

THE CHESAPEAKE GAZETTE

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

From the Desk of the Department Commander

It is my pleasure to serve as the 114th Commander of our Department and to report that the Department is in good order and financially sound, and our membership numbers remain robust and strong. I was installed as the Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake (including Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia) at the 129th Annual Department Encampment on April 23, 2016, in Frederick, Maryland. It was an especially rewarding day for me since the Department Commander Kevin Martin performed the installation of Officers. My wife, Audrey Randall-Hawley, had the honor of pinning me.



The Department of the Chesapeake also continues our active involvement in promoting patriotism outside the order, presenting certificates of commendation to young men who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout

or received ROTC awards. Also, a huge thank you to the Lincoln-Cushing Camp for organizing and executing the Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. At the Department Encampment, I shared with the Department my vision to “Market Our Camps” and it was well received. I firmly believe that we need to get more publicity for activities that we create. This will have a real impact on our recruiting new members. I had the opportunity to visit the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 at their July meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I joined the Commander and members of the General Alfred T.A. Torbert Camp #1862, Milford, Delaware at funeral services for Brother George William Contant, a former member of that camp.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Department Officers and Camp Commanders for their support and encouragement.

SUVCW OPENS CAMP IN LONDON

On July 21, 2016, Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief departed on a visit to London, England for the purpose of delivering and presenting a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charter to the new Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 of London, England. We congratulate the first Camp Commander, Brother Peter John Collins of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 2016

Summary of National Encampment, August 11-14, 2016

Thursday, Aug 11:

- Department Brothers toured historic sites including Lincoln’s home, tomb, GAR Museum, and Camp Butler. A gathering of Brothers lunched at Cozy Dog, the birthplace of the corn dog on historic Route 66.

Friday, August 12:

- Department Brothers attended the joint Memorial Service for deceased Brothers and Sisters.
- Twelve (12) Department Brothers attended the day-long business session.
- Several Department Brothers attended the evening “Campfire” program to honor CinC and Department Brother, Gene Mortorff.

Saturday, August 13:

- Twelve (12) Department Brothers attended the day-long business session.
- A large contingent of Department Brothers attended the Allied Orders banquet.

Sunday, August 14:

- Department Brothers attended the Sunday morning religious service and COA meeting.

Highlights of Departmental interest –

- CinC Mortorff’s Memorial Day initiative ultimately received a favorable vote from the floor and was assigned for committee review and action.
- The Encampment voted to have the Order’s year 2000 policy on the Confederate flag referred to committee for review.

- A request for funding towards a monument at historic Point of Rocks in Chesterfield County, VA was made by the Department Council member, Michael Beard. The request was referred to committee. The location is the site of a large Union hospital. Read more about this topic at: <http://chesterfieldhistory.com/Historic-Sites/Historic-Point-of-Rocks.html>.
- Department Brother and PDC Mark Day was elected Senior Vice CinC.
- Department Brother and PDC Mike Paquette was elected to serve on the COA.
- Department Brother and PDC Kevin Martin served as Acting National Patriotic Instructor.

Although over eight-hundred miles distant, the Department of the Chesapeake had one of the largest delegations in attendance. Twelve (12) Brothers representing six (6) Camps requited the Department honorably.

Submitted by W. Faron Taylor

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT 2017

We are pleased to announce the 130th Annual Department Encampment will be held in historic Front Royal Virginia. Dates are Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2017. The Encampment will be held at The Holiday Inn & Conference Center, 111 Hospitality Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630 (<http://www.hifrontroyalva.com/>). Our Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin, will be attending our encampment. More news will be announced in the future.



MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

Point of Rocks takes its name from a 60-foot high sandstone cliff that stands along the Appomattox River. The site was used by Native American Indians and was mentioned by Captain John Smith in his notes on Virginia. In 1642, a trading post was established there by Abraham Wood. The land was then passed to his heirs for 371 years, making Point of Rocks one of the oldest properties in the country continuously owned by one family.

