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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# SUVCW



Brothers,

I hope this Holiday Season finds you and yours in good health and good spirits. As a world population, we've been unable to shake the pandemic that has been with us for two years. It will undoubtedly affect our future communal gatherings, potentially including our Department and National Encampments. Some organizations I belong to, or at least know of, have essentially gone into hibernation during the pandemic, and a proportion of them will never wake from their slumbers. Others have adapted to the Zoom Era and continue to fulfill their missions and provide value to their members and constituents.

I'm offering the following in the hope that those Camps which have not yet conducted meetings via Zoom or similar services will start to do so, and with the aim of making virtual meetings more enjoyable and effective.

Our SUVCW Regulations have recently been amended to allow Camps great latitude in conducting meetings of the Camp, the Camp Council, and committees of the Camp. Those meetings can be conducted entirely by electronic means, and Brothers may participate remotely for in-person meetings. The provisos are that the convening officer must assure that all Brothers participating and voting are members in good standing and entitled to vote, and that all Brothers attending electronically must have an opportunity to express their opinion. (Regulations Article IV, Section 1.)

The regulations for Department Encampments are more restrictive than those described above for Camps, but we'll discuss those in the next issue.

Many organizations and agencies have learned how to make good use of Zoom and similar platforms. Most plan to stay with virtual meetings and conferences even after the end of the pandemic, at least in part because majorities of their users like the avoidance of travel and other convenience offered. I will share with you some pro tips I have learned, either by direct experience or through seminars (all of which, naturally enough, were presented online).

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Know also of the limitations of laptop microphones. They can't clearly pick up sounds from far away. Note that I said "clearly", as they will garble the sounds of radios or TVs, or of humans who are not close enough to the laptop. With multiple participants at one location, have people rotate in and out of proximity to the laptop when they wish to be seen and heard effectively. The best audio will be provided with a headset rather than the laptop's mic and speakers. I use one I was given when I was a presenter for an online seminar. One caution about audio-only participation: people who can't see other participants tend to talk over one another.

Lighting. We've already talked about the composition of the video image you want to project, but lighting is critical as well, as consultants will tell you as a first item of business. You should set up your laptop during daylight hours so that you are facing toward a window to take advantage of diffused natural light. During hours of darkness or insufficient natural light, don't set up artificial light sources on only one side of your laptop – get them on both sides, and consider overhead light as well. Before I understood these rules, I participated in virtual meetings looking like the Wizard of Oz. No, not as that man behind the curtain, but as the ominous face floating above the Great Hall in front of Dorothy and her friends.

Just do it. I haven't intended to overwhelm you with the items above. I understand that some of you shy away from hosting or participating in virtual meetings for fear of messing something up. So what if you do? The

Internet limitations. As I think many of us know, the inadequacy of rural broadband is a serious issue, and it affected last year's Department Encampment at the Lafayette Church. Find out the internet capacity at the location you plan to use for a virtual meeting – either as a meeting organizer or as participant -- and consider an alternate location with better internet speeds for a more effective experience. Another alternative is to literally "phone it in" since most platforms provide for telephone connections.

In a virtual meeting with multiple participants, you may find a deterioration in audio or visual quality as the meeting goes on and additional people join. If so, ask participants to mute their microphones, and even turn off their cameras, unless they wish immediately to speak. Unnecessary noise, like a radio or television playing in the background, uses up bandwidth, not to mention it's annoying to other participants.

Laptop limitations. Most of us use laptop computers, but they pose issues when used for virtual participation. Unless negatively affected by bandwidth issues, the cameras can produce a pretty good picture. Be aware of the field of vision and viewpoint your camera captures. This is the first image you will see when joining a virtual meeting, so you can adjust right off the bat, and be sure which things you want captured and which you don't. Do you want people looking at your ceiling or up your nose? Probably not. The best images are captured when the camera lens of your device is at eye level, so adjust its height accordingly. A wider shot, as opposed to a close-up, provides a more natural feel, and permits nonverbal communication, such as hand gestures, to be seen.

