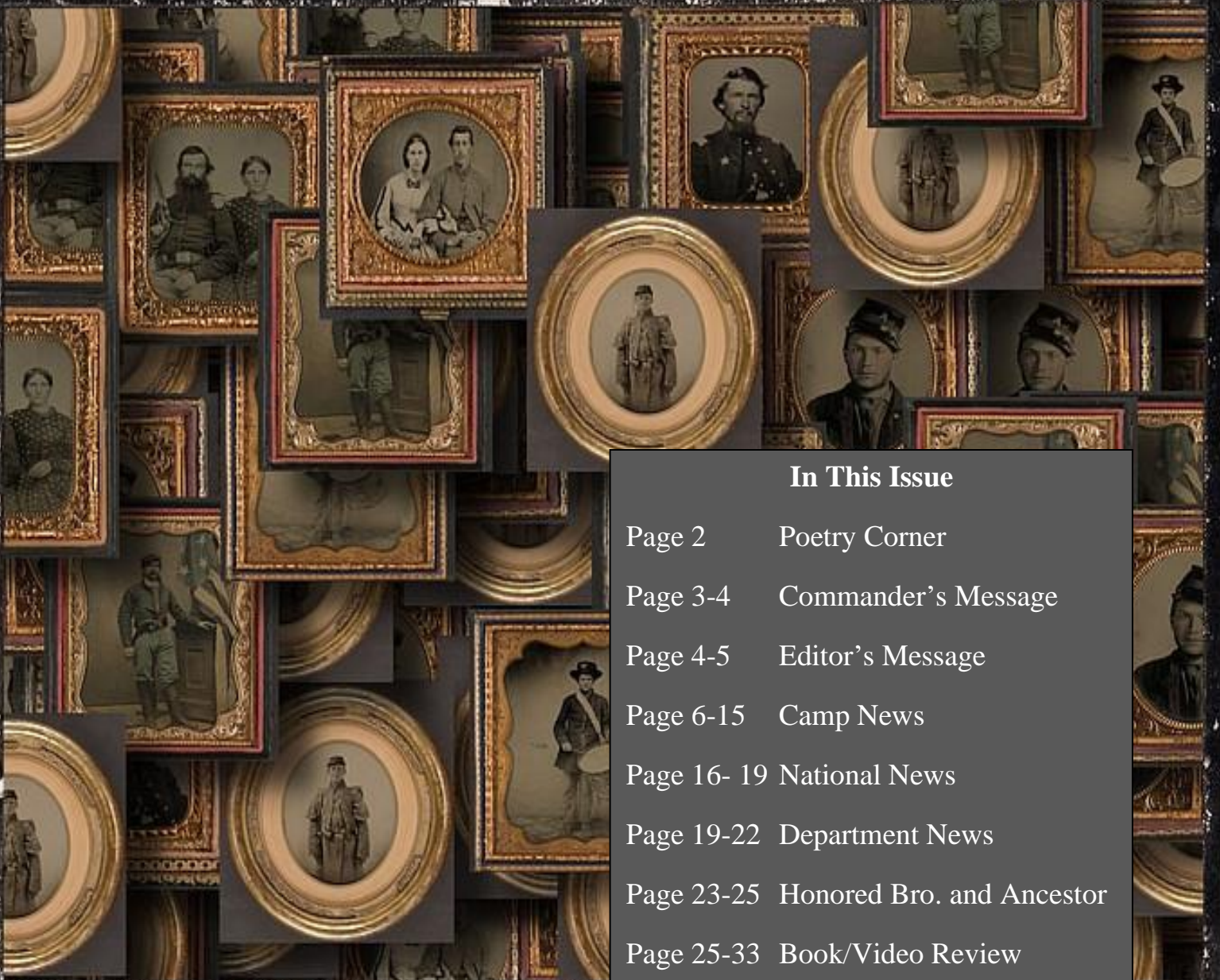


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VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Civil War

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## The Aged Stranger – Francis Bret Harte (1836-1902)

“I was with Grant” – the stranger said;  
Said the farmer, “Say no more,  
But rest thee here at my cottage porch,  
For thy feet are weary and sore.”

“I was with Grant” – the stranger said;  
Said the farmer, “Nay no more, -  
I prithee sit at my frugal board,  
And eat of my humble store.

“How fares my boy, - my soldier boy,  
Of the old Ninth Army Corps?  
I warrant he bore him gallantly  
In the smoke and battle’s roar!”

“I know him not,” said the aged man,  
“And, as I remarked before,  
I was with Grant” – “Nay, nay, I know,”  
Said the farmer, “say no more:

“He fell in battle, - I see, alas!  
Thou ‘dst smooth these tidings o’er, -  
Nay, speak the truth, whatever it be,  
Though it rend my bosom’s core.



“How fell he, - with his face to the foe,  
Upholding the flag he bore?  
Oh, say not that my boy disgraced  
The uniform that he wore!”

“I cannot tell,” said the aged man,  
“And should have remarked before,  
That I was with Grant, – in Illinois, -  
Some three years before the war.”

Then the farmer spake him never a word,  
But beat him with his fist full sore  
That aged man, who had worked for  
Grant  
Some three years before the war.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



**Br. Jay Godin**

[jgcivilwar1@gmail.com](mailto:jgcivilwar1@gmail.com)



Brothers,

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 2024. Like always, if I can be of service, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is located top of this greeting.

As spring approaches, and we knock off the winter dust, let's be mindful of recruitment opportunities while we are out doing our duties as Brothers of the SUVCW. An opportunity has come to my attention for a Memorial Day parade in Freehold. If anyone is interested in marching in this parade, please contact me at the email at the top of this greeting.

