

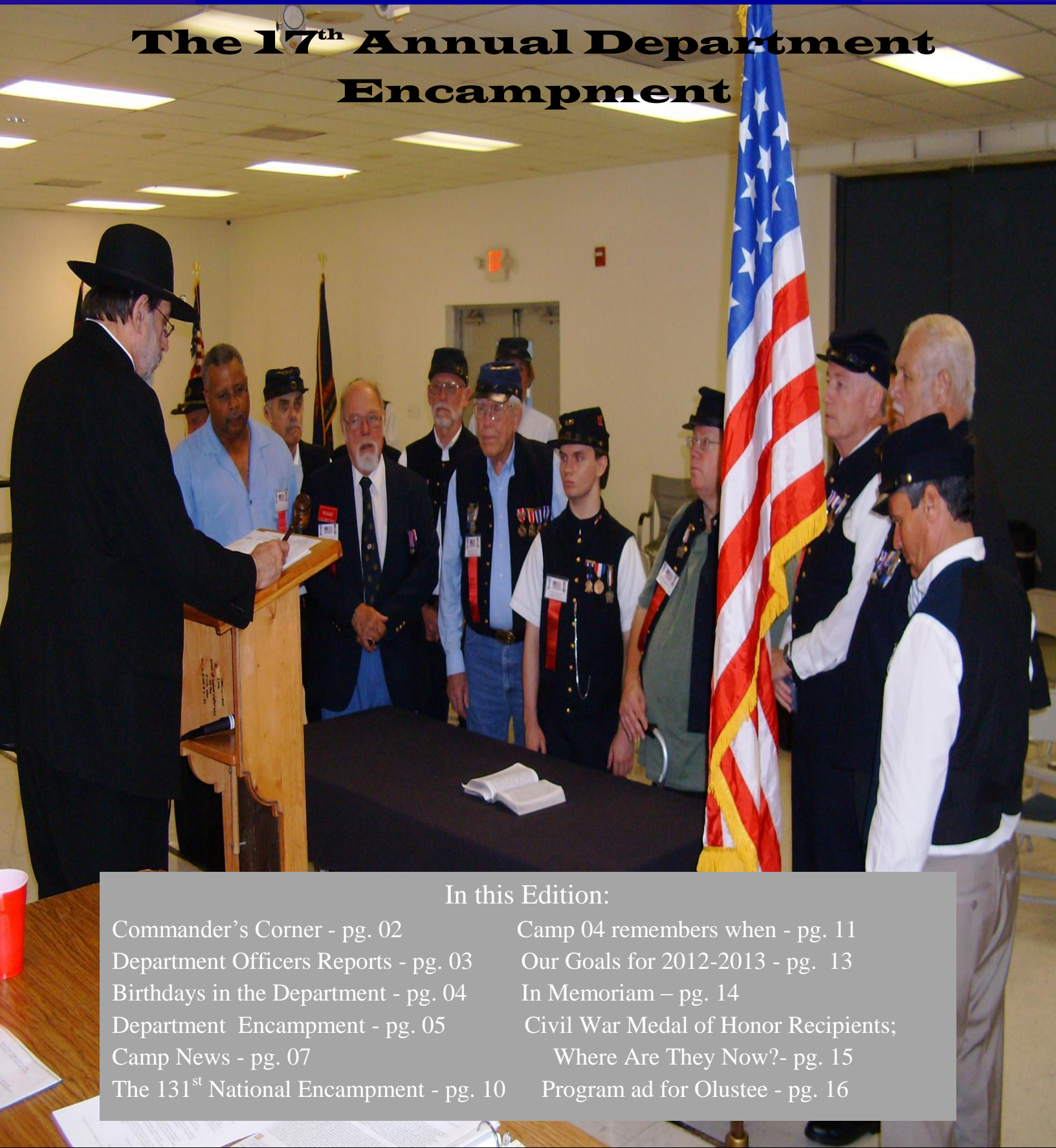


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The 17th Annual Department Encampment



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 **COMMANDER'S CORNER** 

Brothers, Phil Hinman, PCC answered the final roll call and we miss him (see “Dispatch” remembrance).

