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Midwinter Encampment Saturday!

National Commander will be in attendance

That time has indeed come around again! This Saturday, 22 January at 9:00 a.m., the brothers of the Indiana Department of our cherished organization will meet in the historic GAR room in the Huntington County Courthouse for one of the two encampments that the Department holds each year.

Though some brothers must be up well before dawn to get there, the trip, as many brothers who have attended in the past will attest, will be more than rewarding.

The beautifully refurbished meeting place stirs memories of our GAR forebears who gathered in that same room so many years ago to talk of skirmishes and battles and to make plans to accomplish their patriotic aims.

But more than that, the midwinter encampment is a time for us, their descendants, to meet with old friends and to make new ones from the six SUVCW camps across the state. It is a time, moreover, to participate meaning-

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Remembrance Day at Gettysburg saw the Company Singers of the Champion Hill Camp No. 17 performing on several occasions. See the story on page five.

Save the Battle Flags

We, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Indiana, need to contact the Legislature to aid the Civil War Battle Flag restoration funding. These funds are in danger of being delayed or cut.

The two individuals in the legislature most responsible for the funding of the battle flags are Representative Dale F. Grubb (D), Covington, and State Senator Allen E. Paul (R), Richmond.

As of this date, neither gentleman has introduced a bill into the legislature directly related to the battle flag collection at the Indiana War Memorial. Senator Paul has, however, proposed SB 0193, authorizing the establishment of a corporation that could make direct public appeals to support war memorials in Indiana.

Whether this measure would help support battle flag maintenance and restoration, or just have the effect of sidestepping the state's fiduciary responsibility, remains to be seen.

We, need to contact Representative Grub and Senator Paul via

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*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*

Midwinter meeting

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fully in the business that affects all our camps. Ours is not simply an hereditary organization; it has purposes and aims well beyond that: simply put, to preserve the heritage of our ancestors. It is, in great part, at the department encampments that such purposes are planned, and basic decisions are made, while the paintings and photographs of the old heroes look out at us.

Champion Hill Camp Will Host the Event

The intrepid brothers of the Champion Hill Camp No. 17 will be up before dawn, too, to provide the nine o'clock rolls, coffee, and soft drinks as well as the noontime repast, which promises to be most satisfying.

Meet the Commander-in Chief

The encampment also provides a chance to meet and talk with our new national leader Stephen A. Michaels, who was elected to office in August. This will be the third time a national commander has visited Indiana and the Huntington GAR room.

Midwinter Encampment Agenda Summary

9:00
GREETING AND MEETING TIME
WITH BEVERAGES & ROLLS
9:30
OPENING OF ENCAMPMENT
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS SVR
MOMENT OF SILENCE & PRAYER
FOR DEPARTED BROTHERS
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL COMMANDER
& HIS REMARKS
READING OF THE MINUTES
REPORTS OF OFFICERS
OLD BUSINESS
11:30
BROTHER LOOMIS
ON THE LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL
12:00
LUNCH: DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
12:45
CONTEST & PRIZES
1:15
SPEAKER: MAIT BURR:
TREASURES IN THE ATTIC
2:00
CAMP REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS
3:15
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Save the Battle Flags

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e-mail and express our opinion about the funding needs. Presumably, the necessary support will be approved by the legislature, but that is by no means certain. The money needs to be applied to the battle flag restoration and maintenance project at the Indiana War Memorial and should not be cut or delayed.

Please say what you want, and how you want to say it. Use your own words; do not copy my words, it will mean more if each e-mail is "fresh."

The preservation of the battle flags is at the heart of our purpose as members of the SUVCW. We strive to keep green the memory of the boys in blue. These flags were to them symbols of fraternity, charity, and loyalty, during and after the war, and so they are to us as well. Let us rise to this occasion and e-mail our representatives. Let us do our small part.

Go to <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>, click on "Legislators" (in the upper left, fourth item down, underneath the Indiana State Seal), then click on "Contact Us" (in the lower right hand corner, last item in a blue strip). Click on "E-mail address" (Second item down in the center under "Contact Us")

Representatives and Senators are listed alphabetically. Simply click on each one and send a message one at a time.