A great opportunity to strengthen our organization is the Memorial University. (More on the Memorial University in National news below. ed.)



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. For more information go to [MU HOME | My Site](http://MU_HOME|My_Site) ([suvcmu.org](http://suvcmu.org)).

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.

*Jay J. Godin*

Brother Jay J. Godin

PCC Major General George A. Custer Camp #17

Commander

Department of New Jersey

SUVCW



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Brothers,

Dr. Jonas Salk, the inventor of the first effective vaccine against the scourge of polio, is also remembered for his famous quote, "The reward for work well done is

the opportunity to do more.” Assuming that I am not simply flattering myself by assuming that The NJ Telegraph might be considered “good work” this quote now seems to apply to me. As many of you may know, I have been commissioned a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve and tasked with the duty of Public Information Officer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military District. This includes producing a newsletter. I am humbled in the confidence placed in me by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District and looking forward to this new challenge, while remaining committed to my present and future duties with the Department of New Jersey. Please submit news of your SVR activities to [publicinformation@2ndmilitarydistrict.org](mailto:publicinformation@2ndmilitarydistrict.org) for inclusion.

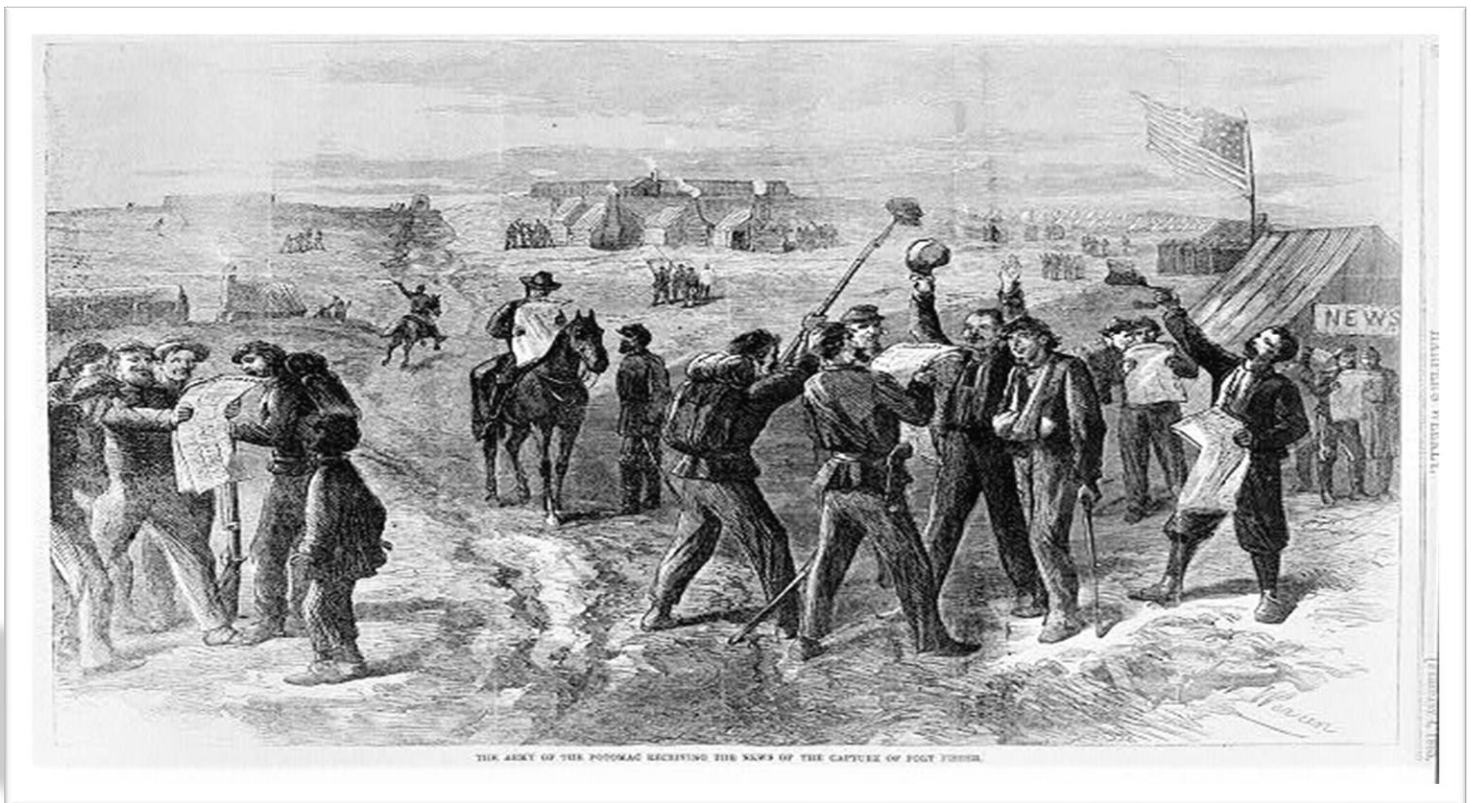
Remember that May is GAR/SUVCW month in New Jersey (unique in the Nation). It’s not too early to think about ways to honor our ancestors and to spread the word about the GAR and the SUVCW.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

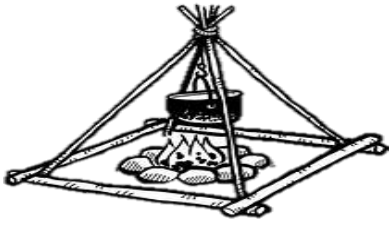
Br. Frank Tomasello,

Senior Vice Department Commander,

Department of New Jersey



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# CAMPFIRE NEWS

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

Serving the Trenton/Lawrenceville Area

Commander: Tim Murphy



**CAMP 7 - COLONEL LOUIS R. FRANCINE CAMP**



Serving Hammonton, Turnersville, and points East

Commander: Bryan Sigmund

Point of Contact: Dave Hann, PDC

## **Col. Francine, Camp #7, SUVCWNJ Memorial Service**

By: Fred Mossbrucker, PDC

Peach Orchard, Gettysburg, Penna.

