

Our  
116th  
Year



**CAMP  
OFFICERS**

Camp Commander  
Leo McGuire

Senior Vice  
Commander  
John Swartwout

Junior Vice  
Commander  
Richard Straight

Secretary/Treasurer  
George Malinoski

Camp Council  
Robert Keough  
David Dziejewski  
Ray LeMay III

Chaplain  
George Malinoski

Patriotic Instructor  
Richard Straight

Guide  
Tim Mabee

Guard  
Paul Cooney

Color Bearer  
Graves Registration  
James King

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Winter 2014 - 2015

## Change of Command Brings New Leadership to Camp Camp Election Outcome

The Col. G.L. Willard Camp, #154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War announces our newly elected officers for 2015. Elections were held November 1, 2014 with the following results:

Leo C. McGuire, Camp Commander  
John Swartwout, Sr. Vice-Commander  
Richard Straight, Jr. Vice-Commander  
George F. Malinoski, Sect'y/Treas

### Camp Council members :

Ray W. LeMay III, PCC  
David M. Dziejewski, PCC  
Robert P. Keough, PCC

### Appointed officers include:

George Malinoski, Chaplain  
Richard Straight, Patriotic Instructor  
James King, Color Bearer  
Tim Mabee, Guide  
Paul Cooney, Guard  
Ray LeMay III, Camp Historian  
James King, Graves Registration

Installations were held on December 6, 2014 at the St. Agnes Cemetery meeting room.

### Congratulations to all !

Brother Leo McGuire was installed as the new Commander of the Col. George L. Willard Camp, on December 6, 2014 at the St. Agnes Cemetery meeting room. He replaces Brother Robert Keough who served as Commander for two years.

Leo joined the SUVCW in 1994 and has been an active member ever since. He brings to the Camp a broad background of leadership including 30 years as an educator, 26 years of military service and other civic and professional activities.

Brother McGuire has held a number of posts in the Camp and has attended numerous Department of NY Encampments. He was inducted into the Camp's Order of the Legion of Merit in June of 2014. We wish him well as our new Commander.



Repeat after me. David Dziejewski PCC, Camp and NYS Council, gives the Oath of Office to the new officers of the Camp.



Outgoing Camp Commander Robert Keough pins the Commander's badge on the new Willard Camp Commander Brother Leo C. McGuire.

## Membership on the rise; four new Brothers join the Camp



James King has his badge pinned on by John Swartwout; now Camp Senior Vice Commander at his induction on into the Camp on October 4, 2014



On February 1, 2015 Commander Leo McGuire reads the statement about the member's badge as Richard Farr is inducted as an associate member of the Camp



Christopher White and James Wheeler listen to the reading of their responsibilities during their induction into the Camp on March 7, 2015

Recruiting of new members has gone very well as of late with four new members added since October 2014. With the normal losses in membership and our strong new recruiting effort we have been able to maintain the Camp's membership numbers.

## Willard Camp adds to its historic collection



In this restored photograph members of the H.H. Howard Fife and Drum Corps Band stand in front of a group of GAR members in Albany, NY



In this pre-restored copy of the original photograph one can see the extent of the damage to the picture when it was purchased.

Ebay is a wonderful place to visit and many of the Camp Brothers find their way there often. With these watchful eyes the Camp has been able to add to its collection of historic artifacts related to the Camp or the GAR in the Albany area. In recent months two photographs have been found and purchased for the archive. Unfortunately sometimes they have already been damaged by time and mishandling. That was the case of the photograph of the H.H. Howard Fife and Drum Corps Band take in Albany some time between 1896 and 1907. The photograph was dated by counting stars and looking at the star pattern on the flag on the middle right in the photograph, in this case 45 stars. It had originally been mounted on card stock and then broken in two directions as you can see in the lower photograph. With time things can be fixed. In this case Brother Robert Keough, using a computer program called PhotoShop, was able to restore the image to "almost" original condition. The top image shows enhancement in sharpness and color all accomplished using the computer.

## In support of Scouting

**SUVCW Eagle Scout Award**



**John Lance Gokce**  
May 31, 2014  
Long Lake, NY

**Khial Forges Jr.**  
March 1, 2015  
Elizaville, NY

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Col. George L. Willard Camp is proud to have been involved in presenting two SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificates in our area.

## Wreaths Across America



Recently installed Camp Commander Leo McGuire attended the Wreaths Across America celebration at the Saratoga National Cemetery. On December 14, 2014 he placed a wreath in the name of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 at the grave of an unknown Civil War soldier from NY State who died at the Battle of Antietam in 1863. During this national event, through a network of volunteers, over 200,000 wreaths are placed on the graves of our deceased veterans at hundreds of cemeteries. Other groups at this annual event included representatives from the Gold Star Mothers, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion and the VFW.

## Camp member wins honor



**BUGLES ACROSS AMERICA**  
DUTY - HONOR - COUNTRY

**Bugle Call  
Hall of Fame Award**

Presented to Lynn H. Wilke

Given this Date December 5, 2014 By Jim Day

For Meritorious and Distinguished  
Service in Furthering the Aims and  
Ideals of the Veterans of the  
United States

**MILITARY FUNERAL DETAIL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS  
"A LIVING MEMORIAL TO  
AMERICAN  
SERVICEMEN & WOMEN"

Website ([www.BuglesAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.BuglesAcrossAmerica.org))  
[www.BugleCall.org](http://www.BugleCall.org)

ELKS

Congratulations to our Brother Lynn H. Wilke of Peru, NY who received a medal and certificate making him a member of Bugle Call Hall of Fame. The award came from Bugles Across America for his service to veterans over many years.

### In Memoriam

**Camp Brother**

**Kevin M. Lynch**

**passed away February 13, 2014**

**He was 64 years old  
at the time of his death**

**Real Brother**

**Luke Perkins Martin, Jr.**

**passed away January 25, 2015**

**He was 97 years old  
at the time of his death**

## Brother Jerry's Corner



William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's grave, note the GAR marker near the base.



A very young Jerry Orton in July of 1994 with Daisy Anderson of Denver, CO. At the time she was the last Civil War widow west of the Mississippi river. Jerry thank you for all the great history and photographs.

## Old Stone Fort in Schoharie, NY



It was October 11<sup>th</sup> and we were there. Brother Keough attended the Schoharie event to represent the Camp and be part of the cannon effects during the performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. It was a beautiful autumn day.



The recruiting table looks empty but saw a lot of traffic during the day's events.

## Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 Coming Events 2015

Month	Date	Event / Location
February	7	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.m. Latham, NY
March	7	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.m. Latham, NY
April	11	Camp Meeting Grace Fellowship Church 10:00 a.m. Latham, NY
April	25	Earth Day New Mount Ida Cemetery Troy, NY
May	1, 2 & 3	132 <sup>nd</sup> Department of New York Encampment Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, NY

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