Tell them your thoughts about needing to save, by restoring, all the battle flags for all wars, including the Civil War. Let us be heard on this issue!

It will also help to follow the progress of Senator Paul's bill on the legislative website. We should be alert to the possibility of a committee hearing on the subject.

— Alan Teller

Indiana Websites

Tim Beckman, the Department of Indiana's new Signal Officer and webmaster, reminds us of the SUVCW websites available in our state; to wit,

National:

<http://www.suvcw.org/>

Department:

<http://www.suvcw.org/in/DEPTIN.html>
Champion Hill Camp No. 17:

<http://www.huntingtoncounty.org/suvcw>
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~inbhsuv/>

Gettysburg Address Tablet In Lincoln Elementary School

On the morning of Veterans' Day, 2004, members of Champion Hill met for dedication ceremonies held at Lincoln Elementary School on the southeast side of Huntington.

The school held a large event that featured the children introducing fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and 'buddies' who are veterans or still in service of the country.

Hundreds of flags were passed out, and music was provided by the three wings of the school (appropriately named the Red, White, and Blue wings). and The Company Singers of the Champion Hill Camp.

The high mark of the morning was the presentation of an historic Women's Relief Corps bronze tablet by the camp for display in the main entrance of the school. The tablet is approximately thirty inches tall by twenty-six inches wide.

The Department of Indiana Commander Gib Young addressed the assembly on behalf of Champion Hill Camp and all of the camps in the state. He told the students and assembled veterans and guests about the history of the tablet and how it came to be displayed in the new school. (Lincoln opened its doors for students in August of 2004.) Commander Young made special recognition of Brother Mike Bushee of Champion Hill, who had taken the old tablet into his care and used good old elbow grease to clean it to a proper state. Principal James Faroh accepted the tablet

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Camps should send news items, photographs, ancestor accounts, and so on, to the editor by e-mail or regular mail on or about the editorial deadline on 1 April 2005. The anticipated publication date for the Spring issue is 15 April 2005.

It's Time for Action

A Message from the Department of Indiana's Patriotic Instructor

As everyone knows, General John Logan, Past National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order No. 11 on 5 May 1868. Memorial Day was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

In the last 136 years the true meaning of Memorial Day has been lost. Unfortunately many Americans have either forgotten or are ignorant of the traditions surrounding the true meaning of Memorial Day. Many graves are ignored or neglected, and most individuals no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day (half-staff until noon). In General Orders No. 1, Stephen A. Michaels our Commander-in-Chief stated, "The public observance of Memorial Day 2005 will occur on May 30th. In anticipation, I encourage all brothers to contact their Congress, regarding the permanent return of this holiday to May 30th."

When Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971 and determined that the last weekend in May was to be a three-day weekend, the unintended result was to detract from the true meaning of the day. Therefore, what should be done is to return the traditional day of observance to May 30th. There have been two attempts by Senator Inouye of Hawaii to propose legislation to return Memorial Day to May 30th, but neither bill has made it out of the Committee on the Judiciary. I think it is only fitting and proper that the Department of Indiana and all our Camps put our full support behind this worthy cause.

— Bruce Kolb

GAR Records Committee at Work

The GAR Records Committee members, Alan Teller and Tim Beckman, met on October 9, 2004, in Kokomo, Indiana.

The purpose was to establish a format and methodology for locating, collecting, and recording GAR records. We do not see this as a finite project. Records,

if they exist, are located in every village and hamlet in the state. They are located in libraries, historical societies, genealogy societies, collage archives, individual collections, etc.

The scope of the records available also varies. There are minute books, memorial books, descriptive books, medical descriptive books, fiscal books, histories, mortuary reports, election certifications, rosters, letters, charters, reports: quarterly and annual. In addition to the GAR records, there are also records of the five Allied Orders: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, the Ladies of the GAR, the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and the Women's Relief Corps.