17 November, 2023

At approximately 1:05pm on 17 November, 2023, Brother Bryan Sigmund, SVC of the Camp and a friend beat the Assembly for the annual Memorial Service to the men of the 7th New Jersey held at the 7th's monument near the famed Peach Orchard. The service was attended by approximately 20 people. Camp Commander, Brother Charlie Morgan, opened the ceremony with words of welcome and purpose for the attendees. He also laid flowers and placed a flag at the monument which marks the approximate spot where Col. Francine was mortally wounded. Brother Jeremy Lacy filled the role of Secretary and proceeded to tell a brief history of Col. Francine. He also read the names of those soldiers who "gave their last full measure of devotion" fighting in the Peach Orchard. A moment of silence was observed for the soldiers. Brother Gary Englestad fulfilled his duty as Chaplain and led everyone in the Lord's Prayer and closed the service with a prayer asking our Lord to grant the souls of our departed veterans' eternal rest.





**Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Please join us for dinner!**

**Olive Garden Italian Restaurant**



**4403 Black Horse Pike  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 • 6:00 PM •**

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**Please email RSVP or questions to Paul Tucci  
[paultucci@hotmail.com](mailto:paultucci@hotmail.com)**

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## CAMP 10 - BRIGADIER GENERAL NATHANIEL LYON CAMP



Serving Vineland and Cumberland County

Commander: Morrel Wolf

Point of Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Robert Wilhelm PDC

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

[www.lyoncamp.org](http://www.lyoncamp.org).



## 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.



### **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.

May 18, 2024

June 8, 2024 (Department Encampment)

September 21, 2024

October 19, 2024 (tentative)

November 9, 2024

### **Kearney Camp Places Marker**

By: Peter Lindsay, CC

Photos: Kathy Bentley

From 1887 to 1932, the area we know today as **Veterans Memorial Field** was occupied by the **N.J. Home for Disabled Soldiers**. It first housed veterans of the Civil War, and later the Spanish American War and World War I. This was also

the meeting location for the Robert McCallister GAR Post #36. SUVCW-NJ Kearny Camp#20 recently marked the site of the GAR post.



On January 27, 2024, Brother Jim Halloran, Commander of Kearney Camp #20, had the pleasure to honor outgoing chief Justin Derevyanic, of the Moonachie Volunteer Fire Department, after nine years as chief. Justin is a career firefighter, with the Camp Certificate of Meritorious Service. Derevyanic holds the rank of Captain in the Hackensack Fire Department. The presentation was made in front of about 200 guests at the Hackensack Fire Department annual dinner.



### 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 Times are 1:30 pm



### **CAMP 82 - JAMES S. STRATTON CAMP**



Commander: Bruce Lutz

Point of Contact: Scott West, Secretary

Stratton Camp #82, along with their partner, Becks' Philadelphia Brigade Band,

On December 31, 2023, The Stratton Camp's Becks Philadelphia Brigade Band provided martial music for the annual Major General George Gordon Meade birthday Champagne toast, at his grave site in, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Penna.





### **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: Bruce Sirak

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



### **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



*(Parade Rest, sorta)*

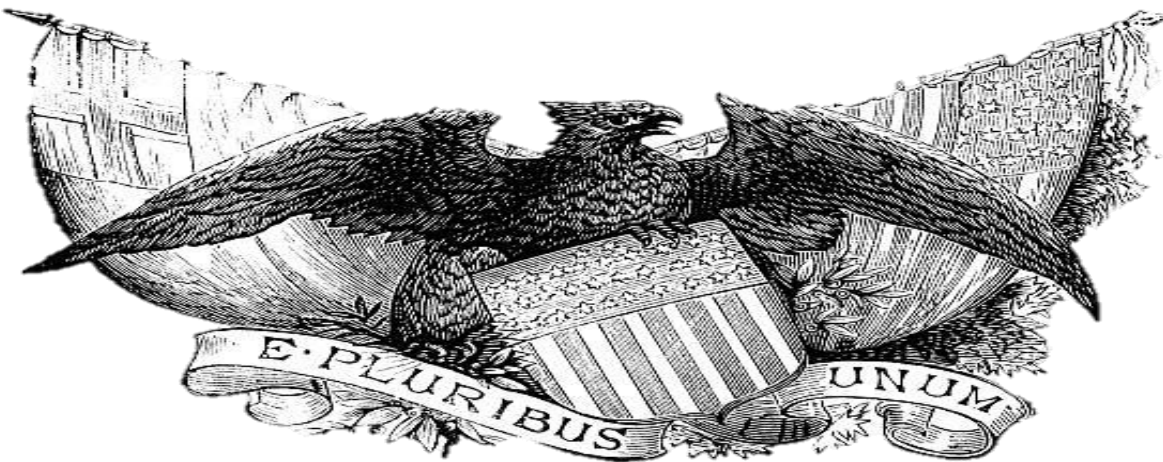


# SUVCW NATIONAL NEWS

[The 2024 Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024, in Springfield, IL. Follow the link for all the details.](https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/lincoln2024b-fi.pdf)  
<https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/lincoln2024b-fi.pdf>

The Department of Kentucky is proud to host the 2024 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 1 - 4, 2024, Lexington, Kentucky. Follow the link for all the details.  
<https://suvchw.org/national-encampment>

The 68th Annual Remembrance Day Parade will be held November 16, 2024, in Gettysburg, PA. Follow the link for all the details.  
<https://suvchw.org/remembrance-day>





# Memorial University



The SUVCW Committee on Memorial University, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, agreed to serve with Memorial University because of our commitment to teaching and the opportunity it provides to share a passion for the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our staff is dedicated to your success and ensuring that you reach your greatest potential in the SUVCW.

