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## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Commander Gary DeSiver

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Dear Brothers,

The 140th New Jersey Department Encampment will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, NJ. This is your opportunity to and discuss the Department's plans and vote for the Department's leadership for the next year. Attending the encampment is also a great way to meet Brothers from other camps, learn from them and share your expertise with them. I hope to see you at the encampment.

I would like to thank all brothers who have served as serve as Department Officers and Camp officers during the past 2 years. We could not have been successful without your help.

Senior Vice Commander Jay Godin

Junior Vice Commander Frank Tomasello

Secretary-Treasurer Dr. David Martin (PDC 1993-94)

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Council Rob Meyer (PDC 2018-20)

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Eagle Scout Coordinator's Rob Meyer (PDC 2018-20)  
And Dan Lynch (PDC 2008-10)  
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Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator Charlie Morgan  
Counselor Dave Hann (PDC 1995-97)

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Gary DeSiver  
Commander New Jersey Department



# OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

Sr. Vice Commander Jay Godin

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Brothers,

My 2 years serving as Department Senior Vice Commander and Editor of the Official Department of New Jersey Newsletter comes to an end, I would like to remind all my New Jersey Brothers to keep sending in the Great articles and wonderful photos to be shared.

I was tasked with the creation of a newsletter; I hope that it has meet the expectations of our brethren and as time goes on keeps getting better!

This is all OUR newsletter and our New Jersey Brothers is what makes it Great! It's a group effort and we have shown in the last years we are all on the same page.

Keep up the Great work my brothers, I hope to read all the awesome things you are doing for years to come.

For the new Editor,        The Press is yours.....

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jay Godin

Senior Vice Commander

Department of New Jersey

# OFFICE OF THE JR. VICE COMMANDER

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Brothers,

By the time this newsletter “goes to print” the 140<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment will be behind us. I just want to say that it has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve the Department of New Jersey, and I thank you. In the two years since I was elected Junior Vice Department Commander, who’s focus is recruitment, we have had to deal with a global pandemic and civil unrest targeted at Civil War historical figures. Then when it appeared that there was some light at the end of the tunnel, we were confronted with supply chain issues, soaring inflation and unprecedented fuel prices. Indeed, it has not been a good two years to try to recruit new members into any organization, especially this of ours. Still, there is interest out there and the Camps have added new members. Since I will no longer be your Junior Vice Department Commander, I pledge my on-going support and fraternally wish the next brother to hold this post the greatest of luck. We must all work together to see that the message of preservation of this important history represented by the SUVCW, continues to stay green.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Frank Tomasello,

Junior Vice Commander,

Department of New Jersey



# CAMPFIRE NEWS

## CAMP 100 - PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAMP

The State Camp of New Jersey, serving the entire state. Meets in Hightstown and Cranbury in the central area of the state.

Commander: David Potts

Point of Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Dr. David Martin PDC

In previous years, our meetings have included a business meeting, an educational presentation and a great lunch. This year, we've had to forgo the lunch and meet virtually. We look forward to returning to in-person meetings soon.

Brothers from other Camps are always welcome to attend our meetings

## CAMP 7 - COLONEL LOUIS R. FRANCINE CAMP

Serving Hammonton, Turnersville, and points east

Commander: Wayne Grant

Point of Contact: Dave Hann PDC



It has been a busy month for the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp # 7. On May 14 and May 26, the brothers assisted the local VFW and American legion in placing flags on Veterans graves at Greenmount and Oak Grove Cemeteries in Hammonton, and Egg Harbor City Cemetery in Egg Harbor City. The Camp placed well over 700 flags between these three cemeteries. On May 30th the brothers took part in two Memorial Day celebrations. The Camp participated in the annual Hammonton Memorial Day Parade, something that the Camp has participated in for the past 20 years. Since this year Memorial Day fell on the proper date of May 30th, the Camp proceeded to Greenmount Cemetery for its annual traditional Memorial Day services. Both events were well attended by Camp Brothers. Brothers from the Camp are looking forward to the Department Encampment as our own Frank Tomasello is running for the Office of Department Senior Vice Commander. Brother Frank is current serving as Department Junior Vice Commander. The Brother are gearing up once again to continue with our tombstone cleaning project now that the warmer weather is here. The Camp is planning other actives including participation in one of the "National Night Out" restarting our annual "Francine Camp Dinner" and participation at Historic Cold Spring Village during their Civil War weekend. It is hoped that these events will help us in recruiting effort and will keep green the memory of the "Boys in Blue."

Col. Francine Camp #7 SUV held its installation of Officers at its meeting held March 5th at the Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing. Department Commander Gary DeSiver served as the Installing Officer. After a productive meeting, many of the Camp Brothers and Commander DeSiver enjoyed a lunch at a local establishment. Several Camp Brothers are working on fund raising projects to support the Camp's projects. We also are developing a Camp Commander's Certificate which can be awarded to Brothers in appreciation of outstanding efforts for the Camp.

