

GRAPEVINE



THE TERM GRAPEVINE CAN BE TRACED TO CIVIL WAR DAYS WHEN VINE LIKE TELEGRAPH WIRES WERE STRUNG FROM TREES AND POLES ACROSS FIELDS AND USED BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

ALSO.....



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE TERM "I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE" HAD ITS ORIGINS FROM SLAVES EVES DROPPING AROUND A POST OFFICE OR TELEGRAPH OFFICE, PICKING UP NEWS THEN SPREADING IT AROUND TO OTHER SLAVES.

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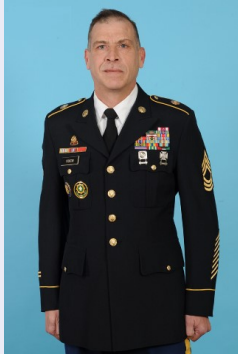
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D C M E S S A G E



Greetings Brothers,

Those members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, it is time for annual dues of \$5. Those in 1st Capital Guards Company A, (Camp 1 and 5), please remit dues made out to SUVCW and SVR respectfully or send one check for both. Mail to: Bruce Fortin, 336 Valley View Dr., Radcliff, KY 40160.

Camps 2, 3, 5, 7: your treasurers are collecting dues for your respective camps also. Help make their job a little easier. Remember also PLEASE- Do Not Forget To File Your EINs!! This should be done between the middle and end of February.

It is my pleasure to announce also that our Department Encampment will be on 28 April 2018 at the YOUNG HOUSE, 109 Elm St, West Point, Kentucky 40177. Brother Fred Lynch (CofA) will be our installing officer. The Kentucky Home Guard Band will be playing for us this year. I am accepting donations for this if you are willing. The Department Encampment will begin at 1100 hours; the SVR will meet at 1000 AM.

In other news: Camp Calhoun Camp#2 has been approved with a Charter date of 8 January 2018. I wish to congratulate those that have made this possible, Alan Bivens, Spencer Brewer, Gary Tunget, Bradley Clement and the entire Camp 2 for making it possible for getting Camp #2 up and going. I swore in their officers and hope you are following Facebook, Dispatches from Camp Calhoun. Our condolences to Brother Bradley and his family. His Grandfather Hurley passed away and the funeral was 5 January.

Thank you all for your continued support.

I remain yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bruce Fortin
Commander, Dept. of Kentucky
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S V C M E S S A G E

Brothers,

Happy New Year to you all! Two thousand and seventeen was a productive year for us, and we are hoping that 2018 will be so as well.

Since the last issued of Grapevine was sent out, we have had a number of events that were open to department participation. We marched with other patriotic groups in the Veterans Day parade through downtown Louisville on Nov. 11, despite the cold and windy weather (see page 5). We had a good turnout for the visit to the Filson Historical Society on Nov. 18 (see page 7). On Dec. 19, officers of the department attended a hearing of the Kentucky Historical Council in Frankfort about the Maysville G.A.R Monument. Read about all of these events in this issue.

The department welcomes to the fold our new Camp Calhoun Camp No. 2. Many thanks to Brother Spencer Brewer and members in western Kentucky for all their hard work in establishing the new camp. We look forward to its participation in all of our department and national functions.

Unfortunately, no brother sent me a biography of his Civil War ancestor. I encourage you to do so, even if known details are few. Remember that they are the reason we are members of the SUVCW, *so that we do not forget them and the sacrifices they made.*

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Robert Jones, SVC
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DEPARTMENT MESSAGES

Sons of Veterans Reserve: Members and those who would like to join the SVR, a reminder that your dues of \$5 is due this month. Send to DC Bruce Fortin, 336 Valley View Dr, Radcliff, KY 40160



The 2018 **Department of Kentucky Annual Encampment** will be meeting on 28 April at the Young House, 109 Elm St, West Point, Kentucky 40177. Brother Fred Lynch (CofA) will be the installing officer. The Kentucky Home Guard Band will be playing for us this year. The encampment general meeting will begin at 1100 hours; the SVR will meet at 1000.



Camps: There was an order written by National to compile a record of Brothers who are or were in the military. Let's get a head start and ask your members if they served, when, how many years, retired, and their rank/grade when leaving the service. The Department would like to collect this info and provide it to the National C of A (Council of Administration) in their next report. On that note, please keep Commander Bruce Fortin informed of the great things you do for the upcoming and future C of A reports.

CAMP MESSAGES

Fort Duffield Camp #1. Usually meets bi-monthly 3rd Saturday of odd months, 1000 hrs at the History Museum, West Point, KY. CC Brother John Gatton: johnnegatton@yahoo.com. All members are welcome. Secretary Bruce Fortin—bfortin59@gmail.com. 502-333-8638. A reminder that Camp 1 dues of \$30 are due in January.



Camp Calhoun Camp #2. Congratulations on Camp 2 for getting its charter, effective 8 Jan 2018. Camp Calhoun will meet every three months at the Regional Family Research Center, 895 Main Street (US 81 at Ky 136), PO Box 291, Calhoun, Ky. 42327. All email should be sent to CC Alan Bivens at sfaalanbivins@yahoo.com. Address 4081 Reliant Circle, Owensboro, Ky. 42301. Phone 270-929-3207.



Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3. For more information call CC James Kiger (859) 341-6235. We generally meet every 4th Sunday bi-monthly, at Reality Tuesday Restaurant, Park Hills, Ky.



Sgt Elijah P. Marrs Camp #5. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Meeting Bi-monthly, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Eastside Branch, Lexington Library, 3000 Blake James Dr., Lexington. Questions: Please call Br Phil Seyfrit 859-623-8979. Or email CC David Jones: david.jones136@gmail.com.



