





Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA * BRUCE KOLB, COMMANDER

SPRING 2007 EDITION

NATIONAL INFORMATION:

2007 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri on August 9-12, 2007 for the:

126th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

121st Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary of SUVCW

120th Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the GAR

The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac is the official hotel for this Encampment. In addition to easy access by interstate highways, the Hotel site is convenient for those arriving by air.

We will be having a Tour of the Jefferson Barracks Historical Park and the U.S. Grant Historic Site (White Haven home of Grant) on Thursday, August 9th. Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) will have a breakfast on Saturday, August 11th. The Allied Orders Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 11.

Registration forms are at the back of this issue of The Indiana Legion.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES FEE INCREASE

This special announcement is to inform everyone of a proposed increase of fees from the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA)

They are trying to raise the price of Civil War pension records from \$37.00 to \$125.00. Please read the specific information at the following SUVCW link:

http://www.suvcw.org/special_ann.htm

Comments about this proposal are due by April 27, 2007.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

YAHOO EMAIL LIST LINK

Thank you to those who have recently joined the Department of Indiana Yahoo E-mail List. We encourage others with email addresses to also join. This is an excellent way to stay informed on what is happening in our Department. To sign up, send an e-mail to: IndianaSUVCW-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have changed your e-mail address recently and have not received any e-mails from the Indiana SUVCW Yahoo Group within the last month, then you need to sign up for the list again using your new e-mail address.

INDIANA LEGION UPDATE

Many of you are receiving via email this edition from a new email address of indianalegion@earthlink.net. This address is solely for the purpose of distributing *The Indiana Legion* by email to save expenses for the Department. If an email addresses bounces back to the editor, you will receive *The Indiana Legion* by U.S. Mail until the editor receives your new email address. *The Indiana Legion* will be sent out in the middle of the months of April, July, September and December. Camps should send news items, photographs, ancestor accounts, and other items of interest to the editor by e-mail or regular mail before the editorial deadline of June 30, 2007. The anticipated publication date for the Summer issue is July 16, 2007. If you would rather receive the *Indiana Legion* by U.S. Mail, please contact the editor. **To contact the editor**, please email her at jkt60@earthlink.net or send articles to Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, 6019 Allendale Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46224.

ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY PROGRAM

Submitted by Alan Teller

It was an unexpectedly beautiful day in Southwestern Indiana. Quite a relief from the temperatures of around zero we experienced in Northern Indiana over the last two weeks. It was partly sunny and the temperature reached into the high 30's. This was Sunday, February 11, 2007. The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial was having their annual Lincoln Day Program. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Sons of Veteran Reserve (SRS), and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW) were all present and participated. Thirteen SUVCW members representing four Camps were present along with one DUVCW member. The four Camps were Somers Camp #1, Champion Hill Camp #17, Ben Harrison Camp #356, and Porter Camp #116. Ten of SUVCW members were also member of the SVR. Four members, 1st Lt. Alan Teller, 2nd Sgt. Larry Myer, Cpl. Dennis Hutchinson, and Pvt. Cody Shaw, of the SVR presented and retired the colors. They were fifed and drummed in by SVR members Erick Fricke and Rick McConnell. "The Company Singers" sang three numbers for the program in the Abraham Lincoln Hall, and two selections at the graveside eulogy. "The Company Singers" performing this day were Gib Young, Rich McConnell, Don Morgan, James Kline, Jack Shaw, Erick Fricke, and Gary Bugge. Somers Camp Commander, Matt Elkin, was in attendance with his son, Nathanael; as was Champion Hill's Camp Commander Archie Lintz. Please note Jack Shaw, mentioned above, is the Camp Commander of Porter Camp. DUVCW Department President, Lee Ann Teller, was introduced at the program.

The SVR and SUVCW led the procession with colors flying to the grave site of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. The eulogy and wreath laying took place at the grave site. A wreath for the DUVCW Department of Indiana was placed on the grave by Lee Ann Teller. A single red rose was placed at the base of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's headstone by Archie Lintz for Champion Hill Camp.

