

# The Guidon

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Spring 2011

## David M. Dziewulski Assumes Command

January 8, 2011 (abridged March 27, 2011)

Brothers:

By way of thanks:

**First**, I would like to thank Commander Hensel for nominating me for Camp Commander;

**Second**, I would like to thank all of you who have expressed kind sentiments since our November 2010 meeting regarding my nomination.

**Third**, I would like to congratulate all the other elected and "to-be-appointed" officers.

**Finally**, I thank you all for your votes.

It is rather humbling to become camp commander for a variety of reasons. Nominating and electing a Brother who is both a relatively new member and an Associate would seem to indicate a good degree of acceptance - - and that is important. I hope that sentiment is correct.

**ALSO**, being entrusted with the position of commander at the start of the historic Sesquicentennial is both an honor and a challenge. But the commemorative events before us in 2011, though potentially demanding and difficult given the lack of an organized effort on the part of our State government, can bring a sense of honor to our Camp, the Capital District and to the Department of New York. The key is for each officer to be mindful of his duties and to seek out to initiate those duties independently - - but complete them with assistance of camp members.

Keys to our success in 2011 and for the kick-off of the Sesquicentennial Celebrations start with organization and cooperation. I will be suggesting and implementing some new things that will involve delegation of work in order to be successful.

Included in these are:

- Solicitation of ideas for fundraisers to supplement our working accounts;
- Searching and applying for additional grant funding;
- Focusing on our Memorial Day events and high-profile events in the Capital District, and nearby, to elevate our profile and aid our membership efforts;
- Volunteering to be part of event committees that will be responsible for each and every event's set-up, participation and tear-down;
- Ideas for fellowship outside of the routine business of camp meetings - - even if it two or three of us meeting for a cup of coffee and some casual chat to exchange ideas;
- Renewed vigor in pursuing Eagle Scout awards and our ROTC recognition programs;
- Implementation of our Legion of Merit Medal/Award program to help aid participation.

Your help and attendance in the 2011 State Encampment and the Ellsworth events is critical to our Camp's reputation. During this time we should also look for opportunities to partner with like-minded organizations including Civil War Roundtables, Reenacting groups, historical societies and even municipalities to "*commemorate our fathers' deeds*", *one of the main causes of our order*, to keep **them** in the spotlight as many non-profits organize for events over the next five plus years. We must lay the groundwork now.

With your enthusiasm for our mission, outlined in our Constitution and Regulations, and with your assistance we can be successful. . . .*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty*

Your humble servant,  
David M. Dziewulski



Brother Raymond W. LeMay III (right) installs the Camp's new Commander David M. Dziewulski (left) with out-going Commander Robert C. Hensel at the center.

## 2011 Camp Officers:

Commander David M. Dziewulski  
 Senior Vice :Commander: Peter Bond  
 Junior Vice Commander: Arthur F. Young jr.  
 Secretary / Treasurer George F. Malinoski  
 Chaplain: George: F. Malinoski  
 Patriotic Instructor: Robert H. Fickies  
 Historian: Jerome L. Orton PDC, PCC  
 Graves Registration Officer: Charles A. Greenfield PCC  
 Civil War Memorials Officer: Charles A. Greenfield PCC  
 Eagle Scout Coordinator: Richard C. Saunders, Jr.  
 ROTC Coordinator : Leo McGuire  
 Guide / Guard: Robert P. Keough

### Camp Councils:

William J. Halpin PCC  
 Paul W. Grady PCC  
 Raymond W. LeMay III PCC  
 Robert C. Hensel PCC

## Patriotic Instruction

Brothers you will notice that when you now enter our web site the first thing you see is the Current Patriotic Instructor's report. In doing this we hope to draw attention our history and keep our site fresh and dynamic.

### Current Patriotic Instructor Report for Feb. 5th, 2011

The Battle of Fort Henry was fought on February 6, 1862, in western Tennessee.

It was the first important victory for the Union and Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in the Western Theater.

On February 4 and February 5, Grant landed two divisions just north of Fort Henry on the Tennessee River.

