



The Indiana Legion



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA * BRUCE KOLB, COMMANDER

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NATIONAL INFORMATION:

FINAL MUSTER FOR BEVERLY K. MASSEY 1938-2008

The National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Beverly K. Massey, died March 28, 2008. She lived in Columbus, IN. Beverly traces her Civil War ancestry to Simon P. Waltz and Noah Bisel. They both served in Co. D 140th Indiana Infantry. The funeral was Wednesday, April 2; she was buried in Garland Brook Cemetery. Two of her sons Bruce Trotter and Victor Trotter, a grandson, Jacob Trotter, and a brother-in-law, Ernest (Ernie) Stone, are members of Harrison Camp # 356. She requested a musket salute be fired as part of the graveside rites. Her sons requested the funeral obsequy and graveside liturgy be presided over by a member of the SUVCW. Both were done. The Rev. Lance Stevens, a member of Somers Camp #1, conducted the funeral rites for Beverly. A three volley musket salute was offered by the SVR, Co. D 27th Indiana Infantry, in the uniformed persons of Alan Teller and Larry Myer of Somers Camp and Dennis Hutchinson, Harrison Camp. Allen Moore, PCinC, was the representative of our Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. Among the many flowers were a beautiful wreath from the SUVCW National Organization and a live Pease Lily floral arrangement from the Department of Indiana. It should be noted that the GAR Allied Orders Central Region Association and four of the Allied Orders were represented at the funeral. The DUVCW also performed a burial ritual and oral salute to Beverly. They involved all of the Allied Orders present in the ritual; and had four members of the SUVCW aid them in their vocal salute.

Our Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., issued Special General Order #1. It ordered the draping of our Charters and National Web site for 30 days.

NEW DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED

General Order #18 announced the Departments of Georgia and South Carolina were established on May 10, 2008.

2008 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GAR Boston, Massachusetts

AUGUST 7 – 10, 2008

The Boston Marriott Peabody will be the venue for the 2008 National Encampment of the Allied Orders. Situated on Boston's North Shore, the Boston Marriott Peabody is close to famous historic sites, fine restaurants, world class shopping and great entertainment. These include: Downtown Boston, with its Freedom Trail of Revolutionary War sites and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library; Salem, America's Witch City; and Lexington and Concord's Minuteman National Historic Park. The North

Shore Mall, Liberty Tree Mall, and Burlington Mall are nearby the hotel, and Boston's famous Newbury Street shopping area is just 30 minutes away. The hotel is just sixteen miles from Logan International Airport. The Boston Marriott Peabody offers 253 spacious guest rooms, an on site restaurant, featuring American cuisine, two fitness centers, an indoor pool, a full service business center, high speed internet access, and photocopy and fax services. Reserve your room now by visiting Marriott's 2008 National Encampment web page at <http://cwp.marriott.com/bospb/aogar>, or by calling **1-800-228-9290** and mentioning the Allied Orders of the GAR. Rate is \$99/night plus tax. [Registration forms are in the back of the Legion.]

2008 CENTRAL REGION ALLIED ORDERS

St. Louis, Missouri

OCTOBER 3-4, 2008

The Holiday Inn – St. Louis South, located at 4234 Butler Hill Rd., will be the venue for the 2008 Central Region Allied Orders. Room rate is \$84.00 plus tax for single/double occupancy. Reservation deadline for this rate is September 3, 2008. [Registration form is in the back of the Legion.] The Encampment Committee would like to see Encampment weekend become a family event, and therefore, are encouraging members to bring their families. There are many attractions for family members to enjoy while members are attending the business sessions. Some of the more popular attractions include: Tours of local historic sites, such as U.S. Grant National Historic Site, Jefferson Barracks County Park, Jefferson National Museum of Westward Expansion and the Daniel Boone home (Defiance, MO), Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, MO and Ste. Genevieve, MO.; antique shopping at historic Cherokee St. in St. Louis and the nearby South County Antique Mall; and famous St. Louis landmarks, such as the Gateway Arch, St. Louis Union Station, Anheuser Busch Brewery, St. Louis Zoo, Missouri Historical Society, Art Museum and Forest Park, site of the 1904 Worlds Fair. For more information, please contact Bob Petrovic at rpetro7776@aol.com / (636) 274-4567 or Walt Busch at wbusch@suvchwmo.org / (314) 630-8407

