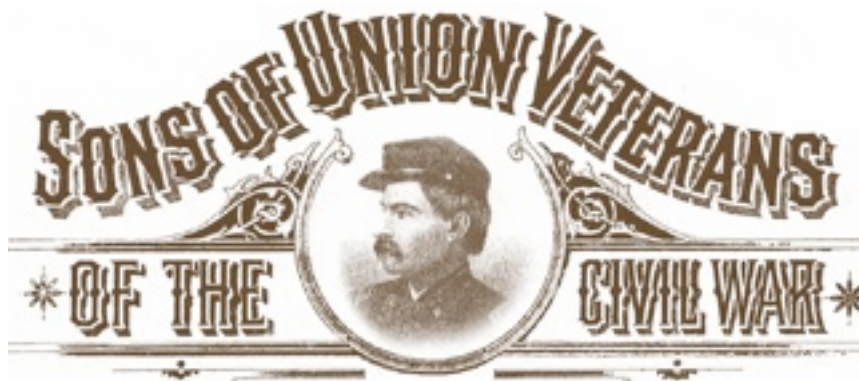


5,969

This is the number of Civil War veterans buried at Wood National Cemetery, as determined by a comprehensive cataloging by PCC Tom Mueller. But the count is not yet finished. See page 4.



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We spread the word of our mission to people of all eras, and we always honor the flag. Brother Brian Craig and PDC Tom Brown do the honors at the West Allis Settlers Weekend. Photos by PDC Kent Peterson.



Camp 1 representatives and the rest of the Wisconsin delegation help Donald Martin of Ohio launch his term as commander in chief at the National Encampment in Springfield, Ill.

Officers for the new year will be elected at the next meeting, on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Machinists Union hall at 1650 S. 38th St., Milwaukee. PCC Dave Howard will have the patriotic presentation.

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## TRY OUT THESE LINKS TO FIND WISCONSIN HISTORIES, INFO

Here are some worthy links that will help you learn more about the histories of Wisconsin units and other topics.

In some cases it is far easier to do a Google search for the topic rather than try to retype the full URL. Such is the world of the web.

We are indebted to those who set up these websites, along with the Wisconsin Historical Society, which posts all unit histories. You are invited to send some of your favorite sites involving particular units to PCC Tom Mueller at [thewisconsin3800@gmail.com](mailto:thewisconsin3800@gmail.com), and we will revisit this list in the future.

**Department Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/322640816051/> This page has many updates from various Camps but is not yet fully set up and linked to the various Camp websites. You need to have a Facebook account in order to see it properly.

**Wisconsin Historical Society:** This outstanding Badger State citizen has E.B. Quiner's 1866 official histories plus rosters, lists of casualties,

original documents and assignments for the state's regiments and artillery batteries.

Google your unit of choice and the Wisconsin State Historical Society or type in this URL: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1173&dsNavOnly=N:1170>

However, the list arrives in a scattered fashion. It can be sorted for your unit of interest, or just scroll through the four screens available until you find the unit.

**2nd Wisconsin Infantry:** <http://www.secondwi.com/> This site also has info on many other things; see the table of contents.

**3rd Wisconsin Infantry:** <http://3rdwisconsin.com/>

**Iron Brigade:** <http://www.ironbrigade.net/index.html> This is for the 2nd Wisconsin, 6th Wisconsin, 7th Wisconsin, 19th Indiana, 24th Michigan and Battery B, 4th US Artillery.

**9th Wisconsin Infantry Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/9th-Wisconsin->

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### REMEMBERING COL. PIER: ANOTHER LEADER FROM FAMILY

*These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the October 1996 Camp Orders.*

It's not surprising that the name of Col. Colwert K. Pier was associated with leadership, organization and sacrifice. His father, Edward, who was one of Fond du Lac's first settlers, set the example that Colwert was to follow.

Edward was a member of the first board of county supervisors and was its president for 10 years. He was county treasurer and a state senator. He also served as the county's superintendent of the poor and for several years as a trustee of the State Insane Asylum in Madison. Edward also was a co-founder of the Fond du Lac Savings Bank in 1866 and served as president of that bank and the First National Bank.

