

## President Chester A. Arthur's Birthday October 5, 2021



**It reads simply, "The President."**

Camp Brothers Thomas Maggs, Brian Castler, DC, Leo McGuire PDC, Richard Straight PDC, John Swartwout and Michael Hernandez were on hand to celebrate the 192nd anniversary of President Chester A. Arthur's birth. The celebration took place at Albany Rural Cemetery on October 5, 2021 with Mark Bodnar of the Friends of Albany Cemetery as Master of Ceremonies. Arthur was serving as the Vice-president and became President upon the untimely death of James Garfield on September 20, 1881. Arthur died just after his term ended and was interred at lot 8 in section 24 of Albany Rural Cemetery on November 18, 1886. The program included an invocation by Captain Xiomara Diaz, historical notes by Paula Lemire, remarks by Major General Timothy J. LaBarge, wreath laying, "Taps" played by Major Sergeant Michael Ignecia and the playing of "Amazing Grace" by Michele Polito and Maria Murdza of the NYS Corrections Emerald Society Pipe Band. A birthday celebration of this type is held at the grave of each American President.



**Willard Camp Brothers listen to remarks during the ceremony.**



**Major General Timothy J. LaBarge, New York Air National Guard was the government's military representative.**



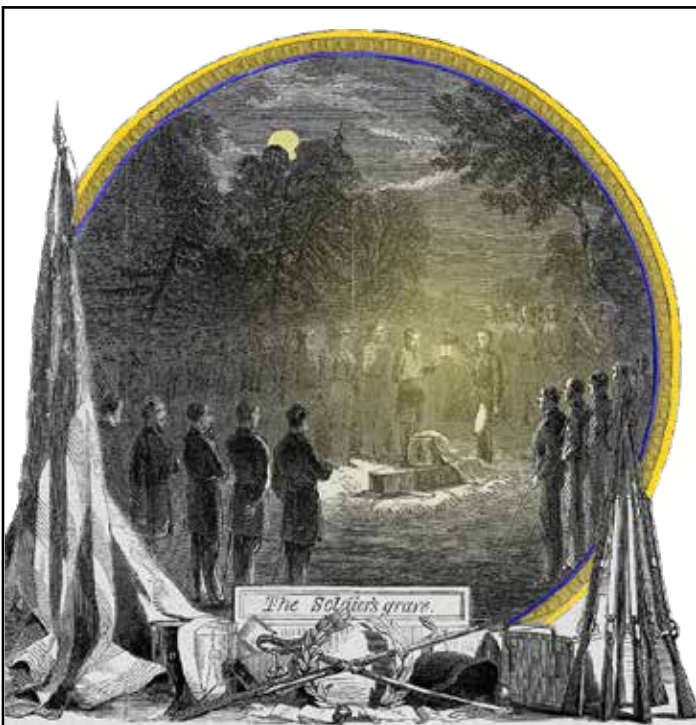
**Commemorative wreath is moved into place.**

## Tanner Stone Dedicated



### **Sisters of the Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Tent 2 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.,**

One by one, and long overdue, African-American soldiers of Civil War are being honored. Recently it was Private Levi Tanner of the 86th Regiment of U.S. Colored Infantry. The dedication of his head stone in Spring Forest Cemetery, Binghamton, NY took place on September 18, 2021. This endeavor was undertaken by the Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Tent 2 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the oldest surviving Tent in New York State. In addition to the Sisters of the Tent, participants included the 137th NY Reenactors, the 7th NY Cavalry Color Guard, and Brothers of the Carlin Camp 34,1 SUVCW The Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 SUVCW was represented by Brother Leo McGuire PDC. It is always our collective objective to "Keep Green the Memory of Civil War Veterans."



## New Member for the Camp



### **"I, Charles T. Gehring, in the presence of the Great Creator and witnessing members of the Camp . . ."**

At the Camp's November 6, 2021 meeting Charles T. Gehring was inducted into the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154, SUVCW. Even with a membership of over 60 members the Camp is always pleased to induct new members to join in the fellowship of the Order.

## Grant Cottage Update

It has been a great year for the folks at Grant Cottage. The site received its National Historic Landmark designation, completed a solar powered energy backup system and had record attendance despite COVID restrictions. The future will see a 3-D Virtual Tour of Grant Cottage to include never before seen second floor content. Grant Cottage is planning a major celebration in June 2022 for U.S. Grant's 200th birthday, with special guests planned to be on hand for the occasion. Read more at: [www.grantcottage.org](http://www.grantcottage.org)



# 77<sup>th</sup> NYVI Monument Anew



**Crime tape and statue parts at the scene of the 77th Regiment's monument on July 16, 2020.**

It took over a year, but the statue atop the 77th NY Volunteer Infantry (NYVI) monument, that was destroyed on July 16, 2020, is now back in place. It was cold but clear Tuesday morning, November 16, 2021 when workmen started the task of remounting the statue of a Civil War soldier back onto the 77th NYVI Regiment's pedestal in Congress Park in downtown Saratoga Springs, NY. Col. George L. Willard Camp Brothers, including Brian Castler DC, Jerry Orton PDC, Leo McGuire PDC, Ray LeMay III PDC, Tim Mabee, Lance Ingmire and Robert Keough PCC, were on hand for the event. Between the Willard Camp and the NYS Sesqui-centennial committee, of which Camp brothers Keough, Ingmire and Dziwulski (not present) were members, donated over \$14,000.00 to be used for improved security and landscaping for the monument. The original monument was built and dedicated in 1875 and cost \$3000 or an astounding \$76,000 in 2021-2022 dollars. It consists of a slightly larger than life soldier and a twelve-foot granite base. Others in attendance at the event were relatives of members of the 77th, local politicians, media, city workers and interested bystanders.



**NY Department Commander, SUV CW, Brian Castler talks with Brother Ray LaMay III PDC, during the rising.**



Photo: Michael Hernandez

**The bronze sentinel stands ready to retake his place on the 77<sup>th</sup> Regiment's monument in Saratoga Springs,**



**Civil War soldier's statue just before it reaches the monument on which it will rest.**



**Brother Jerry Orton PDC, in uniform, talks with Mayor Meg Kelly and Brother Lance Ingmire about the event..**

# In Memoriam

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*Janice Harding  
Past National President  
Auxiliary to the SUVCW  
2009*

*February 12, 1937 - July 2, 2021*



**The Sons of  
Union Veterans  
of the Civil War**

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## Camp Officers

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## NYS Encampment in May

Time to make plans: The NYS Department Encampment will be held in Binghamton, NY on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Department of NY web site for more details: <https://nysuvcw.org>

## Dedication/Remembrance Day 2021

Brother Jerry Orton PDC, reports that Dedication Day celebrating Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, November 19th and the Remembrance Day parade, November 20th, were well attended. Estimating some 5,000 participants. Other Camp members at the event included Richard Straight PDC and Vince Jockimo. Thanks Jerry for this update.

## Coming Events

Feb	12	Camp Meeting
Mar	4	Camp Meeting
Apr	1	Camp Meeting
	30	May Camp Meeting
May	6-8	Dept. of NY Encampment

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