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

CANNON REDEDICATION AT ROSE HILL CEMETERY, NEWBURGH, IN April 5th, 2008

On a sunny early April Saturday afternoon, a Civil War cannon and memorial, which has stood watch in Newburgh's Rose Hill Cemetery for 104 years, was rededicated with approximately 40 people in attendance. The Rose Hill Cemetery Board along with the American Legion Kapperman Post #44 and the SUVCW, Department of Indiana participated in the rededication ceremony. Members of the Department of Indiana conducting the ritual of rededication were brothers Tim Beckman (Camp #356 SVC) and Mike Tomey (Camp #356 Chaplain), and the SVR's Mike Beck (Camp #356 CC), Garry Walls (Camp #356 JVC), Dennis Hutchinson (Camp #356), Alan Teller (Camp #1 PCC and PDC), and Larry Myer (Camp #1). Ben Harrison Camp member Rob Hall, who resides in Evansville, was also in attendance. The Red Bank ReUnion Band from Evansville also participated in the ceremony, playing Civil War era music and performing an excellent rendition of Taps to conclude the ceremony.

The Rose Hill Cemetery Board of Directors should be commended for their tireless work on this project. The old Smooth Bore Flank Howitzer was cleaned and painted and placed onto a new half circle stone wall base with engraved black granite tablets affixed onto the half circle stone wall behind the cannon detailing its history and the history of the Newburgh GAR Post #262, which was responsible for originally placing the cannon in the cemetery in 1904. There is a pass-through between the walls where stepping-stones will be placed to help finance the project. A beautiful new 20-foot flagpole bearing a Civil War era 34-star flag was also erected at the site of the new cannon memorial. Too many of these cannons have disappeared from our cemeteries, court houses, parks, etc. over the years, so it is nice to see that the cannons still left are cared for and maintained as lasting reminders of the sacrifices our “boys in blue” endured to preserve our great nation.



Members of the SUVCW, Department of Indiana at the Cannon Rededication:
Left to Right: Alan Teller, Mike Tomey, Larry Myer, Dennis Hutchinson, Mike Beck,
Garry Walls, Tim Beckman

SIGNALS OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Timothy J. Beckman

The Department of Indiana web site continues to be updated at least several times a year. Updates since our last department encampment include the Department Ancestors of Members List, the addition of the Spring 2008 Legion Newsletter, and the Last Soldier Page.

The Department of Indiana web site currently contains a total of 45 web pages. Four camps within the department maintain their own web sites: the Champion Hill Camp No. 17, the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, the David D. Porter Camp No. 116, and the Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1. All camps of the department are encouraged to develop and maintain a web site, if they have not already done so.

I continue to update the list of Last Soldiers that resides on our Department's web site. We currently have Last Soldiers for 24 of Indiana's 92 counties. This is an increase of 10 since the mid-winter encampment. The counties that were added since this encampment are the following: Boone, Clinton, Delaware, Greene, Howard, Morgan,

Randolph, Tippecanoe, Union, and Wayne. Thanks to all of our members who have contributed information to this worthy project.

Since the mid-winter encampment I have responded to 9 e-mail requests for information. Most of these request were of a general nature, some concerning GAR records and a few were request for information concerning specific Civil War veterans, which I answered accordingly, usually sending what I could find from on-line rosters and the like.

I continue in the role of Co-Moderator of the Department of Indiana Yahoo E-mail List with Brother David Wiley. Currently, there are 105 registered users in this list. 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. A sign up link is available from the Department's web page.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Department of Indiana as the Signals Officer and hope that it brings honor to our Civil War ancestors and to our Indiana Department, Sons of Union Veterans.

