



# Frederick H. Hackeman CAMP 85

October 2018

## A Message From the Commander

Brothers,

Please note the change in the next meeting. Secretary Pfauth works to contact each member to remind everyone of the date and time. The first meeting had to be postponed due to a schedule conflict.

It has dawned on me that despite our efforts to recruit new members to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil Wars we are missing what is probably the more important recruitment aspect. We need to emphasize the 'WHY' question that is in the mind of anyone we approach. It is the simple question that is not usually expressed by the public: "Why do I need to join this organization? Why is it important to me?" We should be addressing this need right upfront when we start talking about the SUVCW. Second, we should stop using the acronym "SUVCW" since this means absolutely nothing to them. At the very least, in public, say "Sons of the Union Veterans" when talking about our organization.

Each of us might have joined for any of several different reasons: A friend/relative got us into it, we joined after doing genealogy research and found we had a Union Veteran, and a very few of us wanted to be able to look neat in a Union uniform. Commander to Page 11

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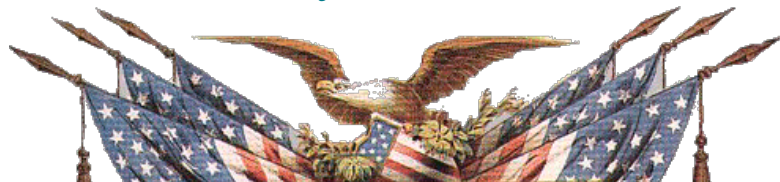
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## Next Camp Meetings

October 2, 2018 - 6 p.m.

Location - 10329 California Road, Bridgman

Camp Communicator

Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

# Berrien County in the American Civil War

## 19th Michigan Infantry.

**The** 19th Michigan Regiment was organized at Dowagiac and mustered in September 5, 1862. Left State for Cincinnati, Ohio, September 14, and duty at Covington, Ky., until October 7. Moved to Georgetown, Lexington, Sandersville and to Nicholasville, Ky., October 7-November 13. Attached to 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of Kentucky, Dept. of Ohio, October, 1862, to February, 1863. Coburn's Brigade, Baird's Division, Army of Kentucky, Dept. of the Cumberland, to June, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, Reserve Corps, Dept. of the Cumberland, to October, 1863. Coburn's unattached Brigade, Dept. of the Cumberland, to December, 1863. Post of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dept. of the Cumberland, to January, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 11th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to April, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to June, 1865.

### SERVICE.--

- Moved to Danville, Ky., December 12, 1862, and duty there until January 26, 1863.
- Moved to Louisville, Ky., thence to Nashville, Tenn., January 26-February 7, and to Brentwood Station February 21.
- To Franklin February 23.
- Reconnaissance toward Spring Hill March 3-5.
- Action at Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, March 4-5.
- Regiment mostly captured by Bragg's Cavalry forces, nearly 18,000 strong, under Van Dorn.
- Little Harpeth and Brentwood March 25 (Detachment).
- Exchanged May 25, 1863.
- Regiment reorganized at Camp Chase, Ohio, during June.
- Moved to Nashville, Tenn., June 8-11.
- Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7.
- Moved to Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 23, and garrison duty there until October 25.
- Stockade near Murfreesboro Bridge, Stone's River, October 4 (Co. "D").
- Moved to McMinnville October 25, and duty there until April 21, 1864.
- Ordered to Join Corps in Lookout Valley. Atlanta (Ga.)
- Campaign May 1-September 8.
- Demonstrations on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11.
- Boyd's Trail May 9.
- Battle of Resaca May 14-15.
- Cassville May 19.
- New Hope Church May 25.
- Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5.
- Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain June 10-July 2.
- Pine Hill June 11-14.
- Lost Mountain June 15-17.
- Gilgal or Golgotha Church June 15.
- Muddy Creek June 17.
- Noyes Creek June 19.
- Kolb's Farm June 22.
- Assault on Kennesaw June 27.
- Ruff's Station July 4.
- Chattahoochie River July 5-17.
- Peach Tree Creek July 19-20.
- Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25.
- Operations at Chattahoochie River Bridge August 26-September 2.
- Occupation of Atlanta September 2-November 15.
- March to the sea November 15-December 10.
- Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865.
- Lawtonville, S.C., February 2.



### Officers 2017 - 2018

Camp Commander:

Steven Williams

SVC: Richard Gorski

JVC: Rex Dillman

Secretary : Charles L Pfauth Sr

Treasurer : Charles L Pfauth Sr

Council 1: Charles L Pfauth Jr

Council 2: Ray Truhn

Council 3: Ted Chamberlain

Patriotic Instructor:

Ted Chamberlain

Chaplain : Open

Graves & Memorials:

Rex Dillman

Historian: Rex Dillman

Eagle Scout

Coordinator: Unassigned

Signals Officer: Unassigned

JROTC contact: Unassigned

Guide: Unassigned

Editor

Steve Williams

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- Averysboro, N. C., March 16.
- Battle of Bentonville March 19-21.
- Occupation of Goldsboro March 24.
- Advance on Raleigh April 10-14.
- Occupation of Raleigh April 14.
- Bennett's House April 26.
- Surrender of Johnston and his army.
- March to Washington, D.C., via Richmond, Va., April 29-May 19.
- Grand Review May 24. Mustered out June 10, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 7 Officers and 88 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 160 Enlisted men by disease. Total 255.

