

# The Indiana Legion

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
Department of Indiana • Thomas Crawford, Commander



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## GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

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**1** Please attend the state wide meeting Saturday, 8 June in Bluffton — directions and agenda are in the adjoining column. This is the perfect chance to meet and get to know fellow brothers from around the state. No preregistration is necessary and lunch will be only \$5.00. Be there by 9 and on your way home by 4.



*Commander Tom Crawford presides at the Mid-Winter Encampment held at the Huntington County Courthouse reconstructed and designed GAR Room in January*

**2** Camp commanders will prepare a short, one-page report on their camp's activities since our mid-winter encampment to turn in at the meeting.

**3** Camp commanders will also turn in a complete

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## 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**Indiana Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Saturday 8 June 2002  
9:00 to 4:00 PM**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church,  
1300 N. Main, Bluffton, Indiana**

9:00-9:15.....Arrive  
9:15-10:00..... Opening/Business  
10:00-10:10.Joint opening with Daughters  
10:10-12:00.....Business  
12:00-2:00..... Lunch/Entertainment  
                    Company Singers  
                    Civil War Jeopardy Game  
2:00-4:00.....Business  
4:00 ..... Close

No pre-registration necessary.  
\$5.00 for lunch. No evening banquet.

### The way to Bluffton!



*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*

## General Orders

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inventory of camp property as of 8 June. If there are no changes, copy last year's list with this year's date. The Department Commander will do the same. Past events at two camps have made it necessary to keep updated inventories.

**4** We now have a tape of Professor Adams's work on the GAR room in the Huntington Courthouse. I purchased a copy to give to the Department. The Department has also added to the Department's inventory a beautiful wreath for use when it represents our order at ceremonial occasions.

**5** I want to thank Somers, Porter, Harrison camps and the Department for making donations to the Civil War Preservation Trust. Civil War sites are being lost every day. Time is critical. Once highways, malls, and housing additions are built these sites are lost forever, not just to us, but to our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. I hope the Department, camps, and individual brothers will consider making annual contributions. Look beyond our narrow interest and local concerns, and help save for future generations those places where "Our" ancestors fought and sometimes died to save the union.

**6** Remember *Memorial Day*! Take part! For example, members of Somers Camp have the opportunity to be part of at least three different services.

**7** As I leave office, I want to deeply thank all those brothers who helped me these last two years. Several members were always willing and ready to help. It made whatever we got done possible. Very little is accomplished alone—working together gets things done. This is a volunteer organization—so brothers should volunteer to help. If I have failed to thank you, or



*The generations meet at the 100th anniversary dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on 11 May. Pictured are two Real Sons, Ed Blakely (left) and Harold Becker (right) from Michigan and Junior Member Seth Kirchner from Indiana*

failed to give you credit in the past, I am sorry. I say again, Thank You.

**8** Our prayers and best wishes go out to any sick brothers. Wishing all good health and happiness—

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Thomas Crawford  
Department Commander

## 32nd Indiana Monument Anniversary

On 2 February 2002, at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky, a memorial service was held marking the monument's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Department Commander Tom Crawford, and Junior-Vice Commander Alan Teller and his wife attended the service.

The conservator has evaluated the monument and made three suggested courses of action.

1. Leave the monument in place—conserved and maintained as best as able. Sooner or later the monument will be totally lost.

2. Move the monument inside and maintain, and place a reproduction outside to take its place.

3. Build a new monument in granite with a new style, including more names—English

on one side and German on the other. *continued on page 5*

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Camps should send news items, photographs, and ancestor histories to the editor by e-mail or regular mail on or about 1 September 2002

# Centennial Celebration

*The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument  
Indianapolis, Indiana 11 May 2002*



*A reminder of the sacrifices of the sons  
of Indiana in the War for the Union*

## Over Fifty

No, this is not an invitation from AARP to become a member. Over fifty members of the Indiana Sons joined in the march to recreate the same march several thousand Civil War veterans made 100 years ago to dedicate the completion of Monument Circle in May 1902. Monument Circle is the largest monument in our country dedicated to the common soldier. I want to thank each and everyone of the “over fifty” Sons who took part on Saturday 11 May 2002.

Ed Krieser worked on bringing our Commander-in-Chief, George Powell, to this event. Also he invited brothers from nearby states to join in the march. Michigan was well represented, bringing with them two Real Sons. PC-in-C Krieser was also present on Friday to leand a hand. Ned Baker, Alan Teller, and I were there Friday to man an information table. James Weeks and Gerald Jones were color bearers in the march. Again, thanks to all who helped and took part. ☆

— Commander Tom Crawford





*Reenactors looking every bit like ghosts of the past*

## *Views from the event*



*"Hurry up and wait" at the start of the march in front of the Historical Society*



*The Department marchers pose for a photograph at the north side of the state capitol*



*Commander-in-Chief George L Powell is at the lecturn. In the foreground is the USS Indiana Bell, which wastolled in memory of the fallen heroes of past wars.*



*More "ghosts" approach the monument.*



*Wellguarded, Sons watch the ceremony*



## Monument Anniversary

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For more information, or to offer your thoughts, contact John M. Trowbridge, Manager at the Kentucky Military History Museum, or by e-mail at [john.trowbridge@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:john.trowbridge@mail.state.ky.us)



*The Cave Hill monument covered with a make-shift shelter*

## Mid-Winter Encampment Held in Huntington

The Mid Winter Encampment began at 9:40 A.M., Saturday, January 26, 2002, called to order by Commander Tom Crawford, who then conducted the opening ceremony.

