

Our
116th
Year



CAMP
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Leo McGuire

Senior Vice
Commander

John Swartwout

Junior Vice
Commander

Richard Straight

Secretary/Treasurer

George Malinoski

Camp Council

Robert Keough

David Dziewulski

Ray LeMay III

Chaplain

George Malinoski

Patriotic Instructor

Vincent Jackimo

Guide

Tim Mabee

Guard

Paul Cooney

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Productive Mid-year Meeting



Brothers from across the State listen to reports and presentations made at the Department's mid-year meeting in Bridgewater, NY.

The mid-year meeting of the Department of New York was held at the Bridgewater Fire Hall. Twenty-two Brothers from across the State were in attendance. Committee reports were made, Brother Lance Ingmire made a presentation on the efforts of the Archive Committee and lively discussion followed. Department Commander Ray LeMay III updated the Brothers on a number of important Department matters and a variety of activities completed during the first half of his Commandery. A nice luncheon, hosted by the Homer Searle Camp #114, gave Brothers time to chat about recent happenings at their respective Camps. At the end of the meeting the Brothers were treated to a tour of the Western Star Masonic Meeting Hall, built in 1816, with all of its original furnishings intact.



Department officers (L to R) Paul Graham, DSVIC, Bob Pugsley PDC, Ray LeMay III DC, and Jeff Albanese, PDC conduct the business of the Department.

Another Change of Command



At the November 2015 Camp meeting a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to have the secretary cast one ballot to elect the 2016 slate of officers.

With a new year at hand the Col. George L. Willard Camp has a new slate of officers. After a unanimously approved motion of empowering the secretary cast one ballot for the nominated slate, the new officers were elected on November 7th. The new officers are as follows:

Richard Straight Commander
John Swartwout Senior Vice Commander
Vincent Jackimo Junior Vice Commander
George Malinoski Secretary/Treasurer
Dave Dziewulski Camp Council
Robert Keough Camp Council
Leo McGuire Camp Council
George Malinoski Chaplain

During the December Camp meeting the new officers were sworn in by Department of New York Commander Ray LeMay III.



Ray LeMay III DC, reads the installation ritual as Leo McGuire PCC, Dave Dziewulski PCC, John Swartwout, Richard Straight CC, and Vince Jackimo take the oath of office.

GAR Sesquicentennial is Coming

Hamilton County, NY has only one Civil War monument and it is located in Long Lake. Local members of the Col. George L. Willard Camp, in preparation for the 2016 Grand Army of the Republic's Sesquicentennial, have added a GAR marker to that monument. The William Wood GAR Post 531 was located in Long Lake. There are 25 Civil War veterans buried in the Long Lake Cemetery.



Brothers Brian Castler and Dick Farr begin work on installing a reproduction GAR marker in front of the Civil War monument. Bob Keough PCC also in attendance, took the photograph.



The new reproduction GAR marker in place at Civil War monument in Long Lake. Landscaping was also improved.

Camp at Two Cemetery Events



At an event in the Village of Lansingburgh (north end Troy) Ray Le May III, DC (left) holds the Department flag as Camp Commander Leo McGuire holds the Willard Camp flag (right).



Charlie Flanagan, Chris White, Leo McGuire CC, and John Swartwout take a photo break at New Mt. Ida while repairing grave stones.

Brothers of the Camp attended two events in in the NY Capital District in September. The first, on September 21, 2015 was at New Mt. Ida Cemetery to help Alysia Hamilton and Cameron Smith. Also on hand were Sigma Chi and Alpha Sigma Epsilon from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Monies from the Willard Camp Ed Dodge fund was used to hire Joe Ferrannini of Gravestone Matters to assist the volunteers in their work. Under Joe's direction 19 stones were cleaned. When Chris Phillipo cleaned one the stone of an presumed "unknown" he found that the veteran's name was barely legible and the stone indicated the rank of Navy Musician. A close friend of Ed Dodge stopped by during the clean up work and he was very pleased. The second event on September 26, 2015, was at the rededication in the Village of Lansingburgh Burying Ground. Willard Camp Commander Leo McGuire and Department of New York Commander Ray LeMay III were on hand to represent the SUVCW during the ceremony.

Camp Store Opens at Zazzle.com

In preparation for the 2016 Sesquicentennial of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Willard Camp has opened a store on Zazzle.com that offers a variety of items sporting a new GAR logo created for the occasion with the talents of Brother Keough and concept proposed by Brother Dziejwski. Brother Dave is the impetus behind this project. To date T-shirts, ball caps and mugs are ready for sale. We encourage Camp members, the Allied Orders and friends to buy these items at <http://www.zazzle.com/willardcamp154>.