Speaking of shooting, consider the hunter's injunction to be highly aware of the background of your target. Virtual meeting participants sometimes set up in their kitchens or bedrooms. Unmade beds and sinks full of dirty dishes aren't appealing. If you intend to have multiple participants on one laptop image, be sure to know who is in the camera's field of view. Those off camera at best will be disembodied voices to other viewers.



Consider your own "target". Do you want people to see you in your bathrobe or underwear? You can find viral videos with that embarrassing content. There's also the notorious "I'm not a Cat" video in which a lawyer made a virtual court appearance with a filter, applied unknown to him by one of his youngsters, making him into a virtual cat. Hilarity and professional embarrassment ensued. Even more humiliating are the videos that resulted from users who took their devices with them, still broadcasting and recording, as they used the bathroom. Virtual backgrounds also can be problematic. As you turn and gesture for the camera your partial image may ghost in and out of vision. Most common refrain on a Zoom meeting is, "Unmute yourself."

Basic Zoom accounts are free and there are many tutorials, sponsored by Zoom and otherwise on YouTube to walk you through the basics. Dive in.

Yours, In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Br. John

*Ed Note:* This will be the longest Dispatch my doing the Dispatch since the Fall of 2014, it also marks the greatest participation with 6 of the 7 camps sending information showing the camps alive and well in spite of the hardships of Covid

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
MID-WINTER MEETING**

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

**Alioto's Restaurant**

**3041 N. Mayfair Road**

**Wauwatosa, Wisconsin**

**9:30 AM**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**9:30 Welcome and call to order – DC Decker**

Opening prayer – Chaplain Drought, CC

Moment of silence in memory of departed Brothers – Chaplain Drought, CC

Pledge of Allegiance – Patriotic Instructor Br. Kallan

Allied Orders return to their meetings – Guide Daley, PCC

Roll Call of Department Officers – Secretary Peters, PDC

**9:35 Introduction of guests and visiting National Officer, PCinC Freshley – PCinC Michaels**

Welcome to PCinC Freshley – DC Decker

All: Welcome!

**9:40 National Officer's Remarks**

**9:45 Greeting committee to Allied Orders – Color Guard Graf, PDC**

**9:50 Department Officer reports**

(All reports submitted electronically in advance. Brief oral updates or points of emphasis only.)

**10:20 Camp Commander reports**

(All reports submitted electronically in advance. Brief oral introduction and updates or points of emphasis only.)

**10:35 Presentations – DC Decker and JVC Koenecke, PCC**

5 year interval membership certificates

Past Camp Commander Certificates

Certificates of Merit

**10:45 Break**

**11:00 Patriotic Instruction – PI Br. Kallan**

**11:15 Announcements – DC Decker, except as noted**

139<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Department Encampment, June 11, 2022 Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Madison – CC Brodd

Department Encampment souvenir ribbons – CC Brodd

Patriotic Fund donations and Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation update – Treasurer Hembel, PDC

141st National Encampment, August 11-14, 2022, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Joint SUVCW-MOLLUS meeting – PCC Collins

IRS reminders - PDC McManus

New member initiations (as needed)

Pass the Hat for the Patriotic Fund – Treasurer Hembel, PDC

Other announcements

**11:50 Upcoming events – DC Decker, except as noted:**

Member orientation

Civil War Expo – Kenosha Civil War Museum, TBD

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and Central Region Association meeting Springfield, Illinois, Saturday,  
April 9, 2022 – SVR Military District 4 Commander Maj. Brown, PDC

Rededication of Col. Hans C. Heg statue, State Capitol grounds, Madison, Sunday, May 29, 2022 –  
Council #3 Campbell, PCC

**12:00 Noon Meeting Closes. Patriotic Luncheon to follow**



## Camp 1

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 hosted their annual Christmas party, which also served as a testimonial for National President Allison Pollitt, an Auxiliary #4 sister, and as celebration of the Camp's 120th anniversary. Among the national officers attending were SUVCW CinC Michael Paquette from Fredericksburg, Va., and National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski from Elmhurst, Ill. Several national Auxiliary officers also attended.