James H Bridgewater Camp #7. CC Br. Workman at chris_workman21@yahoo.com. Quarterly meetings at Garrard County Public Library, Lancaster, Ky.

SUVCW at Veterans Day Parade, Louisville. Left to right: Robert Jones, DC Bruce Fortin, Keith Karcher, Vestal Rogers, Bruce Loveall, PDC Dan Colon.



SUVCW Veterans Day Dedication 2017, Rostrum, Cave Hill National Cemetery, Louisville. Present for the dedication are (left to right) Vestal Rogers, Bruce Loveall, DC Bruce Fortin, Keith Karcher, Robert Jones, John Witt. Present but not pictured: PDC Dan Colon.



REPORT FROM MEMORIALS OFFICER

ROBERT JONES

Here's an update on what's going on.

Rostrum, Cave Hill National Cemetery, Louisville

No new information of the time line for the Rostrum's restoration. As reported, the project to replace the pergola roof on the Rostrum in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville had been approved and we are awaiting word as to funding and commencement of the work.

G.A.R. Monument, Maysville, Kentucky (photo below)

The Maysville G.A.R. monument in the Maysville Cemetery was not on the National Register of Historic Places for Kentucky. DC Bruce Fortin, PCC Bruce Loveall and I drove to Frankfort on Dec. 19 to make the case for its inclusion. Final approval was made that day by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review.

Once the National Park Service's approval is received, the mayor of Maysville and other interested citizens of that community will coordinate with the SUVCW for a dedicatory event to be held sometime this year, which should include visits to various Civil War and other related sites in town, including the home of William "Bull" Nelson, the National Underground Railroad Museum, Kentucky Gateway Museum and the Union monument across the Ohio River in Ripley, Ohio. Local press will be invited to the event.



Maysville, Ky, G.A.R. monument.
(Photo by Bob Jones)

VISIT TO FILSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 18 NOV. 2017

MEET THE FILSON AND SOME OF ITS COLLECTION

We had a good turnout for the visit that the Filson Historical Society arranged for the SUVCW on Nov. 18. Ten members attended the two-hour event which included a tour of the facilities and inspection of many special Civil War and post-war artifacts that the Filson has in its collection.

Camp #1 received permission to hold its bi-monthly meeting in the new Street Hall. Following that, Curator of Collections Jim Holmberg took us on a short tour of the Owsley Brown II History Center and the Ferguson Mansion. Following the tour, Jim and Museum Registrar Maureen Lane brought out many rarely-seen objects from their extensive collection, including muskets, journals, photographs, and swords from the Civil War and G.A.R. eras.

Highlights of the objects shown were the presentation swords of Major Robert Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter; Col. Frank Wolford of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry (Union); and Col. Lovell Rousseau, commander of the Louisville Legion (5th Kentucky Infantry). Among other artifacts were an original of Lincoln's last known photograph, a war-time journal and letters, a regimental flag, and a souvenir canteen from the 1895 G.A.R. Grand Encampment in Louisville.



At the Filson: Left to right: Museum Registrar Maureen Lane, Curator of Collections Jim Holmberg, Keith Karcher, Tom Latham, John Witt, DC Bruce Fortin and Bruce Lovell.

Members of the SUVCW who wish to research Ohio Valley history or the Civil War or do family genealogy are welcome to utilize the extensive Filson collection. In-house research is free for members; \$10 per day for non-members. Contact the Filson Historical Society at (502) 635-5083. Address is 1310 S. Third St, Louisville. Visit www.filsonhistorical.org.

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General Order #05: 07 Nov 2017. Revocation of Camp Charter
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/General-Order-No.-5.pdf>

General Order #06: 07 Nov 2017. Department/Camp Per Capita on Life Members
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/General-Order-No.-6.pdf>

General Order #07: 20 Nov 2017. Special Dispensation for Remote Installation
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-Order-No.-7.pdf>

General Order #08: 27 Nov 2017: Appointment of Chairman of the National Encampment Site Selection Committee
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-Order-No.-8.pdf>

General Order #09: 03 Dec 2017: Encampment Visitation Schedule for CinC and Appointed Representatives
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-Order-No.-9.pdf>

General Order #10: 03 Dec 2017: Special Committee on Procedures and Ceremonies
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-Order-No.-10.pdf>

General Order #11: 07 Dec 2017: Regarding Harassment Policy and Complaint
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-Order-No.-11.pdf>

General Order #12: 07 Dec 2017: National Scholarship Committee Appointments
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-Order-No.-12.pdf>

General Order #13: 13 Dec 2017: Passing of Real Daughter
<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/General-Order-No.-13.pdf>

DATE (no later than)	FORM	TO	NOTES
15 January	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING DECEMBER
15 February	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING FEBRUARY
15 February	22	DEPT SECRETARY	INSTALLING OFFICER REPORT
15 March	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING FEBRUARY
31 March	10	NAT TREASURER	LIFE MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT
15 April	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MARCH
30 April	27	DEPT SECRETARY	CAMP ANNUAL REPORT
30 April		DEPT SECRETARY	CAMP ROSTER
30 April		DEPT SECRETARY	ANNUAL PER CAPITA DUES
15 May	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING APRIL
15 May	990N	IRS	ANNUAL TAX RETURN IF FISCAL YEAR ENDS 31 DECEMBER
15 June	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MAY
15 July	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JUNE
15 August	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JULY
15 September	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING AUGUST
15 October	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER
15 November	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING OCTOBER
15 November	990N	IRS	ANNUAL TAX RETURN IF FISCAL YEAR ENDS 30 JUNE
15 December	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING NOVEMBER



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

We are the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954. We are charged with protecting and preserving the memories of the soldiers and sailors who fought for the Union in the U.S. Civil War (1861-1865). <http://www.suvcw.org>

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