

Our
119th
Year



**CAMP
OFFICERS**

Camp Commander
Richard Straight

Senior Vice
Commander
John Swartwout

Junior Vice
Commander
Vince Jockimo

Secretary
David Dziewulski

Treasurer
Robert Keough

Camp Council
Robert Keough
David Dziewulski
Leo McGuire

Chaplain
George Malinoski

Patriotic Instructor
Vince Jockimo

Guide
Tim Mabee

Guard
Paul Cooney

Color Bearer
Richard Farr

Graves Registration
James King

Eagle Scout
Coordinator
Brian Castler

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Camp Holds Election As We Enter Our 119th Year



Camp Brothers Francis Rogler, James King, Leo McGuire PCC, Richard Straight CC, John Swartwout, David Dziewulski PCC, George Malinoski and Ray LeMay III PDC gather around the Camp's Charters after installation of officers at the December 2016 meeting.

At our December meeting, beyond the normal business of the Camp, the installation of the 2017 officers was the most important activity of the day. New officers had been elected at the November Camp meeting. Brother Leo McGuire, PCC and Department Junior Vice Commander presided over the installation. The following previously elected officers were sworn in:

Richard Straight - Camp Commander
John Swartwout - Junior Vice Commander
David Dziewulski - Secretary & Council
Leo McGuire - Camp Council

To be sworn in at February meeting:

Vince Jockimo - Senior Vice Commander
Robert Keough - Treasurer & Camp Council

Following appointments were also made by Commander Straight:

George Malinoski - Chaplain
Vince Jockimo - Patriotic Instructor
Tim Mabee - Guide
Paul Cooney - Guard
James King - Graves Registration
Brian Castler - Eagle Scout Coordinator



Brothers John Swartwout, David Dziewulski and Richard Straight raise their right hands as Leo McGuire reads the oath.



Richard Straight takes the gavel in hand at the start of his second term as the Col. George L. Willard Camp Commander.

National Meritorious Service Award



Brother Keough's Meritorious Service Award Certificate.

On August 11th Brothers Lance Ingmire and Robert Keough, of the Willard Camp #154, were awarded SUVCW Meritorious Service Awards at the National Encampment in Springfield, IL. The awards were for their work in preserving the Department of New York's historic archives. This award is the second highest national award that a Brother may receive. This is Brother Keough's second Meritorious Service Award.

SUVCW in Support of Scouting

THE FOLLOW SCOUTS HAVE RECEIVED THE SUVCW'S EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE AND WILLARD CAMP MEDAL.

NAME:	TROOP:	DATE:
KENNETH CORNOG	27	7/5/2016
JAKE KINNEY	65	7/5/2016
BENJAMIN GEISLER	16	8/2/2016
ADAM HOREY	27	10/4/2016
MATTHEW MURPHY	16	11/1/2016
MASON MINNOLERA	99	11/1/2016
SCOTT A. DEKALB JR.	44	12/6/2016
NATHANIAL DAKALB	44	12/6/2016
JEREMY JOHNSON	46	12/6/2016
STUART MCCUNE	63	12/6/2016
ANDREW VALENZA	13	12/20/2016
JACOB SWEET	99	12/20/2016

CONGRATULATIONS

In Memoriam

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Brother Albert J. Goodwin Jr. PDC
Life Member
November 30, 1933 ~ July 29, 2016

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Louis F. Jockimo Sr.
January 30, 1930 ~ September 26, 2016
Father of Brother Vincent Jockimo

Department Mid-Year Meeting



Brother Danny Wheeler, PNC unpacks as he gets ready for the mid-year Department meeting while Department Commander Paul Ellis-Graham looks on.

Camp Brother and Department Junior Vice Commander, Leo McGuire, reported that the mid-year department meeting was a success. It was held October 15th at the Ithaca Veterans Firemen's Association on Elmira Road from 10 AM to 4 PM. The meeting covered preparations for the 2017 Department Encampment in Ithaca, some reporting date changes, and selection of the future sight for the Encampment. A request was made for donations for the Encampment raffle

Generals Event at Grant Cottage



Tintype photographer prepares to document Willard Camp's display at Grant Cottage.



125th NYVI fires a volley at the Grant Cottage overlook just before taps.

CC Richard Straight, PCC and Department Junior Vice Commander Leo McGuire, Senior Vice Commander John Swartwout, Junior Vice Commander Vince Jockimo and PCC Robert Keough were on hand for the 2016 closing event at Grant Cottage on October 8th. The weather was cool and overcast but enjoyable for the last event of the season. Those on hand were able to view a number of historic displays, tour the cottage, have their photograph taken using the 19th century "tin type" process, talk with many of the Civil War Generals (re-enactors) and be part of the closing event. Besides the SUVCW and the 125th NYVI a group of US Navy Sea Cadets were there to help with set up and interact with the visitors. At the end of the event the SUVCW, Sea Cadets, the 125th NYVI, the Generals, their ladies and visitors walked to the overlook. There a volley was fired and taps played as everyone looked on.