His plan was to advance upon the fort on February 6 while it was being simultaneously attacked by United States Navy gunboats commanded by Flag Officer Andrew Hull Foote. A combination of effective naval gunfire and poor siting of the fort, almost completely inundated by rising river waters, caused its commander, Brig. Gen. Lloyd Tilghman, to surrender to Foote before the Army arrived. The surrender of Fort Henry opened the Tennessee River to Union traffic

past the Alabama border, which was demonstrated by a "timberclad" raid of wooden ships from February 6 through February 12, which destroyed Confederate shipping and railroad bridges. Grant's army then proceeded overland 12 miles to the bloody Battle of Fort Donelson. "Fort Henry is ours. The flag is reestablished on the soil of Tennessee. It will never be removed." — Maj. Gen. Henry W. Halleck

Robert H. Fickies Camp Patriotic Instructor

## Legion of Merit Award

Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 may now earn, after accumulation 3000 points, the Camp's Legion of Merit Medal. The award has been instituted to encourage member to participate in Camp activities. Points are awarded for meeting attendance, work parties, membership events and representing the Camp at related events. The award was introduced by Robert C. Hensel PCC. There is a score card now available to keep track of points earned. The card was designed and created by Brothers Keough and Touchette. For more information feel free to contact members of The Legion of Merit committee which includes Brothers LeMay, Hensel, Fickies and Capstraw. It is time to start collecting points and, at the same time, helping the Camp.

## GAR Room Re-Dedicated

On Thursday, November 18th 2010 the GAR Room at the Albany County Courthouse was re-dedicated. After an invocation by Brother George F. Malinoski, camp chaplain, Brother Raymond LeMay welcomed all in attendance. Albany County Executive Michael Breslin's opening remarks were followed by those of NYS Assemblyman John McEneny. Brother Robert Fickies gave a history of the Willard Camp and the Albany GAR. Executive Breslin congratulated Brother Raymond LeMay for all his effort in this undertaking. The Brothers LeMay and Orton unveiled a beautiful print of the GAR Badge. The event ended with a benediction by Chaplain Malinoski.



Pictured kneeling (left to right) are Brothers Charles Greenfield, George Malinoski, David Dziewulski and Charles Walter. Standing (L to R) are NYS Assemblyman John McEneny, Brothers Jerome Orton, Robert Fickies, Charles Berns and Raymond LeMay III. Present but not shown were Sisters Patricia LeMay and Lorraine Orton.

