



Battle Cry of Freedom

The official publication of the Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - 2007

From the Department Commander

Brothers,

As we begin a new year, we face the challenge of helping our Department, and our Order, to grow. I have been privileged to visit several of our Pennsylvania Camps, to install Camp Officers, and to participate in special events. To say that I am impressed would be an understatement. This Department is blessed with an abundance of enthusiastic Brothers and actively growing Camps. I am especially pleased to see new Juniors coming into the Camps. I am happy to report to you that as of 31 December 06 our Department membership stands at 827. This is the highest it has been since 2002. Congratulations and thanks to all of you who have made this happen. Our future is bright. If we continue to work together in the spirit of FC&L we cannot fail.

I have asked that a copy of the elected and appointed Department Officers roster be included in this newsletter. I want every member to be aware of who the Officers are and to have contact information. These Brothers have stepped forward and taken on the responsibilities of office to serve this Department. Please do not

hesitate to contact any of them with questions, comments, or suggestions you may have. I am especially interested in hearing ideas about how we can increase attendance at our

Department Encampments, and of course, increase membership. I look forward to working with every one of you to keep the Department of

Pennsylvania the biggest and the best.

*Lee F. Walters
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*Department of
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GAR Remembrance Day in Scranton

Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp #8, SUVCW, Auxiliary #10 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, will observe its second annual GAR Remembrance Day Saturday, April 21, 2007 in Scranton and the city of Carbondale.

The day will get underway with a GAR Prayer Service in St. Rose of Lima Church, Church Street, in Carbondale.

At 1:30 p.m. in the main ball room of the Century Club, 612 Jefferson Avenue, in Scranton, a ball-room dance exhibition and lesson will be conducted by the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, in preparation for the

annual GAR Ball to be conducted later that evening at the Century Club.

At 5 p.m. those planning to attend the annual ball will be able to feast at a special banquet at the historic Radisson at Lackawanna Station Hotel. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

The second annual Grand Civil War Ball will commence at 8 p.m. in the Century Club, 612 Jefferson Avenue in Scranton. Music will be by society orchestra, Spare Parts. The event was sold out last year. Tickets will

not be sold at the door. Formal dress for both men and ladies is required. Period dress and dress blues greatly admired but not required. The cost is \$35 per couple. Visit the website listed below for more information on tickets.

The project is provided in part by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority with financial assistance from the National Park Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

The ball is sponsored by the Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Lackawanna Historical Society.

Special room rates have been secured at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station for those attending the festivities. Room reservations may be made by calling 1-800-333-3333 or email at www.radisson.com/scranton.pa. Room rates are \$108 and please mention the Civil War Ball Orders when making reservations.

www.ScrantonCivilWarDay.com

ATTENTION ALL CAMPS!

Each camp commander, secretary or designated member should check the Department Website and send the Camps

Point of Contact, address, phone number and e-mail address (if applicable) to the webmaster so the page can be brought up to date. also, send updated roster including e-mail addresses of all members to: Bob Shaffer, Dept. Newsletter Editor (rshaffer24@yahoo.com) and the Dept. Secretary, Robert E. Graves (robbiegraves@msn.com) to keep our mailing list up to date.

JUST A REMINDER


Brothers, just a reminder that Department per capita is now \$6 per year. Below is a chart with the pro rated capita for National and the new amounts for our Department.

Jan. - Mar.	\$18.00	\$6.00	\$24.00
Apr.- Jun.	\$13.50	\$4.50	\$18.00
Jul. - Sep.	\$ 9.00	\$1.50	\$12.00
Oct.- Dec.	\$ 4.50	\$1.50	\$ 6.00

Please contact me if you have any questions.




Fraternally,

Robert E. Graves, Sec./Treas., PA Dept.
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Graves Registration Project

Since 1999 our organization has been endeavoring to establish an online National Database for the final resting places for our ancestors. Pennsylvania is currently in 12th place with only 54,000 names registered

compared with as much as 350,000.

As Department Graves Registration Officer I am asking for your help. Entering names into the database must be done one at a time. One person can not do this for the entire state, it would take

years! So I am asking all camps to appoint a Graves registration officer and anyone within the camp that has internet access to help him. Starting with camp records, enter those names in the database.

