

Proceedings of the
2022 Mid-Year Encampment



Department of Indiana
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

James M. Floyd, Jr.
Department Commander

Minutes - Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment October 29, 2022

The 2022 Mid-Year Encampment, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Penn-Harris-Madison Public Library, Mishawaka IN, October 29, 2022. Dept. Commander James Floyd opened the meeting at 9:37 AM.

Members of Co. D, 27th Indiana Infantry SVR presented the Colors.

The 2022 Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment was called to order by Commander Floyd. Commander Floyd welcomed our Sisters of the Allied Orders who joined us. He then introduced National Women's Relief Corp. President Elizabeth Thurston. Sister Thurston made a few brief remarks wishing a successful meeting to all

The Secretary called the roll of officers as follows:

Commander, James M. Floyd, Present
Sr. Vice Commander, Thomas L. Schmitt, Present
Jr. Vice Commander, Travis J. LeMaster, Present
Secretary, William R. Adams, PDC Present
Treasurer, Gilbert H. Young, Jr., PDC Present
Council Member #1 Dennis H. Rigsby, PDC Present
Council Member #2 Timothy J. Beckman, PDC Present
Council Member #3 Dennis C. Hutchinson, PDC Absent
Patriotic Instructor, Brian J. Mexin, Present
Chaplain, J. Alan Teller, PDC Present
Graves Registration Officer, David Hoesli, Present
Historian, Bruce Kolb, PDC Present
Civil War Memorials Officer, Michael W. Beck, PDC Absent
Eagle Scout Coordinator, Michael W. Beck, PDC Absent
GAR Highway, William R. Adams, PDC Present
Signal Officers, Timothy J. Beckman, PDC Present
The Legion Editor, Jonathan P. Swarts, Present
GAR Records Officer, Bruce R. Kolb, PDC Present
S.V.R., William R. Adams, PDC Present

Chaplain J. Alan Teller presented the opening prayer. Commander Floyd then welcomed all to the encampment. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced our National Representative Brother Bobby Welch, PCC.

Commander Floyd asked for a motion to approve the June 4, 2022 Department minutes. A motion was made by Brother Alan Teller that the minutes of the 136th Annual Encampment of June 4th, 2022 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Brother Bruce Kolb, there was no further discussion, the motion to accept the minutes as presented passed.

Department Officers Reports:

Commander Floyd reminded the Encampment that we would not be reading the Department Officer reports. He noted that all reports submitted by the deadline were assembled and made available in advance for review. It was additionally announced that there were two (2) copies of the Officers reports available for review if so needed. Secretary Adams reported that all Department Officers Reports were received. Commander Floyd then polled each Department Officer asking if there were

any additions, deletions, or corrections to their published reports. Treasurer Gib Young reported he had an updated report current to this day. The Department account has \$10,318.95. Several copies of the Treasury Report were available for review by the Encampment. There were no additions, deletions, or corrections to the other Department Officer Reports.

Commander Floyd called attention to the numerous graves to be registered in Indiana and showed a map of the location of cemeteries located in Indiana. He thanked Graves registration Officer David Hoesli for his untiring work performed in doing such an enormous job! Brother Adams and Brother Schmitt commented briefly on the GAR Highway, US 6.

Camp Reports:

Commander Floyd requested of each Camp Commander present if there were any corrections or deletions to their Camp reports, none were reported.

Department Standing Committee:

Visitation Committee update was provided by Brother Tom Schmitt. Brother Schmitt reported he has nothing to report. He did ask for more clarification of the duties of this committee. Commander Floyd explained that the Department By-laws state that a committee of two is to be appointed each year to visit the Orphanage in Knights Town and the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana. If possible, it should be done in conjunction with other Allied Orders. More discussion to come in the future.

Department Special Committees:

Last Union Veteran Project: Brother Gib Young reported that a “Last Veteran” had been found for each of Indiana’s 92 counties however, all graves have not been marked. Gib, reminded everyone that placing a marker at the appropriate Last Veteran’s grave is an excellent project for each Camp. He asked that each camp Commander communicate the counties they are marking graves to avoid dual effort. An example was Blackford, county where Camp #17 had purchased a plaque for the grave with the Veterans information, but Camp # 1 performed the ceremony and added the marker. (The camp Commanders involved will resolve outside of the Encampment) Brother LeMaster reported that the Last Soldier listed and who’s grave is so marked for Miami County is incorrect. Pvt. William Rennaker is buried in Converse Cemetery and Converse Cemetery is in Grant County. Pvt. Rennaker therefore is not the “Last Veteran of Miami County. The true “Last Veteran” of Miami County is Pvt. Jonathan Jones of the 11th Indiana and is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru Indiana. A **motion** by Brother Teller that we properly honor and mark the grave of the correct Last Veteran of Miami County, Pvt. Jonathan Jones but leave the plaque on the grave of Pvt William Rennaker in the Converse Cemetery. **Motion** seconded by Brother Bruce Kolb; *motion approved!*

26th Indiana Vicksburg Monument: Brother Bill Adams provided an update on the request to move the 26th Indiana’s Monument back on the VNMP property. Brother Adams explained that the placement of the monument will have to wait until other more serious issues can be resolved at the National Park. Currently the VNMP has 1/3 of the park closed to visitors due to massive erosion problems. Many roads have washed out and the National Cemetery has many graves damaged as well. He reminded everyone of the link that Commander Floyd had sent earlier this year from the National Battlefield Trust. The short video showed the damage and provided knowledge about the severity of the erosion problems. It also provided a link to a letter that will automatically send a letter to the Brother’s correct Senators and Representatives. Brother Adams urged all Brothers of the Department to fill in the basic information for that letter so it can be sent urging congress to act by providing funds to correct the erosion problems. Commander Floyd then showed the National Battlefield Trust video to the Encampment.

Department Records Storage: Secretary Adams reported that all Department records are currently sorted and stored in heavy plastic totes. This currently alleviates the most pressing previously listed concerns with storage of Department Records. Brother Drew Godby informed the Encampment of a group he is associated with, the Center for Fraternal Collections and Research that are looking for Indiana Fraternal Organizations to provide free digitation and storage of records and files. Secretary Adams and Brother Godby will meet outside of the meeting to exchange contact information.

Department Projects: Committee Chair Bother Alan Teller said there had been no requests to date. He asked for more information about the committee. It was created out of Treasurer Gib Young's recommendations that the Department had funds that could be used to support Camp projects. Camps can request fund support for projects by directing their requests to Alan Teller and Gib Young.

Department Insurance Review: Brother Bruce Kolb explained the review he performed comparing the National Insurance Policy to the Departments Insurance Policy. In all areas of review the Department Policy exceeded coverage as compared to the National. Total area of coverage also exceeded the National Policy. Therefore, Brother Kolb recommended that we continue with our current Department Insurance Policy, Brother Kolb made a **Motion:** That the Department continue to pay the Premium on the current Department Insurance Policy. Support by Brother Alan Teller. After discussion the *motion was approved.*

Department Encampment: A new format was tried at this Encampment where by the Department Officers reports and Camp reports were not read. All reports and the minutes were assembled and available for reading before the Encampment. Brother Floyd asked for opinions regarding the changes. Main comments were, the reading of camp reports allowed for new camp ideas to be communicated. Another comment was that only recommendations from the reports should be read. Discussion also occurred about the location and time change of the Annual and Midyear Encampments. After the discussion period Brother Brian Mexin made the following **motion** supported by Brother Kolb to: Continue with the new format schedule of the Annual Encampment being the last weekend in April at Kokomo. The Midyear to continue as a moving Encampment hosted by the different camps on the first weekend of November. The *motion was approved.*

General Encampment Business: Commander Floyd presented a map locating each Department member living in the state. Individual maps for each specific camp were handed out to each Camp Commander. Camp Commanders were to use this in recruiting new members. Commander Floyd had a brief overview of Memorial University and congratulated Department Secretary Adams for receiving a pin and certificate of completion at the National Encampment. Commander Floyd congratulated Brother Tom Schmitt for becoming a Gold Sentinel Level at the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Two (2) others from the department, James Floyd and John Eger have also attained this level. Brother Teller explained that the purpose of the Foundation was monument preservation/restoration, monument construction and erection, scholarships, and benevolence to members of the SUVCW. Commander Floyd noted that by tradition the outgoing Department Commander receives a Past Department Commander badge. He indicated that many Departments now supply this badge with a bar that hangs on the badge with the Name and Department Emblem. Brother Tim Beckman has been sourcing a supplier and designing the bar. He provided an image of the first iteration of the bar. He said it is too large and further revisions are needed. He is using the same supplier that Department of Illinois has used. No actual final costs have been determined but set up costs are \$100. He will continue working the issue and we will review again at the Annual Encampment.

Old Business:

National Encampment: Commander Floyd congratulated Orlando Somers Camp for receiving the Horace Greely Award for "The most Outstanding Website Design". Camp Commander Travis LeMaster said it was a surprise and the person behind the design was Camp member Brother Drew Godby. Commander Floyd remarked on several various points regarding the National Encampment. He said he was pleased with the turnout for the Indiana Delegation and thanked all who attended. The Commander then commented on the upcoming Remembrance Day events coming up at

Gettysburg. He commented on the NPS rules for the placement of flags on graves in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. He also provided information on the increasing costs to the SVR to hold the Remembrance parade. City permits alone have increased from \$400 to over \$6000. That's in addition to fees to the State for Police coverage, trash pick up etc. The SVR provides a streamer to anyone who donates a minimum of \$100 toward the cost of the parade. Commander Floyd presented a streamer he received for his donation to the Department Patriotic Instructor Brian Mexin to place on the Department Flag.

Evansville Memorial Coliseum Update: No change to the June 4th Annual Encampment report.

Sultana Memorial Project: Brother Bruce Kolb presented the history of the Sultana tragedy and gave some background on the project. The project started with Brother Tim Beckman and Brother Kolb to establish a memorial to those victims of the Sultana. The National Veterans Memorial Shrine in Fort Wayne had an unused stone and through the help of Brother Tom Schmitt, the stone was made available for the Sultana Memorial. A bronze Plaque 12'x15" was ordered to attach to the stone. The stone will then be put in place at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum grounds in Fort Wayne. Total cost for the plaque and mounting was \$669.00. Monies donated to the Ben Harrison Camp from the closing of the Ladies Auxiliary to the SUVCW were to be used to pay for the plaque. However, Brother Alan Teller felt that the Department of Indiana should support this project financially. Brother Teller made the following **Motion:** The Department of Indiana fully financially support the Sultana Monument project as presented by Brother Kolb. Support from Brother Mexin. One question, was where does the original money marked for the project from the Auxiliary go? Answer, into the Ben Harrison Camp fund. *Motion was approved!*

Chaplain Alan Teller closed the Bible at 11:40 to adjourn for lunch.

Department Secretary Adams read Indiana Department Order 2022-6 to all Brothers. (See Encampment Proceedings)

Secretary Adams, by direction of Indiana Department Order 2022-6, Convened a Court of Honor for the purpose of the Department bestowing on Sisters Elizabeth Thurston and Penny Bucks, the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award. Both are members of the WRC and the LGAR.

Programs presented during lunch:

Patriotic Instruction – Brian Mexin

U.S. Marine Corp in the Civil War - Thomas Schmitt

Special Presentations – Commander James Floyd

- Award presented to Brother Gib Young for support of the Last Veteran Program and his years of service as the Editor of the Legion
- Award presented to Brother Tim Beckman for support of the Last Veteran Program and his years of service compiling the Legion.
- Award presented to David Hoesli for the outstanding work by John Foster camp in preserving the records from the GAR Room at the Memorial Coliseum, Evansville, IN.

Return from lunch:

Kimmel Park LGAR/DUV Monument: Vincennes Update: No change to previous report of June 2022.

Oscar & Molly Mott #1 WRC Corps: Brother Adams reviewed the activities at the Chartering Ceremony for the Oscar and Molly Mott #1 WRC Corp. The Oscar and Molly Mott #1 WRC Corp currently is the only WRC Corp active in Indiana. Adams also reported that 7members of the 27th

SVR presented Colors and fired a rifle volley. It was also noted that Elizabeth Thurston and Penny Bucks did an excellent job organizing the day's events.

Thomas Cave Last Union Veteran: Brother David Hoesli gave a review of the Thomas Cave LUV of Orange County Ceremony held August 28th. Four of Thomas Cave's descendants attended as well as 10 SUVCW. Commander Floyd noted that Thomas Cave is pictured briefly from a news clip of that time attending the 1938 Gettysburg Reunion.

