

Proceedings of the  
*136<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment*



# **Department of Indiana**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dennis C. Hutchinson  
Department Commander

## Minutes – 136<sup>th</sup> Department of Indiana Annual Encampment June 4, 2022

The 136th Annual Encampment, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Kokomo Howard County Public Library, South Branch, mailing address 1755 E Center Road, Kokomo IN, on June 4, 2022. Dept. Commander Dennis Hutchinson opened the meeting at 9:35 AM.

After several “Courtesies” were reviewed Commander Hutchinson introduced the National Officer assigned to our Encampment, Shane Milburn PDC. Brother Milburn currently serves on the National Council of Administration and is a Past Department Commander of Ohio. Brother Milburn extended greetings on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette. He then presented several, “talking points” that CinC Paquette asked to be presented. First, he announced that at this years National Encampment there will be a vote regarding the ownership of the Kit Carson monument in New Mexico. He reported that Gettysburg will allow the Departments to place flags once again on veteran’s graves at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg. Another decision to come before the National Encampment will be what to do with the remaining funds that were to pay for an intern this summer at the National headquarters. Her internship is over but there are remaining funds. He requested that examples of all Department Newsletters be sent to National for determination of the best Newsletter award. There will also be discussions about records retention. Brother Milburn announced that a change has been made to the date of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in that if the date should fall on Easter weekend, it will be moved either side of that weekend date.

Commander Hutchinson then led the Encampment in “The Pledge of Allegiance”

The Secretary called the roll of Officers, all were present. Commander Hutchinson conducted the opening ceremony. Chaplain Teller offered the opening prayer.

Commander Hutchinson then asked the Department Secretary to read the Minutes. Alan Teller made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Bruce Kolb, passed.

### Department Officers reports:

Commander, report presented by Dennis Hutchinson, DC  
Sr. Vice Commander, report presented by Jim Floyd, PCC  
Jr. Vice Commander, report presented by Thomas Schmitt, PCC  
Secretary, report presented by Bill Adams, PDC  
Treasurer, report presented by Gib Young, PDC  
Patriotic Instructor, report presented by James Floyd, PCC  
Chaplain, report presented by J. Alan Teller, PDC  
Graves Registration Officer, report by David Hoesli  
Historian, report presented by Bruce Kolb, PDC  
Civil War Memorials Officer, report presented by Mike Beck, PDC  
Eagle Scout Coordinator, report presented by Mike Beck, PDC  
SVR, report presented by Bill Adams, PDC  
GAR Highway Officer, report presented by Bill Adams, PDC  
Gar Records Officer report presented by Bruce Kolb, PDC  
Signal Officers, report presented by Timothy Beckman, PDC  
The Legion Editor, report presented by Gib Young, PDC

### Brief Summary of key information from the Officer Reports:

Secretary Bill Adams noted that the Department had gained a total of 10 members overall for last year. However, we had a total gain of new members of 23, but we lost 13 members through General Drops. He then presented data on gains and losses for the last three years. The data showed we had gained 64 members over the three-year period but had lost 58, leaving us with a net gain of 6 members. The point being that retention of members can be more important than recruiting to growing the Order. Treasurer Gib Young reported that the Department currently had \$10,797.56 in the treasury. In response to Patriotic Instructor Jim Floyds report, Commander Hutchinson noted that 2 camps had no PI. He also pointed out that there was fewer Annual Camp PI report # 40 being turned in by the Camps. Commander Hutchinson urged all Camps that if they don’t have a Patriotic Instructor appoint someone. If your camp has a PI then please turn in the Form #40. Brother Mike Beck reported that the number of Eagle Scout awards given were down this year with a total of 6. He

indicated this reduced number was due to covid concerns. Champion Hill Camp presented 2 awards while Ben Harrison Camp presented 4. One of the 4 went to the first female Eagle Scout to receive the award in Indiana. At the completion of the SVR update report, Captain Mike Beck called forward Sgt. Thomas Schmitt and Pvt. Timothy Beckman to present a Certificate to each recognizing their Commitment to go above and beyond the call of duty. Both over the last two-year period have attended and supported the SVR by attending numerous events. Captain Beck noted that this is new program of recognition and others deserving of recognition will receive acknowledgement at future dates.

#### Camp Reports were as follows:

Orlando Somers Camp #1, report presented by Camp Commander Le Master and inventory submitted  
John W. Foster Camp #2, report presented by Camp Commander Hoesli and inventory submitted  
John Auten Camp #8, report presented by Camp Commander Adams and Inventory submitted  
Champion Hill Camp #17, report presented by Camp Commander Young and inventory submitted  
William Benton Camp #28, report presented by Camp Commander Ashley and inventory submitted  
David D. Porter Camp #116, report presented by Dept. Commander Hutchinson and inventory submitted  
John B. Anderson Camp # 223, report presented by Dept. Commander Hutchinson and inventory submitted  
Benjamin Harrison Camp #356, report presented by Camp commander Kolb and inventory submitted

Commander Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:44 AM for lunch. He requested that all return within an hour!

#### Old Business:

First order of old business was an update by Brother Young on the Last Soldier Committee. Brother Young said they were still trying to gather information on the 1 remaining county, Noble County, where a Last Soldier has not been identified. The Departments website however is up to date on those found and those counties where graves are marked. Commander Hutchinson announced that the term “Last Soldier” is being changed at National to “Last Union Veteran”. He also mentioned that if you purchase the Last Union Veteran marker from the department of Wisconsin, it has the correct verbiage of Last Union Veteran already marked on it. Brother Adams provided an update on the 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana monument at the Vicksburg Battlefield. He reported that he has been unable to make contact with the Park Superintendent Bill Justice. It has been learned that Mr. Justice retired in late 2020. It was also discovered that the park has experienced a number of environmental issues with extreme rain and storms. These weather issue have caused considerable erosion resulting in main roads collapsing and graves in the National Cemetery opening. As a result, considerable effort, time and expense will be needed to return the park to its original condition. Superintendent Justice estimated 3-5 years. Due to these other problems facing the Vicksburg National Military Park it was decided that Brother Adams would continue to monitor the progress at Vicksburg and report back when it seems a better time to pursue the relocation of the 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana, the Missouri and Iowa monuments. Commander Hutchinson indicated that the items of old business, Evansville Memorial Coliseum and Kimmel Park have nothing more to report on them. Bruce Kolb was asked by Commander Hutchinson to report on his evaluation of the National’s and the Department’s Liability Insurance Policies. Brother Kolb agreed to review these policies (see minutes from 2022 Midwinter Encampment) and he provided his thoughts. He said that there were difficulties with both policies. Our current policy is the better one and at a very good rate of a little over \$475 / year. He said some departments are paying from \$1,000 to a high of \$4,000/ year for liability insurance. He discussed problems with both policies but notes that the National Policy was written to cover theatrical and musical events. The National policy said that we would not be covered if someone was injured by an object propelled into a crowd. This type of accident is one of the main reasons we need a liability insurance. Brother Kolb recommended that going forward at all SVR events, or where ever muskets will be fired, that a requirement must be to do an inspection of arms before we begin. He further recommended that we check with the American legion, who has liability coverage and would be similar to what the department requires. Brother Bruce Kolb indicated that we had a good policy but we need to improve the coverage. He asked for the name of the Insurance agent so he could make contact to discuss additional coverage. Brother Alan Teller offered to check with the SVR to find if they had liability insurance coverage. (**Note:** since this Encampment, Brother Teller has reported that the SVR does not have Liability insurance.) Brother Alan Teller made a **motion** that the Treasurer is to pay the premium on our department Liability Insurance for the next 6-month period, supported by Brother Jim Floyd. **Motion** passed unanimously. No new updates on digitation and storage of Department Records. All hardcopy records are stored in plastic boxes. **Note** (See Secretaries report for details) Bruce Kolb reported on the Sultana Monument project. He indicated, as he had

in the 2022 Midwinter Encampment, that he basically started over submitting documents and with planning. The difference now is he is receiving full cooperation from the Marion National Cemetery Staff. SVR events not previously reported or tracked as yet. There was one new event Bill Adams announced. A new WRC Corps is having a Chartering Ceremony June 11<sup>th</sup> at Nappanee, IN. This will be the only WRC Corp operating in Indiana at this time. They are requesting Uniformed SVR support as well as all SUVCW Brothers who can attend to support them. All other events have been added to the SVR activity calendar.

#### New Business:

The first order of new business was to approve a **motion** to reimburse Secretary Bill Adams \$56.12 for the cost of Encampment ribbons. **Motion** approved; Next was a **motion** by Alan Teller to approve the purchase of one (1) Department Commander and one (1) Past Department Commander badges. Both to be purchased at a cost of \$155.00 at the upcoming National Encampment to save on shipping costs. The motion was supported by Jim Floyd. **Motion** approved. Brother Jim Floyd presented two (2) options to consider as ads for the National Encampment Informational Book. Once the choice was made Alan Teller made a **motion** to place a full-page ad using the chosen ad copy at a cost of \$40.00. This **motion** was supported by Travis LeMaster. **Motion** approved. Commander Hutchinson opened discussion on Department Encampment dates. He indicated he was still in favor of holding two (2) Encampment yearly but move the dates to the last week of April for the Annual Encampment and the first week of November to replace the midwinter and make it a mid-year Encampment. He indicated there has also been support for one (1) Encampment per year. Considerable discussion developed about the history of two (2) meetings as well as discussion about the pros and cons of both options. Brother Jim Floyd pointed out that two (2) Camps had no representation at today's meeting and questioned why. He suggested that we survey camps and members regarding reasons why they don't attend Department Encampments. The discussion concluded with Commander Hutchinson suggesting that the new Department Commander appoint a committee to review all options to include reviewing how other Departments do their Encampments and the advantages and disadvantages of one (1) vs. two (2) Encampments per year.

#### New Business from the floor:

Commander Hutchinson then requested if there was any other new business to come before the Encampment. Brother and Department Treasurer Gib Young suggested that the Department Commander appoint a committee of two (2) to three (3) as a "clearing house" to review Camp Projects that may be worthy of receiving financial support from the Department. He said the Department had over \$10,700 in the treasury and projects worthy of support could receive help. There being no further New Business Commander Hutchinson moved on to the Department Election process.

#### Election of Delegates:

The next item of new business was to elect the Indiana Delegates to the 2022 National Encampment August 11-14, 2022 in Grand Rapids, MI. Secretary Adams explained the process and how to determine the number of delegates Indiana is allowed for the National. The Department of Indiana is allowed 10 delegates plus an additional 14 for living Past Department Commanders plus the current Department Commander for a total of 25 votes. Delegates first selected were those who confirmed they were attending, then additional names were added from the floor. **NOTE:** (The 10 delegates names can be found listed on the 2022 Form #49 report) Brother Jim Floyd moved that the names read by Brother Secretary Adams be accepted, supported by Brother Gib Young. **Motion** approved. The Department Encampment approved a **motion** by Brother Teller that, "all remaining Brothers of this Department in Good Standing at the time of this Encampment are hereby elected as Alternates to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." **Motion** Approved.