All of these records are one of a kind. They can be abused and destroyed forever. They can be stolen and lost for public use forever. They can slowly deteriorate and be lost forever. They can be thrown away and lost forever. Thus the question, "Do we want to make the

knowledge of the record's locations available to the general public?" Is this a decision for the Encampment?

As we gather information on records, we need to note the location (address) as complete as possible, with a contact person and the date of our contact. We need to know what format can be exported to the National Website or gathering location.

D. S. Porter Camp No. 16 on the March

The members of the Porter camp are renewing their efforts to celebrate the heritage of their Civil War ancestors in northern and northwestern Indiana through such activities as registering veterans' graves, locating the records of GAR posts, and evaluating and registering the condition of Civil War monuments.

In October, the camp heard a very interesting talk at the Honkers' Restaurant in Mishawaka by Dr. Roger Hamburger who spoke on the legacy of the Civil War with special emphasis on what he characterized as the "Politics of Memory" and the "Politics of the Lost Cause."

Through its newsletter, *The D. D. Porter Camp Monitor*, the camp has identified and celebrated the life of the last Civil War veteran in St. Joseph County Melrie M. Morss, who served in Company F of the 63rd Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

The *Monitor* notes that on the initiative and really remarkable energies of then Camp Commander Alan Loomis, a new headstone for the grave of Captain Joseph Woodruff in Marseilles, Illinois, was installed. To replace the weathered and unreadable stone Commander Loomis filled out the single page form for the Department of Veterans Affairs and then organized friends and descendants of Captain Woodruff to clean the area and to go about the rigorous business of getting the stone installed.

In November, the camp elected Brother Jack Shaw to be its new commander. Ron Gill, Past Department Commander, and Ed Krieser represented the camp at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gettysburg.

IN MEMORIAM

David N. Reed

- 2003

Orlando Somers Camp No. 1

Robert Stephan

1931-2004

Champion Hill Camp No. 17

Hiram Schouse, Jr.

- 2004

a real son

Col. John C. Byrner Camp No. 67

Department of Illinois

Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC

- 2005

Department of Illinois

Gettysburg Address

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for display on behalf of the Huntington County School Corporation.

The Gettysburg Address Tablet was brought to the attention of the Champion Hill Camp by Brother Mike Perkins of Huntington, who had been approached by the board of Trinity United Methodist Church of Huntington. That church had the tablet on one of its walls and was wondering if it might be something of significance to the members of the camp. Just why and how the plaque had appeared in the church had long since been lost.

When Brother Perkins asked if the camp would be interested in the bronze tablet, the brothers were quite interested, and in just a matter of days the history of the tablet was accidentally discovered by Department Commander Gib Young when he read about the GAR Encampment held in Huntington in June 1933.

A couple of days into the 1933 encampment the local paper reported that the Women's Relief Corps, at services held in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church (Trinity U.M.'s predecessor) presented this very same tablet to the church. The ladies of the WRC, in appreciation of the work church members had done in the area of caring for the old veterans, and in hosting several associated events, had presented the tablet as a gift.

In another happy coincidence, Mrs. Gene Kiracoffe, of Warren, Indiana called Commander Young to inform him that she had been a youthful member of the church at the time the tablet was given. She couldn't remember details, but she did think that the tablet was given in honor of Mr. Edwin Sexton, a Trinity member, who would

become the last surviving Civil War veteran in Huntington County. Since Mr. Sexton was like a member of her family, she was kind enough to give the camp a photo of the old veteran taken around the time of the encampment.

Even today, the history of the era touches us through links like this long-forgotten table as well as the personal relationships that tie the generations—even over the decades.

Gentlemen, the purpose of our order is a noble one, and we honor ourselves and our ancestors with the responsibility we accept.

— Gib Young

To unite with loyalty, love for each other; to practice the precepts of true fraternity of feeling towards all sisters of our Order; thus emulating the spirit which united our fathers, husbands and brothers; to honor the memory of those fallen, and to perpetuate and keep forever sacred "Memorial Day."

A group of women in Indiana are now forming a circle called Hanna Simpson Grant Circle #77. Any inquiries should be addressed to Nadine Salda at 317-881-9208, or nadine@cumc-indy.net.