The best learning experiences are where students are transformed by what they experience both in and outside a formal classroom setting. Memorial University is your chance to be transformed by the people you meet and the lessons you learn. For that reason, successful completion of online courses is not enough; active in-person participation at the SUVCW Camp and/or Department levels is essential.

To accomplish our missions, SUVCW needs an informed, active adult membership trained in leadership, management, and functional tasks. Memorial University prepares Brothers to serve the organization, their communities, and their nation.

SUVCW's Education and Training function is managed through Memorial University, which is organized using an academic structure. Three levels comprise the SUVCW Education and Training Program:

Camp, or 100 Level, The Learning Phase develops Brothers' SUVCW skill-set so that they are prepared to serve competently at the Camp level.

This level provides Brothers with the information they need to successfully begin their SUVCW service, as well as help them to assimilate into their Camp. Brothers learn the expectations associated with being a member of SUVCW and gain new skills that are of immediate benefit to their individual growth and to SUVCW as a whole. They also gain valuable insights into the commitment required for serving as a Camp staff officer or a Camp-level commander. Brothers develop an appreciation for the role the member plays in the Camp and learn the professional decorum and skills necessary for serving on Camp staff.

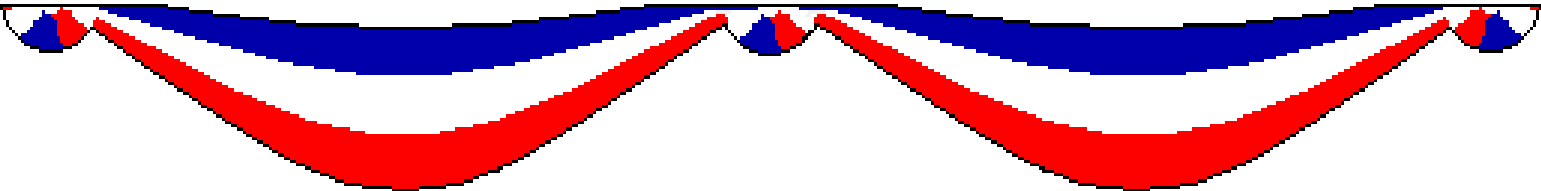
Department, or 200 Level, The Senior Leadership Phase develops Brothers who can competently participate at the Department level.

This level provides Brothers with the skills necessary for serving in Department-level leadership roles, including Department staff positions and/or as a Department-level commander. In Level II, Brothers learn more about how the Camp and Department support all three of the SUVCW's missions. They also learn about effective SUVCW leadership and management. Successful completion of Camp Level is a pre-requisite for entering Department Level.

National, or 300 Level, The Executive Leadership Phase prepares Brothers to serve in our senior-most leadership roles by further developing Department-level leaders who aspire to serve on National staff or as a National-level commander.

This level develops in Brothers a strategic view of our organization and continues the advancement of their leadership skills. This is the highest level of member career development and prepares Brothers to serve on National staff, including as a National Commander-in-Chief. As such, only the members most dedicated to attaining superior knowledge about our organization and advancing their education

and training complete this level. Successful completion of Department Level is a pre-requisite for entering National Level.



# SUVCW DEPARTMENT

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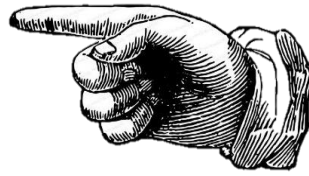
# NEW JERSEY NEWS



[www.njsuvcw.org](http://www.njsuvcw.org)

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

The 142 New Jersey Department Encampment will  
be held June 8, 2024 at the Clarion Hotel  
815 Route 73, Toms River, New Jersey



Dear Brothers,

Since this is the last Department newsletter before the Department Encampment set for Saturday, June 8th, in Toms River, I wanted to bring everyone up to speed on two items.

The first is that we will be electing new Department Officers this year. As has been

the practice in the Department for years, the current Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commander move up, so this means the Office of Department Junior Vice Commander is open. While you do not have to be a past Camp Commander to serve as Department Junior Vice Commander you must be a past Camp Commander to serve as Department Commander. If you are interested, please contact me at [IC1stmarylandES@aol.com](mailto:IC1stmarylandES@aol.com)

The second is delegates to the Department Encampment. Delegates are as follows: Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders.

One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment.

Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Department elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the Department Secretary. Appropriate credentials for all Camp Commanders, Past Camp Commanders, delegates, and alternates shall be issued by their respective Camp Secretaries.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [IC1stmarylandES@aol.com](mailto:IC1stmarylandES@aol.com)

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David K. Hann PDC

Credential Committee/Nominations Committee



# THE NEW JERSEY STATE HOUSE FLAG COLLECTION



On December 28, 2023, the semi-annual rotation of the New Jersey Civil War flag collection took place at the State Museum in Trenton. At the time the flags shown above were placed on display for the next six months. The Confederate battle flag, captured by the 7<sup>th</sup> NJVI, was one of only five recovered at the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863. The flags of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> NJVI likely saw action at the Battle of Gettysburg. The flag of the 11<sup>th</sup> NJVI saw two color bearers lay down their lives in 1864.