#### Election of Department Officers

Commander Hutchinson then called for nominations from the floor for any of the elected Department Officer positions. All names placed in nomination were unopposed, therefore Brother Alan Teller made the motion to cast one vote for all nominees. Motion approved, all names in nomination were elected.

Officers elected for 2022 and 2023 were:

Commander, James M. Floyd  
Sr. Vice Commander, Thomas L. Schmitt  
Jr. Vice Commander, Travis J. LeMaster  
Secretary, William R. Adams, PDC  
Assistant Secretary, Jonathan Swarts  
Treasurer, Gilbert H. Young, Jr, PDC  
Council Member #1 Dennis H. Rigsby, PDC  
Council Member #2 Timothy J. Beckman, PDC  
Council Member #3 Dennis C. Hutchinson, PDC

Officers appointed for 2022 and 2023 were:

Assistant Secretary, Jonathan Swarts  
Patriotic Instructor, Brian Mexin  
Chaplain, J. Alan Teller, PDC  
Graves Registration Officer, David Hoesli  
Civil War Memorials Officer, Michael W. Beck, PDC  
Eagle Scout Coordinator, Michael W. Beck, PDC  
GAR Highway, William R. Adams, PDC  
Historian, Bruce R. Kolb, PDC  
Counselor, Bruce R. Kolb, PDC  
GAR Records Officer, Bruce R. Kolb, PDC  
Signals Officer, Timothy J. Beckman, PDC  
Indiana Legion Editor, Gilbert H. Young, Jr., PDC

The Installation of Officers was performed by National Representative and Council of Administration member Shane Milburn, PDC.

Commander Floyd adjourned the meeting.

Respectively Submitted

**William R. Adams**

William R. Adams, PDC  
Secretary, Department of Indiana SUVCW

The attendance sheet will be filed with the minutes. Eighteen (18) Brothers and one (1) National Representative attended.

# Department Officer Reports



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## **Department Commander's Report, covering January through June 2022**

Brother Secretary, William Adams, PDC,

It is my pleasure to submit a report of activities by the Commander of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW, covering January through June of 2022.

I want to congratulate the entire Department of Indiana for carrying on the work of preserving the legacy of the Boys in blue. Much has been accomplished over the past 2 years despite the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. I regret that I haven't visited all of the Camps and participated in more memorial events these past 2 years. I want to point out that 2 of the last 4 Encampments as Department Commander have, unfortunately, occurred virtually. If you count the Encampment when I was elected Commander that would be 3 out of 5 being held virtually. I wish our new Commander "great success" in the coming years.

**Activities of the Department Commander:** The following is a chronological list of activities that I have been involved in.

1. *January 18th* - Participated in the J. W. Foster Camp #2 meeting via Zoom.
2. *January 29th* – As Department Commander, I led the Department of Indiana SUVCW Winter Encampment that was held via Zoom. There were 26 participants in the meeting.
3. *February 6th* – Josh Claybourn, PCC and I participated in presenting the Colors for the 98th annual Lincoln Boyhood Memorial – Lincoln Day. Josh and I were videoed by the Park Service and it was later posted on the National Lincoln Boyhood Memorial - NPS website. The park was closed to the public due to accumulated ice and snow on that day.
4. *February 12th* - I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp #356 meeting via Zoom.
5. *February 15th* - Participated in the J. W. Foster Camp #2 meeting via Zoom.
6. *March 12th* - I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp #356 meeting via Zoom.
7. *March 15th* - Participated in the J. W. Foster Camp #2 meeting via Zoom.
8. *April 19th* - Participated in the J. W. Foster Camp #2 meeting via Zoom.
9. *April 30th* – Participated in the Commander in Chief Spring Meeting with Department Commanders that was held via Zoom.

10. *May 14th* – Participated at the Lincoln Pioneer Village Heritage day by having a booth promoting membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and having a “Living History” displaying Civil War arms, clothing, accouterments, demonstrations and etc.
11. *May 17th* - Participated in the J. W. Foster Camp #2 meeting via Zoom.
12. *May 29th* – As of this writing, I plan to participate in the ceremony for the Last Civil War Soldier of Warren County, Indiana - Pvt. Daniel Webster Reed of Company F, 72nd Indiana Infantry.
13. *June 4th* – As Department Commander, I will lead the 136th Annual Department of Indiana SUVCW Encampment held at the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library South Branch, in Kokomo. This was my last Encampment as Department Commander.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, this 19th day of May 2022.

Dennis Hutchinson



Commander – Department of Indiana SUVCW



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



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I am pleased to report my activities from January 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022:

- On January 13, 2022 I participated in the Department of Indiana Officer meeting held via Zoom.
- On January 29, 2022 I participated in the virtual Department of Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment.
- On February 12, 2022 I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 meeting in person.
- On March 12, 2022 I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 meeting via Zoom.
- On March 20-26, 2022 I travelled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where I conducted additional research on Indiana soldiers buried in the National Cemetery. I also checked the Woolson Monument, the Indiana monuments and Indiana graves and found all to be well maintained.
- On April 9, 2022 I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 meeting in person.
- On April 10, 2022 I travelled to Capitol Hill Cemetery in Cambridge City to survey the vandalism.
- On April 15, 2022 I participated in Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 grave headstone cleaning and resetting pre-planning at Acton Cemetery, Acton, Indiana.
- On April 22, 2022 I participated in Sons of Veterans Reserve honor guard at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.
- On April 30, 2022 I visited the Dubois County Museum in Jasper, Indiana to view the Co. K, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry flag. The flag was conserved and is honorably displayed. Numerous Grand Army of the Republic badges, ribbons, and photographs are appropriately displayed.
- On May 15, 2022 I participated in the annual Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 Civil War headstone cleaning and resetting conducted this year at Acton Cemetery, Acton, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

James M. Floyd, Jr., PCC  
Senior Vice Department Commander  
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# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

For Summer Encampment

Scheduled For June 4, 2022

Submitted by Thomas L Schmitt

Since the Midwinter Encampment, I have received no inquiries about new membership. This is a steep decline from the previous period in which I had a total of nine. Some camps did very well in recruiting new members

### Events Attended

Midwinter Encampment by Zoom

February 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> Attended the Show of Shows in Louisville Ky.

March 19, Attended Military show in Kalamazoo Mi, with two perspective members met with 4 SUVCW members while there

March 27<sup>th</sup> Participated in an eagle scout ceremony for two brothers, both are eagle scouts. We should be getting more of these as I have gotten to know the Northeast Indiana Scout leader and see him weekly. He says he will provide more names.

April 16<sup>th</sup> Attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and later the ceremony at the Stephenson monument.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Attended the ceremony at Marion National Cemetery

April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> Attended the Redbud Rendezvous in Rochester In. Presented a one-hour civil war marine Program

May 13<sup>th</sup> Attended a program in Churubusco In. In uniform with men in uniform from all the major wars

May 14<sup>th</sup> Checked the GAR highway from Ligonier to the Ohio line. Found the sign at highway 13 was missing, however there was construction going on and it will likely be put back up.

May 21<sup>st</sup> attended the S-bags event in Mishawaka In, there was enough help at our table so I attended the presentations

I have spent many hours working on the design of the new civil war Monument that will be installed at the Veterans Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne. There were a lot of discussions and changes made. I thought it could be better. There were just too many noncivil war people involved with the man and wife who are paying for it. I will show pictures of the drawings the monument company is working from. Hopefully I will receive them before the encampment.

As the commander of the CRA I wanted to do a ceremony with the ladies' groups and I know that the 30<sup>th</sup> Indiana always fires a volley at Mother Georges grave on Memorial Day. I have been looking into that as a project. The plan is to have the Ceremony on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Saturday closest to her birthday. I have an Abe Lincoln speaking. The 30<sup>th</sup> Indiana will be there to help with the volleys and flags. Some members of the ladies' groups are planning to attend. I am working on the county historian to speak and I think a local politician want to be involved. I still need to get this approved by the cemetery board, which should not be a problem. If I can get this all arranged the SUVCW should be the lead group in this ceremony. If you do not know about Mother George her story is something worth looking into. As far as I can find she is the only female buried with full military honors. And she certainly deserves to be honored

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Thomas L. Schmitt  
Jr. Vice Commander Department of Indiana  
SUVCW

**Department of Indiana Secretary Report 2022**

**136<sup>th</sup> annual Encampment**

**June 4, 2022**

**Thank-you to all 8 Camps for their extra effort in getting the Form 22 and 27 reports completed in a timely manner and sent to me! I want to single out one new camp secretary, Brother Fred Leickly of John B. Anderson Camp. Brother Leickly started his first year as camp secretary. He was unable to get the previous reports due to some software issues but with only a few questions he completed the Form #27 on time and correctly the first time!**

**There are several Forms that have been updated for this year. Form 7 ROTC Awards, Form 30 and the Patriotic Instructor reports form 40, 41 & 42.**

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<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b>G 17</b>	<b>G 24</b>	<b>G 23</b>
<b>L 29</b>	<b>L 16</b>	<b>L 13</b>
<b>Total -12</b>	<b>Total +9</b>	<b>Total +10</b>
<b>App 14</b>	<b>App 19</b>	<b>App 16</b>
<b>Gen 22</b>	<b>Gen 11</b>	<b>Gen 11</b>

**Over this three-year period, we gained 64 members. During the same time, we also lost 58 members. These numbers reflect all reasons for gains and losses. As you can see the net gain is 6 members.**

**65% of the losses were due to drops. Members who did not pay their next year's dues? Why did we lose these members? They lost interest, didn't feel they were valued, or the SUVCW was not what they**

**expected? We need to know why, it's each Camps responsibility to find out because I would dare say that in many cases it's our own current camp members who are at fault for the loss. Current members are key to recruiting new members and if we have disgruntled members hey are not going to sing our praises to others.**

**Had we only reduced the General Drops in half we would have added 22 additional members to our current number of 227. (249) So, I would suggest that retention is just, if not more important as recruiting! We already have a member who showed an interest in the Civil War and the SUVCW. He is educated about the Organization to some extent I would think. We don't have to look for those interests somewhere as we would recruiting. More must be done in this area of membership.**

**Commander, I would suggest that we consider investigating in depth the causes for General drops and create ways to reduce them.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

**William Adams PDC**

**Secretary, department of Indiana**

**SUVCW**



## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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I am pleased to report my activities from January 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022:

- On January 29, 2022 I attended the Department of Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment conducted virtually via Zoom.
- On January 28, 2022 I prepared and distributed a patriotic instruction entitled “Grand Army of the Republic.”
- On January 28, 2022 I distributed the National Patriotic Instruction .
- On February 17, 2022 I distributed a Patriotic Instruction prepared by *Department Patriotic Instructor in Training* Brother Brian Mexin, Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 entitled “Oliver P. Morton.”
- On February 19, 2022 I distributed the National Patriotic Instruction.
- On March 4, 2022 I distributed the National Patriotic Instruction.
- On March 21, 2022 under my direction *Department Patriotic Instructor in Training* Brother Brian Mexin, Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 prepared and distributed a patriotic instruction entitled “Garland H. White.”
- On April 1, 2022 I prepared and submitted Form 41, the Department of Indiana Patriotic Instructor Report to National Patriotic Instructor Brother Benjamin Frail.
- On April 1, 2022 I distributed a flag half-staff alert.
- On April 15, 2022 under my direction *Department Patriotic Instructor in Training* Brother Brian Mexin, Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 prepared and distributed a patriotic instruction entitled “President Lincoln’s Household Cavalry.”
- On May 4, 2022 I distributed a flag half-staff alert.
- On May 4, 2022 I distributed the April 2022 National Patriotic Instruction.
- On May 12, 2022 I distributed a flag half-staff alert
- On May 14, 2022 I prepared and distributed a patriotic instruction entitled “Patriotic Instruction.”
- On May 24, 2022 I distributed a flag half-staff alert
- On May 25, 2022 I participated in national patriotic instructor meeting conducted virtually.

Respectfully submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

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Department Patriotic Instructor  
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**Signals Officer Report**

Here are my activities since the 2022 Midwinter Encampment:

Hosted and attended the virtual Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment on January 29, 2022. The department's Pro Zoom account was also utilized for this encampment.

Added email aliases for all Department of Indiana officers and updated the website with these new email addresses on January 29, 2022. This should significantly reduce the amount of spam that has been recently sent to the department officers. Special thanks to Dept. SVC Jim Floyd for his assistance in this manner.

Updated Last Soldier page on the Department of Indiana website on February 2, 2022, with the Last Soldier of Floyd and Owen Counties.

Assisted our Indiana Legion newsletter editor, Gib Young, with formatting of the Indiana Legion newsletter, Issue 1-22, which was published and distributed out on the Department of Indiana Google Group e-mail list and posted to the department website on April 16, 2022.

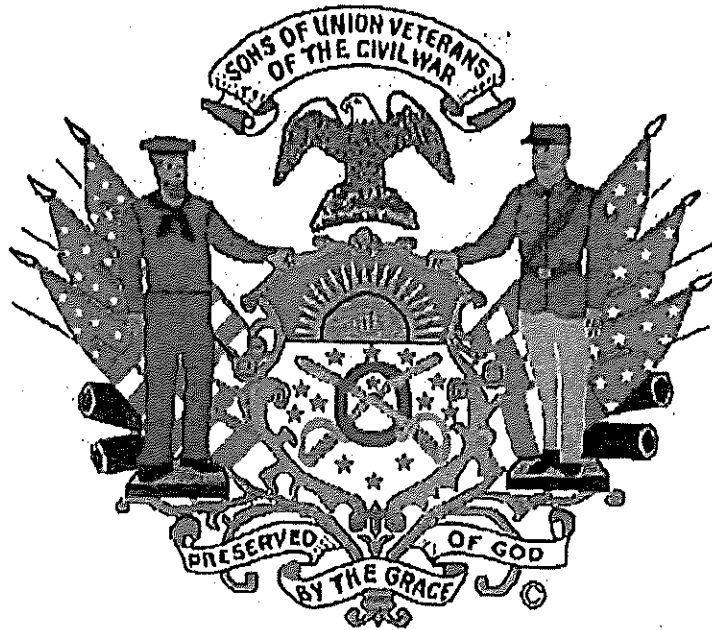
The Department of Indiana Pro Zoom account was used by the following camps for their meetings during the period February 2022 through May 2022: John W. Foster Camp No. 2 and the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356.

I continue in the role of Co-moderator of the Department of Indiana Google Group e-mail list. There are currently 160 registered users in the group. I encourage all brothers to sign up for this if they have not already done so as this list has proven to be a very effective communication tool. Sign up is easy. Just send an email to me at [timbeckman@gmail.com](mailto:timbeckman@gmail.com) to request to be added to this group.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, this 4th day of June, 2022.

Timothy J. Beckman

Signals Officer  
Department of Indiana  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Dear Brothers:

I have had numerous emails requesting information about the GAR posts in Indiana and our membership records. I have been able to respond to each request in a timely manner.

I am still making SUVCW members and the public aware of the law concerning Cemetery Preservation (IC14-21-2) as it pertains to the sale and purchase of GAR grave markers in Indiana which at this time is still illegal.

Respectfully submitted this *4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022*

Bruce R. Kolb, PDC  
Camp Commander Ben Harrison Camp #356  
GAR Records Officer  
Department Historian





**COMPANY D. 27<sup>TH</sup> INDIANA SVR**  
**SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**  
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**2022 Activity Report: 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana SVR**  
**January 1 – May 31**

January 29, 2022

The Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment was held via Zoom, January 29, 2022. Therefore, the SVR did not participate as the Color Guard at this Encampment.

February 7, 2022

This year's Lincoln's Boyhood Home event was held virtually on Facebook due to ice and snow on the Parks walkways. Two members of Co D 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana SVR did attend in person by invite from the National Park Service. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Dennis Hutchinson and Pvt. Josh Claybourn were asked to come and be video recorded while posting colors and presenting wreaths at the Nancy Hanks grave site. Both were in uniform.

April 16, 2022

The 2022 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield Illinois was again held in person at the Lincoln Tomb. I received a report of one Co. D 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana member, Sgt. Tom Schmitt attending, in uniform, this year.

April 22, 2022

Members of the 27th SVR, Joined Ben Harrison Camp members, and members of the Department of Indiana participated in final honors for brother William Jourdan at Marion National Cemetery. In uniform were Bruce Kolb, Mike Beck, Jim Floyd, Tim Beckman, Tom Schmitt, Brian Mexin, David Tilden, and Gib Young. Also attending was SVR member Joe Beckman.

May 29, 2022

Orlando Somers Camp, 1 conducted a "Last Solider" ceremony for Pvt. Daniel Webster Reed of Warren County. The Color Guard and Rifle Squad was provided by the 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana. Present in uniform were Bruce Kolb, Dennis Hutchinson, Stephon Hagman, Dr. Fred Leickly, Brian Mexin and Randy McNally

May 30, 2022

Ben Harrison Camp 356 held their Memorial Day Program attended by SVR Members in uniform, Bruce Kolb, Tim Beckman, Mike Beck, and Brian Mexin.



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### Department of Indiana Annual Encampment June 4, 2022

#### GAR Highway Officers Activity Report from December 31, 2021 to June 4, 2022

I am pleased to report that signage on the entire length of the GAR Highway, US 6, are in proper placement and in excellent condition across Indiana.

While all signage at this time remains correct and in excellent shape, there are two signs that need to be placed at the intersection of Indiana 39 and US 6 in La Porte County. There were signs at this intersection in June, 2021. I have reported this situation to INDOT. Two new signs have been added at US 421 and US 6.

Reporting on the eastern half of US 6, Brother Tom Schmitt reports he found the sign at highway 13 missing, however there was construction going on and it will likely be put back up. We will continue to monitor.

I wish to thank Brother Tom Schmitt who continues to drive the eastern portion of US 6 and provides updated reports on the US 6 signage.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

**William R. Adams**

William R. Adams PDC  
GAR Highway Officer  
Department of Indiana, SUVCW



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA**  
**GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER**



**Graves Registration Annual Encampment Report**

January 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022

To: Department of Indiana Secretary, William Adams, PDC

I have the honor to report the status and activities of the Graves Registration for the Department of Indiana from January 1 through May 31, 2022.

As of May 19, 2022, there were a total of 39,177 Civil War soldiers buried in Indiana who were registered on the Graves Registration database. This reflects an increase of 427 new additions and 3 removals within the database. Most of the increases were in Floyd County, Indiana having added 159 new veterans followed by Shelby County 84 and Posey County 41. Consequently, 46 out of Indiana’s 92 counties contributed to the increase. The overall total is based on an “Indiana” search only. A search by individual counties reflects a different overall total. This is due in large part to 1,627 veterans entered without a named county. The following data is a “by-county” search.

The counties from Indiana with the largest total number of veterans on the Graves Registration database are as follows:

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. *Wayne – 2,373   | 6. Cass – 1,312      |
| 2. Allen – 1,542    | 7. Howard – 1,133    |
| 3. Marion – 1,527   | 8. Kosciusko – 1,066 |
| 4. Grant – 1,443    | 9. Hamilton – 1,035  |
| 5. Lawrence – 1,313 | 10. Clinton – 1,007  |

\*Includes an estimated 800 duplicates.

The following is a breakdown of the contribution to the Graves Registration project by county:

<i>County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Increase/Decrease</i>
Adams	351	0
Allen	1,542	+2
Bartholomew	580	0
Benton	184	0
Blackford	402	0
Boone	244	+15

Brown	284	0
Carroll	598	-1
Cass	1,312	0
Clark	193	0
Clay	42	0
Clinton	1,007	-1
Crawford	630	0
Davies	234	+2
Dearborn	817	+24
Decatur	28	+1
DeKalb	229	+1
Delaware	911	0
Dubois	172	+4
Elkhart	134	+2
Fayette	210	+1
Floyd	970	+159
Fountain	66	+2
Franklin	311	- 1
Fulton	486	0
Gibson	173	+3
Grant	1,443	+6
Greene	70	+8
Hamilton	1,035	0
Hancock	192	+2
Harrison	152	+2
Hendricks	134	+4
Henry	121	+2
Howard	1,133	0
Huntington	714	+1
Jackson	102	+1
Jasper	33	+1
Jay	503	+1
Jefferson	157	+2
Jennings	52	0
Johnson	327	0

Knox	166	+1
Kosciusko	1,066	+3
LaPorte	254	0
Lagrange	387	+3
Lake	135	+1
Lawrence	1,313	0
Madison	356	+2
Marion	1,527	+5
Marshall	496	+1
Martin	105	0
Miami	65	0
Monroe	161	+2
Montgomery	275	+3
Morgan	86	+1
Newton	248	0
Noble	816	0
Ohio	81	+1
Orange	169	0
Owen	982	0
Parke	486	0
Perry	227	0
Pike	171	0
Porter	471	0
Posey	282	+41
Pulaski	326	0
Putnam	36	0
Randolph	221	0
Ripley	213	+1
Rush	31	+1
St. Joseph	158	+1
Scott	30	0
Shelby	201	+84
Spencer	492	+2
Starke	336	0
Steuben	220	+1

Sullivan	48	0
Switzerland	104	+1
Tippecanoe	748	0
Tipton	580	0
Union	19	0
Vanderburgh	652	+1
Vermillion	40	+2
Vigo	40	+2
Wabash	237	+1
Warren	272	0
Warrick	165	+5
Washington	160	+1
Wayne	2,373	0
Wells	412	0
White	402	0
Whitley	467	0
Unknown County	<u>1,627</u>	<u>+13</u>
<b>Total</b>	39,177	+427 New Entries -3 Removals

This final amount 39,177 is inclusive of duplicates and veterans that have no regiment and or cemetery location listed. For example, Wayne County alone has an estimated 800 duplicate entries. The effort to remove or update these discrepancies is ongoing. Likewise, these reductions in duplicates and errors will offset any gains that a county may have uploaded to the database as well as any overall totals.

