

Issue 2-24

December 2024



Brothers of the Department of Indiana:

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer and fall. I know how busy all of you have been with various ceremonies and activities supporting the work of our Order. It was wonderful to see Indiana so well represented at the National Encampment in August in Lexington, Kentucky. Thank you for making the trip to attend and participate. Thank you also to all who attended the Mid-Year Encampment at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne.

We are now well into the season of the election and installation of camp officers for 2025. I would ask that each camp advise me of the date and time of the meeting that they plan to install their officers so that I can attend or appoint someone to install the officers. Please keep in mind that Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers or anyone who has control of camp funds must be willing to COMPLETELY fill out a bonding form. If you are not willing to do so, do not run for any of these offices. If the bonding form is not in the hands of the Department or the installing officer, these officers will not be installed. The Department officers must follow the same procedure.

As this year draws to a close, let me thank you for all you do for the Department of Indiana. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Tom

Department at the 143rd National Encampment in Lexington

The Department of Indiana was well represented at the 143rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which was held in Lexington, Kentucky on August 1-4, 2024.

Given the short distance to Lexington, brothers from the Department were able to attend in good numbers and make Indiana's voice heard on the issues under discussion.

These included the professional qualifications for the National Counselor position, proper attire for National Encampments, and the question of declining membership in the Order.

At the Encampment, Kevin L. Martin of Frederick, Maryland was installed as the new Commander-in-Chief.

The 144th National Encampment is slated for August 7-10, 2025 in Houston, Texas.

See additional Encampment photos on page 4.



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, SUVCW is the legal heir and successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department of Indiana Officers

Commander: Thomas L. Schmitt, PCC Senior Vice Commander: Travis LeMaster, PCC Junior Vice Commander: David Hoesli, CC Council Member: Dennis H. Rigsby, PDC Council Member: J. Alan Teller, PDC Council Member: Timothy J. Beckman, PDC Secretary: William R. Adams, PDC Assistant Secretary: Jonathan Swarts Treasurer: Dennis C. Hutchinson, PDC Patriotic Instructor: Jonathan Swarts Chaplain: J. Alan Teller, PDC Graves Registration Officer: David Hoesli, CC Historian: Bruce R. Kolb, Jr., PDC Civil War Memorials Officer: Michael W. Beck, PDC Eagle Scout Coordinator: Michael W. Beck, PDC Counselor: Bruce R. Kolb, Jr., PDC GAR Highway Officer: William R. Adams, PDC Signals Officer: Timothy J. Beckman, PDC Legion Editor: Jonathan Swarts GAR Records Officer: Bruce R. Kolb, Jr., PDC

<u>Camps</u>

Orlando A. Somers #1 (Kokomo) John W. Foster #2 (Evansville) John Auten #8 (South Bend) Champion Hill #17 (Huntington) William P. Benton #28 (Centerville) David D. Porter #116 (Valparaiso) John B. Anderson #223 (Columbus) Ben Harrison #356 (Indianapolis)

upcoming Sevents

December 14: Wreaths Across America (SVR) Williams Creek Cemetery Indianapolis, Indiana 11:00 a.m. EST

February 9: 101st Annual Lincoln Day Ceremony (SVR) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial Lincoln City, Indiana 2:00 p.m. CST

April 12: 69th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (SVR) Oak Ridge Cemetery Springfield, Illinois

10:00 a.m. CDT

26: 139th Department of Indiana Annual Encampment Indiana Veterans' Home West Lafayette, Indiana 9:00 a.m. EDT

SVR: Indicates event at which Sons of Veterans Reserve members are encouraged to participate in uniform.







PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION JONATHAN SWARTS PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

A Welcome Christmas Present

In mid-December 1864, General William T. Sherman arrived on the outskirts of Savannah, Georgia, having just completed his now-famous March to the Sea. He sent the following message to General William Hardee, commanding the Confederate defenders of the city:

I have already received guns that can cast heavy and destructive shot as far as the heart of your city; also, I have for some days held and controlled every avenue by which the people and garrison of Savannah can be supplied, and I am therefore justified in demanding the surrender of the city of Savannah, and its dependent forts, and shall wait a reasonable time for your answer, before opening with heavy ordnance. Should you entertain the proposition, I am prepared to grant liberal terms to the inhabitants and garrison; but should I be forced to resort to assault, or the slower and surer process of starvation, I shall then feel justified in resorting to the harshest measures, and shall make little effort to restrain my army—burning to avenge the national wrong which they attach to Savannah and other large cities which have been so prominent in dragging our country into civil war.

