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VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



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Kearny at Seven Pines

Edmund Clarence Stedman (1833-1908)



So that soldierly legend is still on its journey, -
That story of Kearny who knew not to yield!
'Twas the day when with Jameson, fierce Berry, and Birney,
Against twenty thousand he rallied the field.
Where the red volleys poured, where the clamor rose highest,
Where the dead lay in clumps, through the dwarf oak and pine,
Where the aim from the thicket was surest and nighest, -
No charge like Phil Kearny's along the whole line.

When the battle went ill, and the bravest were solemn,
Near the dark Seven Pines, where we still held our ground,
He rode down the length of the withering column,
And his heart at our war-cry leapt up, with a bound;
He snuffed, like his charger, the wind of the powder, -
His sword waved us on and we answered the sign;
Loud or cheer as we rushed, but his laugh rang the louder,
"There's the devil's own fun, boys, along the whole line!"

How he rode his brown steed! How we saw his blade brighten
In the one still left, - and the reins in his teeth!
He laughed like a boy when the holidays heighten,
But a soldier's glance shot from his visor beneath,
Up came the reserves to the mellow infernal,
Asking where to go in, - through the clearing or the pine?
"O, anywhere, Forward! 'Tis all the same, Colonel:
You'll find lovely fighting along the whole line!"

Oh, evil the black shroud of night at Chantilly,
That hid him from sight of his brave men and tried!
Foul, foul, sped the bullet that clipped the white lily,
The flower of our knighthood, the whole army's pride!
Yet we dream that he still, - in that shadowy region
Where the dead form their ranks at the wan drummer's sign, -
Rides on, as of old, down the length of his legion,
And the word still is "Forward!" along the whole line.

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Commander Jay Godin

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Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone's holiday season was a joyful time spent with family and friends. I would like to take this time to congratulate all incoming elected officers for 2023. Like always, if I can be of service do not hesitate to contact me. My email is on this page.

As Spring approaches and we start to resume our outdoor activities please keep in mind we are representing our National Order. While cleaning grave yards and doing services in the public eye, please use these opportunities to recruit potential new members you may cross paths with. We are all recruiters, a simple conversation followed by passing along our email or website will allow our organization to continue to flourish and grow.

Another great opportunity to strengthen our organization is the Memorial University. It's an educational course to designed to make you familiar with the National C & R and prepare you to take on a leadership role in your Camp, Department or at the National level.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission and I look forward to seeing all the great things our Brothers do in upcoming newsletters.

Br. Jay Godin

Commander

Department of New Jersey



OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

Sr. Vice Commander

Frank Tomasello

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Brothers,

Once again Spring is nearly upon us. Soon the days will be longer and the weather more conducive to outdoor activities. As you go about your many and varied activities this year, remember to document your works, especially in photographs. Submit your documentation for inclusion in the Telegraph. Your activity might inspire another Camp to try something similar. If so, everyone benefits. As the old saying goes, “A rising tide floats lifts all boats.” Why not let your Camp be the tide that lifts us all?

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Frank Tomasello,

Senior Vice Department 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

CAMP 7 - COLONEL LOUIS R. FRANCINE CAMP

Serving Hammonton, Turnersville, and points east

Commander: Charles Morgan

Point of Contact: Dave Hann PDC

Next Meeting

April 1, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Atlantic County Library, 40 Farragut Ave. Mays Landing, N.J.



BROTHERS UNVEIL FLAG

By Dave Hann, PDC

On December 28, 2022, Department Senior Vice Commander Frank Tomasello and PDC Dave Hann traveled to the New Jersey State Museum located at 205 West State Street in Trenton. The unveiling is part of the Civil War flag rotation at the museum.

The current unveiling featured four regimental battle flags and one headquarters flag carried by New Jersey troops and included: a blue Regimental flag presented to the 23rd Regiment by “The Sunday School Army of Burlington County” in April 1863; a guidon of the 4th New Jersey Battery from 1863; the National flag of the 8th Infantry, which was carried in action at Gettysburg and a beautiful late war National flag of the 7th Infantry, which is adorned with the names of 24 battles that the unit fought in, and the headquarters flag from the famous “First New Jersey Brigade”. Brothers Tomasello, Hann and Brother Andrew Megill, who had an ancestor in the 7th New Jersey, helped to unveil the flag of the 7th. It was quite a sight to see that flag of the 7th along with the many Battle Honors emblazoned on it.