In July 1873, Edward was injured when he fell from a buggy. After a long illness, he died on Nov. 2, 1877, at the age of 70.

Shortly after the Civil War, C.K. Pier had resumed his law career and was made a director of the savings bank. In 1874, with his father's health failing, he took a more active role. He was made vice president, a job he held for the institution's remaining 12 years.

C.K. Pier sold his two-thirds interest in the Fond du Lac Commonwealth newspaper and discontinued his regular editorials in order to concentrate on his new banking career.

The distressing national financial panic and death of both bank founders threw an immense responsibility on Colwert's shoulders. But a half million deposits and discounts were handled efficiently.

He established and led the Business Men's Association to unite and solidify remaining business. Through its efforts, more than 300 people found employment. Colwert's business tact, confidence, courage and capital kept jobs in the area.

The same abilities would be applied again and again: in a business in Merrill, Wis.; political interests, and in advancing the objectives of the GAR.

*From: History of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin by Western Historical Company, Chicago 1880*



EDWARD PIER





## STEPHEN CRANE

BY PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR BRUCE NASON



I became interested in learning more about the Civil War primarily because of two things. In studying my family's genealogy, I discovered that my great grand-uncle served in the 12th Wisconsin Infantry, wounded in the battle of Atlanta. The other thing was re-reading Stephen Crane's "The Red Badge of Courage."

The book was required reading in my high school freshman English class, which was six decades ago. Re-reading it with my present interest in the Civil War, the book has significantly more influence on my understanding of the conflict even though it is a work of fiction.

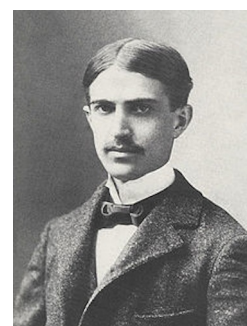
I think what stands out most for me is how Crane brings out the title of the work at the beginning of chapter 9: "He wished that he, too, had a wound, a red badge of courage."

Stephen Crane was an American poet, novelist and short-story writer who was born in 1871. Crane began writing at the age of 4 and published several articles before he was 16. Having little interest in university studies, he left college in 1891 to work as a reporter and writer.

Crane's first novel was the 1893 tale "Maggie: A Girl of the Streets," generally considered by critics to be the first work of American literary Naturalism. He won international acclaim in 1895 for "The Red Badge of Courage," the novel that he wrote after reading many articles in Century Magazine about Civil War battles and military leaders. Crane considered those stories to be dry and said, "I wonder that some of those fellows don't tell how they felt in those scraps. They spout enough of what they did, but they're as emotionless as rocks."

In 1896, he accepted an offer to travel to Cuba as a war correspondent. En route there Crane's ship, the SS Commodore, sank off the coast of Florida after hitting sandbars, leaving him and others adrift for 30 hours in a dinghy. Crane described the ordeal in "The Open Boat."

He later covered the war between Turkey and Greece, and the Spanish-American War in Cuba, and lived in England. His poor health worsened, and he died of tuberculosis in a sanatorium in Germany at the age of only 28.



Stephen Crane

In "Red Badge," Henry Fleming, a young recruit who joined the fictional 304th New York Infantry because he was drawn to the glory of military conflict, worries about his courage. He fears that if he were to see battle, he might run. When combat finally comes and the enemy charges, terror overtakes Fleming and he leaps up and flees the line. As he scampers across the landscape, he tells himself that made the right decision, that his regiment could not have won, and that the men who remained to fight were fools.

After a time, Henry meets a column of wounded soldiers and becomes deeply envious, thinking that a wound is like "a red badge of courage" – visible proof of valorous battle. He meets a tattered man who has been shot twice and who speaks proudly of the fact. He repeatedly asks Henry where he is wounded, but Fleming is deeply embarrassed and moves away to a different part of the column. There he meets a soldier with a distant, numb look on his face – it's his friend in the regiment, Jim Conklin, badly wounded. Henry promises to take care of Jim, but Jim runs from the line into a small grove of bushes where he dies.