Any visit to a cemetery you can find head stones sunk, broken and worn away. Add to that many cemeteries are going out of business and been abandoned, their records lost. Indeed many such records have already been lost to

fires, floods, and just plain neglect. So we must act now to preserve as much of this information as possible.

Many of our counties have this information at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Please join me in this effort to “preserve the memory of those who fought to preserve the Union”

In F.C. & L
Ray Sulger
Dept. of PA G..R.O
martock999@yahoo.com
570 346 8016

**Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Encampment
PRE REGISTRATION FORM**

Camp No.: _____ Date: _____

Brother: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

I am a member in good standing in this camp and my rank in the Order is:

___ CinC ___ PCinC ___ DC

___ PDC ___ CC ___ PCC

Attending as ___ delegate ___ alternate

Pre Registration fee is \$7.00 by 6/10/07
\$10 at encampment.

Make check payable to: PA Dept., SUVCW
and send to: Robert Graves
827 S. Jefferson St., Apt.#4
Allentown, PA 18103

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Due to monetary constraints, only one copy of the Department Newsletter will be sent per member address.

Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2007 or the National Encampment in August 2007, please make sure you obtain a signed card before making either event.

The Credential Card for the Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.


The Credential Card for the National Encampment must be filled out fully and signed by the Department Secretary before you are able to participate. So please contact your Camp Secretary or Camp Commander who may obtain these for you from the Department.

The form for the Credential Card is located on the National web site under forms. This is a printable form right off of the site. The site is “www.sucvw.org”

Please make every effort to have these filled out correctly as it makes it easier for those who do the registration to help you.

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The Camps Report . . . Camp #1, Philadelphia

A committee formed during 2006 consisting of Anna M. Ross Camp and Auxiliary, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and the GAR Museum, all of Philadelphia, began their efforts to raise approximately \$25,000 needed to stabilize and restore a Civil War monument in a cemetery in Philadelphia.

It is surrounded by 33 unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans who resided in the Frankford area of the city, all of which will also receive headstones.

The white marble obelisk was built with funds solicited by Co. D. of the 71st PA and local citizenry. About 150 names are inscribed thereon, from distinguished units such as the 71st, 114th, 121st, 28th, 20th, 26th, 30th, 70th, 112th and 208th PA, 1st and 3rd NJ, 5th NY, 115th Ill, 6th and 8th Cavalry.

With donations from the National Order of the Sons, Pennsylvania and New Jersey Sons, the Auxiliary, 28th PVI, GAR Museum, Masonic Order and individuals, the current amount realized is \$6705. With the first steps completed, the goal now is to reach out to the community through grant applications and direct solicitations.

These brave Boys in Blue who lived in the area where the sponsoring groups are located must be remembered in a befitting way in accordance with the mission of our Orders. Information can be obtained from Bud Atkinson,

Chairman,
budatkinson@comcast.net

**Annual GAR Museum
Preservation Dinner
Saturday, March 31, 2007
Cannstatter Volksfest
Verein**

**9130 Academy Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19114
(215) 332-0121**

**Cost: \$35 per person.
Choice of VA Baked Ham or
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6 PM cocktails;
7 PM dinner
8 PM presentation:
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Deadline: March 24, 2007!

**Memorial Day Observed
at Historic Laurel Hill
Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA.
Sunday, May 27, 2007.**

Recreating Original G.A.R.
Decoration Day Service of
1868:

The traditional Decoration
Day service of the Grand
Army Meade Post #1 will be
recreated at Historic Laurel
Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge
Ave. Philadelphia on Sunday,
May 27, 2007 at 12 noon. All

are welcome to attend and
participate in the ceremony.

Laurel Hill is the site of the
first Memorial Day
Observance in Philadelphia on
this date in 1868. Special
bronze veterans' markers will
be dedicated at the graves of
veterans. Speakers, ceremonies
and pageant will highlight this
special ceremony. Afterwards
the entourage will gather at the
grave of General Meade, hero
of Gettysburg to perform the
traditional service to honor all
veterans who fell defending
the Nation. Wreath-laying,
speeches, music and honor
guards will enhance the
ceremony.

Historical groups, veterans,
and citizens are urged to
participate. Wreaths, military
contingents, color guards,
music and period civilians are
encouraged to participate.

Refreshments served after
the ceremony. Tours of the
historic cemetery available.

