

# 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 EYES DROPPING AROUND A POST OFFICE OR TELEGRAPH OFFICE, PICKING UP NEWS THEN SPREADING IT AROUND TO OTHER SLAVES.*

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## D C M E S S A G E

Greetings Brothers,

I am honored to write to you as the new Department Commander of the Department of Kentucky, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For the past few years, as Senior Vice Commander, I had the great experience of editing this quarterly newsletter, becoming aware of each and every camp's interests and activities, and sharing those with the Department brothers at large. This has helped to prepare me for the responsibilities of this new position.

My own interest in Civil War history was augmented more than a dozen years ago when I discovered that one of my ancestors fought across Kentucky. This made my active membership and participation in our organization's mission, ideals and purposes all the more meaningful. To that end, I find it important, especially given the political state of the country today, to place those ideals and purposes more in the public eye, to not forget the sacrifices our ancestors made to preserve this Union and free our fellow men and women.

There are several areas where we can be more public. The first is to publicly acknowledge those unfortunately few monuments in Kentucky which honor the Union dead; the second is to publicly memorialize the Union dead who rest in national and private cemeteries with ceremonies on Memorial Day, Decoration Day and Veterans Day; the third is to have a presence at as many Civil War-related events in the commonwealth as possible, such as reenactments at Richmond, Sacramento, Perryville, Brandenburg and other battlefields, living history events at White Plains, the Holt Home in Har-dinsburg, Camp Nelson, Fort Wright, etc., and grave dedications throughout Kentucky.

One event which I would like to have as many participants attend would be the fall dedication of the G.A.R. Monument in Maysville, Ky. A firm date has not yet been set, but will be in late September or October. The second-tallest Civil War monument dedicated to the ordinary Union soldier in Kentucky, it was placed (though the work of the SUVCW) on the National Register of Historical Places in March of this year. The city of Maysville will be coordinating with the SUVCW to organize a lavish dedication ceremony and related activities afterward. Updates on this event will be forthcoming.

If you are aware of local monuments and soldiers' graves in your locality, please do not hesitate to inform the department. If you have knowledge of an important local Civil War event that has not been generally and publicly acknowledged, please do not hesitate to inform the department.

Over the next year, I am hoping to earn your trust and hope to receive your feedback, ideas and suggestions to make the Department more active and public, to remember the sacrifices of our Civil War ancestors.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Robert (Bob) Jones  
Department Commander

**DEPARTMENT MESSAGES**

The 2018 **Department of Kentucky Annual Encampment** was held on 28 April at the Young House in West Point with 15 officers and members in attendance. During the successful encampment, Brother Fred Lynch (CofA) installed the new department officers. The Kentucky Home Guard Band played for us during the lunch, hosted by the West Point Baptist Church. New department officers are listed on the last page of this newsletter.



**Camps: Brothers with Military Service.** 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 Robert Jones informed of the great things you do for the upcoming and future C of A reports.



**501 ( c ) 3 status.** The department is transitioning to a 501( c ) 3 non-profit status. Camps should have submitted their re-writes of the camps' By-Laws. The secretaries have the language that needs to be added. General Order 18 and Commander-in-Chief's message to the membership #4/2017-18. By-Laws must be approved by the Department Commander, (National Constitution and Regulations Article XIV By-laws).



**2018 National Encampment.** 137th Annual National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. August 9-12, 2018. Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center, Framingham, Mass. Lodging at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel is \$109 per night. Reservations website: <http://goo.gl/wU3tEp> or call Sheraton National Reservations at 800-325-3535. Group code: Sons of Union Veterans. For more information visit the SUVCW National Headquarters website and view promotional poster at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/encwht.pdf>.



**Maysville Monument.** Officers and members of the SUVCW and SVR are invited to attend the dedication of the Maysville G.A.R. Monument to the National Register of Historic Places. The ceremony will be held early in the Fall of 2018. The city of Maysville promises a good time, with visits to local Civil War-related sights. The Department of Ohio will also send officers to the ceremonies. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event.



