



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE



THE CHESAPEAKE GAZETTE

Spring, 2021



Department Encampment 2021

On 17 April 2021, Officers and delegates from the Department gathered virtually to conduct the business of the Department. Thirty-five delegates were present for the meeting, officiated by Commander Jay Rarick. The successful meeting conducted a memorial service, passed a proposed budget, acknowledged the services of honored brothers and sisters, and elected/installed new officers. Congratulations and much thanks are extended to Commander Rarick for his leadership and service over the past year!

Honors and Awards

During the annual Encampment, Commander Rarick presented the following awards:

<i>Richard C. Schlenker Award of Merit –</i>	D. Michael Beard, PDC
<i>Andrew Johnson Outstanding Service Medal -</i>	D. Michael Beard, PDC Dr. Clifton Potter, PCC Timothy McCoy, PDC
<i>Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski Award -</i>	Dr. Charles E. Driscoll, PCC
<i>Dr. Mary E. Walker Award -</i>	Karen S. Lyddane, President, Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1, DUVCW

2021-2022 Department of the Chesapeake Officers

Commander - Roger Leturno, DC
Senior Vice Commander - Brian Horgan, DSVC
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Eagle Scout Coordinator - Robert Stine, PCC
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Color Bearer - Robert Heath, PCC

From the Editor in Chief/Senior Vice Commander

Brian W. Horgan, DSVC

This is my 1st issue as The Chesapeake Gazette Editor in Chief. I look forward to producing this Departmental line of communication. I believe the Gazette can serve as a simple tool to inform the Brothers, from all over our Department, about the activities that we are doing to honor “the Boys in Blue”. In doing so, it is my hope that we can share ideas and assist each other in our missions.

Our Department is fortunate to have so many dedicated Brothers and Camps, who uniquely exercise various ways to complete our mission. The Gazette celebrates all the different programs which honor our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union. Whether it may be graves registration, battlefield preservation, educational programs, JROTC/ROTC, ceremonial activities, or simply recreating the fraternal aspects of the Grand Army of the Republic, all efforts are honored in this platform. Please share your thoughts and activities with me, in order to better represent the activities within the Department, but most importantly so that our Brothers throughout our organization can learn from your examples.

I will be working closely with the Camp SVCs to help make the Gazette an informative and enjoyable publication. The Gazette is your communication tool. It is your Departmental newsletter.

All brothers should feel free to submit articles to the Gazette for publication. Submissions and the next quarterly reports should be consolidated at the camp level, submitted as a Word document, and forwarded to me at: BHorganPA@aol.com, no later than 24 September 2021. Your feedback is always appreciated.



From the Department Commander's Desk

“Perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of, our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.”

This is our purpose. Our mission statement. As our Commander in Chief has said, “We do this out of love of our country, out of love of our friends and brothers, and out of love of our God-given rights.”

I am honored to be Commander for the Department of the Chesapeake. It's not about the title; it's about executing the responsibilities of the position to the best of my ability. I'd like to believe all we all feel the same. Every Camp should be engaged. We should be conducting activities and participating in programs that promote the goals, principles, and objectives of the Order.

Pandemic restrictions limited Camp activities. However, the lifting of these restrictions creates occasion to plan now for this and next year. Everything we do brings visibility to the Order and becomes a recruiting opportunity for growing membership. I encourage you to get more involved in the SUVCW Eagle Scout and ROTC Award youth programs. We have Brothers in the Department who can assist you.

Speaking of events, I was impressed with the Memorial Day weekend activities throughout the Department of the Chesapeake. I had the pleasure of attending several events in Virginia and Maryland. Well done Brothers!

I welcome suggestions for improvement and your ideas for Department activities. Feel free to invite Department officers to your meetings and events.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Roger Leturno, DC

Commander

Department of the Chesapeake

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Camp Updates

The camps of the Department of the Chesapeake have been very active over the last few months. This section provides updates regarding the actions and activities of our Brother camps. These updates are intended to provide information of the various ways in which our Brothers serve to honor “the Boys in Blue”. As you read this section, you can take great pride in our collective effort as a Department. In addition, I ask you to use these updates as information to help guide your camp in improving its efforts to serve the mission.



James A. Garfield Camp #1

The camp held its first official camp meeting under newly elected Camp Commander Clay Matthews on the 6th of February 2021, via zoom, and hosted by Brother PDC Tim McCoy from the Ivory Coast. The camp discussed potential new initiatives for 2021 and beyond. One of which was a proposal to help maintain the Ellsworth Cemetery, near Westminster Md. This site was created by six African American Union Army Veterans who filed Maryland Articles of Incorporation to provide a burial place for those veterans who served in the war as well as their families. In addition, during the meeting, it was noted that Brother Brian Horgan was appointed to the SUVCW National Committee on Communication and Technology.

Many members of the camp participated in the second virtual Department Encampment held on 17 April 2021. James A. Garfield Camp #1 was well represented. The Department elected Brother Brian Horgan as Senior Vice Commander. Brothers PDC Faron Taylor, and Brother PDC Tim McCoy were elected to the Department Council.

On 31 May 2021, the camp gathered to honor the fallen soldiers of all wars during a ceremony led by Commander Matthews at Reisterstown Community Cemetery. A wreath was laid by Brother PCC Bill Elliot. The closed ceremony was in compliance with Maryland Social Distance Guidelines. Following the ceremony, the camp held a meeting. Discussions included the recruitment of a qualified candidate for a the National SUVCW scholarship program, as well as partnering with the Knights of Columbus and the community to help maintain Ellsworth Cemetery.

Finally, a moment of silence was held for former Garfield Camp Brother Bob Mullauer, who spoke at many of our Lincoln Dinners, the last being in 2015. Bob had a wry wit and shared many funny stories about President Lincoln during the Lincoln dinners over the years. He will surely be missed.



Appomattox Camp #2

Despite the morning rain, wind, and unseasonably cold temperatures in the 50s, Appomattox Camp 2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with their partners the 2nd Delaware Infantry Reenactors, the 3rd USCT Reenactors, and the **Col. David L. