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## Memorial Day Events 2019

The end of May is always a busy time for the Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154. Memorial Day observances are spread out over a number of days. Brothers try to attend as many as possible. It started on May 25th at the Gerald Solomon National Cemetery. At that event Brother David Dziewulski PCC helped man the US Naval Landing Party's cannon. Three cannons were on hand to fire salutes during the ceremony.

At the same time other Brothers, including Camp Commander Brian Castler, John Swartwout and Leo McGuire PDC were at Oakwood Cemetery for the Memorial Day observances there. On May 30th our traditional Memorial Day celebration began at Albany Rural Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Brothers Tom Maggs, Robert Keough PCC, Richard Straight DC, John Swartwout, Ray LeMay III PDC, Brian Castler CC, Leo McGuire PDC and Frank Rogler were in attendance. The Camp Commander read the service, colors were presented, and Taps was played.

The group then travelled to Oakwood Cemetery in Troy and repeated the same service at the Col George L. Willard grave site, the General Thomas grave site and the Soldier and Sailors' plot. While at the Thomas site Tom Maggs showed the Brothers the progress that has been made in replacing the wrought iron fence at the site. It is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of the summer.



Flags fly over the brave at Oakwood Cemetery on May 30, 2019.



Department of New York Commander Richard Straight plays Taps at the grave site of Major General George Thomas on May 30<sup>th</sup>.



Camp Brothers stand, with their colors, before the GAR plot in Albany Rural Cemetery May 30<sup>th</sup>.



Cannons at the ready on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Gerald Solomon National Cemetery.



# Department of New York's 136<sup>th</sup> Encampment



Just before the Friday night campfire the Brothers received a tour of Fort William Henry including a cannon firing demonstration.



SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Shaw reads the installation ceremony for new Department Commander Richard Straight.



Attending members of the Department of New York take a break for a photograph with SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Shaw at the end of the business day.



At the beginning of the Encampment flowers were placed at the draped charters of the Allied Orders during our annual remembrance of deceased members. Mrs. Ray LeMay III places a flower in the name of a departed member.



Camp Brother Richard Straight PCC, the new Department of New York Commander, congratulates Camp Brother Leo McGuire as he leaves his post as Department Commander.

The Willard Camp, with Department Commander Leo McGuire and Ray LeMay III PDC assisting, was In charge of the 2019 Department Encampment. It was held at the Fort William Henry Resort Hotel in Lake George, NY. On Friday night there was a tour of Fort William Henry and a lecture by Camp Brother Robert Keough PCC on the History of Civil War Photography. On Saturday the Allied Orders each held their business meetings. Camp Brother Richard Straight PCCt was elected Department Commander for the coming year. In the evening, the annual banquet was held and each of the Allied Orders held their raffles to the delight of those in attendance. There was an very informative tour of Grant Cottage held Sunday morning and then a memorial service was conducted by Camp Brother Mark Isaacs in Glens Falls, NY. All in all the 136<sup>th</sup> Department of New York Encampment was a great success. C-in-C Donald W. Shaw was in attendance for the entire Encampment.





# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

## House of Representatives

### Honoring The Department of New York of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on their 136th Annual New York Department Encampment.

Congresswomen Elise Stefanik, representing the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of New York had read into the Congressional Record a statement honoring the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's 136<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment.

## Recognizing Others



Brother Richard Straight DC presents a Camp commendation.

It is in recognizing others that we bring focus on our organization. Brother Straight DC is pictured above presenting a certificate of commendation to Tom Leone of Carman Farms. Tom helped transport all of our wreaths for the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at Albany Rural Cemetery in December 2018.

We have both certificates of commendation and certificates for flying the American flag. If you know someone who deserves either certificate please inform Brother Keough. He can prepare the certificate and bring it to the next meeting for signing and for the addition of the Camp seal. E-mail him at [rpkeough@aol.com](mailto:rpkeough@aol.com) and he will tell you what information is needed to fill in the certificate.

Try to get a photograph when you make the presentation and we can send it into appropriate newspapers and use the photograph in the Guidon. Brother Keough is more than happy to work with Brothers to make any presentation an "occasion."