In March 1865, President Lincoln traveled to City Point to visit Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Lincoln spent two weeks there touring the front and reviewing the troops. On March 27, Lincoln, his wife, Mary Todd, and sons Robert and Tad, visited Point of Rocks. Dr. Moses Greely Parker escorted them on a tour of the hospital, describing the visit in a letter:

“The President looked over the hospital buildings without going into them. He seemed anxious and careworn. He was very kind and genial in his manner, and was carelessly dressed, wearing a tall hat. He said but little, was very thoughtful and evidently wanted to be alone; for he soon left us, walking to the Point of Rocks and sat down under what was called the ‘Pocahontas Oak’ There he sat looking toward our line of breastworks. Sometimes he placed his elbow on his knee and rested his head wearily on his hand. Obviously he was thinking of something we knew not of. He had, in fact visited General Grant and probably knew what was about to take place.”

Eighteen days later, Petersburg and Richmond had fallen, Lee had surrendered at Appomattox and President Lincoln lay in state.



Point of Rocks Hospital was established at Point of Rocks, consisting of tents set up in the orchard around the Strachan House. The tents were 50 feet long and could accommodate 40 or more patients, and the house served as the surgeon’s quarters. Patients were under the care of two women pioneers in the field of medicine, Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and Harriet Dame. At a time when women were not allowed near the battlefields, Barton and Dame saw the war first hand.

At the National Encampment on August 14, 2016, a request for funding was made by Department Council Member, Michael Beard. The request was referred to committee for review.

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

Nestled within the city limits of Harrisburg, PA is the National Civil War Museum. The mission of the museum is to present a balanced view of the civil war through as many eyes as possible. As you walk through the building you will realize that this is true. The museum also serves as the National headquarters for the SUVCW. The organization’s executive director, David Demmy, has offices in this building.

The museum is on two floors, the tour beginning on the second. The exhibits start in 1861 and progress through 1865 and culminate with the Lincoln funeral procession to Springfield. Exhibits include a

multitude of weapons, some of which are very rare. Other artifacts include artillery shells, uniforms, saddles, music, and documents, including General Pickett's promotion papers. Scattered throughout the museum floor are video areas that provide visual explanations of various events. There are also temporary displays that are switched from time to time. In addition, various reenactment units put on demonstrations, usually on weekends.

Outside is the Walk of Valor. The walkways are brick and sectioned off by state. As a way of honoring your ancestor you can purchase a brick and have it inscribed.

The museum is located at One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103. Phone number is (717) 260-1861 and their website is www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.

INTERESTING UPCOMING EVENTS

The following are upcoming events within the Department that may be of interest: Most events are listed on www.NPS.gov.

September

- 1 to 30 – Guided tours of Arlington House, Arlington National Cemetery
- 4 – Artillery Demonstrations – Fort Washington
- 9 to 11 - Defenders Day - The Star-Spangled Banner Weekend!! – Fort McHenry
- 10 and 11 - For Cause & Country: Serving the Soldiers – Fort Washington
- 11 - Communication via Telegraph During the Civil War – Petersburg National Battlefield
- 17 - Half Day Hike: Richmond in Photographs: Then & Now – Richmond National Battlefield
- 17 and 18 - Lives in Limbo: Contraband Camp in the Shadow of John Brown's Fort – Harpers Ferry
- 17 and 18 - 154th Battle Anniversary Weekend – Antietam National Battlefield
- 22 to 24 – Volunteer Days – Antietam National Battlefield
- 22 - Lantern Tour - Appomattox 1865 Foundation – Appomattox Courthouse
- 24 and 25 - Fort Harrison Anniversary Weekend – Richmond National Battlefield
- 25 - Artillery Demonstrations - Petersburg National Battlefield

October

- 2 - Artillery Demonstrations – Fort Washington
- 15 - Election Day 1860: To the Polls Ye Sons of Freedom! – Harpers Ferry
- 15 – Battlefield Hikes – Monocacy National Battlefield
- 16 - At All Times Ready: The US Marines Reacting to the Raid 1859 – Harpers Ferry
- 29 and 30 - Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights 1862 – Harpers Ferry

November

- 19 – Remembrance Day – Gettysburg

December

- 3 – Illumination Day – Antietam National Battlefield

NEWS FROM OUR CAMPS

Antietam Camp #3, Frederick, Maryland

January

- The Antietam Camp installed new officers for the upcoming year: Stuart D. Younkin as Camp Commander, George “Tommy” Chapman as Senior Vice Commander, Secretary/Treasurer. Brother Jay Burkey as Junior Vice Commander.