## COMPANY I

### OFFICERS

RANK, NAME, HOME, AGE

Captain, Lysaght, Richard, St. Joseph, 45  
 1st. Lieutenant, Brown, Henry M., St. Joseph, 29  
 2nd Lieutenant, Calmer, Charles H., St. Joseph, 28

### ENLISTED MEN

RANK, NAME, HOME, AGE

Allen, Silas W., Watervliet, 24  
 Bassett, George, Royalton, 22  
 Beeman, Marvin, Royalton, 19  
 Been, Daniel -or-, Orono, C.W., 23  
 Beer, Daniel, ,  
 Bort, Charles E., Royalton, 19  
 Boskey, August, St. Joseph, 18  
 Boswell, James M., Royalton, 32  
 Bradley, John, St. Joseph, 38  
 Brewer, Aaron F., St. Joseph, 24  
 Brown, George, St. Joseph, 38  
 Brown, Lysander J., St. Joseph, 29  
 Brunke, William, Royalton, 23  
 Bundy, William, Watervliet, 26  
 Burnett, Andrew J., St. Joseph, 30  
 Calmer, Daniel, St. Joseph, 23  
 Carroll, Thomas, Dowagiac, 42  
 Chapman, Warren P. St. Joseph, 50  
 Chanbeck, Charles, Royalton, 19  
 Clamfoot, Joseph, St. Joseph, 19  
 Clay, Frederick, Royalton, 22  
 Cook, Ambrose, ,  
 Corwin, Edwin, ,  
 Cronkhite, Charles A., St. Joseph, 24  
 Dee, Oscar, Bainbridge, 23  
 Depew, William A., Sodus, 18  
 Dopp, Daniel E., St. Joseph, 26  
 Dopp, Peter T., St. Joseph, 30  
 Ensley, William G., Royalton, 33  
 Fikes, Jacob, Royalton, 30  
 Fikes, John H., Royalton, 32

Greicher, Charles -or-, St. Joseph, 38  
 Griecer, Charles, ,  
 Green, Benjamin, Royalton, 28  
 Havens, Adam D. -or-, Dowagiac, 20  
 De Haven, Adam D., ,  
 Hays, Jeremiah, St. Joseph, 43  
 Hibbard, Isaac W., St. Joseph, 19  
 Hunter, Alexander, Royalton, 33  
 Hunter, John, Royalton, 22  
 Hyde, Milo, Royalton, 22  
 Jones, Cammel, Royalton, 18  
 Kelsey, William, Pipestone, 24  
 Kidney, William P., Royalton, 20  
 Kincaid, Thomas R., Royalton, 25  
 Koob, George, Watervliet, 22  
 Krieger, August, St. Joseph, 20  
 Krieger, Jacob, Bainbridge, 18  
 La Graff, Michael, St. Joseph, 36  
 Lane, Asher, Royalton, 44  
 Leslie, Thomas, St. Joseph, 18  
 Livingston, George H., St. Joseph, 24  
 McCune, Charles, Benton, 35  
 Miller, Daniel A., Royalton, 22  
 Miller, Robert, St. Joseph, 22  
 Morlock, August, Bainbridge, 19  
 Morlock, Frank, Bainbridge, 18  
 Morlock, Theodore, Dowagiac, 18  
 Morlock, William -or-, Millburgh, 20  
 Murdock, William, ,  
 Muth, David, n/a, n/a  
 Muth, Peter -or-, Coloma, 18  
 Moot, Peter, ,  
 Myer, Frederick, St. Joseph, 18  
 Myers, Elijah -or-, Royalton, 22  
 Meyers, Elijah, ,  
 Nester, Nicholas -or-, St. Joseph, 19  
 Nenstil, Nicholas, ,  
 Newton, Edward O., Watervliet, 19  
 Penland, Joseph, Royalton, 22  
 Penlund, Hiram F., Royalton, 19  
 Peterson, Charles G., Bainbridge, 18  
 Pitcher, Horace M., Hager, 18  
 Pumfrey, James, St. Joseph, 29  
 Reynolds, Charles E., Royalton, 18  
 Riley, George W., St. Joseph, 18  
 Riley, Thomas, St. Joseph, 24  
 Ripley, Charles, Benton, 19  
 Robicho, Jerry, St. Joseph, 41  
 Rosa, Wallace, Hager, 34  
 Seifer, Fred, St. Joseph, 43  
 Sherman, Martin V., Royalton, 20  
 Simpson, Albert, St. Joseph, 26  
 Slenker, Andrew, Bainbridge, 19  
 Snyder, James, Benton, 18  
 Spellman, Timothy H., Royalton, 19  
 Stevenson, David A., St. Joseph, 45  
 Stewart, George F., Colon, 19  
 Stockman, John, Royalton, 22  
 Stone, Ansel, Royalton, 26

Story, William, Port Huron, 29  
 Terry, John, Pipestone, 35  
 Thompson, George, St. Joseph, 22  
 Thornton, William, Royalton, 27  
 Waterson, Thomas, St. Joseph, 23  
 Webster, Ashbel A., Royalton, 33  
 Webster, William W., Royalton, 31  
 Wees, William, St. Joseph, 32  
 Welch, Michael, St. Joseph, 34  
 White, William L., Dowagiac, 40  
 Wilson, John, St. Joseph, 28

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## Eagle Scout Program

Since 1910 the Boy Scouts of America have contributed to the moral and physical character of our communities by offering opportunities where young men can experience fun and adventure while learning the skills necessary for good citizenship and leadership.

One of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War many goals and purposes is to reward young men who achieve the status of Eagle Scout with a special congratulatory letter and color Certificate of Commendation, suitable for framing. While we encourage any young man searching for that special community service project to look to us for inspiration on projects relating to the Civil War, we offer this certificate with no “strings attached” other than you must be an Eagle.

The Eagle Court of Honor observes a very proud tradition that our organization is pleased to recognize in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Comprised of over 400,000 Union Veterans of the Ameri-



can Civil War of 1861-1865, the GAR was a living symbol of patriotism when the Boy Scouts of America was formed in 1910. Before the passing of their last member (on 2 August 1956) the GAR officially recognized the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) as their Legal Heir. As such, it is our honor to maintain the many traditions of the GAR. These include the promotion of good citizenship by teaching patriotism, civic duties, and the love & honor of our flag – concepts that are “near and dear” to the Boy Scouts of America.

In keeping with this tradition, a presentation of the certificate was made on September 4th to Cecil Wismer of Troop 266 by Camp Commander Williams. Commander Williams was dressed in his uniform and when a photograph is received of the presentation it will be published. This troop is scheduled to have another Eagle Scout of Honor in October and Commander Williams is looking forward to another certificate presentation. Anyone wanting to help should contact Commander Williams for details, location and date/time.