*NP Allison Pollitt receives a gift from CinC Paquette*



*PCinC Michaels shows CinC Paquette some of the Camp's historic artifacts..*



*Chaplain Kowalski gives an impromptu fundraiser, benefiting the national president's travel fund.*



Three Wisconsin Brothers were in Gettysburg for the 65th annual Remembrance Day activities: PCinC Steve Michaels, PDC Tom Brown and PCC Kirby Scott. All three attended the ceremony at the Woolson monument and marched in the parade, while Brothers Michaels and Brown marched with the SVR Commanding General's staff and CinC Paquette, Br. Scott served as flag bearer for Auxiliary NP Allison Pollitt. NP Pollitt is a member of C.K. Pier Badger Aux. #4.



## Camp 1 Where We Served



Camp 1's newsletter began new a monthly feature named "Where We Served and Fought," featuring the relative of record for each Brother, and what that unit did.

The first in the series was **Brother Dave Curran's ancestor, Pvt. James Curran**, who enlisted in 6th Illinois Cavalry, Co. C, on

Sept. 3, 1861, then was a U.S. Marine and later in 42nd Illinois Infantry. Dates and ranks not known. He was released in March 1865 from prison camp at Cahaba, Ala.

The 6th Cav was in Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign of November 1862 to January 1863, and the siege of Port Hudson, La., May 24 to July 9, 1863. Then it fought all over Tennessee. The 42nd Infantry began in July 1861, and in 1864 was in the Atlanta Campaign, with many battles before and after.

Second in the series was Brother Bob Nix's ancestor, Pvt. Alexander Linder, who was in the 82nd Illinois Infantry, Co. C, from Aug. 16, 1862, to June 9, 1865.

Linder was captured at Chancellorsville, Va., on May 9, 1863. The 82nd's long list of battles includes Gettysburg, Mission Ridge and the Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. It was one of the scores of regiments at the surrender of Gen. Johnston to Gen. Sherman at Bennett Place in North Carolina on April 26, 1865. See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unilinf7.htm#82nd>



### Brother Bob Nix's Ancestor: Pvt Alexander Linder



Enlisted in 82<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry, co. C, on Aug. 16, 1862. Mustered out June 9, 1865.

Was from Chicago.

Captured at Chancellorsville, Va., on May 9, 1863, and paroled on May 15.

The 82. Was mustered in at Springfield. Besides Chancellorsville, its long list of battles includes

Gettysburg, Mission Ridge, and the Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. It was one the scores of regiments at the surrender of Gen Johnston to General Sherman at Bennett Place in North Carolina on April 26, 1865. see

<http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unilinf7.html#82nd>

Born 1840



Died Jan 29, 1888

Member of Nicholas Miller GAR Post 453 in Hampshire, Ill.

Buried at Hampshire Center Cemetery at Hampshire in Kane County, Ill.

## Camp 1's anniversary links 1901 to the present

By Tom Mueller, PCC

More than one-quarter of Camp 1 has relatives of record who were in the very same regiments as the kin of our charter members, 120 years ago.

This strong historical continuity became clear after PCinC Steve Michaels distributed the roster of the Camp originals in his patriotic presentation at the December meeting.

Comparing the list to our current roster showed that 11 of the 42 current Camp members had relatives in the same regiment as those of the charter members.

My relative, Cpl. Moritz Ganser, even was in the same COMPANY as the kin of TWO charter members. This was Company L of the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry.

I followed in the footsteps of charter member Philip Schmidt and his relative, Cpl. John Schmidt, and of Philip LeGrand, the kin of Pvt. Joseph LeGrand.

The soldiers must have known each other, or at least worked in very close proximity for months: Ganser began his service on March 9, 1864, Schmidt on Feb. 1 and LeGrand on Feb. 20. Ganser was from tiny Roxbury in Dane County; Schmidt and LeGrand from Milwaukee.

Ganser also was in Company E at some point, evidently late in his service because his pension info lists only Company L. He mustered out on Aug. 22, 1865.

Schmidt transferred to Company H on Aug. 20, 1865, and LeGrand went to H the same day. The Wisconsin roster does not say when they mustered out; the 4th as a whole mustered out on May 28, 1866.

Brother Tom Remington also has his relative of record in the 4th Cav, but in Company K.

Brother Bill Liebert's relative, our very own C.K. Pier, first was a private in Company I of the 1st Wisconsin Infantry (3 months); charter member Frank Fisler had a relative in Co. K of the three-month regiment.