I would be remiss without mentioning the program, presented by Gary Kersey, about Peter Gilner of 62nd Pennsylvania Infantry "Alive by Accident". He was an outstanding speaker and kept you on the edge of your seat. The story was twisted and involved Meade's chase of Lee after the Battle of Gettysburg; a drunken event outside the Union lines; a court martial; a sentence of firing squad; the Dry Tortugas; a mother visiting the President; Abraham Lincoln's personal involvement—twice; re-enlistment;

and a 50 year pension controversy. One, and only one, unnamed member nodded off briefly. He was awakened and the audience startled when an unspecified object he was holding fell into the aisle. ------Attention!

121st DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SUVCW 92nd DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DUVCW 59th MEMORIAL ENCAMPMENT TO THE GAR

Submitted by Alan Teller

The encampment will be held Saturday, June 2, 2007 at the Indiana University Kokomo. The speaker for this grand event will be our own Jack Shaw. Jack is currently the Camp Commander for the David Porter Camp # 116, and the Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Indiana. He will speak on Samuel Upham, Philadelphia businessman and counterfeiter of southern currency during the Civil War. A registration form is at the back of this edition of *The Indiana Legion*.

Directions to Indiana University Kokomo: From any direction take US 31 to Lincoln. Lincoln is North of IN 26 and South of US 35 & IN 22. Turn West on Lincoln to Washington. Turn North on Washington: just past Cossells Landscaping on right; turn right. You are on IUK property (2300 S. Washington). Stay right at first stop sign. At second stop sign turn left. Park in lot on right. Enter the Kelly Student Center. If you keep turning right within the building you will find us. We will be near the cafeteria.

SPECIAL duv PROJECT

Submitted by Alan Teller

SUVCW members should read this article from the DUVCW and decide if they would like to participate and help our soldiers in Iraq along with the DUVCW. Actually their duvs, pronounced doves, are doing the project. The duvs are their equivalent of our Junior Members. I think the article is pretty clear. Just bring your money or items to the June 2, 2007 Encampment and give your donation to the DUVCW.

"Our Department project last year, to send care packages to deployed soldiers, was such a success; and the items were truly appreciated. We would like to do it again this year. With shipping costs and donated items, it was well over \$500.00. My son has two Army National Guard fellows stationed in Ramadi, Iraq. I have been in touch with one of them. He said any goodies from home would be really appreciated. The number one important thing is phone cards. The only phone cards that work over there are AT&T Global. I can order 100-minute cards for \$10.00 each from a military internet site. Other items would include beef jerky, Slim Jims, pop tarts, etc. Any items such as deodorant, toothpaste, hand lotion, shampoo, etc, should be travel size. If you donate money, please bring a check to the Department Encampment June 2nd at IUK, or send it to Vickie Day, 0202 CR 36, Avilla, IN 46710. In the memo area mark it "duv special project".

ANNUAL ORDERS OF THE G.A.R. 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Indiana will be hosting the Central Region Association, Allied Orders of the G.A.R. 2007 Annual Conference on October 6, 2007 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Crawfordsville is located just northwest of Indianapolis. Additional information will be furnished as it becomes available.

CAMP INFORMATION:

ORLANDO A. SOMERS CAMP, NO. 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27, 2007, Somers Camp Memorial Day Services,

<u>June 2, 2007</u>, Kokomo, SUVCW Annual Encampment, 9:00 AM, Color Guard Oct. 6, 2007, Crawfordsville, Central Region Association Conference, Presentation of Colors

Three 2007 events dates have not been set for:

Ridgeville, Randolph County – Civil War Monument & Cemetery re-dedication, Mark Davis

Amboy, Miami County – Dedication of two Civil War Soldiers Graves, Parker Shinn Lindley Cemetery, Greentown, Howard County – Dedication of new stones and cemetery restoration

COL. WILLIAM H. LINK CAMP #12

No report was submitted from this camp.

CHAMPION HILL CAMP #17

NEW CAMP FLAG

Champion Hill newsletter

"Brother Young reports that the new camp national flag has arrived. It is on a six foot pole – expandable to nine foot. It is gold fringed, has a gold tassel, and eagle top. The flag belongs to the camp and is for use at activities outside the GAR room such as the Memorial Day services."