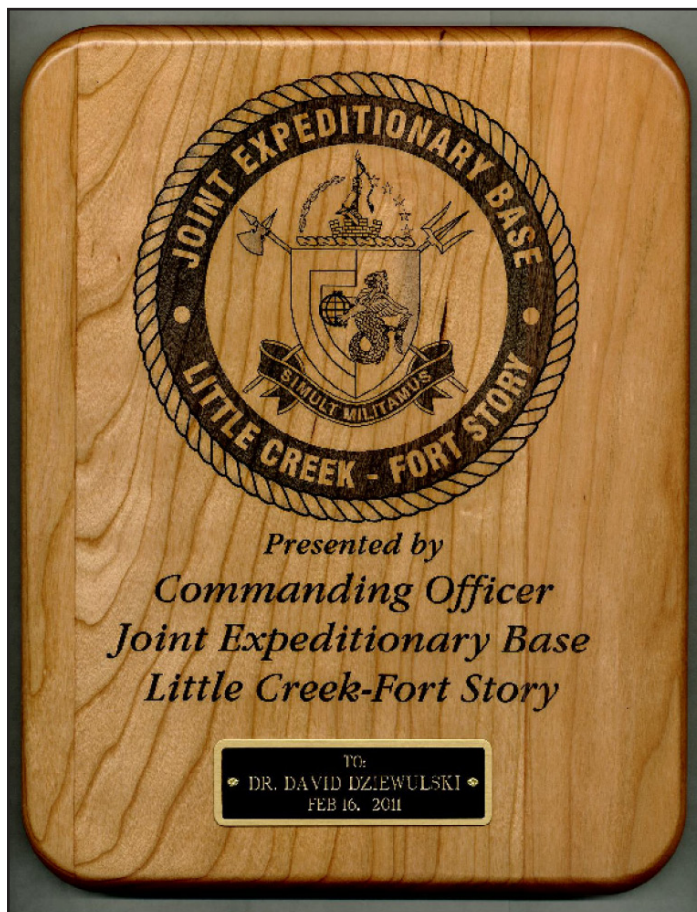


# Commander makes presentation

## Presentation on African- American Sailors

David M. Dziewulski

As part of Black History Month, the Multi-Cultural Heritage Committee (MHC) at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Ft. Story in Virginia Beach VA decided, with the Sesquicentennial looming, to focus on the Civil War. FC2 Teresa Lopez, suggested a Civil War Navy-based presentation by her "Uncle David." Teresa, being indoctrinated by her uncle, was aware of the integrated Navy so the topic of African-American sailors in the Civil War was enthusiastically approved by Logistics Specialist Chief Trudale Reed, MHC president. With the assistance of some available resources a presentation on African-American Sailors during the Civil War was assembled and entitled "Black Men, White Sails and Shipmates." Included was a brief primer on their antecedent mariner & naval history from the Continental Navy and including the Barbary Pirate Wars, Quasi-War with France and the War of 1812. After presenting a plaque and letter of appreciation, Captain Charles Stuppard, Base Commander, along with his staff accompanied Dave, his wife Dee and niece to lunch for celebratory cake and some Navy "chow."



# State Encampment in Albany

The Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's 128th Encampment will be held in Albany, NY at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn on May, 13th and 14th. Encampment registration, hotel, lunch and banquet reservations may be handled on the Department's web site. Go to <http://www.suvcw.org/ny/deptny.htm> and click on Encampment Information. Saturday night's post-banquet entertainment will be the "Iron Jacks" a Civil War naval musical group. We look forward to seeing all our Brothers in Albany in May.

## Ellsworth Event Goes National

What started as a small celebration to honor the 150th anniversary of the death of Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth, the first New York State officer to die in the Civil War, has become an SUVCW National Signature event. Ellsworth was killed on May 24, 1861 in Alexandria VA. On May 15th 2011, beginning at 9:00 AM a funeral carriage bearing a wooden coffin and being escorted by re-enactors from around the country, firefighters, police personnel, veterans groups and others will make its way from the Mechanicville High School (City of Mechanicville, NY) parking lot to Hudson View Cemetery where a funeral service will be held at his grave site at 9:30 AM. All are welcome at this event.

## It's Your Newsletter

I hope you enjoy the new format of "The Guidon." This is not the Camp's newsletter but your newsletter. Please feel free to submit articles and suggestions at any time. I am Brother Robert P. Keough, the editor, and may be reached at [rpkeough@aol.com](mailto:rpkeough@aol.com) or P.O. Box 50, Long Lake, NY 12847-0050. We need to keep in touch and this and our web site at <http://www.gwillard154.org/> are two good ways.

## Welcome New Members

Since December of 2010 we have added the following new members, let's make them feel welcome.

Dec. 2010 - Bro. David M. Carnike  
Ancestor: Pvt. George D. Carnike, Co. C 82nd PAVI (KIA)

Jan. 2011 - Bro. Stephen P. Silvano  
Ancestor: Pvt. Angus McDonald, Co. C 175th NYVI

Feb. 2011 - Bro. Timothy A. Huebner  
Ancestor: Wagoner, Alonzo G. Ellsworth, Co. L 77th ILVI

Feb. 2011 - Bro. Daniel Zeilman  
Ancestor: Sgt. Jacob Zeilman, Co. D 177th NYVI

As of April 2, 2011 we have a total of 70 members in the Camp, including 5 life members.

# Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 Events for 2011

Month	Date	Event / Location
May	13 -14	SUVCW Department of NY Encampment Albany, NY
	15	Ellsworth Event Mechanicville, NY
	26 (Thursday)	GAR Monument Event City of Cohoes
	28	Greene County Sesquicentennial Kick-Off
	30	Memorial Day Albany Rural Cemetery Oakwood Cemetery
June	3	St. Agnes Cemetery Veterans' Memorial Event
	4 - 5	Civil War Encampment Troy, NY
July		
August	20 - 21	Schuyler Flatts Watervleit, NY
September	16 - 18	Saratoga Springs, NY Civil War Encampment

May 21-22, Ashokan Civil War Days, Olive Bridge, NY (**NOT an SUVCW event but could be very productive for recruitment as Day 2 is for Veterans and their families ONLY**). Bros. Keough and Dziewulski will be in attendance w/ USNLP.

August 5 – 7 Civil War Heritage Music Gathering & Encampment, Windham, NY , Bros. Keough, Walter & Dziewulski are committed w/ the Iron Jacks (**NOT an SUVCW event**).

## Brothers Use The Web and Visit These Sites:

Col. George L Willard Camp #154  
<http://www.glwillard154.org/>

NYS Civil War Sesquicentennial  
<http://www.nycivilwar150.org/>