CAMP INFORMATION: ORLANDO A. SOMERS CAMP, NO. 1

“KOKOMO CANNON’S” NEW HOME DEDICATION

Submitted by Alan Teller



Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 10:00 AM, a ceremony in Highland Park, just west of “Old Ben” and the “Sycamore Stump,” was held to dedicate this new, permanent home for the “Kokomo Cannon”. The Orlando A. Somers Camp #1, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) along with the Kokomo Parks Department conducted the dedication ceremony. Tom Crawford, PDC, was Master of Ceremonies. The Sons Veteran Reserve, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, (SVR), aided Somers Camp in the program. About 30 members of the community attended. Members of Somers Camp in attendance were Tom Crawford, PDC, Ned Baker, PCC, Matt Elkin, CC, Jake Elkin, Allen Moore, PCinC, Colin Ayers, Jon Ayers, PCC, Larry Ebert, Jonathan Ebert, Randy McNally, Larry Myer, Alan Teller, PDC, and Russ Kirchner, PDC. In addition Gib Young, PDC, Champion Hill Camp, and Bruce Kolb, DC, and Andrew Kolb, Harrison Camp were present. The mayor of Kokomo, Greg Goodnight, was a speaker at

the event. This was the finalization to a 6-year saga for Somers Camp and the “Kokomo Cannon”. It has gone from a lonely dirty gun tube on a dirtier garage floor to its own building, on a gun carriage, with a mannequin in Civil War artillery uniform to keep it company. This 6-year trip has taken many twists and turns, from prominent display in a museum to being hidden under a drop cloth in a garage. Now it is back in Highland Park within 100 yards of where it was first “discovered” 6 years ago by Alan Teller and Tom Crawford. It is where it belongs, available for the whole community to enjoy.

COL. WILLIAM H. LINK CAMP #12

No report submitted from this camp.

CHAMPION HILL CAMP #17

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Camp Newsletter

The traditional Memorial Day ceremony was to be held May 31 at the Corkins’ family monument at the South Roanoke Cemetery just south of town, on the west side of Old Hwy. 24. This family had two sons in the Civil War. One of whom served in the 34th Indiana and was mortally wounded at Champion Hill.

WILLIAM A. BENTON CAMP #28

No report submitted from this camp.

DAVID A. PORTER CAMP #116

No report submitted from this camp.

BEN HARRISON CAMP #356

BROTHER ADAM D. BAILEY’S EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Submitted by Commander Mike Beck

Brother Adam Bailey, of Boy Scout Troop 209 in Edinburgh, received the rank of Eagle Scout following his Board of Review on December 20, 2007. Adam is the son of Jeff and Mary Jane (Janie) Bailey of Edinburgh. He is the great-great-great grandson of Joby Kearnes, who served with the 3rd Kentucky Infantry, Company G during the Civil War.

For Adam’s Eagle Scout Project, he restored the outdoor lab area at East Side Elementary, located in Edinburgh. This was a huge undertaking, as it was in a major state of disrepair. His project involved clearing all brush and unwanted trees from the lab, a total of twenty dump-truck loads. He was responsible for making two new 9 ½’ x 17’ garden plots for students to grow vegetables and plants as part of the school curriculum. He refurbished a rock garden in which students can explore geology. He planted and labeled indigenous plants, and provided the school information on each plant and how it was used by early pioneers and Native Americans. He was able to furnish a new bench for students to sit on, and several new birdhouses and bird feeders – all of which were made from recycled material plastic, to make it more environmental friendly. The original 35’ x75’ pond in the lab was dried up and full of weeds, swamp willows, and cattails. After clearing the pond, he and volunteers installed a pond liner that came in 20’x20’ sections that had to be seamed together. The old bridge was removed and replaced with a new 62’, three-section bridge, which spanned the pond. Landscaping

around the pond included placing six tons of stone around the edge. The entire project took approximately seventeen months and over 1,037 hours to complete. Adam had 26 adults and 37 youth to volunteer to help on his project. The cost of the project, including donated goods and services, totaled \$11, 614.00. The project was entirely paid for by donations and grants solicited by Adam.

