the end of 2019, due to too few members. Jenny transferred her membership and is now a member of the Jennie Wade Auxiliary No. 27, Department of Pennsylvania. Jenny is also a member of the Catharine Merrill Tent No. 9 (Indianapolis) Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Please join me in congratulating Sister Jennifer Thompson for a job well done!!

During the midwinter business meeting, Jim Floyd, Dept. J.V.C., updated the members on the status of the records of the department. The department has at least eight large boxes of old records. I am sure members probably realize that something should be done to preserve at least some of these records. A motion was passed and seconded to create a "Records Digitization and Storage Committee." The chair of the committee will be Jim Floyd with the following members: the Department Secretary, Department Signals Officer, Department Historian, and Alan Teller, PDC.

This is YOUR Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and I value your comments, suggestions, and concerns. I can be reached at the following e-mail address timbeckman@gmail.com

Ordered this 14th Day of February, 2020

Timothy J. Beckman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Beckman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

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Attested:

William R. Adams

Secretary - Department of Indiana

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