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Commanders Report for the Dept. Newsletter June 2, 2009

The past year has been an excellent one for our department. We have seen the beginning of our newest camp. The Sgt Hiram W. Purcell Camp # 4. From what we have seen, it appears that it will be a very active camp.

Along with Camp # 4 we are about to bring another camp into the department in June, This is the Phillip Kearny Camp # 20. On June 6* I will be inducting the officers of the camp. It is hi the northernmost part of the state and I strategically situated to gain many new members.

Gong further, we have recently received inquiries about starting another new camp in the central part of the state. With this inquiry it shows that the interest is growing hi our order.

hi this the 200 anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, it is a prime time for making appearances throughout New Jersey and letting people know about our order.

It is imperative that we do this as this is the manner in which we can reach out to the public at a time where the Abraham Lincoln and by extension the Civil War is being brought to the forefront and sparking interest hi the Civil War.

We need young members to carry on our work and it is imperative that we go out to greet them. We should do everything we can to show history as an item of interest. The individual camps should try to present living history hi their local areas perhaps by giving presentation hi their local schools. We should reach out to the schools when then- students are taking Civil War history hi their classes. This is an opportunity to bring to life what may perhaps appear to rather dull to the average student This is the prime age to bring them into what we know to be an exciting part of our nations history. This along with the individual camps activities will help to espouse our order and what we stand for.

I want to thank all of the camps with their welcoming me as the Department Commander throughout this past year and I am looking forward to getting to every Camps meeting. So far I have been to the Sgt Hiram W. Purcell Camp # 4, Col. Louise R. Francine Camp # 7, Lincoln Camp # 100, and the George A. Custer Camp # 17. It has been refreshing and reassuring to see the G.A.R. spirit so alive hi the meetings of these camps.

There have also been some sad times hi the Department this year. We lost Brother Fred Daubert of Garfield Camp # 4 along with the passing of Patricia Horgan, the lovely wife of Brother Michael Horgan. The George A. Custer Camp lost a long time member hi Peter Kennedy for which there will be a memorial service on June 20*.

I have attended two presentations this year that have shown what our camps are doing to continue the works of our ancestors. I had been to the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #17 dedication of a new plaque hi Woodbury and a memorial service to celebrate the 200* anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln hi South Plainfield hosted by Custer Camp #17. Both were wonderful ceremonies and worthy of our work to present and preserve our ancestors memory. I am looking forward this upcoming year to attending more of the same.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty
Daniel J. Lynch PCC
Commander
SUVCW

Our Fallen Soldiers.

Representing the red white and blue
The colors of our flag stand out proud and true.
The white stars on blue background with red and white stripes
Remind me of these veterans, who all risked their lives.
Just so the people of the U.S. could all live in peace and be free
These are the heroes that represent you and me.
They stood up strongly, untied as one,
And kept up the fighting until they were done.
And although some have fallen, and lost their lives in war,
We pray for each one of them. And
now that their souls live on forever more,
Above in God's hands.
They watch over our nation,
And give us strength to triumph over others with strong anticipation.
So every year, when this day comes by,
Think of all the veterans that while fighting, had to die.
And remember that they were people
With fire and passion embedded inside.
They die for this country, So remember
and honor them with pride!



A nation that remembers its past will have concern for its future

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

June 1, 2009

To the Members of the S. V. R,

From Jr. VC. Ron Brower

Just a little up date on the Memorial Day Parade in Jamesburg.. Three members were in attendance. We marched to the rear of President Lincoln and just behind the Jamesburg original civil war cannon. The banner was in all of its glory. What a wonderful day it was! Bands played, flags flew and people cheered. We were one of over 60 marching groups. The parade was followed by speeches and the firing of the canon. The local Elks club had free hot dogs and beer for all. While it was a good day, we need to do more to show the flag. Perhaps we can set up a booth next year and let people know what we are all about. As you know we have formed an honor guard for special occasions. We still need more members to volunteer for this very important duty. The unit needs the following: More members, a drummer and a bugler. If you can be part of this or have any suggestions, please contact me. My cell # is 908-433-4735 or write me at 544 Ship Ave., Beachwood, N.J. 08722. Yours in Fraternity, Charity

& Loyalty,

Ron Brower

Ron Brower

J.V.C.

ANNUAL REPORT - JUNE 6, 2009

**GENERAL JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP No. 4,
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

The Camp Officers for 2008 are as follows:

Commander - Daniel P. George Senior Vice
Commander - Joseph F. Seliga Junior Vice
Commander - Stuart J. Foulks Secretary -
Joseph F. Seliga Treasurer - Daniel P.
George Council Member - William
Hutchinson Council Member - David T. Potts
Council Member - Donald Kale Patriotic
Instructor - David T. Potts Chaplain - None
Graves Registration Officer - David T. Potts
Civil War Memorials Officer - None
Historian - None Eagle Scout Coordinator -
None

General James A. Garfield Camp No. 4 conducts its meetings at the New Jersey National Guard Armory, Eggerts Crossing Road, Lawrenceville New Jersey. During this year, our membership was increased by the addition of four members and decreased by the death of four member and the non-payment of dues by two member, The current membership of the Camp is thirty-two (32).