Co-sponsored by the
General Meade Society of
Philadelphia; Friends of Laurel
Hill; American Legion Post
#405; Post #1 Society, Union
League; Anna M. Ross Camp
#1, Sons of Union Veterans.

For information, call: 215-
228-8200

**October 6-7-8, 2007
Annual Meade Society Fall
Trip:
'The Peninsula Campaign'
'Pilgrims to the
Battlefields of the Rebellion'**

Bus trip; 2 overnight
lodgings; touring; dinners;

historical programs by
leading historians.

Call: 215-848-7753; Jerry
McCormick
gedwinmc@msn.com

**Saturday, Nov, 17, 2007
Generals Meade & Gregg
Monuments Dedication
Ceremonies during the
Remembrance Day
Observance.**

Please meet at the Meade
Equestrian Monument on
Hancock Ave. at 10:00 am for
traditional honor ceremonies
and wreath layings.

The Meade 'Victory'
Dinner of the Society will be
held at the Carriage House
Inn in Emmitsburg, MD at
7:30PM. All welcome!

To reserve, call: 215-848-
7753

The Annual General Meade
Birthday Celebration
Philadelphia, PA.: Monday,
December 31, 2007 will
mark the 192nd anniversary
of the birth of General George
G.Meade, heroic commander
of the victorious Union army
at the Battle of Gettysburg.

The General Meade Society
of Philadelphia will celebrate
his birthday at Historic Laurel
Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge
Ave., Philadelphia where the
noble hero is interred.

The military parade and
ceremony will commence at
12 noon.

A champagne toast and
reception will follow the
program.



Camp #8 - Scranton

Griffin Camp #8 makes rounds in Northeast PA. 2006 saw a busy year for the Ezra Griffin Camp #8 in Scranton, with Robert Baker as Camp Commander.

On April 22, the Camp along with the Allied Orders hosted a luncheon at the Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton honoring the 141st anniversary of Appomattox Day. In the morning, camp members participated in a Scranton Civil War Day Ecumenical Service at the historic Elm Park United Methodist Church. The Civil War Day events, hosted by the Lackawanna County Historical Society and the Delaney-Delacy Guard of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, were topped off in the evening with a Grand Civil War Ball at the Century Club in Scranton. Sandwiched in between the luncheon and ball was a Civil War Military Concert featuring the 28th Regimental Brass Band of Philadelphia, performing at Scranton High School.

On May 7, the Camp took the lead responsibility along with the Susquehanna County Historical Society, in rededicating the county's Civil War Monument on the Courthouse Green in Montrose. Originally dedicated on July 4, 1877, by the Grand Army of the Republic, the monument was refurbished thanks to the tireless efforts of

past Camp #8 Commander Ron Albert, who died in 2005. Participating in the program dedicated to Albert were brothers from the Gore Camp #141 in Towanda, the Ireland Camp #137 in Binghamton, N.Y., and the Sydney Camp #41 in Ithaca, N.Y., along with the Delaney Delacy Guard, Ladies Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and descendants of the Civil War Soldiers' Orphans School that existed in nearby Harford. As the Honorable Galusha Grow, who served as Speaker of the U.S. House when the Civil War broke out, spoke at the 1877 dedication, the gathering was glad to hear from U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood. The highlight of the afternoon, however, was the reading by four boys of letters that had been written by Susquehanna County soldiers to their families during the war. None of the original letter authors returned alive, and so it was to them that Camp #8 wanted the attention focused in rededicating the monument.

On Saturday, May 27, the Camp hosted an open house at the GAR Museum, much to the delight of area residents. On the following Monday, the 106th annual observance of Memorial Day at the Dunmore Cemetery attracted a large crowd with appropriate remarks offered by Scranton School Board member Todd O'Malley, who is also a member of Camp #8. The Camp, along with the Ladies Auxiliary and

the Delaney Delacy Guard also participated in Memorial Day services at Forest Hill Cemetery and at Nay Aug Park.

On Friday, June 16, members of the Camp participated in a service dedicating a Carbondale Public Library exhibit to Congressional Medal of Honor winners Capt. Patrick Delacy and 2nd Lt. Joseph Sarnoski.

On July 4, the Camp participated in the annual July 4th Flag Ceremony at Nay Aug Park, Scranton, honoring veterans of all wars.