Further information about the Civil War flag program is available from Brother David Martin, PDC. [dmartin@peddie.org](mailto:dmartin@peddie.org)



# HIGHLIGHTED MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY AND THEIR ANCESTOR

## *Dylan Wettstein & Private Issac Sheldon*

Brother Dylan J. Wettstein, was born on May 1, 2008, in Somers Point, New Jersey. He his and his father, Brother Jeffrey F. Wettstein, have lived in Cumberland County, their entire lives. For the last five years, Bro. Dylan has been deeply interested and passionate in the study of the U.S. Civil War. He currently serves as an elected officer of the Cape May County Civil War Roundtable, Stone Harbor, Cape May County, NJ. He became a lineal member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in August of 2022, and a brother of the Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon Camp #10, in Vineland, NJ (and a dual member of the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7. He joined the Sons of Veterans Reserve unit of the Francine Camp #7, in Hammonton, NJ). He has been an active participant in Camp events. Last year Dylan attended the New Jersey Department Encampment as well as the National Encampment held in Nashua, New Hampshire, representing Lyon Camp #10. He has also attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Day event twice where he again was an active participant marching in the Remembrance Day parade and other events. He has extensively read on the subject the Civil War.



## *Private Isaac Sheldon*



Issac Sheldon was born on the 18th of March, 1835, in Millville, NJ. He was born to wealthy landowners of an English family, and made himself a distinguished man known for his respect and charity. Issac met and married Abigail Donnelly, in the summer of 1858. Abigail was descended from an English-German family, and was directly descended from Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, and distantly related to William the First of England. The Sheldons would purchase a comfortable home in Millville sometime in 1859, and welcomed their two daughters Sarah and Fleeta in 1859 and 1861 respectfully. Issac would travel down to South Carolina in late 1860 for business ventures with his brother and would see the State declare secession in December. While in Charleston, he noted visiting a slave auction where he would write, “I saw these men and women [auctioned off] in wholesale... the situation has made me feel most dreary.” He would flee the south and later volunteer and was mustered into the 24th New Jersey Vol. Infantry, Co. B, for nine months of service on September 16th, 1862. After drills and training in Camp Cadwalader in Beverly New Jersey, the regiment was sent out and was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 2nd Corps, and was paired with the 28th New Jersey. The regiment was soon engaged at the Battle of Fredericksburg, seeing combat and sustaining casualties. Colonel Willaim Robertson was later promoted for his actions. The Regiment went on drills and picket duty until the Chancellorsville Campaign and thereafter was sent back to Beverly, NJ for mustering out.



Back home, Issac would care for his family. In the election of 1864, despite being a lifelong Democrat, Isaac voted for Abraham Lincoln and switched to the Republican Party. The Sheldon family also welcomed their third daughter, Ella on April 23rd, 1864. Issac would re-enlist to serve with the 2nd New Jersey Volunteer Veteran Infantry, Co. B, in 1865.

After the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, Isaac was sent for duty at Richmond, Virginia. He would write later, “If the men who fell at Fredericksburg me saw [in the] capital of the enemy.” He was then shortly mustered out in Virginia in 1865, seeing no combat with the 2nd NJ.

After the war, Issac had included himself in a shipping business and became moderately successful. Sometime after its formation, Issac would join the Grand Army of the Republic and would eventually become Commander of the Thomas H. Sharp Post #2, in the year of 1896. Nine years later he passed away on March 9th, 1905, leaving his wife, children and grandchildren to mourn his loss. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

## READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?



## Three Months in the Southern States

April-June 1863

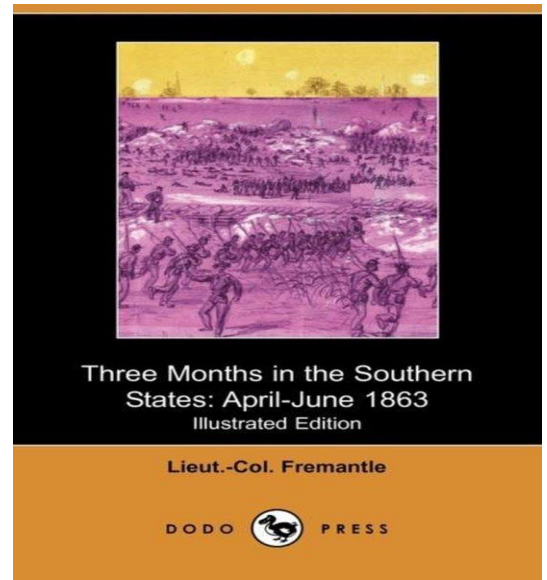
By Col. Arthur Fremantle

Reviewed by Bro. Dylan Wettstein (Lyon Camp #10)

During the mid-mark of the American Civil War, a British army captain, Arthur Freemantle, took leave and toured the Confederate States of America, from April 2nd to July 16th, 1863. He first landed in Texas gradually trekked across the Confederacy and observed

American Civil War and its battles. In his last month on the North American continent, Captain Fremantle camped with the Confederate Army in the farmlands of Pennsylvania -- Gettysburg.