Thank you for participating in Department Encampment. Commander Shaffer and Camp 7, and Mike Farrell, PDC prepared a good one (see “Dispatch” report, including photographs of participants). Thank you as well to Brother Mike and the outgoing Department Officers for their 2011-2012 service. This was an excellent year with two sesquicentennial events, recurring Camp events, and the Concord Cemetery restoration and rededication. Brother Mike received SVR recognition at the 2011 DE, and national recognition during the 2011-2012 year. Thank you as well to those accepting nomination for the 2012-2013 year. Opportunities remain to serve as Department Civil War Memorials Officer, Department Graves Registration Officer, and Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee. Please let me know if you have a nominee, or will volunteer for any of these important positions.

Florida is entitled to 17 votes at National Encampment (see “Dispatch” report), but only votes by those present are counted. I recommend you consider attending the 2013 Milwaukee NE.

I attended the Camp 4 July and September meetings, and have been invited to attend the Camps 7, and 8 (and perhaps the Camp 3) September meetings. The Sisters of new Tent 11 are meeting 10:00 am September 29 at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne, and I plan accept that invitation as well. All Brothers are be welcome to attend; please rsvp so the Sisters can give an accurate count to their caterer.

Department JVC Slavin, Commander John Pardee, and I reviewed Department recruiting goals to identify strategic goals that are unlikely to change much from year to year, and current year tactical goals (see “Dispatch” report). I plan to have a team review each of the goals identified in 2011 in this format. If you think of a goal that would benefit the Department, please let me know.

To me, the impression was that little happened during our “off-season.” If that was true in the past, it was not true this year. Some DE items needed action, and there have been a number of opportunities to recognize the good work you have done. I submitted a write-up for all I became aware of, meeting a variety of pre-NE deadlines. I especially thank Lloyd Monroe and Bill Slavin, and our teams drafting the two NE Official Program full-page ads (see final “Dispatch” page).

The Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for December 15, 2012 at the 3101 17th Street Senior Center in Saint Cloud. Department Officers, Camp Commanders, and Committee Chairmen should attend so we can share what is working well, identify Camps needing assistance, and advance our mission.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jim Ward

Department Senior Vice Commanders Report

Well I certainly enjoyed the Department Encampment in June. I think a good time was had by all. There isn't much for me to report on at this time. I hope all my brothers are having a great summer.

Department Junior Vice Commander Report

New members are John Lary (Camp #7), Ray Terry (Camp # 25), John Gilliland (Camp # 25), Ray Terry (Camp #25), and Robert and Kirk Kassebaum (Camp # 25). Five applications were received this week from National which are currently being assigned.

Chaplain's Corner;

The dedication and courage of Christian soldiers in the Civil War should inspire us to service and dedication in this day. George Squier, a soldier in the Forty-fourth Indiana Regiment, wrote to his wife from a camp near Calhoun, Kentucky, on January 12, 1862:

My own Dear Ellen,

I am not sorry I enlisted in the service of my country and most assuredly I am not sorry I enlisted in the service of my God. I find Great comfort and consolation therein. May Heaven's blessing rest on the Dear "folks at home."

*Once more goodbye,
G.W. Squier*

Officers of the Department of Florida S.U.V.C.W. 2012-2013



Department Commander: James Ward, Camp 04

SVC: John Vaughn III, PCC Camp 08

JVC: William Slavin, Camp 07

Secretary: Lloyd Monroe, Camp 01

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Council No.02: Michael E. Farrell, PDC Camp 04

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Chaplain: David Acheson, PCC Camp 05

G.R.O.:

Historian:

Civil War Memorials:

Eagle Scout Coordinator: John Vaughn III, Camp 08

JROTC Coordinator: Richard Shaffer, CC Camp 07

Counselor: Lloyd B. Monroe, Camp 01

G.A.R. Research: Roger Heiple, Camp 04

Signals Officer: Paul Pardee, Camp 05

Department Brothers' Birthdays July-September

Best Wishes and Happy Birthday

to:

David E. Denson
 Andrew D. Kujumdzieu
 Larry E. Oppenheimer
 Charles L. Day Jr.
 Bartholomew Erit
 John A. Gilliland
 John T. Clixby
 Robert F. Kantner
 Edward J. Manak
 Owen H. Morse
 Dr. Bernard Sonnenblick
 C.D. "Buck" Custer
 Andrew C. Everett
 Chris Maniaci
 Stephen F. Owen
 Clair D. Whitlam
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 Bradley B. Baker
 Richard H. Bickforf
 Donald E. Burris
 Robert M. Jones
 Robert H. Joynt
 Edward L. McCausland Jr.
 Adrian J. Geary
 Kenneth E. Martin
 John A. Sink

With all the hardships and difficulties, Paul never regretted that he had surrendered his life to Christ to preach the gospel. After his calling on the Damascus road, Paul said, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" He then immediately began serving the Lord.