On the weekend of Sept. 9-10, members of the Camp and Ladies Auxiliary participated in a Civil War Living History Weekend on the Village Green in New Milford. Displays about the Civil War soldier and the 16 GAR Posts that once existed in Susquehanna County were shared, with additional information provided on Levi Moss, the namesake of the New Milford post who apparently died at Andersonville Prison.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day, the

Camp hosted another open house at the GAR Museum in Scranton.

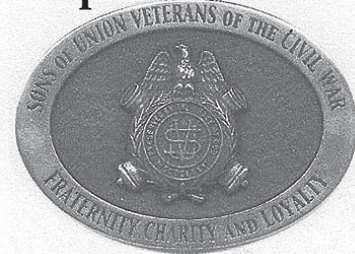
During the year, members also attended the Department Encampment at Fort Washington in June, the 125th National Encampment at Harrisburg in August and Remembrance Day services at Gettysburg in November.

On February 13th of this year, the annual Lincoln Day Parade and Observance sponsored by the Union League in Philadelphia was attended by Senior Vice Commander John M. Hart Jr., and brothers Cpl. Robert Sulger, Michael Grayson and John Grady. Capt. Hart laid a wreath on behalf of the Scranton Allied Orders at the Lincoln Memorial at Fairmont Park.

The camp will join in the third annual Scranton Civil War Remembrance Day ceremonies in Scranton April 21 with an ecumenical prayer service in the city of Carbondale at 10 a.m. and a grand Civil War Ball later that evening in The Century Club in Scranton. Additional information may be found on Page 2 of Battle Cry.

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Camp #14 - Johnstown

**Veterans Day,
Nov. 11, 2006.**

In keeping with our continual efforts to “Keep Green” the memory of those brave Boys In Blue, the membership of Camp 14, Col Jacob M. Campbell, Johnstown, PA, teamed up with other like minded organizations in order to “right a wrong”, in honoring a local Civil War Medal Of Honor Recipient.

We were joined in our efforts by the Mary Campbell Ladies Auxiliary, 11th PVI Preservation Fund, 11th PVI Co K re-enactors, 54th PVI re-enactors and the Conemaugh Valley Marine Corps League.

We were approached at an earlier Camp meeting by Mr. Steven Ryan of the Marine Corps League asking for our assistance to correct the improper grave

stone of CW Veteran Corp. George W. Reed, Co E, 11th PVI. Mr. Ryan is currently authoring a book of Johnstown MOH recipients. While doing so he discovered that the MOH emblem on Reed’s stone was upside down. He felt, and all in attendance agreed that this mistake simply had to be corrected with a new and proper marker.

Under the direction of Camp Commander Randy Beisel, and the leadership of members Robert Dowler and PCC Harry Muncert, plans were made and funds were raised, and on Veteran’s Day 2006 a new stone and brass plaque were unveiled in a ceremony at Johnstown’s Grand View Cemetery. Approximately 100 Camp Officials and members, re-enactors and spectators were in attendance. There were three descendants of Corp.

Reed as well as numerous descendants of other Civil War veterans. An Honor Guard fired a rifle salute and there was even an artillery salute fired by Battery K, 5th US Artillery.

His Citation Reads:

**Reed, George W.,
Pvt US Army,
Company E,
11th Pennsylvania
Infantry
Braved enemy fire to
capture the flag of the 24th
North Carolina Volunteers
(CSA)**

After this ceremony the uniformed troops consisting of a Color Guard and an Honor Guard totaling approximately 25, moved on to the GAR Circle which is a center piece at Grand View Cemetery. There the contingent read aloud parts of the service

records of certain veterans buried in the circle.

This impressive monument is surrounded by 64 Civil War veterans at rest. In 2003, as a previous project, Camp 14 had the monument cleaned and all 64 original weather worn and damaged grave markers replaced, restoring the magnificent monument to its original appearance.

Following this, some of the group attended a walking tour of the historic cemetery conducted by Camp Patriotic Instructor Scott Kubay. And later that afternoon many of the attendees took part in the Veteran’s Day Parade in down town Johnstown.

For more information or to make a donation toward the cost of this project please contact Robert Dowler, 724-238-6237 or rjdowler@laurelweb.net

Or mail to 11th PVI Preservation Fund, 112 Sugarbush Drive, Latrobe, Pa. '5650

Camp #15 - Harrisburg

The greatest accomplishment of Camp 15 during year 2006 was to obtain a new permanent meeting location.