Last Union Veteran of Blackford County: Commander Floyd called on Sommers Camp Commander Travis Le Master to give an update. The LUV of Blackford County was James Augustus Alfrey of Company I, 132nd Indiana Infantry. Brother LeMaster noted that 19 descendants of James Alfrey attended the ceremony September 11, one attending from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Eliza E. George Memorial Service: Brother Tom Schmitt reported on this program and ceremony that he organized to honor Civil War Nurse Eliza (mother) George. The ceremony was held at the Mother George Monument placed in her honor at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Brother Schmitt was supported by 7 Veterans from the Veteran's Memorial Shrine and Museum, the 30th Indiana Volunteer Reenactors, the 27th Indiana SVR, the ladies Allied Orders of the WRC, LGAR, and the SUVCW. Commander Floyd commented on the excellent job Brother Schmitt did in bringing together such a well-run program.

The Indiana Legion New Legion Editor Brother Jon Swarts thanked everyone who contributed articles to the most recent Legion. He said the goal was to publish the Legion 4 times per year in January, April, June, and October. He stressed that to do that he needed everyone to contribute articles and pictures.

Upcoming SVR Events: Brother Adams explained that all upcoming events were marked on the SVR Activities Calendar. He did note that there was a change to the December 17th Wreaths Across America event as listed. Bruce Kolb, the officer in charge of the event explained that there was a change in locations this year. This year the 27th were invited to support Wreaths Across America at Williams Creek Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Camp Officer Installation: Commander Floyd announced that it was his preference to install the camp officers. It is his way to visit all camps and get acquainted. He said a number of camps have contacted him already and if at all possible, he will attend. If he is unable to attend, he will appoint a Past Department Commander to take his place.

New Business

Department Seal: Secretary Adams explained that the old embosser used to imprint the Seal of the Department of Indiana on a document was no longer legible. A new embosser was purchased. (New embosser displayed to Encampment) The new embosser is light weight and compact while the old one was heavy and bulky. Commander Floyd explained that replacement of the seal began because he wanted to digitize the Department seal and needed an image of it. Since the old one was illegible, he could not do that. The decision was then made to purchase the new seal embosser.

Reimbursement of Department Officers: Commander Floyd brought this subject to the Encampment because for years the Department Officers had paid expenses incurred for Department business out of their own pockets. He said if we had only \$500 in the Treasury he wouldn't bring the subject up, however that is not the situation. He then submitted to the Department Treasurer receipts for the Mary Edwards Walker medals and the receipt for the new embosser. He also submitted Secretary Adams receipt for the Encampment ribbons. Brian Mexin made a **motion** supported by Brother Alan Teller stating that the department reimburse both Commander Floyd and Secretary Adams the amount submitted on the receipts. *Motion passed* Commander Floyd then stated that he had requested Department Secretary, Brother Adams to develop a list of all his costs incurred from January 1, to October 29, while doing the Department's business. The itemized list totaling \$149 was presented to the Encampment and Department Treasurer. Brother Mexin with support from Brother Bill Bierly made the following **Motion:** That Department Secretary Adams be reimbursed \$149 for his department expenses. Alan Teller questioned if we could reimburse this amount without receipts

per IRS requirements. Commander Floyd explained that we could and how we could do that. *Motion passed.* All future Department expenditures requesting reimbursement **must** be accompanied by a receipt.

Station Banners and Tables: Commander Floyd pointed out that the Encampment was set up with the Officer stations and Station Banners. The Station Banners used today belonged to John Auten Camp and those used in June belonged to John W. Foster Camp. The Commander asked if the Department wished to spend \$180.00 to purchase a set of Banners for the Department or to continue with borrowing them from camps? Brother Tim Beckman supported by Brother Travis LeMaster made a **Motion:** That the Department purchase a set of Station Banners for Department use. Also, that they are added to the Departments inventory list as Department property. After a brief discussion a voice vote was taken. The vote, to close to determine, was then taken by a show of hands. Brother LeMaster and Brother Adams each counted the votes independently and confirmed the totals matched. Final vote was 13 Yea, 11 Nay, and 1 abstention. *Motion passed.*

National Encampment Streamers: National has authorized, starting with 2000 that an Encampment Streamer be presented to the Departments that host a National Encampment. Departments that hosted a National Encampment before 2000 may purchase the streamers at a cost of \$70 - \$75. Commander Floyd asked if the Department wished to purchase streamers for the 8 times previous to 2000 when Indiana hosted the National Encampment. Brother Kolb recommended that this item be tabled until the April Annual Encampment in 2023. So, *approved.*

General Orders #5 & #7: Commander Floyd explained General Order's #5 & #7. G.O. #5 stated that all hereditary new members are required to submit copies of official documents (birth & death certificates, marriage licenses, etc.) to support lineal membership. It also required that a copy of the applicant's driver's licenses be included. G.O. #7 was similar to #5 except that it removed the requirement of a copy of the driver's license and added that the applicant must show their drivers license to the Camp Secretary. There was over 30 minutes of discussion on this topic all opposing the requirements set out in General Order's #5 & #7. (a digital recording of the encampment is available for more detail on this discussion) Commander Floyd stated his opposition due to the lack of 2nd and 3rd order effects thinking. He pointed out that there are numerous issues of costs, time, storage, and availability of the documents to many. Brother Alan Teller voiced his opposition on similar issues but also noted that it would impact future recruitment in the SUVCW. Brother Kolb pointed out the issues with protecting personal information of the nature required and how to store it securely. Secretary Adams said that in his opinion this showed a complete lack of leadership on the part of the Commander-in-Chief. This confirmed by the CinC not requiring more study and input from the Brothers of the Organization on the ramifications of such a General Order.

Changes to Department By-Laws: This subject came to the agenda by Commander Floyd due to the Visitation Committee's requirement to visit both the Knights Town Orphanage and the Indiana Veteran's Home in Lafayette. (See Standing Committee's reports). Since the Orphanage in Knights Town no longer exists the By-Laws will require a change. Brother Teller asked that this subject be tabled to a future time. All Department By-Law changes must be approved by the Commander in Chief and Alan felt that the Commander-in-Chief might make the approval very difficult. This Alan said was based on the comments and position the Department of Indiana has taken regarding General orders #5 & #7. *Discussion tabled.*

Bonding of Department and Camp Officers: Commander Floyd explained that the National Constitution and Regulations (C&R) requires all Camp and Department Officers handling money must be bonded. He said currently the Department of Indiana is not doing that and we are in violation of the C&R. Brother Bruce Kolb had previously been directed by the Commander to investigate the bonding issue. Brother Kolb reported that in Indiana the Secretary and Treasurer of the Camps and Department must be bonded. The amount of the bond is to be determined by the Department Council. He then explained the three types of bonds and explained why the Fidelity bond type was correct for our situation. The Department Liability Insurance Carrier, State Farm Insurance, is able to provide the Fidelity Bond. The cost is based on the amount of coverage ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Chaplain Alan Teller made a motion supported by Brother Mexin. **Motion:** to purchase Bonding Insurance for the Department and Camp Officers who handle money in an

amount determined by the Department Council. *Motion approved.* Following the vote, the Department Council determined that the amount covered would be \$50,000.

Eliza Ann Hardy-Boston: Commander Floyd mentioned that during the Mother George Dedication information was referenced to another similar Civil War era nurse, Eliza Ann Hardy-Boston. She is buried in Pendleton Cemetery. He would like to see a dedication similar to Mother George for Eliza Ann Hardy-Boston. This should be done in cooperation with the Allied Orders. More to come on this.

Other New Business:

- Brother Randy McNally requested that the Department help spearhead approval of a certificate similar to the Eagle Scout for the Trail of Life program. Commander Floyd directed that the information be given to Eagle Scout Coordinator Brother Michael Beck to begin the process.
- Alan Teller presented a brief history about Veterans Day.
- David Hoesli volunteered John W. Foster Camp #2, Evansville to host the 2023 Midyear Encampment. There being no other Camps interested in hosting, John Foster Camp was approved to host the 2023 Midyear Encampment
- Brother Dennis Rigsby announced that William Benton Camp #28 will be conducting a Last Veteran of Wayne County Dedication at noon on Veterans Day this year.
- National Rep Bobby Welch, PCC congratulated the Department on a well-run and informative Encampment. He mentioned that he was holding a Memorial University training session. It would have live instruction and computers available to enhance the learning experience. It is planned for some time in December at Tinley Park II. He invited everyone who would like to attend.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment Commander Floyd proceeded to the closing ceremony. The Colors were retired and the meeting properly adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

William R. Adams

William Adams, PDC
Department of Indiana, Secretary

Department Officer Reports



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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I am pleased to report my activities from June 1, 2022 through November 1, 2022:

- On June 4, 2022 I participated in the 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana held in Kokomo, Indiana where I was honored to be elected the Department Commander.
- On June 12, 2022 I participated in the Chartering Ceremony of Oscar and Mollie Motts Corps #1, Woman's Relief Corps in Nappanee, Indiana.
- On June 24, 2022 I submitted the Department of Indiana Annual Report to the National Encampment.
- On July 10, 2022 I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 meeting via Zoom.
- On July 18, 2022 I participated in the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 meeting via Zoom.
- On July 30, 2022 I participated in the Commander-in-Chief Zoom meeting held with Department Commanders.
- On August 12 & 13, 2022 I participated in the National Encampment, SUVCW in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- On August 13, 2022 I attended the Sons of Veterans Reserve breakfast in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- On August 16, 2022 I participated in the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 meeting via Zoom.
- On August 28, 2022 I participated in the Last Union Veteran service in Orange County, Indiana.
- On September 10, 2022 I participated in the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 meeting in person.
- On September 11, 2022 I participated in the Last Union Veteran service in Blackford County, Indiana.
- On September 20, 2022 I participated in the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 meeting via Zoom.
- On October 18, 2022 I participated in the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 meeting via Zoom.
- On October 21, 2022 I participated in the grave side service honoring Eliza E. "Mother" George in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- On October 29, 2022 I chaired the 2022 Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of October 2022

James M. Floyd, Jr., PCC
Department Commander
Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Senior Vice Commanders Report
For Midyear Encampment October 29, 2022

South Bend, Indiana

Submitted by Thomas L Schmitt

August, 11 – 14 Attended National Encampment Grand Rapids, Michigan

August, 28 Attended last veteran ceremony Orange county at Paoli, Indiana

September, 10 Attended in Uniform, Harvest Festival, Door Village Indiana

September, 11 Attended last veteran Blackford County at Hartford City, Indiana

September, 17 Attended ceremony for Constitution week with WRC South Bend Indiana

Oct 1 Attended CRA meeting as Commander and toured GAR museum. Eaton Rapids Michigan

October 8 Attended Mississinewa 1812 event near Marion Indiana

Volunteer two – three day a week at National Veterans Shrine and Museum Fort Wayne Indiana

Spent a Lot of time the past Year Planning and setting up the Mother George ceremony which will be held October 22nd at 1:30 In Lindenwood Cemetery Fort Wayne Indiana

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I am pleased to report on my activities since June 4, 2022 :

- June 5, 2022 : Visited the Indiana War Memorial and received digital images of battle flags of 39th Indiana Infantry (unit of our namesake, Orlando A. Somers). Visited Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield, and placed flags on the Civil War gravestones there. Veterans from the 147th Infantry, 10th Indiana Infantry, 136th Indiana Infantry, 101st Indiana Infantry, 153rd Indiana Infantry, 57th Indiana Infantry, 97th Indiana Infantry, 7th Indiana Cavalry, 50th Ohio Infantry, 26th Indiana Infantry, 154th Indiana Infantry, 130th Indiana Infantry, 8th Indiana Infantry, 63rd Indiana Infantry are buried there. Photographed gravestones and checked to make sure they are registered in the SUVCW Grave database.
- June 20, 2022 - Attended the Madison County Civil War Roundtable in Anderson.
- August 11-14, 2022 - Attended the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At this Encampment, Bruce Frail of the Department of Rhode Island was elected as Commander-in-Chief. This was my first National Encampment and I would recommend that Brothers attend to learn about the workings of the Order as well as make and renew friendships.
- August 15, 2022 - Attended the Madison County Civil War Roundtable in Anderson.
- August 28, 2022 - Participated in the Last Soldier Project at Paoli, Orange County, sponsored by John W. Foster Camp. Presented a wreath on behalf of the Somers Camp.
- September 6, 2022 - Worked with inquiry for membership for prospective Brother (Kaiden Passwater) for the Ben Harrison Camp.
- September 6, 2022 - Worked with inquiry for membership for prospective Brother (Dave Clark) for the Champion Hill Camp.