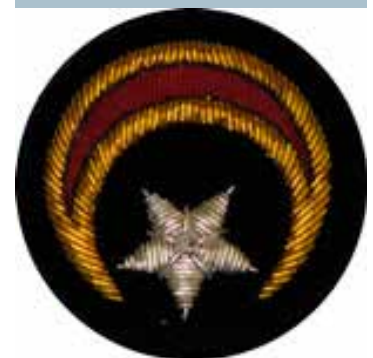
## Meeting Schedule

Our meeting schedule is Alternate months between September through April meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month except as noted. At 6:00 PM.

Location -

Currently

10329 California Road, Bridgman



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# Civil War Time line

## October

1861

**Oct 21 - Battle of Ball's Bluff or Leesburg VA** A stunning defeat of the Federal forces. **Oct 24 Transcontinental Telegraph Completed.** Completed by Western Union from Denver to California. The people of western Virginia voted to form a new state.



1862

**Oct 3 - Battle of Corinth MS. Oct 4 - Battle of Corinth Second day.** Confederates withdraw. **Oct 8 Battle of Perryville or Chaplin Hills, KY** Confederates withdraw. **Oct 24 Rosecrans replaces Buell. Oct 25 - President Lincoln,** piqued at McClellan's delays after Antietam, wired the commander of the Army of the Potomac. "I have just read your despatch about sore tongued and fatigued [sic] horses. Will you pardon me for asking what the horses of your army have done since the battle of Antietam that fatigue anything?" **Oct 30 - Emperor Napoleon III of France** proposed to Russia and Great Britain that they should unite in making overtures of mediation in the American Civil War.



1863

**Oct 2 - The Augusta GA., *Constitutionalist*** defined a major problem of the Confederate citizen of Mississippi and elsewhere: "If he takes refuge further East, he is censured for leaving home; and if he remains home to raise another crop in the Confederate lines, as soon as the Union enemy again presses forward, his supplies will once more be taken by the Confederate cavalry, and his cotton committed to the flames again!" **Oct 5 - Torpedo Boat attack on New Ironsides. Oct 9 - Bristoe VA, Campaign to October 22. Oct 13 - Union Candidates Successful.** In Ohio voter decisively defeated Democrat Clement Vallandigham from his exile in Canada for Governor; elected Democrat John Brough running on Republican ticket for Ohio governor. Gov. Andre Curtin was reelected in Pennsylvania; Union candidates also won in Indian and Iowa. **Oct 14 - Engagement at Bristoe Station, VA. Oct 16**

**- Grant to Command New Division of the Mississippi. Oct 27. - -Chattanooga Relieved, Charleston Bombardment Renewed.**



1864

**Oct 5 - Engagement at Allatoona GA. Oct 7 - Capture of CSS Florida. Oct 9 - Engagement at Tom's Brook , VA. Oct 11** Elections in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana showed the Republicans and Lincoln Supporters stronger than had been supposed. **Oct 13 - Maryland voters** adopted a new state constitution which included abolition of slavery. **Oct 19 - Battle of Cedar Creek or Belle Grove, VA / Confederate raid on St. Albans VT.** Confederate Lieut. Bennet Young and about 25 Confederate soldier attacked St. Albans robbing three banks of over \$200,00.00. Pursued back across US-Canadian border they were arrested with \$75,000.00 recovered. **Oct 3 - Battle of Westport MO. Oct 27 - Engagement of Burgess' Mill or Boydton Plank Road VA / Sinking of CSS Albemarle, Plymouth NC**

Source: *The Civil War Day by Day, An Almanac 1861-1865*, E B Long, 1971, Doubleday.

## Second Battle of Corinth

The Second Battle of Corinth (which, in the context of the American Civil War, is usually referred to as the Battle of Corinth, to differentiate it from the Siege of Corinth earlier the same year) was fought October 3–4, 1862, in Corinth, Mississippi. For the second time in the Iuka-Corinth Campaign, Union Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans defeated a Confederate army, this time one under Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn.

After the Battle of Iuka, Maj. Gen. Sterling Price marched his army to meet with Van Dorn's. The combined force, known as the Army of West Tennessee, was put under the command of the more senior Van Dorn. The army moved in the direction of Corinth, a critical rail junction in northern Mississippi, hoping to disrupt Union lines of communications and then sweep into Middle Tennessee. The fighting began on October 3 as the Confederates pushed the U.S. Army from the rifle pits originally constructed by the Confederates for the Siege of Corinth. The Confederates exploited a gap in the Union line and continued to press the Union troops until they fell back to an inner line of fortifications.

On the second day of battle, the Confederates moved forward to meet heavy Union artillery fire, storming Battery Powell and Battery Robinett, where desperate hand-to-hand fighting occurred. A brief incursion into the town of Corinth

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# Upcoming Events

## National

The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War invites you to the Buckeye State for the 138th Annual Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Independence, OH on August 8 – August 11, 2019. Information will be posted as it is made available.

## Department

### **October 2018**

- 03 & 10 October, Wednesday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is open 10 AM until 5 PM.
- 13 October, Saturday - "Living History" exhibit at Camp Fort Hill in Sturgis, sponsored by the March to the Sea Camp No. 135, as part of the 90th anniversary of Camp Fort Hill. Contact Brother Russ Gordon.
- 13 October, Saturday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is hosting the "Eaton County Heritage Conference" from 10 AM until 4 PM.
- 24 October, Wednesday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is hosting the "Michigan History Alliance" meeting from 9 AM until Noon.

### **November 2018**

- 07, 11 & 14 November, Wednesday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is open 10 AM until 5 PM.
- 12 November, Monday - Veterans Day - Observed (Federal holiday moved to Monday).
- 17 November, Saturday - Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony - Gettysburg.
- 20 November, Tuesday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum presentation of "Michigan in the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848," with speaker COL Paul H. Scheider, USA (RET) and Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120 Commander, at 7 PM.
- 22 November, Thursday - Thanksgiving. Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is open 10 AM until 5 PM.