On February 3rd, 2008, Adam's project was recognized by Pathfinder District, of Crossroads of America Council, as being the Eagle Scout Project of the Year. Adam's project was then placed against the other top Eagle projects in the thirteen districts within the Council to compete for the Merle Miller Award. On March 18th, it was announced that Adam is the recipient of the Merle Miller Award and a \$1,000 scholarship. He will be receiving his award on April 3rd, at the Scouting Awards Dinner in Indianapolis. Crossroads of America Council serves 25 counties in central Indiana.

Presentation of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Certificate on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Edinburgh United Methodist Church – Edinburgh, Indiana



Brother Adam D. Bailey (Great-great-great grandson of Private Joby Kearnes, Co. G. 3rd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry) and SUVCW Benjamin Harrison Camp Commander Michael W. Beck (Great-great grandson of Sgt. Joseph S. Lehew, Co. H. 15th Ohio Volunteer Infantry)

BEN HARRISON CAMP HELPS TO UNCOVER GOSPORT CEMETERY'S CIVIL WAR HISTORY

By Travis Curry, SEW Editor, published in *Spencer Evening World*, May 16, 2008

Unknown Civil War Graves Are Marked; Dedication Planned

Working side by side on an unseasonably warm early May morning, Garry Walls, John Copeland, Jerry Thompson, Mike Tomey and a handful of other members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 spent this Saturday leveling, cleaning and resetting more than a dozen Civil War grave markers in the Gosport Cemetery.

“As a camp we basically encompass everything south of U.S. 40 to the Ohio River,” Walls said, squinting from the late morning sun as he stopped to wipe sweat from

his brow. “Each year we select one cemetery to clean and straighten Civil War markers... the fact that Camp Hughes was nearby makes this site special.”

With brush in hand and a simple bucket of water, no potentially harmful chemicals are used, the volunteers began to cleanse away years worth of dirt and mold from the more than century-old marker of John W. Graham, a member of the 154th Regiment Indiana Infantry first organized in Indianapolis on April 20, 1865.

“It’s amazing what a little water and elbow grease will do,” Walls laughed.



Mike Tomey, Jerry Thompson, John Copeland and Gary Walls (left to right) level and clean the more than century-old grave marker of John W. Graham, a member of the 154th Regiment Indiana Infantry first organized in Indianapolis on April 20, 1865. (Staff Photo)

For over two years the Ben Harrison Camp has embarked on a project to appropriately mark the final resting place of soldiers who died while at Camp Hughes, a Civil War training camp for the 59th Indiana once located one-half mile southwest of Gosport on the White River and named for former Congressman James Hughes.

Camp Hughes, the only known Civil War camp ever established in Owen County, was in existence from September 1861 to February 13, 1862 when the 59th left Camp Hughes bound for New Albany, Indiana and active duty.

Painstaking research by the camp’s senior vice commander, Tim Beckman, and camp historian, Dave Wiley, revealed that twelve men died while at Camp Hughes and that at least eight were buried in graves marked “unknown” at the Gosport Cemetery.

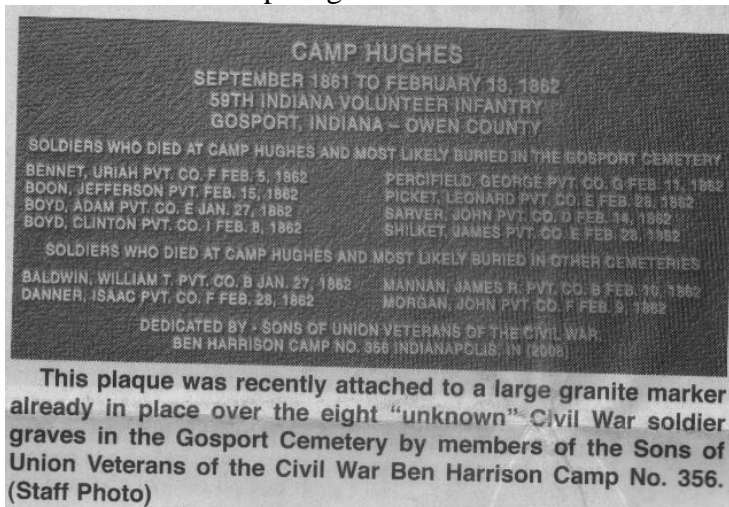
The 59th Indiana soldiers who died while at Camp Hughes apparently contracted measles and died between late January and February 1862.

