

THE INDIANA LEGION

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Huntington's Veteran's Day Parade

Huntington Indiana held a Veteran's Day parade on Nov. 9th, 2013. This was the first parade held in the community for this patriotic date in several decades. The Veteran's Affairs Officer, Bruce Stanton, organized the parade and the turnout for the parade and the ceremony exceeded expectations.

Champion Hill, Camp 17 had seven men march behind the SUVCW banner - all in uniform. They were joined by two more camp members at the courthouse at the parade's end. Over sixty individual units were in the parade and several score veterans from the armed forces either marched or rode in the parade. Over three hundred citizens gathered on the courthouse lawn honor the local veterans.

(Below - left to right - Jacob Allred, Dave Tilden, Gib Young, Jim Kline, Don Morgan [partially hidden], George Foster, & John Eger)



(photo courtesy of Huntington Herald Press)

*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*

Department of Indiana Heads for Annual Winter Encampment!

From the Headquarters Tent of Commander Michael Beck



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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Indiana Encampment 2014 Mid-Winter Encampment

Registration Form

Deadline - No Later Than January 11, 2014!

Date: January 25, 2014

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Max & Erma's Restaurant (just north of the Greenwood Park Mall)
8817 U.S. Highway 31, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Map - <http://www.maxandermas.com/locations/search.php?searchbyaddress=46227>

Lunch will be ordered off the Max & Erma's menu:

(See menu at) <http://www.maxandermas.com/menu/>

Pre-Registration _____ X \$10.00 Total = \$ _____

Day of Registration _____ X \$20.00 Total = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Wives & guest are welcome at the luncheon.

Name: _____

Camp # _____

Guest: _____

Make checks payable to - **SUVCW Dept. of Indiana**

Send checks to:

DC Mike Beck

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The Department Treasurer's Report



You can trust 'Honest' Gib Young

The Department Treasurer - 'Honest' Gib Young (Who has never been convicted.) reports that as of November 11, 2013 the Department Treasury stands at \$7095.50. Note that of that amount \$598.86 is earmarked for the Allied Orders.

Brother Young wishes to remind all brothers that if they find spare change in the Lazy Boy or win the Lottery the Department will always gratefully accept donations.

Any questions (or donations) can be directed to Gib Young at 2004 Hunters Ridge Drive, Huntington, Indiana 46750. Or phoned to 260 356 7643 Or emailed to gibyong@comcast.net

Champion Hill Camp 17 - Nebraska Museum organizes the care of CW veteran's graves!

On September 14, 2013 the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center of Alliance Nebraska held a ceremony honoring the men who wore the blue and were buried in the Alliance cemetery. Director Cindy Zurn said the museum was a major force in getting local citizens to adopt one of approximately 75+ soldiers buried in the cemetery. These citizens volunteered to take care of the headstones and decorate the graves in an appropriate manner.

Brother Merle Rudebusch and other Nebraska members of the SUVCW helped organize and run the ceremony. But the Department of Indiana was represented also. Champion Hill, Camp 17, upon hearing of this project voted to send a wreath and donation in honor of the several Indiana soldiers who were among the men whose graves were being cared for in the Greenbush Cemetery.

*Alliance is a major railroad yard in western Nebraska. It is also known for 'Carhenge'. I highly recommend a visit if going west.



Alliance Cemetery, Alliance NE

Jan Holz (adopter), Cindy Zurn (coordinator), Merle Rudebusch, (son) LeRoy & Sharon Ann Loudon, (son & daughter)
Arlene Rudebusch (daughter), Shelly Piper (adopter), LeeAnn Merrihew (daughter), Jon Loudon (son)

Signature Event for 2014 in Indiana

Champion Hill, Camp 17 will be hosting an event in November of 2014 at the Armstrong Chapel near Green Hill Indiana in Warren County.

The church cemetery holds the remains of several CW veterans including General George Wagner. The afternoon event will have a presentation on the life of George Wagner by his great grandson. There will also be a short presentation on the 15th Indiana Infantry as a typical Indiana regiment.

There will also be a short ceremony at the grave of Gen. Wagner and the other veterans. A social time is planned for after the formal part of the event.

The church only holds about a 100 people so we are urging all brothers of the Department to let us know early on if they wish to attend. The public will be invited at some point after the official invitation to the brothers of the SUVCW.