Those involved at this time are Nadine Salda, Mary Beth Thomas, Barbara Moore, Beverly Massey, Barbara Stone, and Lee Ann Teller. Several of the ladies are already members-at-large or members of other departments. Other ladies who have expressed an interest are Marilyn Hoffman, Patricia Kiser, Deborah Ann Daniels, Vickie Day, Vicki Layman, Janice Birdel, and Mary Jo Butcher.

An organizational meeting was held the afternoon of 6 November 2004, at Christ United

Methodist Church in Indianapolis. They are now awaiting their charter from the National Organization. Two members of the SUVCW were also present at this meeting, Allen Moore and Alan Teller.

— Alan Teller



Meeting to organize the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are, from left to right, Barbara Stone, Nadine Salada, Mary Beth Thomas, Lee Ann Teller, and Barbara Moore

The GAR Ladies Are Back Home Again in Indiana

The history of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) in Indiana has been unknown to me until recently. The group has a website, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nlgar/home.html>, and a national organization for those who wish to inquire.

On a national note, in November 1886 the Loyal Ladies League changed its name to The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and dropped the phrase "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic." Its purpose is expressed thus:



LGAR badge

Daughters At Work

At 3:00 p.m., Sunday, 20 November 2004, the Rebecca Otis Tent No. 54 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW) and American Legion Post No. 377, Woodburn, conducted a ceremony to mark the graves of two Civil War soldiers: Pvt. John Wells, 30th Indiana Infantry, and Pvt. David Gill, 19th Ohio Infantry, in the Gar Creek Union Cemetery.

Loretta McCann, Patriotic Instructor of Tent No. 54, got the idea, ordered the military bronze plaques, and had them placed on the previously unmarked graves. She also researched their lives and reported on these biographies at the cemetery.

Vickie Layman, Past Department President, was the Master of Ceremonies. Francis Fredrick, Camp Com-



Francis Fredrick, Camp Commander of the Col. William H. Link Camp No. 12 of Ft. Wayne, speaking of the lives of the memorialized soldiers.

mander of Links Camp, gave a tribute to the two departed soldiers. Lee Ann Teller, President Tent No.17, placed a flag and a red rose at each marker. Six members of the 30th Indiana Infantry reenactors gave the military salute along with the American Legion Post No. 377.

It was a nice ceremony attended by about 30 people. At least four SUVCW members were also present: Dennis McCann, Alan Teller, Tim Kaiser, and Francis Fredrick.

It was fine to see the 30th Indiana Infantry paying respects to one who actually fought in the 30th Indiana Volunteers.



The Pvt. John Wells Marker

Peripatetic Champion Hill at Work

In November, seven members of Champion Hill, Camp 17 in Gettysburg attended in the ceremonies for Remembrance Day, 2004.

Six members of The Company Singers (Rich McConnel, the late Bob Stephan, Rick Henly, Mark Stober, Eric Fricke, and Gib Young) along with Brother Fred Boyle spent the weekend touring and performing.

Drew Henly and Austin Stober, sons of Rick and Mark, joined the singers in a performance on Friday night before the Gettysburg Preservation Society annual meeting at the Dobbin House Restaurant in Gettysburg. On Saturday morning the group took part in the memorial and induction ceremony, held by Anna Ross, Camp 1, Philadelphia, on Culp's Hill. Later in the morning, The Company Singers helped with the memorial service at the Meade statue on the field.

An interesting sidelight is that brother Eric Fricke was asked to join with two drummers and another fife to form the "Meade, Camp 1, Fife and Drum Corps. The group disbanded immediately after the ceremony, so its thirty-minute life made Eric a part of the shortest-lived fife and drum corps ever.

In the afternoon, Brother Boyle joined the many spectators for the large parade while The Company Singers went to Strasburg, Pennsylvania to perform at the Strasburg RR Company. The Champion Hill boys showed their bravery and dexterity by moving from car to car

to sing while the train moved through the Amish countryside. All survived, including Linda McConnell, whose ancestor, Col. Colgrove, led the 27th Indiana at Gettysburg.