The Camp operates a Civil War Museum located in the Armory. All of the items currently in the museum have been preserved by the Director of Restoration and Preservation, Brother Stanley Saperstein, Commander, Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100, S. U. V. C. W. A regular maintenance schedule has been implemented for all artifacts. The Museum is open when events are held at the Armory, and tours are given to all who come in.

Camp Number 4's longtime Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Frederick Daubert died. Brother Joseph F. Seliga has assumed the position of Secretary and Brother Daniel P. George has assumed the position of Treasurer.

A newsletter was prepared by Joseph Seliga and sent to all members. An enclosure was also added requesting members to become officers of the Camp and soliciting information on when to hold regular meetings in addition to the work done at the Museum every Tuesday. There were no responses to either request. All but one of the people who volunteer at the Museum are dual members of the Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100. Without an officer structure, it appears that Camp Number 4, founded in 1896 will cease to exist and turn in its charter in 2009.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Daniel P. George,

Daniel P. George,
Commander

General James A. Garfield Camp No. 4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attachments:

- 1 . Camp Membership Roster
2. Camp Officers Form 22

Lvon Camp # 10 SUVCW

During the past year our camp has been very active in the South Jersey area. Our members have visited several schools in the area giving the students the opportunity to learn about their history. We have attended the Vineland Founders Day every year since it began and have become the core attraction at the event. We have also marched in the Vineland Memorial Day Parade firing the salute at the Lyon Post 10 GAR monument. Our Camp commander Brother Kim Canama read Genera! Logan's Orders and Sister Cherie Canama of Cornelia Hancock Auxiliary # 10 recited the Gettysburg Address. Several Members from our camp also attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Day festivities.

Two of our members attended the National Encampment Boston Mass. Bros. Buzz Smithcors & Bob Wilhelm (PDC's). During our November meeting we elected new officers for the year 2009. The officers are as follows:

Commander:	Kim Canama
Senior vice Commander:	Brian WHhelm
Junior Commander	Buzz SmHticors
Secretary Treasure:	Robert Wilhelm
Chaplain:	Patrick Peters
Patriotic Instructor:	Matthew WHhelm
Color Barer	Warren Strumpffer
Guide:	Dennis Sockwell
Guard:	James Connelly

Our camp is now 29 members strong.

Respectfully submitted
Kim Canama
Camp Commander
Lyon Camp # 10 SUVCW

Col. Louis R. Francine Camp No. 7
Report for the 2009 Encampment

Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander — Andrew Burnett
Senior Vice Commander - Fred Mossbrucker
Junior Vice Commander — Shawn Kenny
Secretary - David Harm, PDC
Treasurer - Steve Clair
Patriotic Instructor - Wayne Johnson, PCC
Graves Registration Officer - Andrew Burnett
Chaplain - Gary Englestad
Color Bearer - Dan Lewis
Guide - William Righter
Council - Doug Cawley, Dan Lewis, William Righter
Counselor - Vacant
Guard - John Pinkos, PCC
Historian - David Hann, PDC
Civil War Monuments Officer - Wayne Johnson, PCC
Eagle Scout Coordinator - John Pinkos, PCC

By-Laws Committee - Andrew Burnett; Fred Mossbrucker; David Hann, PDC
Investigating Committee - Shawn Kenny; Wayne Johnson, PCC; David Hann, PDC

Brothers in Good standing = minimum 49 (33 Members, 4 Associate Members, 3 Junior Members, 3 Life Members, 3 Active Military)

Since the 2008 Department of New Jersey Encampment, Francine Camp:

- Held a Memorial Service of Re-dedication Honoring the Civil War Soldiers and Veterans of Gloucester County, Woodbury NJ (16 August 2008). Proclamations from Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Joint Legislative Resolution from The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.
- Displayed GAR memorabilia at the Batsto Country Living Fair and held a quarterly meeting (19 October 2008);
- Participated, with Elizabeth Thorn Auxiliary, in the Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA (22 November 2009);
- Held our Annual Francine Camp Dinner and Meeting, Hammonton NJ (24 January 2009). Department Commander Lynch was our honored guest. James H. Todd CW Memorial Award established to recognize any Camp Brother making a significant contribution toward preserving, restoring or producing new CW Memorials and presented to Bro. Wayne Johnson, PCC. Commander's Challenge to raise \$186.30 for 10 luminaries commemorating all men of the 7th NJTV buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery;

Held a Grand Review and Artifact Display in Honor of Lincoln's 200th Birthday, Hammonton NJ (14 February 2009);