In conclusion, the final total of 39,177 Indiana veterans in the database would be in my opinion the most accurate less any duplicates. Again, this total includes an increase of 427 newly entered Indiana soldiers and 3 removals.

The Indiana Department Graves Registration Annual Report for 2022 is hereby submitted.

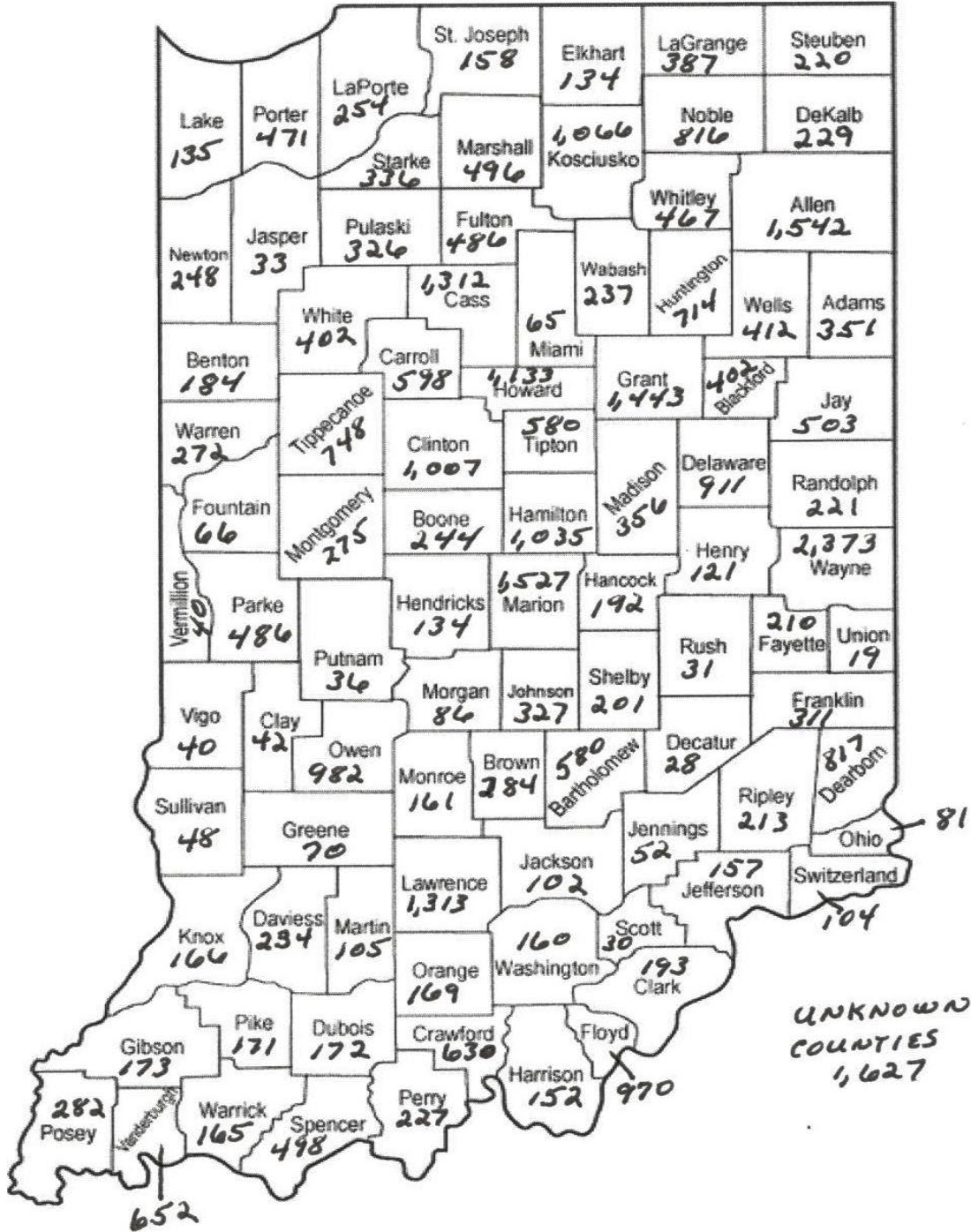
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



Graves Registration Officer

Department of Indiana SUVCW

TOTAL 39,177



# Camp Reports



**June 4, 2022 Annual Encampment**  
**Orlando A. Somers Camp, No. 1**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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We have 34 members including two Juniors. We have gained 2 members, since the January Midwinter Encampment.

Our membership has custodial duties for a Civil War cannon located in Highland Park, Kokomo, Indiana. Once a month, a Somers Camp member cleans the enclosure and the cannon.

Our meetings are at the South Branch of the Kokomo Howard County Public Library, 1755 East Center Road, Kokomo, Indiana 46902

**January 16**, (7 members attended, 1 guest) Brother Hagman donated Civil War trousers for the cannon mannequin. Camp made plans to participate in the Kokomo First Friday event in May. The birthday of camp's namesake, Orlando A. Somers was recognized January 24th. Commander LeMaster presented a program on the funeral of Orlando A. Somers using the program found at the Indiana State Library.

**February 19**, (5 members attended) Brother Godby contacting local schools for a naming contest of the cannon mannequin. Plans discussed for having the camp's charter re-lettered. Brother Larry Myers presented a program on Civil War sharpshooters and their equipment.

**March 19**, (5 members, 4 guests attended) Discussed marker for the Warren County Last Soldier. Camp flag to be ordered. Local historian Gil Porter gave a talk on the early history of Kokomo and Howard County.

**April 16**, (5 members attended) Discussion of the 40th Anniversary of the camp and potential celebration this year. Discussion of cleanup project and marker repair in Thrailkill Cemetery in Swayzee. No program.

**May 6** Camp held a recruiting booth at downtown Kokomo during the First Friday event. Five members participated, three in Civil War uniforms. Distributed membership brochures and answered questions about the organization.

**May 21** (7 members attended) Transfer of Junior member Patrick Taber into camp from Department of the Southwest. Initiated new member Robert Clyde. Finalized plans for the Last Soldier Ceremony in Warren County. Commander LeMaster gave a presentation on H.W. Brands "The Zealot and the Emancipator: John Brown, Abraham Lincoln and the Struggle for American Freedom".

**May 29 - Last Soldier Ceremony - Warren County** Highland Cemetery, Williamsport. Honored Pvt. Daniel Webster Reed, Co. F, 72nd Indiana Infantry, as the last Union soldier buried in Warren County. This is the 9th Last Soldier ceremony that Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1 has completed. Involvement from local Boy Scouts and SVR in the ceremony.

**Orlando A Somers Camp # 1  
Property / Inventory  
January, 2022**

- 1 Charter dated 08/05/1982**
- 1 Bible**
- 1 Lectern**
- 3 Large Ritual Books**
- 1 Small Ritual Books**
- 2 Framed Photos of Orlando A. Somers**
- 1 Mourning Cloth for draping charter**
- 1 Gavel**
- 1 Wreath w/tripod stand**
- 1 Vinyl Banner - 3' x 6' single sided - Orlando A Somers Camp # 1 (\$100 value)**
- 1 SUVCW Banner from early 1900s Blue with Gold Lettering  
(Alan Teller has rolled up in a closet. (Confirmed 01/07/2021))**
- 1 GAR Banner "POST No 30 GAR KOKOMO, IND (very damaged, presented to the  
camp by Allen Moore 03/18/06, and framed by David Bastin.  
(01/07/21 Alan Teller's possession in metal cabinet in basement)  
Alan's guess this was carried by Harrison Post in parades**



## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

JOHN W. FOSTER CAMP No. 2

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

**Camp Commander**

**Annual Encampment Camp Report**

January 1 to June 1, 2022



To: Department of Indiana Secretary, William Adams, PDC

I have the honor to report the status and activities of the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 from January 1 to June 1, 2022.

**A. Meetings Held:** The Camp held a total of (6) virtual meetings from June to November 2021. No meeting was held in December 2021.

Camp meeting dates were:

January 18, 2022

April 19, 2022

February 15, 2022

May 17, 2022

March 15, 2022

**B. Membership:** The Camp began the year with a total of 16 Brothers. The Camp had no new members join and no members withdrew.

**C. Treasurer's Report:** The Camp as of May 31, has an account balance of \$804.78

**D. Representation of the Camp and SUVCW in the Community:**

Lincoln Pioneer Village Heritage Days, May 14, 2022 – Department Commander Dennis Hutchinson presented a Civil War Living History with tent, muskets, accoutrements etc. for the public at the Rockport Lincoln Pioneer Village Heritage Days at Rockport, IN. During the event Camp Commander David Hoesli and Jr. Vice Commander Harold Robinson were available to assist in giving information about the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 and the SUVCW.

**E. Last Soldier Project:** The John W. Foster Camp has begun the process of recognizing the last soldier of Orange County, IN. The last soldier is Sgt. Thomas J. Cave, a member of Co. E, 18<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. Pvt Cave was born in Dubois County, Indiana 11 September 1844 and passed away on 7 December 1940. He attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Reunion at age 95 and has been identified in the 75th Gettysburg Reunion videos. The Last Soldier Dedication is scheduled for 29 August 2022 at Ames Chapel Cemetery in Paoli, Indiana.

**F. Cemetery Projects:** The John W. Foster Camp has embarked on a large-scale cemetery project that will result in the resetting of approximately 60 military headstones in addition to the replacement of approximately 75 military headstones at Bellefontaine Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, IN. One third of the soldiers buried at Bellefontaine died at the Mt. Vernon, IN. U.S. General Hospital during the Civil War. The remaining number were buried after the war and include a small number of Spanish American war veterans as well as one Indian War and WW I veteran. The research to find unknown named soldiers has been ongoing since February of 2022 with the first of 7 rows of headstones scheduled to be completed in June 2022.

**G. Coliseum GAR Farragut Post #27 Records:** The GAR records previously stored at the Evansville Coliseum have now been removed to the University of Southern Indiana and all records of the Farragut Post #27 have been microfilmed and due to be uploaded to the University of Southern Indiana archive's website soon. Yet to be completed are the Womens Relief Corps and the Daughters of the Union Records.

**H. Grave Memorial Ceremonies:** There is one grave memorial ceremony scheduled to date for the Camp that being the Last Soldier Ceremony in August of 2022. In addition, there may be a dedication ceremony of the Bellefontaine Cemetery headstones either in late 2022 or early 2023.

**I. Camp Inventory:** The Camp reports the following articles in our inventory:

1. John W. Foster Camp No. 2 Charter.
2. Horace Greely Award for "Most Outstanding Camp website during the 2013-2014 administrative year".
3. One complete set of station banners.
4. SUVCW John W. Foster Camp No. 2 Memorial wreath.
5. John W. Foster Camp No. 2 banner to be used at events.
6. Three SUVCW membership medals.

### ***Summary***

The decrease in the Covid-19 has eased the restrictions the Camp has endured over the past couple years allowing the Camp to raise membership, complete projects, attend and organize events. While the Camp still held monthly virtual meetings, it was able to attend events since last September. The stability of the Camp is great and the future bright for the John W. Foster Camp No. 2.

**Inclusive of this report is the Roster of the John W. Foster Camp No. 2.**

This Annual Camp Report is hereby submitted.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David J. Furb".

Commander

John W. Foster Camp #2

Department of Indiana



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136<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Indiana Encampment - June 4, 2022

The following reports the activities of John Auten Camp 8, South Bend from January 29, 2022 to June 4, 2022. Our camp meets every other month. We held camp meetings in January, March and May. All meetings were held in person in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church or at the St. Joseph County Public Library. Virtual Connection was offered for our two Dual members living in Arizona and Tennessee.

The membership of John Auten Camp, 8 South Bend currently stands at 18 members. Since the Chartering of the camp in 2018 we have increased our membership by 11 members. Our most recent addition was Terry Scherer who was received into the Camp and the Order through the Initiation Ceremony May 3<sup>rd</sup> at a specially called meeting for that purpose.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> John Auten camp attended the Red Bud Rendezvous in Fulton County. The camp set up a tent and display table on the grounds of the Fulton County Historical Society to meet and engage the public in discussions and to teach them about the Civil War and the SUVCW. John Auten Camp is designated an educational group by the society and as such are asked to present programs during both days of the event.

May 21<sup>st</sup> John Auten Camp participated in the annual South Bend Area Genealogical Society Conference at the Mishawaka Public Library. SBAGS Annual Conference brings historical, heritage, and genealogical groups together so they may interface with the public. The conference morning and afternoon sessions were presented by a member of the National Archives. The afternoon session was on how to use the NA to research Civil War Records.

Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> the camp held its Annual Memorial Day program at Bowman Cemetery in South Bend. We were joined by WRC National Vice-President Elizabeth Thurston and Penny Bucks of Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 of the LGAR. Live fiddle music was presented by Eric Fiechtner, son of Brother Greg Fiechtner.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

*William R. Adams*

William R. Adams PDC

Camp Commander

SUVCW

Camp Inventory Listing  
John Auten Camp #8, South Bend IN  
June 4, 2022

1. (1) Camp Charter for John Auten Camp, SUVCW
2. (1) 19" X 24" wooden frame (for charter)
3. (1) 22" X 27" picture frame carrying case
4. (1) King James Version Bible
5. (1) Blue 40" X 68" Alter cloth
6. (1) Black 40" X 68" cloth
7. (1) Wooden Gavel
8. (1) Large size SUVCW ritual book
9. (1) 30" X 48" John Auten Camp Vinyl Banner
10. (1) Black plastic portable file case.
11. (1) 4' X 6' Camp Flag and 9' Flag pole w/ Army Spear
12. (1) 4' x 6' American Flag and 9' flag pole w/ Gold Eagle
13. (2) 8 # Indoor Flag pole stands
14. (2) Vinyl Flag & flag pole set storage cases
15. (1) 20" grapevine wreath with red, white, and blue flowers w/ stand
16. (1) 16" Blue Ribbon wrapped wreath w/ stand



## Camp Commander's Report – June 2022

Camp 17 held an Eagle Scout Award Ceremony on March 27 in Fort Wayne Indiana for twin brothers. Brothers Tom Schmitt, Isaac Beem, and Gib Young were in attendance.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> Brother Tom Schmitt represented the camp and the department at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield Illinois.

On April 22 Brothers Dave Tilden, Tom Schmitt, and Gib Young helped for the color guard of the 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana SVR at the services for a brother of the Dept. of Indiana, SUVCW at the Marion National Cemetery.

On the evening of April 22 Camp Commander Gib Young attended the JROTC Ball and Banquet of the Huntington North High School JROTC in Huntington to present an award to the outstanding cadet of their unit. That same day Brother Schmitt attended the Redbud Rendezvous in Rochester Ind. and gave a talk on Civil War Marines.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> Brother Young spoke to the military history class at Lafayette Jefferson High School.

Over the winter months several more graves of Civil War Veterans were recorded and reported to the Brother Hoesli. Some stones were cleaned by individuals of the camp..

May 28<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo New York Brother Young was the keynote speaker at the unveiling of the Civil War Casualty plaque at the Civil War Memorial in Waterloo New York and spoke at the Memorial Day Museum in that town.

SUVCW - Items on loan from the Department, given as gifts to Camp 17, or collected and donated by Champion Hill Camp #17 to the Dept of Indiana.

Date	Donor	Item
05/30/00	Stetzel, Brice. Huntington, Ind.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegate ribbon and badge , Dept. of Indiana encampment, Anderson, Indiana May 12-14, 1903 (value \$50.00 to \$65.00)</li> <li>2. Badge from Chicago encampment of the GAR in 1900. made of capture cannon and inscribed. (value \$65.00 to \$100.00)</li> <li>3. Delegate badge of Dept of Indiana encampment, Richmond, Indiana May 1911 (value \$50.00 to \$65.00)</li> <li>4. May 13, 1911 - Program GAR/SUV Richmond Ind. (value \$20.00)</li> <li>5. Photograph of Isaiah Sours circa 1880. 130<sup>th</sup> Ind (owner of items 1, 2,3,4)</li> <li>6. Photograph of Isaiah Sours family On Markle Road, circa 1926</li> </ol>
07/13/00	Wertenberger Tire	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glass display case, with light, 5 ft. (\$200.00 cost to purchase from Oppenheims Dept Store in North Manchester.</li> </ol>
07/13/00	Stine's Printing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glass display case, 6 ft, (donated from Stine's office inventory)</li> </ol>
07/28/00	Archie Lintz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negatives of portraits in GAR room Lincoln, Grant, Meade, Thomas, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman – taken June 24, 1987 by Rickerts Studio – Huntington Ind. Value \$50.00 +</li> </ol>
12/01/00	Robert Zent	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An original letter from A.R. Lange Co. F, 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana Inf. to Col. S. Zent asking for assistance in verifying disability. June 16, 1886 Has Zent's reply on back side.</li> </ol>
12/01/00	Stan Matheny	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reunion Ribbon, 34<sup>th</sup> Ind. I.V.I.</li> </ol>

Huntington Ind.

Morton Rifles - Huntington, Ind.  
Sept 11, 1913. 31<sup>st</sup> Reunion

- |  |                                    |  |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 4/11/01<br>Huntington Ind.   | Brice Stetzel                      | 1. Original 1864 Springfield rifle and bayonet carried by his great grandfather, Isaiah Sours during the Civil War. It was purchased, along with his Accoutrements, at the end of the war and kept Mr. Sours home, still located on the north side of Hwy 224 east of Hwy 105. (In gun case)   |
| 5/18/01<br>Huntington, Ind.  | Brice Stetzel                      | 1. Reunion Ribbon, Red, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Indiana Battery, Huntington, Ind. Oct. 12, 1911-25 <sup>th</sup> reunion  |
| 6/01/01<br>Huntington, Ind.  | Bill Abbott                        | 1. Copy of Photograph of Reunion of 130 <sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf. at Old Fairgrounds, Huntington, Ind.   |
| 6/01/01<br>Huntington, Ind.  | Jim Wertenberger                   | 1. Print of Battle of Champion Hill  |
| 6/01/01<br>Huntington, Ind.  | Bob Fettinger                      | 1. Painting of Battle of Champion Hill   |
| 1/28/02<br>Bluffton, Ind.  | Dr. Neal Pitts                     | 1. Program Booklet of 52 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment of the GAR held in New Castle, Indiana, June 8,9,10,11 - 1931   |
| 1/25/03<br>Stan Matheny, Steve Williams, Gib Young<br>Huntington, Ind. | Jim Wertenberger                   | 1. Silk Banner of the Huntington County Battalion of the GAR. Over 110 years old, probably used at a state or national encampment.   |
| 6/24/07<br>3-21/08   | Steve Williams<br>Jim Wertenberger | 1. GAR Flag Stand.<br>1. Confederate Belt Buckle with a minnie' ball in a glass covered wooden case.   |
| 3/1/17   | John Eger                          | 1. Two book cases  |
| 8/7/2020   | Bill Whitestine                    | 1. Framed Poster of Indiana and the Civil War Sesquicentennial. 2011 Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board letter is on the back.<br>2. Porcelin decorated CW canteen given as a gift from Asa Whitestine to John Whitestine<br>3. Blue folder with original 'Special Order 120' to Lt. John Whitestine dated June 16, 1865. And a postcard from July 1904 inviting John Whitestine to attend a reunion of the 47 <sup>th</sup> Indiana in Wabash July 28, 2904. |

On loan from the Dept. Of Indiana

June 3, 2000 - Kokomo, Indiana

Date Name Item

06/03/00 Dept of Ind. SUVCW

- a. Rifled Musket - .58 1861 Springfield, 600s - excellent condition
- b. Rifled Musket - .58 1863/64 Springfield, type II ARA - very good condition, no ramrod
- c. Rifled Musket - .58 1863 LG&Y - WINDSORVt - very good condition, No ramrod
- d. No site
- e. Rifled Musket - .58 1861 Contract E. Robinson - New York - good condition, no ramrod - Letters P H carved on left side of stock
- f. Regulation .58 bayonet stamped US
- g. Regulation .58 bayonet stamped US
- h. Regulation .58 bayonet stamped US
- i. Regulation .58 bayonet stamped US
- j. Bronze GAR Grave Marker & post.
- k. Black felt pad (12x18) probably used to display GAR ribbons
- l. 35 Ribbons & Badges (Packaged and numbered according to the list presented by the department at the annual encampment.)