It remains a mystery today why these men were buried in graves marked “UNKNOWN 59th IND INF,” as the microfilmed 59th Indiana Correspondence File at the Indiana State Archives lists eight names that were reported to have been “buried by their regiment in the Gosport Cemetery.”

The Ben Harrison Camp made arrangements for a plaque to be struck with the names of all twelve men who died while at Camp Hughes. The plaque was recently attached to a large granite marker already in place over the eight “unknown” graves.

According to Walls, the original block of rough grey granite was placed over the graves in October 1923 by L.R. Gray with the intention of having the marker either lettered or a bronze tablet attached.

Prior to the efforts of the Ben Harrison Camp volunteers, the granite stone simply read: IN MEMORIAM Died in Camp Hughes – 1861-2.



Walls said it was unclear whether the original organizers ever intended to list on the marker the individual names of the 59th soldiers who died while in camp.

The official public dedication of the new plaque will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

...Ben Harrison Camp and its members are dedicated to preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and its ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

OTHER BEN HARRISON ACTIVITIES

On April 23, a member of the Ben Harrison Camp presented a Civil War Living History event at Hoosier Roads Elementary School in Fishers. On April 26-27, members of the Camp participated in a Civil War Re-enactment in Vernon. On May 7, Brother David Wiley attended a Junior Air Force ROTC Ceremony at the Owen Valley High School in Spencer and presented Cadet Erin Hickman with the SUVCW/ROTC Certificate, Medal and Ribbon. On May 17-18, members of the Camp set up and worked at SUVCW-Ben Harrison Camp recruitment booth at the Conner Prairie Civil War Living History / Re-enactment in Fishers. On May 24, members of the Camp attended the 2007 Morton High School Graduation of eight Seniors at the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home outside Knightstown. On May 26, members of the Camp conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at Gosport Cemetery dedicating the Memorial Plaque.

OTHER INFORMATION:

CEMETERY SYMBOLS (Part 3 of 3)

From Advanced Cemetery Restoration Workshop, Indiana Historical Society
Submitted by Garry Walls, Ben Harrison Camp

Laurel – wreath; reward in heaven; glory

Lion – protection of master; guardian

Pyramid – recreation; rising sun; Egyptian influence

Oak tree – or leaf; strength

Obelisk – setting sun; Egyptian influence popular after President James Garfield gravestone and Washington monument

Open book – divine knowledge; book of life/death

Peacock – eternal life

Pine cone – regeneration

Pitcher – usually broken, severing earthly connection; household grave good useful in afterlife

Scales – equality, justice; Archangel Michael weighing departed souls

Shell – birth and resurrection; watery transition between life and death; journey through life

Skull – on pillar shows triumph of death

Snake – with tail in mouth; eternity

Sun – glorified souls; celestial objects representing heaven as home

Trees – cut or broken; death or life cut short; belief that number of limbs signify deceased's number of children

Urns – with eternal flame at top; adult death; repository for ashes

Vulture – protection and maternal care; Egyptian influence

Wagon wheel – broken; life's journey cut short

Weeping willow – sorrow; regeneration

Wheat – harvest of life; usually on adult grave; with sickle, often bound

Wreath – reward in heaven

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Department _____ Camp No. _____

Current/Highest Past Office Held (Check Only One)

_____ CinC _____ PcinC _____ Dept. Cmdr. _____ PDC _____ Delegate _____ Alternate

Complete and mail with check or money order (Do not send cash!) for \$7.00, payable to National Organization, S.U.V.C.W., to:

2008 National Encampment
 Credentials Committee
 6114 Gillespie Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19135

This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials Card (Form 2), which is required to complete your registration at the National Encampment. You will not be able to register at the National Encampment without a completed and signed Credentials Card from your Department Secretary. Pre-registrations must be received no later than July 22, 2008 and will be acknowledged by email only.