March

- Antietam Camp #3 held its 8th annual Medal of Honor Ceremony on March 26th at the Hessian Barracks in Frederick, Maryland. This year’s honoree was Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the only female recipient of the Medal of Honor. Dr. Walker served as a Union surgeon who treated soldiers and civilians alike, and was held as a Prisoner of War (POW) in Richmond, VA. Over fifty attendees and dignitaries listened as the guest speaker, Audrey Scanlan-Teller, spoke about Dr. Walker and the many hurdles and ordeals she faced both as a woman and as a doctor. A wreath-laying ceremony was conducted at the conclusion of the event with a uniformed color guard and bugler playing “Taps”. Antietam Auxiliary Camp #3 also participated in the event. Afterwards, the group gathered at “Barley and Hops” Restaurant for lunch and fellowship. Plans are already in the works for the 2017 Medal of Honor Ceremony which has been tentatively set for Saturday, March 25th at the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, in Blue Ridge Summit, PA.



(L to R): Stuart Younkin, Jay Rarick, Mark Day, Wes Mumper, James Mumper, Robert Brewer, Larry Vance, Kevin Martin, Michael Paquette, Chuck O'Dell, Karl Woodcock, Tommy Chapman

April

- Several members of the camp attended the Department of the Chesapeake Encampment, also in Frederick, MD.

May

- Over the Memorial Day Weekend, Antietam Camp members attended a joint service with the Frederick and Carrollton Manor Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Frederick Maryland. This year's honoree was Dr. Mary Walker. Over 100 persons, including state and local dignitaries attended the event.
- At the bi-monthly meeting, the Camp discussed future activities such as the 2017 Medal of Honor Ceremony, a fall picnic at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park in Pennsylvania, the annual Camp Dinner, the 2016 Antietam Battlefield Illumination, and the 2016 Remembrance Day Parade at Gettysburg. It should also be noted that this year, the Antietam Auxiliary Camp No. #3 has begun playing a major role in all our activities as well, and the entire camp welcomes all their help and input.
- On May 30th, members of Antietam Camp No. #3 participated in a joint Memorial Day Service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, MD. The ceremony was hosted by Antietam Camp, the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR); and Carrollton Manor Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The SAR Chapter provided a Revolutionary War uniformed color guard and Frederick Town Fife and Drum Corp provided patriotic music for the event as well.



(L to R) PCC Karl Woodcock, Camp Commander Stuart Younkin, (identify individual) PDC Kevin Martin, Auxiliary President Rosemary Martin, Denise Thompson

General Alfred T. A. Torbert Camp #1862, Milford, Delaware

The General Torbert Camp, headquartered in Milford, DE, participated in the following activities from the period July 2015 to July 2016:

July

- The camp travelled to Gettysburg to tour the battlefield. Although it was a hot day, the camp covered most of the ground including making stops at places with special meaning to individuals.

August

- Camp Commander Famous and Senior Vice Commander/PCC David Pyne attended the National Encampment in Richmond, VA.

September

- At the camp's meeting in September, three new members, Tom Chilton, George DeGroft, and David Souder were welcomed into the organization.

October

- Camp members travelled to Gettysburg National Park for the camp's semi-annual Adopt-a-Position clean-up. The camp has adopted three monuments.
- The camp, along with the Appomattox Camp, participated in a headstone re-dedication ceremony conducted by the family of Sgt. Benjamin Redheffer, a Pennsylvania soldier accidentally killed in a train accident in Wilmington, DE.

November

- The camp performed semi-annual clean-up activities at the Milford, DE Union Cemetery jointly with the Lions Club.
- Several camp members marched in the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA.

February

- The camp held its annual Lincoln Dinner. Department Commander Kevin Martin and wife Rosemary attended and installed the camp's 2016 officers.

March

- Several camp members participated in Antietam Days, the park's clean-up day.