Union soldier George Squier was proud to serve his country, and he delighted he was not ashamed to serve the Lord. We cannot know the painful experiences that lie ahead of us; nevertheless, when we submit our will to God, he blesses us. Someday we will receive our rewards from the Lord and be able to say "I am not sorry I enlisted in the service of my God."

Are we all ready to become soldiers for the Lord?

Dave Acheson, PCC

Chaplain, Department of Florida

Department Patriotic Instructor's Message

There is no message in this Dispatch, due to health reasons.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scheduled Meetings and Events:

Department Encampment

June 15th, 2013

Location to be Determined

The Battle of Fort Brooke

Sesquicentennial

October 2013

17TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

June 16, 2012, Pembroke Pines, Florida

Doors opened in the morning with a continental breakfast. Display tables were manned. Camp 5 manned the registration and credentials table. Civil War music was broadcast. Lunch was Civil War cuisine. Barbara Gannon, Assistant Professor of Military History at the University of Central Florida, and author of “The Won Cause”, presented her findings regarding the Grand Army of the Republic. Pembroke Pines Vice Mayor Carl Shechter welcomed the Brothers.



Professor Barbara Gannon

The business meeting began at 1:00 pm, and was photographed by Brother Kerr. Department Commander Farrell convened the encampment, and made pro tem appointments. Department Chaplain Whitlam offered an invocation. Patriotic Instructor Hardesty led the Pledge of Allegiance.



National Chaplain Kowalski, representing CinC Palmer, discussed IRS status, the new requirement that only requests for gravestones by relatives of veterans will be acted on, and C-in-C Palmer’s identification of recruiting as a top priority. Secretary Custer’s minutes of the 2011 Mid-Year meeting were accepted. Treasurer Custer’s financial report was accepted. The Officer, Committee, and Project reports followed.

Patriotic Instructor Hardesty reported the effort to obtain a headstone for Private King was successful. He reported meeting with the Real Daughter of the oldest living Civil War Veteran in 1907. Also noted was Camp 7’s living history presentations at a Boy Scouts of America Jamboree. Finally, the collected letters of Civil War Veteran George Snowden were noted.

National Chaplain Kowalski

Brother Polston reported on the successful restoration and rededication of Concord Cemetery, as well as a proposal to construct a replica of a Civil War-era fort.

The status of the Olustee monument project was provided by Department Commander Farrell. He reported the Department of New York passed a resolution to partner with the Department of Florida on this. The Florida Brothers agreed to purchase a full page advertisement in the 2012 National Encampment Official Program inviting other Departments to join the effort. National Chaplain Kowalski challenged Brothers to match his \$50 donation, and \$660 was pledged.

Communications received were reported as General Orders, and a coin and report from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Unfinished business included a status report on the re-internment of two Union Veterans buried at Vineland Cemetery. The Department Encampment voted to adopt the 10th Army Corp symbol as the Department of Florida insignia. The Department Encampment voted to recognize PCC honors for Camp 4 Brother Bergelt, and Camp 5 Brother Acheson. The Brothers voted to amend Department bylaws to

meet revised IRS EIN reporting requirements. The Brothers voted that Department funds be spent for a full-page 2012 National Encampment Official Program advertisement.



Commendation: Ron McCracken, PDC



Camp Growth Award: Camp 05



Merit Award: John Sink, CC



Fraternity Award: Buck Custer, PDC



Charity Award: Marshall Polston



Loyalty Award: John M. Vaughn III



Merit Award: Paul Pardee



New Officers' Installed

Awards were presented were: Camp Growth Award-Camp 5; Fraternity Award-Brother Custer, PDC; Charity Award-Brother Polston; Loyalty Award-Brother Vaughn; Merit Awards-Brother Paul Pardee and Commander Sink; Recognition-Brother Heiple, for GAR research as well as sesquicentennial events; and Commendation-Brother McCracken for Concord Cemetery restoration.

