

Brothers work out at Mt. Ida Cemetery



From left to right Brothers John Swarthout, Charles Walter, John Hilton, Tim Mabee and Cmdr. Dave Dziewulski. The Jewett family headstone was the largest, and last, of five stones that were re-emplaced on their bases. Brother Leo McGuire was also present for the event.

Earth Day activities at New Mt. Ida Cemetery

Dave Dziewulski, CC

On Saturday April 21 volunteers from Willard Camp participated in Earth Day activities at New Mt. Ida Cemetery in Troy, NY. Organized locally by Lorraine English, the day was planned as part of a neighborhood "clean up." Through the efforts of Graves Officer Brother John Hilton our camp joined forces with the neighborhood folks, faithful volunteers Alysia Hamilton and Cameron Smith, and a fraternity from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to tidy up the Cemetery. It gave us an opportunity to re-emplac the gravestones of Shuabel Bingham and Almira Parsells - - the great grandparents of Patriotic Instructor Brother Arthur Young. We also helped reset three other large stones. Two stones required a tripod and chain hoist ("comealong") in order to be properly lifted and set. The morning and early afternoon was also spent cleaning, raking and cutting down young black locust trees growing too closely to, and upending, many headstones. This was a very successful volunteer effort !

Brother at Fort Fisher Event:



Brother Gary Salmon, a member of the Willard Camp, now living in North Carolina attended the 147th anniversary of the battle of Fort Fisher, NC.

Near the end of the Civil War one of the last Southern ports still open to foreign trade was Wilmington, NC. It was protected by a very strong fortification called Fort Fisher. The fort was the scene of two battles. The first battle started on December 24, 1864 and ended with a Union withdrawal on the 28th; and the second began on January 12, 1865 and ended on the 15th when the Confederates surrendered. Wilmington, NC was then taken on February 22nd. These battles included both an Army and a large Naval landing force as well as support from 56 naval ships. Eight hundred and fifty-five men on both sides lost their lives during the two battles. Fifty-one Union soldiers, sailors and marines earned the Medal of Honor for their actions at the second battle of Fort Fisher. This past January marked the 147th anniversary of the second battle and Camp Brother Gary Salmon participated in the commemoration.



One of the large Confederate batteries protecting Wilmington, NC at Fort Fisher.

New Monitor Poster Now in Print:



Camp Commander David Dzielwski points to changes made to the original USS Monitor poster sponsored in part by the Col. G.L. Willard Camp #154 - SUVCW.

Our original USS Monitor poster that was funded through a grant by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area in 2010 has been updated and reprinted. The new poster includes much new scholarship including "in brief" information about the design of the lower hull, the oak frame used for the upper hull and the roots of the concept of a low freeboard ironclad battery with a rotating turret. In addition, Mr. Steve Muller, author of *Troy, New York and the Building of the USS Monitor*, kindly provided updated information about the sources of the deck plates, angle iron, rivets and bulkheads from his recent research conducted in the New York State Archives. Research for the updating was also done by Brother Keough and Commander Dzielwski along with contributions from Mr. Chuck Veit and Michael M. Dzielwski of the US Naval Landing Party. The reprinting of the poster was made possible through funds from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities (MFA) and printing was done locally at Alchar Printers of Troy, NY.

Department of NY Encampment:

Brothers don't forget the 129th Department of New York Encampment, May 18 - 20, 2012. It will be held at Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh, NY. Events will include Friday evening Campfire program, Saturday business meeting, Saturday evening Allied Orders Banquet organized by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 and Sunday morning tour of The United States Military Academy at West Point. Hope to see you there. Visit: <http://www.suvcw.org/ny/encampments/encampment%2012/home.htm>

Questions about the Department Encampment?

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Last Benefit Concert for Victims:

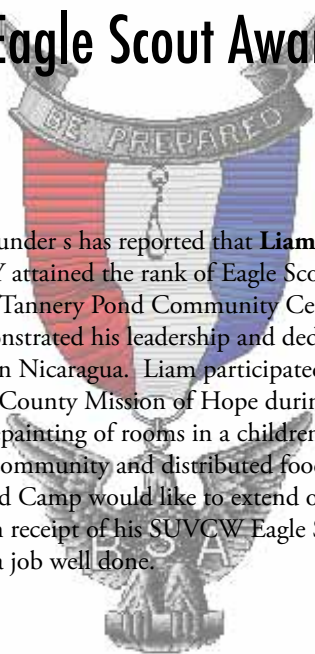


Bill Payne, Brothers Robert Walter, David Dziewulski CC, Joseph Dziewulski, DJ Dziewulski and Bob Delisle. Brother Robert Keough is not in the picture.