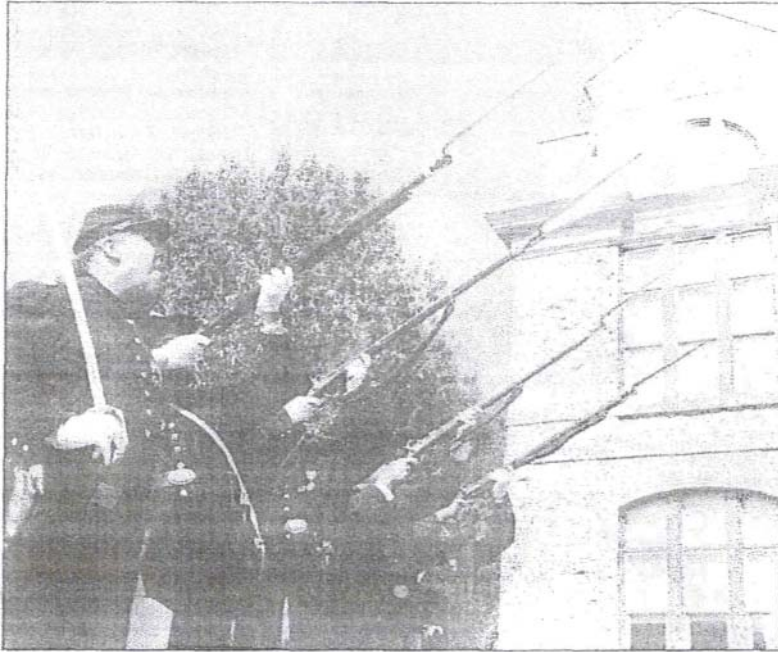
Held its annual fund raising trip to Gettysburg (4 April 2009) which for the first time resulted in a net loss of \$62 as only 8 Brothers and 31 other persons attended. Brother Steven Wright generously acted as our personal tour guide at the Battlefield;

Presented ROTC medals to Cadet Eric Zapple of Cherry Hill HS West, Cherry Hill NJ (1 May 2009) and Cadet Travis Young of Washington Township HS, Sewell NJ Cadet Travis Young of Washington Township HS, Sewell NJ (28 May 2009);

Honored Confederate POWs and Union soldiers who died at Fort Delaware and who were buried at Finns Point National Cemetery, in conjunction with Poole Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War (9 May 2009);

Participated in Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies in Hammonton, NJ and Glassboro, NJ. Dedication of the Civil War monument in Glassboro (25 May 2009); and, held a Quarterly Camp Meeting followed by traditional GAR Memorial Day Service at Greenmount Cemetery, Hammonton NJ (30 May 2009). By-Laws adopted by the Camp. New Brother initiated. Treasury balance as of 25 May 2009 was \$5,282.09

Plaque window to History



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A rifle detail from the Col. Louis R. Francine Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans fires a salute at the rededication of Gloucester County's Civil War monument on Saturday in Woodbury

Glouco preserves names of 20 men lost in Civil War

By LAVINIA DeCASTRO
Courier-Post Staff

WOODBURY

Trudy O'Hare stood in front of the Old Courthouse in Woodbury and, searched for a name.

She found it among of the seven rows of names engraved in the newly unveiled bronze plaque in the shadow of the Civil War monument—Joseph Ewan, her great-great-grandfather.

Ewan and his brother Edward were among the more than 200 Union soldiers from Gloucester County who lost their lives in the Civil War.

On Saturday, about a dozen residents and county officials rededicated the monument—a tall monolith built in 1867—and unveiled the plaque listing the same names etched in the worn-out marble.

"It's very nice to have them honored," said O'Hare of Elsinboro, who attended the ceremony with her sister and brother-in-law Marvann and

The new plaque at the Gloucester County Civil War monument bears the names of the 20 county men who died in the war, which were on the original marble obelisk, but were fading away.

ago, we wanted to restore this monument and the writing in it," Freeholder-Director Stephen Sweeney said.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't restore it"

Sweeney said the monument's delicate marble could be damaged even further if attempts were made to restore it

"The last thing we wanted to do is damage this piece of history," Sweeney said.

