

The Guidon

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Fall 2012



Photograph taken in the Fall of 2011 before cleaning



Photograph taken in the Summer of 2012 after cleaning

The Before and After of Things The General George H. Thomas Project begins:

Willard Camp was notified in an August 1, 2012 letter from Mr. Bernie Vogel of the Troy Cemetery Association, Inc. (Oakwood Cemetery) that the trustees accepted our adoption of the the Kellogg Family plot that holds General George Thomas. Several days prior to receiving that letter, Commander Albanese, Department of New York, issued Order #6 which recognized Willard Camp's adoption of the gravesite in concert with the Department and encouraged support of the project. On September 8 Camp members assembled at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY to kick off the General Thomas gravesite project. The work done that day was the icing on the cake for a very busy Saturday that began with a regular Camp meeting, followed by the dedication of the Sergeant Grimes headstone at St. Agnes Cemetery (see page 3) and ended with the work on Gen. Thomas' monument. The Camp was fortunate to retain the free services of Mr. Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters. We purchased two gallons of D/2 cleaner (reviewed in Spring 2012 Guidon) using the donations from the Department of New York and Brother Roland Neiss of the D.G. Caywood Camp #146. In addition to Joe Ferrannini, five brothers attended along with our faithful volunteer Alysia Hamilton. In a few hours we were able to clean the entire monument and Alysia completed a significant amount of work on grave markers of various members of the Kellogg family. We were able to finish working, clean the work site and pack Joe's truck and trailer just in time – a torrential downpour helped complete our work by giving all of the monuments a terrific final rinse! Camp participants were: Brothers Charles Walter, John Hilton, Tim Mabee, Leo McGuire, and Camp Cmdr. Dave Dziewulski.



Removing the Flag in preparation of the cleaning.



Brother Tim Mabee and Joe Ferrannini just getting started.

Rededication Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Albany:



Everything in readiness for the rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Washington Park, Albany, NY

The Washington Park Conservancy invited the George L. Willard Camp SUVCW, to a ceremony rededicating the Washington Park's Soldiers and Sailors Monument on October 5, 2012. The monument was designed by Harmon Atkins MacNeil and cost of \$100,00. The monument's design represents "The Nation of Peace Won Through Victorious War." Members of the Camp presented colors during the ceremony for the 100th anniversary of the monument constructed by the GAR. Festivities included a presentation by Teddy Roosevelt reenactor Joe Weigand, who represented the period of the monument's construction. The Conservancy has spent over \$12,000 in cleaning, caulking and repairs to the monument over the last few years. The monument is over 20 feet high and wide and 5 feet deep. It is in Washington Park which was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1868. He was also the designer of Central Park in New York City. Music at the event was provided by the 77th New York Regimental Balladeers. Local dignitaries included Mayor Gerald D. Jennings, Assemblyman (and Brother) John J. McEneny, the President of the Washington Park Conservancy, Mr. Bill Brandow, and Albany Historian Tony Opalka.



With Teddy Roosevelt looking on members of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 SUVCW, and others, prepare to present colors at the GAR Soldiers and Sailors monument rededication.

Willard Camp Participates in Saratoga Springs Event:

The 2012 edition of the Saratoga Springs Civil War Encampment, organized by Brother Lance Ingmire, was a very busy affair this year. It was estimated that well over 3000 persons attended the various activities on September 21. The SU-VCW tent fly, shared with the US Naval Landing Party, was well attended by the public. Many were attracted by the new 5-foot USS *Monitor* model constructed by Brother Keough. In addition, copies of the new version of the poster *The USS Monitor and the Hudson River Valley* were available for free. Brother Ingmire presented a signed copy of a new poster developed by Brothers Keough and Dziejewski to the President of the Adirondack Trust Co, who generously supports the annual event in Saratoga Springs. The two-sided poster entitled *Revolving Turret and Ironclad Controversy, A Visual Presentation*, has narrative on one side and shows a timeline of the evolution of the revolving turret separately entitled *A Time Line of the Development of the Low Freeboard, Steam Powered Ironclad with Revolving Turret*.



Camp Commander Dave Dziejewski presents a signed copy of the *Revolving Turret and Ironclad Controversy* poster to Charles V. Wait CEO/ Chair of the Board of Adirondack Trust Co.



Brothers Dave Dziejewski, DJ Dziejewski and Tim Mabee (all standing) discuss the new USS *Alligator* cachet created for the Saratoga Springs event with Mike Dziejewski.