Brothers from the Francine Camp have done it again! They answered the call for Veterans in need of assistance. The Francine Camp is not special by any means. Camps across the country have been answering the long-awaited call to begin charity for our living veterans like the charity we extend to our deceased. This is a movement that has been getting traction thanks to our awesome leadership among the SUVCW hierarchy. This month the Francine Camp placed collection bins at

three local hot-spots. These collection bins yielded a huge bounty of toiletries for Veterans in need. Brothers of the Francine Camp have partnered with The Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1, The Army Navy Union Garrison 52, and The Irish Society of Gloucester City to assist the charitable efforts requested by The NJ Veterans Network. They are the only Veterans organization in NJ that physically goes out and delivers items of need to our living Veterans.

The Francine Camp would like to thank NJVN President Mike Boll for his tireless effort towards NJ Vets. We thank President Jerry Logan of the AOH for his enthusiastic participation. We thank ANU Garrison 52 Commander Arlene Baker for her charitable participation. Lastly, we thank SUV brother Michael MacIntosh for incorporating the Irish Society of Gloucester City in such a successful drive.

Sure, we can celebrate filling two large totes for the NJVN, but let's never forget that our job is never done. Let's fill the void in our community and be the charity we strive to be.



New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN.org) needs volunteers, donations and support.

NJVN is based out of Union County. They are a wonderful charity who serves our NJ Veterans. They are run by volunteers and are always open to the charitable efforts of the SUVCW! Contact President Mike Boll and become a participating Camp today!



## CAMP 17 - MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER CAMP

Serving Ocean County and parts of Monmouth and Middlesex counties

Commander: John Farley Scott

Point of Contact: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Clark D. McCullough PDC



Until future notice all meetings will be held at the Ardena Baptist Church in Freehold N.J. 2022 Meetings All Meeting Times are 1:00 pm at the Ardena Baptist Church

March 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

On May 14th 2022 Br Ryan Godin had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. He received Eagle scout Certificate of our Order. In the picture from left to right is Department of New Jersey Senior Vice Commander Jay Godin, Br. Ryan Godin, and Scout Master John Bourbon.





Br Ryan joined the SUVCW 8 years ago as a jr. member of Custer Camp. The same year he joined scouts. He has since become a full member of the SUVCW. His Eagle project was 2 handicap accessible raised garden beds for persons with limited mobility and a pathway around them.

A long tradition between the Boy Scouts and our GAR Ancestors.



At the March 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting of General George A. Custer Camp #17 Member John J. Williams was sworn in By Camp Commander John Scott.

Lt. Colonel George Arrowsmith killed July 1, 1863 Gettysburg PA buried at Fairview Cemetery Middletown New Jersey Arrowsmith GAR Post 61 named after him in Red Bank, New Jersey Monmouth County.



**CAMP 20 - MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP KEARNY CAMP**

Serving Hudson, Bergen, Somerset and Essex counties and parts of Passaic and Middlesex counties

Commander: Peter Lindsay

Point of Contact: Clark D. McCullough or webmaster Eric Bal

Scheduled Meetings

Abraham Clark Memorial House, 101 W. 9th Ave, Roselle, NJ

### Upcoming Meetings

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

Brother Jim Halloran had the honor to represent the SUVCW at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brian Gaffney, of Troop 17 Hasbrouck Heights. This young man finished a project for the two primary schools in town. The area he created was for students with special needs. He has enlisted in the US Army.



Gregory K. May being sworn in at  
Gen. Philip Kearny Camp #20  
Meeting on May 7, 2022

Dr. Richard D. Riva Getting Kearny  
Camp 20 Award on May 7, 2022 at  
the Abraham Clarke House with  
Camp Commander Peter Lindsay and  
Jr. Vice Commander Jim Halloran.



### KEARNY CAMP HONOR CHAIRS





Brother Jim Halloran presented an Eagle Scout certificate to Harris Aiken, Troop 17.



Swearing in new member Bob Gula  
Gen. Philip Kearny Camp #20  
At the meeting on May 7, 2022

## CAMP 73 - GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT CAMP

Serving the South Plainfield area

Commander: Frank M. McGonigle

Point of Contact: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Clark D. McCullough PDC



Meetings are at the Van Veghten House, Bridgewater, NJ (9 Van Veghten Dr, Bridgewater Township, NJ 08807).

### Scheduled Meetings

2022 Meetings All Meeting Time are 1:30 pm

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. 2022

Gen. Winfield Scott Camp 73 New  
Member Brother Richard Lander  
being Sworn In at the March  
Meeting.



## CAMP 82 - JAMES S. STRATTON CAMP

Commander: Bruce Lutz

Point of Contact: Scott West, Secretary



Over at Stratton Camp 82/Beck's Band, we have begun a major historical project involving the recovery/restoration/revival of Civil War Band Books of the 19th Va.

Heavy Artillery Battalion, previously lost to the world. There are very few such remaining sets of band books from either side. They were found stuck away in the basement of the American Civil War Museum in Richmond, Va. A museum worker found them, showed them to a musician in the area and he went about the recovery and restoration of the badly damaged music. That was 20 years ago. In their original form they were virtually unplayable by today's bands, so they were performed just once, in 2003, and then shelved once again. I learned of them and we resolved to convert the books to a more playable form. I have since rearranged all 16 pieces of music and we are working on reviving them in a set of concerts and recordings, both here and in Virginia. We have partnered with a similar period band at George Mason University to perform these jointly and preserve them on a recording. We plan on having it all come together this fall, but it is still in the planning stage right now.



