



This movie has been called the top Civil War film. See a Top Ten on page 3, plus some of Brother Doug Phillips' favorite books.

C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP #1

SUVCW



C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP # 1

SERIES 2024

CAMP ORDERS

SEPTEMBER 2024

CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION



The event began with the chaplain's invocation of the Divine Blessing – "In this silent camping ground of the dead, we come before you asking your blessing, as we honor the memory of this defender of our country's honor."

Photo by Kent Peterson. Another photo of the Forest Home event, and one of a Camp action, are on page 4.

TOUCHING MOMENTS AT STONE DEDICATIONS

Multiple coincidences of history helped make for a profound dedication of the Camp and Auxiliary's latest two tombstones at Forest Home Cemetery.

Other highlights of the Sept. 21 event included the Pledge of Allegiance from Junior member Lucas Nguyen, age 9, and drum cadences by Brother Will Ammann. The event was conducted by a robust total of 14 Brothers and three from the Auxiliary.

The coincidences had emerged

in the research and preparation.

For example, there were multiple coincidences at the first of the stones – for Thomas J. Franey, who enlisted on April 20, 1861, little more than one week after the war began. He was in the 1st Wisconsin Infantry (the 3-month unit), Co. B, and his rank was corporal.

Another soldier in that same three-month unit was named C.K. Pier.

Continued on page 2

The next Camp meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. Brother Mike Deeken will have the patriotic presentation.

TOMBSTONES – *Continued from page 1*

Pier, a private in Company I, had the same muster-in date as Franey, and the same muster-out date of Aug. 21, 1861.

So a descendant of Pier, PDC Tom Brown, placed the Camp wreath. And Brown's rank on his uniform is First Sergeant, which is what Franey became later in the war, in the 19th Wisconsin Infantry.

Franey, Pier and the 1st Wisconsin had their first combat at Falling Waters, Va., on July 2, 1861.

PCinC Steve Michaels read a passage about the battle from one of his old columns about Pier. This luckily was found a couple days earlier, when event organizer PCC Tom Mueller was working on the next Camp newsletter, and looked at what had run in September 2014 (the column, which repeats every 10 years, is at the bottom of this page).

Pier had recalled this scene in an 1892 article:

“ ‘A hundred muskets were being emptied about as fast as breechloaders would be now. There

was considerable shouting, and the following expressions are remembered:

‘Look out, Ben, that fellow is aiming at you!’

‘Good God! – Oh! Mother!’ ‘DRAKE IS SHOT!’”

The profound coincidences continued at the second stone, for Pvt. Theodore Carl of the 18th Wisconsin Infantry, Co. B. He was a draftee from Milwaukee and served in 1864 and 1865. Carl died at age 72 in 1902, one year after the Camp was founded. He is buried in the huge section 4 of the cemetery; same as F.J. Walthers, one of the Camp's founders.

But the biggest coincidence is that another draftee in the same 18th Wisconsin was the ancestor of Susan Fallon, Auxiliary president. And of Joe Fallon and Steven Wortman of the Camp. That was Pvt. Ludwig Carl Marks of Co. I, who died in 1889 and is buried in his native Manitowoc County.

So Susan Fallon placed the Auxiliary wreath at Carl's grave, and Joe did the honors with the Camp's wreath.

REMEMBERING COL. PIER: BATTLE OF FALLING WATERS

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the September 2004 Camp Orders.

Colwert K. Pier's first time under fire and first time witnessing death under fire came during the Battle of Falling Waters, Va., on July 2, 1861. He as a private in Company I, 1st Wisconsin Infantry, which was being held in reserve during the fight. Companies A and K were deployed to the front as skirmishers.

Pier later remembered: “A hundred muskets were being emptied about as fast as breechloaders would be now. There was considerable shouting, and the following expressions are remembered:

“ ‘Why don't you shoot, Snodgrass?’ ‘What are you aiming at up in the air, Buckels?’ ‘Get out from behind that stock, Ames!’ ‘That's good, Munson!’

“ ‘Go a little further, Henry!’ ‘Steady, boys.’ ‘Look out, Ben, that fellow is aiming at you!’ ‘Aim low, that is what counts!’

“ ‘Good God! – Oh! Mother!’ ‘DRAKE IS SHOT!’

Pvt. George Drake of Company A was the first life sacrificed from Milwaukee and Wisconsin. The fatal bullet entered his body near the heart, and he died an almost instantaneous but painless death.

Pier continued, “The eight companies still in line in front of the fence were in view of the two companies skirmishing and knew almost before Drake's comrades themselves that he had been shot. Nearly at the same time, Graham (Pvt. Warren) had been wounded, but whether before or after Drake was killed is uncertain, but he was attended back to the rear by two of his company.

“A few moments before Drake's body was carried past the standing men, the news of the two casualties spread, but it was some time before we knew who it was that had been hurt and various names were suggested. Almost simultaneous with the appearance of Drake's body being borne to the rear, the entire regiment was ordered forward deployed toward the enemy, who fell back, so we advanced until the pursuit was made on the run, which the boys held until commanded to halt.”

Drake's body was carried to the village of Williamsport, from which the troops had set out earlier that day. The loyal citizens of the town buried him with military honors in an unmarked grave on the banks of the Potomac in Maryland (he now is buried at Antietam National Cemetery).

Graham had been wounded three times, and died of those wounds on Aug. 26. He would be buried at Forest Home Cemetery, and was Milwaukee's first military funeral.

From History of Milwaukee, published by Western Historical Company, Chicago 1881; Milwaukee Sentinel, Aug. 28, 1861, June 26 and July 3, 1892.



MOVIES AND BOOKS

BY DOUG PHILLIPS



I always have been a fan of movies and reading a good book. From an article published a number of years ago in one of the Civil War publications, I present to you a nominated list of the top 10 Civil War movies. You may not agree with the list, but it is interesting. Of course, after viewing the list I had to purchase and view the top 10.

Here is the list, as published:

1. "Gone with the Wind," 1939. The immortal star-studded epic tale of love, hate, romance and war.

2. "The Birth of a Nation," 1915. D.W. Griffith's controversial masterpiece was made only 50 years after the end of the war.

3. "Glory," 1989. Fighting the prejudices of both the Union and Confederate armies, Col. Robert Shaw leads one of the first African-American volunteer companies in the Union Army.

4. "The Civil War," 1990. The nine-episode PBS documentary by Ken Burns.

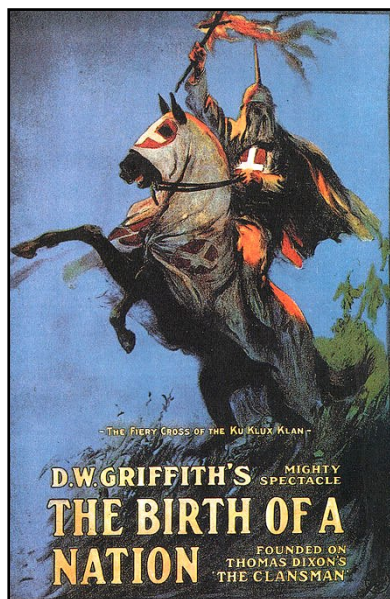
5. "Shenandoah," 1965. Jimmy Stewart plays a Virginia farmer with divided loyalties.

6. "The Red Badge of Courage," 1951. Based on the novel by Stephen Crane, and starring Audie Murphy, it depicts the life of a soldier during the Civil War.

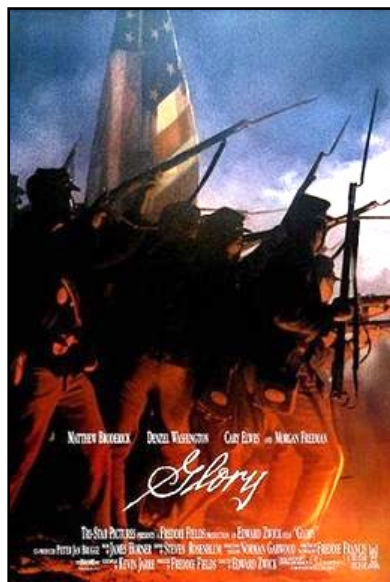
7. "The General," 1926. Buster Keaton's silent comedy is based on an actual event, the capture of a Confederate locomotive called the "General" by a Union raiding party and the events that followed.

8. "Gettysburg," 1993. The war's turning point, depicted by thousands of Civil War re-enactors on the actual battlefield.

9. "Ride with the Devil," 1999. Director Ang



Here are the posters for the No. 2 and 3 items on a publication's list of best Civil War movies – "The Birth of a Nation" and "Glory." Brother Doug Phillips offers his views of these movies and some books.



Lee's version of the bloody skirmishes in Missouri and Kansas.

10. "The Undefeated," 1969. Former Confederate and Union soldiers run into each other out West after the war's end.

I would like to add a few personal notes. These two movies are quite good:

– "Gods and Generals," 2002. This story line is a prequel to the movie "Gettysburg."

