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New members are always welcome



Brother Leo McGuire DSVC reads the induction for Mark D. Isaacs and Brent L. Vosburg at the February 4, 2017 camp meeting.

We are always in need of new members to fill the ranks of our camp. Yes, it is the main job of the camp's Junior Vice Commander to recruit new members but it is the responsibility of all Brothers to find new members. When you wear the SUVCW badge people will ask questions. With these questions follows a conversations about the Civil War comes up and that can in turn leads to the opportunity to invite them to a meeting. Remember there are regular memberships that require a hereditary link and, associate memberships for those without an ancestral link. We can once again accept junior members (6 to 14 years old) for both categories. Although it is obvious, always keep in mind that SUVCW membership is reserved for males only. If each of us recruited one new member it would be a great help to sustain our camp and the Order.

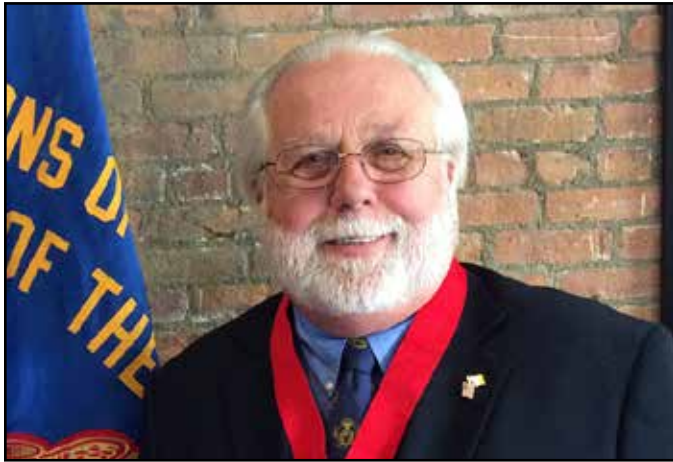


John Swartwout pins badge on new member James King.



A son, a father and two brothers become Willard camp members.

Our Eagle Scout Coordinator



Brian Castler is the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 Eagle Scout Coordinator

Brother Castler has been a member of Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, SUVCW for 20 years, but his activity in the Boy Scouts of America has been for much longer.

He started in Cub Scouting at age 6 and achieved his Wolf, Bear, Lion, and Webelos rank and being awarded the Arrow of Light before advancing to Boy Scouts in 1957.

Brother Castler continued his scouting career in Gloversville. He advanced in rank from Tenderfoot to the rank of Eagle Scout (1959). In 1959 he was elected to the Order of the Arrow (Scouting National Honor Society) and in 1964 was selected for the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. During this time he attended camp outs, camporees, and scout camp highlighted by attending two National Boy Scout Jamborees. He earned the Boy Scouts God and Country Award. While still a Boy Scout he helped with teaching other scouts leadership skills. In 1964, upon turning 18 years old, he became an adult in the eyes of scouting and was now considered a scouter (adult leader). After college Brother Castler stayed active in scouting working with scout units, at the District level of the local Council. He has received numerous training awards and has attended training courses at the National Volunteer Training Center (Philmont) in Cimarron, NM. He was involved in the Connecticut University of Scouting (day long Training Program for adult volunteers) serving at several different levels including the Provost. Brother Castler completed the Wood Badge course (an advanced, national leadership course for Scouting). He has been awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver, the two highest awards at the District and Council level.

After moving back to Northern New York State, Brian continues to be active in scouting. He is currently the Eagle Scout Coordinator for the Camp. The aims of scouting are CHARACTER, CITIZENSHIP, and FITNESS, which are similar to the traditions of the GAR and their legal heir SUVCW.

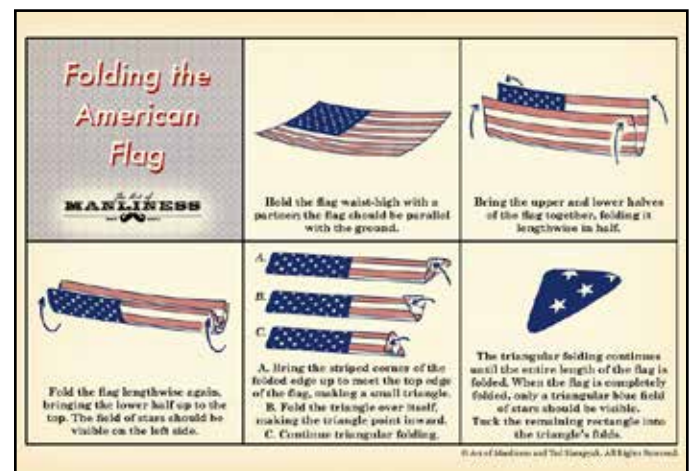
Finer Points of Flag Folding



Brothers Paul Cooney, PCC Leo McGuire, George Malinoski and Brian Castler practice folding the American Flag.