Still tentative as to the dates. We are looking for an appropriate historical venue in the greater Philadelphia/S. Jersey area and also sponsors to help underwrite the expenses incurred. If any of our brothers have any ideas for a venue or sponsorship, we would love to hear from them.

Much more information can be found on our website ([www.becksband.com](http://www.becksband.com)), including Becks' Talks, information regarding all performances, and many, many photos and videos.

Click on “About” for Becks' Talks” and more information about us. If you click on “Links”, you will see other groups with similar interests. If your camp would like to cross-link, please let me know?

[becksband@gmail.com](mailto:becksband@gmail.com)

For those unaware of the symbiotic relationship between Becks' Band and Stratton Camp, we consider all members as one entity. We have the maximum number of SUVCW members we can claim within our ranks and can only hope to be able to add everyone else in the future.



## CAMP 10 - BRIGADIER GENERAL NATHANIEL LYON CAMP

Serving Vineland and Cumberland counties

Commander: Morrel Wolf

Point of Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Robert Wilhelm PDC



Attached is a photo of Lyons Camp Memorial Day salute.

Every year they participate in the Vineland Memorial Day Parade and fire a salute and perform a ceremony at the Lyon Post 10 GAR monument in the center of town.

All Lyons camp activities for last year were cancelled yet They still managed to gain 2 new members and 2 Junior members!!

Updates are being planned for our Camp web site [www.lyoncamp.org](http://www.lyoncamp.org).

## **CAMP 4 - PRESIDENT JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP**

Serving the Trenton/Lawrenceville Area

Commander: Tim Murphy

Point of Contact: Joseph F. Seliga PDC

A new location for the Museum is still underway. Contact Joseph F. Seliga PDC  
for more information.

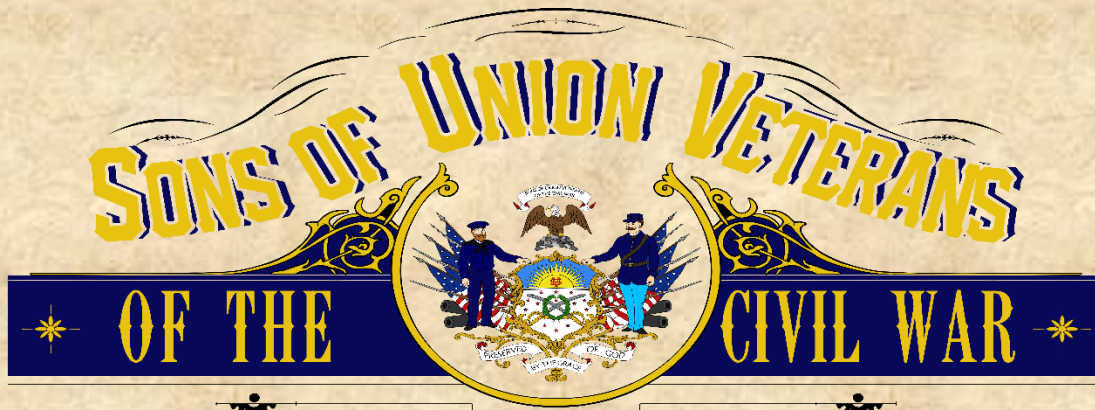
## **CAMP 104 - SERGEANT HIRAM W. PURSELL CAMP**

Serving the Northwest Quadrant of New Jersey consisting of the following  
counties: Hunterdon, Morris (partial), Passaic (partial), Sussex, and Warren.

Commander and Point of Contact: Cliff Laing

Sgt. Hiram W. Purcell, Camp #104





# DEPARTMENT NEWS

The 140th New Jersey Department Encampment will be held June 11th at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, NJ.

## PHILADELPHIA GAR MUSEUM RELOCATION!

The GAR museum has been stuck in a terrible neighborhood for years. After many years of effort, they found a new home in a historic building residing in the greater Philadelphia area. In late March, they asked many of the SUVCW Bretheran to help with the move and many of the Camps showed up. Francine Camp #7 was just a fraction of the effort. Brothers Gary & Bryan Sigmund were part of the move. With their truck, they were tasked with moving all of the priceless paintings to the new location. It was a great honor for the NJ Department to have been represented in this monumental move. You will see a picture of Brother Gary Sigmund displaying a painting of a drummerboy of the 90th PA. We ask that you support the GAR museum by purchasing a membership and visiting its new location!



# ! ATTENTION JERSEYMEN !

GARFIELD CIVIL WAR MUSEUM.

Just click the link for a youtube article by

Brother Fred Mossbrucker, PDC Dept of NJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEbkaHXDxuE>



## SUVCW BROTHERS FIND VETERAN ANCESTOR IN UNMARKED GRAVE

Two brothers of the Francine Camp, NJ went to visit a shared Uncle one day to pay respects. They knew the exact location and thought it would be an ordinary Sunday outing to visit an old family Civil War veteran for the first time. That could'nt be further from the truth. Much to their surprise, Uncle Charles Sigmund of the 20th PA Cavalry was buried in an unmarked grave. It had been 94 years since his death and it was hard for them to believe that nobody made sure he received is military honors Their disbelief was finally suspended when multiple confirmations by the cemetery records, VA burial records, and death certificate made the hard truth evident.