April

- The camp's quarterly meeting was held in Milford, DE.
- Camp members travelled to Gettysburg National Park for the camp's semi-annual Adopt-a-Position clean-up. The camp has adopted three monuments.
- Camp Commander Barry Famous and Senior Vice Commander/PCC David Pyne attended the department's annual encampment.

May

- Camp Chaplain Ray Harris presented the ROTC award to Ean Radke at Sussex Central High School in Georgetown, DE.
- The camp purchased new US and camp flags.

- The camp held a special meeting to listen to a presentation concerning a proposal to erect a statue in Easton, MD dedicated to Union soldiers from Talbot County, MD. A summary of the meeting was submitted to Committee Chairman Wes Mumper for his review.
- Camp Commander Famous attended the Appomattox Camp Memorial Day activities.
- The camp's Memorial Day activities were cancelled due to heavy rains and dangerous conditions.

June

- Camp Commander Famous was invited to, and attended, a Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting in Salisbury, MD. The purpose was to open a dialog to further cooperation between the camps of the two organizations.

Colonel James D. Brady Camp #63

Colonel James D. Brady Camp #63, covering the area from Petersburg to Virginia Beach, VA, started 2015 with 20 registered Brothers. By mid-2016, Brady Camp had increased its membership by 25%, despite having its home in "rebel" territory. Its growth can be attributed to an active program combining traditional meetings, commemorations and observances with battlefield tours and lectures by significant speakers.

January

- The Brady Camp reinstalled its 2015 slate of officers for another year of service at the quarterly business meeting, held in the Great Bridge section of Chesapeake, VA. After the meeting, the Camp Commander presented information on the Union Army's activities in Great Bridge, and then led a tour for interested Brothers of the Battle of Great Bridge (a small but strategically significant Revolutionary War battle which occurred next to the meeting site).

February

- The Brady Camp convened at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, where the Memorial Director and Civil War author, Chris Kolakowski, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the relatively lesser known Battle of Perryville. Mr. Kolakowski was Executive Director of the Perryville Enhancement Project, and author of the History Press book, The Civil War at Perryville: Battling For the Bluegrass. To thank Mr. Kolakowski for his support of Brady Camp and to honor his commitment to the Perryville battlefield, the Brady Camp made a donation in his name to the Civil War Trust's Perryville preservation fund.

March

- The Brady Camp traveled to the Petersburg Eastern Front for a tour led by one of its own Brothers. Highlights were walking the grounds of that Union disaster, the Battle of the Crater, as well as site of the much more successful fighting at Fort Stedman. The Brady Brothers then went to the nearby cemetery in Petersburg where our Camp's namesake, Colonel James D. Brady, was buried. At his gravesite, we discussed his honorable record of service as the final Commander of the 63rd NY Infantry, part of the Irish Brigade, and paid our humble respects.

April

- For our business meeting, we convened at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk. We were pleased to host as our guest Brother Wes Mumper, Department Patriotic Instructor. After completing our itinerary, the museum historian, Mr. Clay Farrington, gave an excellent talk on the Navy/Marine Corps contribution to the capture of Fort Fisher, SC, in January 1865, and then personally interpreted the museum's Civil War exhibits to the Camp. Meanwhile, one week prior to the meeting, a small group of Brady Brothers met at the Gaines Mill Battlefield to take part in the joint Civil War Trust/National Park Service Battlefield Clean-up Day, where we fought the elements and insects to help restore a section of the battlefield to its historic appearance.

May

- A large group of Brady Brothers were led on an outstanding narrative tour of the Battle of Williamsburg by another of our Brothers. This tour spanned the entire battlefield, starting at Yorktown and included Fort Magruder and several well-preserved redoubts. Unfortunately, at the end of the month, a very heavy thunderstorm forced the cancellation of our annual Memorial Day observance, which was to have been held this year at Cold Harbor National Cemetery.

July

- The Brady Camp will converge on Isle of Wight County, where it will tour the Confederate Fort Huger and learn of the Battle of Smithfield. We will also have a group of Brothers spray herbicide at Fort Alexander Hayes on the Petersburg Line in preparation for our Fall clean-up of our adopted fort.

September

- We held our quarterly business meeting at the beautiful and historic Rose and Crown Tavern in New Kent Court House. The heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of the Brothers, but did prevent our planned follow-up tour of the local area.