- September 11, 2022 - Participated in the Last Soldier Project at Hartford City, Blackford County. There were 19 direct descendants of Pvt. James August Alfrey in attendance. Members of the SVR from 4 camps participated.
- September 12, 2022 - Worked with inquiry for membership for prospective Brother (Col. Allen Body) for the John Anderson Camp
- September 17, 2022 - Led Orlando A. Somers Camp meeting as Camp Commander.
- October 15, 2022 - Led Orlando A. Somers Camp meeting as Camp Commander.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Travis J. LeMaster, PCC
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Department of Indiana Midyear Encampment October 29, 2022

Department Secretary Activity Report from June 4, 2022 to October 29, 2022

Since the Department Encampment June 4, 2022, I have completed the following:

- Completed and mailed Form #49 "Certification and Installation of Department Officers" to National Hdqtrs.
- Completed the June 4, 2022 Department of Indiana Annual Encampment minutes and forwarded them to Department Commander Jim Floyd.
- Reviewed a draft copy of a Camp Secretaries Handbook developed by the Department of Massachusetts.
- Attended via Zoom a training session for Department Secretaries and Treasurers hosted by CinC Paquette and led by National Executive Director David Demmy.
- Searched records for information regarding data on the last 15 years of Department Encampments for Commander Floyd.
- Searched for application records for three Brothers of John Anderson Camp #223 in department files.
- Followed up with the remaining camps who had not filed their form 990-N reports with the IRS. I have now received confirmation that all Camps, SVR, and the Department of Indiana have their 990-N reporting accepted for filing in 2022 for the year 2021.
- Processed (8) Form #30's since June 4, 2022 and (1) form #4 transfer between camps. Processed (19) Form # 30's for the year to date.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

William R. Adams

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GAR Highway Officer

Department of Indiana, SUVCW

Patriotic Instructor's Report, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

From June 2022 Encampment to October 2022

Dear Department Commander and Department Secretary,

I have the honor to present my report on activities as Department Patriotic Instructor from the date of my appointment at the Annual Encampment in Kokomo, Indiana to October 5, 2022.

06/04/2022	Attended Department Encampment and was appointed Department Patriotic Instructor.
06/08/2022	Sent out Patriotic Instruction entitled "Prince of Photographers".
06/08/2022	Sent out a "Lost Servicemen" Report regarding crash of USMC MV-22B Osprey in Southern California desert and deceased USNA Midshipman.
06/11/2022	Attended Charter Installation of Oscar and Mollie Mott #1 Woman's Relief Corps.
06/13/2022	Sent out "Civil War Military Medicine" handout from assistant surgeon of the 5 th Texas Infantry.
06/14/2022	Sent out email regarding Flag Day.
06/20/2022	Forwarded National Patriotic Instruction from Brother Ben Frail
06/20/2022	Sent out a "Lost Serviceman" report regarding shooting death of Sgt. Emmett Leviticus Moore, 1-14 Cavalry Squadron, 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 7 th Infantry Division in Parkland, Washington.
06/21/2022	Reached out to lady on Grand Army of the Republic Photograph Collectors FB group who was searching for an organization to take an original Wisconsin GAR photograph.
06/24/2022	Reached out to Beth Thurston of the WRC regarding adding her to the patriotic instruction distribution list. She was in favor, so I added her email address.
06/24/2022	Sent out Lost Servicewoman report regarding the murder of Equipment Operator 2 nd Class Ajah Brianna Barnes, USN, who was assigned to the Great Lakes Recruit Training Command.
06/27/2022	Sent out a Lost Servicewoman report regarding the death of Air Force ROTC Cadet MacKenzie Wilson (Oregon State University), who died in a HUMVEE accident during a training exercise at Saylor Creek Range in Idaho.
06/29/2022	Sent out an email recommending attending a concert of the 38 th Infantry Division Band, Indiana Army National Guard.
07/03/2022	Emailed out Department July Patriotic Instruction entitled, "Why Did They Fight?"
07/04/2022	Forwarded National July Patriotic Instruction.

07/06/2022	Emailed notice of that last WW2 Medal of Honor recipient [Hershel William] will lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol.
07/07/2022	Emailed lost servicemember report for PFC Malik Shariff Shipman, 642 nd Engineer Battalion, 20 th Engineer Brigade, 10 th Mountain Division, who was shot to death in Syracuse, New York.
07/08/2022	Forwarded National Patriotic Instructor's Half Mast Notice for assassinated former Japanese Prime Minister Abe.
07/12/2022	Emailed Deceased Servicemember report for Information Systems Technician 2 nd Class Darren Collins, USN.
07/19/2022	Emailed Deceased Servicemember report for Midshipman 2 nd Class Luke Gabriel Bird, USNA.
07/19/2022	Response to Camp Patriotic Instructor Bill Lynch's question regarding information to help get him started in his new role.
07/19/2022	Forwarded National Patriotic Instruction from Brother Ben Frail.
07/19/2022	Responded to life membership question from Brother Thomas by forwarding his question to Dept. Secretary Bill Adams and copying Dept. Commander Jim Floyd.
07/22/2022	Emailed deceased servicemember report for SFC Michael D. Clark, 3 rd Medical Command (Deployment Support), USAR. Killed by lightning strike at Fort Gordon, GA.
07/27/2022	Emailed deceased servicemember report for SSG Keith Wright, Jr., Headquarters Company, 3 rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC. Shot to death in Pinebluff, North Carolina.
07/31/2022	Emailed Deceased Police Officer/Army Veteran report for Elwood Indiana Police Officer Noah Shahnavaz.
08/04/2022	Emailed deceased servicemember report for SSG Robert Magallan, 11 th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, who died in a car crash while on temporary duty in Lithuania.
08/04/2022	Forwarded August National Patriotic Instruction from Brother Ben Frail.
08/05/2022	Emailed Brother Ben Frail, National Patriotic Instructor, about my practice of emailing the brothers with deceased servicemember reports as they come up. I thought that was something he could mention to the other department patriotic instructors at the National Encampment.
08/07/2022	Emailed a "Civil War Tidbit" regarding combat journalism during the War.
08/09/2022	Emailed a "Civil War Tidbit" regarding the ethnic and racial composition of the Union Army.

08/11/2022	Emailed a deceased servicemember report for SSG George Taber (7 th SFG) and 2 nd Lt. Evan Fitzgibbon (Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course), who died after a tree fell on them during bad weather on Yonah Mountain (Georgia) during Ranger School.
08/11/2022	Emailed a thank you to all brothers representing the Department of Indiana at the 141 st National Encampment, being held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
08/15/22	Emailed "PI Musings" regarding member involvement in elected and appointed officer positions.
08/16/22	Emailed deceased servicemember report for PFC Denisha Montgomery, 139 th Military Police Company, Lucius D. Clay Kaserne, Wiesbaden, Germany.
08/18/22	Emailed August department patriotic instruction entitled <u>Civil War Pioneers</u> .
08/24/22	Emailed deceased servicemember report for Sonar Technician (Surface) 3 rd Class Nicholas Woods, who died aboard the USS Leyte Gulf during a deployment to the Atlantic Ocean.
08/27/22	Emailed Civil War Tidbit regarding Ulysses S. Grant appointment to Commander of Union Troops in Southern Illinois and Southeastern Missouri.
08/27/22	Emailed deceased servicemember report for Private Alyssa Cahoon, 17, of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, who died after collapsing during training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
09/01/22	Emailed department patriotic instruction entitled <u>Viewpoints on Secession</u> .
09/06/22	Forwarded an article I read regarding the daily lives of confederate soldiers vs. union soldiers during the Civil War.
09/08/22	Forwarded half-staff notification relating to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, from National Patriotic Instructor.
09/10/22	Forwarded half-staff notification regarding commemoration of September 11 th attacks.
09/13/22	Emailed deceased servicemember report regarding LTC Nicholas Goshen of the 101 st Airborne Division, who died of natural causes on September 6 th while deployed to Eastern Europe.
09/16/22	Emailed deceased servicemember report regarding Sgt. Nicholas Antonio Bob, of the 407 th Brigade Support Battalion, 82 nd Airborne Division, who died of multiple gunshot wounds outside his apartment in Fayetteville, North Carolina on Tuesday, September 13 th .
09/20/22	Emailed deceased servicemember report regarding Airman Basic Jarris Willingham, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, who died in a jet ski accident.
09/23/22	Emailed a Half-Staff Alert in honor of Richmond Policed Officer Seara Burton.
09/26/22	Forwarded National Patriotic Instruction.

10/03/22 Emailed Department Patriotic Instruction entitled *European Views on the War*.
10/04/22 Emailed a Half-Staff alert in honor of National Fallen Firefighters Memorial on 10/09/22.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Brian Mexin

Patriotic Instructor, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Descendant of Private George T. Silvers, Company K, 94th OVI



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA



GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Mid-Year Graves Registration Report

May 31, 2022 – October 15, 2022

To: Department of Indiana Secretary, William Adams, PDC

I have the honor to report the status and activities of the Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Indiana from May 31 through October 15, 2022.

As of October 15, 2022, there were a total of 37,772 Civil War soldiers buried in Indiana who were registered on the National Graves Registration database. This reflects a decrease of 1,405 registrations within the database. The substantial decrease was due in large part from the removal of duplicated registrations in Owen and Wayne counties. These duplications were entered during the early startup of the National Graves Registration database and does not reflect the current practices of the Brothers of the Department of Indiana. Most of the increases that help to offset these losses were in Shelby County, Indiana having added 54 new veterans followed by Tippecanoe County 48 and Floyd County 44. Consequently, 52 out of Indiana's 92 counties contributed to the increase. The overall total is based on an "Indiana" search only. A search by individual counties reflects a different total of 37,043. This is due in large part to veterans entered without a named county or misspelled county names. The following data is a break down by-county.

The counties from Indiana with the largest total number of veterans on the National Graves Registration database are as follows:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Allen – 1,542 | 6. Cass – 1,312 |
| 2. Marion – 1,536 | 7. Howard – 1,135 |
| 3. Wayne – 1,455 | 8. Kosciusko – 1,066 |
| 4. Grant – 1,445 | 9. Hamilton – 1,035 |
| 5. Lawrence – 1,313 | 10. Floyd - 1014 |

The following is a breakdown of the contribution to the Graves Registration project by county:

<i>County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Increase/Decrease</i>
Adams	351	0
Allen	1,542	0
Bartholomew	588	+8
Benton	198	+14
Blackford	402	0
Boone (Boon)	247	+3
Brown	289	+5
Carroll (Carrol)	600	+2
Cass	1,312	0

Clark	194	+1
Clay	42	0
Clinton	1,007	0
Crawford	630	0
Davies	239	+5
Dearborn	853	+36
Decatur	47	+19
DeKalb	229	0
Delaware	911	0
Dubois	173	+1
Elkhart	145	+11
Fayette	210	0
Floyd	1014	+44
Fountain	67	+1
Franklin	317	+6
Fulton	486	0
Gibson	175	+2
Grant	1,445	+2
Greene (Green)	81	+11
Hamilton	1,035	0
Hancock	197	+5
Harrison	154	+2
Hendricks	136	+2
Henry	123	+2
Howard	1,135	+2
Huntington	716	+2
Jackson	112	+10
Jasper	34	+1
Jay	503	0
Jefferson	161	+4
Jennings	53	+1
Johnson	347	+20
Knox	170	+4
Kosciusko	1,066	0
LaPorte	254	0
Lagrange	387	0
Lake	137	+2
Lawrence	1,313	0
Madison	357	+1

Marion	1,536	+9
Marshall	496	0
Martin	108	+3
Miami	65	0
Monroe	179	+18
Montgomery	282	+7
Morgan	96	+10
Newton	248	0
Noble	816	0
Ohio	81	0
Orange	170	+1
Owen	965	- 17
Parke	487	+1
Perry	227	0
Pike	171	0
Porter	471	0
Posey	282	0
Pulaski	326	0
Putnam	36	0
Randolph	224	+3
Ripley	213	0
Rush	32	+1
St. Joseph	162	+4
Scott	33	+3
Shelby	255	+54
Spencer	495	+3
Starke (Stark)	336	0
Steuben	221	+1
Sullivan	53	+5
Switzerland	104	0
Tippecanoe	772	+48
Tipton	580	0
Union	19	0
Vanderburgh	653	+1
Vermillion	40	0
Vigo	41	+1
Wabash	248	+11
Warren	274	+2
Warrick	165	0

Washington	160	0
Wayne	1,455	- 918
Wells	413	+1
White	402	0
Whitley	467	0
Unknown Counties	<u>729</u>	
Total	37,772	

* Names in parentheses () are alternate spellings and are included in final count only if totals are different.