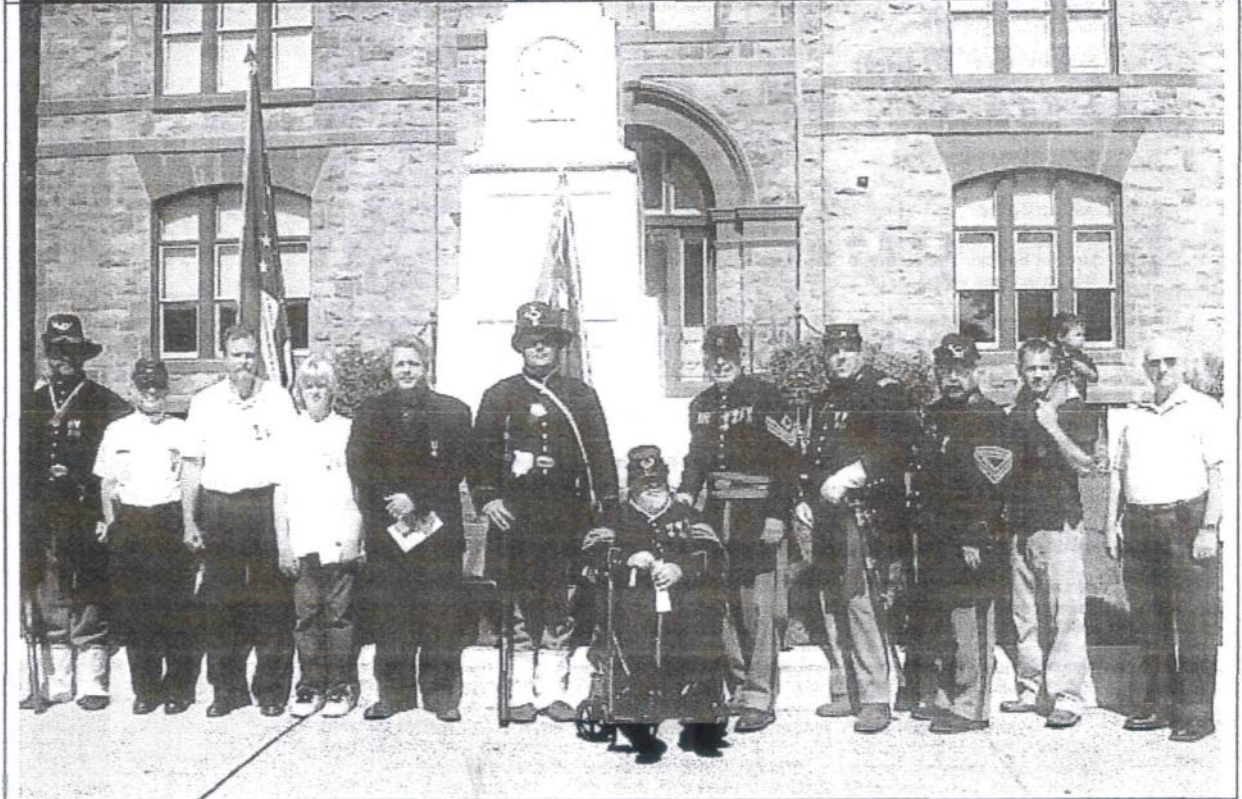


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The plaque was unveiled during a solemn ceremony that featured patriotic music by the Clarksboro Men's Chorus. Civil War re-enactors fired three volleys to salute the fallen union soldiers.

"This memorial ensures us that our dead are remembered," said Andrew Burnett, commander of the Col. Louis R. Francine, Camp No. 7.

"So long as it endures, it shall speak to us about the



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The next Camp meeting was held on April 26, 2009 at the American Legion Post in South Plainfield. The Officers had the sad duty to report that Brother Peter J. Kennedy, had passed away on Sunday April 12, 2009 which was Easter Sunday. Our prayers were said for Brother Peter and his wife Ethel. Brother Peter was 96 years old. Brother Ray Trepkau was going to have an operation on his hand on April 21. Our prayers and good wishes go to Brother Ray. Brother Bob McKnights wife Theresa, was finally out of the hospital and was staying at her daughters home in Clifton, N.J. again our prayers go out to both Bob and Theresa. The Camp is planning a special Memorial Ceremony for Brother Peter J. Kennedy on Saturday June 20, 2009 at 11:30 am at St Catherines Cemetery in Sea Girt The Camp also ordered a tombstone for an unmarked union soldiers grave. Private Frank V. Hartshome, who is buried in the Hartshome Cemetery in Middletown, N.J. on Kings Highway. He was with the 71st N.Y. Inf. The Camp will be planning a future ceremony for Private Hartshome. Our guest speaker was Brother George J. Hill M.D. who gave us a great talk on "Terrible Swift Sword" Reflections on this republic of suffering by Drew Gilpin Faust We reminded our members about Memorial Day Ceremonies at the various locations. On April 13, 2009 the camp received a thank you letter from U.S. Congressman Rush Holt who told us that we had done a wonderful job in putting together this information and encouraging people to visit and care for these reminders of those who fought in the Civil War.

The Camps third meeting of the year was held on Saturday June 6, 2009 at the American Legion Post in South Plainfield. Brother Bob McKnighf s wife was still recovering at her daughters house from her operation. Brother Ray Trepkau's hand surgery went well and he was recovering. On May 16, 2009 the Custer Camp #17 was present at the Civil War Encampment in South Plainfield. Also at the Encampment was President Abraham Lincoln. The weather was not great but the people of South Plainfield turned out We look forward to doing this Encampment again next year. Our Patriotic Instructor Brother Jay Godin, gave us a great report on what took place on June 6, in our American History. D=Day Invasion, Battle of Nashville, Brother Clark D. McCullough's ancestor Captain Hugh McCullough, of the 9th Pa Cavalry was killed leading a charge in Kentucky. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, gave his D Day speech. Our guest speaker was Dr. Sandra Moss, who gave us a great talk about the "Civil War Hospital on the banks of the Passaic, Newark's Ward Hospital 1862-1865. Brother George J. Hill, advised the camp of his work at the St. Marks Cemetery in Orange, N.J. where there are buried 14 union soldiers. We had our Memorial Day Report Fairview Cemetery Middletown, N.J. Brothers McCullough, McCarthy, Meyer, and Blood, were present. Memorial Day Report Hillside Cemetery Scotch Plains, N.J. Brother

Ensel, and McGonigle.
Memorial Day Report Asbury Park Civil War Memorial Asbury Park
Brother Mike Truex.
Memorial Day Report East Orange N.J. Dept Commander Dan Lynch
Memorial Day Green Lawn Cemetery West Long Branch Brother Art
Green and Family
Memorial Day Chesnut Hill Cemetery did not happen this year.
Brother Mike Todd. The Custer Camp #17 has also submitted the
name of Brother Robert C. Goodyear, for the Marshall Hope Award
for the best newsletter.

The Custer Camp filed its epostcard with the IRS as required. It
also was it per capita report on time. End of Custer Camp #17 report.