Realizing his position was hopeless, Hardee evacuated the city and left it open to Union forces. On December 22, Sherman sent the following message to the President:

I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the City of Savannah, with one hundred and fifty guns and plenty of ammunition, also about twenty-five thousand bales of cotton.

While you're unlikely to receive a city as a gift this year, Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2025!

RI- I A.A
By tity upp from Fort Monsoo
1 1 1
Band Annatare Military Division of the Miceiceinni
Jead-Quarters Military Division of the Mississippi,
In the Field 186
Savannah, Drc 22 1834
C .
To his Excellences,
So his Equeency, President Sincoln,
Furshert Kuncolm,
1. 1 , 1
I by to present you as a
Ch-1- en proving
Christman Life the City on as a Daramat. with I so hearing our and please of accompilion , a, also also for the story of cottens
Survey at with (SD) he and filly
Aller Aller Aller
and plack of bracquilion, an
Twenty five thy usand
also army (2000) cars of collers
he e
W.T. Sherman
May Gono.
(may sould,
1
33 Col /2
MM
mil
1/.

Source: National Archives, Pieces of History, https://prologue.blogs.archives.gov/2010/11/16/the-must-have-christmas-gift-of-1864/













Department of Indiana Meets in Mid-Year Encampment at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne

The Department of Indiana met for its Mid-Year Encampment on November 2, 2024 at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Having established a first by having the Annual Encampment at the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette in April, the Department marked another first by holding the Mid-Year Encampment at the Veterans Memorial Shrine. The Encampment was hosted by Champion Hill Camp #17.

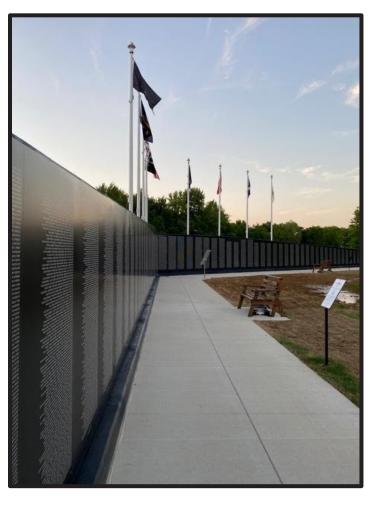
Twenty-two brothers from 7 of the 9 camps in the Department sent representatives, including from the department's newest addition:

William Baumgartner #33 Camp from Bluffton, Indiana. Half of the brothers in attendance were in uniform.

Key issues discussed included three different Indiana Civil War nurses with regards to plans for honoring them. The three nurses were Mother George, Mother Angela, and Eliza Ann Hardy-Boston. Commander Schmitt also communicated the bonding requirements regarding all new camp officer positions for 2025. He said that if you accept a position as Camp Commander, Secretary, or Treasurer that require bonding, you must be bonded and complete the necessary forms. If not then you will not be installed and serve in the position.

It was also determined that the 139th Annual Department Encampment would be held at the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette, Indiana again in 2025 (April 26). The responsibility for planning and preparing for the Annual Encampment at the Indiana Veterans' Home each year will rotate between camps. Ben Harrison Camp #356 will host the 2025 Annual Encampment.

The meal for the Mid-Year Encampment was



provided free of charge to all attending by Mission BBQ of Fort Wayne. The Department of Indiana deeply appreciates their kindness. As part of their corporate mission, Mission BBQ provides free catering and meals to veterans and first responders across the country.

Mother George Memorial Dedicated in Fort Wayne

A plaque commemorating Eliza "Mother" George was unveiled and dedicated at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne on October 19, 2024 (the day before her birthday). The plaque was donated by Champion Hill Camp #17 SUVCW, Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 LGAR, and Lindenwood Cemetery.

The event was presided over by Department Commander Thomas L. Schmitt, a regular volunteer at the Veterans Shrine and Museum and the primary organizer of the Mother George Memorial. Speaking at the dedication were President Abraham Lincoln (Murray Cox), a Civil War surgeon (Russ Gilliam), and Mother George herself (Amy Meister).

In attendance were brothers from Champion Hill Camp #17, Benjamin Harrison Camp #356, and John Auten Camp #8. Also attending were members of the 27th Indiana SVR, the 30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, the 14th Michigan SVR, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War Round Table of Northeast Indiana, and the officers of the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum.