### **December 2018**

- 01 December, Saturday - Deadline for submissions to Michigan's Messenger. Articles should be forwarded by email to editor@suvcwmi.org.
- 01 December, Saturday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is open 10 AM until 5 PM.
- 05 December, Wednesday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is open 10 AM until 5 PM.
- 12 December, Wednesday - Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum is open 10 AM until 5 PM.
- 25 December, Tuesday - Merry Christmas!

### **January 2019**

- 1 January, Tuesday - Happy New Year!

### **February 2019**

- 12 February, Tuesday - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 22 February, Friday - George Washington's Birthday

### **March 2019**

- 1 March, Friday - Deadline for submissions to Michigan's Messenger. Articles should be forwarded by email to editor@suvcwmi.org.

### **April 2019**

- 6 April, Saturday - Founding of the Grand Army of the Republic 1866
- 15 April, Monday - Lincoln Death Day



The SVR roots date back to 1881 with the "Cadet Corps" of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – the largest Union Veterans organization which formed in 1866 after the Civil War. The members of the GAR encouraged the formation of their sons as the SUVCW in 1881. These units eventually became known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve, when the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War moved toward a more patriotic and educational organization in design.

Many of the Sons of Union Veterans Camps (local organizations) formed reserve military units which volunteered their services during the Spanish – American War, World War I, and with the National Guard. Just prior to World War I, over 5,000 men wore the blue uniform of the SVR. As late as the 1930's, several states regarded their local SVR units as a military training component. Since World War II, the SVR has evolved into a ceremonial and commemorative organization. In 1962, the National Military Department was created by the SUVCW and consolidated the SVR units under national regulations and command. Since 1962, there have been five SUVCW Brothers that have held the SVR rank of Brigadier General and have had the honor to serve as the Commanding Officer of the SVR.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the members of **Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85** of activities and events related to the mission of the SUVCW and its interests.

If you wish to place a civil war article or SUVCW item please submit to the Editor at sarwilliamssa@gmail.com

*The Editor reserves the right to censor and/or edit all material submitted for publication to the Camp Communicator newsletter without notice to the submitter.*

## Camp Website

Be sure and visit our Camp Website at <http://www.suvcwmi.org/camps/camp85.php>.

## Sutler Links

Link to list of vendors for any items to fill out your uniform and re-enactor accessories.

<http://www.fighting69th.org/sutler.html>

<http://www.csutlery.com/>

<http://www.crescentcitysutler.com/index.html>

<http://www.regqm.com/>

<http://www.cjdaley.com/research.htm>

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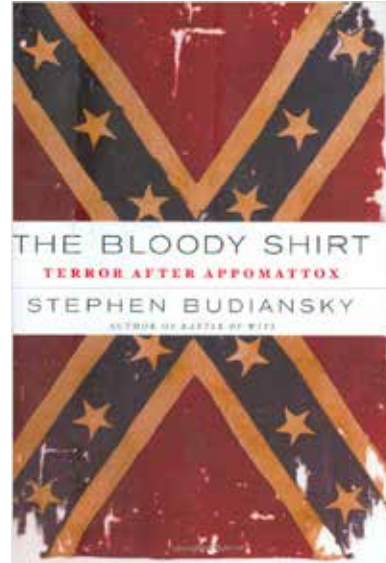
## Department of Michigan Officers

Commander -	Robert R. Payne, PCC
Senior VC -	Terry McKinch, PCC
Junior VC -	Nathan Smith, CC
Members of the Council -	
	Charles Worley, PDC
	Kevin Lindsey, PCC
	Michael Maillard, PCC
Secretary -	Dick Denney, CC
Treasurer -	Bruce S.A. Gosling
Counselor -	Paul T Davis, PDC
Chaplain -	Rev. Charles Buckhahn, PCC
Patriotic Instructor -	David Kimble, CC
Color Bearer -	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC
Signals Officer -	David F. Wallace, PDC
Editor, "Michigan's Messenger" -	
	Richard E. Danes, PCC
Historian -	Keith G Harrison, PCinC
Guide -	Nathan Tingley
Guard -	Steven Martin
Graves Registration Officer-	Richard E. Danes, PCC
GAR Records Officer-	Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Civil War Memorials Officer-	John H. McGill
Eagle Scout Coordinator -	Nathan Tingley
Camp-At-Large Coordinator -	George L. Boller
Military Affairs Officer -	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC

## Book Review

# The Bloody Shirt

by Stephen Budiansky



A gripping look at terrorist violence during the Reconstruction era

Between 1867, when the defeated South was forced to establish new state governments that fully represented both black and white citizens, and 1877, when the last of these governments was overthrown, more than three thousand African Americans and their

white allies were killed by terrorist violence. Drawing on original letters and diaries as well as published racist diatribes of the time, acclaimed historian Stephen Budiansky concentrates his vivid, fast paced narrative on the efforts of five heroic men—two Union officers, a Confederate general, a Northern entrepreneur, and a former slave—who showed remarkable idealism and courage as they struggled to establish a New South in the face of overwhelming hatred and organized resistance. *The Bloody Shirt* sheds new light on the violence, racism, division, and heroism of Reconstruction, a largely forgotten but epochal chapter in American history.



## Donations to SUVCW

Can you write off donations to a 501 C 4?

Contributions to civic leagues or other section 501(c)(4) organizations generally are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. They may be deductible as trade or business expenses, if ordinary and necessary in the conduct of the taxpayer's business.

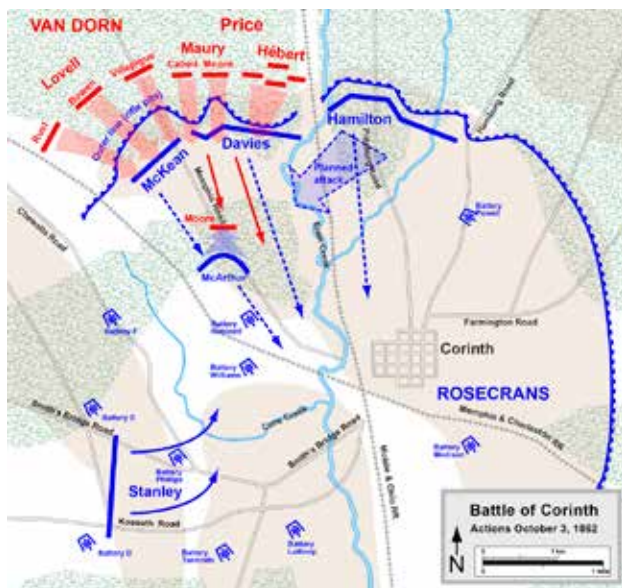
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was repulsed. After a U.S. counterattack recaptured Battery Powell, Van Dorn ordered a general retreat. Rosecrans did not pursue immediately and the Confederates escaped destruction.