The accumulated total of 37,772 is inclusive of 729 Indiana registrations that remain without a county name. The effort to remove or update these discrepancies is ongoing. In doing so, these reductions in duplicates and errors will offset any gains that a county may have uploaded to the database as well as any overall totals.

Removals since May 31, 2022, were as follows:

Wayne County – 926 duplicates were removed. The end total though was 918 indicating that some of the loss was offset by gains in registrations since May 31, 2022.

Owen County – 867 duplicates were removed in all. 850 registrations were removed due to the Owen County name being placed in the “city” box instead of the “county” box. While this didn’t create any loss by county tabulations, it did create a loss for the overall Indiana total. Upon inspection of those same names, they were also found to be duplicates already in the database. Another 17 entries that had the correct county name entered were also duplicate entries and were also removed.

Other Counties – 36 additional removals from several other counties were completed but offset by gains in new registrations

The previous total of 39,177 from May 31, 2022, less the previously mentioned removals totaling 1829 then adding in the gains of 424 gives us our current total of 37,772 Indiana veterans in the database and would be in my opinion the most accurate less any additional duplicates.

In conclusion, as mentioned in my past discussions, the effort here is to not only register as many Civil War veterans as possible on the National Registry, but to do it in a manner befitting of the service these Veterans have given to protect our Union. The goal is quality of quantity. The reduction in errors thus far has been reduced from 2,558 to just 729 and it is my hope that soon we can honestly say the Indiana entries in the National Graves Registration database is the most quality and complete record we can ask for.

The Indiana Department Graves Registration Annual Report for Mid-Year 2022 is hereby submitted.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

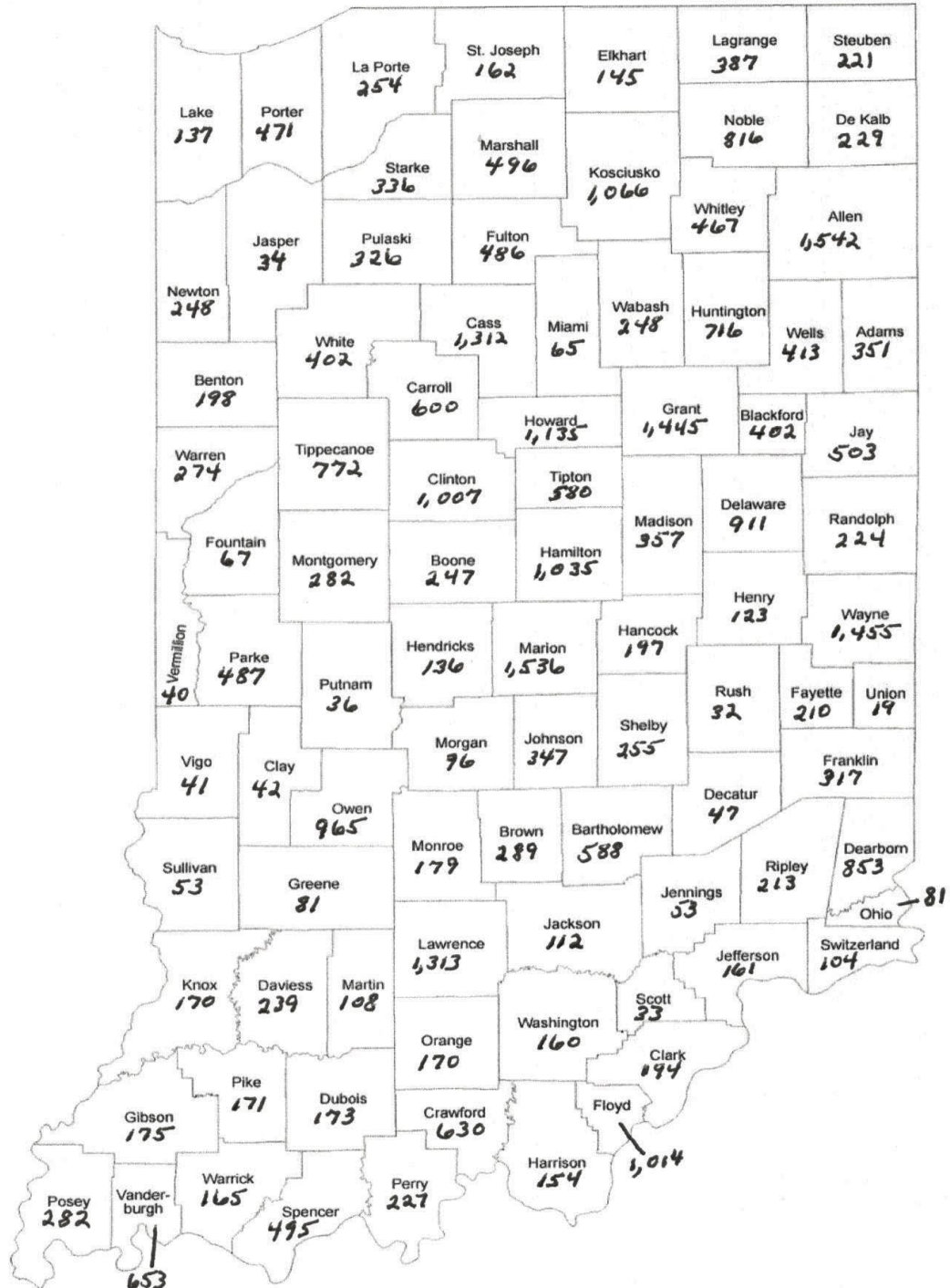


Graves Registration Officer

Department of Indiana,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Indiana Graves Registration Visual Map





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January 2022 – October 2022 Monuments Officers Report

All Indiana SUVCW members, please check your local Civil War Monuments for any new graffiti/damage. If you find graffiti/damage, please take photographs and forward them on to me via my e-mail address. If you have any information on the cost to replace or repair those monuments, include that in your report. Thanks in advance.

New Additions to Indiana Monument:

Added by Brother Brian Mexin – Monuments Officer – Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356

Ripley County War Memorial. 39.0717442, -85.2513218.

Decatur County MOH markers. 39.0909295, -84.849474.

Morgan's County Raid Versailles marker 39.0722106, -85.2510952.

Civil War Monument, located in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Indiana. GPS Coordinates: 40.0499121, -86.4581032. "Tribute by members of Wilder Brigade in memory of their old comrade, A.O. Miller Colonel 72nd Reg't Ind. Vols."

Old monuments – Shields Park – Seymour, IN – Top of Statue was vandalized 1967, never been replaced. -nothing new to report.

Old LGAR – DUVCW Monument in Vincennes, IN Update – nothing new to report.

26th Indiana Monument in Vicksburg, MS - Update – nothing new to report.

All monuments and GPS coordinates have been placed on a Google Map system by Benjamin Harrison Camp Commander Jim Floyd and Department Commander Tim Beckman.

Indiana Monuments Page can be found on the Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 website
- <http://benharrisoncamp.org/indiana-civil-war-monuments-markers-and-sites-inventory/>

1. Blackford
2. Cass
3. Clark – Mt. Zion Cemetery – Henryville, IN – Photograph (New)
4. Clinton
5. Dubois
6. Fayette

7. Gibson
8. Grant
9. Hancock - GAR Stain Glass Window at the Fortville United Methodist Church
10. Henry
11. Howard
12. Huntington
13. Johnson
14. LaPorte
15. Madison
16. Marion
17. Monroe
18. Montgomery - Photographs & GPS Coordinates
19. Morgan
20. Newton
21. Orange
22. Owen
23. Putnam
24. Rush - Soldiers and Sailors Stain Glass Windows in Morton Hall Auditorium
25. Shelby
26. Tippecanoe
27. Vermillion
28. Vigo
29. Warren - Photographs - GPS Coordinates
30. Warrick
25. Wayne

Past Department Commander - Monuments Coordinator

Michael W. Beck

PDC Michael W. Beck



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**Eagle Scout Coordinator's Report for January 2022 – October 2022
Eagle Scout Certificates presented to the following:**

1. William Allsop – Bloomington, IN – Camp Assigned - Ben Harrison
2. Ryan Michael Snider – Fort Wayne, IN – Camp Assigned – Champion Hill
3. Logan Andrew Snider – Fort Wayne, IN – Camp Assigned – Champion Hill
4. Hyden Robert Slater – Terre Haute, IN – Camp Assigned – Ben Harrison
5. Hank Martin Slater – Terre Haute, IN – Camp Assigned – Ben Harrison
6. Amber Best – Fishers, IN – Camp Assigned – Ben Harrison
7. Samuel C. Dillon – Carmel, IN – Camp Assigned – Ben Harrison
8. J. Aeryk Wikle – Greenwood, IN – Camp Assigned – Ben Harrison

Total Eagle Scout Awards sent out in 2022

	Number of Eagle Scout SUVCW Certificates sent out from each camp 2021	
1	Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 - Kokomo, IN	0
2	John W. Foster Camp # 2 – Evansville, IN	0
3	John Auten Camp # 8 – South Bend, IN	0
4	Champion Hill Camp #17 - Huntington, IN	2
5	William P. Benton Camp #28 - Centerville, IN	0
6	David D. Porter Camp #116 - Valparaiso, IN	0
7	John B. Anderson Camp # 223 - Columbus, IN	0
8	Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 - Indianapolis, IN	6
	Total	8

Camp Eagle Scout Coordinators:

Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1 (Kokomo, IN) Brother Drew Godby - dcgodby@gmail.com

John W. Foster Camp No. 2 (Evansville, IN)

John Auten Camp No. 8 (South Bend, IN) Brother Jonathan Swarts - jswarts@pnw.edu

Champion Hill Camp No. 17 (Huntington, IN) Brother Tom Schmitt – fxb443@gmail.com

William P. Benton Camp No. 28 (Centerville, IN) PDC Dennis H. Rigsby - dhrrigsby@aol.com

David D. Porter Camp No. 116 (Valparaiso, IN) Brother Bob Westfall - bobpamwestfall@gmail.com

John B. Anderson Camp No. 223 (Columbus, IN): Brother Fred Lickley - leicklystory@gmail.com

Benjamin Harrison Camp No. 356 (Indianapolis, IN): PCC John Bowyer - bwyrpndlt@yahoo.com

Department of Indiana – Eagle Scout Coordinator *PDC Michael W. Beck*



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2022 Activity Report: 27th Indiana SVR
January 1 – September 30

January 29, 2022

The Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment was held via Zoom, January 29, 2022. Therefore, the SVR did not participate as the Color Guard at this Encampment.

February 7, 2022

This year's Lincoln's Boyhood Home event was held virtually on Facebook due to ice and snow on the Parks walkways. Two members of Co D 27th Indiana SVR did attend in person by invite from the National Park Service. 1st Sgt. Dennis Hutchinson and Pvt. Josh Claybourn were asked to come and be video recorded while posting colors and presenting wreaths at the Nancy Hanks grave site. Both were in uniform.

April 16, 2022

The 2022 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield Illinois was again held in person at the Lincoln Tomb. I received a report of one Co. D 27th Indiana member, Sgt. Tom Schmitt attending, in uniform, this year.

April 22, 2022

Members of the 27th SVR, Joined Ben Harrison Camp members, and members of the Department of Indiana participated in final honors for brother William Jourdan at Marion National Cemetery. In uniform were Bruce Kolb, Mike Beck, Jim Floyd, Tim Beckman, Tom Schmitt, Brian Mexin, David Tilden, and Gib Young. Also attending was SVR member Joe Beckman.

May 29, 2022

Orlando Somers Camp, 1 conducted a "Last Solider" ceremony for Pvt. Daniel Webster Reed of Warren County. The Color Guard and Rifle Squad was provided by the 27th Indiana. Present in uniform were Bruce Kolb, Dennis Hutchinson, Stephon Hagman, Dr. Fred Leickly, Brian Mexin and Randy McNally

May 30, 2022

Ben Harrison Camp 356 held their Memorial Day Program attended by SVR Members in uniform, Bruce Kolb, Tim Beckman, Mike Beck, and Brian Mexin.

June 4, 2022

Company D 27th Indiana presented the colors at the 136th Department of Indiana Annual Encampment June 4, 2022 in Kokomo, Indiana. There were 17 members of the SVR, in and out of uniform, present at the encampment.

June 11, 2022

6 Members of the 27th Indiana SVR with members of the Department of Indiana took part in the 'Chartering Ceremony' for the Oscar and Mollie Mott Corps #1 of the Women's Relief Corp, the only corps in Indiana at this time. The 27th presented the Colors and fired the musket salute! The Honor guard was composed of the following members in uniform: Sgt. Tom Schmitt, Cpl. Gib Young, Cpl. Will Radell, Cpl. Stephan Hagman, Pvt. Jon Swarts, and Pvt. John Bowyer. 27th SVR members also present not in uniform representing the SUVCW were Lt. Bill Adams and Sgt. James Floyd Jr.