Three other descendants of Pier are in the Camp: PDC Tom Brown, son Jeremy Brown and grandson Skylar Brown. But for their relative of record, they chose the captain of Company E of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry, Edwin A. Brown, who was killed at Antietam. (Charter member Gustavus Schorse was the relative of Capt. Otto Schorse, who was in Company F).

Also with kin in the 6th Wisconsin are current brothers John Thielmann and Ron Washburn.

The other three Brothers whose relatives and charter members' kin shared the same regiment are:

- Joel Schanning, 26th Infantry (three charter members were in that regiment – Pvt. August Beitz of Company A, Cpl. Charles Grasse of H and wagoner Daniel Steuerwald of G). Schanning's kin was in K.
- Dean Collins, 24th Wisconsin Infantry (the charter member was William Schmitz, relative of Pvt. Henry Schmitz, who was in Company F). Dean's relative was in K.
- Bruce Nason, 12th Wisconsin Infantry (the charter member was the first commander of the new Camp, George Shaughnessy, son of Pvt. George Shaughnessy, who was in Company G). Nason's relative was in F.



Left to right: PCinC Steve Michaels (Council 3), PDC Brian McManus (installing officer), PDC Tom Brown (Camp Commander), PCC Brian Craig (Council 1), Bruce Nason (Patriotic Instructor), PCC David Howard (Council 2), PCC Tom Mueller (Secretary), Joe Fallon (JVC), Grant Johnson (SVC).

Michaels' presentation also included a discussion of some of the major Camp founders,



## Camp 2



### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN GRAND STYLE AND AMERICA'S 1ST "VETERANS LIBERTY TREE"

On July 4, 2021, members of WI Col Henry Harnden Camp #2 joined with the Sons of the American Revolution Nathaniel Ames Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution John Bell and Gov Nelson Dewey Chapters, Daughters DUVCW Tent #23, Daughters of 1812, our Allied Orders, area Legion and VFW Post veterans and local Public Safety representatives in the Village of Oregon to celebrate "Proud America Days Independence Day 2021" at the grave site of Nathaniel Ames in Prairie Mound Cemetery. The gathering was welcomed by Oregon Village President Randy Glysch. Camp #2 Senior Vice Commander Ben Hobbins (also Nathaniel Ames SAR President and Exec Dir of the

National Freedom and Liberty Tree Project) organized and produced the event and served as master of ceremonies. Nathaniel Ames was Wisconsin's last surviving veteran of the American Revolution and members of his family fought for the GAR.

Br. Ben Hobbins and his dau Ashley-Anne Hobbins of DUVCW Tent #23 and a DAR John Bell Chapter Junior in Madison on Independence Day in Oregon, Wisconsin. Scott Schable photo.

At the suggestion of the late Br. William J. Raftery, Jr., the public reading of the Declaration of Independence, a traditional staple of July 4 celebrations, was the high point of the program. The event was dedicated to All Veterans and to Br. Raftery by Br. Ben Hobbins. All major TV and print news networks covered the event.

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."



The event led off with the event introduction, presenting of America's Colors by the SAR, the National Anthem sung by John Bell Chapter DAR's Beth Holden, American's Creed Br. Schable, Opening Prayer Tom Uebersetzig Madison VC, Pledge of Allegiance Greg Graf VFW/Legion, reading selections of the Jefferson Papers Bros John Decker and Ben Hobbins, reading of Nathaniel Ames Family history Br. Hobbins and DUVCW Tent 23's Ashley-Anne Hobbins, reading the Declaration of Independence Br. Decker and dau AA Hobbins, reading of the Gettysburg Address Br. Alan Hembel, the Emancipation Proclamation by SAR's Aaron Krebs. The event concluded with the dedication of America's first "Veterans Liberty Tree" with wreathes presented by the DUVCW, DAR, 1812 Daughters, with a MVC Lustgraaf Firing Squad volley and playing of TAPS by David Hoeft MVC, closing remarks, Benediction, Closing Prayer, and the retiring of America's Colors by Nathaniel Ames SAR's Color Guard.