MEMORIAL DAY 2007

Champion Hill newsletter

"There is a lot of work to do but Senior Vice Commander Fricke along with Brothers Keith Stroud, Gib Young, and Camp Commander Archie Lintz have verified the authenticity of Sgt. Wm. Baumgarner of the 4th West Virginia Inf. as a legitimate Medal of Honor Winner. The camp has contacted the cemetery trustees and a new headstone has arrived to be put on the hero's grave at the May ceremony. We may change the day of the event to accommodate more people and hope that we will get relatives, officials, Wells County Historical Society members, as well as Liberty Center people to take part in honoring this soldier of the Republic."

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TOUR - Abraham Lincoln & the City He Loved September 8 & 9, 2007

DOUBLE TRIPLE DOUBLE with ghost walk \$150.00 \$110.00 \$140.00

All prices are per person

<u>Includes:</u> Roundtrip motor coach transportation and drivers gratuities included, one night accommodations, one continental breakfast at the hotel and one dinner

with meal gratuities included, a continental Breakfast on the bus enroute, and all listed attractions

Day 1 Saturday, September 8, 2007

Leave: 6:30 a.m. Depart Ft. Wayne Kroger Village at Coventry – park facing State Police *** 7:00 a.m. Depart Huntington K-mart Store –park facing route 24

Arrive this afternoon at **Springfield, Illinois.** Begin your afternoon by visiting the new, world-class **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**, where scholarship and showmanship combine, using the 21st century technology to immerse visitors in the world of gas lamps and hoop skirts – the world of Abraham Lincoln. The museum documents everything from Lincoln's birth in 1809 to his assassination by John Wilkes-Booth on April 14, 1965.

Then, it's on to the **Lincoln Home National Historic Site**, a restored four block neighborhood with a quaint, Quaker – Brown residence – the only home Lincoln ever owned-and the home of the Lincoln family for 17 years. Your group will enjoy a guided tour of this national treasure. Stop by the Lincoln Home Visitors Center first for your free tickets to tour the Lincoln Home, as well as free audio-visual programs and exhibits.

Guest will dine on an (included) dinner this evening. Arrive at the **Pear Tree** Inn, our overnight hotel before the evenings **Ghost Walk**.

The group will join a **costumed guide for a 1 ½ hour**, moderately paced walking tour exploring the **ghostly history and stories** surrounding **Lincoln's life and death**. At one location the group will be seated on benches.

Day 2 Sunday, September 9, 2007

7:00 a.m. A continental Breakfast at the hotel, to begin the day.

8:00 a.m. Begin your day with a moving tour of the second, most visited cemetery in the United States, **Oak Ridge Cemetery.** This beautiful, **300 acre cemetery is the final resting place of Abraham, Mary Todd, Tad, Eddie and Willie Lincoln**. Lincoln was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery on **May 4, 1865**. The grand Lincoln Tomb was designed by sculptor, Larkin Mead, completed in 1874, and paid for with public donations. **The original receiving vault in which Lincoln was buried can also be seen on the tour of the cemetery**.

A stop will be made to view the **Illinois Korean War Memorial** located in the Oak Ridge Cemetery and the **WWII Illinois Veterans Memorial**.

No tour highlighting Lincoln's Life would be complete without a trip to **New Salem Historic Village.** It was here that a young, wonderlust Lincoln grew "to a man of purpose and destiny". **This 100 – acre, living history, pioneer village will take the group back to Lincoln's life in the 1830's**. Winding paths, timber houses and shops, and costumed interpreters bring Lincoln to life.

2:00 p.m. Depart for home! A short dinner break enroute, on your own

Arrive: 9:00 p.m. Huntington *** 9:30 p.m. arrive home to Ft. Wayne

Registration form is at the back of this edition of *The Indiana Legion*.