National Colors of the 7th New Jersey



Brothers Hann, Tomasello and Megill

Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail Visits Francine Camp# 7

By Bryan Sigmund, SVC

National Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail made a surprise visit to our Camp's combined meeting with the Elizabeth Thorn Women's Auxillary, on Saturday, February 11th at the Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing, New Jersey. It was a momentous occasion for the Francine Camp as all in attendance were delight to welcome this special guest to their meeting.

The meeting room was filled with excitement as members of the Camp gathered to hear from their esteemed leader, who has dedicated himself to the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Commander Frail is a passionate and dedicated member of the SUVCW, and his visit was a testament to the importance of the work being done by the Camps.

After being introduced by Camp Commander, Charles Morgan, Commander Frail took the stage to deliver a powerful speech, in which he spoke about the history of the SUVCW and the organization's commitment to preserving the legacy of those who served in the Union Army during the American Civil War. He emphasized the importance of educating future generations about the sacrifices made by Union soldiers and the role they played in shaping the country we know today. He then took the time to answer questions from the audience, providing insightful responses and sharing his thoughts on various topics related to the SUVCW. He discussed the organization's current initiatives and the progress being made toward their goals, inspiring the members of the Camp with his enthusiasm and dedication. The Camp was then singularly honored when Commander Frail initiated our newest Brother, William Moen.



Initiation of William Moen

The Francine Camp was thrilled to have had the opportunity to hear from their National Commander-in-Chief and to be a part of such an historic occasion. While Commander Frail was with us, he joined in a group photo with the certificate given to the Camp from the Marine Corps League for the Camp's participation in the recent "Toys for Tots" toy drive this past year.

The visit from Commander Frail was a truly memorable event and a testament to the strong leadership and commitment of the National Commander-in-Chief. The members of the Camp left the meeting feeling inspired and motivated to continue their work in preserving the legacy of the Union soldiers who served during the American Civil War.



Presentation of the Toys for Tots Certificate

New Brothers: William Moen, Jr.; David Wetzel; George Hayes, III;
Marston Mischlich; Bryan D. Racey.

CAMP 17 - MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER CAMP



Serving Ocean County and parts of Monmouth and Middlesex counties

Commander: Cliff "Kip" Bebout

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

Meetings are held at the Ardena Baptist Church in Freehold N.J.

All Meeting Times are 1:00 p.m.

April 1, 2023

September 16, 2023

December 2, 2023

On January 28, 2023 Custer Camp celebrated its Silver Anniversary in the SUVCW by the swearing in of the newly elected Senior Vice Commander of the Camp, Edward Schiable. Brother Schiable was on duty with his National Guard unit in December when the Camp sworn in



their new officers. The Department of New Jersey congratulates Custer Camp on its anniversary and sincerely thanks Brother Schiable for his service!

CAMP 20 - MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP KEARNY CAMP

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

Commander: James J. Halloran

Point of Contact: Clark D. McCullough

Scheduled Meetings

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

All Meeting Times are 1:00 p.m.

March 18, 2023

May 6, 2023

September 9, 2023

October 28, 2023

November 11, 2023 (Veterans Day Celebration)

New Brother: Senior Airman Nathan Sands

Brother Sands sworn in by Brother McCullough



*Brother Nathan Sands presented
with his membership badge by
his father, Lt. Col. Chris Sands.*



CAMP 73 - GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT CAMP

Serving the South Plainfield area

Commander: Robert C. Meyer, PDC

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



Meetings are at the Van Veghten House

9 Van Veghten Dr., Bridgewater Township, Bridgewater, NJ

All Meeting Time are 1:30 pm

March 25, 2023

May 20 2023

September 30, 2023

December 10, 2023

CAMP 82 - JAMES S. STRATTON CAMP

Commander: Bruce Lutz

Point of Contact: Scott West, Secretary



Submitted by Scott West, Secretary.