August 28, 2022

On this date Co D 27th Indiana SVR members were present at the "Last Union Veteran" of Orange County dedication for Thomas Cave. Sgt. Cave served with Co. E, 18th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and is buried in Ames Chapel Cemetery, West Baden, Indiana. Members of the 27th participating in uniform were; Cpt. Mike Beck, 1st Sgt. Dennis Hutchinson, Sgt. Tom Schmitt, Sgt. Garry Walls, Sgt. Terry Furgason, Pvt. Tim Beckman. 27th SVR member Sgt. Jim Floyd was present not in uniform. SUVCW member also present from the Department of Indiana were, David Hoesli, Joe Beckman, and Travis Le Master. SUVCW members present from the Department of Kentucky were Bruce Fortin, PDC and John Gatton.

September 11, 2022

Co D 27th Indiana supported the 'Last Union Veteran' of Blackford County dedication on this date. The "Last Union Veteran" of Blackford County was Pvt. James Augustus Alfrey, Co. I 132nd Vol. Inf. Buried in IOOF Cemetery, Hartford City, Indiana. The following members of Co D 27th Indiana Infantry Volunteers were joined by 17 descendants of Pvt. James Augustus Alfrey's family: Lt. Bruce Kolb, Sgt. Tom Schmitt, Cpl. Stephan Hagman, Pvt. Tim Beckman, Pvt. Randy McNally, and Lt. Col. Alan Teller, Commander of the 3rd SVR Military District, SUVCW. Also present not in uniform was Department Commander Sgt. Jim Floyd.

*** Current Unit strength, as of September 30, 2022 stands at (80). We currently have (1) Capt. (1) 1st Lt. (1) 2nd Lt., (1) first sergeant, (4) second sergeants (7) corporals and (65) privates. The treasury currently has \$360.33

Respectfully Submitted,

1st Lt. William Adams

Adjutant, Co. D 27th Indiana Infantry, SVR



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Department of Indiana Midyear Encampment October 29, 2022

GAR Highway Officers Activity Report from June 4, 2022 to October 29, 2022

I am pleased to report that signage on the entire length of the GAR Highway, US 6, are in proper placement and in excellent condition across Indiana.

The two signs I reported that needed to be replaced at the intersection of Indiana 39 and US 6 in La Porte County at our June 4th Annual Encampment have been replaced. At this time all signs are placed in their proper locations the entire length of the Indiana portion of US 6.

Reporting on the eastern half of US 6, Brother Tom Schmitt reports he found the sign at highway 13 missing, however there was construction going on and it will likely be put back up. We will continue to monitor.

I wish to thank Brother Tom Schmitt who continues to drive the eastern portion of US 6 and provides updated reports on the US 6 signage.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

William R. Adams

William R. Adams PDC

GAR Highway Officer

Department of Indiana, SUVCW

Dear Brothers:

I have had numerous emails requesting information about the GAR posts in Indiana and our membership records. I have been able to respond to each request in a timely manner.

I am still making SUVCW members and the public aware of the law concerning Cemetery Preservation (IC14- 21-2) as it pertains to the sale and purchase of GAR grave markers in Indiana which at this time is still illegal.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of October 2022.

Bruce R. Kolb, PDC
Camp Commander Ben Harrison Camp #356
GAR Records Officer
Department Historian

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Signals Officer Report

Here are my Department of Indiana Signal Officer's activities since the 2022 Annual Encampment:

Updated the Department of Indiana website with the new officers and email address, and added the Department Order 2022-1 Series 2022-2023 to the Department of Indiana website on June 6, 2022.

Added Last Soldier for Noble County and also added links for John Hoffman on the PDC Indiana GAR page on the Department of Indiana website on June 19, 2022.

Added the Department Order 2022-2, Series 2022-2023 and Department Circular 2022-2 to the Department of Indiana website on August 2, 2022.

Updated the 27th Indiana, Co. D, Sons of Veteran Reserve 2022 schedule on the Department of Indiana website on August 2, 2022.

Added the Department Circular 2022-3 and an ancestor to the Department of Indiana website on August 16, 2022.

Added the Department Order 2022-3, Series 2022-2023 to the Department of Indiana website on August 18, 2022.

Added the Department Order 2022-4, Series 2022-2023 and the 2022 Mid-Year Department Encampment information to the Department of Indiana website on September 3, 2022.

Added the Department Order 2022-5, Series 2022-2023 to the Department of Indiana website on September 15, 2022.

Answered an email inquiry concerning an Indiana Civil War Medal of Honor recipient on October 4, 2022.

The Department of Indiana Pro Zoom account was used by the following camps for their meetings during the period June 2022 through October 2022: John W. Foster Camp No. 2 and the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356.

I continue in the role of Co-moderator of the Department of Indiana Google Group e-mail list. There are currently 158 registered users in the group. 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. Sign up is easy. Just send an email to me at timbeckman@gmail.com to request to be added to this group.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, this 29th day of October, 2022,

Timothy J. Beckman

Timothy J. Beckman

Signals Officer

Department of Indiana

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

INDIANA LEGION EDITOR
Report to the 2022 Mid-Year Encampment

On 29 July 2022, Commander James Floyd announced that I would assume the editorship and production of *The Indiana Legion*. He recognized and commended the outstanding service that Brother Gib Young, PDC and Brother Tim Beckman, PDC have given for years in service of the *Legion*. At the time of this report, I am currently in the final stages of editing the October 2022 issue. The goal is publishing the *Legion* each January, April, July, and October. I would encourage all camp officers and camps to provide me regular updates on camp activities, along with articles/descriptions and photos suitable for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Swarts
Editor, *The Indiana Legion*

Camp Reports

October 29, 2022 Mid-Winter Encampment
Orlando A. Somers Camp, No. 1
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Our meetings are at the South Branch of the Kokomo Howard County Public Library, 1755 East Center Road, Kokomo, Indiana 46902. We have 34 members including two Juniors.

Our membership has custodial duties for a Civil War cannon located in Highland Park, Kokomo, Indiana. Once a month, a Somers Camp member cleans the enclosure and the cannon.

September 11 - Last Soldier Ceremony - Blackford County I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hartford City. Honored Pvt. James Augustus Alfrey, Co. I, 132nd Indiana Infantry. SVR participated as well as 19 living descendants of the soldier. The township trustee was very complimentary of the ceremony, and it received local media coverage.

September 17 (5 members attended). Recapped the Last Soldier Project and discussed plans for next year's events. Commander LeMaster gave a program on his ancestor, Pvt. John A Metzner, 51st Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

October 15 . Discussed officer slate for upcoming year. Brother Tom Schmitt gave a program on Civil War Marines.

**Orlando A Somers Camp # 1
Property / Inventory
October 2022**

- 1 Charter dated 08/05/1982**
- 1 Bible**
- 1 Lectern**
- 3 Large Ritual Books**
- 1 Small Ritual Books**
- 2 Framed Photos of Orlando A. Somers**
- 1 Mourning Cloth for draping charter**
- 1 Gavel**
- 1 Wreath w/tripod stand**
- 1 Vinyl Banner - 3' x 6' single sided - Orlando A Somers Camp # 1 (\$100 value)**
- 1 SUVCW Banner from early 1900s Blue with Gold Lettering
(Alan Teller has rolled up in a closet. (Confirmed 01/07/2021))**
- 1 GAR Banner "POST No 30 GAR KOKOMO, IND (very damaged, presented to the
camp by Allen Moore 03/18/06, and framed by David Bastin.
(01/07/21 Alan Teller's possession in metal cabinet in basement)
Alan's guess this was carried by Harrison Post in parades**



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

JOHN W. FOSTER CAMP No. 2

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

Camp Commander

Mid-Year Encampment Camp Report

May 31, 2022, to October 15, 2022



To: Department of Indiana Secretary, William Adams, PDC

I have the honor to report the status and activities of the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 from May 31 to October 15, 2022.

Meetings Held

The Camp held a total of (2) virtual and (2) hybrid meetings from June to September. Due to the change in the Department Encampment dates from January to October, the camp had a reduction in Camp meetings.

The Camp was able to secure a place to meet at the Newburgh Library in Newburgh, Indiana to hold monthly meetings in addition to holding a virtual meeting for the members that live too far to travel to the meetings. The meeting facility is at no cost to the Camp and is large enough for a Department Encampment.

Camp meeting dates were:

June 21, 2022, Virtual

August 16, 2022, Hybrid

July 19, 2022, Virtual

September 20, 2022, Hybrid

Membership

The Camp began on May 31, 2022, with a total of 16 Brothers. The Camp had no new members join but has lost one member due to death. Brother Graham Morey passed away September 1, 2022.

Treasurer's Report

The Camp as of October 15, has an account balance of \$1,354.78. The total balance includes \$500 raised for the purchase of a Camp flag with pole and stand for the John W. Foster Camp No. 2.

Annual Department Encampment

The John W. Foster Camp No. 2 was represented at the annual Indiana Department Encampment in Kokomo, Indiana by Commander David Hoesli and then Department Commander Dennis Hutchinson. The two members of the Camp participated in the elections of the new Officers and all business that came before the Encampment.

Representation of the Camp and SUVCW in the Community

Lincoln Pioneer Village Heritage Days, October 29, 2022 – Dennis Hutchinson – PDC and Secretary to the Camp will be presenting a Civil War Living History with tent, muskets, accoutrements etc. for the public at the Rockport Lincoln Pioneer Village Heritage Days at Rockport, IN. During the event Dennis will be giving information about the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 and the SUVCW.

Last Veteran Project

The John W. Foster Camp conducted a Last Veteran ceremony honoring the last soldier of Orange County, Indiana. Sgt. Thomas J. Cave, a member of Co. E, 18th Indiana Infantry was born in Dubois County, Indiana 11 September 1844 and passed away on 7 December 1940. He attended the 75th Gettysburg Reunion at age 95 and has been identified in the 75th Gettysburg Reunion videos. The Last Soldier Dedication honoring Sgt Cave was held August 29, 2022, at Ames Chapel Cemetery in Paoli, Indiana. Attending were at least eight members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 27th Indiana SVR, twelve members of the American Legion Posts No. 76 and 149 near French Lick, three members of the 18th Indiana Light Artillery reenactment group, four family members of Sgt Cave. Five Indiana Camps were represented in the participating groups. Also in attendance were two members of the Fort Duffield Camp No. 1 of the Kentucky Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Approximately 25 citizens attended the ceremony. Indiana Department Commander Jim Floyd ended the ceremony with a discussion about Sgt Cave and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Cemetery Projects

Bellefontaine Cemetery, Mt Vernon, Indiana: The John W. Foster Camp has embarked on a large-scale cemetery project that has resulted in the applying for and receiving 74 new military headstones in addition to another 67 new markers yet to be applied for. In all, there will be 152 replaced and reset headstones within the Soldiers Row at Bellefontaine. Approximately one quarter of the soldiers buried at Bellefontaine died at the Mt. Vernon, Indiana U.S. General Hospital during the Civil War. The remaining number were buried after the war and include a small number of Spanish American war veterans as well as one Indian War and WW I veteran. The research to find unknown named soldiers has been ongoing since February of 2022. Installation and resetting of the headstones began in early May with the first three rows nearly complete. The Foster Camp has been working side by side with the Sons of the American Legion Post in Mt. Vernon, Indiana to complete the project.

Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Indiana: The John W. Foster Camp is currently working on the construction of two metal cannon carriages to replace the older wooden carriages that have fallen apart. The goal is to have the cannons that have sat in Section 24 since 1872 back in the section by next summer. In addition to the replacement carriages, the Camp will be cleaning and straightening the headstone in addition to painting the mounted siege cannons, mortars, and the fence.

Coliseum GAR Farragut Post #27 Records

The GAR records previously stored at the Evansville Coliseum have now been removed to the University of Southern Indiana and all records of the Farragut Post #27 except for the death records and two cash books have been microfilmed and have been uploaded to the archive's website at Rice Library. Yet to be completed are the Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the Union Records.

Grave Memorial Ceremonies

Headstone Dedication Ceremony, October 15, 2022, headstone dedication to Revolutionary soldier Private Johan Frisbee. Private Frisbee was a Drummer in the 1st Massachusetts Regiment. He is buried in the Frisbee Cemetery at Yankeetown, IN. In attendance were Commander David Hoesli and Brother Dennis Hutchinson, PDC.