## CAMP MESSAGES

### AND ANNUAL CAMP SUMMARY REPORTS

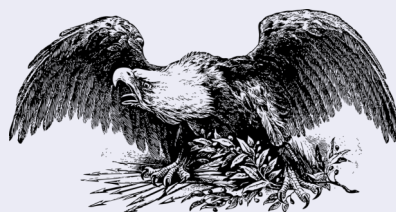
**Fort Duffield Camp #1.** Usually meets bi-monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of odd months, 1000 hrs at the History Museum, West Point, Ky. CC Brother John Gatton: johnnegatton@yahoo.com. All members are welcome. Secretary Bruce Fortin—bfortin59@gmail.com, 502-333-8638.

The camp was successful placing the Maysville G.A.R. monument in the Maysville-Mason County Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places for Kentucky. A dedication ceremony is planned for the fall. Another ongoing project is the replacement of the pergola roof on the 1895 GAR Rostrum at the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY. Another project is the placement of a historical marker for Otto Voit, a Civil War veteran and Medal of Honor (MOH) awardee for his bravery at Little Big Horn. Brother Steven Edwards has done an immense amount of research and the marker has been approved by the Kentucky Historical Society. Chapter 146 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has picked up the tab. Dedication is set for later in 2018. On Memorial Day and Decoration Day, Camp 1 held ceremonies at Ft. Duffield, West Point, Kentucky and New Albany National Cemetery. On Nov. 11, the Camp participated as a color guard in the Louisville Veterans Day parade. (Annual event)



**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 McClean County 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 safaalanbivens@yahoo.com. Address 4081 Reliant Circle , Owensboro, Ky. 42301. Phone 270-929-3207.

DC Bruce Fortin swore in eight new members into this camp and transferred four from Fort Duffield Camp #1, for a total of 12 members. We have received the Charter for Camp Calhoun Camp 2 with a date of 26 January 2018. This is the FIRST Charter for 2108 and we are very proud of this. The new Camp has since filed for and received their EIN, submitted their Form 27 and other required documents. Amelia Wilson, a Representative of U. S. Congressman James Comer's Office, presented a U. S. Flag, flown over the Nation's Capital Washington D. C. to the Camp Calhoun Camp 2 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.



ANNUAL CAMP SUMMARY REPORTS  
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**Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3.** CC Bernie O'Bryan, email SPAMCW@aol.com. For more information call James Kiger (859) 341-6235. We generally meet every 4th Sunday bi-monthly, at Reality Tuesday Restaurant, Park Hills, Ky.

Camp 3 brothers participated in the annual Regional History Day at Boone County Library, an event that gathers preservation, genealogical, museums, archives, and history-oriented groups for lectures, exhibits and networking. Camp brothers volunteer and some serve on the Board of the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum in Fort Wright, Kentucky. Camp brothers regularly participate in the monthly Civil War book discussion group sponsored by the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum.



**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: Call Br Phil Seyfrit 859-623-8979. Or email CC David Jones: davidjones136@gmail.com.

In the past year, Camp #5 has had six regular business meetings. In addition, it held a stone dedication for Sgt. Samuel P. Rothwell in the Lancaster Cemetery in Garrard County. The camp presented the colors at Sisters of Charity interpretive marker dedication and at Mt. Zion Church for the Battle of Richmond's spring lecture featuring George Armstrong Custer as portrayed by Rick Williams. Camp #5 members participated in Memorial Day observances at the Lexington Cemetery. It also had recruiting tents at the Battle of Richmond and Perryville reenactments. PDC John Kalbfleisch and CC David Jones presented ROTC Awards at ECU and a couple of local high schools.



**James H Bridgewater Camp #7.** CC Chris Workman at chris\_workman21@yahoo.com. Quarterly meetings at Garrard County Public Library, Lancaster, Ky. See the report in this issue by Brother Chris Workman on the great results of the "Waco Junior Historical Society," which the Department helped to fund.