Historical Flags (Set given to SUV in 1961 - mounted on numbered staffs)

- m. Cromwell English Flag
- n. 50 Star Flag - Eagle Filial
- o. George Washington Flag (plate on staff reads, " Presented by Military Order of Lady Bugs Circle 10, August 1961)
- p. 13 Star Flag - circa 1783
- q. 15 Star Flag - 1792
- r. 20 Star Flag - 1818
- s. 28 Star Flag - 1846
- t. 34 Star Flag - 1861
- u. 45 Star Flag - 1898
- v. 48 Star Flag - 1912
- w. 12. 50 Star Flag - circa 1959 (4x6)  
(June 9, 01 - At the dept. encampment a unanimous vote authorized the Champion Hill, Camp 17 to retire the three heavily stained flags and donate the others to Forks of the Wabash Historic Park in Huntington, Ind.)

1. Papers of Reynolds Camp (unknown value)
  - a. A list of 250 Union Soldiers from Tippecanoe County who were killed during the Civil War. The list was compiled by Thomas Horn, past Dept. Commander of the SUVCW.
  - b. Two documents representing post membership in the GAR. The documents are dated 1922 and 1928
  - c. Five applications for membership in the GAR. Four are from Marion County.
  - d. There is a record book containing the names of 666 soldier. The entries include name, rank, army unit, enlistment and discharge dates. Many entries have the names of two witnesses. This appears to be applications for a \$100.00 bounty for enlistment. A few applications were rejected.
  - e. Several miscellaneous items related to recent souvenir programs.
2. Scrapbook of Mrs. Florence Bodle of Lafayette – 1958. (One Banner newsletter dated Nov.-Dec. 1956, one old photo showing two CW veterans walking down a cobblestone street, little else in the scrapbook)
3. Nylon Flag – 48 Star – tie on
4. Nylon Flag – 50 Star – grommet

5. 3ft flag cloth case for the colors
6. Assorted decorative lapel flags, pins, & patriotic displays
  - a. one Texas 3x5 flag
  - six 49 star US 3x5 flags

Sept 17, 2000 – by Alan Loomis for the Dept of Indiana SUVCW

Booklets

Rituals & Ceremonials – no date

1948 Roster – Commandery-In-Chief SUVCW

1952 4<sup>TH</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1953 5<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1954 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1955 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1957 9<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program (2)

1961 13<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1962 14<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1963 15<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1964 16<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1965 17<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1966 18<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1967 19<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment Program

1955 74<sup>th</sup> National Encampment suvcw

1957 76<sup>th</sup> National Encampment suvcw

1980 Department of Indiana Encampment Program (16)

1981 Proceedings – 100<sup>th</sup> National Encampment SUVCW

1981 Department of Indiana Encampment Program (2)

1983 National Encampment Program

1984 Roster SUVCW – Dept. of Indiana

1984 Department of Indiana Encampment Program (2)

1966 History of the Central Regional States of the GAR

General Orders No. 1 – SUVCW – 1961

The Banner Newsletter (16 issues)

1940 photo guide – Indiana State Soldiers Home – Lafayette

Assorted papers from the Lafayette Camp

Photograph of a GAR monument

Program of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Package – GAR Material – Col. Harold A Shiudler (?) – Ind. State Soldiers Home

- a. Souvenir Medal – Last Encampment of the GAR – 1949
- b. Souvenir Program – Final Campfire – Aug 31, 1949
- c. Official Program – 83<sup>rd</sup> (final) encampment of the GAR
- d. Menu and program for the final supper
- e. TAPS Salute to the GAR from the American Legion – 1949
- f. Program for the issuance of the commemorative stamp GAR 1949
- g. Dedication Program for the monument honoring Albert Woolson
- h. Two photographs of the six GAR members able to attend the final encampment

June 9, 2001 - from Dept. of Indiana SUVCW

1. Original Charter and Frame - 1884 - GAR Charles R Gordon Post - Indianapolis,

2. Original Charter and Frame - 1934 - SUVCW Joseph R Reynolds Camp 251 - Lafayette
3. Two Leather Flag Carriers - (On Jan 25, 2003 at the mid winter encampment in Huntington, these four flag carriers were put in the care of Brother Lance Stephans, Summers Camp, Kokomo, officer in the SVR 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana)

July 2005 – from Joan Davis

1. GAR 69<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Dept of Indiana
2. GAR Rules and Regs – Natl. Encampment 1909
3. GAR Journal 59<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Dept of Indiana at Kokomo 1938
4. Ladies of the GAR Proceedings of Dept of Indiana at Columbus 1928
5. Ladies of the GAR Proceedings of Dept of Indiana at Elkhart 1948

April 2006 – from Richard R. Graves, Fork Union, Virginia

1. Original Discharge for Private Henry L Lester – 10<sup>th</sup> US Inf.

Nov. 2006 – Box of DUV collectibles – from Alice Stickler, Huntington

2. Program 61<sup>st</sup> GAR 1040 department encampment, Evansville (2)
3. Program 62<sup>nd</sup> GAR 1941 department encampment, Muncie
4. Program 69<sup>th</sup> GAR 1948 department encampment Elkhart
5. Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Encampment Dept. GAR 1949 – Marion (2)
6. Program – GAR 1951 department encampment, Muncie Ind
7. Program – GAR 1952 department encampment, Indianapolis
8. Program – GAR 1953 department encampment, Indianapolis
9. Program – GAR 1956 department encampment, Indianapolis
10. Reports of the DUV 1940 – 1952 –(12)
11. History of the DUV booklet
12. 1934 Revised Constitution of the DUV booklet
13. Assorted clippings and reports of meetings.

February 2018 – donated as a gift from Cal Kinzer of Tulsa Oklahoma to Camp 17 and from Camp 17 to the Department of Indian

1. Original GAR suit

April 1, 2019 - donated as a gift to the camp by Brother Jim Perry of Champion Hill Camp 17, resident of Warren Indiana.

- 1 Large, framed colorized photo of ancestor who was a captain in the 75<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry and a friend.
- 2 Letter from Adjutant General of Indiana's office showing that 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. David Elliot of the 75<sup>th</sup> Indiana legally enlisted and discharged from the regiment.
- 3 Discharge paper from April 29, 1863 discharge from 75<sup>th</sup> Indiana.
- 4 Framed, under glass, five reunion ribbons for the 75<sup>th</sup>/101<sup>st</sup> Indiana regiment survivors ribbons are from 1890 to 1908.

#### CAMP INVENTORY

- 1 ONE CAMP FLAG WITH EIGHT FOOT STAFF AND STAND - \$500.00
2. ONE NATIONAL FLAG WITH STAND - \$250.00
3. ONE BLUE CAMP ALTAR CLOTH
4. TWO BLACK CLOTHS
5. ONE BIBLE

6. ASSORTED BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR RAFFLES
7. ONE CAMP BANNER - \$65.00
8. SAMSON SPEAKER (2pc)
  - 8a. 4pc On Stage mic stands
  - 8b. 2pc Mackie 1402-viz3 premium mic/line mixer #21 WK!16857
  - 8c. 2pc Roadway Meridian 457 speakers  
#EO570737  
#EO570733
  - 8d. one canvas bag (Don Morgans) wires, mic, etc.
  - 8e. one spool extention wire (Don Morgans)
  - 8f. one hand dolly (donated from Eric Fricke) - \$20.00
  - 8g. one throw rug to cover wires (Eric Fricke donation)
- 9 TWO WREATHS
10. ONE DIORAMA OF A CIVIL WAR BATTLE
11. ONE GRAY KEPI - ONE BLUE KEPI
- 12 Two Black Leather Flag Holders.
- 13 Three framed documents. .

In book cases – 13 generic military books west wall case

7 hardback CW books “  
11 softback CW books “  
3 videos

1 BINDER HOLDING BY LAWS AND RITUALS

1 BINDER AND 1 PACKET HOLDING LETTERS OF LT. COL. SWAIM OF 34<sup>TH</sup> IND

1 BINDER ABOUT CEREMONY FOR MOH SGT. WM. BAUMGARNER

1 BINDER OF PHOTOS AND PAPER OF CAMP 17 ACTIVITIES

229 assorted books in north wall cases

Artwork and Photos and Items on walls

Martin County Guards Commemorative Plaque

Battle of Champion Hill by Fettinger\*

Battle of Campbell Station by Long

Battle of Champion Hill from Wertenberger\*

Copy of photo of 130<sup>th</sup> Ind. Reunion at old Fairgrounds from Abbott\*

Silk Banner of the Huntington County Battalion of the GAR\*

Soldiers and Sailors Monument Print from Young

Battle of Stone River Print

Charge of the Iowa Regiments Print

Donelson Surrender House

1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota at G-burg small size

4<sup>th</sup> Alabama small size

Abraham Lincoln Print

Post 137 GAR Ribbons (2)

ALL OTHER WALL ART AND PHOTOS BELONG TO THE GAR ROOM AND THUS TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTINGTON.

\*listed also as gift

WILLIAM P. BENTON CAMP #28  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CENTERVILLE, INDIANA  
ACTIVITY REPORT JAN. – MAY 2022

1. THE WILLIAM P BENTON CAMP #28 MEETS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCLUDING JULY AND AUGUST.
2. CAMP #28 WILL BE PURCHASING LAST SOLDIER PLAQUES FOR WAYNE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. THE CEREMONY FOR WILLIAM WALLS, WAYNE COUNTY LAST SOLDIER, WILL BE HELD MOST LIKELY FLAG DAY OR VETERANS DAY.
3. CAMP #28 HAS MADE CONTACT WITH THE RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM TO OFFER THE CAMP'S PRESENTATION ON THE NAVY DURING THE CIVIL WAR. THE OFFER WAS MET WITH ENTHUSIASIM. THE CAMP IS CURRENTLY AWAITING FURTHER CONTACT.
4. CAMP #28 PARTICIPATED IN ALL AREA MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



THOMAS ASHLEY, CAMP COMMANDER





**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS  
**DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116**



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May 22, 2022

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brothers,

Report for Summer Encampment:

We held Meetings in the Following months:

January 2022

A regular meeting was held at the Valpo library to discuss the business of the camp. Dues increase was confirmed, and annual installation of officers took place with Brother Bill Adams installing the camp officers.