Bellefontaine Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, Indiana, A dedication ceremony is slated for next Memorial Day, 2023 for the approximately 152 headstones that we believe will be completed by that date.

Camp Inventory

The Camp reports the following articles in our inventory:

1. John W. Foster Camp No. 2 Charter.
2. Horace Greely Award for “Most Outstanding Camp website during the 2013-2014 administrative year”.
3. One complete set of station banners.
4. SUVCW John W. Foster Camp No. 2 Memorial wreath.
5. John W. Foster Camp No. 2 banner to be used at events.
6. Four SUVCW membership medals.

Summary

The decrease in the Covid-19 has eased the restrictions the Camp has endured over the past couple years allowing the Camp to raise membership, complete projects, attend and organize events. The Camp was able to hold monthly virtual and hybrid meetings, as well as attend events since June. The Camp activity has picked up and has taken on larger and more aggressive projects that require more involvement of the entire Camp. The endless efforts of the Camp to follow through with the digitalizing of the Farragut Post G.A.R. records, the resetting and replacement of 152 military markers, as well as the replacement of two cannon carriages at the Civil War section at Oak Hill Cemetery only proves that the Camp is committed to following through the promise of carrying on the tradition of the Civil War veterans. The financial stability of the Camp is great, and the future of the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 is bright.

Inclusive of this report is the Roster of the John W. Foster Camp No. 2.

This Annual Camp Report is hereby submitted.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



Commander

John W. Foster Camp #2

Department of Indiana



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

John Auten Camp # 8

OFFICE OF THE

Camp Commander

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Department of Indiana Midyear Encampment – October 29, 2022

The following reports the activities of John Auten Camp 8, South Bend from May 31, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Our camp meets every other month. We held camp meetings in July, and September. All meeting were held in person in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Auten Road South Bend Indiana.

The membership of John Auten Camp, 8 South Bend currently stands at 19 members. Since the Chartering of the camp in 2018 we have increased our membership by 12 members. Our most recent addition was Brother Will Radell via transfer from David D. Porter Camp 116.

July 7, 2022- John Auten Camp meeting: The Camp voted and unanimously approved a motion to host the Department of Indiana 2022 Midyear Encampment in the South Bend/Elkhart area. It was also determined that the Camp would move the planned Last Union Veteran of Elkhart County out to next year. The change was due to the limited number of weekends available and the need to concentrate on planning the Midyear Encampment

September 10, 11, 2022: John Auten Camp attended the Door Village IN Harvest Festival. Our information tent was visited by many (50 -60) people on Saturday. We shared our tent on Saturday afternoon with the Oscar-Molly Mott WRC Corp and Arsinoe Martin Circle #78. Due to very heavy rains on Sunday the festival was closed.

September 15, 2022: Camp Commander Adams co presented to the Elkhart Genealogical Society with WRC National President Elizabeth Thurston. Our presentation was on the GAR and how the SUVCW and the other Allied Orders came into existence and remain today.

September 20, 2022-John Auten Camp meeting

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

William R. Adams

William R. Adams PDC
Camp Commander, SUVCW

Camp Inventory Listing
John Auten Camp #8, South Bend IN
October 29, 2022

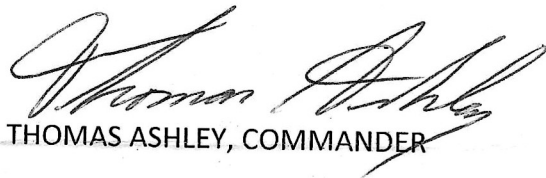
1. (1) Camp Charter for John Auten Camp, SUVCW
2. (1) 19" X 24" wooden frame (for charter)
3. (1) 22" X 27" picture frame carrying case
4. (1) King James Version Bible
5. (1) Blue 40" X 68" Alter cloth
6. (1) Black 40" X 68" cloth
7. (1) Wooden Gavel\
8. (1) Large size SUVCW ritual book
9. (1) 30" X 48" John Auten Camp Vinyl Banner
10. (1) Black plastic portable file case.
11. (1) 4' X 6' Camp Flag and 9' Flag pole w/ Army Spear
12. (1) 4' x 6' American Flag and 9' flag pole w/ Gold Eagle
13. (2) 8 # Indoor Flag pole stands
14. (2) Steel tripod outside Flag pole holders
15. (2) Vinyl Flag & flag pole set storage cases
16. (1) 20" grapevine wreath with red, white, and blue flowers w/ stand
17. (1) 16" Blue Ribbon wrapped wreath w/ stand

18. (1) Set of three Station Banners

WILLIAM P. BENTON CAMP #28
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CENTERVILLE, INDIANA
ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE – OCTOBER 2022

1. CAMP 28 HAS BEEN SPRAYING GRAVESTONE CLEANER ON THE GRAVESTONES AT SOLDIERS HILL IN EARLHAM CEMETARY. SECOND COAT WAS SPRAYED SEPT. 28TH.
2. CAMP 28 IS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE LOCAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT VETERANS PARK IN RICHMOND. THIS IS PLANNED TO INCLUDE THE "LAST SOLDIER" CEREMONY "
3. HELD ONE INDUCTION CEREMONY ON OCTOBER 11TH FOR PARKER WEISS, ASSOCIATE MEMBER AND DENNIS' GRANDSON.
4. CAMP 28 HAS BEEN INVITED TO PRESENT OUR "UNION NAVY IN THE CIVIL WAR" PROGRAM BY THE CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA "BLUE AND GRAY" ORGANIZATION. OUR PLANS ARE TO GIVE THIS PRESENTATION ON NOV. 3RD.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



THOMAS ASHLEY, COMMANDER

WILLIAM P. BENTON CAMP #28
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CENTERVILLE, INDIANA

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE WILLIAM P. BENTON CAMP#28 S.U.V.C.W. THIS INVENTORY WAS MADE IN 3 SEGMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 5/30/2008, 6/02/2008, AND 8/12/2008 BY THE FOLLOWING CAMP MEMBERS; RAPHAEL MOAK, JAMES FROST AND DENNIS RIGSBY. THIS INVENTORY HAS BEEN UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME AS NECESSARY AND AS INDICATED BY THE DATE SHOWN.

THE MAJORITY OF THE ITEMS INVENTORIED ARE STORED IN THE MUESEUM ROOM OF THE BENTON CAMP LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HISTORIC MANSION HOUSE IN CENTERVILLE, INDIANA.

THE INVENTORY BEGINS AT THE INTRANCE DOOR OF THE NUESEUM ROOM AND PROCEEDS COUNTER CLOCKWISE AROUND THE ROOM WALLS AND ON THE FLOOR.

- 1) OVAL PORTRAIT OF REV. DAN RYAN
- 2) OVAL PORTRAIT OF DAN RYAN AT ENLISTMENT
- 3) LINCOLN SILLOUETTE (OVAL) BLACK & SILVER
- 4) LARGE PICTURE OF U.S. GRANT (STANDING) 40 X 34
- 5) G.A.R. PRINT (MY JEWELS) COLOR
- 6) LINCOLN PENCIL DRAWING (T.J. DECAMP) 33X29
- 7) SHERMANS MARCH TO THE SEA (PRINT) 33X23
- 8) O.P. MORTON OIL PAINTING (33X39) LARGE GOLD FRAME
- 9) G.A.R. PARADE PRINT (20X26) COLOR
- 10) U.S. GRANT PORTRAIT (PENCIL DRAWING) 36X31
- 11) BENJAMIN STARR PORTRAIT (20X24) BLACK WOOD FRAME
- 12) BASE DRUM (WOOD) 24 IN. DIAMETER & 2 MALLETS
- 13) 12TH INDIANA BAND BASE DRUM (30 IN. DIAMETER)
GERMANTOWN, INDIANA (CARRIED ON SHERMANS MARCH)
- 14) FLAG EMBROIDERY (21X17)
- 15) TABLE LAMP (WOOD)
- 16) SOLOMON MERIDETH, SWORD CASKET (WOOD) SWORD MISSING
- 17) BOOKCASE (RED) 4 SHELF (BOOKS NOT INVENTORIED)
- 18) 2 OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOKCASES (GLASS FRONT) 46X108
- 19) 116 VOLUME FEDERAL OFFICIAL RECORDS
- 20) 8 VOLUME INDIANA ROSTER
- 21) 10 VOLUME OHIO ROSTER
- 22) 10 VOLUME CIVIL WAR PICTORIAL HISTORY
- 23) 29 VOLUME NAVAL OFFICIAL RECORD
- 24) 4 VOLUME MEDICAL DEPT. OFFICIAL RECORD

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- 25) HOLY BIBLE (SOL. MERIDETH POST G.A.R.)
- 26) SPEAR POINT FLAG STAFF (BRASS POINT) & CAST IRON BASE
- 27) CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS
- 28) FLOOR LAMP (BRASS)
- 29) G.A.R. MEDAL/RIBBON SHADOW BOX (GOLD PAINT) 24X29
- 30) JOHN HUDSON DISCHARGE PRINT (WOOD FRAME) 22X29
- 31) CARNEGIE HALL PICTURE ON PLYWOOD (36X24
- 32) ODD FELLOWS CHAPEAUX CASE (HAT, SWORD BELT, FATIGUE CAP)
- 33) WILLIAM P. BENTON & STAFF PHOTO (22X25)
- 34) BRIG. GENERAL THOMAS BENNETT OVAL OIL PAINTING 36X42
- 35) PLASTER OF PARIS G.A.R. PLAQUE (1931) DES MOINES
- 36) 13 ASSORTED TROPHIES
- 37) "CARTE DE VISTA" OF WILLIAM P. BENTON
- 38) VACANT
- 39) 1 PR. SHOLDER STRAPS (SILVER OAK LEAF/ RED BACKGROUND)
- 40) 5X7 PHOTO OF GEN. THOMAS BENNETT
- 41) 8X10 BICENTENIAL CERTIFICATE
- 42) LIBRARY BOARD LETTER (1977)
- 43) GEN. THOMAS BENNETT SWORD LETTER (1977)
- 44) GEN. THOMAS BENNETT FUNERAL SWORD & SCABARD
- 45) GEN. THOMAS BENNETT SWORD & SCABARD WITH SWORD KNOT
- 46) 2ND LIEUTENANT SHOLDER STRAPS
- 47) S.U.V.C.W. RITUAL BOOK
- 48) 1 PAIR ENLISTED BRASS SHOLDER BOARDS
- 49) LT. PHILLIP DALTZ SWORD, SCABARD & SWORD KNOT
- 50) LT. PHILLIP DALTZ PORTRAIT & HISTORY
- 51) PHOTO OF FORT FAYETTEVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
- 52) BADGE (CO. "D", 146TH REG., O.V.I.)
- 53) ORIGINAL CARTRIDGE BOX WITH TINS & WAIST BELT
- 54) WILLIAM MCKENLEY PORTRAIT (GOLD FRAME) 26X32
- 55) GEORGE A. CUSTER OIL PAINTING
- 56) GEN. SOLOMON MERIDITH COLOR PRINT (27X32) GOLD FRAME
- 57) WALKING CANE (JOHN VOSS) WOOD
- 58) WOOL SHAWL/SCARF (U.S. NAVY) JOHN SHALLENBERG)
- 59) 1 PAIR SHOLDER BOARDS (BIRD COLONEL) RED BACKGROUND
- 60) LIBBY PRISON GAVEL
- 61) BROKEN & RUSTY SOCKET BAYONET
- 62) RUSTY PISTOL BARREL
- 63) STONES RIVER BULLET IN WOOD
- 64) 5 PIECES OF SHRAPNEL (CHARLESTOWN, SC.)
- 65) ATLANTA TELEGRAPH INSULATOR STANDOFF (1864) SHERMANS
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- 66) BRASS WAISTBELT BUCKLE (U.S.)
- 67) BULLET MOLD, 3 GRAPE SHOT, 3 MINI BALLS
- 68) LINCOLN TIN PLATE
- 69) UNIFORM BUTTONS (C.S.A.)
- 70) CANE BOTTOM CAPT. CHAIR (BENJ. HARRISON LAW OFFICE)
- 71) 2 WALKING CANES (G.A.R.) 1925 & 1926 ENCAMPMENTS
- 72) PISTOL PERCUSSION CAP BOX
- 73) 1863 SPRINGFIELD 58. CAL. RIFLE MUSKET
- 74) 2 CANNON BALLS (4 INCH?)
- 75) 1 CONICAL PROJECTILE (3 INCH?)
- 76) CANNON FLOORLAMP (WOOD) ½ HALF SCALE 3 IN. ORD. RIFLE
- 77) LINCOLN PORTRAIT (CHARCOAL) 22X26
- 78) FRAMED NEWSPAPER 4/21/1865 (LINCOLN ASSINATION)
- 79) MCCCELLAN PAINTING 26X21
- 80) SHILOH PAINTING FRAMED (26X25)
- 81) 5 SOLDIER FIRING SQUAD (BENTON CAMP IN 1880'S)
- 82) KEARSHARGE ASS. FRAMED UNION JACK (15X18)
- 83) FRAMED PICTURE (SOL. MERIDETH POST #55, G.A.R.)
- 84) FRAMED SET OF 2 G.A.R. RIBBONS (14X16)
- 85) FRAMED PHOTO, OFFICERS (147TH REG., IND. VOL.) 13X15
- 86) SOLDIER MEMORIAL CERT. (69TH REG., IND. VOL.)
- 87) MISSIONARY RIDGE POSTER FRAMED (40X32)
- 88) 1920 PHOTO (124TH IND. REG.) AT WINCHESTER, IN. (13X15)
- 89) 2 FRAMED FORM 67'S
- 90) SONS OF VETERANS CHARTER (PRICHETT CAMP #198)
- 91) G.A.R. SKETCH, (CO. "B") 11TH OHIO REG. (19X23)
- 92) FRAMED ROSTER, (CO. "A"), 139TH IND. VOL. (18X24)
- 93) G.A.R. WAR RECORD POSTER (29X31)
- 94) PHOTO & MEDALS OF OLIVER M. HAWKINS 12X14
- 95) FRAMED PORTRAIT OF OLIVER M. HAWKINS 12X14
- 96) FRAMED PHOTO OF JEFF. DAVIS, R.E.LEE & STAFF 12X14
- 97) FRAMED PHOTO OF JOS. S. STEDMAN, 57TH IND. VOL. 12X14
- 98) FRAMED PHOTO AND LETTERS OF N.B. BALLINGER 1864 22X16
- 99) FRAMED PHOTO OF SOLOMON MERIDETH POST #55 (1890'S)
- 100) FRAMED PHOTO OF C.R. LOWELL POST #7 MASS. G.A.R. (18X14)
- 101) FRAMED PHOTO OF SOLOMON MERIDETH POST #55 (1890)
- 102) FRAMED CHARTER OF WM. P. BENTON CAMP #28 (2/04/1897)
- 103) FRAMED PHOTO OF WM. P. BENTON CAMP #28 (1885) 15X13
- 104) BENTON CAMP #28 DRUM & BUGLE CORP. BANNER 19X28
- 105) CAST IRON FLAG BASE (SONS OF UNION VETERANS)
- 106) BOX OF 18 MISC. PRINTS & MAPS (NOT INVENTORIED)
- 107) CAST IRON FLAG BASE (PLAIN)