Central Region Association Returns to Indiana

Jasper, Indiana was the site for this year's Central Region Association Conference on October 4 and 5. Twenty-one people, nineteen of whom were members from the various Allied Orders of the member Central Region states, attended. Indiana was represented by William Adams PDC and Elizabeth Thurston, President of Arsinoe Martin Circle #78, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Elkhart, Indiana. Also attending were SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin and his wife, National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW, Rosemary Martin. Attendees gathered at the Hampton Inn Jasper, the official headquarters for the conference.

Friday evening began with dinner at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant where everyone had an authentic German meal. After dinner, the group returned for a presentation on Abraham Lincoln entitled "Lincoln's Wilderness Years." Past Commander of John W. Foster Camp #2 Joshua Claybourn presented an informative program based on his book of the same title.

On Saturday morning the attendees traveled to the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. All spent the morning visiting various parts of the park and the National Park Service Reception Center. In the afternoon, PCinC Donald Palmer presented an informative paper on recruiting and membership entitled, "Membership growth challenges and strategies for the 21st century." Those present then broke into study groups discussing what our Allied Orders could do to increase membership.

At the business meeting it was approved that the 2025 CRA Conference would be held at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The 2025 elected officers are:

Commander Sr. Vice Commander Jr. Vice Commander Secretary Treasurer Webmaster/Guard/QM Bob Amsler, PDC Missouri Barbara Stone, PNP DUVCW William Adams, PDC Indiana Walter Busch, PDC Missouri John Palmer, Past Camp SVC Missouri Jessica England, LGAR Indiana





ORLANDO A. SOMERS CAMP #1

Certificate of Appreciation

On August 21, 2024, Drew Godby, Commander of Orlando A. Somers Camp #1, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sarah Evans, President of the Grant County Historical Society, for contributions towards the restoration project of the GAR monument at Thrailkill Cemetery in Swayzee, Indiana.



JOHN W. FOSTER CAMP #2

Last Union Veteran of Gibson County

On Saturday, October 12, John W. Foster Camp #2 and the Department of Indiana Sons of Veteran Reserve held a ceremony at Sand Hill Cemetery near Princeton, Indiana to honor the Last Union Veteran to be buried in Gibson County, Indiana.

Cato Powell was born into slavery in Anderson County, Kentucky on November 25, 1845. On September 14, 1864, at the age of 18, he enlisted in Co. C, 8th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery at Paducah, Kentucky.

The 8th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery was organized at Paducah, Kentucky on April 26, 1864, and within a month had faced action against General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Confederate cavalry, the Battery being successful in the engagement. Pvt. Powell performed garrison duty at Fort Anderson, Kentucky until late 1864 when the 8th moved to New Orleans to reinforce the batteries there. In early 1865, they were given orders to move to Washington D.C., arriving there in March of 1865. Pvt. Powell became sick and was hospitalized on April 20 in Washington D.C., eventually being mustered out there on June 14, 1865.



He was able to save his military pay and after the war bought 100 acres in Gibson County where he would farm, get married and help to raise ten children. Cato Powell passed away on December 1, 1940, at the age of 95 years. At his funeral, Johnny Butler Camp #228 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from Princeton oversaw the memorial service at the church.

Several family members attended the Last Union Veteran ceremony, including the grandson of Cato Powell. After the ceremony, refreshments were served at the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum near the cemetery.



JOHN AUTEN CAMP #8

Memorial Day in South Bend

Brothers of John Auten Camp #8 gathered under dark and rainy skies at Bowman Cemetery, South Bend for its Memorial Day program. The brothers were joined by Elizabeth Thurston and Penny Bucks of Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 of the LGAR.

The program opened traditionally with Camp and Circle members processing to the Civil War veterans graves area, accompanied by the beat of a cadence provided by Brother Alan Hall on the muffled snare drum. Music selections of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Vacant Chair" were provided by Eric Fiechtner, son of Camp Chaplain Rev. Greg Fiechtner. Taps were sounded by Brother Sean Kubsch, a senior at LaVille High School. Due to the wet conditions, community turnout was low. However, some members of the public attended, including some first-time visitors to the event.





Last Union Veteran of St. Joseph County

Francis J. Barton was honored on August 24, 2024 as the last Union Veteran of St. Joseph County in a ceremony held at Highland Cemetery in South Bend. Brother Barton's grave was marked with the appropriate marker signifying him as the Last Union Veteran of that county by John Auten Camp #8, assisted by Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 LGAR.