During his time in the "deep south" he took notes on the effects of slavery, and on June 8<sup>th</sup> he attended a slave auction in Charleston, SC. Freemantle was horrified. He would recall that the auction caused him to become saddened with the clear cruelty and extreme prejudice against African-Americans. Every plantation that Captain Fremantle would visit he would see that the supposed "savage" slaves were extremely intellectual and knowledgeable about a variety of subjects such as religion, politics, and literature. Culturally, he saw that the Confederacy was a state that was rather peculiar. After the Battle of Gettysburg, he crossed into northern territory to go back home to Great Britain and noticed a cultural shift from the south. The North supported abolitionism (especially after the start of the war), and was culturally more like Great Britain, but did not necessarily support equal



rights. The South's entire being was economically dependent on the subjugation of their slaves. This was most apparent when he saw the New York Draft Riots take place and he noted the horrors of the north with lynchings of African-Americans by white mobs in New York City.

What Captain Fremantle is most known for is his experience and viewing of the Battle of Gettysburg. Throughout his journeys, Captain Fremantle met some of the most high-ranking Confederates such as James Longstreet, Robert E. Lee, George Pickett, Jefferson Davis, Braxton Bragg, P.G.T. Beauregard, and Samuel Cooper. The best of the men he met was Brigadier General James Longstreet. When he first met the Confederates at Gettysburg in the evening of the first day of battle, he noted that Longstreet was one of most brilliant military men he had ever met. He saw his wisdom, his knowledge, his experience, his reluctance, and his empathy. When Longstreet had disagreed with General Robert E. Lee on the last day of battle with making a gambling knockout blow on the Union's Center, Captain Fremantle clearly saw that Longstreet was right in his judgement. After the failure of the attack, later known as "Pickett's Charge", and after the American Civil War, southern apologist and revisionist histories such as Jubal Early's works post-bellum would blame Longstreet. With the Battle of Gettysburg concluded, Captain Fremantle disembarked into northern territory and eventually went back home to Great Britain and wrote *Three Months In The Southern States*. Captain Fremantle would eventually go on to be promoted to Major General in the British Army. He died on the 25th of September, 1901.

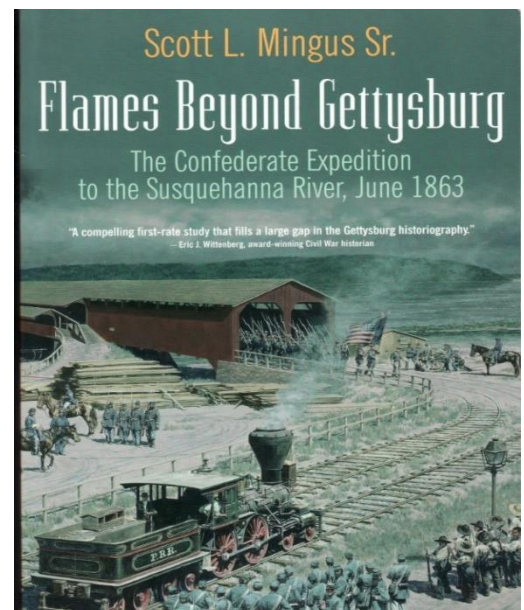
Overall, the book is a necessity of a read for anybody who is interested or studying

the American Civil War. It offers such vast personal accounts of subjects included in the war such as slavery, the governments, the riots in New York, the Generals of the war, and the infrastructure of the countries. Besides his own account in the book *Manassas to Appomattox*, the book offers good insights to General James Longstreet, known as the "traitor" to the Confederacy. Longstreet is a character that is shrouded by misconceptions and misunderstandings and reading this book by Captain Fremantle will show more insight on a first-person account of the man. Captain Fremantle also is able to thoroughly explain the vast differences between the northern and southern states in the time of the rebellion through his unbiased third person account of the state of affairs, as a British tourist. To conclude, the book is very well written and is such an amazing piece of literature that every Civil War enthusiast should own and every American trying to understand "the American Character."

Flames Beyond Gettysburg  
By Scott L. Mingus

Reviewed by Bro. Fred Mossbrucker, PDC

Scott Mingus' book, Flames Beyond Gettysburg, takes an exhaustive but very readable approach to covering a part of the Gettysburg Campaign that rarely receives its proper due. His book begins immediately after the Confederate victory after Chancellorsville and Gen. Lee's mid-May meeting with President Davis and covers the Rebel army's movements northward and the Union Army's



response. Scott also covers in depth the civilian response and reaction to the invasion along with Union General Couch's reactions and plans to thwart or slow down the Rebel advance.

Fames Beyond Gettysburg is clear, concise and a "hard to put down" read once you start. It is an excellent work, well worth the purchase and a must add.

## SEEN ANY GOOD VIDEO LATELY?

Dear Brothers,

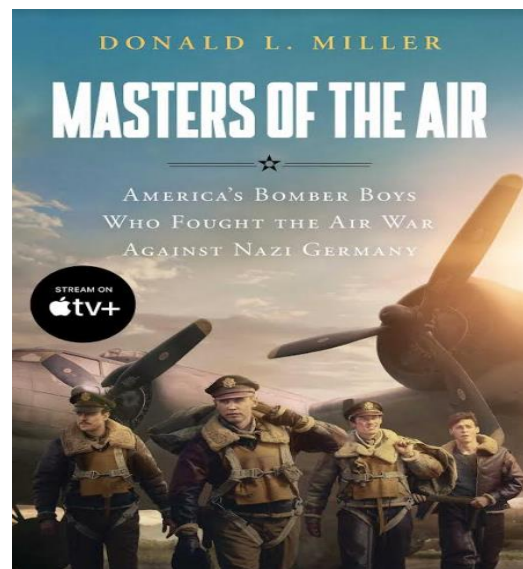
In today's digital age, streaming platforms like Apple TV offer an avenue for experiencing captivating stories from history. As a recent subscriber to Apple TV, I'd like to share my thoughts on two remarkable series that have captured my attention.