The event was financed and organized primarily by National Freedom and Liberty Tree Project's Exec Dir, Br. and Compatriot Ben Hobbins. America's first Veterans Liberty Tree, a Triumph Elm, was donated to the NFALTP event by Oregon's very own, McKay Nursery.





## **SUVCW Participates Firmly in National Prayer Ceremony Honoring Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC, USA's 13 Afghanistan Heroes // September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Indio City Hall, California**



*Photo courtesy of Riverside Sheriff's Association*

Sons, Daughters, Children of the American Revolution, Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ally for National Prayer Ceremony Honoring American Hero, Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC

A solemn ceremony was held by 30 individuals in 117-degree heat September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, honoring an American Hero, Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC, recently KIA in Afghanistan, along with 12 other Heroes by a terrorist bomb at the gates of Kabul Airport. Hunter Lopez is graduate of La Quinta HS and was only 22 years old, son of Herman and Alicia Lopez of Indio, California.

The event was organized by Daughters of the American Revolution, Cahuilla Chapter, and the Coachella Valley Chapter SAR. But there was an extra special mission to organize this event accomplished by CC Junior Ashley-Anne Hobbins who is also a recent LQHS graduate. She and her dad, Ben Hobbins, Chair of the Veterans, Flag and Country Cmte and VP of Coachella Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution stepped up to help with organizing the event, including an array of state and national allies, the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to honor Hunter's life collectively.

The solemn ceremony lasted about 30 mins, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by an Iraq War Marine Hero retired -Christopher Cerillo (President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Coachella Valley Chapter) as event organizers DAR Cahuilla Chapter BOD's Corresponding Secretary Lynn Johnson, CC Junior Ashley-Anne and CV Chapter's VP Ben Hobbins (also President of Nathaniel Ames Chapter in Wisconsin), and Cahuilla Chapter DAR Regent Alice Barnhart and about 30 others stood by.

Next, Cahuilla Chapter DAR Chaplain Marilyn Morsch delivered an extremely moving prayer eulogy honoring Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC.

Following the prayer ceremony were the formal laying by Ashley-Anne Hobbins of beautiful Yellow Ribboned Rose Bouquets with cards, a stunning Yellow Wreath, with other cut flowers and cards from and on behalf of the allied national, state, and local organizations of Sons, Daughters and Children of SAR, DAR, CAR, SUVCW and DUVCW organizations.

Lastly, Taps was played. There were hugs everywhere and there was not a dry eye, even in the scorching 117-degree desert heat.

SAR, DAR, CAR, SUVCW and DUVCW Organization SALUTE and HONOR HERO Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC ETERNALLY.

- 1) SAR California, Coachella Valley Chapter President Chris Cerillo, VP Ben Hobbins, Yellow Wreath
- 2) SAR WI Nathaniel Ames Chapter Pres Ben Hobbins, Wisconsin State SAR Sam Keith: Yellow Roses, Ribbon, and Card
- 3) DAR Wisconsin John Bell Chapter, WI CAR Timothy Hatch Society, WI DAR: Yellow Roses, Ribbon, and Card
- 4) SUVCW WI DC John Decker, SVC Ben Hobbins WI Henry Hartranft Camp #2, SUVCW Exec Dir David Demmy-PA Dept Camp #15, Natl HQ CiC Michael Paquette: Yellow Roses, Ribbon, and Card
- 5) DUVCW Wisconsin Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23: Yellow Roses, Ribbon, and Card



All Yellow Ribbon Rose Bouquets with accompanying Cards, Wreathes, Cut Flowers, were delivered personally to the Lopez Family by Ben and Ashley-Anne Hobbins on Labor Day.

Thanks All for your support in Honoring Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC and our 13 Heroes lost at Kabul, Afghanistan.

The National Prayer Ceremony in Indio, CA was organized and led by WI Dept Recruitment Officer, Camp #2 Henry Hartranft SVC Br. Ben Hobbins, and Ashley-Anne Hobbins of WI DUVCW Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23.