## ROTC Awards Presented



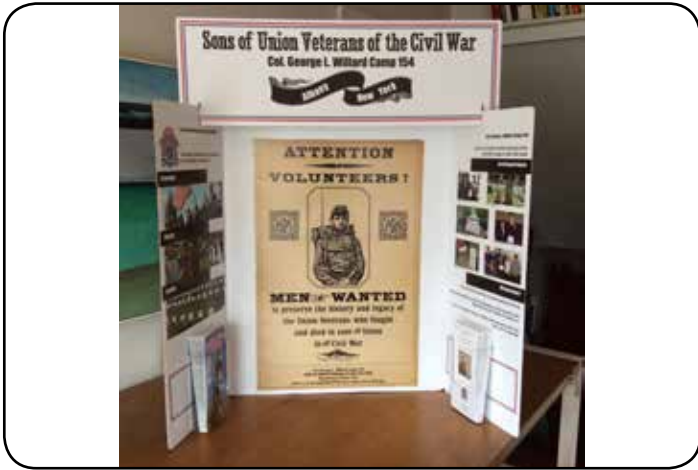
Army ROTC cadets move forward to receive their awards.



Naval ROTC members stand at attention at RPI ceremony.

Camp Brothers were on-hand at RPI to present Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War medals to cadets at this year's ceremony. It is important for us to recognize the achievements of this younger generation.

# New Recruits Wanted



Camp's new recruiting station for the Rotterdam Mall.

The Willard Camp 154 has created a "Recruiting Station." This new folding display will be used by the Camp to recruit members. The first one was planned for the Rotterdam Mall in Schenectady. Two more are planned in the near future. The display shows photographs of Camp activities, gives contact information and has both Camp and National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War membership information.

## SUVCW Supports Scouting

THE FOLLOW SCOUTS HAVE RECEIVED THE SUVCW'S EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE FROM THE COL. GEORGE L. WILLARD CAMP.

NAME:	TROOP:	DATE:
ERIC SIMONETTI	4024	1/1/2019
ETHAN NORTHROP	4035	1/1/2019
VICTOR N. PETITTI		1/16/2019
LIAM O'CONNOR	4002	2/5/2019
SEAN CORBETT	4011	2/5/2019
AVINASH GOSS	4016	2/5/2019
ERIK O'CONNOR		2/27/2019
KYLE VILLANO	28	10/2/2018
GABE LONGO	51	9/20/2018
GREGORY DOMINY	51	10/18/2018
LUKE TISO	51	1/24/2019
JOHN BENNINK	52	4/9/2019
BRANDON CORYEA		2/25/2019
RYAN HILL	6030	3/2/2019
TYLER SCHUCK	4003	3/2/2019
JACK JENNINGS	6030	3/2/2019
KENNETH FAY	114	3/10/2019
DILLON SCHNEIDER	114	3/10/2019
MICHAEL BINNINK	52	1/18/2019
NICHOLAS GARRISON	6037	5/7/2019
CASEY BUSH	6046	5/7/2019
AUSTIN MANDIGO	40	7/24/2019
LOGAN GALUSHA	6013	6/4/2019
ANTONIO D. MARTUCCI	6073	6/11/2019

## CONGRATULATIONS



"Keeping Green The Memory"

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154

## Camp Officers

- Camp Commander . . . . . Brian Castler
- Senior Vice Commander . . . . . Vince Jockimo
- Junior Vice Commander . . . . . John Swartwout
- Secretary . . . . . Leo McGuire
- Treasurer . . . . . Robert Keough
- Camp Council. . . . . David Dziewulski
- Camp Council. . . . . Richard Straight
- Camp Council. . . . . George Malinoski
- Chaplain . . . . . George Malinoski
- Patriotic Instructor . . . . . Paul Cooney
- Guide . . . . . Mark Isaacs
- Guard. . . . . Paul Cooney
- Color Bearer . . . . . Francis Rogler
- Graves Registration . . . . . James King
- Monument Officer . . . . . David Dziewulski
- Eagle Scout Coordinator. . . . . Brian Castler
- Guidon Editor. . . . . Robert Keough

## Coming Events

- July 6 Camp Meeting
- July 21 Grant Remembrance Day
- August 24 Military Time Line Schuyler Flatts
- Sept. 7 Camp Meeting
- Oct. 5 Camp Meeting
- Nov. 2 Camp Meeting (nominations)
- Dec. 7 Camp Meeting (election)

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