The camp continues fund raising efforts by selling brass SUVCW Belt Buckles and colorful aluminum SUVCW License Plates. (Please see our ads in this issue of the Battle Cry of Freedom.)

Members attended the July Pennsylvania Department Encampment at Fort Washington where one of our members, Lee Walters, became the PA Department Commander. He was honored at a

testimonial dinner organized by David Demmy, Camp #15 Treasurer and Chaplain. Brother Walters also continues as the National Executive Director of the SUVCW.

Many members attended and assisted the 125th National Encampment held in August 2006 in Harrisburg where another one of our members, Charles Kuhn, became the National Senior-Vice Commander.

Brother Demmy continued doing a fine job editing our colorful, monthly newsletter, the Hartranft Herald. Our camp website has been upgraded and catalogued with all of our past newsletters for

easy computer access. The website also features profiles of members and our namesake, General John F. Hartranft, MOH recipient and former governor of Pennsylvania.

And, for the second year, members and their families cheered on the Harrisburg Senators at a summer baseball game.

Annually, Camp members place flags upon Union and Confederate graves in the historic Harrisburg Cemetery in remembrance of Decoration Day. This activity received a write-up with photographs in the Harrisburg Patriot-News. www.pennlive.com

In July, Camp #15 held its annual picnic at Fort Hunter and in December held its yearly Christmas party at Doc Holliday’s where the 2007 slate of officers was sworn-in.

Also, in attendance were most of the state officers and some ladies from our sister organizations.

General Winfield Scott Hancock, portrayed by our own John Deppen, JVC, spoke about his Second Army Corps at the Battle of Gettysburg during the September SUVCW meeting. As always, Dave Klinepeter, PCC, portraying Pennsylvania

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Camp #19- Lancaster

The events in 2006 of The General George H. Thomas Camp #19 included:

We received new member Harvey 'Chip' Seiple in January.

The passing of brother Stephen M. Morrissey at age 92, February 22.

The Camp #19 Officers for 2006 were:

Commander Ronald Young, Sr Vice Comm. Arthur Williams, Jr Vice Comm. Steven Heffner, Secretary Raymond H.

Longacre, Treasurer John Heine, Council - PCC Ed Milford, PCC Doug Eaby, and Howard Longacre, Guard PCC J. D. Jenkins, Color Bearer PCC Ed Milford, Guide Ronald Jannick, Chaplain Howard Longacre, Patriotic Instructor Richard Simpson, Historian and Asst. Patriotic Instructor Ronald Young, Grave Registration PCC Don Pentz, Monuments Officer PCC Ed Milford, Co-Signals Officers John Heine and Raymond Longacre.

The concrete canon base at the GAR plot in Lancaster Cemetery is a work in progress. Brother John Heine kept busy all year keeping the GAR plots at both Lancaster Cemetery and Greenwood Cemetery in Lancaster in top shape, from replacing flags to adding 59 flag holders at Greenwood.

The camp became a non-profit member in Grave Concern Inc. of Lancaster County.

On January 21, brothers Walter Bosch, John Heine,

Albert Keyser, and Arthur Phillips attended the Lee-Jackson Day Ceremony in Baltimore, MD to honor Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

On February 13th, the annual Lincoln Day Parade and Observance sponsored by the Union League in Philadelphia was attended by brothers Walter Bosch, Richard Simpson, John Heine and Arthur Phillips.

On March 11th in York, Walter Bosch, Arthur Phillips and John Heine participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On April 8th and 9th, brother Albert Keyser III was a presenter for a living history event at the Rockingham County Fair in Harrisonburg, VA, also attended by John Heine and Arthur Phillips.

Secretary Ray Longacre attended the 10th Dept. of Kansas Encampment in Topeka and a camp meeting of the Sgt. Churchill Camp #4 in Lawrence in April.

On May 6th, members of Camp #19 participated in a rededication of a headstone in honor of CW soldier George Washington Schaeffer buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Lancaster, at the invitation from the brothers from Crawford Camp #43, Kittanning.

On May 30, Memorial Day ceremonies were held at both the GAR plots at Lancaster Cemetery and Greenwood Cemetery in Lancaster.

PCC Doug Eaby and Secretary Raymond Longacre attended both the PA Dept Encampment at Ft. Washington in June and the National Encampment at Harrisburg in August.