Baseball - Civil War style

Brothers Dennis Wiegmann and Rod Stine report the formation of a vintage baseball team. Enough men have expressed an interest in playing to move the plans to the next level. While more players would be appreciated, the number is sufficient to start to schedule games and to get uniform orders underway. The name of the team is the Champion Hill Toppers. The camp is the official sponsor. The colors are off-white and forest green.

Vintage baseball is played according to the rules of the 1860s by most teams. Sportsmanship and gentlemanly behavior are prized above all. Competition is keen, but within the terms of fun and camaraderie. The uniforms and language are of the period. If any brother of the department is interested in playing — or knows of someone who would like to play baseball 'the way it was meant to be played' — please feel free to contact Champion Hill brothers Rick Henly at hpads@onlyinternet.net or Rod Stine at stineprinting@comcast.com.

A Brother Remembered

Bob Stephan, of the Champion Hill Camp, passed away in the early morning hours of Nov. 24, at his home in Huntington, Indiana.

Brother Stephan was one of the six men who met to start a camp in Huntington. He was a member of The Company Singers and, save one, attended every National and Department Encampment during his time in the SUVCW.

Brother Stephan was a loyal and enthusiastic member of the SUVCW. His face always wore a smile and he was ready to enjoy a good laugh. His hand was always ready to give help with anything needed by the camp. Brother Stephan will be sorely missed. His wonderful wife, Bonnie, survives.



Robert Stephan



Pictured during their visit at The Indiana Veterans' Home in November are, left to right, Barbara Stone of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; Alan Teller, Past Department Commander; Robert Hawkins, Superintendent of the Veterans' Home; Gib Young, Department Commander, and Les Howey of Champion Hill Camp No. 17.

A Busy Fall for the Somers Camp

Orlando A. Somers Camp, No. 1 has held three meetings this fall on the third Saturday of the month. Only one was at our normal meeting place, Richard's Restaurant on September 18th. Our program consisted of each member talking for five minutes about his Civil War ancestor. On October 16, we visited Greentown, where we ate lunch at Bogey's Light House. Afterward we walked across the street to the Greentown Historical Building to view the Civil War Exhibit. Several of our members have either loaned displays or otherwise supported this exhibit. A program was presented by Fred Jenkins, photographer, of Greentown who talked about Civil War photography.

On November 20, we car pooled from Richard's Restaurant in Kokomo to the World War Memorial in Indianapolis to view the Civil War battle flags and hear a talk by Donna Schmink. This was a very informative presentation, and a real eye opener. We thank Donna for her continual daily efforts to save and restore the flags.

We currently have a project to replace the worn grave markers in the "Soldiers Circle" in Crown Point Cemetery in

Kokomo. We have identified approximately twenty-five stones that need replaced. Since the scope of this is too large to handle at one time, it has been decided to start with the "inner circle" and replace only nine markers this year. Further, the work has been divided among three persons, Tom Crawford, Russ Kirchner, and Alan Teller. Each is working on three soldiers. It is our objective to get all unreadable stones replaced over the next three years.



Department Commander Gib Young congratulates newly elected Ben Harrison Camp Commander Phil McClure at the January meeting.

Harrison Camp Meeting Notes

The Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 now gathers for a program, business meeting, and lunch on the second Saturday at 11:15 a.m., in the months

of January through May and September through December. It is expected that the camp will continue to meet at the American Legion Post No. 500 just across the road from the Indiana Motor Speedway. However, members should check the camp website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~inbhsuv/> for possible changes.

The October meeting featured Mr. William Selm, who presented an extraordinarily detailed account of the construction of the Indianapolis Soldiers and Sailors Monument. In November Brother Mike Beck presented a program, illustrated with Powerpoint, titled "Genealogy and the Civil War, a study of my Lehew family tree."

In December Mr. Dick Skidmore gave another illustrated talk, "The Forgotten Soldiers of the Civil War," featuring the African American troops from Indiana.