Charles Sigmund was a member of The Town Post 46 in South Philly where he was born, raised, made a family, and died. A piano tuner by trade he buried his only 2 children and wife. It became obvious that he fell through the cracks of time considering he outlived so many close loved ones. His GAR Post never followed through for whatever reason but they were all invited to his service as stated in his obituary.

These two SUV brothers immediatley went to work and secured a permit from the cemetery, hired a monument company, and applied to the VA for his stone. They also enlisted the help of multiple NJ Camps to produce a ceremony second to none. There will be historical speakers, honor guard, The Philadelphia Brigade Band, and other representatives. We ask the entire Department to show their support so we can represent the SUVCW in a big way. Bring your camp flags and fly them proudly. Everyone is invited and any historical speakers within the SUVCW community are encouraged to step up to add a few words for the visitors and press. Can we count

on your Camp to be included in the program? It will be a celebration to remember!  
Stay Tuned!

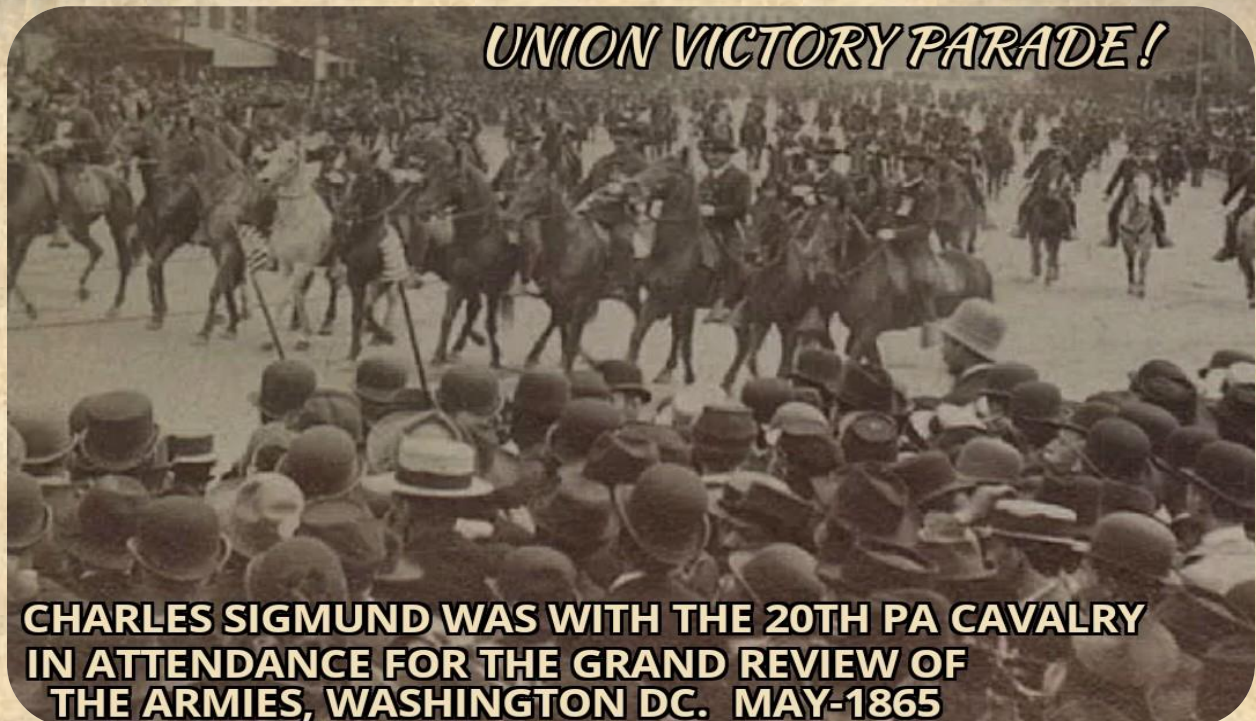
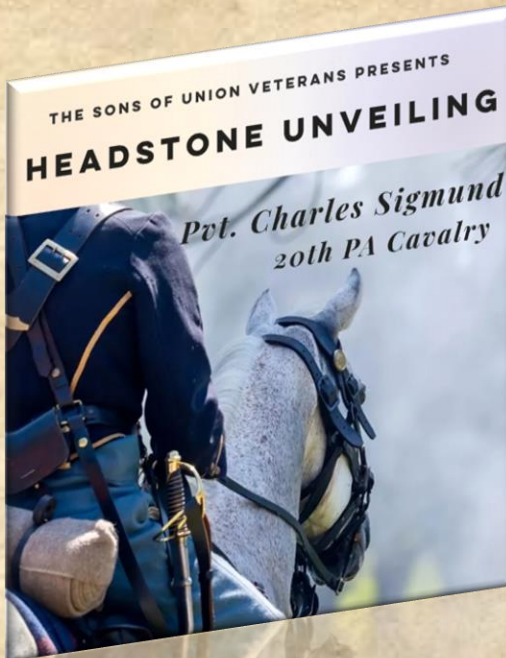
Please contact: Bryan Sigmund [sonsofunionveterans@gmail.com](mailto:sonsofunionveterans@gmail.com)

Location: Mount Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA

Date: TBA, October, 2022


Donors & Sponsors: Visit website for details

Website: [Honoringcharles.com](http://Honoringcharles.com)



**UNION VICTORY PARADE!**

**CHARLES SIGMUND WAS WITH THE 20TH PA CAVALRY  
IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE GRAND REVIEW OF  
THE ARMIES, WASHINGTON DC. MAY-1865**



Dear Editor,

When I search for my ancestors census records, I use digitized documents. When I search in old newspapers, I use digitized records. When I research my ancestors GAR activity, I use digitized records. When I research information for new members, I search digitized documents of all the same resources. Do you see a pattern?