The forty minute graveside ceremony recalled how Francis J. Barton mustered in as a Private to Company G of the 12th Indiana Cavalry at Michigan City on December 15, 1863 and mustered out on October 13, 1865 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. After the war, Brother Barton moved to Winfield, Kansas, where he became a member of Siverd GAR Post #85. In 1919, he returned to the Michiana area and became a member of John Auten **GAR** Post #8 until his death on April 6, 1948 at the age of 102. He was one of the last surviving members of the Indiana GAR.

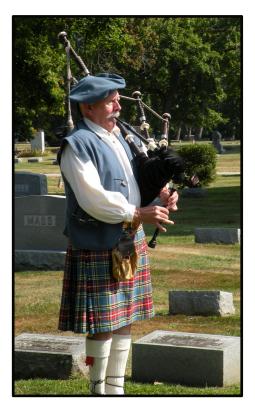
The Ceremony included bagpipe music provided by Auten Camp friend Lenny Sailor. Auten Camp member Will Radell sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Sgt. Thomas Schmitt, Cpl. Will Radell and Pvt. Jon Swarts of Co.



D, 27th Indiana SVR presented the Colors and fired a rifle salute. John Auten Camp member Richard Mrozinski assisted the 27th Indiana SVR in the presentation of the Colors.

The Indiana Legion • December 2024 • Page 11





DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116

Memorial Day in Valparaiso

On Memorial Day, David D. Porter Camp #116 attended the 18th Annual Valparaiso Memorial Day Concert presented by Dr. Jeffery Doebler of Valparaiso University and his community band. This year's annual performance had to be conducted at Valparaiso University's Chapel of the Resurrection because the Valparaiso Memorial Opera House is closed for renovations. There were seven brothers attending – Commander Larry Hautzinger, Brothers Pat Cave, Andy Doyle, Ron Morey, Herb and Winfield Smith, and Candidate Wayne Carr – who read various stories in between musical interludes.





History Speaks: Civil War Stories at Buckley Homestead Park

On June 15, 2024, David D. Porter Camp #116, in collaboration with John Auten Camp #8, Champion Hill Camp #17, and Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 LGAR participated in the Civil War Roundtable's "History Speaks: Civil War Stories" program at the Buckley Homestead County Park in Lowell, Indiana. The event included hour-long presentations about topics including: the election of 1860, "Civil War legends and ghost stories," the *Sultana* disaster, and "the ten worst generals of the Civil War," along with the firing of muskets by Department Commander Tom Schmitt and Brother Will Radell. In addition, Auten Camp Commander Bill Adams and Brothers Pat Cave and Herb Smith attended. Hopefully this is a restart of the yearly Civil War events at Buckley Homestead as they have not had these events for about 15 years!





Juneteenth Celebration at IU Northwest

On June 17, 2024, David D. Porter Camp #116, John Auten Camp #8, and Co. D, 27th Indiana Sons of Veterans Reserve, participated in the Juneteenth Celebration sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs at Indiana University Northwest.

Brother Will Radell delivered General Gordon Granger's General Order No. 3, declaring that all enslaved in Texas were free. Brother Herb Smith gave a history of the SUVCW and Black soldiers' contributions to the Union cause of the Civil War. Brother Pat Cave informed the group about John Eubanks, a Black Civil War veteran resting in Gary, Indiana.





JOHN B. ANDERSON CAMP #223

General Walker Proclaims General Order No. 3 in Columbus

John B. Anderson Camp #223 participated in the NAACP-sponsored "Juneteenth Jubilee 2024 - Healing Our Soul" event in downtown Columbus, Indiana on June 22, 2024. Through interaction with the Bartholomew County Historical Society, the camp was asked to participate in recreating this historical event. Major General Gordon Granger (Brother Terry Furgason) read General Order #3 - the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas. General Granger was escorted to the podium for the reading of the order by Brothers Jeff Maudlin and Fred Leickly.







Memorial Day Events

Brothers from John B. Anderson Camp #223 participated in a few Memorial Day events. Brother Furgason over the years attended a celebration in North Vernon, Indiana. Brother Allen held a ceremony in Orange County. Brothers McClure, Maudlin, and Leickly held two small ceremonies. The first was at the GAR/WRC memorial at the Columbus City Cemetery and the second was at the grave of the soldier for whom our Camp was named, John B. Anderson.