Yours in F.C. & L Brother
Clark D. McCullough
P.D.C. P.C.C.
General George A. Custer Camp #17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
on behalf of Camp Commander
Jack W. Ensel

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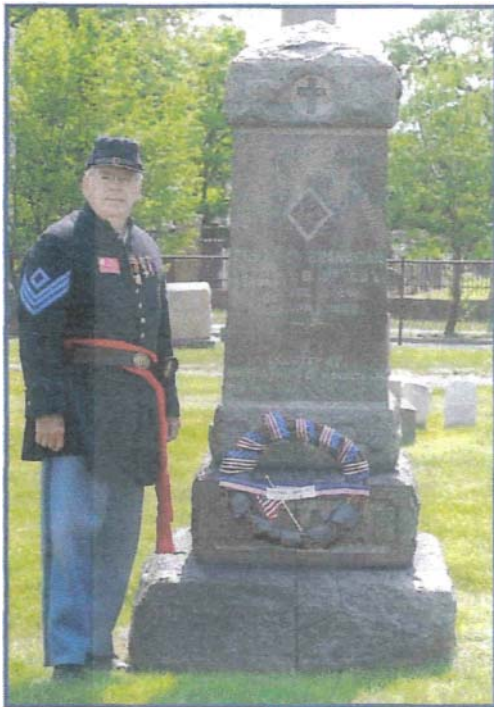
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Memorial Day Ceremonies -

*Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Cemetery, East Orange, NJ*

*By Department Commander,
Brother Dan Lynch*



Brother Dan Lynch

*I attended the Memorial Day services at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Orange. I attended mass and then I went over to my Great Grand Uncle Sgt Felix W. Branagan's Co. B, 8th NJV monument which was dedicated to him for his work. He had been mustered into the Phil Kearney Post No. 1, of Newark on the 22nd of July 1878 and during the year 1892 was commander of this post. He was for many years a member of the G.A..R. committee for securing headstones for deceased comrades. He was also a member of the Veterans Association of the *8th New Jersey Volunteers known as "Hooker's Old Guard" for his work they dedicated a monument to him on Memorial Day 1893.*

I held a short ceremony reading from the SUCVW Ritual and Ceremonies Book and said a few prayers. As you can see from the pictures it was a nice day and although I was alone at his grave, I passed on to him our nations thanks for his dedication to his country. I also attended a mass held in the cemetery which was situated near a section where many Civil War soldiers are buried. The mass was also attended by the Knights of Columbus



Memorial Day Ceremonies - 2

Fairview Cemetery Middletown, NJ



*Brothers Bob Meyer, Rich McCarthy,
Clark McCullough and Charles Blood.*

Hillside Cemetery Scotch Plains, NJ



*Camp Commander Jack Ensel and
Camp Historian Frank McGonigle, PCC,
held a brief wreath laying ceremony
and prayer reading at 11:00 hrs. at the
Winfield Scott Post 73 GJ1.R.
burial site.*



29 Regt New Jersey Vol Infantry
Monument*

Asbury Park, NJ

*At approximately 12:30 Memorial Day,
May 25th, a wreath was placed at the
Civil War Memorial in Asbury Park by
Brother Mike Truex.*

Green Lawn Cemetery West Long Branch, NJ

*A wreath was placed by
Brother Arthur Green at the
Civil War Memorial at 12:00 pm.
Gen. Order 12 was read as requested
by the Commander.*

Sgt Hiram W. Pursell, Camp No. 104
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Lambertville, NJ June 13, 2009

Dear Brothers,

Fraternal greetings from the Delaware River town of Lambertville. I am pleased that Camp #104 is represented well at our second annual Department Encampment. Although I am with you in spirit, my musicianship is required today in the New Jersey American Legion State Convention parade in Wildwood. I wish you success with the important proceedings of the day.

This past year has been another good one for our young camp. We had anticipated severe membership attrition due to the painful economic conditions as when as some normal; expired euphoria following the birth Of a new Camp. However, surprisingly, as of this *report* we have successfully maintained par membership level with a loss of only one (-2%).f\$ consider this to be a remarkable level of retention ^considering the circumstances and the initial indications of 25-30% potential attrition. I congratulate all our Brothers for this accomplishment which was only possible through a collective effort

Camp 104 continues to meet Quarterly at the Holcombe-Jimison F^ This quaint private facility is dedicated to the preservation of the rural heritage of Hunterdon County and is an appropriate venue for the Sons. We have continued to exercise the SUV ritual in our meetings. Although this practice does lengthen our sessions somewhat, it provides an excellent educational framework for our many new members and rekindles a direct connection to our veteran ancestors of the Grand Army of the Republic. In addition, we always have a featured speaker, either an invited guest or a Brother presenting an ancestor profile. Moving forward we are considering ways to increase the enjoyment of our sessions to maintain interest and

Following are some of the activities and projects from this past year.

Camp 104 participated in our first Eagle Scout presentation for Miles Gombosi (1 0/04/08). This was a moving ceremony and the Sons were warmly received and accorded a nice venue for sharing the principles of our Order.

We continued our Memorial Day tradition of an honor ceremony and wreath laying at the GAR Monument in Mary Sheridan Park on York Street Several local residents attended and commented favorably. They suggested we seek advance advertisement in the future as more people would be interested in attending.

Another annual event is the Lambertville Civil War Weekend and Reenactment, held each August at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum. Last year we set up a recruitment/information table that was successful in gaining one new brother and disseminating information about the Sons and our local camp.