## MEMORIALS OFFICER REPORT

ROBERT JONES

**Dedication of SUVCW Bench at Sacramento, Ky.**

On Saturday, May 19, officers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and friends gathered at the Sacramento Battlefield Monument at Sacramento, Ky, to dedicate the SUVCW Memorial Bench. Four benches surround the monument, dedicated to the Sons of Union Veterans, Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The dedication has been in the works for several years. Participating in the ceremonies were DC Robert Jones, PDC Bruce Fortin, Camp 2 CC Allen Bivens, Camp 1 CC John Gatton, Camp 2 officers Spencer Brewer, Bradley Clement, and Gary Tunget, and members of the 9th Michigan. Please refer to the report on the benches on the next page.

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**Jefferson Davis plaque removed from Capitol in Frankfort**

The plaque in the Kentucky Capitol declaring Confederate president Jefferson Davis a ‘Patriot—Hero—Statesman’ was removed on March 15, as reported in the Courier-Journal on March 31, 2018. The Historic Properties Advisory Commission voted in October to remove the plaque.

## BATTLE OF SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL BENCH

A few years ago the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans 1861-1865 along with the Mollie Morehead Chapter 2605 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Calhoun paid to have a bench at a memorial at the Sacramento Battlefield in McClean County, Ky. It took a very long time to finally get the benches set because no one knew where the money went. The department purchased the bench for the Battle of Sacramento Monument in 2010, but it had not been placed. We paid \$250 to have this bench engraved and it was finally set in September 2017. A plaque is inscribed "Let there be peace" and "Daughters of the Union 1861-1865." The SUVCW official logo is on the obelisk and the bench has the name of our organization. Dedication of the bench was held by Camp No. 2 during the reenactment of the Battle of Sacramento at 3 p.m. May 19. (Thanks to DC Bruce Fortin for this report).



(Left) Memorial and benches at the site of the Battle of Sacramento, Kentucky. (Above) SUVCW emblem on battlefield obelisk. Photos courtesy of Camp Calhoun Camp No. 2 CC Alan Bivens.

SUVCW Memorial Bench at the site of the Battle of Sacramento Memorial, Sacramento, Kentucky, Dec. 28, 1861. Photo courtesy of Camp Calhoun Camp No. 2 CC Alan Bivens.



## The Waco Junior Historical Society

By: Brother Chris Workman, P.C.C.  
Senior Vice Commander, Department of Kentucky

During the Spring of 2017 a program was devised to help excite and enrich a student's engagement in history education. This program would conduct meetings and participate in activities outside of regular school hours, and provide students the opportunity to engage in history education through a variety of academic and hands on experiences. During the Summer of 2017 the idea and concept of this program was brought before the Department of Kentucky during its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment. The Brothers present during the encampment voted to support this program through the generous contribution of a \$300 grant. This was accompanied by a private donation of \$100 from Past Department Commander Brother Bruce Fortin which was owed to Brother Fortin as reimbursement from the Department, and a personal contribution of \$40 from our Past National Commander In Chief. This brought about a total monetary contribution from the Brothers of The Department of Kentucky to \$440 to help fund and begin to implement this program.

The program was named "The Waco Junior Historical Society" and was implemented during the month of August in the fall of 2017. Immediately students began to learn the history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which for all basic purposes has been removed from the elementary Social Studies curriculum. The journey of our state from the very earliest Native Americans to its exploration by European powers and then permanent English settlement were explored. Other topics including slavery and the Civil War in a Kentucky specific atmosphere were also explored in depth. These issues within a Kentucky specific concept are not included within the U.S. History curriculum. In short, this opportunity allowed these students to learn about the Civil War in Kentucky when otherwise they would not have.

In November these students attended and participated in the Kentucky Junior Historical Society's Fall Conference. They became the first school from their district to ever have attended or participated in this event hosted by The Kentucky History Center in Frankfort, Kentucky. During the conference, students were engaged in a variety of history centered academic activities in which they competed with other elementary students from across the state. These students in their first year came away with top honors in every single category in which they competed including the top prize of 2017-2018 KJHS History Bowl State Champions. During the conference they were also given unprecedented access to the archives and artifact storage areas in which they not only were able to see, but to touch and feel and experience artifacts from across the Commonwealth that are not usually on display at The Kentucky History Center. These artifacts included several Civil War uniforms, weapons and banners. It also gave students the opportunity to not only learn about the Grand Army of the Republic, but gave them the opportunity to see and to touch G.A.R. artifacts from around the state. Again, without this program, these students do not even get the opportunity to learn about the G.A.R. or the opportunity to explore G.A.R. artifacts. They concluded the conference by becoming the only school attending the conference to gain access to The Kentucky History Center's Artifact Restoration Lab.