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- 108) MEMORIAL PRINT, 69TH IND. (CO. "E"), ROSTER
- 109) ARGUS OGBORN PHOTO & FRAME
- 110) OVAL PHOTO & FRAME OF OFFICERS
- 111) COL. ELMER ALKER PHOTO
- 112) KERSHARGE ASS. PHOTO & FRAME
- 113) GRANTS TOMB PHOTO
- 114) ASHER PEARCE PHOTO & FRAME
- 115) BENTON CAMP 100TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO (SMALL)
- 116) JOSEPH WISENBERG PRINT (NO FRAME)
- 117) FOUNTAIN CITY, INDIANA G.A.R. PHOTO & FRAME
- 118) 1911 PHOTO OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA VETERANS
- 119) ALAN PAUL PHOTO WITH RIFLE & PHOTO GROUPING
- 120) OHIO STATE HOUSE PHOTO (NO FRAME)
- 121) BRONZE G.A.R. MEMBERSHIP BUTTON & FRAME
- 122) SOLDIERS UNION #1 PARADE BADGE & FRAME
- 123) JOHNATHAN NEWMAN PHOTO & FRAME
- 124) DIRARY OF MAURICE J. WILLIAMS (IN OFF. RECORDS CABNET)
- 125) BENTON CAMP FLAG PHOTO & FRAME
- 126) OBITUARY OF JOHN B. BUCKLEY & FRAME
- 127) FRAMED S.U.V.C.W. RIBBONS
- 128) BENTON CAMP PHOTO (NEW PARIS, OHIO) 1968
- 129) ARGUS OGBORN & ALAN PAUL PHOTO & FRAME
- 130) PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF PLAQUE
- 131) SOLDIERS GRAVES (RICHMOND & EARLHAM) IN OFF. RECORDS
- 132) BOX OF MISC. CEMETARY RECORDS (NOT INVENTORIED)
- 133) 3 BOXES OF RECORDS (ARGUS OGBORNS) NOT INVENTORIED
- 134) WOOD PANTRY TABLE (WHITE)
- 135) ORIG. CIVIL WAR PAPERS FROM EARLHAM (OFF. REC. CASE)
UN NUMBERED- MISC. BOX OF PHOTOS (NOT INVENTORIED)
- 136) ANTIQUE MEAT PLATTER, BOWLS CUPS & SILVERWARE
- 137) 2 GALVALIZED BUCKETS OF MISC. HARDWARE
- 138) WOOD STEP LADDER
- 139) SOL. MERIDETH G.A.R. POST #55 BANNER & STAFF & STAND
- 140) 3 BOZ MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS
- 141) OAK CABNET OF MISC. RECORDS & BOOKS (NOT INVENTORIED)
- 142) ELECTROLUX SWEEPER & ATTACHMENTS
- 143) 34 STAR FLAG, G.A.R. FLAF STAFF & STAND
- 144) PANORAMIC REUNION PHOTO (1924)
- 145) " " " (1913)
- 146) " " " (1938)
- 147) " " " (1900)
- 148) BENTON CAMP DRUM CORP. PHOTO (WASHINGTON D.C.)

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- 149) ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND PRINT
- 150) 3 ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS
- 151) 2 BOXES OF MISC. MAPS & PHOTOS (NOT INVENTORIED)
- 152) 1 RECORD PLAYER
- 153) 1 SMALL METAL TABLE
- 154) 1 G.A.R. CANNON BALL ALTAR
- 155) 1 SOUND SYSTEM (2 SPEAKERS, STANDS, 1 AMPLIFIER, 1 MICROPHONE & MISC. WIRING)
- 156) 1 "KITEREGE" CARTRIDGE BOX (BRASS)
- 157) 1 CANNON BALL (12 LB.)
- 158) 3 BOXES OF UNINVENTORIED BOOKS

HONOR GUARD RIFLE INVENTORY U.S. "TRAPDOOR SPRINGFIELD" RIFLES

1873	INF.	#76640	45-70
1873	CADET	#585545	45-70
1873	INF.	#21283	45-70
1873	CADET	#567581	45-70
1873	CADET	#359074	45-70
1873	INF.	#125998	45-70

BENTON CAMP DISPLAY RIFLES

1863 SPRINGFIELD 58 CAL. RIFLE MUSKET (SEE ITEM #73) ORIGINAL
1853 PATTERN BRITISH ENFIELD RIFLE MUSKET CAL .577 ORIGINAL
(GEORGIA BATTLEFIELD PICK UP??)

HONOR GUARD EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

1 CEREMONIAL BUGLE & ELECTRONIC INSERT (CB2003US)
7 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE SLINGS (LEATHER)
6 REPRODUCTION CIVIL WAR BAYONETS & SCABARDS
5 REPRODUCTION CIVIL WAR CARTRIDGE BOXES, WITH SHOLDER STRAPS,
BREAST PLATES & BOX PLATES
VARIIOUS REPRODUCTION UNIFORM ITEMS (SACK COATS, PANTS, HATS,
BELTS & SUSPENDERS, ETC.

Camp Commanders Report (Champion Hill, Camp 17)

Mid-Winter Encampment

Department of Indiana

SUVCW

Oct 29 2022

June 21 Brother Young spoke about the Civil War and the SUVCW before a group of Jasper County historical society members.

Aug. 10 Brother Young spoke before a group of residents at the Victory Knoll St. Anne's Senior Residence in Huntington about the Civil War and the SUVCW

August 15 Nine markers for the graves of the last Union soldiers/sailors in nine northeast Indiana counties have arrived and are awaiting the final touches before members of Camp 17 place them on the appropriate soldier's grave.

Sept. 9 Brother Young was interviewed by a reporter for Channel 8, WISH TV, for a segment on Indiana and the Civil War. The interview took place in the GAR room of the Huntington County Courthouse.

Sept. 22 Brother Young talked to the Fairfield Township Trustee in Tippecanoe County about coming to the historic Greenbush Cemetery and cleaning and resetting CW headstones. The township people are ok with members of Camp 17 doing this. Greenbush has dozens of veterans buried there including Col. Carroll of the 10th Indiana (killed at Chickamauga), William Thompson of the 20th Indiana (a MOH winner), and a score of Federals and Confederates buried close together.

Sept. 25 Brother Young spoke to people at the Huntington Pioneer Festival and handed out pamphlets for the SUVCW.

Oct. 11 Several members of Camp 17 placed plaques on the graves of 'Last Soldiers' in Wells County and in Allen County. The soldiers were Pvt. Cyrus V. Young of the 3rd Ohio Light Artillery who is buried in the Haverstock Cemetery at Zanesville in Wells County and Pvt. Richard G. Foss of Co. A, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry who is buried in Lindenwood Cemetery in Allen County. Several local people and the Bluffton newspaper attended the event at Zanesville.

Oct 22 Brothers of Camp 17 participated in the Mother George dedication ceremony in Lindenwood Cemetery in Ft. Wayne.

Oct. 25 Several members of Camp 17 placed plaques on the graves of 'Last Soldiers' in Adams County and in Jay County. The soldiers were Private William Parr of Co. E of the 135th Ohio National Guard who died in 1939 and is buried in the Willard/Mt. Hope Cemetery east of Berne in Adams County and Private Jason Downing of Co. K, 154th Indiana Infantry who died in 1941 and is buried in the Green Park Cemetery in Portland in Jay County. As at the previous two grave sites a short ceremony was held on the spot.

Submitted by

Gib Young

Camp 17 Commander



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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October 10, 2022

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brothers,

Report for midyear Encampment:

We held Meetings in the Following months:

May 2022

A ceremony was held to honor the veterans of the civil war from Porter county. The ceremony was open to the public and friends of members. A speech was given and a prayer to commemorate the day and veterans. A small group of people were present. We also held brief discussions of camp business.

July 2022

A regular meeting was scheduled to be held. Due to no quorum being present, the meeting was not held and was rescheduled to September. Present members discussed how improvements to the camp could be made via meetings. A book review was to be added as well as a pizza lunch to allow members to enjoy a meal together at the meeting spot.

September 2022

A regular meeting was held at the Valparaiso public library. Lunch was had before the meeting consisting of local pizza and time to talk. Business was conducted and discussion about next year was held.

Submitted 10/11//2022

Christopher Powers
Camp Commander

October, 2022

CAMP
INVENTORY

DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116
VALPARAISO, IN

1- One American Flag with gold fringe and metal pole. 2- One David D. Porter Camp flag with gold fringe and metal pole. 3- One David D. Porter Camp banner with poles 4- One ceremonial wreath. 5- One rosewood gavel with identifying plate one face 6- Complete set of ritual books (old ones) 7- One small Bible, approximately 6"x9-1/2" 8- One notebook with enlarged print for ritual 9- One set current By-laws for Camp, Department, & National 10- One Camp Charter dated 1976 for Sons of Union Veterans (as original was not available when

the present camp was established). 11- One Camp Charter for Sons of Union Veterans taken out when camp started in 1881. 12- One Charter for Sons of Union Veterans dated 1905 (a replacement for 1881 Charter?) 13- Memorial Plaque with names of deceased Camp members.