The chief business of the January meeting consisted of the election and installation of new officers. Department Commander Gib Young officiated and spoke a few words about the future of the Department. Brother Phil McClure has taken up the reigns as the new camp commander.

Department Now Covered by Insurance

As authorized at the annual meeting of the Department of Indiana last June, effective on 11 October 2004, the Department, camps, officers, and members are now covered by a business liability policy through State Farm Insurance.

The policy has a liability limit of \$500,000. There is a \$10,000 property limit for the department, but no coverage for theft.

If the department or camp needs a "Certificate of Insurance" for any event, the State Farm agent Beth Ebersole will issue it immediately.

Camps planning something other than a usual meeting should contact Ms. Ebersole at 260-356-5222, at her office in Huntington, to verify whether the coverage extends to the proposed activity.

If need be, the policy may be transferred to the location of future department commanders.

Early Sons of Veterans Discovery

It's our obligation as members of SUVCW to preserve and make available the records of the GAR. However, as members of the SUVCW, we often neglect our own records. I have started trying to locate and identify any Indiana Sons records from the past. If any of you have old records, please let me know what you have. I have obtained a copy of *Proceedings, Third Annual Encampment, Indiana Division S.O.V., U.S.A. Held at Logansport, June 10th, 11th, & 12th, 1889*. Below is a flavor of the 33 pages of details it offers. The records tell us 49 camps were "mustered" in the past year, which was 1888. Their total camps were 160 as of March 31, 1889. Held on file are two applications for camps that could not be mustered before encampment. The organization then proceeds to list 45 of the 49 new camps. I have tried to copy them as stated. However, sometimes it is difficult to decipher even the printed material. When information was left blank, I put a capital "Z" in the field. There are many things to note on this list. The names of the towns cannot all be found even with a good map! If you find this interesting, perhaps in the future I will make more of it available through *The Indiana Legion*

— Alan Teller

Mustering Officer	When Mustered	Name of Camp	Camp No.	Location Of Camp	Charter Members
G. H. Pennington	6/27/88	Simonson	138	Charleston	12
John S. Shafer	6/28/88	James King	139	Westport	12
Charles A. Lower	6/16/88	H. T. Boley	140	Peru	25
F. W. Corrie	7/10/88	Mill Spring	141	Lebanon	20
J. S. Alexander	6/30/88	Call	142	Portland Mills	17
F. O. Beroth	7/5/88	J. Wirick	143	Star City	17
John W. Burns	7/20/88	Gen. Shunk	144	Upland	11
H. O. Rhoades	7/24/88	McDonald	145	Columbia City	32
A. J. Bond	8/17/88	Vicksburg	146	Jonesboro	22
W. A. Seward	8/7/88	Lieut. Jos. Calloway	147	Rossville	33
Al. Kight	8/9/88	Capt. Jas. Robertson	148	Spencer	20
Z	8/8/88	Gen. J. C. Fremont	149	Indianapolis	15
M. V. Boyatt	9/3/88	J. W. F. Gerrish	150	Seymour	20
A. M. Arbaugh	9/5/88	?a H. Davison	151	Carlos City	12
Al. Kight	11/22/88	Gen. A. P. Hovey	152	Knightstown	Z
S. D. Wray	9/29/88	Mrs. Jno. A. Logan	153	Albany	4
H. A. Weaver	9/5/88	Joseph E. Braden	154	Ligonier	23
F. W. Corrie	10/3/88	Z	155	Colfax	Z
W. S. McCoy	10/11/88	Giltner	156	Waveland	Z
Ed Robertson	10/9/88	Col. H. Tripp	157	Scipio	Z
A. W. Foster	10/25/88	Miles C. Barrett	158	Arthur	Z
H. O. Rhodes	12/18/88	Col. E. S. Walker	159	Ft. Wayne	37
H. A. Strohm	1/12/89	McKinzie	160	Morocco	12
James M. Lea	2/6/89	Capt. Swible	161	Mountpeilier	12
J. F. Friedman	3/23/89	Ellsworth	162	Ellsworth	17
F. O. Beroth	2/27/89	J. G. Troutman	163	Kewanna	17
Melvin Rapp	3/23/89	Z	164	St. Joe Station	18
J. F. Hammell	2/20/89	Tyrus W. Tolber	165	Saluda	27
C. W. Gilmer	4/12/89	Horbison	3	Hillsdale	13
Al. Kight	3/14/89	Maj. J. G. Dunbar	24	Greencastle	14
J. M. Johnson	3/7/89	Wolcott	25	Wolcott	14
C. O. Simon	3/6/89	M. B. Butler	26	Salem Center	21
Chas. D. Brown	3/8/89	Maj. O'Connel	43	Winamac	19
W. R. Otis	3/22/89	C. E. Bryant	54	Brown's Corners	14
Chas. A. Lower	3/7/89	Valentine Knee	56	Andrews	17
Frank Gustin	3/12/89	Noah Bennett	59	Cadiz	14
G. H. Pennington	3/23/89	Robert Armstrong	66	Fredricksburg	16
F. M. Pickerl	3/18/89	Franklin Hamlett	5	Mentone	22
J. M. Ghormley	4/13/89	Annapolis	166	Annapolis	11
G. M. Shutts	3/27/89	George Taylor	167	Houstin	15
P. C. Irwin	4/9/89	Gen. Wilder	168	West Lafayette	41
Jno. E. Matson	4/5/89	Camp Allen	169	Bloomington	20
F. D. Hunt	4/2/89	Major Calkins	170	Laporte	29
J. V. Pownall	4/16/89	Dunn	171	Fulton	17
W. J. Franklin	5/3/89	Dan Waugh	172	Tipton	15