Photo: Dee Dziejewski

2013 Camp Officers Elected at November meeting:

With the Camp Secretary/Treasurer casting one vote the following slate of officers was elected for 2013.

Commander	Robert Keough
Sr. Vice-Commander	David Dziewulski
Jr. Vice-Commander	Arthur Young, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer	George Malinoski
Camp Council	Raymond LeMay III Paul Grady David Dziewulski

Victory at the Hudson City/Cedar Park Cemetery:

In the last edition of the Guidon we reported that the vandalism of flags emplaced on the graves of Civil War Veterans was discovered to be an act of the Cemetery's resident varmints – woodchucks. The story was widely reported in print and television media and was eventually picked up by the Associated Press. Brother Vincent Wallace, the caretaker at the Cemetery and a member of Willard Camp, spearheaded an effort to install special flag poles for the veterans in the GAR lot. Each metal pole is 34 inches high and, with the added height of the wooden pole for each flag, it is hoped that Old Glory will be out of reach of the troublesome woodchucks. Commander Dave Dziewulski participated in the ceremony, held on Sunday September 14, by offering brief comments on the origins of the SUVCW and its relationship to the GAR. Other participants included Hudson Mayor William Hallenbeck, and members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts. A tip of the kepi to Brother Wallace for giving Willard Camp the opportunity to help with this project.



Hudson City/Cedar Park Cemetery looking at the new flag holders created by Brother Wallace.

Sergeant Grimes Headstone Dedication:

In 2011, Tent 107 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War conceived a plan to have a late summer headstone dedication ceremony for a relative of Sister Barbara Pagoda. On September 8, 2012 the new grave marker for Sergeant James Grimes, Company F, 25th New York Volunteer Infantry was blessed by Father Daniel Dwyer of Siena College during a ceremony at St. Agnes Cemetery. Willard Camp had the honor of presenting the colors and the Veterans of Lansingburgh performed the rifle salute - - all under the direction of the Master of Ceremonies Mr. Robert Alllyn, Vietnam Veteran and former director of the New York State Vietnam Memorial. The event was organized by Kelly Grimaldi, historian at St. Agnes. Other participants included over 20 Patriot Guard Riders (PGRNY) and a dozen Knights of Columbus, some in full regalia. Mr. Bill Payne (Vietnam) and R.J. Butler (Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan) performed the flag unfolding and presentation to Sister Pagoda.



Photo: Don Macomber PGRNY

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Patriot Guard Riders of New York, Veterans of Lansingburgh, SUVCW and family and friends look on as Father Dwyer blesses Sergeant Grimes' new stone.



Photo: Don Macomber PGRNY

Brothers David Dziewulski, Paul Grady, Leo McGuire, Charles Walter, Tim Mabee and George Malinoski made up the Color Guard for the event.

Old Stone Fort Performance:



The "Iron Jacks" Bill Payne, Brothers Dave Dziewulski, Joseph Dziewulski, DJ Dziewulski, Bob Delisle and Brother Robert Keough (not shown) perform Civil War era music at Old Stone Fort Museum's October History Fair.



GAR monument at the Old Stone Fort Museum, Schoharie, NY.

Brother Keough in new film:



Brother Keough as an aged Union officer in the Civil War film "Thirst."

What does one do in retirement after a thirty seven year teaching career? You get involved in things that interest you. For Bob Keough its the Civil War. After retirement Bob became a Civil War re-enactor, joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and immersed himself in his long time passion. This recently lead to an interesting opportunity, acting. When a chance to be in a film came up Bob went for it. In the film Keough, who plays an aged Union Civil War Army officer, who puts a strange story into motion as he tries to stop his young recruits from deserting at the battle of Gettysburg. The movie was filmed at a number of locations in upstate New York this summer. The movie is called "Thirst" and was directed by John McCarty, who has had his work shown on the History Channel. Brother Keough is a Professor Emeritus in the College of Imaging Arts & Sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology and taught Computer Graphics Design there for twenty-two years. He is also a member of the New York State Civil War Sesquicentennial Executive Committee. The film has not been released but you can see a clip on You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEIFw61cbjs>

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 Events coming up for 2012

Month	Date	Event / Location
December	1	Camp meeting 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY
	2	Troy Victorian Stroll, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Willard Camp will be in the Atrium

Brothers Use The Web and Visit These Sites:

Col. George L Willard Camp #154

<http://www.glwillard154.org/>

SUVCW Department of NY

<http://suvchw.org/ny/deptny.htm>

NYS Civil War Sesquicentennial

<http://www.nycivilwar150.org/>