## WISCONSIN BROTHERS LEAD STATE VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Veterans' Day, November 11, 2021 was celebrated at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison with an event produced and directed by Br. Alan G. Hembel, who holds the rank of Past Camp Commander of the Col. Henry Harnden Camp #2, and Past Department Commander of Wisconsin in recognition of his long service as Treasurer of the Department. Br. Hembel is also Acting President of the Madison Veterans Council, an umbrella organization of veterans' posts and of chapters of patriotic and hereditary organizations in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Past Camp Commander Fred Campbell, who is also treasurer of the Madison Veterans Council, provided further guidance and assistance. The program, held in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, was introduced by a selection of patriotic numbers performed by the VFW Post 1318 Band, James Latimer, conductor.

A highlight of the band's performance was presentation of the march, "Wisconsin Forward Forever" by John Philip Sousa. The printed programs and American flags were presented to the large audience in attendance by members of local chapters of the Daughter of the American Revolution. The Colors were posted and retired by members of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, aided by Civil War re-enactors lead by Br. Tom Trimble, Captain of the Guard of the Henry Harnden Camp.

Remarks were delivered by Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs Mary Kolar and by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers. The keynote presentation was delivered by Tom Kolakowski, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. He described in detail the augmentation of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington with the remains of the Unknown Soldier of WWI, transported from France to the United States aboard the cruiser U.S.S. Olympia. The vessel endured a hurricane and near sinking in the Atlantic with the honored soldier's casket and its Marine Corps guard lashed to the deck.

"America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America" were presented by the massed youth choirs of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Dyann Nommensen, director..

After the benediction offered by the Madison Veterans Council's Tom Uebersetzer, Ms. Josie Picard sang the "Halleluiah Chorus (Veterans Version)" to tremendous applause.



*PDC Alan G. Hembel, center, Master of Ceremonies. Director Tom Kolakowski, Secretary Mary Kolar, and Governor Tony Evers are seated to the left, and Ms. Josie Picard and Chaplain Tom Uebersetzer are seated to the right. DC John Decker photo.*





*Shown at the Governor's Reception Room at the Wisconsin State Capitol are (left to right) L. Laufenberg, 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery, Governor Tony Evers, Br. Tom Trimble, Camp #2 Guard, and A. Hauck, Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers. Barbara Worchester photo.*



*The Colors are presented on November 11, 2021 in the Rotunda of the Wisconsin State Capitol, to the accompaniment of the VFW Post 1318 Band. Br. Scott Schable photo.*



## Camp 2

### Col. Heg Statue Rededication in Planning



A small initial Wisconsin ("the Scandinavian Regiment") and Col. steering Heg. Rounding out the steering committee is committee, chaired Department of Wisconsin Commander John by Camp #2 PCC Decker. The committee's draft mission statement is Fred Campbell, "Honoring immigrant, abolitionist, and trailblazer has begun meeting Col. Hans Christian Heg by rededicating his statue to plan a series of to all those who have fought for freedom and events to equality". Memorial Day weekend 2022 is being commemorate the life of Col. Hans C. considered for timing of the events, with the rededication ceremony itself planned for the Heg and to afternoon of Sunday, May 29. For further celebrate the information, contact PCC Fred Campbell at return of his [campfred@chorus.net](mailto:campfred@chorus.net). statue to the grounds of the Wisconsin Capitol. The committee is working in consultation with the State Capitol

and Executive Residence Board (SCERB), the organization of legislators and citizens with expertise in architecture and design, which has jurisdiction over all improvements on the Capitol grounds. Cori Curley is a marketing consultant and genealogist, and a descendant of Col. She is in touch with all of the living descendants of the Colonel. Kristin A. Risely, Ph.D., is Professor of Norwegian-American Literature and Culture has an academic interest in the 15<sup>th</sup>



*Col Heg's Memorial at Chickamauga*

### Trial Date Set

Rodney A. Clendening of Beloit was arrested in connection with the substantial damage to Col. Heg's statue in June 2020. He has been charged with theft of property having a value between \$10,000 and \$100,00, which carries a fine of up to \$25,000, and or a prison term of up to ten years on conviction. Local Madison media have carried stories to the effect that Clendening allegedly is shown on a video in which he drives off after the statue's head was loaded into the trunk of his car. A jury trial has been set for April 12-14, 2022, with jury selection scheduled for April 11, 2022.