In the 45 camps listed above, there were just 747 members 107 years ago. One might assume that some of these SOV brothers had children, and that their descendents would, at least to some extent, increase exponentially. One might suppose, too, that some descendents would have remained in Indiana. What are the implications for SUVCW and Allied Orders recruitment today?

Dispatches...

PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- Sunday, 6 February 2005, at 2:00 p.m. Ceremony at the Lincoln Boyhood Home in Lincoln City, Indiana. Let us have a big showing from the SUVCW!
- Saturday, 12 February 2005, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. *The Faces of Lincoln*, a new permanent changing exhibition at the Indiana History Center in Indianapolis. Cost \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. At 6:30 p.m., the same day, WFYI TV will run a new program about Lincoln's boyhood in Indiana. For more information see <http://www.abrahamlincolnperformance.com/>
- Friday, 15 April 2005, 11:00 a.m., Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, at the Oak Ridge cemetery, in Springfield, Illinois.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE INDIANA LEGISLATURE:

- HB 1024. Exempting United States and state flag from state sales tax. Author Eric Koch. Assigned to the Ways and Means Committee.
- SB 0111. Provides that a county council may appropriate to a single veterans' organization that coordinates the Memorial Day celebration for the county an amount not to exceed the total amount that would be given to individual veterans' organizations in the county if the celebration were not coordinated by a single organization. Authors Robert L. Meeks and Allie V. Craycraft, Jr.; assigned to the Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation Committee.
- SB 0193. Establishes a War Memorials Corporation. See story on page one.


LOOK ON THE WEB:

- Keep track of the above at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/session/html>. Visit the National Organization site at <http://www.suvcw.org>, the Indiana Department at <http://www.suvcw.org/in/DEPTIN.html>, the Ben Harrison Camp #356 at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~inbhsuv/>, and the Champion Hill Camp at <http://www.huntingtoncounty.org/suvc>.

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As I get ready to send out this winter edition by e-mail, I am mindful of, and appreciative for, the contributions several brothers have made to its preparation. My very great thanks to you all.

Readers will note that in this and in past issues, attention has increasingly been paid to the activity of the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

Though some Daughters receive this issue by e-mail, others might wish to get printed copies. I wonder if this could be done in the future; if a way were developed to cover the cost, that is.

As ever, I welcome any thoughts on this subject or any other matter concerning the production and distribution of *The Indiana Legion*.

Yrs. in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

/David