Lecture for the Bartholomew County Historical Society

On October 10, 2024, Brother Fred Leickly of John B. Anderson Camp #223 gave a lecture on the Civil War and its connection to Bartholomew County for the Bartholomew County Historical Society as part of its Evelyn Seward Speaker Series. About seventy-five people were present, including a number of brothers from Anderson Camp.





Multiple Veteran Graves Marked in Columbus

John B. Anderson Camp #223 was asked to participate in a veteran grave marking service on October 26, 2024 at the Liberty-Hawpatch Cemetery, Columbus, Indiana. This event was sponsored by four patriotic organizations: the Indiana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the General Society of the War of 1812 in Indiana, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Indiana Society, US Daughters of 1812. The service honored two Revolutionary War soldiers, three who fought in the War of 1812, two from the Mexican War and twenty-two Civil War soldiers who are buried in Liberty-Hawpatch Cemetery.

Thanks to the efforts of Brother Taylin Allen, on July 15, 2024, a headstone was placed for Anthony J. Chance at Sulphur Creek Church Cemetery in Orange County, Indiana. Born in 1839, he served as a Corporal in the 8th Kentucky Infantry. He died on September 8, 1913. His grave was previously unmarked and was only located thanks to a member of the cemetery board possessing the original WPA plot map.



BEN HARRISON CAMP #223

Private Jacob W. Boots Grave Dedication

On August 17, 2024, Ben Harrison Camp #356, Company D, 27th Indiana Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and Co. D, 11th Indiana Infantry (Zouaves) had the honor of conducting the dedication of a new military headstone for Private Jacob W. Boots of Co. A, 11th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Pvt. Boots joined his regiment in Baltimore, Maryland to begin training, but contracted meningitis and passed away in the regimental hospital just twelve days short of his nineteenth birthday. He was laid to rest in Peterson Cemetery in Kirkpatrick, Montgomery County, Indiana. Captain Mike Beck, PDC was in charge of the ceremony, Cpl. Randy McNally commanded the firing party, and Pvt. Tim Beckman, PDC served as chaplain. There were a number of guests in attendance including from the Daughters of the American Revolution in Crawfordsville.





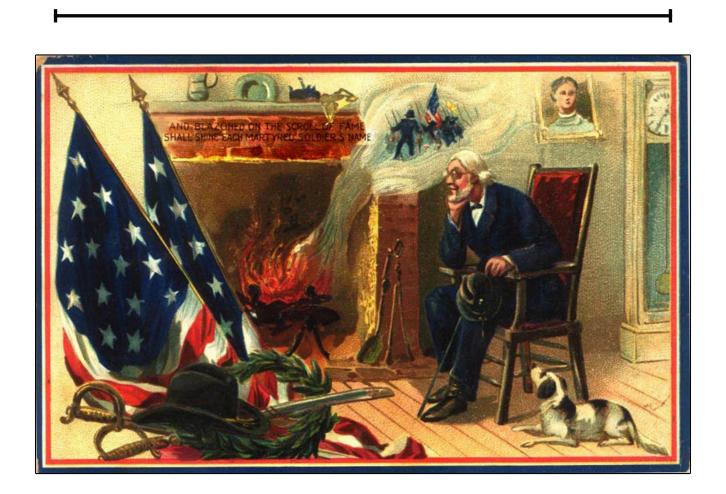
The Indiana Legion • December 2024 • Page 17



In Memoriam



Ricky Lynn Deutscher, a member of John Auten Camp #8, passed away October 21, 2024 at the age of sixty-nine. He was born May 28, 1955 in Michigan City to Russell and Ruth (Bannwart) Deutscher. He enjoyed working the farm that has been in the Deutscher family for over 150 years and was also a driver for UPS for approximately nineteen years. His is survived by his wife, Rhonda, daughters Kellie and Melissa, and sons Wesley and Alex, both of who are also members of John Auten Camp #8. His SUVCW membership was based on his ancestor Pvt. Martin (Mathias) Glassman, Co. B, 53rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry.



The Indiana Legion • December 2024 • Page 18



HONOR THEM

Today there is nothing in Martin County Indiana to tell their story. Please consider making a donation for the purpose of raising a historical marker and monument to memorialize these men who died in the service of our country in order to preserve the Union.