Stratton Camp, as a partner of Becks' Philadelphia Brigade Band, has quite the busy schedule of activities coming up this month. We recently played the ceremonies at The Philadelphia Union League honoring the birthday of Abraham Lincoln; there was a huge sidewalk ceremony on Broad Street, highlighted by President Lincoln giving a rousing reading of the Gettysburg Address and a full set of volleys by the many re-enactors in attendance. After a lunch break, we paraded up Chestnut Street to Independence Hall where there was another ceremony in front of the Hall, accompanied by our offerings.

Next up, we have a concert at a local church on March 5, with a heavy concentration on the history part of our mission.

Our next activity is to play in the Pennsylvania State Capitol Rotunda for the

annual Monument Preservation Ball on Saturday, March 25. The proceeds of this ball every year go to preservation efforts in Gettysburg; to date, this ball has raised over \$100,000.00 for this effort. We are honored to have played for this every year since its inception.

For more information on Becks' and Stratton Camp, please go to our website: www.becksband.com and browse the different tabs for more content.

CAMP 10 - BRIGADIER GENERAL NATHANIEL LYON CAMP

Serving Vineland and Cumberland counties

Commander: Morrel Wolf

Point of Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Robert Wilhelm PDC

Updates are being planned for our Camp. Please visit our web site for details.

www.lyoncamp.org.



CAMP 4 - PRESIDENT JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP

Serving the Trenton/Lawrenceville Area

Commander: Tim Murphy

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: Jeff Heagy, PDC

Scheduled Meetings

All meetings are held at the Raritan Township Police Department

2 Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey

April 13, 2023

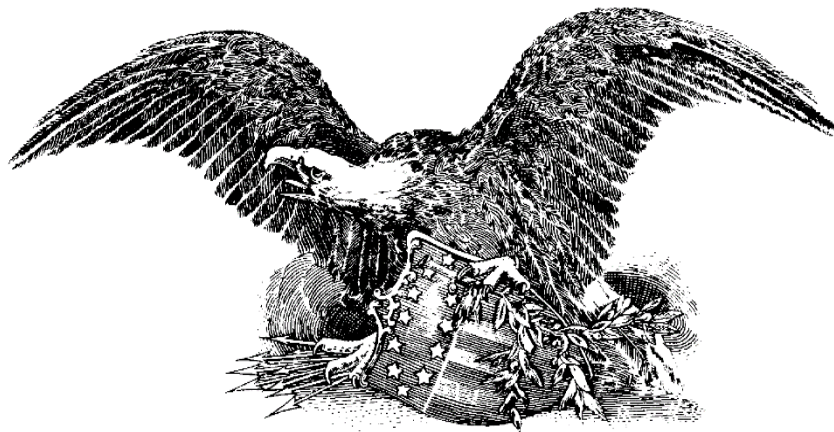
May 22, 2023 (Sussex County Last Soldier: Geo. Dalla Garis – Stillwater Cemetery and David Chichester – Sussex Cemetery)

June 8, 2023

October 12, 2023

December 4, 2023

TBD William Housel Grave Re-dedication – Glen Gardner, N.J.



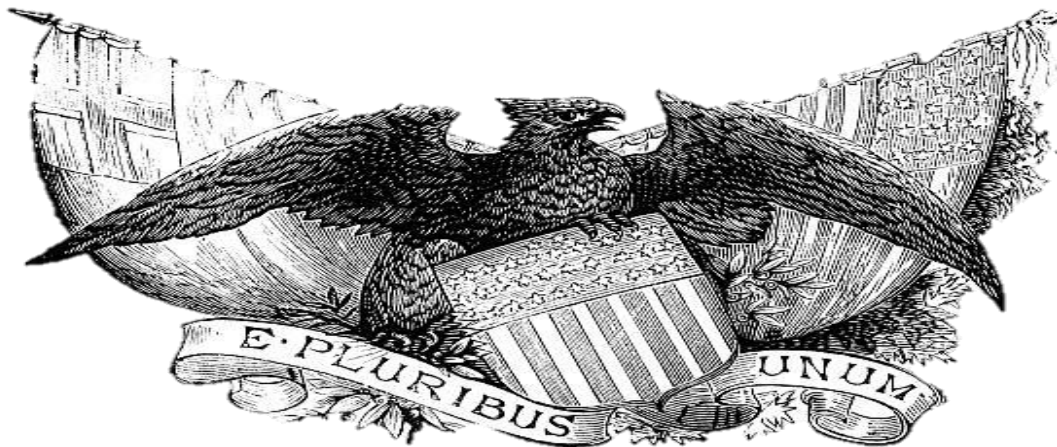


SUVCW NATIONAL NEWS

[The 2023 Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023 in Springfield, IL. Follow this link for all the details.](#)

