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118th
Year



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Camp Memorial Day Events for 2016

The traditional Memorial Day and the official holiday fell on the same day this year. This allowed the Brothers to attend multiple ceremonies. Oakwood Cemetery had its ceremony on May 28th with a musket salute by the 125th NYVI Regimental Association and the placing flags on the graves of veterans by the Boy Scouts.

On May 30th the Brothers once again met to conduct the Camp's Memorial Day ceremony. The Brothers first assembled at Albany Rural Cemetery and conducted a service at the GAR plot. The Brothers, including Bob Hensel PCC, David Dziewulski PCC, Leo McGuire PCC, Ray LeMay III PDC, Robert Keough PCC and Richard Straight CC, then drove to Oakwood Cemetery in Troy and conducted the same service at the Soldier and Sailor's plot. Three shorter services were held at the graves of Col. George L. Willard, Major General George H. Thomas and Third Assistant Engineer George Geer of the USS Monitor.

Each year our Camp repeats this format to "keep green the memory" of those who fought to preserve the Union. We must keep in mind that the services we hold at a few local sites are also honor the thousands of Civil War veterans buried across the country. As a Brother it is our duty to undertake this responsibility. It is the main reason for the existence of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Brothers Leo McGuire, Francis Rogler, John Swartwout and David Dziewulski at Oakwood Cemetery on May 28th for the placing of flags.



Color Guard at the GAR plot in Albany Rural Cemetery May 30th.

Brothers at the Soldiers' plot in Oakwood Cemetery on May 30th.

Brother Ray LeMay III Ends his Tenure as Commander at State Encampment



Robert Pugsley, Commander Ray LeMay III, Danny Wheeler and Jeff Albanese conduct the business of the 133rd Department of NY Encampment.

The 133rd Department of NY Encampment took place at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern, NY from April 30th through May 2nd. This Encampment ended the tenure of Commander Ray LeMay III, a Brother of the Col. George L. Willard Camp #154. It was a very busy year for Ray with visits to many Camps within the state and attendance at a number of ceremonies statewide. He also attended the 2015 National Encampment held in August 2015 in Richmond, VA.



State Commander-elect Paul Ellis-Graham (left) and Carrie Bevan (right) look on as Danny Wheeler presents Ray LeMay III with Past Department Commander's badge.

The Encampment included the traditional Campfire on Friday evening, the business meeting on Saturday which was followed, in the evening, by a Banquet sponsored by DUVCW. The Allied Orders met on Sunday morning for a memorial Service at the Historic Mt. Moor Cemetery in West Nyack, N.Y. We are proud to announce that Camp Brother Leo McGuire was elected Department of NY Junior Vice Commander. The Camp appears to have another Department Commander in training.

New Monument in Town of Florida

On May 29th, as the time for the ceremony got closer, the skies got darker and darker. Then the rains came and drove the attendees indoors. Many were on hand for the event including Brothers from the Col. George L. Willard Camp #154. The bad weather did not dampen the spirits of those who had come to take part. The dedication of the new Civil War marker continued in the Town Court Room. A number of local speakers discussed the importance of the project designed to honor participants in each of our country's wars. Senator Paul Tonko was on hand as were other local politicians and veterans from WW II to the present.



General Thomas Challenge Coin



The beautiful Major General George H. Thomas challenge coin is now available. It celebrates the bicentennial of his birth. The coin includes his portrait on the front and his monument on the reverse. Net proceeds raised from the sale of the coin will be used for the third phase of the Thomas gravesite project. It is important the large dying tree be removed from the site before final improvements to the site can be undertaken. Thanks to Brothers David Dziejewski and Bob Keough for all their work on this project. Please contact the Camp to purchase a coin (\$20 + \$2 shipping per coin).

Third Lincoln Luncheon Held



Front row l to r: Brothers Castler, Hensel, Mcguire and Cooney. In the back row l to r: Brothers Straight, Rogler, Jackimo, LeMay III and Keough.

After a delicious meal, highly appropriate accolades flowed at the third Lincoln Luncheon held at Brown's Brewing Co. in Troy, NY on May 14th. Past Department Commander Raymond LeMay III was made a full member of the Legion of Merit at its highest level, Grand Commandant of the Legion of Merit, for his years of service to the Camp and to the SUVCW. Brother Robert C. Hensel PCC, visiting from Florida, was made a Legionnaire 3rd Class of the Legion of Merit for his work in creating the award when he was the Commander of Willard Camp. Other Brothers were recognized and promoted to different levels within the Legion of Merit for work accomplished during the past year. This award was instituted to encourage Brothers to participate in Camp meetings and activities using a point system.

SUVCW JROTC Awards Given



Willard Camp Commander Richard Straight with Cadet Scott Toubridge winner of the Camp's Covell Award and SUVCW JROTC medal at CBA in Albany, NY

The Col. George L. Willard Camp #154 gave out awards at two ROTC awards ceremonies. These ceremonies were at CBA in Albany and RPI in Troy. These were the first awards given out by the Camp in a number of years.



NROTC Cadets at awards ceremony at RPI in Troy, NY.

SUVCW in Support of Scouting

THE FOLLOW SCOUTS HAVE RECEIVED THE SUVCW'S EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE AND CAMP MEDAL.

| NAME: | TROOP: | DATE: |
|------------------|--------|-----------|
| ADAM BINGHAM | 16 | 12/1/2015 |
| NOAH HEIMBACK | 6127 | 1/5/2016 |
| JOSHUA BRESSETTE | 16 | 2/16/2016 |
| JACOB SMIT | 30 | 2/16/2016 |
| JONATHAN MEACHAM | 4 | 2/16/2016 |
| RYAN KELLEHER | 6 | 3/1/2016 |
| STEVEN LAMBERT | 27 | 3/1/2016 |
| DANIEL KESLER | 296 | 3/1/2016 |
| JOSEPH FOOTE | 37 | 4/5/2016 |
| MICHAEL CINTRON | 16 | 4/5/2016 |
| ROBERT HOARD | 65 | 4/5/2016 |
| TREVOR STILES | 27 | 4/5/2016 |
| THOMAS BIRKHOLZ | 100 | 5/3/2016 |
| THOMAS GARCIA | 37 | 5/3/2016 |
| JOSEPH NORMAN | 16 | 5/3/2016 |

CONGRATULATIONS



On June 22nd Brothers Robert Keough PCC and Brian Castler attended the re-dedication of the Matthew Brady sign on Route 28 just South of Johnsbury, NY.

Civil War Cutouts A BIG Hit

The two cutouts painted by Barbara Keough have been a big hit at local events starting with Troy's Civil War Days on June 4 - 5, 2016. One cutout is a drummer boy and the other is a young girl as a vivandiere.



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

| Month | Date | Event / Location |
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| June | 4 - 5 | Civil War Days Masonic Hall Troy, NY |
| July | 30 | July Meeting at Vale Cemetery in Schenectady, NY |
| July | 30 | Celebration of Bicentennial of General Thomas' Birth Oakwood Cemetery Troy, NY |
| August | 20 | Military Time Line at Schuyler Flatts Menands, NY |
| September | 10 | Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY |
| October | 1 | Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY |
| October | 8 | Meet the Generals Grant's Cottage 1:00 p.m. Wilton, 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/>