The Camp has done much work with Civil War burials during this past year, Brother Fred Otto, of White Township, was recognized by our National Graves Registration Officer for his amazing efforts in documenting and digitizing Civil War Gravesites throughout New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Southern New York. Brother Otto devotes countless hours weekly alongside his wife in photographing, printing DVDS, and uploading images to the internet A typical day is spent traveling to a cemetery and photographing all of the CW Veteran gravestones. Then Fred comes home and descends to his studio basement for the editing and graphic artistry tasks. Fred actually works 8-10 hours daily on this volunteer life project His studio is well equipped with four networked computers and multiple printers and DVD burners.

Brother Mike Kovacs also worked diligently in coordination with the Mount Hope Cemetery Society in Lambertville. Brother Kovacs and his wife reviewed the gravesite documentation provided by the Society. They corrected many errors and discrepancies in the records by physically locating actual burials. Then US veteran flag holders were properly placed throughout the cemetery in anticipation of the annual flag distribution for Memorial Day.

Brother Kovacs received a special award and recognition from the Mout Hope Cemetery Society for his notable efforts.

Founding Brother Les Salsbury has been working with South Hunterdon High School to recondition and recognize a bronze eagle mounted in their courtyard. Most folks have no idea that this artifact is part of the original aforementioned GAR monument now located in Mary Sheridan Park. A camp committee has now been assigned to assist Brother Salsbury in these efforts

Finally, allow me to conclude by saying that, like most volunteer organizations, Camp 104 benefits from the financial and spiritual support of its many members. However, a core of dedicated Brothers and Officers share the responsibilities of our projects and activities. We are blessed to have a small but energetic Band of Brothers, dedicated to furthering our principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Respectfully Submitted.
C. Jeffrey Heagy, PCC
Commander 2008-2009
Sgt. Hiram W. Purcell Camp #104
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Lambertville, New Jersey

Lincoln Camp 100 Encampment Report 2009

Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 has had another successful year. We held four meetings: September 27 and December 6, 2008, both at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury; February 21 at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville; and April 24, 2009 at the Peddie School in Hightstown. Average attendance was 27 people per meeting. Commander Stan Saperstein gave a presentation on the 1864 Indian uprising in Minnesota at the September meeting. The theme of the other three meetings honored the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln, namesake of the camp. PDC David Martin gave a presentation on Lincoln's wit and humor at the December meeting and at the February meeting he led a discussion on the book "Team of Rivals." The highlight of the year was at our spring anniversary meeting, when President Lincoln himself was our special guest (portrayed by Chris Johnson).

We were pleased to participate in the dedication of the Fred Daubert Memorial Room at the Garfield Camp 4 Civil War museum in Lawrenceville following our February meeting. On Memorial Day several members of the Camp who belong to the SVR marched in the annual parade at Jamesburg, under the leadership of Commander Ron Brower. New member Alex Savadelis served as flag bearer and carried the camp's banner. The Camp also supported, with time and monetary donations, the following projects: Gary Abrams' project to locate the bodies of two New Jersey officers who were killed at the battle of Dug Gap, GA in 1864; the printing of a new edition of the brochures describing the Civil War flags museum exhibit in Trenton; and the projects and activities of the Garfield Camp 4 Civil War museum in Lawrenceville. Two of our members are currently serving as Department officers. Ron Brower is Junior Vice Commander and David Martin is Secretary/Treasurer; Brother Martin also serves on the National Committee on Scholarships.

Like most of the other camps in the state, Camp 100 lost more members than it gained this year. Three new Brothers were initiated: Ronald G. Brower, Clinton Abrams, and Ben Richardson; and one was reinstated. One Brother passed away, Robert Martin, father of PDC Dr. David Martin. Five were dropped because of lack of dues and 2 were discharged. This meant a net loss of 4 (4 gained, 8 lost), leaving us with 78 members; which makes us still the largest camp in the state.

The camp has a strong core and continues to do well. Newly elected officers, Commander Ron Brower, Senior Vice Commander Bill Moore, and Junior Vice Commander Bruce Sirak, are full of new ideas for the good of the camp and the organization. One of these projects was the ordering of Camp polo shirts, a project spearheaded by Bruce Sirak. They turned out excellently!

The Camp looks optimistically to the future. One of our goals will be to work even more closely with our Brothers in Camp 4 in Trenton, through joint projects and joint meetings, since we are the only two camps in the state located in the same county and we have a number of joint members.



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INTRODUCTION

Most Camp 4 members do not have an opportunity to visit the museum, so it was thought that the Camp Newsletter would be a way to tell the members what is happening. The newsletter will tell you about the activities at the Camp 4's Civil War Museum. The Museum has been the focus of the General James A. Garfield Camp Number 4 for many years.

MUSEUM

Gen. James A. Garfield Camp No. 4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) operates their Civil War Museum in the Lawrenceville National Guard Armory on Eggert Crossing Road. It has been there since July of 1998.