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Throughout the winter, these students then began to make history once more by again exploring topics which are normally either not discussed at all, or are very lightly touched on during a regular US History or Social Studies class. From Thanksgiving to March, these students worked tremendously hard sorting through primary and secondary sources, conducting site visits and interviews with descendants of historical figures as they became the first elementary school in their district to ever participate and compete in the National History Day program. Students were given a centralized theme, they then must tie their selected topic from history to that theme, create a thesis statement, and then support that thesis with research conducted through the use of primary and secondary sources. Not only did they make history by being the first elementary school from their district to participate and compete in this program, but of the 16 students who participated in the NHD Regional event at Eastern Kentucky University, an astonishing 12 scored high enough to move onto the State Competition held at the University of Kentucky the following month. There they faced students from across the Commonwealth to become State-Runner Up in the individual exhibit category and State Champions in the group exhibit category.

These students have gone on to conduct a living history museum event in which they became chosen figures from history, many of which were from Kentucky history specifically. This event was conducted in an historic property which played a key role in the days following the Civil War Battle of Richmond Kentucky. This home is where Confederate officers paroled Union prisoners of war. These students collected donations as admission into the house and raised just under \$350 which was donated to the owner of the property to help in the continuation of preservation efforts on the property. Recently they have identified a local cemetery containing the remains of 8 identified Union Civil War veterans whose headstones have become impossible to read. They not only cleaned those stones, but cleaned and re-dedicated the entire cemetery while honoring all veterans who were buried there by placing a flag by their marker. This extraordinary group of individuals will also be conducting a living history event to help raise money for Hope's Wings (a domestic violence shelter) and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Bluegrass as well as participating in the Battle of Richmond Association's Memorial Day services in Richmond, Kentucky, where they will recognize the soldiers who fell during the Battle of Richmond.

During this school year they have not only studied history but have made history as well. Their accomplishments include:

Kentucky History Impromptu Exhibit Competition -1<sup>st</sup> Place State Champion  
 Kentucky History Impromptu Art Interpretation Competition – 1<sup>st</sup> Place State Champion  
 Kentucky State History Exam – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place State Champion  
 Kentucky State History Essay – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place State Champion  
 2017-2018 Kentucky Junior Historical Society History Bowl State Champions  
 2017-2018 Kentucky State National History Day Individual Exhibit Regional Champions  
 2017-2018 Kentucky State National History Day Group Exhibit Regional Champions  
 2017-2018 Kentucky State National History Day Elementary Individual Exhibit State Runner-Up  
 2017-2018 Kentucky State National History Day Elementary Group Exhibit State Champion  
 First school in their district to EVER have competed in the KJHS Fall Conference.  
 First elementary school in their district to EVER have competed in the NHD Regional Competition.

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First elementary school in their district to EVER have competed in the NHD State Competition.

Were featured as the top article on the front page of their local newspaper three times this year.

Were featured as the top story of local televised newscast.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Commonwealth of Kentucky State General Assembly.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Madison County Fiscal Court.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Battle of Richmond Association.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Madison County Historical Society.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Department of Kentucky Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Kentucky State History Center for Regional National History Day.

Awarded Recognition Citations from the Kentucky State History Center for State National History Day.

**SERGEANT THOMAS N. ARMSTRONG**  
**A COMPANY 130<sup>th</sup> INDIANA INFANTRY**  
 Ancestor of Brother Jeff Stanfield

Thomas N. Armstrong was born August 20, 1830. He joined the Union Army as a private on December 4, 1863 at Tampico, Indiana (now Center, Indiana). He was 32 years old and a farmer. According to his enlistment papers was 5'6" with dark eyes, dark hair and a dark complexion. He served in A Company with the 130th Indiana Infantry which served under the 23rd Corps under Major General John M. Schofield. On March 12, 1864 Thomas was promoted to Sergeant.

