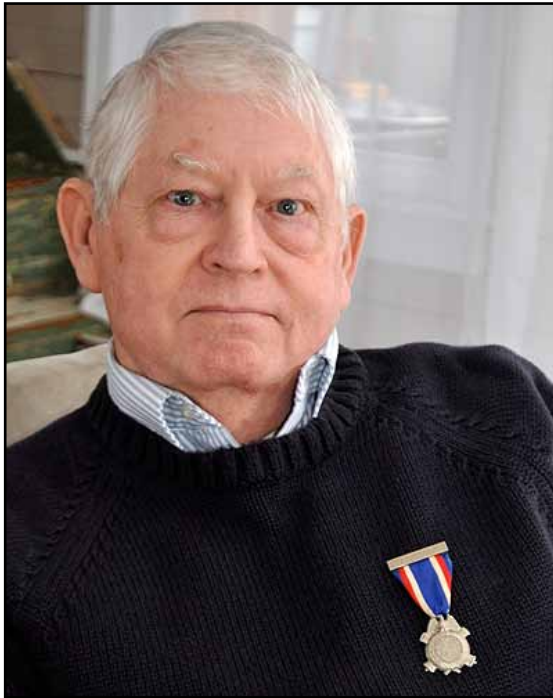


Change of Command at Willard Camp 154



2013 Col. George Willard Camp Commander Robert P. Keough.



Out going Camp Commander David Dziewulski turns over gavel to new Camp Commander with PCC Ray LeMay III looking on.



New Camp Officers take Oath of Office at the December 2012 meeting at St. Agnes Cemetery administration building in Menands, NY.

At the December 1, 2012 monthly meeting of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a change of command took place. Brother Ray LeMay III PCC conducted the ceremony to swear in a new slate of officers.

The following are the new elected officers:

Camp Commander - Brother Robert P. Keough
Sr. Vice Commander – Brother David M. Dziewulski
Jr. Vice-Commander – Brother Art Young, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer – Brother George Malinoski
Camp Council - Brothers Paul Grady, David Dziewulski and Raymond LeMay III.

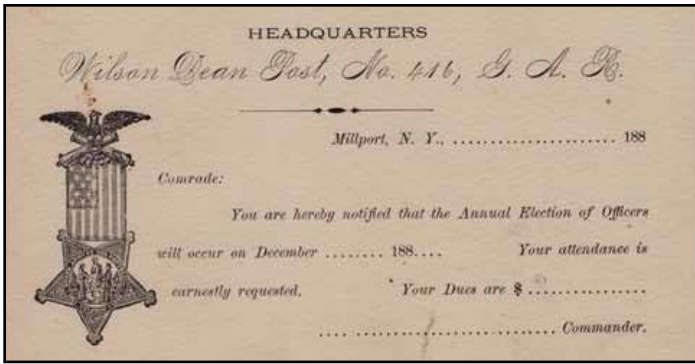
The new Camp Commander has appointed the following Brothers to their posts:

Brother George Malinoski – Chaplain
TBD - Patriotic Instructor
Brother Charles Berns – Guide
Brother Paul Cooney – Guard
Brother Leo McGuire – Color Bearer
Brother Jerry Orton – Camp Historian
Brother Rich Saunders Eagle Scout Coordinator
TBD - Graves
Editor of the Guidon – Brother Robert Keough
Special Camp Liaison for Gen. Thomas' grave – Brother David Dziewulski

Dear Brothers;

I would like to thank the brothers of the Camp for nominating me, for their words of encouragement and for electing me Commander of the Willard Camp. I also want to thank all elected and appointed officers for their dedication to the Willard Camp. We have just finished two very productive years under the skillful leadership of Brother David M. Dziewulski and I look forward to another very productive year. I have no major plans to change the course of the Camp but to build on the accomplishments of the past two years. We have taken on a number of important projects that are far from completion, including our adoption of General Thomas's grave site. Keeping up membership and recruiting new members will be an on going concern. A personnel project I would like to take on is to grow the visibility of the Camp throughout our entire region which extends from Greene County to the Canadian border, and not just in the Capital area. Always keeping in mind the over all goal of the Sons to keep alive the memory of all those who took up the cause of the Union in its darkest hours.

Robert P. Keough, Camp Commander



A blank GAR card from the 1880s used to requesting attendants at the annual election of officers for the Wilson Dean Post, 416 GAR, Millport, NY.

Troy's Victorian Stroll:



Brother Dzielwski takes with a mother and daughter about New York State's history with the *USS Monitor*.



A constant stream of visitors to Troy's Victorian Stroll moved past the many booths set up at the event for organizational information or vendor sales.

The organizers of Troy's Victorian Stroll could not have ask for a better day for their event. The downtown was awash with visitors to the event. Brothers from the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War set up their table in the Atrium Building along with many other organizations and vendors to await the opening of the event. It wasn't long before visitors began to arrive and there was a steady stream the rest of the day. We were able to talk with and give out information to many interested passer-by.

Iron Jacks perform:



Brother Swarthout (left) looks on as Brother Walter explains a piece of Civil War equipment. Junior member Joseph Dzielwski is seen in the background.