March 2022

A regular meeting was held at the Valpo library to discuss the business of the camp. Installation of officers that were absent the previous meeting was conducted. Camp discussed the upcoming Lincoln tomb ceremony and plans for the summer including events for recruitment and Memorial Day ideas.

Submitted 05/22/2022

Christopher Powers  
Camp Commander

**May, 2022**

**CAMP**  
**INVENTORY**

**DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116**  
**VALPARAISO, IN**

1- One American Flag with gold fringe and metal pole. 2- One David D. Porter Camp flag with gold fringe and metal pole. 3- One David D. Porter Camp banner with poles 4- One ceremonial wreath. 5- One rosewood gavel with identifying plate one face 6- Complete set of ritual books (old ones) 7- One small Bible, approximately 6"x9-1/2" 8- One notebook with enlarged print for ritual 9- One set current By-laws for Camp, Department, & National 10- One Camp Charter dated 1976 for Sons of Union Veterans (as original was not available when

the present camp was established). 11- One Camp Charter for Sons of Union Veterans taken out when camp started in 1881. 12- One Charter for Sons of Union Veterans dated 1905 (a replacement for 1881 Charter?) 13- Memorial Plaque with names of deceased Camp members.

Last 4 items on display at Memorial Opera House and Porter County Lib 14- One set of papers from Chaplain Brown Post and previous Porter Camp. Currently at the Porter County Library for safe keeping 15- Set of papers for operation of Porter Camp since 1976 in two boxes held by current Secy/Treas.

a- 4 membership badges, b- Membership applications, both active and inactive, c- Meeting notes, d- Copies of quarterly reports, e- Banking information, f- Floppy disks of GAR inventory.

g- Current miscellaneous notes. 16- SUVCW ceremonial sword and scabbard. 17-2 Composite picture of original members of original Chaplain Brown post, and 1 picture of Abraham

Lincoln on deathbed with many notables around the bed. On Display at the Memorial Opera House and Porter County Library. 18- One Civil War period reproduction wall tent with poles, ropes and stakes. 19- One Civil War period dining fly with poles, ropes and stakes. 20- Two steel flag holders for use on soft ground. 21- One Plaque Naming David D. Porter Camp as the La Porte County Historian of the year for 2013. 22- One 52X8' American Cotton Duck Flag

**CAMP**  
**INVENTORY**

DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116  
VALPARAISO, IN

23- Framed picture of David D. Porter-Donated by Randy Eckley 24- Framed window advertisement of the 2014 rededication of the Memorial Opera House Donated by Randy Eckley 25-One (1) Donation Box on stand, Oak wood with brass hinges, supports, hasp and padlock (2017) Donated and Built by Stephen E and Stephen A Mockler 26-One (1) Oak Wood Box with Brass hinges and hasp to hold Bible, desk flags and gavel. (2017) Donated and Built by Stephen E and Stephen A Mockler 27-One (1) Solid Oak Rifle and Sword Presentation Stand (2017) Donated by Pat Doyle and Built by Stephen E and Stephen A Mockler 28-One (1) Civil War period dining fly with ropes and stakes. (2017) Donated by Pat Doyle 29- Materials to clean Gravestones- Buckets, Brushes, Spray Bottles and D2 Cleaning Solution (2017) 30-Set of Books Kept at IUN 31-Rifles

Donated by Pat

Doyle 32-Sword

Donated by Pat

Doyle 33- 5 chemical sprayers 34- 2 post hole diggers 35- 4 shovels 36-Flag markers and Flags 37- Second GAR Ceremonial Sword added 2018



**John B. Anderson Camp #223 - Columbus, Indiana**






**Department of Indiana**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment Meeting, June 2022, held as in-person and virtual conference.

Greetings from the John B Anderson Camp #223,

**Camp Activities and Events – December 31, 2021 to June 4, 2022:**

    	
<b>Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Department of Indiana</b> <b>Camp Officers: John B. Anderson Camp #223</b>	
Camp Office	Current Officer - 2022
Commander	Terry L. Furgason
Senior Vice Commander	Peter Dieterlen
Junior Vice Commander	Phillip D. McClure
Council Member #1	Aaron D. Coffman
Council Member #2	Mike Ochs
Council Member #3	Bill Goller
Secretary	Fred Leickly
Treasurer	Jeff Maudlin
Offices Appointed by the Camp Commander	
Patriotic Instructor	Greg Baker
Chaplain	Kirk Womack, Jr.
Graves Registration Officer	Peter Dieterlen
Historian	Phillip D. McClure
Civil War Memorials Officer	Phillip D. McClure
Color Bearer	Steve Coffman
Guard	Greg Baker
Guide	Peter Dieterlen
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Fred Leickly

**December 31, 2021 to June 4, 2022 Camp Activities and Events:**

**JOHN B. ANDERSON CAMP #223 OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2022:**



**UNION SOLDIER MONUMENT**

- Our Camp is continuing the work towards collecting funds for the placement & installation of a Civil War stone monument to honor the Civil War Veterans on the Courthouse lawns in both Bartholomew County and Jennings County. Because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the statue project is on hold. A photo of the proposed monument is at right for reference:



**- VERNON SASSAFRASDAYS/BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE**

- Eagle Scout Coordinator/Camp Secretary Fred Leickly, supported by Camp Commander Terry Furgason, made a presentation on behalf of our Camp and the SUVCW to the Boy Scouts about the Eagle Scout Program.

**December 31, 2021 to June 4, 2022 Camp Activities and Events:**

**LAST SOLDIER OF WARREN COUNTY DEDICATION**



- At Highland Cemetery in Williamsport, Indiana, Camp Secretary Fred Leickly (2<sup>nd</sup> from Right) joined Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1 and Sons of Veterans Reserve for a Last Soldier Ceremony.

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES:**

**Vernon Cemetery - Jennings County:**



- (L to R) Camp Commander Terry Furgason, Council member Mike Ochs, Chaplain Kirk Womack and Bark Kirchner, dressed in full Civil War/SVR uniform joined the VFW Post 2021 of North Vernon for services at the Vernon Cemetery in Jennings County.

December 31, 2021 to June 4, 2022 Camp Activities and Events:

Hillside Cemetery (North Vernon)- Jennings County:



- (L to R) Camp Commander Terry Furgason, Council member Mike Ochs, Chaplain Kirk Womack and Bark Kirchner, dressed in full Civil War/SVR at the Col. Hagerman Tripp (6<sup>th</sup> Indiana) gravesite at North Vernon's Hillside Cemetery in Jennings County.

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This concludes the John B. Anderson Camp #223 activities and events report to the Department of Indiana members attending the 2022 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Indiana Encampment.

Cordially Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Furgason". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a white rectangular box with a thin black border.

Terry Furgason  
Camp Commander  
John B Anderson Camp #223 – Columbus, Indiana



**John B. Anderson Camp #223 - Columbus, Indiana**

**Department of Indiana**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Indiana  
Encampment Meeting – June 2022.

**John B. Anderson Camp #223 Property/Inventory as of June 2022:**

- 1 each: National Flag with Standard
- 1 each: Camp Flag with Standard
- 2 each: Flag Stands
- 1 each: Gavel Set
- 1 each: Alter Cover
- 1 each: Bible
- 1 each: SUVCW Camp Charter

This concludes the John B. Anderson Camp #223 property/inventory report to the Department of Indiana members attending the 2022 June Encampment Meeting.

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Terry L. Furgason  
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# Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

— Department of Indiana —

## JUNE 4, 2022 REPORT

On behalf of the Brothers of Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, I am pleased to report the following:

### CAMP MEMBERSHIP:

- The Camp roll currently includes 61 members.

### CAMP MEETINGS:

- Camp meeting have been held in person as well as virtually February, March, and April.

### EVENTS:

- Camp member as well as members of the 27<sup>th</sup> SVR and members of the Department of Indiana participated in final honors for brother William Jourdan on April 22, 2022 at Marion National Cemetery.
- May 1, 2022 Proclamation was signed by the Governor of the State of Indiana establishing May 30, 2022 as the True Memorial Day and Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Day.

- Cemetery cleaning in Acton, Indiana on May 14, 2022.
- Memorial Day Program in Acton Indiana at the grave of Pvt. Charles (Charlie) Fitzgerald of the 47 Indiana Infantry.

#### **RECRUITING:**

- The Camp elected 4 new Brothers during the report period.

#### **EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES:**

- 3 new Eagle Scout certificates were awarded.

#### **SIGNALS:**

- The Camp maintains a Google Group for Camp members and a Facebook page for information sharing with members, and to the public for recruiting purposes.
- The Camp maintains a website: [www.benharrisoncamp.org](http://www.benharrisoncamp.org) for information sharing with members, and to the public for recruiting purposes.

#### **CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS:**

- Brother Brian Mexim is the Camps new Memorials Officer.

#### **GRAVES REGISTRATION AND RESTORATION:**

- Camp members participated in our annual Cemetery cleaning.  
This year it was held at Acton Cemetery on May 14, 2022.

#### **CAMP OFFICERS:**

The following Brothers were elected or appointed to serve as Camp officers for 2021:

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- Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – John Bowyer, PCC
- Camp Signals Officer – Tim Beckman, PDC
- Camp Historian – Andrew Kolb
- Camp Civil War Memorials Officer – Brian Mexim
- Camp Graves Registration Officer – Tim Beckman, PDC
- GAR Records Officer – Bruce Kolb, PDC

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/Bruce R. Kolb, PDC

Camp Commander

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



# Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

— Department of Indiana —

## INVENTORY OF CAMP PROPERTY

### June 2022

#### GRAY STORAGE TUB #1: (in possession of Camp Secretary)

- 3 leather parade flag carrying belts
- Railroad spike found at Andersonville, GA (week of 4-5-99), donated to camp by John Copeland
- Bullet found on Munfordsville battlefield, donated to camp by John Copeland
- 11" x 14" picture of Benjamin Harrison
- Red, white & blue table cover with gold fringe
- Blue "356" cover with gold fringe
- Red & gold patriotism banner
- 8" x 10" picture of 5 membership badges (member, junior, GAR, associate & war medal)
- Shrink-wrapped copy of *Butler's Battlin' Blue Bastards* (The Story of the Men of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion – 395<sup>th</sup> Infantry in WWII Under the Leadership of Lt. Col. McClernand Butler) by Thor Romington

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- KJV Bible (presented to Carter C. Keith and his wife, Aug. 22, 1975)
- Flag bunting
- 2 photo albums of camp and department activities, (photos donated by widow of David Wiley)
- Original SVR membership card (1972), donated by John Copeland
- *The Acme Haversack* (1890) songbook, donated by John Copeland
- Discharge paper for Corporal Henry Roberts, Co. D, 138<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry

**GRAY STORAGE TUB #2 – HISTORICAL ARCHIVE: (in possession of Camp Secretary)**

- Former member records
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Hayes Embezzlement file
- Old installation and quarterly reports
- Bank statements
- General Memorial Association information
- Unknown application papers
- 2007 National Encampment Souvenir Program
- 2 boxes of computer discs of camp files
- Bible presented to SUVCW Ben Harrison Camp #356 by Mrs. Dema Monson, March 21, 1944
- Computer CD – SUVCW Archives
- Photos from Camp Morton marker dedication (10-25-03)
- Photos taken at World War Memorial and Crown Hill
- Photos taken at Lincoln's Boyhood Memorial
- Computer SUVCW banner
- GAR Commemorative Badge
- Blue folder containing 2005 Department Encampment program and Monroe County Civil War Roundtable "The Sentinel" tribute to David Wiley

**BLACK STORAGE TUB (CURRENT RECORDS): (in possession of Camp Secretary)**

- Copies of Form 10, 13, 22, 27 and 30 Reports
- Postage Permits
- Legion Costs

- 1991 Indiana House Concurrent Resolution 60 celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of GAR in Indianapolis
- Job Description notebook
- Current member records
- Table display file
- SUVCW cannon and descendants project file
- Rosters
- Promotion and advertisement pamphlets
- Monument documents
- Department reports
- EIN Number information
- CWPT maps
- Current correspondence
- Constitution and regulations
- Certificate originally mailed to Smith Cornell Impressions for help with Camp Morton markers (was returned by the post office)
- Camp By-laws
- Action Items File
- Memorial Day programs

**OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Secretary)**

- Minutes and monthly financial reports
- Camp Ben Harrison medals
- In Memoriam ribbons
- Official Camp Membership Book (started in Dec. 2006, but backdated to 1981 using archive information)

**OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Commander)**

- Camp U.S. Flag (donated by Brother Beck)
- Camp flag & base (base was donated by Brother Walls)
- Camp Bible
- Camp Gavel
- Duplicate Camp Charter and stand
- Color Copy of Duplicate Camp Charter
- Charter black mourning drape
- Blue cloth altar square
- Ceremonial bugle
- Computer LCD Projector and case
- Portable projection screen

- 100 State of Indiana stick flags for Gettysburg Remembrance Day decoration
- 144 U.S. stick flags for Gettysburg Remembrance Day decoration
- 2 Medal of Honor stick flags for Gettysburg Remembrance Day decoration (donated by Brother Joe Beckman)
- Portable PA/sound system (donated by Brother & Sister Floyd)
- Camp banners

**OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Senior Vice-Commander)**

- In-Ground Flag holders for outdoor activities (donated by Brother Beck)

**OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Treasurer)**

- Financial books
- QuickBooks program

**OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Graves Registration Officer)**

- 4 gallons of Biocide (for cleaning grave stones)
- Come-along, rope, and tripod for gravestone work
- Chain hoist for grave stone tripod (donated by Brother Floyd)
- Lifting strap for grave stone work (donated by Brother Floyd)
- 4x6" 34-star souvenir flags to hand out for events
- WPA – GAR burial cards for Marion County
- 3 GAR grave stone markers
- New, heavier base for Camp flag (donated by Brother Tim Beckman)



# Committee Reports

## **Department of Indiana Appointed Committees**

**As of 6/4/2022**

### 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Vicksburg Monument

- Bruce Kolb
- Mike Beck
- Bill Adams

### Department Insurance Review

- Gib Young
- Bruce Kolb
- Dennis Hutchinson
- Bill Adams
- Department Council Member N/A
- CofA Member Not Appointed

### Last Soldier Committee

- Gib Young
- Jim Floyd

### Department Encampment Location

- Dennis Hutchinson
- Mike Beck
- Bruce Kolb
- Bill Adams

### Department Records Storage

- Bruce Kolb
- Dennis Hutchinson
- Gib Young
- Bill Adams

# **26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Monument – Vicksburg National Military Park**

## **Vicksburg, MS**

June 4, 2022      Report to the 136<sup>th</sup> Department of Indiana Encampment

Brothers the following update is on the 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry Monument relocation including the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri light Artillery, and 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, and 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry monuments. I will not review the entire history of this project as I have done so many times previously but I will give a brief background.

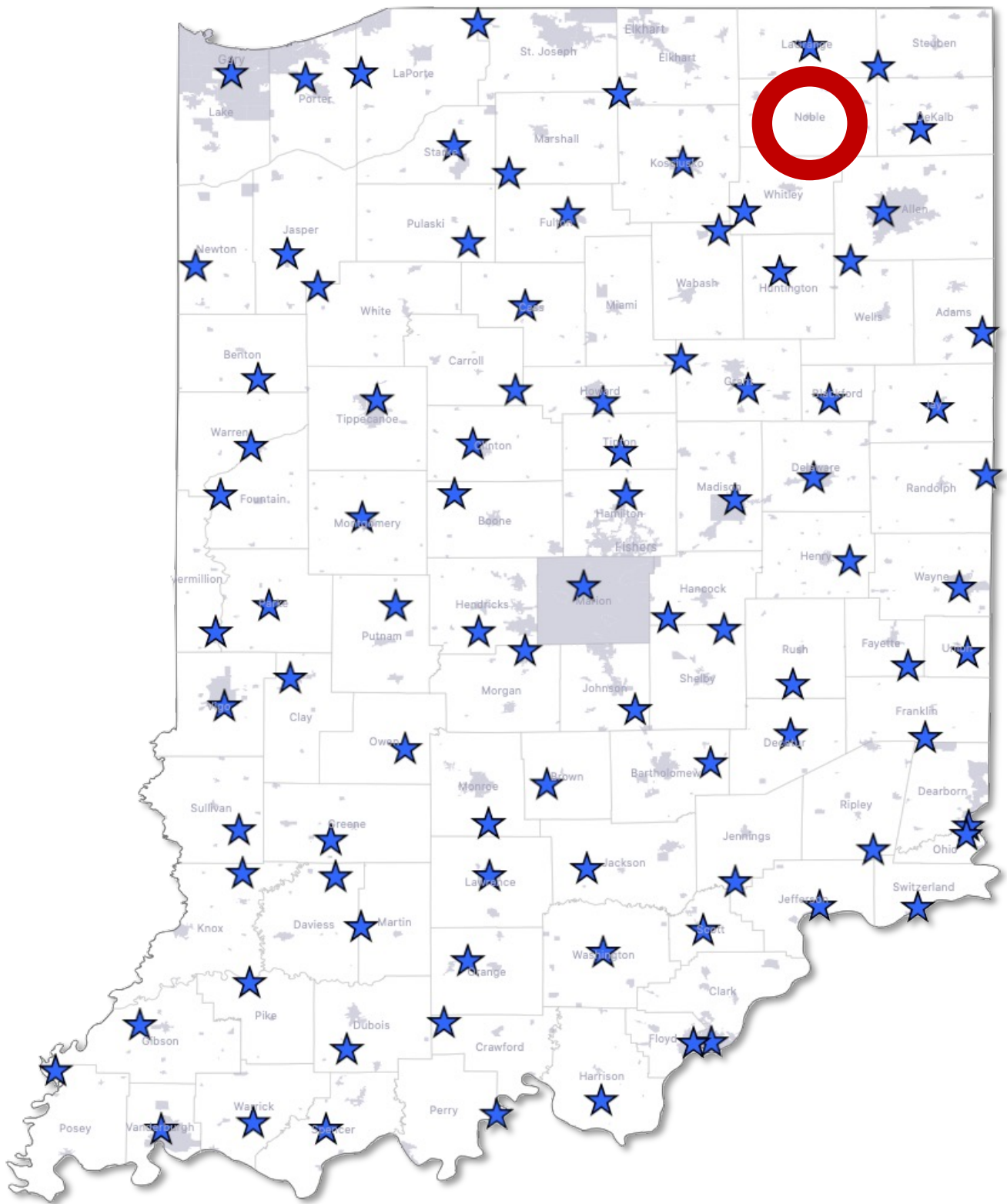
In 2015 the Department learned about the 26<sup>th</sup>'s monument and the others being on property no longer belonging to the NPS. Working with Brother Mike Beck and Brother Bruce Kolb we attempted to have the monuments moved back onto NPS property. Working with 2 NPS Superintendents and one Interim Superintendent we twice reached final stages of relocation only to have the move stopped for other priorities.

Recently I have been unable to make contact with Bill Justice the Park's Superintendent or the Friends of Vicksburg, a non-profit that supports the work at VNMP. I informed Brothers Beck, Kolb, Commander Hutchinson and Sr-Vice Commander Floyd regarding the situation. Brother Floyd was able to locate two Newspaper articles that reported that Bill Justice retires in December of 2020. The other article spoke about considerable damage at the park as a result of excessive rainfall over the past year that washed out Park Roads and part of the National Cemetery. In the article Superintendent Justice indicated it could take 5 years to repair the damage and to reopen the Park to full operation.

At this point it is my recommendation that we monitor the progress of repairs and await the full reopening of the park before we consider pursuing requests to have the monuments relocated. This is based on the fact that at this time there is no Superintendent, and the repairs to correct the roads and cemetery should and will have first attention. Additionally, I suspect they are experiencing manpower problems and budget issues that would make senseless our pursuit of the relocation.

In the last conversation I had with Superintendent Justice, he recommended that we work with the "Friends of Vicksburg" regarding the monuments. I have been a member of this group for 2 years now and have sent an email to the Director of the group for more information on the care and protection of all monuments but specifically those that remain off of park property. According to the Friends of Vicksburg website one of their responsibilities is the care of the VNMP monuments so I believe they are the correct people to begin working with again.

This project is one that is going to take patience and persistence to achieve. I believe we have done both and need to continue. Commander, I recommend that you maintain this special committee.



# Last Soldier Project Committee



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
**COMMANDER**  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

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## **Evansville, IN, Coliseum GAR Records Preservation and Digitization update, for the Period of January through June, 2022**

Brother Secretary, William Adams, PDC,

It is my pleasure to submit an update on the Evansville, IN, Coliseum GAR Records Preservation and Digitization.

Work on digitization of the Grand Army of the Republic Farragut Post #27 records has progressed significantly since the last report. Jennifer Greene, Archivist at the University of Southern Indiana, has managed to copy all of the GAR records and is in the process of inspecting the images for any copy errors. The digitized records are expected to be uploaded on the University website sometime this year. The ladies auxiliary groups are yet to be copied. Jennifer also mentioned that the artifacts in the Coliseum should be photographed for reference. A search for other records has resulted in finding boxes located on the second floor that are believed to be Spanish American War and WW1 records.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, this 19th day of May 2022.

Dennis Hutchinson

Commander – Department of Indiana SUVCW