[The Department of New Hampshire is proud to host the 2023 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 3 – 6, 2023, Nashua, New Hampshire. Follow this Link for more information](#)

The 67th Annual Remembrance Day Parade will be held November 18, 2023, in Gettysburg, PA. [Parade Information is located here.](#) [Host Hotel and ORIGINAL Civil War Ball Information](#)



SUVCW DEPARTMENT

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NEW JERSEY NEWS



The Department has a new web

address: www.njsuvcw.org



The 141st New Jersey Department Encampment will
be held June 10, 2023 at the Clarion Hotel

815 Route 73, Toms River, New Jersey



THE NEW JERSEY STATE HOUSE FLAG COLLECTION

On December 28, 2022, the semi-annual rotation of the New Jersey Civil War flag collection took place at the State Museum in Trenton. At the time the following flags were placed on display for the next six months:

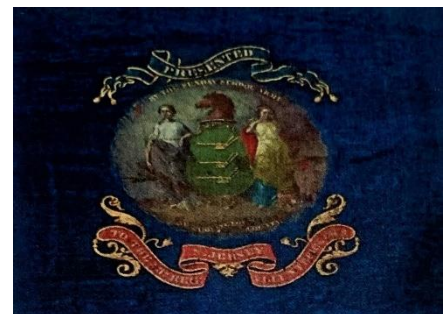
7th NJ National colors, with battle honors (1864-65)



8th NJ National colors (1863)



23rd NJ Presentation flag



Battery D, 1st NJ Artillery Swallowtail

Guidon with battle honors

(4th Battery)



First Jersey Brigade flag



More information about the Civil War flag program is available from Brother David Martin, PDC. dmartin@peddie.org



FINAL MUSTER

SUVCW National



Donald W. Shaw, PCinC



10/9/1955 12/14/2022

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC



1/10/1950 1/12/2023

Sr. Betty J. Baker, PNP



4/26/1944 1/21/2023



HIGHLIGHTED MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY AND THEIR ANCESTOR

PDC Fred Mossbrucker and Pvt. James L. Marlin

Fred Mossbrucker was born and raised in southern New Jersey. His interest in the Civil War started when he was around 7 or 8 years old. His grandfathers and an uncle had Civil War books that he would page through every time he visited. He particularly enjoyed seeing the uniforms. He also grew up watching *Johnny Yuma* on tv in the early sixties during the centennial of the Civil War.



He found his interest waning in high school (sports and *other* activities). He found his love of the Civil War again in college, in Southeastern Kentucky, named UNION COLLEGE.

By his late 30s he quit playing softball to concentrate on teaching and coaching and began looking for a Civil War group to join. He recalls learning of the Sons of Union Veterans online. He eventually crossed paths with David Hann, PDC and joined the Col. Louis R. Francine, Camp #7 on 16 September 1995. Two years later he was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Camp and served in that capacity for 10 years.

In that time Francine Camp was responsible for placing a monument in South Woodbury, Gloucester County seat, honoring the 12th New Jersey Volunteers. A few years later Francine Camp was responsible for placing a bronze marker listing the names of those soldiers from Gloucester County killed during the Civil War, in front of the GAR obelisk in front of the Old Courthouse in the middle of Woodbury. Fred moved up the ranks of JVC, SVC and finally Camp Commander. All the while he spearheaded the drive to convince the NJ State Assembly and Senate to approve the month of May as the *Grand Army of the Republic/Sons of Union Veterans of New Jersey Month*. Fred has served as Department JVC, SVC and finally Dept. Commander.

Fred has since retired from teaching and continues to work in the camp attending meetings and activities all designed to "keep green the memory of the GAR," and proudly serves as the commanding officer of the Elite Unit, Co. A, 7th NJ SVR.