I know we have old SUV & GAR records scattered within the Camps in this Department. Its time we do some house-keeping. Lets get these records out of basements, attics, and garages and put them into peoples livingrooms. No more saying "Ill get to it later." Not one of us owns the right to say that. We have a sworn obligation to Article II of the SUVCW National Constitution : to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members.

That couldnt be written any more clear. We are to find a way to make our old records available, or we spend our lives trying. To be less dramatic, I simply suggest digitization. Many years from now, one of your great grandkids will find your name in a digitized document and know that they are a Son of a Union Veteran. I garentee your great grandchild wont be fumbling through papers in one of our basements.

Im not a man who suggests action without offering action. So by all means, please reach out if you need help, otherwise lets get digitizing! It's easy when you have brothers who can help.

Do we have brothers who need help learning how to digitize? Do we have brothers who need help doing the work? Do we have Brothers who want to help other Brothers?

If so, have them contact: [Thesonsofunionveterans@gmail.com](mailto:Thesonsofunionveterans@gmail.com)

We are going to find a way to help eachother move forward with our preservation efforts.

F,C,L,

Bryan Sigmund SVC Francine Camp 7,

Dept. of NJ SUVCW





# MEMORIAL DAY

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

Memorial day, a day of Remembrance for the Americans who Died in Service to  
Our country.

Originally Decoration day , those who survived the civil war decorated the graves  
of their fallen comrades .

May 5th 1868 by General John Logan, the National Commander-in-Chief of the  
Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order No.11. “The 30th of May,  
1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise  
decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the  
late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet  
churchyard in the land,”

" It WOULD be in vain for me to at-  
tempt a proper Eulogium, of the character of these fallen heroes.  
They gave up the fair promise of a useful life, gave up chances of  
-fame, aye! gave up life for the  
Salvation of the common country.

In what light can I set the high mark of their patriotism ? What words can tell the  
story of their courage,

with what language can I adorn their lofty heroism?

How valiently they fought, how serenely and sub-  
limely they died.

They fell in the fierce conflict, amid the cheers, the



fire, the smoke, the flame, soothed in the dying hour  
by the consciousness that victory came to side of right  
and truth and liberty, and that -'Old Glory" still  
waved triumphantly. They have pitched their tents,  
in the eternal bivouac beyond the stars, and are camp-  
ed in the mysterious and unknown silence of the life  
immortal.

Oh, unconquerable heroes! Let it never be said  
that the great republic is forgetful of your deeds, or unmindful of those whom you  
most loved. Finally, my Comrades, let us fight valiently, on all the stern battle-  
fields of this life, so that, when the last tattoo IS beaten, and 'lights out' forever, we  
shall be

worthy to join the immortal ranks of the comrades on  
the other side, and march before the Great Reviewing  
officer, when time and earth and hostile armies are no more forever "