At the October meeting, the guest speaker was Larry Maier, author of "Leather and Steel, the 12th PA Cavalry in the Civil War" on which he spoke.

Camp #34- Mount Carmel

On June 3, 1864, 50,000 Federal troops launched an assault against entrenched Confederate lines at the Battle of Cold Harbor. Among those participating in the battle was 17-year-old James Monroe Seitzinger of Gordon, Schuylkill County, PA. A private with Company G., 116th Pennsylvania Infantry, James, along with his father Israel, moved forward with the regiment when color bearer Sgt. T.A. Sloan was shot and fell. The young Seitzinger seized the colors and bore them

gallantly in the charge against the enemy. For his bravery in the battle, Seitzinger was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on March 1, 1906. He died January 14, 1924.

In June 3, 2006, 142 years to the date of the battle, a bronze Medal of Honor plaque was dedicated at the Seitzinger gravesite. James A. Garfield Camp #34, Mount Carmel, PA., along with Ashland Area Veterans, spent nearly a year in preparation for the day. More than 100 people attended the dedication held at Christ Church Cemetery, Fountain Springs, including family members from as far away as California.

Mount Carmel Mayor J. Kevin Jones, past commander and current chaplain of Garfield Camp, served as master of ceremonies. Among those offering remarks were U.S. Congressman Tim Holden (D-17); PA

State Representatives Neal Goodman (D-123) and Robert Balfanti Jr. (D-107), and Schuylkill County Commissioner Frank Staudenmeier. Period musical selections were provided by the Third Brigade Band of Pottsville. Civil War reenactors John Deppen (Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg) and J. Stuart Richards added color to the observance of the day. The plaque was presented by the Medal of Honor Historical Society.

Chartered on August 9, 1883, Garfield Camp is the oldest veteran affiliated organization in Mount Carmel. Although small in numbers, the Camp is active in community affairs. Carrying on the tradition set by Burnside Post #92, GAR, the Camp decorates the graves of Civil War veterans in four local cemeteries and hold graveside memorial services each Memorial Day.

Camp #15

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Civil War Governor Andrew Curtin, appeared at various state activities.

In November, the members of Camp #15 decided to give a two-year term to our commander, Donald Prye. Camp #15 membership continues to increase with three more brothers joining in January, 2007.



Camp #50- Carlisle

Each November on the Sunday before Veteran's Day a Massing of the Colors ceremony is held at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg. Color Guards from the military services, National Guard and Reserve Units, ROTC, Boy Scouts and Masons participate in the Ceremonies. The ceremony is sponsored by the local Chapters of National Sojourners.

Harrisburg Chapter 76 and Navy Club USA Lancaster Ship 166 cosponsored the event this past November. This was the 14th consecutive year it has been held.

Bro. Richard A. Cromer, Camp Commander of J.P. Brindle Camp #50, Carlisle, and a former Army Captain assigned to the Army Security Agency, served as a volunteer for the Shrine. Dick, a Past Chapter President, spent time in

Japan at the end of WWII with the Occupation Forces. He currently lives in Camp Hill and spent much of his life working for the former Masland Carpets in Carlisle. He has been a member of Camp 50 for many years.

Among vehicles parked outside the Zembo Shrine was one bearing a Gold Star Family license plate – designating a family that has lost a member on active duty in a U.S. military

conflict. This wasn't surprising, on the lawn of the Shrine held thousands of small U.S. flags, each symbolizing a serviceman or woman who died in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The shrine, located at 3rd and Division Streets in Harrisburg, hosted the 14th annual Massing of the Colors, and that standing display of flags was the focal point of the observance.

Camp #90- Royersford

At the end of 2006, the Jerome Gennari Camp #90, SUVCW completed its 8th year of existence. We meet the 4th Sunday of the month, 2:00 P.M., at the Spring-Ford Historical Society, on Main Street, in Royersford PA.

Under the direction of our Camp Commander Wayne Blattner, our small but active group of 14 pride ourselves in a couple of areas. We hope to continue our graves registration survey headed by Past Camp Commander Brother Fischer, when his health improves. We are keeping John in our prayers. Additional cemetery surveys are planned for the near future.