### **Masters of the Air:**

From the creators of "Band of Brothers" and "The Pacific" comes another masterpiece: "Masters of the Air.

This mini-series, part of a WWII trilogy, chronicles the harrowing experiences of the 8th Air Force's bombing campaigns over Europe.

Based on true events, the series follows the heroic B-17 "Flying Fortress" crew members as they navigate the treacherous skies and strive to complete enough



missions to return home. The staggering casualty rates depicted in the series serve as a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of these soldiers.

The cinematic experience offered by "Masters of the Air" is nothing short of breathtaking, immersing viewers in the intensity and drama of aerial combat. I wholeheartedly recommend this series to anyone with an interest in WWII history.

### **Manhunt:**

"Manhunt" takes viewers on a gripping journey through one of the most infamous events in American history: the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. This series explores the assassination plot, its aftermath, and the relentless manhunt for John Wilkes Booth.



With stellar performances from the cast and a compelling narrative, "Manhunt" offers a fresh perspective on this pivotal moment in history. Watching the events unfold on screen is both captivating and enlightening, providing insight into the complexities of the era.

As I find myself engrossed in the series, I can't help but appreciate Apple TV's commitment to producing high-quality content that resonates with audiences.

In conclusion, Apple TV has undoubtedly been delivering exceptional storytelling with its recent series offerings. While adding another streaming service to your roster may seem daunting, I believe that the quality of content on Apple TV makes

it a subscription worth considering—at least to catch up on these two gems and then drop it 😊. Whether it's to immerse yourself in historical dramas or explore other genres, Apple TV is no slouch! FIVE STARS!

## **Discovering History on YouTube: Must-See Channels for History Enthusiasts**

Dear Brothers,

In our ongoing quest to delve deeper into history and broaden our knowledge, we often seek out books and articles for insight. However, in today's digital age, there's another treasure trove of historical content waiting to be explored—YouTube. To make this journey easier for our fellow Sons of Union Veterans, we've compiled a list of exceptional YouTube channels that offer captivating and educational content on various aspects of history.

**Vlogging Through History:** Hosted by Chris, a passionate history teacher turned YouTuber, this channel is a delightful blend of reviews, original content, and engaging discussions. Chris's love for the American Civil War shines through, and his meetups at battlefields add a unique dimension to his content.

Whether you're a history buff, or just starting your journey Vlogging Through History is a must-visit destination.

**Addressing Gettysburg:** Dive deep into the world of the Civil War with Addressing Gettysburg, a podcast that features special guests, presentations, and insightful discussions. Host Matt's dedication to preserving history is evident, especially with his



role as the sole producer of the Gettysburg National Park Service's lecture series. Don't miss out on this enriching audio and visual experience.

**Timeline:** For those who prefer a curated selection of documentaries, Timeline is the go-to destination. This YouTube channel compiles US and World History documentaries from top producers like PBS, Discovery, and BBC, offering a comprehensive exploration of historical events and figures.



**Drachinifel:** Naval history aficionados, rejoice! Drachinifel is a trove of naval history, covering everything from antiquity to War II. With engaging series like "Dry Dock" for Q&A sessions and "Rum Nation" for topic highlights, Drachinifel's channel offers a captivating journey through maritime history.



**GAR Museum:** Experience history come to life with the GAR Museum YouTube channel. Featuring monthly releases of zoom lectures and presentations from the Philadelphia GAR Museum and Research Archive, this channel provides a wealth of knowledge on various historical topics. Additionally, brothers are encouraged to reach out and share their passion for history by offering Zoom presentations of their very own!





We encourage all brothers to subscribe to these channels and show support by liking, commenting, and sharing their favorite videos. Your participation not only enriches your own historical understanding but also supports content creators in their mission to educate and inspire.

Lastly, we invite brothers to share their favorite YouTube channels with us by emailing [njdeptnews@gmail.com](mailto:njdeptnews@gmail.com). Let's continue our journey of discovery and appreciation for history together.

Fraternally yours,

Bryan Sigmund

## Fun & Games



Last Issue's puzzle:

P SNPWO P CWVXBDSQWV KNQS LPFPSQBI JQLX PD; SE GX OPFFXV  
EW SNX JPXFV EJ GQSSFV QWV NQHX IECB WQLX LPDDUXFFXV PW  
SNX WVKDUQUXBD. KPFFPQL SXACLDXN DNXBLQW

*And the solution is:* I think I understand what military fame is; to be killed on the field of battle and have your name misspelled in the newspapers. William Techumseh Sherman.

Once again Brother Jim Halloran was first to solve the puzzle. Huzzah Brother!

In this issue we have a quote from a Union Officer.

X MSP FSVTCNH ZMJA PYVSKHP VB BK NYKVJ, PVZH VB XLKNL MSH  
YVDT CJYKD YLHA MSH QHDKHIGHT YV QH YSCH. CP WSMJY

U = C

Good luck!



## GOOD OF THE ORDER

### YOU DESERVE A MEDAL

By: Brother Jim Halloran

When I was discharged from the Army, I just wanted to get back home. I did not care about any medals that were awarded to me. Last year I reviewed my DD-214.

It stated that I earned the Good Conduct and the National Defense Service medals. I never received them. Thinking that I would like to pass them down to my grandchildren, toyed with the idea of going to an army/navy store or purchasing them from an online supplier.