Captain H.N. Minnign

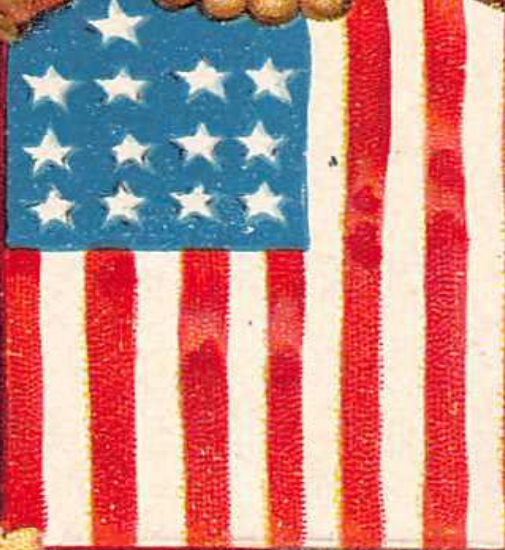
1<sup>st</sup> P.A. Reserves

30<sup>th</sup> regiment

Co.K

“ The Boys that Fought at home “





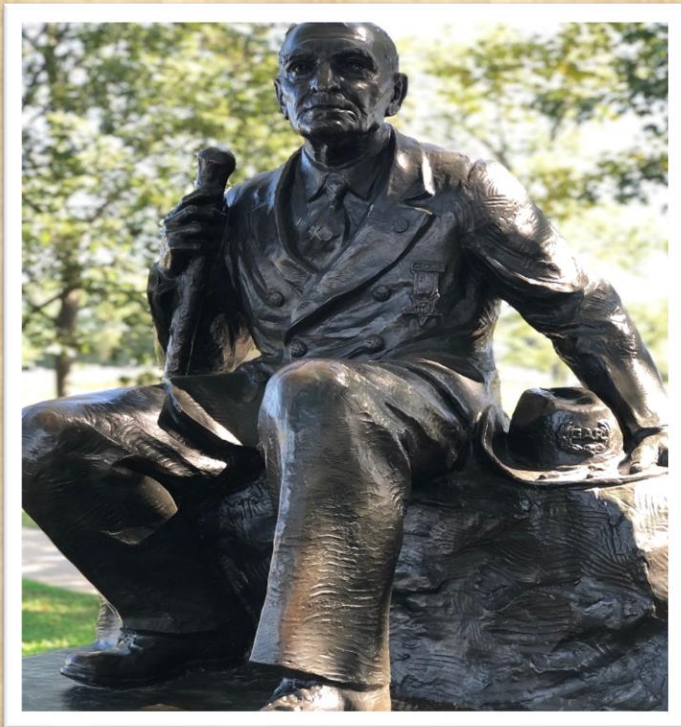
Nor shall  
their  
story  
be forgot

While  
Fame  
her  
record  
keeps."



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## LAST GAR MEMBER

Albert Woolson , Drummer Boy

1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Heavy Artillery

Regiment

2-11-1850 / 8-2-1956

Last surviving undisputed Civil

War veteran \ Last Grand Army

Of the Republic Member

Chris Sands from the Gen. Phil Kearny  
Camp #20 placed a wreath at the Civil  
War Soldiers Monument in Fairmount  
Cemetery, Newark, NJ.

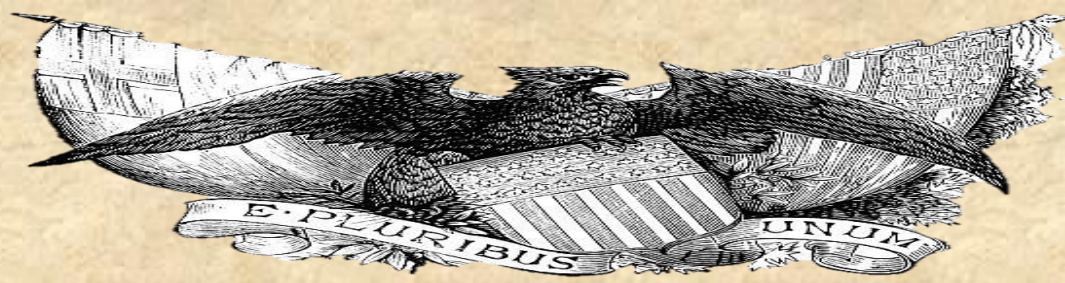


Memorial Day, 2022. Sunday, Becks' Band and members of Stratton Camp 82 participated in ceremonies at Philadelphia's historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, honoring the graves of General George Meade and other Civil War soldiers and sailors. On Monday they participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Glassboro, NJ.



On May 30th the brothers of Francine Camp took part in two Memorial Day celebrations. The Camp participated in the annual Hammonton Memorial Day Parade, something that the Camp has participated in for the past 20 years. Since this year Memorial Day fell on the proper date of May 30th, the Camp proceeded to Greenmount Cemetery for its annual traditional Memorial Day services. Both events were well attended by Camp Brothers.





Robert Doremus at the Denville cemetery placed a flag at his g-g grandfather's grave. Garret C. Bush, Company C, 7th N.J. Regiment.



SUVCW Brothers Cliff Bebout, John Williams, Jay Godin, Gary Walling, Clark McCullough and Kevin Lehman at the Grave of GAR Dept Commander Nevins at the Fairview Cemetery Middletown New Jersey on Memorial Day 2022.



Here are pictures from Memorial Day at Rose Hill cemetery Matawan New Jersey, and Johnson Street cemetery Matawan New Jersey. Brother Jeff Edson. Winfield Scott camp 73, Brother Robert Meyer PDC Dept of NJ, Councilman Bryan livesey Jonathan Bernstein, and Adriana Torres Matawan residents.



# HIGHLIGHTED MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

## NEW JERSEY

### AND THEIR ANCESTOR

PDC Clark D. McCullough



Clark D. McCullough was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on February 13, 1946. He graduated from John Jay High School in June 1963 and in September of 1963 Clark along with his father and mother moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. Clark was Drafted into the United States Army on Nov. 28, 1965. He took his basic training in Ft. Benning Georgia then went on to take his AIT in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in February 1966. Clark finished his AIT training in May 1966 then was transferred to B Battery First Bn. 40th Artillery, was promoted to E-4 Corporal and was trained on 105 towed artillery, but his new unit was 105 Howitzer's which were self propelled much like a tank on tracks.

Clark's unit was getting ready to go to South Vietnam in the fall of 1966. The Unit left Ft. Sill, and headed for Oakland, California where it was then transferred to a troop transport ship. After 22 days at sea the unit landed in Da Nang, South Vietnam, at China Beach. The Unit was in Da Nang for two weeks and then started out for Dong Ha, which was on Highway 9 near the DMZ. They found out that they would be supporting the Third Division of the U.S. Marines.