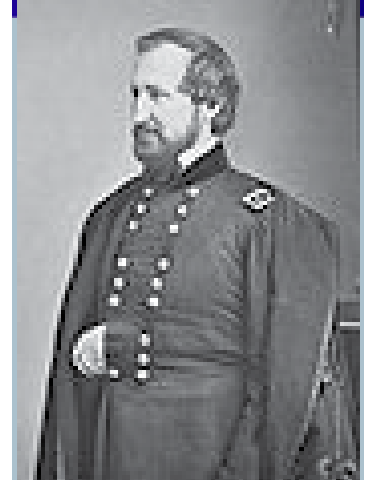
### Military situation

As Confederate General Braxton Bragg moved north from Tennessee into Kentucky in September 1862, Union Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell pursued him from Nashville with his Army of the Ohio. Confederate forces under Van Dorn and Price in northern Mississippi were expected to advance into Middle Tennessee to support Bragg's effort, but the Confederates also needed to prevent Buell from being reinforced by Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Army of the Tennessee. Since the conclusion of the Siege of Corinth that summer, Grant's army had been engaged in protecting supply lines in western Tennessee and northern Mississippi. At the Battle of Iuka on September 19, Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's Confederate Army of the West was defeated by forces under Grant's overall command, but tactically under Rosecrans, the commander of the Army of the Mississippi. (Grant's second column approaching Iuka, commanded by Maj. Gen. Edward Ord, did not participate in the battle as planned. An acoustic shadow apparently prevented Grant and Ord from hearing the sounds of the battle starting.) Price had hoped to combine his small army with Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn's Army of West Tennessee and disrupt Grant's communications, but Rosecrans struck first, causing Price to retreat from Iuka. Rosecrans's pursuit of Price was ineffectual.

After Iuka, Grant established his headquarters at Jackson, Tennessee, a central location to communicate with his commands at Corinth and Memphis. Rosecrans returned to Corinth. Ord's three divisions of Grant's Army of the Tennessee moved to Bolivar, Tennessee, northwest of Corinth, to join with Maj. Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut. Thus, Grant's forces in the immediate vicinity consisted of 12,000 men at Bolivar, Rosecrans's 23,000 at Corinth, Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's 7,000 at Memphis, and another 6,000 as a general reserve at Jackson.



Price's army marched to Ripley where it joined Van Dorn on September 28. Van Dorn was the senior officer and took command of the combined force, numbering about 22,000 men. They marched on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad to Pochontas, Tennessee, on October 1. From this point they had a number of opportunities for further moves and Grant was uncertain about their intentions. When they bivouacked on October 2 at Chewalla, Grant became certain that Corinth was the target. The Confederates hoped to seize Corinth from an unexpected direction, isolating Rosecrans from reinforcements, and then sweep into Middle Tennessee. Grant sent word to Rosecrans to be prepared for an attack, at the same time directing Hurlbut to keep an eye on the enemy and strike him on the flank if a favorable opportunity offered. Despite the warning from Grant, Rosecrans was not convinced that Corinth was necessarily the target of Van Dorn's advance. He believed that the Confederate commander would not be foolhardy enough to attack the fortified town and might well instead choose to strike the Mobile and Ohio railroad and maneuver the U.S. soldiers out of their position.



**William Starke Rosecrans** (September 6, 1819 – March 11, 1898) was an American inventor, coal-oil company executive, diplomat, politician, and U.S. Army officer.



**Earl Van Dorn** (September 17, 1820 – May 7, 1863) was a career United States Army officer and great-nephew of Andrew Jackson, fighting with distinction during the Mexican-American War and against several tribes of Native Americans. .



Along the north and east sides of Corinth, about two miles from the town, was a line of entrenchments, extending from the Chewalla Road on the northwest to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad on the south, that had been constructed by Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard's army before it evacuated the town in May. These lines were too extensive for Rosecrans's 23,000 men to defend, so with the approval of Grant, Rosecrans modified the lines to emphasize the defense of the town and the ammunition magazines near the junction of the two railroads. The inner line of redoubts, closer to the town, called the Halleck Line, was much more substantial. A number of formidable named batteries, guns positioned in strong earthwork defenses, were part of the inner line: Batteries Robinett, Williams, Phillips, Tannrath, and Lothrop, in the area known as College Hill. They were connected by breastworks, and during the last four days of September these works had been strengthened, and the trees in the vicinity of the centrally placed Battery Robinett had been felled to form an abatis. Rosecrans's plan was to absorb the expected Confederate advance with a skirmish line at the old Confederate entrenchments and to then meet the bulk of the Confederate attack with his main force along the Halleck Line, about a mile from the center of town. His final stand would be made around the batteries on College Hill. His men were provided with three days' rations and 100 rounds of ammunition. Van Dorn was not aware of the strength of his opponent, who had prudently called in two reinforcing divisions from the Army of the Tennessee to deal with the difficulty of assaulting these prepared positions.

## Aftermath

Rosecrans's army lost 2,520 (355 killed, 1,841 wounded, and 324 missing) at Corinth; Van Dorn's losses were 4,233 (473 killed, 1,997 wounded, and 1,763 captured or missing).

Once again, Rosecrans's performance during the second day of the battle has been the subject of dispute among historians.

Rosecrans's performance immediately after the battle was lackluster. Grant had given him specific orders to pursue Van Dorn without delay, but he did not begin his march until the morning of October 5, explaining that his troops needed rest and the thicketed country made progress difficult by day and impossible by night. At 1 p.m. on October 4, when pursuit would have been most effective, Rosecrans rode along his line to deny in person a rumor that he had been slain. At Battery Robinett he dismounted, bared his head, and told his soldiers, "I stand in the presence of brave men, and I take my hat off to you."