Five Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, as members of the "Iron Jacks," performed their third and final benefit concert for flood victims in Schoharie County. It was held at the Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar, NY on March 10, 2012. Brothers include Robert Keough, Robert Walter, DJ Dziewulski, Joseph Dziewulski and Camp Commander David Dziewulski. This concert for the benefit of Central Bridge, along with the other concerts helped to raise over three thousands of dollars for victims. Other groups at the event were 77th New York Balladeers, Rural Felicity and Uncle Billy's Balladeers.

SUVCW Eagle Scout Awards:

Brother Rich Saunders has reported that **Liam Harrison** of North River, NY attained the rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor at the Tannery Pond Community Center on July 10, 2011. He demonstrated his leadership and dedication during his service project in Nicaragua. Liam participated in mission #41 from the North County Mission of Hope during which he led the repair and repainting of rooms in a childrens' hospital, built shelters for the community and distributed food and medical supplies. Willard Camp would like to extend our congratulations to Liam on receipt of his SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate. Huzzah! . . .for a job well done.



WAR !!!! Learn the news 1860s style-- including misinformation, assumptions, suppositions, and downright fabrications! A newspaper database project of the USNLP has been growing week by week, and will not be fully completed until April 2015; you'll have to wait for updates, just like people did during the war. Go to <http://www.usnlp.org/papers/index.html>

In Memoriam

Brother Ira S. Rion, Jr.
Col. George L. Willard Camp 154
Anchorage, Alaska
He received a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts
Veteran of WW II, Korean and Vietnam
June 13, 2011

Mrs. Alma Connors Reilly
Saratoga Springs, NY
July 12, 1926 - January 5, 2012
The mother of Camp Brother Patrick Reilly

SARATOGA CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT



Being a
**150th Anniversary
Commemoration**
of the
USS Monitor
and the
Hudson River Valley,
and the
1862 Land Battles of
2nd Bull Run & Antietam
at
Congress Park
Saratoga Springs, NY

SAVE THE DATE!

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2012**

Watch for developments at
http://saratogacivilwarencampment.org/Home_Page.html
<http://www.gwillard154.org>

with assistance from:
U.S. Naval Landing Party
Col. George L. Willard Camp 154

HEADSTONE CLEANING:

BIOLOGICAL GROWTH REMOVAL

Brothers as you work to bring back the headstones of Civil War Veterans you may want to consider this product that removes biological growth without damage to the stone. The product is called D/2 and it is simple to use. Sprayed the stone with D/2 biological solution with no scrubbing or wash the stone with it, it's biodegradable, There is no bleach, no acid, or salts. It will not harm plants, stone or you. D/2 has been tested and used by the National Park Service, the Veterans Administration, Texas Historical Commission, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Maine Old Cemetery Association, Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association and the Association for Gravestone. It has been studied by many Veteran and Civil War Cemeteries including Andrew Johnson National Cemetery TN, Antietam National Cemetery MD, Congressional Cemetery DC, Natchez National Cemetery MS, New Hampshire State Cemetery NH, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier VA, United States Naval Academy MD and the Vicksburg National Cemetery MS.

This product is available from: Granite City Tool Co.

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Photo by: Ted Kinnari

In this photograph, taken just South of Albany, NY, you see the dramatic difference in the stone's appearance. Remember it is biodegradable and will not harm the stone, you or plants.

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

Month	Date	Event / Location
May	5	Camp meeting 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY
	24	Memorial Day event Cohoes, NY
	28	Cleaning veteran's headstones, St. Agnes 10:00 a.m. until ???
	30	Memorial Day services, Albany Rural & Oakwood Cemeteries meet at Albany Rural at 2:00 p.m.
June	2	Troy Civil War Days, Masonic Lodge, Route 2, Troy, NY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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>

NYS Civil War Sesquicentennial

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

Saratoga Civil War Encampment

http://saratogacivilwarencampment.org/Home_Page.html