Henry continues to wander until he finds himself close enough to another battlefield to be able to see the fighting. He sees a Union regiment in full retreat and tries to stop the soldiers to find out what has happened. One of the fleeing soldiers hits him on the head with a rifle, giving him a bloody gash.

Eventually Henry is reunited with his original companions. The next day, the regiment is back on the battlefield and now Henry fights like a lion. He remembers Conklin, and vents his rage against the Confederate soldiers. His lieutenant says that with 10,000 Henrys, he could win the war in a week.

In an ensuing charge, the 304th's color bearer falls. Henry takes the flag and carries it proudly before the regiment. The group is sent into more fighting, and Henry continues to carry the flag. The regiment charges a group of enemy soldiers fortified behind a fence, and, after a pitched battle, wins the fence.

As he and the others march back to their position, Henry reflects on his experiences in the war. Although he revels in his recent success, he feels deeply ashamed of his behavior the previous day. But he puts his guilt behind him and realizes that he has come through "the red sickness" of battle. He is now feeling a quiet, steady manhood within himself.

## Websites with unit histories – continued from page 2

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**12th Wisconsin Infantry:** <http://www.russscott.com/~rscott/12thwis/>

**26th Wisconsin Infantry:** <http://www.russscott.com/~rscott/26thwis/>

**28th Wisconsin Infantry:** <http://www.28thwisconsin.com/>

**33rd Wisconsin Infantry:** <http://33dwisconsin.com/>

**4th Wisconsin Cavalry:** <http://www.4thwisconsin.com/> and <http://mymichaeljamesmartin.com/>

## Other sites of interest

**Basic histories of Wisconsin units:** <http://civilwararchive.com/unionwi.htm> Change the WI abbreviation to your state of interest if your relative was not a Wisconsin man.

**Wisconsin battle flags, from Wisconsin Veterans Museum:** <http://www.wisconsinbattleflags.com/>

**Sauk County men in multiple units:** <http://www.saukcountyhistory.org/civilwar.html>

**German immigrant soldiers:** <http://germansons.com/index.html> and [http://germansons.com/regiments\\_wisconsin/index.html](http://germansons.com/regiments_wisconsin/index.html)

## NUMBERS KEEP GROWING AT WOOD NATIONAL CEMETERY

The cataloging of Civil War veterans at Wood National Cemetery, underway for 13 months, is in its final stages.

As of Oct. 17, there were 5,969, according to PCC Tom Mueller, who also is Department GRO. In a final phase, Mueller has walked various sections at Wood for seven weeks to check tombstones for men whose unit was not listed in any of the four databases he was using.

Then he began to cross-check random graves to be sure they were in the database. Four out of about 75 checked were not, meaning that overall there may be 200 or 300 remaining, if that ratio held true for the entire count. Then longtime Department graves guru Virgil Matz found two dozen via other methods. So the end of the project is near, but not yet here.

When the work began, the SUVCW graves database had 2,100 listings for Wood; Mueller's total likely is the first such count at the cemetery.

The last Civil War burial at Wood apparently was Pvt. Henry D. Vaughn, who died Feb. 18, 1941, at the age of 94 or 95, according to Mueller. Vaughn was in Company E of the 12th Wisconsin Infantry and was wounded at Kennesaw, Ga., in June or July 1864.

## CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

**Q:** What was a "hot shot"?

**A:** This was a solid iron shot that was heated in a furnace and fired at wooden vessels with the intent to set them afire. Shot furnaces were found in seacoast fortifications as well as aboard ships. The goal was for it to pierce the hull of a vessel, then sit smoldering inside a bulkhead, eventually setting the ship ablaze. More at <http://www.civilwarhome.com/terms.htm>

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Tom Mueller
- 2 – Billy Cole
- 12 – Skylar Brown
- 13 – Steve Dornbos
- 17 – M. Hans Liebert



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## CAMP CALENDAR

5 November: Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade, 11 a.m. Form near Pere Marquette Park, or cheer us on along the route.

17 December: Wreaths Across America, 11 a.m., Wood National Cemetery.

4 February: Mid-winter Department meeting and Patriotic Luncheon. Lincoln scholar Steven Rogstad of Racine will be the speaker.