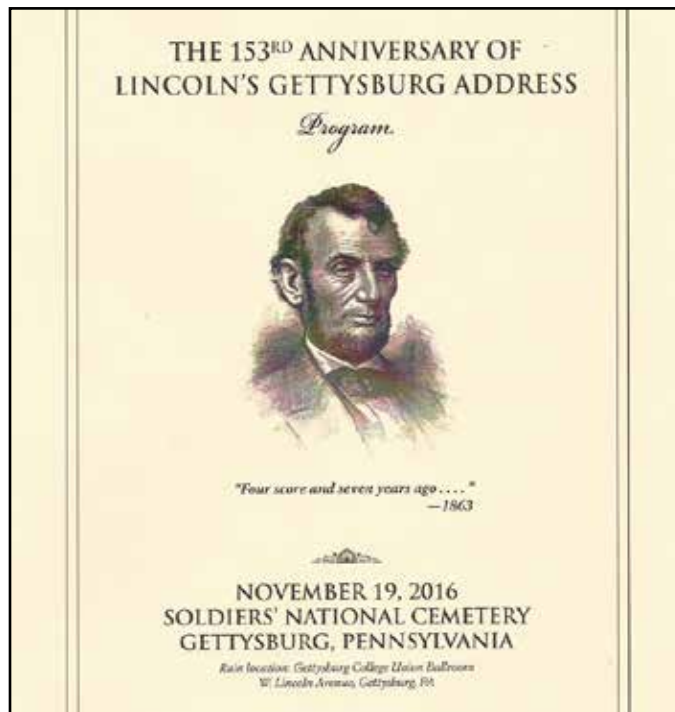
A vivandiere reenactor with the Willard Camp's vivandiere cutout.

153rd Anniversary Celebrated

Brother Jerry Orton and his guest Mary Verescak have sent us a special report from the scene of the 153rd anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. On November 19, 2016, after arriving in Gettysburg, PA, they walked to the GAR's Albert Woolson Memorial for a visit. At 11:00 AM short speeches were followed by the laying of wreaths. All five Allied Orders and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion were represented. It was a chance for Jerry to meet up with many old friends.

Later they found a choice viewing spot along the route of the parade. With colors flying, large contingents of both Union and Confederate soldiers passed by. The next event was to be the illumination of the NYS Memorial but because of a storm, with all the state flags flying straight out, it had to be canceled. Everyone listened to a lady in black play hauntingly beautiful laments on a flute and went on to visit with authors selling and signing their Civil War books.

In the evening, Jerry and Mary attended the annual dinner sponsored by the PDC of Central PA that has been held for the past 75 years. They then went to the Blue and Gray Ball where they danced the evening away. It was Mary's first time wearing a hoop skirt. Jerry hopes it will not be her last.

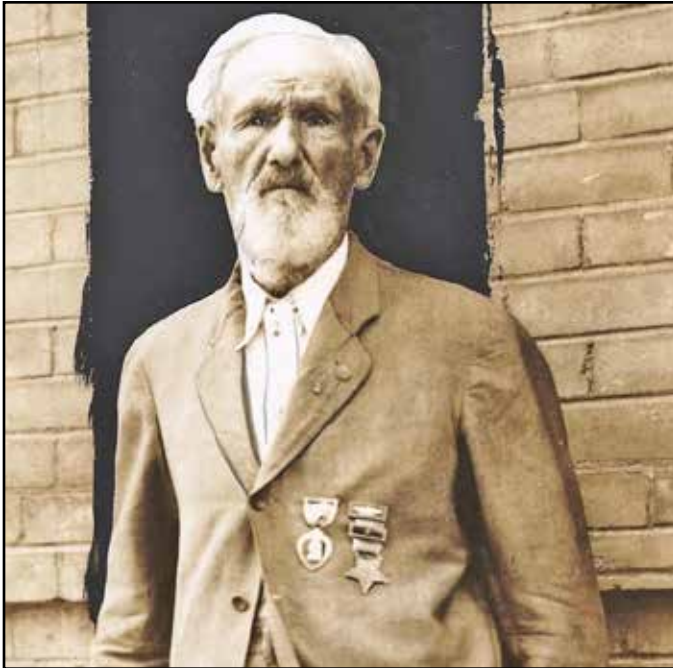


November 2016 Gettysburg program cover



The Iron Jacks of the USNLP, most of whom are Brothers in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are working on an expansion of our sound presentation. We are specifically looking for a fiddle player who would be willing to perform at living history events and represent the Civil War Union Navy. We play forebitters, ballads, shanties, and some traditional landlubber tunes of the era. You just need to dress in period clothes and a civilian impressions will be accommodated. For particulars contact David Dzewulski, PCC at dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com or leave a message at (518) 273-2152.

Yackey Receives Purple Heart



N. Barton Yackey 92 years old Civil War Veteran from Pueblo, CO.

An amazing story from Pueblo, CO dated July 6, 1934: "After 72 years N. Benton Yackey has been decorated for valor and devotion to his country during the Civil War. He has just received the Purple Heart medal from the War Department. Yackey was shot five times on August 2, 1862 in a skirmish near Memphis, MO. He still carries two of the balls in his side. Yackey, now 92, is Vice-Commander of the GAR in Colorado and Wyoming and Commander of his local Pueblo Post."

In Memoriam of Noble Dead



A beautiful GAR badge from the William M. Wood Post 531, Long Lake, NY.

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 Coming Events 2017

Month	Date	Event / Location
January	7	Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY
February	4	Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY
March	4	Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY
April	1	Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY
April	29	May Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY
May	5 - 7	135th Department of New York Encampment in Ithaca, NY
June	3	Troy Civil War Event, Masonic Temple

Brothers Use The Web and Visit These Sites:

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154
<http://www.gwillard154.org/>
SUVCW Department of NY
<http://suvchw.org/ny/deptny.htm>

SUVCW National Headquarters
<http://www.suvchw.org/>