Contact

Martin County Historical Society martincountyhistory.com

> **Taylin Allen** spicelycamp@gmail.com

Have ancestors who fought in the Civil War? Have a passion for **Civil War History?**

Consider joining the SUVCW by contacting Taylin Allen above or the websites below

SUVCW John B. Anderson Camp suvcw223.yolasite.com

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War suvcw.org

The Wreck

In the late evening of September 17th, 1861, the 19th Illinois Volunteer Infantry moved by two trains through Willow Valley. They were on orders to report to the capital, Washington, after spending their first months of duty guarding railroads and bridges in Missouri.

The first train passed through without incident, but when the second train passed over Bridge No. 48, it collapsed as soon as the engine made it across. Hurling the cars behind it into Beaver Creek.

It was a complete disaster: 28 soldiers were killed or mortally wounded, many of them crushed to death, and some drowned under the wreckage.

Over 100 more were injured, many so seriously that they had to be discharged from the service. Some even had their limbs amputated.

After the initial shock, a long, harrowing night ensued. Work began on rescuing the injured as their anguished cries filled the air. Recovering the bodies took most of the night.

By daylight, a special train had arrived to transport all of the wounded to an army hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they could be cared for.

Many of the dead are buried there in Spring Grove Cemetery.



Among the dead was Captain Howard of Company I. Former state politician, soldier of the Mexican War, and postmaster of Galena. These were some of the many careers and titles he held before the war. The most important, though, were husband and father.

A prominent citizen of Galena, he and his wife, Elizabeth, became acquainted with Ulysses and Julia Grant, the future President and First Lady. Years later Julia would write of the Howards in her memoirs.

After the war, General Grant made a promise to Elizabeth, that when her two sons, Thomas and Douglas, were of age, he would send one to the US Naval Academy and the other to West Point. Years later, now President, Grant made good on that promise.

Thomas graduated from the Naval Academy in 1873, serving with the Navy for 43 years. He rose to the rank of admiral before retiring in 1816.

Douglas graduated from West Point in 1878. He would retire from the army in 1892 with the rank of captain.



artin County, Indiana September 17, 1861

Illustrated Almanac

Company I of the 19th Illinois

Organized by Captain Howard in Galena, Illinois, Company I was known as the "Anti-Beauregards."

Their train car was the first to fall into the bottom of Beaver Creek. subsequently being crushed by the others coming down on top of them.

By far, they suffered the most casualties of any company in the wreck, with 20 of the 28 men killed belonging to Company I.

When news reached Galena there was great mourning. A special meeting was held, and the mayor, Robert Brand, was charged with going to Ohio in order to retrieve the bodies.

Mayor Brand received a warm welcome in Cincinnati, where he was assisted by the army and city officials in his grim task.

Back in Illinois, a special plot was prepared at Greenwood Cemetery, for the purpose of honoring these men, and future heroes of Galena who would die throughout the war.

Today there are two rows of military markers, a permanent reminder of the war's toll.

General Orders

General Orders - Series 2023-2024

- #16 Passing of Past Commander in Chief Eugene G. Mortorff (May 27, 2024)
- #17 SVR Promotions and Appointments (Amended) (June 11, 2024)
- #18 Disbanding F. E. Warren Camp #44 Dept. of CO/WY (June 17, 2024)
- #19 Suspension of the Department of Connecticut (June 21, 2024)
- #20 Reinstatement of the Department of Connecticut (July 6, 2024)
- #21 Result of General Order on Membership Qualifications Ratification (July 8, 2024)
- #22 Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 (July 9, 2024)
- #23 National Encampment Awards (August 9, 2024)

General Orders - Series 2024-2025

- #1 Congratulatory Wishes and Transferal of Command (August 3, 2024)
- #2 Call to Action (August 3, 2024)

#3 - 2024-2025 National Elected and Appointed Officers And National Committee Membership (August 30, 2024)

- #4 Council of Administration Meetings Attendance and Participation (September 27, 2024)
- #5 Disasters In The Southeast How We As Sons Can Help (October 10, 2024)
- #6 Passing of Past Department of Ohio Commander James H. "Jim" Houston, Jr. (October 22, 2024)
- #7 Regarding General Order #22, Series 2023 2024: Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 Sections 1 and 3 - RESCINDED (November 17, 2024)
- #8 Passing of Past Department of Missouri Commander and Charitable Foundation Chairman Robert M. Petrovic (December 1, 2024)

Communications

Our Thanksgiving Message: Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin and National President Rosemary S. Martin (November 26, 2024)

Full documents are available at http://suvcwin.org (Department) and http://suvcw.org (National).