

# THE INDIANA LEGION

Orlando A Summers Camp #1 Kokomo  
John W. Foster Camp #2 Evansville  
Champion Hill Camp #17 Huntington

William P Benton Camp #28 Centerville

David D. Porter Camp #116 Valparaiso  
John B Anderson Camp #223 Columbus  
Ben Harrison Camp #356 Indianapolis

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## THE UNION FOREVER!!!!



*"I propose to stand on this porch till you take a good picture – if it takes all summer!"*

## Huzzah for Benton Camp 28 !!

The photos here show the William P. Benton Camp #28 presenting the flag at the April 15, 2015 "Lincoln Remembrance Day" ceremony held at the Centerville, IN. Methodist Church. The ceremony was held exactly 150 years ago to the day/hour/minute that the original ceremony was held in this church on April 15, 1865! The original "Prayers" that were given 150 years ago were used (very long)!! It was a memorable day for everyone and the food afterward was excellent.

Dennis H. Rigsby, Camp Commander  
William P Benton Camp #28

Editor's note. Rumor has it that 150 years ago was the last time any member of Benton Camp #28 were in a church. Also, there were over fifty photos sent to the Legion editor and interestingly enough Camp Commander Rigsby was in all of them. The Legion only uses those that showed Brother Rigsby at his most splendiferous.



The Gold of the Inca are stored in Indiana  
Or  
The Report of the Department Treasurer.  
G. Young – Department Treasurer



Brother Bruce Kolb said that he would generously donate all the loose change in his couch to the Department. When all was said and done there was about sixteen pounds of gold dollars. Of course Brother Kolb said he was only kidding and wanted to reclaim the found coins. This is just to point out that any and all donations by the members of the camp would be greatly appreciated and used to the betterment of the purposes of honoring and remembering our ancestors who wore the blue.

As of the printing of this newsletter the Department of Indiana is holding at \$8502.00  
\$598.86 of that amount is money belonging to the Allied Orders.

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True or False?

The Gettysburg Address Bombed with the Audience in Attendance!!

One Sale – Still!

Sons of Veterans – Department of Indiana Badges.

These 'sharp looking' badges are of bright red bordered with gold. They are like those adopted and issued by the various departments over 100 years ago. The look sharp on hats (slouch or kepi) and look equally dashing on blazers or suit coats. The cost is a miniscule \$6.00 per badge. Send your check (or cash) to Gib Young, 2004 Hunters Ridge Dr. Huntington, Indiana 46750.



(PS. This ad will be repeated until we get these badges sold.)

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The Encampment in Kokomo – June 2015

The 2015 Annual Encampment, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held Indiana University-Kokomo, Kokomo, IN June 6. Department Commander William Adams is inviting all brothers to the event.



129th Annual Department of Indiana Encampment  
67th Memorial Encampment to the GAR  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
Registration Form  
Indiana University Kokomo, Saturday June 6, 2015  
Starting at 9:00 AM  
**Deadline for Registration No Later Than May 23rd !**

Pre-Registration      \_\_\_ x \$5.00      \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch                    \_\_\_ x \$15.00      \_\_\_\_\_  
Total                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wives& guest are welcome at the luncheon.  
Make checks payable to **SUVCW Dept. of Indiana**  
Send checks to Alan Teller, 3003 Lamplighter Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902-8125

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp # \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_





### Answer to True or False

1. The crowd received the address with great enthusiasm. Edward Everett who had spoken for two hours before Mr. Lincoln remarked to the president, "There is more in your two minutes than in my two hours."

Civil War for the uninformed. (I bet you read it as uniformed.)

Of the nine officers in the Ft. Sumter garrison eight went on to serve in the Union armies. The ninth and most junior, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. R K Meade Jr., resigned and joined the Confederacy. He died a short time later of natural causes so let that be a lesson to one and all.

### Words of Wisdom from Somers Camp #1

**We have enough "youth".**

**How about a fountain of "smart"?**

**Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers  
give the rest a bad name.**

Brother John Eger who heads the graves registration effort for the Department reports that as of April 30, there are 31,697 veteran's grave found and registered with the national SUVCW.

Brother Eger is also the camp commander for Champion Hill Camp 17 in Huntington. He invites all SUVCW members to come up to Huntington on Decoration Day (Saturday May 30) for the annual illumination ceremony that the camp holds. The ceremony starts at 8:30 pm and lasts about an hour. All brothers are invited to attend in military uniform or civilian attire and wreaths are welcome for placement at the monument. If you or members of your camp are planning to attend please let Brother Gib Young know. His number is 260 356 7643 and his email is gibyoung@comcast.net. The ceremony is at Slack Park on Guilford St. near the downtown in Huntington.



Submitted by Michael W. Beck, PDC

**Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic  
INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 16 AND 17, 1900.**

The Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Wednesday morning, May 16, at 10 o'clock. The Encampment was opened according to the ritual, the Department Commander, William L. Dunlap, presiding;

These excerpts were that from the Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic which represents information gleaned from 1899.

1. INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME. This Home, located at Knightstown, Ind., is well known throughout the State, and especially to the Grand Army of the Republic and all organizations similar in character and purpose. Under the efficient management of Professor A. H. Graham and his able corps of assistants, this institution has advanced until it is the pride of every veteran of this Department. Throughout the year it has carried an enrollment equal to its capacity, varying but little from 635. At the close of the last fiscal year, October 31, 1899, there were on the rolls 639—373 boys and 200 girls.
2. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT. The National Encampment held at Philadelphia, Pa., was largely attended by the Comrades of this Department. The annual parade was one of the features of the Encampment. The Comrades of this Department, led by the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home Band, deserve credit for their excellent soldierly appearance and bearing. No other Department made any better showing. I want to avail myself of this opportunity to thank each and every one who attended the Encampment, and for the interest shown in the work of the order.
3. In the year of 1899 there were 411 members that died during this term.
4. Marion Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers was housing 2881 inmates. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home was housing 633 boys and girls and Indiana State Soldiers' Home was housing 401 inmates.

5. The number of comrades remaining in good standing December 31, 1899. ... 16,615.

Twenty-four Posts disbanded during the year, as follows: Post No. 21, Coal Creek; Post No. 488, Bryant; Post No. 35, Oxford; Post No. 492, Quincy; Post No. 54, Attica; Post No. 501, Royal Center; Post No. 97, Scircleville; Post No. 503, Ragsville; Post No. 107, Faulkner; Post No. 505, Dalton; Post No. 143, Newville; Post No. 525, Clarksburg; Post No. 213, Redkey; Post No. 533, Graysville; Post No. 361, Eckerty; Post No. 549, Livonia; Post No. 413, Alton; Post No. 553, Burrows; Post No. 447, Chrisney; Post No. 558, Bloomington; Post No. 449, New Ross; Post No. 573, Paragon; Post No. 464, Battle Ground; Post No. 580, Lexington.

Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1899. . 454.

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