## Camp 4



Brothers Dean Collins, Tom Brown, Craig Wheeler, and Allen Keinert attend the Wreaths Across America on Dec 18 at Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI



Allen Keinert places his Wreath



Craig Wheeler places his wreath

## Camp 8

We are going to get Old Abe Camp #8 back into circulation again but it can only happen with your help. The camp lost the use of the firehouse in Oshkosh because of Covid which made getting together difficult. Earlier in the month of December we called for a meeting at the White House Inn but didn't get enough to have a quorum. Alan was sick and had to stay home. But the remaining members hashed over where we can meet and if need be, change the time of the meeting with the location. The hostess of the White House Inn was asked if we could meet there but they are closed on weekends during the winter but she recommended using the Lions Club, around the corner from the Inn. After a call to the Lions Club, we were given permission to use the building. So, our meetings have been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every odd month with a meeting time of 3 pm. After the meetings, we could go next door to the Butte des Morts Supper Club for a bite to eat. The officers of the camp are hoping the meeting time will help increase attendance.

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## Camp 15

### Lost Grave Gets a New Tombstone."



The brothers in Camp #15 in Wind Lake, Wis., installed a new grave marker for a Wisconsin Civil War soldier whose tombstone toppled over a hundred years ago and was lost as dirt and grass grew over the grave site.

In the picture above, Brother Bob Koenecke is placing the new marker at Private Darius T. Allen's grave site in the Bloomfield-Pioneer Cemetery in Bloomfield Township in Walworth County, Wis. Allen, age 30, died of dysentery in November 1864 while serving in the 22nd Wisconsin Infantry, the so-called "Abolition Regiment," known for sheltering runaway slaves as the regiment moved through the South in the Civil War.

The buried tombstone was discovered by Brother Koenecke who routinely walks rural cemeteries near his farm south of Burlington, Wis., using a probe to look for lost graves and buried markers.

Brother Jerry Coveney of Camp #15 ordered a new marker for Private Allen from the VA and late this fall, a crew of six camp brothers installed the new headstone. "At last, the final resting place of Private Allen is once more a grave site that relatives can visit and say a final prayer for a private who gave his life to preserve the Union," said Brother Koenecke.

The brothers in Camp #15 laid wreaths at the graves of veterans in three cemeteries in southern Wisconsin November 18th as part of Wreaths Across America ceremonies. Camp #15 first honored veterans with wreaths at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, Wisconsin.



Rich Kallan at Col. Heg's grave

Then the camp moved to Norway Lutheran Cemetery in Wind Lake to lay a wreath at the grave of Col. Hans C. Heg, the camp's namesake who was killed at the battle of Chickamauga in 1863 leading Union soldiers into battle. The camp also placed wreaths on the graves of soldiers in the 15th Wisconsin Regiment – the regiment raised and led by Heg at the start of the war – who are buried in the cemetery. One of those 15th Wisconsin soldiers is Private Louis Rolfson, the last Union veteran buried in Racine County, Wis.

Finally, the Camp #15 brothers moved to Luther Parker Cemetery in Muskego, Wis., placing wreaths at the graves of three Civil War soldiers buried there. Like Heg, one of those three – Lt. Homer Clark of the 16th U.S. Infantry – died of wounds suffered at the battle of Chickamauga. A second soldier buried there, Jonathan W. Smiley of the 22nd Wisconsin Regiment, died of disease. Smiley is an ancestor of Camp #15 Commander

Gerry Drought

A third soldier, Private Hugh McConahy, served in the 48th Wisconsin Infantry and survived the war. McConahy is also a relative of Commander Drought through marriage.

Besides Commander Drought, seven other Camp #15 brothers took part in Wreaths Across America ceremonies: PDC Jeff Graf, PDC Brian McManus, PCC Bob Koenecke, Chaplain and JVC Jerry Coveney, SVC Sam Keith, Department PI Rich Kallan, and Brother John Gilless.



## Camp 56

Camp 56 conducted a Last Soldier dedication ceremony on October 9, 2021. Honored was James A. "Cap" Colehour, who served in Company I of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Private Colehour died in 1938 and was the last Union soldier to be buried in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, in Lakewood Cemetery, Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Camp 56 is researching several more counties and may be able to conduct 5-7 ceremonies in 2022.