Recognizing and honoring our local Eagle Scouts is another area we are involved in. Camp Commander Wayne Blattner, our Eagle Scout contact had the honor of attending three Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies. Those honored were scouts Nathan App, & William Lowe

Troop #406 Royersford, and Chad M. Miller Troop #230 Limerick. Camp Brother Harvey Gennaria attended Douglas Zeigler-Galbraith's ceremony. He is from Troop 231 in Royersford. Camp #90 presents the official SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate to the honored scout, in addition to speaking to the friends and family in attendance all about our organization. The Boy Scouts of America, Cradle of Liberty Council's, Class of 2005 Eagle Scout Banquet was held at the Union League in Philadelphia in the spring of 2006. Eagle Scout's Nathan App, Dan Suraci, and William Lowe, from Troop #406 of Royersford, were sponsored by Camp #90.

On Memorial Day our camp fulfilled a SUVCW obligation by attending a graveside service at Fernwood Cemetery, Royersford, PA. Camp members Wayne Blattner, John Fischer, John Ertell, and Harold Gennaria gathered at a group of four Civil War veterans graves from the Spring-Ford area.

In 2006, Brother Wayne N. Blattner continued as Pennsylvania Department SUVCW Historian.

At the Department of Pennsylvania's 126th Annual Encampment in Fort Washington PA, our camp proudly ran an advertisement in the Encampment book listing our officers and our member's Civil War ancestors. Brothers Wayne Blattner, John Ertell, and Harold Gennaria attending both the State Encampment and the National Encampment in Harrisburg.

Brother Harvey Gennaria participated in a special dedication of a new grave stone of a member of the 90th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Charles Breyer, from Company I, earned a Congressional Metal of Honor in action on August 23, 1862 in Virginia. Harvey read a short history of the 90th PVI at the November 11th ceremony at Limerick Church Burial Ground. Our Camp's Senior Vice Commander, Charlie Evans had a large part in the

planning of this event, and was present with members of various reenactment and historical groups. Also our Camp's Junior Vice Commander, George Sprinkle took photos at the event.

On November 26, 2006, members from Camp #90 traveled to Philadelphia to visit Fort Mifflin. We were especially interested in seeing Union soldier William H. Howe's newly discovered underground cell. Howe, who was wounded at Fredericksburg in 1862, returned home to Montgomery County to recuperate during the war. Due to some unfortunate events and circumstances, he was charged with a murder when home on leave, and sentenced to death. He was hung at Fort Mifflin, and buried in central Montgomery County not too far from where our Camp meets. Our camp has an interest in this veteran, and his fascinating life.

Our chapter finances are in proper order through the direction of John Gennaria.

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Camp #141 - Towanda

Eileen Patch of Endwell, NY, gave a presentation on the American Civil War Saturday morning at the Bradford County Library in Burlington, PA. She shared a selection of some 55 letters written by her great uncle George Englis of the 89th New York Regiment to folks back home in the southern tier of New York as well as Susquehanna County. With her was Steve Hall, Commander of the Silas Gore Camp #141, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which is located in Bradford County and sponsored the talk. The Gore Camp meets monthly, and those interested in more information could reach Brother Hall at (570) 395-3354.

Camp #149 - Media

Hosting a Pizza Party at the Coatesville, Pa VA Hospital for the patients in residence. On two occasions in 2006, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Bradbury Camp, in participation with other local groups (the local VFW and Boy Scouts Troop) did organize and provide food, pizza, cake, ice cream, etc. for the patients at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. In the November Camp Meeting, the membership voted to include several more similar activities on our Calendar of Events for 2007 and future years.

Bradbury Camp has a very active year round schedule including Parades, Memorial Services, etc, honoring our Civil War Veteran ancestors. However, the reaction of the patients at our local VA Hospital was so appreciative of our efforts that we realized we must never forget those Veterans who are currently serving to defend our country and those disabled from past service connected injuries, recovering and being treated at the VA facility. Just showing up to talk with the Vets, and let them know that they are not forgotten, is a very rewarding experience. Many of these patients are far from home, and suffering not only physically, but mentally from their injuries and illness. Credit for organizing these activities goes to Brother Robert McGonigle, who works at the VA, and our Bradbury Camp Commander, Peter DeLuke and the other Brothers who took the time and expense of participating. We would urge other SUV Camps to survey their area of operations and see if there are any opportunities for similar activities. Remember, If not us, who will honor their service ?