After many small bridges being blown up on the way north the unit finally arrived in Dong Ha. The new base camp was a graveyard. Our Government paid the Vietnamese money to move the graves closer to the town of Dong Ha. The base took months to build up. Then they were shipped out to the Rock Pile, which was a large mountain that the enemy was holding. The Marines were attacking night and day. Clark's Unit was firing night and day to support the Marines. The Marines never did take the Rock Pile, they were out there for months. Clark was transferred along with many of his fellow Battery mates to a new Unit B Battery 3rd Bn. 6th Artillery which was in Pleiku, in the central highlands. His new unit was also made up of 105



self propelled Howitzers. Clark got a new MOS and was promoted to E-5 and assigned to Fire Direction Center. Clark spent the rest of his time in the Army with this unit and was discharged on September 17, 1967.

Clark went home to St. Petersburg, Florida. He went to St. Petersburg Junior College for a year, and then his brother in law told him about a job in New York City. With his parents settled in St. Petersburg, it was time for Clark to go back to Brooklyn.

Clark started his new job on December 28, 1968 in the U.S. District Court Southern District of New York. He started in the file room and worked his way up to the Criminal Section where he worked on handling newly filed Federal Indictments.. Clark then was promoted to the Immigration and Naturalization Section where he handled applications for citizenships and swearing in of new citizens. In 1972 Clark was again promoted to Deputy Courtroom Clerk where he Clerked for many Federal Judges. Inzer B. Wyatt, Frederick Van Pelt Bryan, Edmund L. Palmieri, Harold R. Tyler, and finally for Robert L. Carter, whom he would be for the next 25 years. Clark retired from the U.S. District Court on July 3, 1999. He set a court record for being with one Judge.

Clark having retired would take the summer off and start working in the local High School as a Security Guard, where his two daughters would be going to High School.

Clark joined the Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 in 1994. He made friends with Dr. David Martin, and David Hahn, and would serve as Junior Vice Commander under Mike Horgan. The Lincoln Camp #100 was the State Camp, and there was a need for a new camp in the Monmouth, Ocean county area. Clark along with five other members decided to start up a new camp, which was to cover those areas. The George Armstrong Custer Camp #17 was formed on January 28, 1998. From there on Clark would move up the ladder in the Camp and also in the Department of New Jersey SUVCW. Barry Clark was in his second year but had to step down because of family problems. Clark took over as the acting Department Commander, and then would be elected as the Department Commander. Clark would serve his almost two years but also had to step down to stay at home with his wife who was recovering from an operation and could not walk. Buzz Smithcors who was the Senior Vice Commander in the Department took over and followed with two years of his own.

Clark then decided that there was a need for another new camp in north jersey at the time many of the Custer Camp's new members were from north jersey and had to travel a long way down to Sea Girt. The General Philip Kearny Camp #20 was formed and met in Bergen county. It was soon discovered that there were some problems in the Kearny Camp #20. Clark, Jack Ensel, and Bob Meyer, all joined the Kearny Camp #20, and soon had to take over and run things. The Kearny Camp #20 has been running smoothly ever since. The Kearny Camp #20 also found that it along with the Custer Camp #17 was getting new members and would soon have to split some of its members into another new Camp which was named after General Winfield Scott GAR Post #73 which would cover Middlesex, parts of Monmouth, and Essex, counties. Brother Jack Ensel along with Brother's Meyer, McGonigle, and McCullough, would help start the Scott Camp #73. Brother Jack Ensel who had been Camp Commander of the Custer Camp #17, and the Kearny Camp #20, was voted to be the new Camp Commander. The sad news of Brother Jack Ensel's passing in late March of 2018, was a shock to its members. It was decided the Brother Frank M. McGonigle, would be the new Camp Commander and has been at the helm ever since. Brother Clark, has been the Camp Secretary-Treasurer of all three Camps ever since, and has continued to serve the Department as Patriotic Instructor, under Commander Fred Mossbrucker. He has also served as the Department Civil War Monuments Officer under Commander Robert C. Meyer.

Brother Clarks Ancestor

## CAPTAIN JOHN J. MCCULLOUGH



Captain John J. McCullough was born June 18<sup>th</sup> 1830. He was Mustered in Company C. 4th PA Cav Nov 2<sup>Nd</sup> 1861. He was with General McClellan, at Harrison's Landing, Virginia where he got sick.

He was sent to Bedlows Island Ft. Wood Hospital, which was the base of the Statue of Liberty. He passed away on August 27, 1862. His body was sent back to Delmont Presbyterian Church, in Delmont, Pennsylvania which is in Westmoreland County.

His wife Isabella Jack McCullough, who's father was a Captain in the American Revolution, and was wounded in the Battle of Bound Brook, New Jersey applied for a Civil War Pension and was approved by the Government. Isabella died in 1905 and is buried in Menlo Cemetery, in Menlo, Guthrie County, Iowa along with her children from Captain McCullough.



# THE NEW JERSEY STATE HOUSE FLAG COLLECTION



The New Jersey State House Flag Collection consists of 191 flags, 140 of which date from the Civil War and the Spanish-American War eras. By far the greatest portion of the collection (132 flags) consists of Civil War related flags. Just a small part (8 flags) consists of flags dating from 1865 to 1900 (primarily veterans groups and Spanish-American War period).