The 18th annual Department Encampment will be June 15, 2013.

Brother Scalley conducted Encampment elections. Department Officers for the 2011-2012 term were elected. National Chaplain Kowalski installed the elected and appointed Officers. Brother Michael Farrell was presented with the Past Department Commander's badge, which Susan Farrell pinned on him.

Camp 7 Brothers and Commander Shaffer, as host Camp, with assistance from Camp 3 Brothers and Commander Scalley, and Brother Farrell, PDC are congratulated for planning and conducting an excellent Department Encampment.



CAMP NEWS

Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp No. 01

This is the Camp # 1, Department of Florida Report submitted to be read or circulated at the SUVCW Department of Florida Annual Encampment 6/16/12.

We have held five meetings and three officially sanctioned outings during the last year (7/1/11—6/30/12). The Exempt IRS Income Tax filing for the previous year (7/1/10—6/30/11) was filed and we received Form 990-N E filing receipt from the IRS 12/5/11. We forwarded this information to the Department of Florida on 3/17/12. Our next filing will be for the period 7/1/11—6/30/12 and be filed with the IRS on or before 11/15/12.

The first Outing was to the Egmont Key Civil War Encampment 11/12/11. This event was sponsored by the State of Florida and Pinellas County. It was an excellent opportunity to view both Union and Confederate Troop Encampments in an authentic Civil War Site.

The first meeting was held 10/11/11 at Brother Jim Hayward's home in Brandon. Junior Vice Commander Larry Oppenheimer conducted the Meeting in the absence of Commander Palmer. Senior Vice Commander and Department Patriotic Instructor Richard Hardesty gave an excellent and informative presentation on the history of the American Creed.

Our second meeting was held 12/13/11 at Brother Jim Hayward's home in Brandon. Camp # 1 elections were held. The results were Camp Commander—Dave Palmer, Junior Vice Commander—Larry Oppenheimer, Senior Vice Commander—Richard Hardesty, and Secretary/Treasurer—Larry Peck Sr.

and Council Members Richard Beyer Sr. and Gerald Leonard. PCC Richard Beyer Sr. (authorized by Brother Mike Farrell Florida Department Commander) installed the Camp Officers. CC Palmer gave a presentation on and demonstrated his Civil War Smith Carbine.

The third meeting was held 2/14/12 at the home of Brother Jim Hayward in Brandon. We welcomed new Associate Member Douglas Craft. CC Palmer led a discussion on the role of Fort Brooke and the Battle of Ballast Point during the Civil War. An active and lively discussion ensued.

Our fourth meeting/outing was held 3/11/12 at the Gamble Plantation (a Civil War Antebellum Mansion/Sugar Plantation). We held our Meeting and introduced new Member Richard Young. We then attended the Special Open House hosted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy—Judah P. Benjamin Chapter. They were dressed in period costume and acted as Site Guides. The Brothers, their wife's and Children enjoyed a tour of both the Gamble Plantation Mansion, the Patten House and the State of Florida Museum located at the Site (Gamble Plantation Historic State Park).

Our fifth meeting/ Outing was held 4/25/12 at the Tampa Bay Historical Museum. We had lunch at the Columbia Cafe (located within the Museum) followed by our Meeting. After the Meeting we toured the Special Exhibit (Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs on loan from the War Museum in Washington). It was very educational and enjoyed by all. We than toured the remainder of the Museum. We visited Cotanchobee/Fort Brooke Park (adjacent to the Museum) and walked to the Convention Center which now occupies most of the former Fort Brooke Site. (Continued on next page.)

Note, this Park will be the Florida Department Sesquicentennial Event for 2013 (10/13).

Accomplishments:

1. Presented (15) ROTC/JROTC Awards
2. Continued our liaison with the Mary Todd Lincoln Tent # 10 Daughters Union Veterans Civil War Tampa Branch.
3. Increased Camp Membership from 22 to 26 with two applications pending.
4. We have had success obtaining a headstone for Union Pvt. Robert Marshall King's grave site located in Indian Springs Cemetery in Punta Gorda. This project was successful due to the special efforts of Brother Larry Peck Sr.
5. (3) Brothers have actively supported and participated in the establishment of a Civil War Roundtable in Tampa—it now looks like it will succeed.