For Further Information Contact: Don or Beverly Morgan at 260-786-0254

WILLIAM A. BENTON CAMP #28

U.S.S. MONITOR EXHIBIT

Submitted by Dennis Rigsby

Camp Commander Ray Moak and Camp Secretary Dennis Rigsby represented Benton camp by traveling to attend the opening of the *U.S.S. Monitor* Exhibit at the Mariners' Museum at Newport News, VA from March 9-11, 2007.

This new exhibit displays artifacts recovered from the wreck of the Union "Ironclad" *U.S.S. Monitor*. Among the more interesting artifacts recovered are the ship's anchor, turret, steam engine, propeller and great guns. Numerous other items (clothing, shoes, lanterns and glassware) were also recovered and are on display. The remains of several of the *U.S.S. Monitor*'s crew were also discovered in the turret and as yet have not been identified.

William P. Benton Camp #28 was proud to be able to participate with other "Naval Re-enactors" from around the country in honoring these veterans and sharing the patriotic experience of being able to view these artifacts from one of the most celebrated battles in the American Civil War! Huzzah!

DAVID A. PORTER CAMP #116

Submitted by Camp Commander, Jack Shaw

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>April 28th</u> – Camp Meeting, La Porte County Historical Society Museum. Meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Louies. Business meeting at 12 p.m.

May 2nd – ROTC Awards presentation, Notre Dame

May 26th – Camp Meeting

May 28th – Memorial Day ceremony, Valpo. / Last Soldier Grave-side dedication,

Culver, Indiana, 1:30 p.m.

<u>June 2nd</u> – Department Encampment, Kokomo

<u>June 23rd</u> – Annual Field Trip, War Memorial Museum, Indianapolis. Members will meet for lunch 11:15 a.m. at the Elbow Room.

<u>August 12th</u> – National Encampment, St Louis, MO.

September 29th – Camp Meeting

October27th – South Bend Meeting

November 24th – Election of Officers

BEN HARRISON CAMP #356

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>May 12th</u> – Cemetery Restoration at Norristown Cemetery, located in Shelby County on S.R. 9, south of Shelbyville.

May 19th (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and May 20th (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) – Civil War Days at Conner Prairie, located in Fishers, Indiana.

 $\underline{\text{May }28^{\text{th}}}$ – Memorial Day service at Crown Hill Cemetery. We plan to honor President Benjamin Harrison, our namesake.



121th Annual Encampment Department of Indiana & 59th Memorial Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Registration Form

Indiana University Kokomo, Saturday June 2, 2007

Deadline No Later Than 15 May!

Pre-Registration	\$5.00	
Lunch	\$13.00	
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Wives & guests are welcom	ne at the luncheon.	
Make checks payable to Son	ns of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)	
Send checks to Lee Ann Te	eller, 3003 Lamplighter Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902-8125	
Name:	Camp #	

ANCESTOR INFORMATION

(This new section will appear in *The Indiana Legion* as space is available.)

Submitted by Timothy P. Reese, PCC/svc, Camp Abraham Lincoln #10, Department of California & Pacific

ISAAC D. ROBBINS was born, the youngest of five children, in Manchester, Dearborn County, Indiana on March 7, 1843. On August 6, 1861 he enlisted into the Union Army in Manchester, and on August 30, he was mustered as a private into Company K of the 26th Indiana Infantry in Indianapolis. He saw various garrison and occupation duties and several skirmishes during Schofield's campaign. Isaac saw serious battle action on December 7, 1862, when he and his comrades entered



the Battle of Prairie Grove, which was followed by the sacking of Van Buren, both in Arkansas. On June 3, the 26th Indiana traveled on the *S.S. Hannibal*, a side-wheel steamer, down the Mississippi River to Young's Point, Louisiana and crossed to take places at the Western lines of Vicksburg Siege, which ended as a Union victory on July 4. They were later transported by another side-wheel steamer, the *S.S. Arago*, to a Union camp just outside of Port Hudson, Louisiana. In September, the 26th Indiana, the 19th Iowa Infantry, and two Artillery pieces were ordered to advance through Morganza and Bayou Fordoche. On September 29, Isaac, 65% of his 26th Indiana comrades and a major portion of the 19th Iowa were captured at Stirlings Plantation, Louisiana. They were marched to Camp Ford, CSA Prison in Tyler, Texas, where he witnessed the harshness of prison life. He witnessed the murder in broad daylight of one of his comrades, Private Thomas Moorehead, and another