– "Free State of Jones," starring Matthew McConaughey, 2016. Based on the true story of an uprising in Jones County, Miss., to secede from the Confederacy.

I would like to recommend, for your reading pleasure, the following list of books. These are a few of my favorites; the list is in no particular order.

"Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," by Doris Kerns Goodwin, 2005. President Abraham Lincoln brings his disgruntled presidential opponents together to make up the most unusual presidential cabinet in history.

"Lincoln," by David Herbert Donald, 1995. His rise from obscurity to the heights of presidential glory.

"Gettysburg," by Stephen W. Sears, 2003.

"The March," by E.L. Doctorow, 2005. It details Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea. After burning Atlanta, he marched 60,000 troops East through Georgia to the sea and up into the Carolinas.

"Mrs. Lincoln, A Life," by Catherine Clinton, 2009. There is a lot of history about Abraham Lincoln, but his wife, Mary Todd, remains a mystery. This book give the reader great insight into her life.

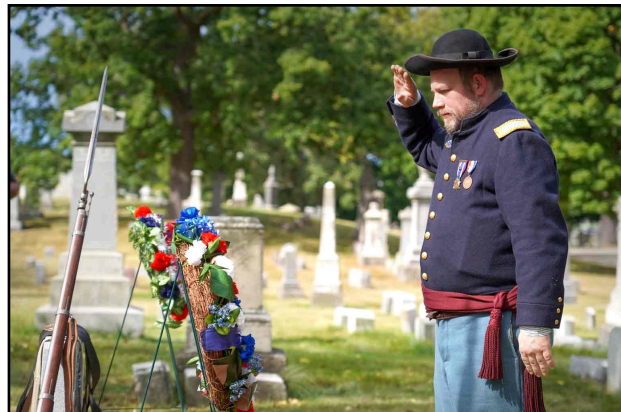
"Those Damned Black Hats! The Iron Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign," by Lance J. Herdegen, 2008, 2013. Soldiers from Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan that fought the war in the East in their unique Hardee hats.

Andrew Sabin of Kenosha has joined the Camp.

His relative of record is Pvt. William Sabins (with the second S) of the 55th Ohio Infantry, Co. B.

Andrew is an Army veteran.

Welcome, Brother Andrew, and thank you for your service, too!!!



September scenes

Brother Joe Fallon places the Camp wreath for Pvt. Theodore Carl, who served in the same regiment as his relative, Pvt. Ludwig Carl Marks. Both were draftees in 1864. And Lucas Nguyen, 9, receives his Junior material from CC Grant Johnson at the Sept. 11 meeting. Lucas' Mom is Kara, a recently new member of the Auxiliary. Photos by Kent Peterson (above) and Steve Michaels.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: Why didn't Lincoln appear on the ballot as a Republican in 1864?

A: The National Union Party was the temporary name for the national ticket that was used by the Republican Party and elements of other parties. The name was used to attract War Democrats, border state voters, Unconditional Unionist Party and Unionist Party members who otherwise might not have voted for the Republican Party. The temporary party nominated Abraham Lincoln, with life-long Democrat Andrew Johnson of Tennessee for vice president. More at [https://en.wikipedia.org/page/National_Union_Party_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/page/National_Union_Party_(United_States)) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Union_Party_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Union_Party_(United_States)). We'll look at another aspect of the 1864 vote next month.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

13 – Paul Eilbes

Camp Commander – Grant Johnson
grant.johnson@responsory.com

414-940-3113 or 262-432-0183

SVC – Michael Benton 414-659-3767

We are at <https://www.facebook.com/CKPierBadger> and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>

The SUVCW is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3, as per the Internal Revenue Service. Donors thus are allowed to deduct contributions they make to C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, if they do not use the standard deduction on their taxes.

Report address changes to editor Tom Mueller, PCC, at thewisconsin3800@gmail.com Your Banner is not forwarded by the Postal Service, so you need to report a new address to us.

COMING UP

Oct. 26: Honoring Pvt. Stephen Keiser, who has a civilian stone with no recognition of his war service. His funeral in 1898 was controversial. At 2 p.m. at Mound Cemetery, 1147 West Blvd., Racine. More info from Auxiliary President Susan Fallon at SusanJ.Fallon@wi.rr.com All five of the Allied Orders are attending, Fallon says.

Dec. 14: Wreaths Across America, Wood National Cemetery. The Camp this fall again will be selling wreaths, from which we earn a share of the money. Stay tuned.