I have enjoyed my term as Camp Commander and enjoyed strong support of the Camp Membership. I sincerely wish a very successful and enjoyable Department of Florida Encampment 6/16/12.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David R. Palmer
Camp Commander Camp # 1 Department of Florida

General Thomas J. Mckean Camp 03

We did not have meetings in July-September. Our next meeting will be 7:00 pm Wednesday October 3. We will be planning the Veterans Day Parade in West Palm Beach for November 11.

Edward J. Manak
Commander, Camp 3

Lucius L. Mitchell Camp No. 04

In June we lost another member of our Camp, Brother Philip R. Hinman made his final roll call, several members of the Camp were present at his memorial service to comfort his good wife and three sons, he set a grand example of persistent participation despite the numerous physical impairments that he endured he was active until the end. He will be missed.

How be it, we have been able to maintain our membership with new members being inducted at several of our camp meetings this year.

At the July Camp meeting we welcomed President Sandy Vogelphol of the newly formed Tent #11 Louisa May Alcott, DUVCW St. Cloud, Florida and we look forward to working together with these ladies as they continue to keep the memory of our Civil War Veterans green in our minds. She invited our Camp to attend their September Tent meeting at the "Liberty Bell" Museum in Melbourne, FL on September 29th. Later we inducted brother William Meyers into our order and Camp.

A commendation was created and presented to PDC Ronnie G. McCracken for his leadership in assisting Brother Marshall Polston in the monument erection and dedication at the Concord Cemetery in Casselberry, Florida, which was covered by the local media and gave good publicity for our Order and its efforts. Brother Polston is pressing on in his efforts to raise interest and support for his Department approved efforts to rebuild a replica of the Concord Fort on that Concord property.

Charter Camp Commander, in his continued effort to recruit more members into our Camp purchased more of the Post Cards that he created years ago and asked members of the camp to take a packet of seven of those cards and give them away to people to use and remind the public of our ancestors sacrifice to keep us one nation under God. (Continued on next page.)

As the autumn of the year approaches it is time to consider the election of not only our National leaders, but Camp officers as well. I would hope that all of our membership will seek divine wisdom in responding to the election process.

Happy Labor Day!

Cmdr. C. D. "Skip" Whitlam

General Eugene A. Carr Camp No.05

At the 17th Annual Department Encampment held at Pembroke Pines, FL, six brothers from our Camp attended the meeting to vote on important matters that came before the Department for discussion. These brothers are John Pardee, CC; Paul Pardee, Dan Hans, PDC; Harvey Linscott, PDC; Ron Irons, JVC; and David Acheson, PCC.

Our Chaplain, Dave Acheson, who originally had his membership in Pennsylvania, transferred to our Camp about 9 months prior to the Encampment. On the floor of the meeting we made a recommendation to then Department Commander, Mike Farrell, to transfer his Past Camp Commander status from Pennsylvania to Florida. I am happy to report that all voting brothers agreed to the proposal and therefore granted the transaction.

Not only did Dave get his rank reinstated, but he also took the position of Department Chaplain for the 2012-2013 term of office. Our Camp is very proud of him for taking on this important responsibility.

Commander Farrell awarded us with the Camp Growth Award, and Brother Paul Pardee received the Merit Award for his work with the Department.

We did not schedule any meetings, nor did we participate in any events during the summer season.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
CC John Pardee

Sergeant Frederick R. Jackson Camp No. 07

1. On Saturday and Sunday August 17 & 18, 2012 Camp # 7 participated in a two day "Living History" event at the American Legion Post # 65 in Delrey, FL. Brothers Bob Jones, Bill Slavin and Richard Shaffer participated in the event, at the invitation of the 47th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, Damian Wolfe, Commanding. We camped under our dining fly and the tent of brother Slavin, and presented our artifacts and a typical camp life scene for the Civil War era. Brother Slavin presented musket loading and firing demonstrations and bayonet charge "whozza's" to hundreds of people, including to local Boy Scouts and their Scout Masters. Brothers Jones and Shaffer manned the displays and recruiting efforts. The 47th N. Y. also had a Headquarters Tent, a Cook Tent and a Battlefield Hospital Tent, manned by their troops. The purpose of the event was three fold, to assist the American Legion Post in raising funds for refurbishing the post, we raised over \$2,000 for them, to present Civil War life & recruit members from the area and to further cooperation between our organizations. Oh, we also sold freshly made Hardtack Biscuits, with or without weavels, to anyone who would "bight".