James Lovegrove Marlin, of Philadelphia, PA, mustered into the army on 13 June 1861. He was 16 years and 9 months old. He was part of that Pennsylvania contingent of patriots who were selected to serve in a Delaware unit since Delaware had trouble filling its obligatory volunteer requirement. It is also surmised that James joined a Delaware regiment to escape a rather austere home life. Since James stood 5' 11" and weighed 180 lbs., no one bother to ask him if he was "old enough."

James and 785 other men and officers underwent training at Camps Brandywine, DE and Cambridge, MD for five months and were mustered in as the 2nd Delaware on 17 October 1861. James was member of Company B. The 2nd Delaware was the first three-year regiment mustered into service from Delaware.

The 2nd Delaware's first duty was to clear the Delmarva Peninsula of any secessionist activity, which they performed with relish! Many "raids" produced armaments and prisoners of a most southern persuasion.

While many remarked on the Delawares' military bearing and comportment, many diaries, letters and official reports tell of numerous incidences of fighting amongst the men. The Wilmington Irish seemed to be in the middle of it all more often than not.

The 2nd DE shed its first blood while guarding the York River Railroad. Their first time "seeing the elephant" was at Gaines Mills, where it won particular mention for its gallant action in the last stages of the battle. It was the last infantry unit to leave the field of battle, covering the withdrawal of the army in an "orderly and professional manner." The Second went on to see bloody action at Savage Station, Peach Orchard, White Oak Swamp and Malvern Hill.

Immediately following Gen. Pope's 2nd Bull Run debacle, the 2nd DE was sent to cover Washington, DC.

Less than a month later the 2nd DE picked up the nom de guerre, the "Crazy Delawares." They were among the units who had pierced the sunken farm road, later called the Bloody Lane, at Antietam. They continued to advance to within 60 yards of the Piper Farm House and a Confederate battery of cannons. The

Delaware boys were incredulous when they received orders to fall back! They wanted to take the guns in front of them, so they refused to fall back! Again, they were ordered to fall back and again, they refused the order! Finally, Gen. McClellan made it crystal clear to the men that they had better fall back or else. This time they followed orders but grudgingly. It was said that several high-ranking officers at McClellan's headquarters and even McClellan himself remarked the 2nd DE must have been crazy to have advanced so far without support! It would not be the only time in the war that they would do so. *After the war, in his reminiscences, Gen. Longstreet himself said that, "If those Yankees had charged us, they'd have split our whole army and perhaps have ended the war. But that was McClellan."

At the Battle of Fredericksburg, the "Crazy Delawares" were one of the lead units in Gen. Zook's brigade's assault on Marye's Heights. The "Crazies" again attracted attention from the army's high command by covering the retreat from that bloody field. Fortunately for the 2nd DE, they did not participate in the infamous "Mud March" of January 1863 and remained in camp much of the winter.

At the Battle of Chancellorsville, the 2nd DE arrived just as Gen. Hooker lost his nerve. They, with the rest of Hancock's Division, were placed to the east, facing east, of the road running next to the Chancellor House. The 2nd DE held their position against repeated attacks by an obstinate foe and then faced about to help repel Jackson's famous flank attack.

Once again, the 2nd DE garnered attention when they, along with members of the 12th NJ, helped rescue wounded men from the burning Chancellor House!

At Gettysburg the 2nd DE would number about 230 men and officers. It would be less afterward.

On 2 July at approximately 5pm the 2nd DE with the restive Col. Brooke's Brigade were ordered to clear the Wheatfield.

Having formed up in reverse, the "Crazy Delawares" now formed the left flank of the brigade. They drove the Confederates of Gen. Anderson's Georgian Brigadier handsome style! They advanced farther than any other Union unit that day and were

masters of the field for all of about one half an hour. After the Rebs reinforced and attacked once again, the 2nd DE was ordered to refuse its left flank which it did but to no avail. Without reinforcements and down to their last five cartridges per man the outnumbered brigade was forced to retreat. It is safe to say that no time was lost in retreating over that blood-soaked field!