Saratoga Salute

It was a beautiful and unseasonably warm day for the Wreaths Across America event at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery on December 12th. Brothers Richard Straight CC, Leo McGuire PCC, Vince Jackimo and Robert Keough PCC from the Willard Camp were on hand to help place wreaths on the grave of the unknown Civil War soldier from New York buried at the cemetery. Hundreds of volunteers were on hand to participate in placing wreaths on all veterans graves.



Brothers Vince Jackimo and Richard Straight CC, salute the grave of the Unknown Civil War Soldier from New York who was killed at the Battle of Antietam.

Grant Cottage; End of Season

On October 11th Grant Cottage ended its regular season with an encampment involving a variety of groups. Members of the 125th NYVI set up their camp near the cottage. A re-enactment group, the Confederation of Union Generals, representing various personalities, held two simulated "news conferences" for the public. Tours of the cottage were given by the Friends of Grant Cottage staff. Incredibly beautiful Fall weather aided the event and it was estimated there were 500 visitors to the site. Period music was provided by the U.S. Naval Landing Party's Iron Jacks. The Camp Color Guard, accompanied by the Iron Jacks singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" led a procession of all attendees from Grant Cottage to the scenic overlook where Grant's last visit to the spot was discussed. The event was concluded with a musket salute by the 125th NYVI.



Brothers of Willard Camp provided a Color Guard for the event. Department of NY Commander Ray LeMay III was on hand with eight additional Brothers.



An estimated 500 people attended the Grant Cottage encampment event. The photograph shows one of two "press conferences" held by Grant's generals at the event.

In Memoriam

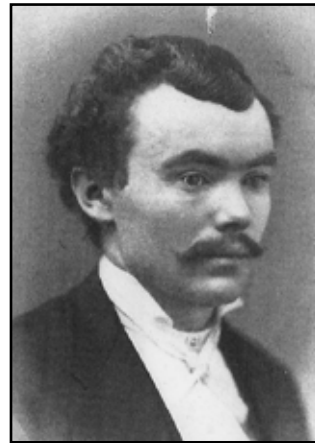
Susan Ingmire
Beloved wife of
Brother Lance Ingmire

About the Legion of Merit Medal

In the November-December 2015 issue (Volume 66 Number 6) of the *Journal of the Order and Medals Society of America* there is a seven-page article entitled, *Using Visual Semiotics and the Interpretive Matrix to Design Medals and Decorations* by Camp Brother Robert P. Keough. The Legion of Merit Medal of Willard Camp is used as the example in the article. The paper traces the development of the medal from concept to completion. Each step in the process, and the reasoning for each choice of visual element on the medal, is explained in detail. With the inclusion of the development process of the medal in this journal the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in general, and the Willard Camp in particular, have received some very nice international exposure.



Brother Leo McGuire's Ancestors



John Maguire

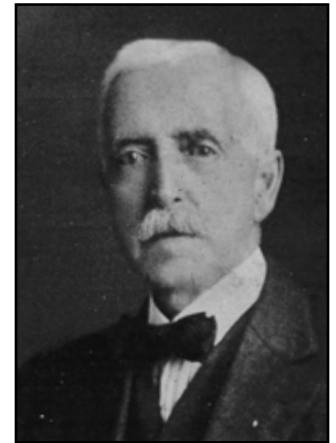
Born in 24 April 1832 in Ulster County, NY.

Died 4 October 1889, at Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa.

He joined for three years enrolling on 10 May, 1861 at St. Louis Arsenal and served in:

Battery I, Battery F, and Battery M of the 1st Regiment Missouri, Light Artillery. He mustered out at St. Louis on June 15, 1864 and received a pension for the lost of hearing at Vicksburg. Due to hearing loss he then served as a teamster after Vicksburg.

Both men were Leo's great grandfathers and are both buried at Fairmount Cemetery, Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa.



John Speaker Osler

Born 21 August 1839

Died 8 July 1934

He joined Company C, 12 Regiment, 41st Volunteers, Pa, Reserve Infantry at Troy, Pennsylvania on June 20, 1861. Discharged at Langley Virginia, May 31, 1862 on Surgeon's certificate order (Gen. McClellan) for chronic rheumatism.

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 Coming Events 2016

Month	Date	Event / Location
February	6	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.m.
March	5	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.m.
April	2	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.m.
April / May	29,30 / 1	Department of New York Encampment
June	4	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.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>

SUVCW National Headquarters

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