October

- Brady Brothers toured the Lee Hall Mansion in Newport News. Lee Hall Mansion is the only large antebellum plantation house remaining on the lower Virginia Peninsula. Just three years after the house's completion, the Lee family fled their home as the Peninsula became one of the first battlegrounds of the Civil War. Between April and May of 1862, the house was used as a Confederate headquarters by Major General John B. Magruder and General Joseph E. Johnston. A small skirmish was fought on the property by the retreating Confederates and Union cavalry on May 4, 1862. The mansion remained under Union control until the end of the war.

Irish Brigade Camp #4, Fredericksburg, Virginia

January

- Department Commander Kevin Martin installed the 2016 Irish Brigade Camp's Officers. Brother Brian Withrow was guest speaker, as General Grant in 1866 at an Elizabeth Van Lew Tent event.
- The Irish Brigade Camp contacted 21 local high schools with JROTC programs and was successful in getting 13 to submit applications for the SUVCW ROTC medal and certificate. Camp Officers were present at each JROTC Award Program and presented both medal and certificate to deserving cadets.

February

- Junior Vice Commander Johnson represented the Camp at the dedication of a Virginia State Historical Marker to escaped slave Anthony Burns at the site of the Union Army Camp on the Rappahannock River, in the Stafford County Historic Port of Falmouth.
- The Irish Brigade Camp #4 held its 6th Annual Lincoln Dinner at Fredericksburg Country Club. Our guest speaker, Mr. Don Mullen spoke on Abraham Lincoln's patent and interest in technology.

April

- Camp Commander Standard and past Commanders Rarick and Virts participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Col. Crowther in Fredericksburg.

May

- Irish Brigade Camp #4 remembered Memorial Day by participating in several events. Senior Vice Commander Leturno was one of two color guards representing the SUVCW at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. Commander Standard, Junior Vice Commander Johnson and several other Brothers participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC. Brothers Leturno, Paquette, Willging, Keenan, Schwalm and their families met at Fredericksburg National Cemetery and placed Irish Brigade Flags on the graves of all Irish Brigade Soldiers buried there. Camp Brothers and their families met at the Blarney Stone Pub for dinner and camaraderie.
- Contacted two local Boy Scout Districts and have been asked to speak at their next Boy Scout Leader Round Table to discuss the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award.

June

- Conducted Obligation Ceremony to formally induct and welcome Brother Schwalm to the SUVCW and Irish Brigade Camp #4.

James A. Garfield Camp #1, Baltimore, Maryland

2015

August

- Eleven Camp Brothers Traveled to Richmond, VA to support Brother Gene Mortorf's successful bid for Commander-In-Chief at the 134th National Encampment. Garfield's numerical representation exceeded that of any Camp in the Order.

September

- Conducted a Camp meeting at Antietam in commemoration of the 153rd anniversary of the battle.

November

- Camp meeting, election, and installation at the Maryland monument in Gettysburg officiated by Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortorff with numerous National and Department officers in attendance. Following the meeting and ceremony Brothers retired to a local eatery for lunch then returned to observe the Remembrance Day Parade and ceremony honoring Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Alonzo Cushing.

December

- Conducted a ceremony at Loudon Park National Cemetery honoring the fallen. The program occurred near the anniversaries of the dedication of several nineteenth century monuments commissioned and / or sponsored by the Allied Orders.

2016

January

- Camp Brothers toured and conducted a Camp meeting on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

February

- Visited and conducted a Camp meeting at the United States Coast Guard facility at Curtis Bay in Baltimore.

April

- Camp Brothers volunteered at Antietam National Battlefield as part of the National Park Service annual "Park Day" clean-up program.
- Lincoln Dinner, Johns Hopkins Club, Baltimore, MD. Noted Civil War and National Park Service historian Emmanuel Dabney delivered a program on Lincoln's visits to City Point in 1864 and 1865. In celebration of its twentieth anniversary, Garfield Camp presented a donation to the Civil War Trust in the amount of five-hundred dollars.
- Camp Brothers attended the annual Department Encampment in Frederick, MD.

May

- Conducted the annual Memorial Day program at historic Reisterstown Community Cemetery.