All over the country Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War camps are called upon to ceremonially fold the American Flag for many reasons. This could be for funerals or for a closing ceremony at a civic event. This folding should be done in a correct and solemn manner at all times. You will need at least two members to perform the folding. On February 4th members of the Col. George Willard Camp spent time at their monthly meeting to practice flag folding. There are many sites on the web that will show you how to correctly fold the flag. For example <http://www.usflag.org/fold.flag.html> or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Nw8FcU4dyM>.

The idea is not to become a crack military unit that does this all the time. It is to do a respectful presentation for those present. Our camp will train as many brother as possible so we have at least two Brothers available when needed.



Directions for folding the American Flag.

Great Places & Spaces



The Iron Jacks, part of the US Naval Landing Party, entertain museum visitors with Civil War period music and songs.

The theme was New York State's Great Places & Spaces: Celebrate What's Great in New York State. Twenty five organization from the Albany area took part in this celebration at the New York State Museum. Old and young alike enjoyed the museum's exhibit spaces and interacted with many of the exhibitors. One of these groups was the Iron Jacks who are part of the US Naval Landing Party a living history association who also provided literature on both USNLP and the SUVCW. Five of the six members present are also brothers in the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brothers David Dziejwski PCC, DJ Dziejwski, Joseph Dziejwski, Robert Walter and Robert Keough PCC have been long time members of the group. The Jacks preformed two 45 minute music sets at the event. They also provided literatures on both USNLP and the SUVCW. Other groups included Capital District Civil War Round Table, Burden Iron Works, Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, New York State Archives, Friends of Grant Cottage Historic Site and the Saratoga National Historical Park. The visitors were able to interact with all these groups in one place and discover what these organization had to offer. One group had a large size board game where children would load their ship in New York City and roll the dice and make their way up the Hudson River. Along the way they would encounter problems such as ice on the river or the need to resupply, they would have to resolve in order to continue. Children had many hands-on opportunities.



Brother Keough's 54 mm scale model of the USS Monitor

In Memoriam

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Brother Charles L. Berns
Member Legion of Merit

June 14, 1952 ~ July 25, 2016



Earth Day at New Mt. Ida



Leo McGuire and John Hilton salute the new flag flying the New Mt. Ida Cemetery on Earth Day 2017.

Once more Earth Day has come and gone. Alysia Hamilton gathered her band of "do gooders" to help clean up the New Mt. Ida cemetery. Brothers John Hilton and Leo McGuire DSVC were on hand. John brought a new flag for the occasion. Camp Commander Richard Straight was also on hand.

Battle at Narcoosse Mill, FL

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are alive and well in the deep South. The battle at Narcoosse Mill, FL, near modern day Orlando, was fought on March 29th and 30th 1864. The battle was a loss for the Union. Two Sons' camps, from Penbroke Pines and St. Cloud, FL, were on hand March 25th and 26th of this year to memorialize the battle. It is rewarding to know we have Brothers in the South "keeping green the memory" of our ancestors. Thank you Brother Leo for this update.



Local Brothers working their display during the two day event.



Local Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Commander at the Narcoosse Mill event.



Confederate Wall of Honor of those who died of illnesses, wounds, diseases or accidents during or shortly after the war.

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

Month	Date	Event / Location
April	29	May Camp Meeting Senior Center 10:00 a.m. Watervliet NY
May	5 - 7	135th Department of New York Encampment in Ithaca, NY
May	30	Memorial Day events starting at 10:00 a.m. Albany Rural Cemetery
June	3 - 4	Troy Civil War Event, Masonic Temple
June	10	Lincoln Lunch at Brown's Brewing Co. Noon
August	19 - 20	Schuyler Flatts History Time line

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/>