TROLLEY TOUR of Boston Historic Sites, Massachusetts State House Tour, and Memorial Ceremony at Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Thursday, August 7, 2008 from Noon until 5:00 PM

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Organization _____

Cost is \$20 per person. Includes roundtrip trolley transportation from the Boston Marriott Peabody, a driving tour of Boston historic sites, a guided tour of the Massachusetts State House, and the Memorial Service at Mount Auburn Cemetery. No meal is included on the tour. (Water will be provided.)

RESERVE _____ SEATS @ \$20 each. TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks or money orders payable to Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW

Return this form and payment to:

2008 National Encampment Historic Tour
 c/o Perley Mellor
 16 Norma Drive
 Nashua, NH 03062

Seating is limited, so please make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations must be made by August 1, 2008.

2008 National Encampment SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (SVR) BREAKFAST

7:00 AM, Saturday, August 9, 2008

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Unit _____

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Reservations must be made by August 1, 2008. Tickets at the door will be \$15 per person.

Reserve _____ Seats @ \$10 each TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks or money orders payable to TAG-SVR

Return this form and payment to

2008 National Encampment SVR Breakfast
 c/o Lt. Col. Donald E. Darby
 Adjutant General, SVR
 1382 Western Avenue
 Chillicothe, OH 45601

2008 ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Organization _____

All meals will include: *Spinach Salad, (with fresh mushrooms, crispy bacon, and sweet and tangy mandarin orange slices) *Chef's selection of accompaniments * Chef's choice of fresh vegetable * Deep Dish Very Berry Torte (blueberries and cranberries with a layer of cream cheese and a butter lattice topped crust) * freshly brewed Gourmet Bean coffee, decaffeinated coffee and assorted traditional and herbal teas, served with honey and lemon.

Reserve _____ Chicken Champagne Dinners @ \$35 each

Sauteed boneless breast of chicken with creamy champagne sauce garnished with julienee of vegetables.

Reserve _____ Boston Baked Scrod Dinners @ \$35 each

Dipped in butter and encrusted with rich Ritz Cracker crumbs

Reserve _____ New York Sirloin Dinners @ \$35 each

Grilled to perfection and finished with Marriott's own butter sauce

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks or money orders payable to Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW

Return this form and payment to:

2008 Allied Orders Banquet
c/o Perley Mellor
16 Norma Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Seating is limited, so please make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations must be made by August 1, 2008.

2008 CENTRAL REGION, ALLIED ORDERS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Return Forms by September 15, 2008)

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Affiliated Order _____

Camp/Tent/Auxiliary/Corps/Circle Name _____

Will you be attending the Fellowship event on Friday evening? ___ Yes ___ No

Registration Fee \$5 _____ = Registration Sub Total

Lunch – Oct. 4 (\$13.00 each):

Meal preference (enter # meals on each line)

_____ Club Wrap _____ Grilled Chicken Caesar _____ Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Number of Meals _____ X \$13.00 = _____ Lunch Sub Total

Banquet – Oct. 4 (\$27 each)

Meal preference (enter # meals on each line)

_____ Sliced Roast Beef _____ Chicken Chardonnay

Number of Meals _____ X \$27.00 = _____ Banquet Sub Total

Make checks or money orders payable to: Department of Missouri, SUVCW

Please return this form and payment to:

2008 Central Region, Allied Orders
c/o Walt Busch, PDC
PO Box 509
Pilot Knob, MO 63663

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.

(Thomas B. Van Horne, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright)

“In expression of the value of each citizen who fell in the war, the body of each was placed in a separate grave. And so thorough was the search for the dead upon each battlefield and over the whole country, that their friends may be assured that, whether identified or not, all rest in grounds consecrated for their abode forever.”

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