July

- Brothers gathered in Gettysburg to tour recent Civil War Trust acquisitions and conducted a Camp meeting. Special guests included CinC Mortorff and Department of the Chesapeake Commander, Ben Hawley.

August

- Four Camp Brothers traveled to Springfield, IL to attend the 135th National Encampment.

Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38, California, Maryland

Chesapeake Department Brothers Honor Civil War Soldier

By Dept. JVC Wes Mumper

On August 18th, 2016 Brothers from the Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp #20 (Roanoke, VA), Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 (Lynchburg, VA), and the Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38(Southern Maryland) descended upon Appomattox Court House National Historic Park to honor a soldier who fought alongside our ancestors but had been forgotten to time.



L-R PCC Kevin Shoyer (Taylor-Wilson #10), DVJC/CC Wes Mumper [National Color], and Michael Mumper [Regimental Color] (Sgt. Harris #38) with 45th NY Re-enactor. (Photo Credit: Paul Watson)

L-R Drummer, PCC Kevin Shoyer (Taylor-Wilson #10), DVJC/CC Wes Mumper [National Color], and Michael Mumper [Regimental Color] (Sgt. Harris #38) with 45th NY Re-enactor

L-R Drummer, PCC Kevin Shoyer (Taylor-Wilson #10), DVJC/CC Wes Mumper [National Color], and Michael Mumper [Regimental Color] (Sgt. Harris #38) with 45th NY Re-enactor (Photo Credit: Paul Watson)

151 years after his first trip there and 94 years after his death Pvt. Jewett Williams from Co. H 20th Maine Vol. Inf. returned to Appomattox Court House for a visit on his way back to his home state of Maine to be buried. This time he arrived not by foot but by the motorcycles of the Patriot Guard Riders. He was honored for his service and to remind him that he is not forgotten.



Patriot Guard Riders.

Pvt. Jewett Williams Co.H 20th Maine (Photo Credit: Paul Watson)

Pvt. Williams' Remains (Photo Credit: Paul Watson)

Brothers Philip Sheridan, Lee Hadden, CC Richard Uplinger, and Wayne Miesen of the Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp were joined by PCC Kevin Shroyer of the Taylor Wilson Camp #10, Brother Michael Mumper, and CC/DJVC Wes Mumper of the Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38 to pay respects to Pvt Williams. Brothers Shroyer, M. Mumper, and W. Mumper participated on the Color Guard carrying the Colors of the 20th Maine.



Top Row L-R: Brother Philip Sheridan (Chamberlain #20) and PCC Kevin Shroyer (Taylor-Wilson #10),
 Middle Row L-R: Brother Wayne Miesen (Chamberlain #20) and DJVC/ CC Wes Mumper (Harris #38)
 Bottom Row L-R: CC Richard Uplinger (Chamberlain #20), Brother Lee Hadden (Chamberlain #20),
 and Brother Michael Mumper (Harris #38)

So far from Jan to Jun the Harris Camp has been very busy! More to come in the 3rd and 4th Qtrs!

1st Qtr:

Jan:



3: Presented SUVCW BSA Eagle Scout Award to Ryan Neimi and ASUVCW GSA Gold Award to Alissa Neimi, Lusby MD

Feb:



20: Camp Encampment/Luncheon, Leonardtown, MD. DC Kevin Martin in attendance.

2nd Qtr:

Apr:



23: Department Encampment, Frederick, M



29: SUVCW JROTC Award to Anthony Hanson, Patuxent High School NJROTC, Lusby, MD

30: Southern Maryland Celtic Festival Living History, St. Leonard, MD

May:



1: SUVCW JROTC Award to Joseph Maus, Calvert High School NJROTC, Prince Frederick, MD

4: SUVCW JROTC Award to Nolan Coleman, Annapolis High School NJROTC, Annapolis, MD

5: SUVCW JROTC Award to Riley Howlin, Huntingtown High School NJROTC, Huntingtown, MD

11: SUVCW JROTC Award to Dwight Stapelton, Lackey High School AFJROTC, Indian Head, MD

12: Camp May Meeting, Charlotte Hall, MD

17: SUVCW JROTC Award to Samuel Chick, Chopticon High School AFJROTC, Clements, MD