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Camp Secretary, Jack Ertell thoroughly completes all forms and correspondence required by the state, and keeps us informed on local activities. Brothers Harold & Harvey Gennaria, two of our camp founders, are the mainstay of our Camp. Many of our brothers are involved in other Civil War & historical organizations, which makes the discussions at our meetings informative and lively.

For information on our chapter, contact Camp Commander W. Blattner 610-948-6285 or WBLATTNER1@Comcast.net

Camp #273 - Bangor

Under the able leadership of Commander Kimber D. Smith, Joel Searfoss Camp in Bangor continues to grow and increase our presence in the Slate Belt area, and our Brothers continue to be actively involved in our Order, on both the Department and National levels. The Camp held its traditional Memorial Day service in Bangor at the grave of our namesake, Joel Searfoss. Commander Smith presented the Eagle Scout certificate to a local young man at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Easton, attended by several Brothers. The Camp continues to work on our long term project of erecting a memorial to the Slate Belt's last Civil War veteran Issac Shimer, who died in the early 1930's. We have moved half of our meetings to the Slate Belt Heritage Center in Bangor, to further increase our presence in the area, but we were very thankful to our Brethren of Anna Ross Camp in Philadelphia who gave us a tour of the GAR museum after our March meeting, which we were honored to conduct at the home of Ross Camp.

In February, we were pleased to host an impromptu Lincoln Luncheon at the Galley Restaurant in Wind Gap. At the Department Encampment at Fort Washington, PA, six members of Joel Searfoss Camp were in attendance and enjoyed toasting outgoing Department Commander and fellow Brother of Joel

Searfoss Camp, Eric Schmincke, who was also then elected to Department Council. Brother John M. McNulty was elected to Senior Vice Commander and Brother John T. McNulty was reappointed Department Guide. Brother Robert Graves continues in his two year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

Five members of Joel Searfoss Camp attended the National Encampment, held in Harrisburg,

PA. It was an outstanding event, and proudly, Brothers Schmincke, John M. McNulty, John T. McNulty and Brother Graves participated on the planning committee. At the Encampment, Brother Schmincke was elected to a position on the National Council of Administration. Brother John M. McNulty was appointed Chair of the National Committee on Scholarships.

The year concluded for Joel Searfoss Camp with our annual luncheon and elections at the Galley Restaurant in Wind Gap on December 2nd. Brother Ray Fraunfelter was honored for his many decades of service to our Order and our Camp and was presented with a clock made from local slate. We were honored to have Department Commander Lee Walters and his wife Charlotte in attendance and to have Commander Walters install our Officers for 2007. The Camp looks forward to another busy year under the guidance of Commander Joel Smith.

Plan now to attend the
The Pennsylvania
127th Annual Department Encampment
June 29,39 and July 1, 2007 at the
Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center

300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Room Rates are \$89 per night (plus tax)

Reservations are to be made under the

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Contact the Hotel directly at Phone: 610-866-5800 Fax: 610-867-9120 or Toll Free: 1-888-222-8512

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Meeting rooms are reserved as follows:

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Daughters of Union Veterans (Lafayette Room) • **Courtesy** (Moravian Room)

Sales for Auxiliary and Daughters (Muhlenberg Room).

Driving directions are as follows:

From Points South:

Take PA Turnpike (I-476) North to Exit 56 (Lehigh Valley Exit). Follow Route 22 East for 9 miles to Route 512-Center Street Exit. From the exit, turn right to go North onto Route 512. Follow Route 512 North to the second traffic light and turn Right onto Gateway Drive. Best Western is the second Hotel on the Left.

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The annual **Appomattox** luncheon will be held on **April 21, 2007** at **1:00 P.M.** at:

Genetti Hotel & Suites
200 West 4th Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: (800) 321-1388

Menu selections are **Roast Beef** and **Roast Vermont Turkey**. Cost is \$20.00 per person.
Kindly make your reservation(s) and luncheon selection(s) and remit payment no later than April 7, 2007 to:

Faye M. Carlisle
P.O. Box #23
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If you would like to stay overnight, room rates are \$67.00 (single) and \$73.00 (double).

If registering, please tell the hotel that you will be attending the luncheon on April 21.

NOTE: The Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Pennsylvania will hold a meeting at the Genetti Hotel on April 21, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.
We hope to see you at the meeting and luncheon.

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