2. Commander Shaffer plans to participate in a two day Civil War event on September 28 & 29th at Equinunk, Pa, at the invitation of their Historical Society. The connection is my wife Marilyn & I grew up in that section of the woods and still maintain the family and friends connections there. Traveling by aircraft with a musket and saber - - no percussion caps or powder allowed, will be an experience, as long as the gun case is shorter than 60 inches.

3. Our next meeting of Camp # 7 is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 18, at the Pembroke Pines Youth Center.

We thank you for your interest & request, etc.

Richard Shaffer, Commander
Camp # 7 SUVCW, FL

131ST ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

**August 9-11, 2012 at Los Angeles,
California**

The Encampment began with credentials registration. 139 Brothers from 19 Departments attended (99 voted), plus MAL and CAL. A tour of GAR sites or a tour of film industry sites was offered Thursday morning. Sutlers, Brothers, and Sisters manned tables (attachment 1 lists them). Council of Administration, Military Affairs Committee, and Remembrance Day Committee meetings were conducted Thursday evening. SVR now coordinates Remembrance Day, with funding remaining as an SUVCW budget line item.

A memorial service Friday morning remembered Brother Phil Hinman, PCC and 1Lt, SVR. Approximately 200 Brothers and Sisters have died during the past year. A joint Allied Orders opening against a backdrop of the U.S., CinC, Department, and SVR flags followed. Linda Smith, Tent 10, DUVCW attended. The NE official program pages 26 and 66 brought Department of Florida greetings to the Allied Orders, noting Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in Florida, and inviting Departments to join Florida in the Olustee Monument project. After the Sisters relocated to their meeting rooms, CinC Palmer called the first business session to order.

Minutes were approved. Officer and Committee reports were noted and some additions made. Forms 5, 9, 10, 27, 30, 35, 49, 51, 61, CWM 61, and the scholarship application were slightly changed. There were proposed changes to the Eagle Scout certificate program. Twelve applications for membership in the Department of Florida were reported. Recommendations and Resolutions were processed. Approximately 1,000 ROTC Awards are presented annually. 50% of Camps have websites. Sheet music for the Carl L. King SUVCW march is available online. The results of the Vision 2020 Survey were presented. Actions to achieve IRS 501(c)3 recognition are being taken. Later, an impassioned debate to stop such action occurred, apparently mistaking IRS requirements with state solicitation requirements. POB 1865 will be closed; use the "One Lincoln Circle" address. National Historian Robert Wolz (a Brother in the Department of Ohio who lives in Key West) recommends obtaining biographies of all Past Camp Commanders. A proposal to institute a "Corby-Moody Chaplain's Award" was referred to the Programs and Policy Committee. A proposal to increase the percentage of associate members allowed failed. A proposal to eliminate per capita for dual members failed. After Friday recess, a campfire was conducted, including "A History of Taps" by the Band of the California Battalion. The Department of Florida presented Auxiliary President Anne Sosnowski a Florida pencil and alligator, and both President Sosnowski and CinC Palmer a citrus assortment. The Department of California and the Pacific hospitality suite opened afterwards.

Saturday began with an SVR breakfast, after which business sessions resumed. More committee recommendations and Department resolutions were processed. Awards were made. Wooden coins were distributed, possibly as a recruiting aid. The 2013 NE will be at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield (Wisconsin) hotel August 8-10, 2013 (details at <http://2013.suvcw-wi.org>). The 2014 NE will likely be in

General William S. Harney Camp 08

We did a Military Show at Ocoee on July 22nd I think and then the Spanish-American War Remembrance and wreath laying on August 12th.

