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## OCTOBER A President's Birthday



The "Angel of Sorrow," a sculpture by Ephraim Keyser, on President Chester A. Arthur's tomb in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Each year, on their birthday, each President is honored at their gravesite. This year it was the U.S. Army's turn to provide the official Color Guard for President Chester A. Arthur. President Arthur was born on October 5, 1829, so for the commemoration on October 5, 2019 the Col. George L. Willard Camp was on hand with their colors. Beyond the Camp Brothers and the official party a number of others, including direct family members, were on hand. Nothing is more impressive on a beautiful Fall day than well executed pomp and ceremony. Happy Birthday Mr. President!



The General's aid wearing the Army's new/old uniform, a re-introduction of a World War II uniform. What's next, the Ike Jacket?



The official U.S. Army Color Guard marches to the grave site of President Chester Arthur.



Official Color Guard in place as the General made his remarks at President Arthur's birthday event.



Eight of the nine Brother on hand for the President's birthday event.

# NOVEMBER Stone Dedications



The Willard Camp's November meeting was held at the Long Lake nutrition site in the town hall.

In order to dedicate two new Civil War veteran's markers the Willard Camp held its meeting in Long Lake, NY on November 2nd. After the meeting the Brother had lunch at the Long Lake Diner before setting out to dedicate the new markers.

The first stop was at the Long Lake Cemetery to



Lunch was enjoyed at the Long Lake Diner by Brothers Castler, King, Swano, Swartwout, Rogler, McGuire and Keough.

Dedicate Alba Cole's marker. The Group then moved on to Blue Mountain Lake Cemetery to dedicate Seth Piercer's marker. At both dedication the American Legion Hamilton Post 650 Provided a firing squad. Cole's marker was a replacement and it is the first time Pierces grave had a marker.



Brothers gather around the new marker for Alba Cole in the Long Lake Cemetery while Camp Commander Castler gives remarks.



These two new markers bring pride to both the veterans and the Willard Camp.



Brother King acted as Chaplin at the dedication of Seth Pierce's marker in Blue Mountain Lake Cemetery.



American Legion Hamilton Post 650 firing a salute over the grave of Seth Pierce.

# DECEMBER Wreaths Across America



At dawn a gray, bleak sight with chilling temperatures greeted the Brothers of the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154.

It was a very cold morning on December 21st as we gathered at the snow covered Soldier & Sailor's plot in Albany Rual Cemetery. We were there as part of the national movement called "Wreaths Across America." It did not take long to carry the boxes of wreath to the site. Unpacking went well and then a wreath



Upon leaving it was just as cold, but the sense of grayness and bleakness had left.

was placed on each grave. Upon placing the wreath each Brother would take a moment to remember the Civil War veteran buried there. Some graves are marked unknown and this makes the remembrance even more poignant. On hand were Brothers McGuire, Keough, Straight, Castler, Hilton and King.



With Jim King in the lead the last of the wreath boxes are transported to the plot.



Leo McGuire PDC pauses to remember a veteran buried in the plot.



Brother Paul Cooney and Leo McGuire may have had to deal with the cold temperatures but shared the warmth of Brotherhood.



Mission accomplished! Brothers, with two unidentified helpers, stand in the Soldier and Sailor's plot.

# In Memoriam



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*Brother  
Robert E. Hall*

*U.S. Marine Corps Veteran 1951 - 1960*

*1931 ~ October 15, 2018*

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"Keeping Green The Memory"

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154

## Camp Officers

- Camp Commander . . . . . Brian Castler
- Senior Vice Commander . . . . Vince Jockimo
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- Secretary . . . . . Leo McGuire
- Treasurer . . . . . Robert Keough
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- Guard. . . . . Paul Cooney
- Color Bearer . . . . . Francis Rogler
- Graves Registration . . . . . James King
- Monument Officer . . . . . David Dziewulski
- Eagle Scout Coordinator. . . . . Brian Castler
- Guidon Editor. . . . . Robert Keough

## SUVCW Supports Scouting

THE FOLLOW SCOUTS HAVE RECEIVED THE  
SUVCW'S EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE FROM  
THE COL. GEORGE L. WILLARD CAMP.

NAME:	TROOP:	DATE:
ETHAN PHILLIPS	4002	10/1/2019
NICHOLAS GOMAN	4035	10/1/2019
ANDREW ROBY	4001	10/1/2019
MICHEAL BURROWS	6013	10/1/2019
DUSTIN COLOMBO		10/14/2019
DYLAN TWOMLEY		10/20/2019
ZACHARY ZANELLA	4070	11/5/2019
COLBY GEISLER	22	11/5/2019
JAMES BROOKS	4003	12/3/2019
SEAN MAZZA	6016	12/12/2019

CONGRATULATIONS

## Coming Events

January	4	Camp Meeting
February	1	Camp Meeting
March	7	Camp Meeting
April	4	Camp Meeting
May	2	Camp Meeting
	30	Memorial Day

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