During the Civil War, New Jersey fielded a total of 37 infantry regiments, 3 cavalry regiments, 5 batteries of artillery, and a number of independent militia units. These units received their flags from three different sources: private donation, state issue, and federal issue. At the end of the war many units turned in their flags to the state, but numerous other flags were retained by individual soldiers or were torn apart into keepsake fragments. Those flags turned in by the various units as they disbanded formed the original nucleus of the present State House Collection. In 1871 the state legislature authorized the Quartermaster General to seek out and recover regimental flags that were not yet in his possession. The flags were then put on display after 1888 in a fireproof display room at the State House. The Civil War collection as it exists today was primarily complete around 1900, although a few flags were added after that date.

The typical Civil War infantry regiment was issued seven flags: a red, white and blue national flag; a blue state flag usually carrying the seal of New Jersey or the federal eagle; four smaller positional markers (2 flank markers and 2 camp colors); and a storm flag. The national and state flags were made of silk and were quite large (6 feet by 6 feet 6 inches), and required a pole 9 feet 10 inches long. They were mostly made by two companies in Philadelphia, Horstman Brothers and Evans & Hassell. National flags usually cost from \$50 to \$75 and state flags from \$75 to \$125, though special presentation flags could cost up to twice as much.

Cavalry units carried smaller flags, and individual companies often carried swallow-tailed red, white and blue flags known as guidons. Artillery batteries also carried guidons, which cost from \$10-\$12 each.

Many of the units raised in the first year of the war went through at least three sets of flags by 1865, while those raised in the last two years of the war usually went through only one or two issues. Of the approximately 140 national and state flags issued to the state's infantry regiments, today only about 100 survive today. The most complete set of flags belonging to any one unit are the national flag, state flag and 2 flank markers issued to the 38th Infantry in late 1864.

The collection consists of a number of elaborate presentation flags, as well as some unique militia flags and some quite interesting brigade flags from the 1st and 2nd New Jersey infantry brigades. Quite interestingly, there are also 6 captured Confederate flags in the collection. Originally New Jersey's troops captured about 20 enemy flags. Those that could be identified were returned South in the early 1900s; one other was transferred to the Chancellorsville Battlefield National Historic Site in 1963. The ones that remain could not be identified as to their origin.

Over the years many of the flags have deteriorated a great deal. An effort was made to preserve them in the 1930s by sewing most of the flags to cloth backings, but this process may have done as much harm as good. In 1985 the flags were removed from the State House Annex and were entrusted to the care of the New Jersey State Museum by the Joint Management State House Commission. The

Museum had conservation assessments made on the collection, and set up a climate-controlled storage area for them at a facility in downtown Trenton. Here they are preserved in specially designed individual horizontal storage trays.

In October of the year 2000, 50 of the flags were moved from storage to a newly established gallery on the ground floor of the old Department of State Building located at 225 West State Street in Trenton (the building where the State Archives is located). Funds for five specially designed display cases were provided by the State of New Jersey, each case holding ten flags. The New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association (NJCWHA) paid for display panels and battle maps that helped to interpret the exhibit, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) helped pay for interpretive brochures. The display flags remained there for 17 years until they were moved to the ground floor of the adjacent New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street, where they are today.

The fifty flags on display are divided into ten groups of five flags each.

Starting in December 2010 each group or “cycle” was put on display for approximately six months, with cycle changes happening basically every June and December. In July 2013 a special display was set up of New Jersey flags that were at the battle of Gettysburg.

The unveiling of new flag cycles was suspended two years ago because of the Covid-19 crisis. The next unveiling will be at 10 AM on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, and will feature the following flags from modified Cycle 10. Emphasis will be placed on the 11th New Jersey Infantry in order to feature a sword, belt plate, sash and gloves belonging to Col. Robert McAllister that were recently donated to the State Museum. More information is available from David Martin.

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- 7th Infantry National flag (CN 42)
- 11th Infantry National flag (CN 56)--
- 25th Infantry Regimental flag (CN 82)
- 28th Infantry National flag (CN 87)
- 2nd NJ Brigade marker (CN 16)

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# FINAL MUSTER

## JOHN WILHELM

Camp 10 - Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon Camp

b. 4/19/1955

d. 2/10/2022

## WILLIAM HUTCHINSON

Camp 4 - President James A. Garfield Camp

d. 10/20/2021

## PCC DUANE JOSEPH CONANT

Camp 7 - Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp

b. 12/11/1954

d. 1/17/2022



**PDC RONALD L. BROWER**

**PAST CAPTAIN**

**COMPANY A, 1 ST NEW JERSEY INFANTRY, SVR**

Abraham Lincoln Camp 100,

The State Camp of New Jersey

b. 07/28/1934

d. 08/27/2021

**FREDERICK WILLIAM COLE**

Camp 10 - Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon Camp

b. 01/04/1945

d. 05/04/2020

**GENE COSTILL**

Camp 7 - Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp

b. 02/06/1926

d. 04/21/2021





**PDC JOHN MAKOS JR.**

Camp 7 - Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp

b. 02.27/1950

d. 04/15/2021

**WILLIAM RIGHTER**

Camp 7 - Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp

b.06/25/42

d. 08/29/2020

**WILLIAM J. VOLONTE**

Camp 20 - Major General Phillip Kearny Camp

b. 03/07/1954 d. 02/05/2021

West New York, NJ 07903



# AUXILIARY TO THE NJ SUVCW

Attached to Lyon Camp 10 is our Ladies Auxiliary "Hancock  
Auxiliary # 10.