Grant wrote disgustedly, "Two or three hours of pursuit on the day of the battle without anything except what the men carried on their persons, would have been worth more than any pursuit commenced the next day could have possibly been." Rosecrans returned to Corinth to find that he was a hero in the Northern press. He was soon ordered to Cincinnati, where

he was given command of the Army of the Ohio (soon to be renamed the Army of the Cumberland), replacing Don Carlos Buell, who had similarly failed to pursue retreating Confederates from the Battle of Perryville.

Although his army had been badly mauled, Van Dorn escaped completely, evading Union troops sent by Grant later on October 5 at the Battle of Hatchie's Bridge, and marching to Holly Springs, Mississippi. He attributed his defeat to the failure of Hébert to open the second-day engagement on time, but nevertheless he was replaced by Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton immediately after the battle. There were widespread outcries of indignation throughout the South over the senseless casualties at Corinth. Van Dorn requested a court of inquiry to answer charges that he had been drunk on duty at Corinth and that he had neglected his wounded on the retreat. The court cleared him of all blame by unanimous decision.

## Battlefield preservation

The Civil War Trust (a division of the American Battlefield Trust) and its partners have acquired and preserved 791 acres (3.20 km<sup>2</sup>) of the Corinth battlefield.

Rosecrans's Army of the Mississippi was organized as follows:

- Division of Brig. Gen. David S. Stanley included the brigades of Cols. John W. Fuller and Joseph A. Mower.
- Division of Brig. Gen. Charles S. Hamilton included the brigades of Brig. Gens. Napoleon B. Buford and Jeremiah C. Sullivan.
- Cavalry division of Col. John K. Mizner included the brigades of Cols. Edward Hatch and Albert L. Lee.
- A division on loan from the Army of the Tennessee, commanded by Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Davies, included the brigades of Brig. Gens. Pleasant A. Hackleman and Richard J. Oglesby, and Col. Silas D. Baldwin.
- A second division on loan, commanded by Brig. Gen. Thomas J. McKean, included the brigades of Brig. Gen. John McArthur and Cols. John M. Oliver and Marcellus M. Crocker.

Van Dorn's combined Confederate Army of West Tennessee was organized as follows:

- Price's Corps, also known as the Army of the West, with two divisions commanded by Brig. Gen. Louis Hébert (brigades of Brig. Gen. Martin E. Green and Colonels Elijah Gates, W. Bruce Colbert, and John D. Martin) and Brig. Gen. Dabney H. Maury (brigades of Brig. Gens. John C. Moore and William L. Cabell, and Brig. Gen. (acting) Charles W. Phifer).
- The 1st Division of the District of the Mississippi, commanded by Maj. Gen. Mansfield Lovell, with the brigades of Brig. Gens. Albert Rust, John B. Villepigue, John S. Bowen, and a cavalry brigade commanded by Col. William H. Jackson, and Major St. L. Dupiere's Louisiana Zouave battalion.



## Commander-in -Chief Message

*Commander-in-Chief Day made a commitment to have his agenda and communications to the membership transparent and open for all. In accordance with that commitment, we're posting his final message to the membership at this time. More information about these items will be posted in the Proceedings of the National Encampment when available, and the minutes of the meetings of the Council of Administration.*

Brothers,

As, I come to the end of my term as Commander-in-Chief, I first want to tell you that our Great Order is strong in terms of its finances, has taken the required steps to implement a strategic plan for taking advantage of our 501c3 tax status, and is making progress on becoming more efficient at its National Headquarter by updating our technical infrastructure.

However, I would be remiss to not also state that our efforts at membership growth have proven to only maintain a status quo regarding our total membership numbers; even though we have gained seven (7) new camps and are on the verge of establishing several more. We are simply treading water and the Order must find a way to bring in new members both hereditary and associate. Membership must continue to be a major focus of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the next year and those following it. In my talks with many of the Department Encampments and in several addresses to other bodies, I have related a story about a woman in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania who called me and asked if there was a heritage group that honors the Union Soldiers. Those that have heard me tell this story know that this lady lived on Middle Street a few houses from the G.A.R Hall, had witnessed many Remembrance Day Parades but still did not know we exist. For me this is a symptom of our greater identify and membership problems. If a woman from Gettysburg doesn't know we exist, then we have real identity issues, which must be immediately addressed.

I also regret to say that our relationship with some of the other Allied Orders is not as strong as I would wish it to be. In April we learned that the L.G.A.R would not be joining us this year, and this deeply saddened me, but on a positive note the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865 almost simultaneously approached our Son's Fraternal Relations Committee with a query about a co-located National Encampment and Convention sometime in the next five years. Brothers we are stronger as a unified voice seeking to fulfill the goals we aspire to for keeping the memory of the men who sacrificed so much to preserve the Union and free a people in bondage. We must find ways to preserve and strengthen our fraternal ties with the L.G.A.R., the DUVCW, the WRC, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We must solve the issues that have arisen and not allow our organizations to be drawn into differences that arise from instances of individual interpersonal interactions or relationships, or they shall become a plague which threatens to cripple all the Allied Orders and effectively end our ability to work cooperatively in accomplishing the mission we all share and hold dear. Last August, the CofA tasked me to form a committee to work with those Allied Orders, who traditionally hold their national meeting with the Sons, and to establish formal agreements with them. Such an agreement has been made with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans for the 2020 Encampment and it is hoped that other agreements can be made with the L.G.A.R or WRC in the future.



Mark, the son of Ronald and Henrietta Day, grew up in the small village of Red Hook, New York. He attended Red Hook Central Schools and graduated in June of 1970.

