

THE INDIANA LEGION

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WILLIAM P BENTON CAMP#28 CENTERVILLE

JOHN B ANDERSON CAMP #223 COLUMBUS

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THE UNION FOREVER!!!!



In honor of the soldiers who fought for the Union in West Virginia - 61 & 62
**On the soil of Virginia they laid him to rest,
Where the rude winds of Winter will sweep o'er his breast.
And his comrades will think as deep sighs their breasts rend,
Of the soldier, their brother and brave and true friend.**

**The night watch will pace past his rude lowly grave.
And think how he died his dear country to save,
And his heart will in silence a firm resolve form
To fight till our Union is freed from the storm.**

Credited to Ambrose Bierce - 9th Indiana Vol.

*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*

**From the Donald Trump of the SUVCW
The Department Treasury**



(I don't trust banks so I am keeping our treasury in cash in my garage.)

As of September 10, 2016 there is \$9265.00 in the department account. Of that amount \$600.00 is being held for the Allied Orders.
Brother G. Young – Dept. Treasurer

On 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. They 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. (Or you can get one or two at the department encampment.)



Department of Indiana Mid- Winter Encampment Info. The date scheduled for the Mid-Winter Encampment is on Saturday morning, January 28, 2017 at the Richmond, IN. Masonic Lodge Hall at 4090 South "A" Street, Richmond, IN. (on the East side of Richmond, one block south of the National Rd. (U.S. 40), directly behind the Richmond Square Mall.) The time will be the same as previous encampments, at 9:00 o'clock AM. Fraternally, Dennis Rigsby, Dept. Commander

Indiana's Fightingest Regiments (or unluckiest depending on your POV)

Regiment	Total Enrollment	% killed & mort. wounded	died of other
6 TH Indiana Infantry	1091	11.4 (126)	13.0%
9 th Indiana Infantry	1766	7.4 (131)	12.5%
14 th Indiana Infantry	1134	13.2 (150)	6.2%
19 th Indiana Infantry	1246	15.9 (199)	9.3%
20 th Indiana Infantry	1403	14.3 (201)	8.0%
22 nd Indiana Infantry	1986	7.8 (155)	9.5%
27 th Indiana Infantry	1101	15.3 (169)	12.0%
30 th Indiana Infantry	1126	12.1 (137)	19.9%
31 st Indiana Infantry	1562	7.6 (120)	16.5%
32 nd Indiana Infantry	1283	13.3 (171)	7.5%
38 th Indiana Infantry	1597	9.7 (156)	15.9%
39 th Indiana Infantry	1953	7.5 (148)	7.5%
40 th Indiana Infantry	1473	10.0 (148)	14.3%
Total 13 Regiments	20731	9.7(2011)	10.9%

Springfield, Illinois 2016 Encampment



“As fine a set of skulkers, coffee boilers, and stragglers as there is.”



Every artilleryman’s alter! (This and a coffee pot.)

Future National Encampments

August 10-13, 2017

Lansing, Michigan
Radisson Hotel

August 9-12, 2018

Boston, Mass
Sheraton Framingham Conference Center

From Champion Hill Camp #17



Champion Hill, Camp 17 Color Guard at Bluffton Street Fair Parade – Sept. 20 2016
(from left – John Eger, Gib Young, Dave Tilden, Keith Stroud, Jim Harshman (CSA). Rich McConnel, Colt McConnell, Tom Schmitt)
(At the request of the Wells County Historical Society Champion Hill, Camp 17 added a color guard to their historical era entry.)

Time to put on your thinking caps cause it is time for a QUIZ!!!



Editor's Note: As much as this goes against the grain I am going to focus on the Secession side of the Civil War in this issue. (Considering how little most members of the Department know about the Union there is little hope for anyone with this test.)

- What was the first Confederate capital building?
- Who was known as 'The Stonewall Jackson of the West'?
- What statesman' statue represents Mississippi in Capitol
- Where was the last Confederate flag lowered?



From Benton Camp # 28 - Centerville

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM, the William P. Benton Camp #28 Honor Guard performed the Evening Prayer service/ Taps ceremony at the Wayne Co. Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, IN. for the first day of the Viet Nam Veterans traveling Memorial. No picture is available. Those in uniform for the Honor Guard were, Dennis Rigsby, Tom Ashley, Brian Kelly, and James Frost. Sent in by Dept Commander Rigsby



Here at a recent meeting of the William P. Benton Camp #28 showing Dennis Rigsby and Tom Ashley with his son Mathew Ashley, also a member of Benton Camp on his last meeting before departing for U.S. Navy "Bootcamp". Benton Camp will greatly miss Bro. Mathew and wish him well.



At the Moravian Cemetery in Hope, IN (Bartholomew County) on September 27, 2016 Company D. 27th Indiana, Sons of Veterans Reserve, comprised of members from the SUVCW Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 and John B. Anderson Camp # 223, held a grave rededication ceremony for four (4) Civil War Soldiers buried in the Moravian Cemetery. Past Department Commander Mike Beck and Past Camp Commander Steve Coffman were the presiding officials, along with Company D. 11th Indiana Volunteer Zouaves.

Using the 1917 Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) graveside service ceremony as a template, the graves of Private William H. McNulty, Company F. 11th Indiana Vol. Inf., Private Grif Hogden of Company A. 27th Indiana Vol. Inf., Private H. G. Crawford, Company I. 41st Illinois Vol. Inf., and Private Andrew J. Emmert of Company H. 188th Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., were dressed with and American Flag and three (3) volleys were fired by Company D. 11th Indiana Volunteer Zouaves. The ceremony was finished in fine style by the playing of "Taps" by Bugler Shawn Bentz.

Answers to the Quiz

The Alabama State House in Montgomery.

Gen. Patrick Cleburne

Jefferson Davis

Liverpool England on the CSS Shenandoah on November 6, 1865



Brothers of the Indiana Department hang on every word of the National Commander at the August Encampment.
(Except Commander Rigsby who is plotting a coup obviously.)