Last 4 items on display at Memorial Opera House and Porter County Lib 14- One set of papers from Chaplain Brown Post and previous Porter Camp. Currently at the Porter County Library for safe keeping 15- Set of papers for operation of Porter Camp since 1976 in two boxes held by current Secy/Treas.

a- 4 membership badges, b- Membership applications, both active and inactive, c- Meeting notes, d- Copies of quarterly reports, e- Banking information, f- Floppy disks of GAR inventory.

g- Current miscellaneous notes. 16- SUVCW ceremonial sword and scabbard. 17-2 Composite picture of original members of original Chaplain Brown post, and 1 picture of Abraham

Lincoln on deathbed with many notables around the bed. On Display at the Memorial Opera House and Porter County Library. 18- One Civil War period reproduction wall tent with poles, ropes and stakes. 19- One Civil War period dining fly with poles, ropes and stakes. 20- Two steel flag holders for use on soft ground. 21- One Plaque Naming David D. Porter Camp as the La Porte County Historian of the year for 2013. 22- One 52X8' American Cotton Duck Flag

CAMP INVENTORY

DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116 VALPARAISO, IN

23- Framed picture of David D. Porter-Donated by Randy Eckley 24- Framed window advertisement of the 2014 rededication of the Memorial Opera House Donated by Randy Eckley 25-One (1) Donation Box on stand, Oak wood with brass hinges, supports, hasp and padlock (2017) Donated and Built by Stephen E and Stephen A Mockler 26-One (1) Oak Wood Box with Brass hinges and hasp to hold Bible, desk flags and gavel. (2017) Donated and Built by Stephen E and Stephen A Mockler 27-One (1) Solid Oak Rifle and Sword Presentation Stand (2017) Donated by Pat Doyle and Built by Stephen E and Stephen A Mockler 28-One (1) Civil War period dining fly with ropes and stakes. (2017) Donated by Pat Doyle 29- Materials to clean Gravestones- Buckets, Brushes, Spray Bottles and D2 Cleaning Solution (2017) 30-Set of Books Kept at IUN 31-Rifles

Donated by Pat

Doyle 32-Sword

Donated by Pat

Doyle 33- 5 chemical sprayers 34- 2 post
hole diggers 35- 4 shovels 36-Flag
markers and Flags 37- Second GAR
Ceremonial Sword added 2018



Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

—Department of Indiana—

October 29, 2022 REPORT

On behalf of the Brothers of Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, I am pleased to report the following:

CAMP MEMBERSHIP:

- The Camp roll currently includes 61 members.

CAMP MEETINGS:

- Camp meeting have been held in person as well as virtually July, September, and October.

EVENTS:

- Camp member as well as members of the 27th SVR and members of the Department of Indiana participated in final honors for brother William Jourdan on April 22, 2022 at Marion National Cemetery.
- May 1, 2022 Proclamation was signed by the Governor of the State of Indiana establishing May 30, 2022 as the True Memorial Day and Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Day.

- Cemetery cleaning in Acton, Indiana on May 14, 2022.
- Memorial Day Program in Acton Indiana at the grave of Pvt. Charles (Charlie) Fitzgerald of the 47 Indiana Infantry.
- August 11-14, 2022 SUVCW National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- August 28, 2022, Last Soldier Project for Sgt. Thomas J. Cave in Paoli, Indiana.
- September 11, 2022, Last Soldier Project for James A. Alfrey of the 132nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry in Hartford City Cemetery.
- October 22, 2022, Mother George event Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

RECRUITING:

- The Camp elected 1 new Brothers during the report period.

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES:

- 3 new Eagle Scout certificates were awarded.

SIGNALS:

- The Camp maintains a Google Group for Camp members and a Facebook page for information sharing with members, and to the public for recruiting purposes.
- The Camp maintains a website: www.benharrisoncamp.org for information sharing with members, and to the public for recruiting purposes.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS:

- Brother Brian Mexim is the Camps new Memorials Officer.

GRAVES REGISTRATION AND RESTORATION:

- Camp members participated in our annual Cemetery cleaning.
This year it was held at Acton Cemetery on May 14, 2022.

CAMP OFFICERS:

The following Brothers were elected or appointed to serve as Camp officers for 2021:

- Commander – Bruce Kolb, PDC
- Senior Vice-Commander – Mike Beck, PDC
- Junior Vice-Commander – Tim Beckman, PDC
- Camp Secretary – Tim Beckman, PDC
- Camp Treasurer – Mike Beck, PDC
- Camp Council Member #1 – Garry Walls, PCC
- Camp Council Member #2 – Jim Floyd, PCC

- Camp Council Member #3 – Jerry Thompson
- Camp Chaplain – Brian Mexim
- Camp Patriotic Instructor – William Gillispie
- Camp Color Bearer – Wayne Sharp
- Camp Guide – Andrew Kolb
- Camp Guard – Brian Mexim
- Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – John Bowyer, PCC
- Camp Signals Officer – Tim Beckman, PDC
- Camp Historian – Andrew Kolb
- Camp Civil War Memorials Officer – Brian Mexim
- Camp Graves Registration Officer – Tim Beckman, PDC
- GAR Records Officer – Bruce Kolb, PDC

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/Bruce R. Kolb, PDC

Camp Commander

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

P.S. Death of Brother Graham Morey, Sept. 1, 2022.



Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

— Department of Indiana —

INVENTORY OF CAMP PROPERTY October 2022

GRAY STORAGE TUB #1: (in possession of Camp Secretary)

- 3 leather parade flag carrying belts
- Railroad spike found at Andersonville, GA (week of 4-5-99), donated to camp by John Copeland
- Bullet found on Munfordsville battlefield, donated to camp by John Copeland
- 11" x 14" picture of Benjamin Harrison
- Red, white & blue table cover with gold fringe
- Blue "356" cover with gold fringe
- Red & gold patriotism banner
- 8" x 10" picture of 5 membership badges (member, junior, GAR, associate & war medal)
- Shrink-wrapped copy of *Butler's Battlin' Blue Bastards* (The Story of the Men of the 3rd Battalion – 395th Infantry in WWII Under the Leadership of Lt. Col. McClernand Butler) by Thor Romington

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- KJV Bible (presented to Carter C. Keith and his wife, Aug. 22, 1975)
- Flag bunting
- 2 photo albums of camp and department activities, (photos donated by widow of David Wiley)
- Original SVR membership card (1972), donated by John Copeland
- *The Acme Haversack* (1890) songbook, donated by John Copeland
- Discharge paper for Corporal Henry Roberts, Co. D, 138th Indiana Infantry

GRAY STORAGE TUB #2 – HISTORICAL ARCHIVE: (in possession of Camp Secretary)

- Former member records
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Hayes Embezzlement file
- Old installation and quarterly reports
- Bank statements
- General Memorial Association information
- Unknown application papers
- 2007 National Encampment Souvenir Program
- 2 boxes of computer discs of camp files
- Bible presented to SUVCW Ben Harrison Camp #356 by Mrs. Dema Monson, March 21, 1944
- Computer CD – SUVCW Archives
- Photos from Camp Morton marker dedication (10-25-03)
- Photos taken at World War Memorial and Crown Hill
- Photos taken at Lincoln's Boyhood Memorial
- Computer SUVCW banner
- GAR Commemorative Badge
- Blue folder containing 2005 Department Encampment program and Monroe County Civil War Roundtable "The Sentinel" tribute to David Wiley

BLACK STORAGE TUB (CURRENT RECORDS): (in possession of Camp Secretary)

- Copies of Form 10, 13, 22, 27 and 30 Reports
- Postage Permits
- Legion Costs

- 1991 Indiana House Concurrent Resolution 60 celebrating 125th anniversary of 1st National Encampment of GAR in Indianapolis
- Job Description notebook
- Current member records
- Table display file
- SUVCW cannon and descendants project file
- Rosters
- Promotion and advertisement pamphlets
- Monument documents
- Department reports
- EIN Number information
- CWPT maps
- Current correspondence
- Constitution and regulations
- Certificate originally mailed to Smith Cornell Impressions for help with Camp Morton markers (was returned by the post office)
- Camp By-laws
- Action Items File
- Memorial Day programs

OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Secretary)

- Minutes and monthly financial reports
- Camp Morton Medal (sold out)
- Camp Ben Harrison medals
- In Memoriam ribbons
- Official Camp Membership Book (started in Dec. 2006, but backdated to 1981 using archive information)

OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Commander)

- Camp U.S. Flag (donated by Brother Beck)
- Camp flag & base (base was donated by Brother Walls)
- Camp Bible
- Camp Gavel
- Duplicate Camp Charter and stand
- Color Copy of Duplicate Camp Charter
- Charter black mourning drape
- Blue cloth altar square
- Ceremonial bugle
- Computer LCD Projector and case
- Portable projection screen

- 100 State of Indiana stick flags for Gettysburg Remembrance Day decoration
- 144 U.S. stick flags for Gettysburg Remembrance Day decoration
- 2 Medal of Honor stick flags for Gettysburg Remembrance Day decoration (donated by Brother Joe Beckman)
- Portable PA/sound system (donated by Brother & Sister Floyd)
- Camp banners

OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Senior Vice-Commander)

- In-Ground Flag holders for outdoor activities (donated by Brother Beck)

OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Camp Treasurer)

- Financial books
- QuickBooks program

OTHER CAMP ITEMS (in possession of Graves Registration Officer)

- 4 gallons of Biocide (for cleaning grave stones)
- Come-along, rope, and tripod for gravestone work
- Chain hoist for grave stone tripod (donated by Brother Floyd)
- Lifting strap for grave stone work (donated by Brother Floyd)
- 4x6" 34-star souvenir flags to hand out for events
- WPA – GAR burial cards for Marion County
- 3 GAR grave stone markers
- New, heavier base for Camp flag (donated by Brother Tim Beckman)

GIFTS FROM BOB WINTERS

1 Dinning fly
 2 dog tents
 Assorted tent stakes
 1 tarred knapsack
 2 pair of gaiters (one plain and one tarred, both small)
 Assorted rope tighteners
 2 one gallon spray tanks

Committee Reports

26th Indiana Monument – Vicksburg National Military Park

Vicksburg, MS

Report to the Midyear Department of Indiana Encampment

October 29, 2022

Brothers, at the 136th Department of Indiana encampment June 4th 2022 I made the recommendation that we, “monitor the progress of repairs and await the full reopening of the park before we consider pursuing requests to have the monuments relocated.” This is based on the fact that at this time there is no Superintendent, and the repairs to correct the roads and cemetery should and will have first attention. Additionally, I suspect they are experiencing manpower problems and budget issues that would make senseless our pursuit of the relocation.

Apparently there have been new issues with erosion problems at the National Cemetery judging from the recently issued General Order # 4 by CinC Frail September 21, 2022.

As I said in my June 4th report, this project is one that is going to take patience and persistence to achieve. I believe we have done both and need to continue. Commander, I recommend that you maintain this special committee and continue to monitor progress at Vicksburg National Military Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Adams PDC

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Department Encampment Special Committee Report

October 29, 2022

Chair: James M. Floyd, Jr., DC

Member: Dennis C. Hutchinson, PDC

Member: Timothy J. Beckman, PDC

Member: William R. Adams, PDC

Brothers of the Department of Indiana:

At the 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW held June 4, 2022 in Kokomo, Indiana, discussion ensued about changing the dates of the Department Annual and Mid-Winter Encampments. This is a continuing discussion as (at least) Past Department Commanders Tim Beckman and Dennis Hutchinson have raised this topic. The discussion also prompted the idea of having only one Department Encampment per year. Based on subsequent analysis of data from the past fifteen years of Encampments, it is the opinion that we should continue holding two encampments at this time.

The end goal is to make Encampments be events you look forward to attending and that ALL Camps in the Department participate in.

The Annual Encampment is currently held the first Saturday in June. This we believe is not an optimal choice of date. June, July, and August are typically family vacation months. Additionally, hotel costs are higher during this time of year. The consensus of the discussion during the 136th Annual Encampment was to test changing the dates of the upcoming Encampments. The Encampment Committee tentatively looked at **November 5, 2022** for the newly titled Mid-Year Encampment and **April 29, 2023** for the 137th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW. **NOTE: The actual date of the 2022 Mid-Year Encampment was changed to October 29, 2022 because of a Notre Dame Football home game on November 5th.**

The change in the date from the last weekend of January to the first weekend of November should alleviate travel issues due to snow and ice, and overall avoid potentially bitter temperatures. It is the intention that the (now) Mid-Year Encampment will continue to be hosted by Camps who volunteer to do

so. The change in the date from the first Saturday in June to the last Saturday in April should avoid school summer vacations, Easter, and provide lower hotel costs. Additionally, Department submission of Form 35 to the National Executive Director is required by May 31st each year, so the date change will assist the Department Secretary in meeting that deadline. Current plans are to keep the Annual Encampment in Kokomo.

There are other changes to the Encampments as well.

The Encampments will return to being more like the G.A.R. Encampments. That means ritual, entertainment, fun, business transaction, patriotism, and fellowship.

Minutes, Department Officer, and Camp Reports will no longer be read out loud. Submission of written reports from Camps, Department Officers and Department Committees **remain required** and they will be complied as a part of the Encampment Proceedings for reading by anyone who wishes to do so.

Encampments will include a presentation on an interesting topic, a short patriotic instruction, and at least one activity (such as PDC Gib's trivia games) that provides the opportunity to win a prize.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Floyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "J" and "F".

James M. Floyd, Jr.
Department Commander
Chair, Department Encampment Special Committee
Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War