While I was looking online, I came across information that stated the National Archives can begin the process to receive missing medals and DD-214s, I went to [www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.htm](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.htm). I followed the instructions and submitted the required information. I was given a case number. Using this number, I could follow the status of my request.

Last month I received an Email stating that the National Archives has authorized the US Army to issue these medals. I expect to have them soon.

If you, a family member or friend deserves a medal? The service is free to Veterans. Next of kin requests depend on the service. Army, Navy and Marine Corps medals are free. Air Force and Coast Guard state that you purchase them. If you feel that you should receive a specific medal and it is not on your DD-214, you can contact you US Congressman's office. They have staff members to assist you.

### **BROTHER MEYER RECEIVES HONOR**

On March 16, 2024, Brother Jim Halloran had the pleasure of sponsoring Brother Commander Robert Meyer PDC, PCC, upon his selection to



the Legion of Honor, Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Brother Robert was recognized for his many works of charity and service, not only for the SUVCW, and SAR, but for Veterans and the community too. He was inducted at a ceremony in St. Stephens Church, Kearny, NJ. This was the last parish of Father Washington, one of the four chaplains. Brother Jim presented him with the Legion

of Honor Pin.

Membership in the Legion of Honor (LOH) of The Chapel of Four Chaplains is awarded on the basis of documented acts of selfless service. Selfless service consists of deeds and actions on behalf of others irrespective of their race, ethnicity or faith. There are many folks whose everyday job responsibilities call for them to serve in a helping/caring capacity. However, the performance of their job responsibilities alone does not qualify as “selfless service”. Selfless service constitutes going the “extra mile” beyond what their job responsibilities call for to serve others. Further, service given to a service organization including its auxiliary or officership in a service organization does not in and of itself qualify as selfless service. However, if a LOH candidate uses his or her membership or officership in a service organization to perform selfless service (regular acts of kindness and caring such as visits to hospitals or shut-ins, volunteer chaplaincy, community service, toys for tots, giving time and energy to community projects, charities, youth programs, mentoring, etc.) this meets the requirement.

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the Immortal Chaplains or the *Dorchester* Chaplains, were four chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship *SS Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, in what has been referred to as the second-worst sea disaster of World War II.

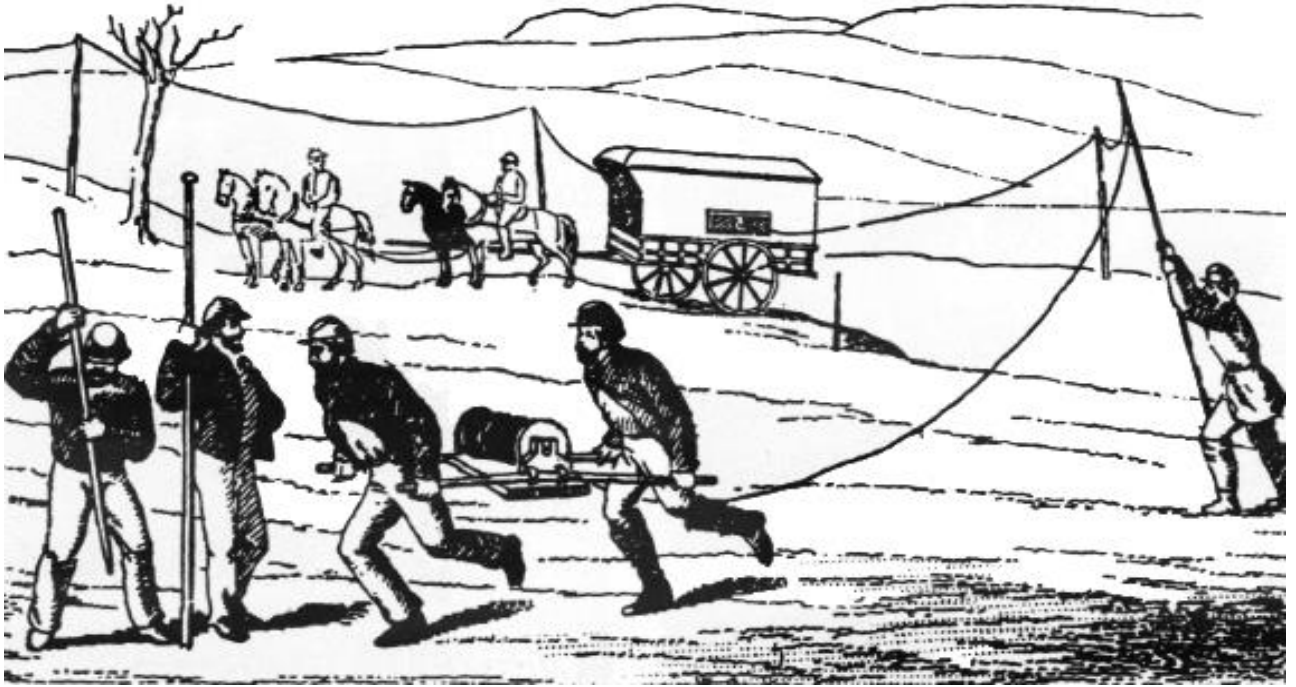
During the early morning hours of February 3, the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine *U-223* off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life

jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

The impact of the chaplains' story was deep, with many memorials and extensive coverage in the media. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. The chaplains were nominated for the Medal of Honor, but were ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. For more information click the link [www.fourchaplins.org](http://www.fourchaplins.org)

A hearty Huzzah to Brother Meyer! Well done.





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