Yours in F. C. & L.
Brother John, Camp #8

Atlanta, Georgia. The 2015 NE may be in New York. The 2016 NE likely will be in Illinois. Officers were elected (including CinC Mellor, SVCinC Freshley, and JVCinC Campbell) and appointed, and installed. The PCinC badge was awarded to Brother Palmer. CinC Mellor's offered brief remarks. For the 2013 NE, Brother Mortorff intends to stand for JVCinC nomination, and Brother Busch for Council of Administration nomination. Evening meal followed, as did a Sunday nondenominational service, followed by a Council of Administration meeting.

Notes:

1. This is a delegate report, and therefore is excerpts; minutes will be promulgated later
2. Department of Florida recommendations were withdrawn due to being addressed elsewhere in the meetings.
3. There was a question of who is authorized to sign an alternate's credential advancing them to delegate. I recommend this be made clear prior to the 2013 NE.
4. A number of Departments were suspended via General Order for failing to file annual reports or Forms 49. Some were re-instated upon filing required reports prior to NE, allowing their delegations to be seated and recognized.
5. Commander-in-Chief Mellor was invited to the June 15, 2013 Department of Florida Encampment.
6. I recommend the Department Flag, pole, and stand be with the Florida delegation at the 2013 NE.

CAMP 4 REMEMBERS WHEN:

As the Camp 4 historian I was archiving some of the Camp records and ran across this nostalgic picture. I thought the members of the department would get a kick out of seeing the picture.
GUESS WHO?

Look at the picture; No cheating!



As you know every year the SUVCW has Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg. The Department of Florida WAY BACK WHEN in November 2003 was there at Gettysburg (Where were you 9 years ago?). Above is a picture of “then” Department Commander Robert Murdock Jones standing at a Little Round Top monument to his ancestor’s regiment whom fought that famous battle. Brother Jones was the organizer and member of a Union Army regimental re-enactors group here in Florida; the famous 10th Army Corp, 7th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Terry. The regiment is now disbanded. Brother Jones, PDC also helped organize Camp 7 in Pembroke Pines. He is very active at Camp and Department level business as he is Department Council. You might have also noticed the number seven figures prominently in his life.

Since the 150th Anniversary of Gettysburg will be coming up in July of next year I was hoping a group of Past Department Commanders, and members in the Department of Florida might get together in Gettysburg one night for dinner.

How about it guys? Contact me if interested at mfarrell@harris.com or call 321-676-8352.

In addition; I wish the Camp historians around the State would occasionally share some of their Camp historical records with the rest of the department.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Historian, Camp 4

STRATEGIC VISION.

Department of Florida Strategic (long-term) vision

1. The Department of Florida will be an organization to which all who are descended in a direct line from honorably discharged Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 are regular members.
2. The Department of Florida will be an organization to which all who support the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and who do not have a Union ancestor documented to have qualifying service and with lineal documentation, are associate members.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War mission will be well known.
4. Brothers of the Department of Florida will consider themselves empowered to bring to Camp Junior Vice Commander attention prospective members they become aware of.

June 2012-June 2013 Department of Florida Goals

1. Initiate twelve new members
 - A. achieve effective turnover/transition for the Department Junior Vice Commander
 - B. assist Camps to assure effective turnover/transition for Camp Junior Vice Commanders
 - C. (i) have the Department Junior Vice Commander promptly in communication with the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and vice versa.

(ii) have each Camp Junior Vice Commander promptly in communication with the Department Junior Vice Commander, and vice versa.
 - D. (i) identify, assure accessibility, and if not in existence, explore initiating a “Union Veteran serving in or buried in Florida” searchable data base, perhaps similar to the “National Graves Registration Program”

(ii) include Union Veterans of all ethnic and race groups who served or are buried in Florida in the searchable database
 - E. address at least one audience, or have at least one recruiting activity at a venue drawing attendees, over 15% of whom are African Americans. Evaluate and invite feedback on effectiveness and how best to continue such outreach

Note: Department Junior Vice Commander Slavin, Camp 5 Commander John Pardee and Department Commander Ward comprised the committee deriving these membership goals. Brother Farrell’s, PDC, 2011 goals were a starting point. The intention is to later derive non-membership goals following a similar format.

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Phillip R. Hinman, Past Camp Commander of Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, and Chief of Staff of the 7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, as well as member of Amzi D. Harmon Company, answered final muster June 23, 2012.

Captain Hinman's obituary was published in "Florida Today" July 1, 2012, and a memorial service was held at Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home, Merritt Island July 6, attended by Camp 4 and Department of Florida Brothers and wives. A final salute was rendered.