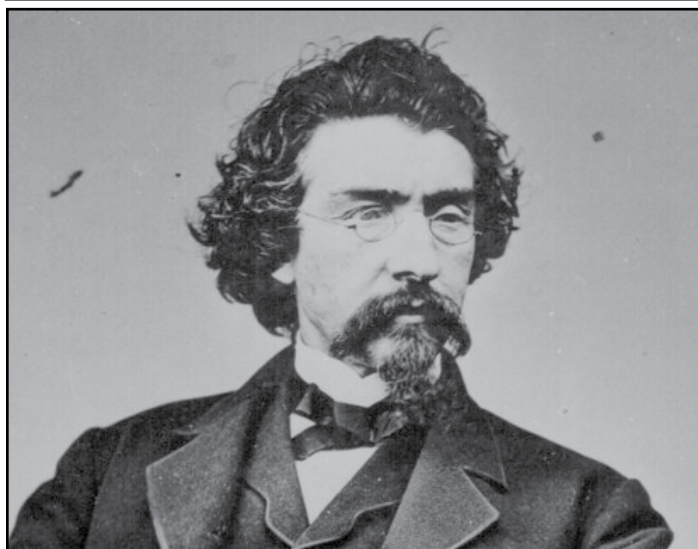
Large group of museum visitors enjoy the music of the "Iron Jacks" under the watchful eyes of the State's mastodon on November 24, 2012.

On November 24, 2012 the Iron Jacks who are a sing group that is part of the U.S. Naval Landing Party performed at the N Y State Museum in Albany to the delight of the museum visitors. Almost all of the Jacks are also members of the Col. George L. Willard Camp SUVCW. The group also displayed a large number of Civil War related artifacts.



Brothers R. H. Walter, Joey Dzielwski, David Dzielwski CC, Robert Keough, DJ Dzielwski and Bill Payne performing.

Civil War History in our area:



Mathew B. Brady, the famous Civil War Photographer, was born near the intersection of Routes 28 and 8 in Weavertown, Warren County, New York.

SUVCW Eagle Scout Awards:

Daniel G. Stuart

When Brother Rich Saunders reported that **Daniel G. Stuart** of Cohoes, NY attained the rank of Eagle Scout plans were made to attend his Court of Honor at the Boght Community Fire Company Cohoes, NY on December 9, 2012. Brothers Ray LeMay III and David Dziejewski, both Past Camp Commanders, attended and presented the SUVCW Certificate. He demonstrated his leadership and dedication during his service project by collecting board games, puzzles, magazines and art/craft supplies to benefit the senior citizens at the Bright Horizons Adult Day Center at the Colonie Services Center. The Willard Camp would like to extend congratulations to Daniel on receipt of his SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate. Huzzah! . . .for a job well done.

In Memoriam

Sister Lorraine Orton
Died
November 27, 2012

Lorraine was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary as well as the Women's Relief Corps both at the state and national level. She was the wife of Past Department Commander Jerry Orton.

Colonel George L. Willard Camp declares its most grateful appreciation for the friendship and assistance of Sister Lorraine Orton.

In Memoriam

Brother James D. Dorney
Age 79
Northville, NY
Died
November 29, 2012

Brother Dorney, a Troy native, was a Veteran of the Korean War and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He will be missed by his friends and family

In Memoriam

Caruth Smith Washington, Age 104

Sister Caruth Smith Washington, believed to be the last direct descendant of a slave in this country and a Real Daughter of a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, Color Sergeant Andrew Jackson Smith, 55th Massachusetts Company B. Caruth was a member of Kady Brownell Tent #36, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Bronx, NY. She was a past department president of the New York Department, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1971-1972. She died at Cranbury Center, a nursing home in Monroe, NJ, November 20, 2012 just 5 days short of her 105th birthday.

GAR Cafe now open:



View of the GAR Cafe, otherwise known as The Courthouse Cafe.

The GAR Cafe, otherwise known as The Courthouse Cafe is now open for business. It is located in the Albany County Courthouse's G.A.R. Room at 16 Eagle Street, Albany, NY. If you are downtown and have some time stop in. The Brothers of the Col. Willard Camp would like to wish them well.

The cafe is open:

Open Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Services:

Walk Ins Welcome, Street Parking, Specialties: Breakfast, Lunch, Coffee, Take Out and Catering,

Monitor model on display:



A five and a half foot model of the *USS Monitor* is now on display at the NY State Museum in Albany as part of an exhibit on NY State and the Civil War. The model was created by Robert P. Keough, Camp Commander, Col. Willard Camp 154. For more information go to: http://www.hamiltoncountyexpress.com/News/12122012_display

Something to think about:

"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

By: Michael Crichton, American author (1942-2008)

Taken from: The Post Star, Glens Falls, NY 12-28-2012

It's your newsletter:

Brothers remember this is your newsletter. If you have news, events, announcements or suggestions please send them to your editor at: rpkeough@aol.com.

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154 Events coming up for 2013

Month	Date	Event / Location
February	16	Talk by Dave Dziewulski on Black Sailors, 7th floor NYS Library 1:30 p.m.
March	2	Camp meeting 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY
April	6	Camp meeting 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY
May	4 30	Camp meeting 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY Actual Memorial Day Ceremonies at Albany Rural and Oakwood Cemeteries
June	1	Camp meeting 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY
July	21	Remembrance Day at Grant Cottage

Brothers Use The Web and Visit These Sites:

Col. George L Willard Camp #154

<http://www.glwillard154.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