In October of 1971 he enlisted in the United States Navy and began a career that spanned almost twenty-four years. He served as an Operations Specialist seeing service on the United States Ships Leahy CG-16 (1972-1975), Nassau LHA-4 (1979- 1984), and Wisconsin BB-64 (1987-1991). He also served as an Instructor and Recruiter during periods of shore duty. He completed his active duty as the Master Chief for the Combat Systems Training Department at Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Dam Neck, VA and retired from the service in June of 1995. While in the Navy Commander-in-Chief Day completed his collegiate education, and was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the State University of New York, Excelsior College. Additionally, during his last shore duty assignment, he attended Old Dominion University in a Troops to Teachers Transition licensure program. Commander-in-Chief Day joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp 20, at Roanoke, Virginia in 1997 and in 2005 transferred to the Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 at Lynchburg, Virginia where he is a charter member. He has served as his camp's Patriotic Instructor, JVC, SVC and CC; his Department's Patriotic Instructor (2010-11), JVC (2011-12), SVC (2012-13), and DC (2013-14); and at the National Level a member of the Americanism Committee, Chairman of the Promotions and Marketing Committee (2012- 2016), Chair of the Programs and Policies Committee (2016-17), JVCinC (2015-2016), SVCinC (2016-17), and now CinC.

His membership in the SUVCW is based on his Great, Great, Grandfather Private Richard Martin Lown of Company F, 150th New York Volunteer Infantry regiment.

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# WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, BOOK REPORTS, FAMILY CIVIL WAR STORIES, ADVICE.

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## Last Soldier Project

Beginning in 2003, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) embarked on the Last Soldier Project. The purpose of the project is to locate and appropriately mark the final resting place of the last Civil War Soldier buried in each county/parish and in each state of this great country.

The Last Soldier project is funded, in part, by the SUVCW's Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund and also by obtaining contributions of the citizens, local veteran organizations and governmental agencies.

The Last Soldier project marries the efforts of the SUVCW's grave registration and Monument restoration programs. The objective of the SUVCW's Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund is to restore and preserve Civil War Monuments. The SUVCW Council of Administration authorized that new monuments and memorials could be subsidized from Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund after all requests for restoration/preservation have been filled. Requests for new monuments and the Last Soldier Project will be entertained by the SUVCW Council of Administration between May 1st and June 15th of each year. Requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis from SUVCW Camps and Departments.



The intent of the SUVCW is not to fully fund any memorial for the Last Soldier project. Rather, the SUVCW intends that the Camps/Departments make contact with

other organizations to obtain contributions to the project. This serves two purposes. First, it gets the the public's attention and affords the SUVCW with an opportunity to interact more within the local community. Second, the SUVCW is capable of doing more with the money in the fund.

The SUVCW is aware that in counties and states with strong historical societies, the effort of funding the Last

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I think that we might do better if we emphasize the second reason for joining: the new found relative in the family history. It's this ability and, quite frequently, a strong desire to remember and honor that relative. Finding this person, discovering his war service, possibly finding where he was buried and then visiting that gravesite is what can make the connection with that person to join a group that does honor and remember those veterans. Make the need for him to be able to pass on his knowledge of that veteran and his value to the country to his family and to the community.

We have these projects, one is mentioned on this page, that should be referred to in our talk with the public to demonstrate the public good our organization does. And that by joining and working with us we can collectively bring recognition to all veterans in our communities.

At the October camp meeting let's begin a discussion on how to work this into this year's agenda - to build membership. Think about why you joined. And then the next time you have the opportunity to talk about the Sons of the Union Veterans start out with that thought and then move to the benefit of joining - what I've mentioned above.

See you all at the next meeting

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Steve Williams, Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85 Commander

Soldier project will be rather easy, while for other areas, this project will be a little more difficult. But as this project is to be a shared effort, it may bring a greater attention to the sacrifices that ALL our Veterans have made to this great county. It may also serve as a wonderful project for prospective Eagle scouts and encourage veterans' organizations to search for the the Last Soldier of all wars.

Presented below are links to two tools that will be helpful in the SUVCW Last Soldier Project.

#### **Last Soldier Checklist -**

<http://suvchw.org/last/Checklist.pdf>

#### **Last Soldier Ceremony**

<http://suvchw.org/last/Ceremony.pdf>

As you are probably aware, I became Commander-in-Chief on August 12th last year and that on very day a situation in Charlottesville, VA brought the issue of Monuments to the forefront. In the first several months of my term, I spent a great deal of time on the issue of monuments. I first issued GO #2 to clarify who the official spokesperson of the Sons of Union Veterans to ensure we did not have a mixed set of messages being put forward. I was interviewed on talk radio in Detroit, Michigan and I was interviewed by the Associated Press. As the year proceeded the monuments issue became less and less of a news item and has generally remained so to this time. However, it is too soon to believe this issue will not return to the forefront as the anniversary of the events in Charlottesville occurs in the coming weeks.

I have sought to fulfill my promise to communicate with the membership more regularly through a CinC message. I have written four such messages but since the last one in March my schedule has been very demanding, and I have not been able to follow through with additional messages. This message contains much of the text found in my final report to the CofA and National Encampment attendees and is intended to let the Brothers not in attendance at the National Encampment have the benefit of receiving the information contained within it in a timely manner.

This past Spring, I issued General Order #18 at the request of the National Treasurer. I am, pleased that the Departments have acted so quickly to complete the by-law requirements found in General Order 18 and I have complete confidence that all the Camps and Departments will have complied with its provisions by the June 2019 deadline. To date, I have approved and signed the by-laws of more than 10 Departments. It is imperative that the Camps and Departments complete the insertion of the IRS required language by the deadline. The National Treasurer will shortly be sending out a form that each Department Commander will have to sign (for accountability) verifying he has reviewed and approved each of the Camp's by-laws in his Department, ensuring that the IRS language had been incorporated.

On a more personal note, I thank all those who have contributed to my initiative to complete the memorial plaza for Dr. Stephenson in Illinois. Getting the names of those Camps and Department who have so generously given has proven to be a task. I have given out many streamers, but I know there are many others who gave and have not been awarded the streamer. If there is a Department or Camp that has not been recognized, I would appreciate that they contact me directly and I will ensure that they have their streamer. In April it was my great pleasure to attend the annual ceremonies at the Stephenson Plaza and see the raising of two beautiful Bronze lighted flag poles, which have greatly increased the beauty of the site, and I encourage all the Brothers of the SUVCW to stop by and see the gorgeous Marble Benches, provided by each of the Allied Orders and the individual pavers that have been installed. I think you will be proud of the work that has been done.