The items in the Museum fall into three distinct categories: (1) artifacts (2) documents, and (3) memorabilia. Most of the material has been donated to the Museum by members of the G. A. R. Posts and SUVCW Camps located in New Jersey and their families. A few items were donated by members of the public. The Museum also has items that have been loaned to it for display. These are: (1) Civil War era muskets, carbines, bullets, artillery shot and shells, canteens, belts, buckles, swords, bayonets, shoes, battlefield relics, uniform accouterments, prison camp relics, stirrups, cooking equipment, a National color of a regiment in the First New Jersey Brigade (2) SUVCW uniform items and accouterments, (3) G.A.R. member photographs, monument photographs, G. A. R. and SUVCW group photographs, oil paintings, burial markers, G.A.R. hall furniture, (4) SUVCW membership medals, (5) G. A.R., SUVCW and Allied Orders annual encampment and other special medals and ribbons, (6) G.A.R., SUVCW and Allied Orders encampment and anniversary souvenirs, (7) an SUVCW uniformed mannequin and (8) Indian War Carbines. The categories of the documents at the Museum are: (1) a copy of the Medal of Honor certificate issued to Sgt. John Beech, 4* New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, (2) G. A. R. Post and SUVCW Camp charters, (3) G.A.R. Post, SUVCW Camp and Ladies Auxiliary minute books, (4) G.A.R. Burial information, (5) G.A.R. Post, SUVCW Camp and Ladies Auxiliary membership records, (6) U.A.R. Post, SUVCW Camp and Ladies Auxiliary National and New Jersey encampment proceedings, (7) books written about Civil War topics and (8) magazines about the Civil War. There are gaps in these collections, which we hope will be filled by donations by members of the SUVCW and the public.

Our focus has been twofold: (1) identifying what the museum has and (2) preparation of display cabinets and shelves. Our members have constructed and painted cabinets and shelves, cleaned swords, muskets, carbines, bayonets and G. A. R. furniture. In addition, we have helped members of the public research their Civil War ancestor. We are always appreciative of members of our camp and other camps donating their time to help at the museum, either preparing displays, or performing research, or overseeing the work of college interns, or being docents for the many tours that we conduct in conjunction with the Militia

Museum Annex. The museum is open every Tuesday from 9:00 am until about 2 pm. Arrangements can be made to visit on days other than a Tuesday by contacting Joseph Seliga either at seligal @optonline.net or (609) 448-4393 Please visit when you have an opportunity. Directions to the Armory are in this newsletter.

Please consider donating some of your time to help continue the museum. Some of our tours are conducted on Saturday or on evenings during the week. There are many things to be done, and some of it can be done at home. Please fill in the form enclosed with this newsletter and send it to Joseph F. Seliga, Camp 4 Secretary, at 15 Windswept Drive, Trenton, NJ 08690-1111.

MEETINGS

The Camp Officers would like to begin having regular meetings during the year. It was thought that initially these could be held either semi-annually or quarterly. We would like to have the thoughts of the members though. These could either be held on some evening during the week or on Saturdays. What do you think? Please fill in the form enclosed with this newsletter and send it to Joseph F. Seliga, Secretary, at 15 Windswept Drive, Trenton, NJ 08690-1 111.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Mike Morgan, Bill Ford (prior to his death) and Joe Seliga have been taking a complete inventory of everything that the Museum owns. Thus includes all of the artifacts, weapons, furniture, documents, photographs, pictures, books, magazines, memorabilia and uniforms. The data is being compiled in Excel files.

Stuart Foulks has been organizing the magazines and newspapers that are owned by the Museum for use by researchers and include: *Civil War Illustrated*, *Civil War News*, *The Banner*, *Blue and Grey*, and *North and South*.

Joe Seliga has been researching the New Jersey G. A. R. Encampment Proceedings to identify the activities of the three G. A. R. Posts in the city of Trenton, Bayard Post No. 8, Aaron Wilkes Post No. 23, and Thomas Hamilton Post No. 56. He is also searching for the New Jersey Department G. A. R. resolution that made Camp 4 the final repository for the artifacts, documents and memorabilia of the New Jersey G. A. R.

Stan Saperstein is making the wooden sign for the Frederick F. Daubert Room of the Museum.

Commander Dan George is wrestling with the financial records of the Camp as Treasurer.

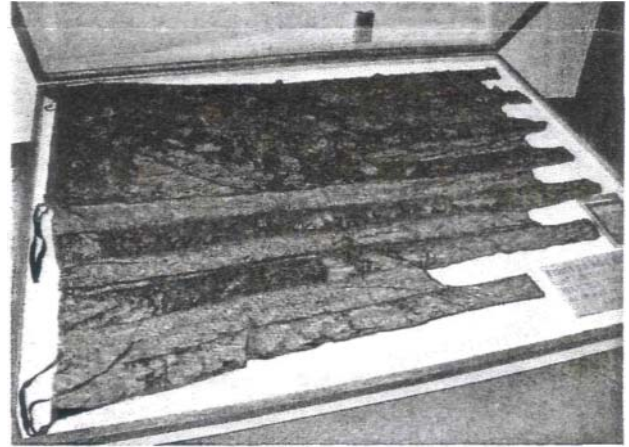
DEATHS DURING THE YEAR

We have had three members die this year, William Ford on May 17,2008, Frederick F. Daubert on August 15, 2008 and Edward C. Yess II on December 4 <-2008. The first two of these members were tireless workers at the Museum. Brother Yess lived in Florida. I am sure that his spirit was at the museum. He was a staunch member of the SUVCW.