The following officers were present: Commander Thomas Crawford; Sr. Vice Commander, Stephen Bruce Bauer; Jr. Vice Commander, Alan Teller; Department Council members Russ Kirchner, Jay Crisp, and Ron Gill and Secretary-Treasurer, Alan Teller. Steven Jackson was appointed parliamentarian for the Encampment.

The department officers' reports were then presented. The treasurer's report was approved as presented after the correction of one date.

The Department Commander asked for the Past Department Commanders Ed Krieser, Russ Kirchner, Jay Crisp, and Gib Young to step for-

ward to place the Grant Trophy Award Ribbon on the Department Flag before the opening ceremony.

Gib Young welcomed everyone to the Champion Hill Camp and the Huntington Court House GAR Room.

The individual camps presented their reports.

After the morning break, Brothers James Weeks and Bill Gordon presented their report about Inventory Loan forms to be used by the Camp or Department to loan material to another organization or person. Also, a form for donations to the Camp or Department by another party was presented. This matter will be brought up for adoption at the next annual Encampment in June 2002.

Bill Gordon, Champion Hill Camp, was appointed Legal Council to the Department Commander.

Stephen Michaels, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin, was introduced. He spoke about the Central Region Association and Conference.

His main purpose was to announce his candidacy for the National Junior Vice Commander, and to seek our support at the National Encampment in August at Springfield, Illinois, 8-10 August, 2002.

Commander Crawford presented reasons for attending the National Encampment and the Central Region Meeting later this year.

We broke for lunch and a group picture. After lunch, we were enter-

tained by the "Company Singers," a talented group from the Champion Hill Camp.

Commander Crawford spoke of a need to support the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) by Camps, Departments, and individuals. Steve Jackson, PDC, also spoke in support of donations to preserve battlegrounds whether through CWPT or directly to individual Civil War battlefield preservation groups. Ed Krieser, PC in C, moved that the Department of Indiana donate \$200.00 to CWPT. Seconded by Ron Gill. Passed.

Door prizes, based on the number on the back of the agendas, were handed out at random to various members.

Commander Tom Crawford spoke about future events and their dates. Ron Gill moved to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2001 as written. David Wiley seconded. Passed. Gib Young passed out a graves document for Huntington County. Gib Young made a list of Civil War veterans graves in Huntington County. He passed it to Joan Kiefer, librarian. She took this list,

verified it, and added to it, listing the documentation she used for her work.

A prize was given to Richard McConnell for correctly guessing the stamp issued in 1963 on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gettysburg.

The Encampment was closed

at 2:50 P.M. by Commander Tom Crawford.

— Alan Teller, Department Secretary



*The Company Singers of the Champion Hill Post No. 17 entertain at the Mid-Winter Encampment.*

# Dispatches . . .

Kent A. Smith, a member of the Orlando Somers Camp, has written a portrait of Russiaville before and after the Civil War, focusing on the service, civilian activities and biographies of the one hundred and twenty-two men who served from the Honey Creek Township area and including numerous residents of adjacent townships in Tipton and Clinton Counties, and the one hundred and eight veterans buried in Russiaville Cemetery.

The book is available through the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, 220 N. Union, Kokomo, IN 46901.

*Russiaville and the Civil War: A Civil War History of Honey Creek Township, Howard County, Indiana.* 150 p. ill. ISBN 1-891598-07-4, Softbound: \$20.00 (Indiana residents add \$1.00 tax), plus postage and handling, \$2.50.



*Sherman's men tearing up track in the Carolinas,  
a drawing by Walton Taber*

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Brothers:

This space is reserved for the mailing address in the printed edition, but I will use it here for some comments.

The electronic edition is quite large because of the photographs included and will, therefore, take a fair amount of time to download on a regular modem line. For those lucky few with broadband connections, this will not, of course, matter. Photographs are prepared in high resolution for printing in black and white, and then are converted back to color and normal screen resolution in an effort to keep the file as small as possible.

I have forgotten to include credit to Russ Kirchner for his generosity in sending pictures, some of which were made by his grandson and junior member, Seth. It was very difficult to make decisions about which pictures to use and which not. They were all of great interest.

Some of you will still receive the printed version because I am e-mailing to a number of addresses that have no names attached, making it impossible to properly winnow out the list.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

David