*Members of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry perform Rest on Arms during the playing of Taps at the Last Soldier dedication ceremony for Private James A. "Cap" Colehour. Participating are Pat Chase and John Taylor of the First Minnesota, Junior Vice Commander Gary Carlberg and Camp Commander Doug Urbanski. At attention is Brother Jimmy Johnson. Photo credit: Donna Johnson.*

Camp 56 met at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center on November 13, 2021. The camp's next meeting will be at 1000 hours on January 29, 2022 at the same location.

Elections and appointments of officers were, made, with installation conducted by Department Commander John Decker, who joined the meeting via Zoom.

Voting resulted in the unanimous election of the following:

Commander	Douglas Urbanski PCC
Senior Vice Commander	Andrew Willenbring PCC
Junior Vice Commander	Gary Carlberg
Secretary-Treasurer	Mark Campbell PCC
Camp Council	Randall Nelson PCC
Camp Council	Paul Hodnefield
Camp Council	Robert Selden

Commander Urbanski announced the following appointments:

Patriotic Instructor	Steve Blankenberg
Graves Registration	Andrew Willenbring PCC
Civil War Memorials	Gary Carlberg
Chaplain and Signals Officer	Mark Dittman
Guide/Guard	Robert Selden

Additional appointments will follow.

JVC Carlberg has determined that there is a form offered by the national SUVCW for the documentation of Civil War monuments and memorials. A photo, location, historical information, and sources cited can be submitted to the Department Signals Officer for documentation. The form can be found here: <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/FORM-61-M-2015-fillable-DAE-edits-v3.pdf>

# You're invited to our 52nd Annual **Patriotic Luncheon**

Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley

**Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.**



**Guest Speaker: Max Daniels**

Appearing as President Abraham Lincoln

## **“Lincoln’s Constitutional Conundrums”**

- Bid on premium silent auction items
- Choose from a multitude of prizes in our \$1 raffle
- Make new friends among more than 30 patriotic, hereditary, fraternal, historical and service organizations in attendance
- Luncheon buffet price \$25 per person

**Location: Alioto’s Restaurant**

3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

### **Luncheon buffet includes:**

Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing  
Served with assorted relish tray, pasta salad, mixed vegetables, buttered new potatoes, Jello, tossed green salad, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk, sheet cake for dessert

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**Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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Registration form and program advertising information on reverse side.  
For more information, call (414) 614-3690



## Spread Your Message in the 2022 Patriotic Luncheon Program

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary began the observance with a speaker's program in February 1890. We invite you to be a part of this long tradition, by placing an ad in the luncheon program booklet. Proceeds from ad sales are used to support history education in schools and the community, Eagle Scout recognition programs and Civil War monument restoration. Use the order form at the bottom of this page to place an order for your ad.

- Sell Your Product/Business
  - Send Greetings/Congratulations
  - Remember Your Ancestors
- Quarter Page Ad = 2" tall x 5" wide = \$5  
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Back Cover (one) = \$30

### INSTRUCTIONS

For meal and/or ad payments, please make checks payable to "C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1"  
and mail by the respective deadline to:

**Elizabeth Craig, 3422 N. 79th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222**



### 2022 Patriotic Luncheon Meal Reservation Form

Deadline for meal reservations is Friday, Jan. 28, 2022.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to join you at the Patriotic Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ meals X \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### Program Booklet Advertising Order Form

Deadline for advertising is Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.

My ad is a NEW ad: ☐

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject or title of ad: \_\_\_\_\_

AD SIZE: ☐ Quarter Page \$5 ☐ Half Page \$10 ☐ Full Page \$15 ☐ Back Cover \$30

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Please e-mail ad copy/artwork to [kapeterson0681@gmail.com](mailto:kapeterson0681@gmail.com) or you may attach your ad copy to this form.



To reach either the Camp's page or its Face book Page, hold curser over the name, hold "Ctrl" and left click

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Meeting @ 7 P.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of odd months  
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Meeting @ 7 P.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, monthly  
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L.G. Armstrong 49 – Boscobel  
Meetings @ 7 P.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, monthly  
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William Colville Camp 56 - Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Meeting held Quarterly, 10am, April 4, place TBA  
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