In the grand charge known as Longstreet's Assault, the 2nd DE had sent a company out to act as skirmishers but the rest stayed in the main line out front of the Hummelbaugh Farm and participated in attacking the southern flank of the charge and helped to capture many prisoners.

In the August following Gettysburg, the 2nd DE was sent to Wilmington, DE to quell riots that had broken out over the draft. Needless to say, once the "Crazies" showed up, better sense took control of the rioters and they all went home.

In October 1863 the 2nd DE participated in the small action at Catlett's Station as skirmishers. By this time the "Crazy Delawares" had acquired a reputation for being one of the elite skirmishing units in the army!

The following Spring the 2nd DE helped to blunt a rebel charge on the Union left flank on the Brock Road in the dense underbrush of the Wilderness.

About a week later the 2nd DE moved on the Rebel works at Spottsylvania and were left to their own devices when the rest of the brigade was ordered to support action another portion of the field! The 2nd DE and the 148th PA gained more notice when they were mentioned in official reports for "marked service and courage" on this part of the battlefield. Two days later Brooke's Brigade was part of the frontline of Hancock's Assault on the Mule Shoe. They pierced the Rebel line with bayonets and clubbed muskets then drove on to the secondary Confederate defense line that ran across the base of the Mule Shoe. Without adequate support, Hancock's troops had to fall back under the weight of the Confederate counter attack. Bloody and sanguinary fighting followed when both sides get back to the original entrenchments, the Union troops on one side and the Confederates on the other. They slugged it out in a driving 24 hour rain storm.

When all was said and done, little had been accomplished except the profuse loss of men on both sides.

Eventually the 2nd DE was ordered to disengage and march toward a non-descript location called Cold Harbor. The 2nd DE was part of that infamous charge ordered by Gen. Grant, which he regretted making. The 2nd DE, along with others units in the 2nd Corps lost some 7,000 men in 15 minutes.

When in front of Petersburg about one month later (1 July 1864), the term of enlistment was up with the 2nd DE. Most of the boys, along with James Marlin, went home. Others reenlisted and were mustered into the 1st DE.

James went home, "kicked around for about six months," then "jined the cavalry." He joined the 13 PA Cavalry. My guess is that he figured he'd ride the rest of the war rather than walk. As it were, Pvt. Marlin served out the rest of the war with "Uncle Billy," Gen. Sherman down in North Carolina where he mustered out again in July 1865.

All through the war Pvt. Marlin was never wounded or sick. He was one of the fortunate ones of that war. He did re-sign up to serve another four years out west in the cavalry "fighting" the Apache Indians. He never really fought any of them. He only saw two of them while out in New Mexico and both times was from a mile away.

James Lovegrove Marlin joined the GAR after he got out of the army in 1869. He was a comrade until he died in 1933 at the ripe old age of 88. He served as Adjutant of the Post in the Gen. GK Warren Post #15 of Philadelphia. Today he is buried near the Post burial plot in the Westminster Cemetery in Roxborough, PA.

My Great Uncle John Marlin said the only two things he remembered about his grandfather, James, were:

- 1) "He scared me to death!"
- 2) "All he ever talked about was being a soldier."

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?



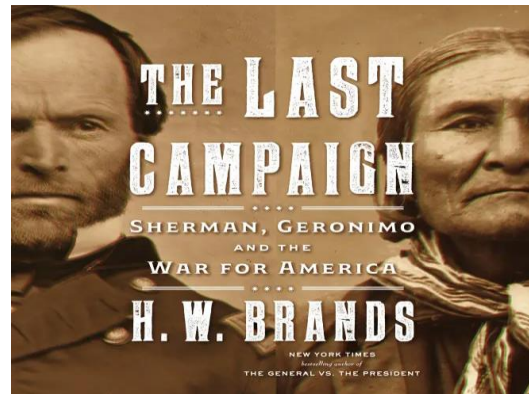
The Last Campaign: Sherman, Geronimo and the War for America
by H. W. Brands

Although technically post-Civil War this book involves many familiar persons from the Civil War era.

The treatment of Native Americans has been a contentious subject since well before the founding of the United States as a nation.