Born in Kane, Pennsylvania to Randall and Lorena Hinman May 20, 1934, Brother Phil had a career in law enforcement in New York state 1959-1981, and a second career with the United States Immigration Service in Toronto, Canada, as well as in West Palm Beach and Port Canaveral, Florida, USA.

He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Navy Radiomans' and YAGR Ships Associations, the U.S. Air Force Security and Sergeants' Associations, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign War Associations, the International Police Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Law Enforcement Emerald Society of South Florida. If you visited his home, you might observe he had an entire closet of attire for attending events of these organizations.

He was a member of Hope United Church. A member of the Masonic Lodge, He was a Knight of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem as well as the Sons of the American Revolution.

As a final remembrance, when Brother Phil learned of "Abraham Lincoln's" (Commander Whitlam) being invited to address Saint Cloud citizens as part of their Fourth of July 2010 observance, and two Camp 4 Brothers providing Civil War security detail, Brother Phil volunteered to augment security with Pinkerton attire, despite significant health issues. A blazingly hot day, and Brother Phil did his part to make the day a success. Thank you Brother Phil.

Jim Ward
Commander
Amzi D. Harmon Company

CIVIL WAR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS; WHERE ARE THEY NOW?


Did you know that there have been 3,459 Medal of Honor recipients or that 1,522 of these were awarded for events that occurred during the Civil War? Or, more specifically, that National Medal of Honor Day is observed on March 25th even though you never heard of it?

This date was chosen as it was the date the Confederates hung eight soldiers who participated in the "Andrew's Raid". They were its first recipients. The Medal of Honor was authorized by Congress on March 3, 1863. This was only the second decoration since Gen. George Washington's Purple Heart that the American soldier could earn.

Regulations stipulate that it be awarded to officers and enlisted men, in the name of Congress, for particular deeds of most distinguished gallantry in action. Service must have been performed in action of such conspicuous character as to clearly distinguish the man for gallantry and intrepidity above his comrades--service that involved extreme jeopardy of life or the performance of extremely hazardous duty.

Of the seven Civil War Medal of Honor winners buried in Florida, Sgt. Edgar A. Bras (1841-1923) Co. K, 8th Iowa Vol. Inf., is in Evergreen Cemetery, Ft. Lauderdale. He earned his medal by leading a charge to take Spanish Fort, which guarded Mobile, Alabama in 1864.

Information on the other six is as follows:

Name/Rank	Buried/Town	Where Earned	
Pvt. Ira Hough	ChIPLEY	Cedar Creek, Va.	
Cpl. Albert D. Wright	Eustis	Petersburg, Va.	
Cpl. Amzi D. Harmon	St. Cloud	Petersburg, Va.	
Pvt. John F. Chase	St. Petersburg	Chancellorsville, Va.	
Capt. Francis Irsch	Tampa	Gettysburg, Pa.	
Pvt. Frederick Rock	Tampa	Vicksburg, Miss.	

Camp 7, Sons of Union Veterans, chose to honor Sgt. Bras this past May with a graveside ceremony, which included speeches and a musket volley, under the direction of Dept. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Bill Slavin.

For more Civil War Medal of Honor winners (293 of them), consult "Deeds of Valor", first published in 1901 and edited by W.F. Beyer and O.F. Keydel, published by Smithmark Publishers.

Bob Jones, PDC

The ad below was in this year's National Encampment program.

The Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Olustee, Florida is fast approaching!

**THREE (3)
CONFEDERATE
BATTLEFIELD
MONUMENTS**



**ZERO (0)
UNION
BATTLEFIELD
MONUMENTS**

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In an effort to correct this lack of recognition of the sacrifices of the Union soldiers at the Battle of Olustee on February 20, 1864, the Department of Florida has established the Olustee Monument Commission to have a monument erected in memory of Union participants in the Battle of Olustee.

The Department of New York, in memory of New York Union units, has answered the invitation extended, and is partnering with the Department of Florida in this goal.

All Departments with Union units that participated in the Battle of Olustee are especially invited to partner with the Department of Florida, and help erect a memorial to the "Boys in Blue" at Olustee.

Each Camp, Department, and all members of the Allied Orders are invited to join in this worthy goal.

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