Before going on to my recommendations and other administrative matters, I wish to commend those who were involved in accomplishing some of the very significant actions, I have previ-

ously mentioned. First, I would ask that Brother David McReynolds, our National Treasurer and his Strategic Development Committee be commended for the work they have done to move the Sons of Union Veterans forward along the path to attaining and utilizing the 501c3 tax status, which we were granted in February 2017. I would also wish to thank Brother Michael Paquette for his efforts to survey and recommend technological updates at the National Headquarters, which were sorely needed. I would further like to take a moment to recognize PCinC Mortorff for his selfless dedication to manning the National Headquarters and maintaining it during the illness of Executive Director Demmy. We owe Brother Gene a lot for stepping up and keeping the order running as normal through some of its busiest months.

Brothers we are in the end, as an organization, the sum of our parts. These Brothers are just the tip of the amazing body of men who are striving to make the SUVCW viable. God Bless all of them; for without them, I know not what we would be or do. I will never forget the great honor and privilege that you have afforded me as your Commander-in-Chief over the last year. This will undoubtedly be the highlight of my life and I am forever in your debt.

May a gracious providence grant grace and peace to this order and may it ever be loyal to its credo of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I have the following recommendations:

1. That the CinC Appointed Strategic Development Committee be continued and made a standing committee by this encampment. This is the committee which is overseeing our Fund-raising efforts as a 501c3 and they are critical to our continued progress and success.
2. That the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget (\$500) that can be used to support its efforts and that the Fraternal Relations Committee job description be modified to show a tasking to correspond and interact with all the allied Orders in the furtherance of our joint goal of practicing Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.
3. That an appointed position called Public Affairs Officer be created and that a job description be written that includes the duty of:
  - a. Issuing Press Releases for all National Activities and Events.
  - b. Working with the Signals Officer to produce 15, 30, and 60 second video ads, which can be distributed as PSA's.
4. That a Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to Establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent National Headquarters by the National in 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21st Century.
5. That the CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on technology needs at the National HQ be continued by my successor to complete the work which was

begun on updating and enhancing our effectiveness.

6. That the National Special Committee on Website redesign be continued through the year 2021.

7. That the CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements.

Significant Administrative Actions taken over the year:

1. New Camps Chartered in the Departments of New York (1), Tennessee (1), North Carolina (1), Missouri (1), Kentucky (1), Indiana (1), and Texas (1)

2. Disbandment of Camps in the Department of New York (2), Georgia and South Carolina (1), Missouri (1), Chesapeake (2)

3. General Order (#2) clarifying who is the official Spokesman of the SUVCW on Monument Matters.

4. General Order (#18) IRS Language to be added to Department and Camp By-laws.

5. General Order (#3) Ruling on appropriate Camp names when applying for a new Camp.

6. General Order (#6) Ruling on status of life members paying department Per capita.

7. General Order (#24) Ruling affirming the power of a Department Encampment to direct a Department Commander to appoint committees and to delineate the membership of committees as the Department Encampment sees necessary.

8. General Order (#32) Suspension of Department of Columbia and Department of Connecticut.

9. General Order (#33) Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Regulations.

10. Negotiation and Approval by the Council of Administration of a 2020 Joint Encampment Agreement with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

11. The presentation of appropriate Awards and Honors to Brothers of the Order, our Departments, and Camps. Please see my final General Order for a listing of all the Awards presented at the National Encampment.

Travel and Activities of the CinC

In 2017

- September 23rd attended the Sons of Spanish American War Annual Congress
- September 30th Speaker for Medal of Honor Ceremony Lexington Park, MD
- October 6th Attended and brought fraternal greetings to the Central Region G.A.R. Allied Orders in Cleveland, OH
- October 28th Attended and brought greetings to the MOLLUS and DOLLUS Annual Congress in Gettysburg, PA
- November 4th Attended and brought greetings during the Testimonial for the President ASUVCW in Alliance, OH
- November 11th Attended, brought greetings, and placed a wreath during the Veterans Day Ceremonies in Charlottesville, VA
- November 11th Attended Antietam Camp Veterans

Day Dinner in Frederick, MD

- November 18th Attended and spoke during Remembrance Day programs in Gettysburg, PA
- December 10th Attended the annual ceremony for the Irish Brigade at the Battle of Fredericksburg and placed a wreath
- December 21st Attended the funeral for Brother David Demmy's wife Marilyn in Harrisburg, PA

In 2018

- January 27th Attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Indiana in Greenfield, IN
- February 3rd Attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, WI
- February 12th placed a wreath for the annual Lincoln Birthday program at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC
- March 16-17 Attended the Department of California Annual Encampment in Bakersfield, CA
- March 24-25 Attended Spring CofA Meeting in Franklin, TN
- April 6-8 Attended Department of Rhode Island Annual Encampment in Providence, RI
- April 13-15 Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies in Springfield, Ill, spoke and placed wreath (also attended Stephenson ceremony)
- April 20-21 Attended Georgia / South Carolina Department Annual Encampment in Lexington, SC April 27-29 Attended Department of the Chesapeake Annual Encampment, in Ellicott City, MD
- May 4-6 Attended the Department of Michigan Annual Encampment in Lansing, MI
- May 28th Attended National Observed Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery and placed wreath
- May 30th Attended Traditional Memorial Day observances in Arlington National Cemetery and placed wreath
- June 1- 3 Attended Department of Missouri Annual Encampment in Bennett Springs, MO
- June 8-10 Attended Department of Ohio Annual Encampment in Columbus, OH
- June 28-30 Attended Pennsylvania Department Annual Encampment in Williamsport, PA
- July 17-18 Attended and brought greetings at the opening ceremonies of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Cool Springs, TN
- July 25th Attended and brought greetings at the Daughters Union Veterans of the Civil War Convention in Bloomington, MN

May God Bless each of you, our organization, and our nation.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Your Brother and servant

Mark R. Day

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil



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