The Regiment moved south on March 16, 1864 to begin operations in the Atlanta Campaign. On May 9, Thomas received his baptism by fire with the rest of the regiment under General McQuiston's Brigade on the north end of Dalton, Georgia. While making their advance in Crow Valley towards Potato Hill they were hit with a hail of cannon fire, their only course of action was to withdraw and let Rowan's Georgia Battery and the 15<sup>th</sup> Indiana Artillery Battery duel it out with artillery fire.

The regiment moved further south, being engaged at Resaca, Georgia on May 15, 1864. The 130<sup>th</sup> held the railroad line near the Consauga River securing the far left side of the Union Army. During operations at Kennesaw Mountain the unit was entrenched behind Knob Farm, opposite General Hood's failed advance, on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864.

On August 6, 1864, Sergeant Armstrong was engaged with the Orphan Brigade just outside of Atlanta at Utoy Creek. After crossing the creek he received a ball flesh wound in his left thigh while making an assault on the enemy's breastworks.



It is recorded that Thomas Armstrong was hospitalized at hospital No.1 in Nashville, Tennessee from September through November and died there from his wounds on November 27, 1864. He was first buried in Madison, Tennessee and later moved to the National Cemetery (in the suburbs of Madison, which is now part of Nashville).

Br. Jeff Stanfield at the grave of his 3rd great-grandfather Sgt. Thomas N. Armstrong in Nashville, Tenn.

## 130th Regiment, Indiana Infantry

### OVERVIEW:

Organized at Kokomo, Ind., December, 1863, to March, 1864. Mustered in March 12, 1864. Left State for Nashville, Tenn., March 16. Attached to 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 23rd Army Corps, Army of the Ohio, to June, 1864. 4th Brigade, 2nd Division, 23rd Army Corps, to August, 1864. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 23rd Army Corps, to December, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 23rd Army Corps, Army of the Ohio, to February, 1865, and Dept. of North Carolina to August, 1865. Dept. of North Carolina to December, 1865.

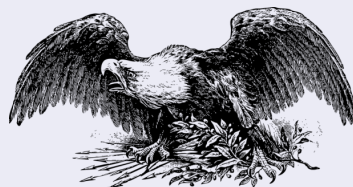
### SERVICE:

March to Charleston, Tenn., April 5-24, 1864. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1 to September 8. Demonstrations on Dalton, Ga., May 8-13. Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Movement on Dallas May 18-25. Operations on Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Muddy Creek June 17. Noyes Creek June 19. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Nickajack Creek July 2-5. Ruff's Mills July 3-4. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Utoy Creek August 5-7. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Lovejoy Station September 2-6. Operations against Hood in North Georgia and North Alabama September 29-November 3. Nashville Campaign November-December. In front of Columbia November 24-27. Centreville November 27. Battle of Franklin November 30. Battle of Nashville December 15-16. Pursuit of Hood to the Tennessee River December 17-28.

At Clifton, Tenn., till January 15, 1865. Movement to Washington, D. C.; thence to Morehead City, N. C., January 15-February 24. Campaign of the Carolinas March 1-April 26. Advance on Kinston and Goldsboro March 1-21. Battle of Wise's Fork March 6-8. Kinston March 14. Occupation of Goldsboro March 21. Advance on Raleigh April 10-14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. Duty at Charlotte, N. C., May 8 to December 2. Mustered out December 2, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 2 Officers and 36 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 146 Enlisted men by disease. Total 185.