The Martin County Boys Are Coming Home!!! June 21, 2014



The Department of Indiana, SUVCW, has been invited to Loogootee Indiana on June 21 for the ceremony honoring the return of the men of Company C of the 14th Indiana Infantry home after their discharge. The event will start at 9am and be over by 1pm. As of this writing there is to be a parade of uniformed re-enactors and SUVC W brothers and civilian types from the site of the depot to the town square. At the square there will be music, speeches, etc., etc.. This is a part of a summer festival taking place the same weekend and will be a chance to honor our ancestors and do some recruiting. All brothers who have that weekend free are encouraged to attend

New Feature - In order to improve the cerebral and enlighten the intellect of various brothers of the Department the following offering will be inserted in the Indiana Legion. At the bottom of each page will be a historic quote. You will be able to amaze your wife and friends!

For example

“Thanks for the poncho.” Bill Clinton when presented with the Romanian tricolor flag during a visit to that country.

Haberdashery Dept.

“What sharp looking corps badge is that you ask?” “W’all my friend that ain’t no corps badge, it’s the official badge of the Dept. of Indiana SUVCW!!”



“Only those brothers who want to be the most sharpest and good lookingest of brothers will be sporting them in the meetings to come. Yes Sirree, this here badge is one of honor and distingshunif n you was to wear it you would be considerable improved.”

“Ya want one ya say?”

“Wall to git one you has to check in with the department Treashur, Honest Gib Young who will be at the department encampment in January.”

(If you can't make the meeting then there will be more information coming out in the next Indiana Legion.)

A Short History of Orlando A Somers Camp #1 - Kokomo, Indiana

Written by Allen W. Moore, PC-in-C and Camp Historian

The Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Indiana was organized by Allen W. Moore at Kokomo, Indiana, during a four day snow storm in March 1982. The first meeting was held April 3, 1982, at Laughner's Cafeteria in Kokomo. At this organizational meeting, the officers elected were Ned P. Booher, Commander, Gary L. Sipes, Senior Vice-Commander, Allen Parker Shinn, Junior Vice-Commander, Gayle A. Eikenberry, Secretary, Karl O. Learner II, Treasurer, and Ronald L. Tetrick, Chaplain. Edward W. Phillips presented a program based on his Civil War grandfather's letters. The Camp was named in honor of Orlando A. Somers, Co. D 39th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, a Kokomo resident who served as Commander-in-Chief of the GAR in 1917-1918. The Camp Charter was dated August 5, 1982.

The second meeting was held on September 11, 1982, at Laughner's Cafeteria, where the officers were installed by Orval King, Past Department Commander, from Battle Ground. The charter members were initiated by Allen W. Moore, Senior-Vice Commander of the Department of Indiana. Robert W. Craig of Richmond gave a program on Civil War uniforms.

The Charter Members were Ned P. Booher, Robert Colin Craig, Kenneth W. Crook, Gayle A. Eikenberry, Jonathan E. Ellers, Roland H. Ferguson, Fred M. Goodier, Richard E. Grimes, John R. Grose, Karl O. Learner II, James K. McKay, Joseph William Mills, Stephen E. Mills, William S. Mills, Willard E. Moore, Steven M. Morehead, Thomas W. Morehead, Joseph Warren Muncie, Edward W. Phillips, Adrian G. Ralstin, Allen Parker Shinn, Jack P. Shinn, Gary P. Sipes, Allen L. "Ted" Somers, Harold A. Stephenson, Robert D. Stephenson, Ronald L. Tetrick, and Chester H. Thompson.

On Veterans' Day 1982, six members of the Camp rode in a horse-drawn Civil War ambulance wagon in the Kokomo parade. Jack P. Shinn, Grandson of Orlando A. Somers, was the driver and Fred M. Goodier, the Camp's only real son, rode beside him. Also in the ambulance were Gayle A. Eikenberry, Allen W. Moore, and two other members.

In 1991 the Camp began holding its meetings at Richard's Restaurant, where it continues to meet. Through the years a variety of educational programs have been presented by authors, university professors, and camp members. Several programs were given by members Ned P. Booher, Kokomo's historian and author, and by Craig Dunn, author of several Civil War books.

During its existence the Camp has had a number of successful projects. These include the restoration of the 100 pound Parrott cannon in the IOOF Cemetery at Hartford City in 1993 by Dr. Gary Dolph, Joseph William Mills, and Allen W. Moore. At the Estates of Serenity Cemetery in Marion, the Camp ordered and installed two military headstones for Civil War soldiers buried at the base of the GAR Monument, which the Camp paid to have professionally

cleaned. Several military headstones were replaced in the Soldiers' Circle at Crown Point Cemetery in Kokomo. A large bronze marker was purchased and placed at the grave of Pvt. John C. Adams, who was the last Union Civil War soldier to die in Indiana. Money was donated to Eagle Scout Timon A. Pike for restoration of the Freeman Cemetery in eastern Howard County. The Camp raised money to buy a carriage for the Kokomo bronze field Howitzer cannon and worked with the City of Kokomo on joint ownership and maintenance of the cannon.

Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 has participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at the Crown Point Cemetery since its inception. It also participated in the dedication ceremony at Freeman Cemetery and at the Oak Chapel Cemetery in eastern Grant County. The Camp began Memorial Day ceremonies at the GAR Monument in Estates of Serenity Cemetery at Marion and at the grave of the last member of the GAR in Indiana at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City. In 2002 the Camp members marched in the parade at the Centennial Celebration of the Dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis.

In Addition to meetings and ceremonies, the Camp has taken field trips to the following: Civil War Show at Lexington, Kentucky, May 1993; Crown Hill Cemetery at Indianapolis, April 1998; President Benjamin Harrison Home and World War Memorial in Indianapolis, May 1999; Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, May 2000; and the Ben Hur Museum at Crawfordsville, May 2001.

The following members have served as Camp Commanders:

Ned P. Booher	1982-1983
Gary L. Sipes	1984-1985
Rev. Dr. Walter Ungerer	1986
Allen W. Moore	1987-1991
Dr. Gary E. Dolph	1992-1995
Russell W. Kirchner	1996-1997
Thomas C. Crawford, Jr.	1998-1999
J. Alan Teller	2000-2001
Ned R. Baker	2002-2003
Shawn C. Clements	2004
D. Jon Ayers	2005
J. Alan Teller	2006
Mathew Elkin	2007-2008
Larry A. Myer	2009-2010
J. Alan Teller	2011
Timon Pike	2012-2013

Five members of the Camp have served as Department Commander. They are Allen W. Moore, Dr. Gary E. Dolph, Russell W. Kirchner, Thomas C. Crawford, Jr., J. Alan Teller, and Mathew J. Elkin. In 1993-1994 Allen W. Moore served as Commander-in-Chief.

Written by Allen W. Moore, PC-in-C
Camp Historian

Brothers, I have heard your pleas and you can save your breath. The immensely popular quiz I have created for Camp 17 and added to the department newsletter will continue until someone in Camp 1 gets a question right (They are playing for pride now).

The All Time Unbelievable Untouchable Super-Hard Civil War Trivia Quiz!!



Brother Art Fern is your genial quiz master

1. (For Brothers of Camp 1) Indiana ends with what letter of the alphabet?
2. Which was heavier, a ten pound Parrott shell or Mary Todd Lincoln?"
3. Gen. Lew Wallace was governor of what state during the time of Billy the Kid?
4. Has anyone seen Commander Beck and Spiderman at the same time?
5. Who wrote 'Old Folks at Home?'

Answers can be found somewhere in the Indiana Legion - if I haven't forget to add them.

News from the 27th Indiana, SVR, Alan Teller Commanding



SVR Co. D 27th Indiana Infantry Schedule:

2013 Future Events: (We should wear uniforms to all events unless stated otherwise below)

December 8, Co. D 27th Indiana SVR Annual Business Meeting and election, uniforms not required

2014 Future Events:

January 25, Midwinter Encampment, Indianapolis, Exact location to Be Announced, Muster at 8:30 AM

February 9, Lincoln Day Program, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, 2:00 PM CST, Muster at 1:30 PM CST, Present Colors, and lead procession to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln

April 22, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL, 10:00 AM CST, Muster will be about 9:30 AM CST

May 26, Harrison Camp Memorial Day Services, Crown Hill Cemetery, 34th Street Entrance, Muster 11:00 AM,

May 25 & 26, Memorial Day Activities, I have not been notified of all Camp Services yet, but know they will happen

May 30, Champion Hill Illumination, Slack Park, Huntington, Muster 8:00 PM

June 7, 2014 Annual Encampment, Kokomo, IUK, Muster 8:30 AM

June 14, Loogootee Ceremony Honoring Civil War Veterans, at this point they have asked if we would be interested in attending; and I have said yes.

Capt. Alan Teller, Commander
Co D 27th Indiana Infantry

Answers to the CW trivia quiz

1. Indiana has been brought to you by the letter “a”. As in ‘Anno Domini’
2. Well MTL of course. But you couldn’t stuff her down the barrel with a ramrod.
3. Trick Question. He wasn’t the governor of any state. He was governor of the New Mexico Territory
4. No, but then they haven’t seen him and Joe Biden at the same time either.
5. Stephan Foster. Not HorseneckGustaftuson as Brother Eric Fricke insists.



Indiana at Gettysburg

“Tuesday Night at the Movies” will be seen on Saturday this week instead of Monday” - unidentified television announcer