Bill Ford faithfully worked at our museum at the Lawrenceville Armory every Tuesday and some Fridays, helping to prepare exhibits, do research for their descriptions, conduct a physical inventory of the museums



The items that are on loan from Mrs Stokes are all in one case. They include the Capt. Robert Saunderson Johnston's (Company B of the Fourth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry) Colt Revolver and holster, his Field Glasses and Case and the copy of *Casey's Infantry Tactics* that he carried in the field;



One of the Museum's prize possessions is the 3rd NJ militia flag. This was the first flag carried over the Potomac Jersey troops over the Long Bridge into Virginia on May 23, 1861.

It was encased in netting by the Lawlor family in the 1920's. Mr. Lawlor was a veteran of Co. B of the 4th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry.

John Beech Medal of Honor certificate Text on Certificate

Recommended for Medal of Honor by Colonel Baldwin Huffy, 4th N. J. Vet. Vols, for conduct at Spotsylvania, Va. May 12, 1864 and for conspicuous gallantry at the Battle of Opequon Va. Sept. 19th 1864 at Shepherd's Gap, Va. Sept. 22nd-1864 and Cedar Creek Va Oct. 19th, 1864 the three battles Under Gen. L Phillip H. Sheridan

Recommended by Samuel M. Gaul Fourth New Jersey for gallant conduct at the Bloody Angle in serving Lieutenant Metcalf's section of Battery C 5th U. S. Artillery. Lieut. And Brevet Captain E. R. Howard, Co. 14th N. J. Vols. Co. 14th N. J. Vols. In his recommendation endorsing Sergeant Beech gallantly says, Beech always did his duty under all circumstances it would give him great pleasure to see so gallant a comrade wearing the honor medal.



We have many Encampment Medals for the Allied Orders. They are mounted on movable frames, in two different cases. The frames were made by Frederick Daubert.



Mid-Atlantic Region - June 6,2009

The fifth conference of the Mid Atlantic Region Association (MARA), Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic was held on October 18,2008 in the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library on 4278 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, PA, [Department of Pennsylvania.] The discussion was on the development of a plan by the S. U. V. C. W. for the 150* Anniversary of the Civil War.

Conferences have been held all four of the departments in our region. In 2008, the Regional Organization began its second round of meetings. Our first and fifth Conference was held at the G.A.R. Library and Museum in the Philadelphia, PA [Department of PA], the second was held at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, NJ, [Department of NJ]. The Third Workshop was held on Saturday, October 21, 2006, in the Masonic Temple in Bridgewater, NY [Department of New York]. The Fourth Workshop was held on Saturday, October 20, 2008, [Department of MD].

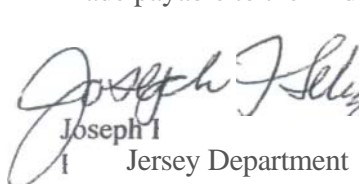
This Fifth meeting included the election of a new slate of officers for the region. Officers serve two year terms. The new officers are: President, James R. Hanby, Sr. PDC, Department of Maryland,, Vice-President, Michael Horgan PDC, Department of New Jersey, and Secretary/Treasurer, Dale E. Theetge, PDC, Department of New York.

The goals of MARA are to keep the Departments in the MARA informed on National Activities, National Encampment Proposals and Proposals made by Departments in the region; conduct educational workshops on topics such as, but not limited to, fulfilling the requirement of Programs established by the National organization; publicizing the activities of the SUVCW and Allied Orders; development of new Camps and Tents; rejuvenation of inactive Camps and Tents; increasing membership of Camps, Tents and Circles; increasing active participation of current members; raising funds for Camp and Tent programs; reinforcing interrelationships between the Allied Orders and other Patriotic Groups.

The topics that have been presented and discussed in the first three workshops are: Revitalizing Camps [Eric Schmincke - PA Dept.], Cataloguing of Monuments and Cannons [Michael Horgan and C. Buzz Smithcors- NJ Dept] and Developing Support for S. U. V. C. W. Goals and Projects [Joseph Seliga - NJ Dept]. In addition, Panel Discussions were held on: (1) Retaining Members, (2) Acquiring Members, (3) Ways to Reinforce Interrelationships between Allied Orders and (4) Activities for the 150* Anniversary of the Civil War..

MARA can be an asset to every organization of the Departments of Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Past workshops have had members from the following Allied Orders of the Departments of Maryland [S. U. V. C. W.], New Jersey [S. U. V. C. W., Auxiliary to the S. U. V. C. W. and Ladies of the G.A.R.], New York [S. U. V. C. W. and D. U.V. C. W.] and Pennsylvania [S. U. V. C. W. and Auxiliary to the S. U. V. C. W.]. Unfortunately, at this time, the dues paying members are Departments of Maryland [S. U. V. C. W.], New Jersey [S. U. V. C. W.] and New York [S. U. V. C. W. and D. U. V. C. W.].

Our organization's membership and participation is essential to make the MARA a success. MARA can be an asset to every organization of the Departments of Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The dues provide funds for mailings and are \$ 15 per department organization. Our Organizations dues should be sent to the MARA Secretary/Treasurer Dale E. Theetge, PDC, NY Dept., 3046 Center Road, Ovid, NY 14521. The checks should be made payable to the Mid Atlantic Region Association.


Joseph Seliga
Past President, Mid Atlantic Region Association PDC, New Jersey Department