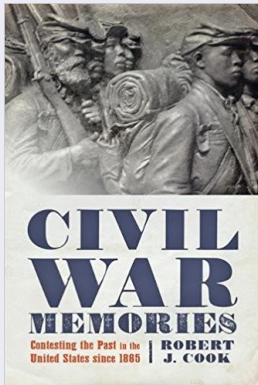
(Regimental service history from National Park Service Soldiers and Sailors Database)



## Filson Historical Society Lecture Series

### Book Review by Robert Jones

Professor Robert J. Cook, author of *Civil War Memories: Contesting the Past in the United States Since 1865* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017), will be giving a talk on Civil War memory at the Filson Historical Society, 1310 South Third St., Louisville, on Wednesday, May 30 at 6 p.m. Prof. Cook has written several books on how we as Americans have looked at the Civil War, including *Troubled Commemoration: The American Civil War Centennial, 1961-1965* (Louisiana State University Press, 2007). Prof. Cook teaches American history at the University of Sussex in Britain. For more information, call the Filson at (502) 635-5083. Prof. Cook's new book is an up-to-date and very readable treatment of how we Americans north and south have remembered the Civil War, if at all. The following is from the book's dust cover.



“At a cost of at least 800,000 lives, the Civil War preserved the Union, aborted the breakaway Confederacy, and liberated a race of slaves. *Civil War Memories* is the first comprehensive account of how and why Americans have selectively remembered, and forgotten, this watershed conflict. Robert J. Cook charts the dominant narratives constructed by the ordinary men and women, as well as the statesmen and generals, who lived through the struggle and its tumultuous aftermath.

“Part One explains why Northerners’ memory of the “War of the Rebellion” drove political conflict into the 1890s, then waned as the war’s veterans died. It also touches on the leading role southern white women played in the development of the racially segregated South’s “Lost Cause” and explores why, by 1900, the majority of Americans had embraced a powerful reconciliatory memory of the Civil War.

“Part Two demonstrates the Civil War’s capacity to thrill twentieth-century Americans in movies such as *The Birth of the Nation* and *Gone With the Wind*. It also reveals the war’s vital connection to the black freedom struggle in the modern era. Finally, Cook argues that the massacre of African American parishioners in Charleston in June 2015 highlighted the continuing relevance of the Civil War by triggering intense nationwide controversy over the place of Confederate symbols in the United States.”



One very interesting tidbit in the book is about Winston Churchill. Given today’s interest in Churchill’s role during World War II, his earlier adherence to the Southerners’ Lost Cause narrative is surprising as well as troubling. In 1930 he wrote an article in *Scribner’s* magazine in which he imagined an American history in which Lee had won the battle of Gettysburg and thence the war, and in which he contends that equating emancipation with “racial equality” was idiocy.

One area that could be discussed more is the Spanish-American War, the first major foreign conflict following the Civil War in which Northerners and Southerners fought together in one army. It was looked upon by a number of people as a kind of rite of passage for reconciliation between North and South. Former Confederate generals Joe Wheeler and Fitz Hugh Lee both commanded American troops in that conflict. African-Americans troops also fought in segregated units, but at this time of Jim Crow, racism was rampant.

I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in exploring the background to how Americans see their Civil War. From marchers on left or right of the political spectrum, to reenactors and amateur historians, this is an excellent source for understanding the complex nature of historical memory on such a (still!) contentious issue.



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**General Order No. 23:** 22 February 2018. Awards submission instructions and deadlines for 2018. <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/General-Order-No.-23-Awards-submission-instructions-and-deadlines-for-2018.pdf>

**General Order No. 24 (Revised):** 28 March 2018. National Counselors Ruling. <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/General-Order-No.-24-Revised.pdf>

**General Order No. 25:** 10 April 2018. National Site Committee Appointment. <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/General-Order-No.-25-National-Encampment-Site-Committee-Appointment.pdf>

**General Order No. 26:** 11 April 2018. Revocation of camp charters. <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/General-Order-No.-26-Revocation-of-Camp-Charter-in-Missouri.pdf>

**General Order No. 27:** 11 April 2018. MSA with Gold Star for Br. Eugene Turner. <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/General-Order-No.-27-MSA-with-Gold-Star-for-Brother-Gene-Turner.pdf>

*I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me  
and I didn't have the heart to let him down. ~ Abraham Lincoln*

## Form due dates

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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