Brands approaches the subject objectively and makes clear that it is more complex than is often portrayed. He points out early on that all peoples who ever occupied North America came as immigrants and many of the Native Americans encountered by the first Europeans in America had engaged in forcibly displacing prior inhabitants. In fact, Geronimo himself had been at war with Mexicans who had killed most of his family long before he gave any thought to the Americans.

This sad chapter of American history can be distilled down to a clash of completely incompatible lifestyles. The Native Americans lived a highly efficient but nomadic lifestyle, while white society was developing a technological and



urban society. Brands points out that one is not necessarily superior to the other but each has its own merits. Although atrocities certainly occurred on both sides, the policy of the United States never embraced genocide of the Native population as is popularly thought.

The development of the West had to wait for the outcome of the Civil War and the long Reconstruction afterward so the clash of lifestyles didn't come in earnest until that time. US policy toward the Natives was thus fashioned by men who had just destroyed the corrupt Southern aristocracy lifestyle and saw the "containment" of the Natives to reservations as less drastic than what happened to the South, opening the West to its inevitable development. On the other hand, the Natives were firm in the belief that the land had been given to them by God and to relinquish any of it was a betrayal of their God. To the Natives, it was all or nothing. To the white population, the reservation system was a fair compromise, especially given that a sizeable portion of the Native population seemingly embraced white society once exposed to it. In the end technology and the sheer number of white settlers overwhelmed the Natives. Some chose to fight to the death; some accepted the inevitable and tried to assimilate into white culture.

Though the title of the book mysteriously singles out Sherman and Geronimo, neither make up a significant part of the book which examines several tribal leaders as well as American politicians and Army officials. Brands does a good job in presenting a controversial topic in a fair and objective and highly readable manner. I highly recommend it to anyone looking to learn more about this subject.



Fun & Games



Last Issue's puzzle:

Unfortunately, a couple of typos likely rendered last issue's cryptogram unsolvable. The Editorial staff sincerely apologizes for this.

The intended quote was from Joseph Hooker on the battle of Fredericksburg: "Finding that I had lost as many men as my orders required me to lose I suspended the attack." Joseph Hooker.



This issue's cryptogram is from a war correspondent. (P.S. It's been triple checked! We promise).

**XATH LHEQAPHZ LSDYCJ, RICFICH, IC JTDBLCLQT XLD
QI ST LQQTQBQTJ, QAT PCPDA SCPZLJT XLD WLFJTJ
YBIH. ZTICZT LFRCTJ QIXHDTJ.**

Hint: B = S

Tracy Ebmeyer Honors Old Baldy with Private Fiddle Concert at GAR Museum and Research Library

Tracy Ebmeyer, a talented fiddle player from Maine, recently paid tribute to one of the most iconic horses in American history - Old Baldy. The beloved horse of General George Meade was known for his outstanding service during the Civil War, and his legacy is still celebrated at the GAR Museum and Research Library in Philadelphia.



Ebmeyer learned a lively tune called "Old Baldy Kicking Up," which captures the humorous story of a new rider attempting to mount Old Baldy, only to be swiftly kicked off. The witnesses found the moment amusing, and the author of the tune was inspired to write this song. Although the song has no lyrics, the upbeat melody conveys the lighthearted spirit of the occasion.

During a recent visit to the Museum, Ebmeyer had the opportunity to perform this special tribute to Old Baldy in a private concert. Accompanied by historical artifacts and memorabilia from the Civil War era, Ebmeyer played the fiddle, sharing his love of music and passion for American history with the museum's guests and staff.

The GAR Museum and Research Library is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in American history, and particularly the Civil War. The Museum's extensive collections of relics and artifacts offer a captivating glimpse into the past, and visitors can see Old Baldy's remains on display at the Museum.

In addition to its collections, the Museum also has an extensive library open to the public. Visitors can use this resource to research their ancestors' post-Civil War activities and learn more about the period in general.

The Museum relies on the support of members and visitors to continue its essential work of preserving and sharing American history. If you're interested in becoming a member, please visit the Museum's website at garmuslib.org. And if you're in the Philadelphia area, we encourage you to visit the Museum, its collections of relics and artifacts, and to see Old Baldy for yourself. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

To watch the video of Tracy Ebmeyer's special private concert for Old Baldy, please visit <https://youtu.be/vvHcfuBNvwo>.

