# THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

# Change of Command 2022

COL. GEORGE L. WILLARD CAMP # 154



Col. George L. Willard Camp's new Commander Thomas Maggs.

Each year brings the possibility of changes in Camp leadership. This brings new personalities into play and with them, slight changes in the operations, But the main goal of the Camp remains unchanged, "Keeping green the memory of the Boys in Blue."

This year was no exception and, with elections over, our slate of officers has changed. The Guidon would like to welcome these new officers of the Camp hoping that Providence will smile on them and their endeavours.

#### 2022 Camp Officer's Roster

Camp Commander Tom Maggs
Senior Vice Commander Robert Keough
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Chaplain Rev. Mark Isaacs
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Color Bearer
Graves Registration Chris White
Monument Officer David Dziewulski
Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian Castler
Guidon Editor Robert Keough

Webmaster Ray LeMay II
ROTC/JROTC Leo McGuire
Signal Officers Frank Rogler Ray LeMay III
Camp Welfare
Historian Ray LeMay III

Winter 2021-22

# Keeping Green The Memory



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#### Two New Members by **ZOOM**



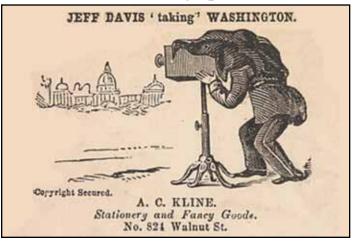
With Brothers look over his shoulder Camp Commander Tom Maggs conducts the incation ceremony on Zoom.



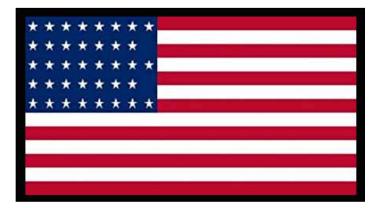
Father and son, Timothy J. Gaffney and Timothy J. Gaffney, Jr. became members of the Camp over zoom.

It is always a great day for the Camp when we take in new members. This time was different because it was two generations at once. Father Timothy J. Gaffney and son Timothy J. Gaffney, Jr. joined the Camp via Zoom on January 8, 2022. The Brothers look forward to meeting them in person at a future meeting.

#### A Little Civil War/Photographic Humor



#### **New Flag**



#### American 38 star flag with 2" black border ordered for Grant Cottage.

The Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have purchased a new American flag for Grant Cottage. This a unique flag in that it is a 38 star flag with a 2" black border. The flag will fly daily when the cottage is open to the public. This gift is part of the ongoing relationship, built up over the years, between the Camp and Grant Cottage.

#### JROTC Award Given Out

On March 29, at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, NY, Brigade's Executive Officer Ivan Huang was awarded the SUVCW's JROTC medal and certificate. His citation reads as follows:

Outstanding Senior Leader who serves as our Brigade Executive Officer in a brigade of over 350 Cadets. Cadet LTC Ivan Huang has performed with distinction in this position. He manages a brigade staff of 10 cadets and also serves as our Rifle Team and Color Guard Team commander. In addition Ivan manages all of our Honor Guard tasking and this school will have done over 40 funeral details for alumni that have passed away. There has not been a Brigade XO who has done as much as C/LTC Ivan Huang in my 10 years here at CBA.

#### Congratulations Ivan Huangn.



Brigade XO Ivan Huang, Christian Brothers Academy, Albany, NY.

#### Happy Birthday To You

No one sang "Happy Birthday to you" and there was no cake with 200 candles but US Grant's 200th birthday was celebrated by his many friends at the Grant Cottage in Wilton, NY. With sunny spring weather a number of events took place without a hitch. Tim Welch, President of the Friends of US Grant Cottage, gave the opening remarks before Ernie Belanger, a local veteran's advocate and Roy McDonal, Friends Trustee and veteran gave short remarks about veteran's activities in the area.

A plaque designating the Cottage as a National Historic Landmark was unveiled by Ben Kemp. It will be mounted on a stone in front of the existing flag pole.

The Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 then conducted a flag ceremony, first removing the old 38 star American flag and then replacing it with a new 38 star flag with a 2" black border that the Camp had purchased and donated to Grant Cottage. Beside the flag the Camp donated two Civil War pop-through cut outs used to photograph children's faces which were painted by Brother Keough's wife Barbara.



Camp Brothers holding the new 48 star American flag with 2" black border.



Ernie Belanger plays "Taps" during the Son's flag ceremony.



Tim Welch speaks to Friends of Grant Cottage gathered for the Birthday celebration.



Ben Kemp reads from the new plaque that designates Grant Cottage as a National Historic Landmark.



Civil War drummer boy pop-throughout out, one of two donated to Grant Cottage by the Willard Camp.

#### **SUVCW Supporting Scouts**

The follow scouts have received the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate from The Col. George L. Willard CAMP # 154

Name:	Troop:	Date:
Andrew Rosenhaus	6016	7Jul2021
Olivia Herring	4024	7Jul2021
Jason Collado	396	7Jul2021
Ethan Murphy	396	3Åug2021
Eugene Lee	396	1Sep2021
Anthony Sabino	396	1 Sep2021
Vincent Hazan	396	50ct2021
Declan O'Grady		50ct2021
Peter Stec	6016	12Dec2020
Thomas Combs	4001	12Dec2020
Jacob Finch	4001	<b>2</b> 0Jul2021
Shain Krutz	5051	// 20Jul2021
Collin Hitchcock	4018	20Jul2021
Manny Ramos	6016	/ 18Sep2021
Theadore Mann	6044	3Nov2021
Liam Wroblewski	4002	3Nov2021
William Ratto	6016	3Nov2021
RyanYocum	4013	lJan2021
Andrew Eisher	4001	30Nov2021
Andrew Coppeta	357	30 Nov2021
Aidan Fahy	6027	28Dec2021
Camden Feldhaus	4016	28Dec2021
Seth Tremper	4016	28Dec2021
Sean Hughes	4011	28Dec2021
Noah Szymanski	4016	04Jan2022
Ian Elphick	4018	27Jan2022

# **Congratulations**



A post World War I Memorial Day celebration with a Dough Boy, a Boy Scout and a GAR member.



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# Camp Officers

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#### **Coming Events**

May	6-7	Department of NY Encampment
May	30	Memorial Day events
June	18	Lincoln Luncheon
Sept	3	Camp Meeting

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#### **Brothers Visit These Sites:**

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