18: SUVCW JROTC Award to Shikinah Brown, Westlake High School NJROTC, Waldorf, MD

SUVCW JROTC Award to Brandon Shepard, La Plata High School NJROTC, La Plata, MD

SUVCW JROTC Award to Xavier Winford, McDonough High School AJROTC, Pomfret, MD

19: SUVCW JROTC Award to Colin Head, Great Mills High School NJROTC, Great Mills, MD



20. SUVCW JROTC Award to Jarred Walker, North Point High School AFJROTC, Waldorf, MD



SUVCW JROTC Award to Dalton Byram, King George High School NJROTC, King George, VA



24: SUVCW JROTC Award to Curtis Steinbach, St. Charles High School MCJROTC, White Plains, MD



30: Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

Jun:

11-12: Blue & Gray Days Living History, Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, MD



14: SUVCW JROTC Award to Talithieia Brackett, Thomas Stone High School AJROTC, Waldorf, MD

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp #20, Roanoke, Virginia

Camp Commander Standard and several other Camp Brothers have participated in numerous Civil War activities and reenactments throughout 2016.

May

- Services were conducted for Private George W.N. Fulton at the Nofsinger Family Cemetery in Botetourt County, Virginia. In attendance were Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Camp #20, Department of Chesapeake, SUVCW; Weldon L. Martin, Executive Director of Botetourt County Historical Society and Museum; Dr. Kurt C. Russ, pottery maker; and family of Pvt. George W.N. Fulton. Weldon Martin gave the welcoming introduction followed by remarks by Dr. Russ on the pottery made by Pvt. George W.N. Fulton. The service was concluded by the laying of flowers on the grave site. Attending were brothers Richard Uplinger, Lee Hadden, Joe Grissom, Wayne Miesen, Richard Raymond III, Al Linton and James Tate III.

Lincoln Cushing Camp #2, Washington, D.C.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 is quite fortunate in being one of the largest camps in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), with over 100 members. Our members have ascended to high office in the SUVCW. They include a Past CinC, the sitting Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake, and several Past Department Commanders.

We have well-attended quarterly camp meetings, featuring notable speakers. It is not unusual for 30 brothers, sisters, and guests to attend.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp conducts Memorial Day ceremonies every year on May 30th at Arlington National Cemetery at the James R. Tanner Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. Dignitaries from the SUVCW, the other Allied Orders, and other patriotic organizations attend. Each organization presents wreaths at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. Patriotic music is provided by one of the military bands in Washington D. C. This year, the Marine Band participated.

The camp also conducts a range of patriotic, educational, and public service events. We maintain a Lincoln-Cushing Camp Education and Preservation Fund, which gives us the resources to support worthy activities. For example, we annually endow a scholarship for a high school student to attend the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and also make donations to Civil War summer camps and help other organizations install Civil War signage. In addition, we regularly clean headstones at National Cemeteries and present awards to Eagle Scouts and JROTC cadets.

The camp holds an annual family picnic at Fort Ward Park for brothers, sisters of the Auxiliary, and guests. Fort Ward was a key component of the defenses of Washington during the Civil War. This year, twenty-five brothers and guests attended the picnic.



Lincoln Cushing Camp Family Picnic Attendees

Taylor Wilson Camp #10

January

- Camp Meeting held and new officers installed.

February

- Annual Taylor Wilson Camp #10 Lincoln Birthday Dinner held at Lynchburg College. Twenty-six members and guest in attendance, including the Department Commander and his wife.

April

- Presentation of ROTC Awards. Three members attended the “Bedford JROTC Program Cadet Ball and Awards Ceremony.
- Two members attended the 129th Department of Chesapeake Annual Encampment in Frederick, Maryland.
- Visit to locate Union Soldiers in remote gravesites near, and at Appomattox Courthouse.

May

- Camp Meeting. Annual Camp Memorial Day Ceremony honoring each member’s ancestors.
- Confederate Memorial Day at Lynchburg City Cemetery.
- Lynchburg Memorial Service

June

- Represented the Union in a movie based on the Battle of Lynchburg.

July

- Regular Camp Meeting held on the 7th.

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