man, who were given the order to turn back from a woodpile. At other times, potential riots nearly broke out. In early January 1864, Isaac and other comrades were told they were granted paroles and marched to Shreveport. The paroles were denied and they were ordered to march back to Camp Ford. Along the way back, Isaac broke away from the march (and according to family stories), he gorged himself on tomatoes in a field just outside of Union occupied Lakes End. He was transported seriously ill to New Orleans USA General Hospital on February 14, where he remained until March. On July 12, he was reunited with the 26th Indiana. On July 22, the rest of the 26th Indiana were paroled and exchanged from Camp Ford. Isaac and most of his comrades mustered out in Indianapolis on September 21. On January 7, 1865, Isaac reenlisted into Company G of the 146th Indiana Infantry. On March 3, he was given the rank of Sergeant. This regiment served mostly garrison and railway duty. Isaac was honorably discharged on August 31. He returned to Indiana and became a farmer. On December 1, 1870, he married Hester Ann Neal and they had four children. After the death of Hester, he married Florence Truce on June 7, 1905, and they had one son. Isaac died of stomach cancer on November 5, 1909 and is buried with his first wife at Cedar Hedge Cemetery in Randolph Township, Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana. After the Civil War, family stories handed down said that Isaac was plagued by chronic stomach pain, and it was said often that he would blame and claim, "IT WAS THOSE DAMN TOMATOES!!"

Submitted by Robert Neil "Bob" Hall, who joined the Ben Harrison camp in 1984

Hall's great-great grandfather was **PRIVATE WILLIAM WASHINGTON "WASH" SHADOIN** of Princeton, Kentucky. Shadoin enlisted on October 5, 1863 and mustered into Company I of the 48th Kentucky Infantry. He suffered a sunstroke and was discharged on December 15, 1864 at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Shadoin died on July 23, 1882 at Salem, Kentucky.

Hall's great-great grandfather was **CORPORAL FLEMING CRITTENDEN** "**CRITT" GRESHAM** of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Gresham enlisted on October 15, 1861 at Hendersonville, Kentucky and was mustered into Company A of the 25th Kentucky Infantry. He was shot and killed on April 6, 1862 in the Battle of Shiloh at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee.

REOUEST FOR INFO

Request sent by Robert LeMaster II, of the Champion Hill camp

LeMaster's great-great grandfather was **AMOS SMITH**, who served in the 140th Indiana. He died in 1865 in service of his country. LeMaster would like to know more about the 140th Indiana and about Amos Smith and Louisa Lee, who were married in Hamilton County in 1859-1860. If you can provide any information, please send it to Robert LeMaster II at Rangedad@aol.com.

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		6519 Cherokee Lane
		Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527
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	27 Griswold Street	
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6519 Cherokee Lane

Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527

"Springfield, Illinois" – September 8- 9, 2007

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RESERVATION

Deposit of \$25 made at the time of booking – based on a first come basis Final payment due by August 1, 2007

Final payment due by August 1, 2007

Make payments to: Sons of Union Veterans -SUV

Send to: Donald Morgan 3470 N 825 W

Andrews, In 46702

Phone: 260-786-0254

<u>CANCELLATIONS:</u> Cancellations made prior to August 1, 2007 will receive full refunds. Cancellations after final payment due date will be determined by the amount we can get back. All monies we can get back for you will be returned to you. All efforts will be made to find a replacement for you from the waiting list to help ensure you a refund.

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The Indiana Legion

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.

Governor Oliver P. Morton (quoted in Theodore Stempfel's *Artist Life – Rudolf Schwarz and Karl Bitter*)

"Let us honor the dead, cherish the living, and preserve in immortal memory the deeds and virtues of all, as an inspiration for countless generations to come."

The Indiana Legion

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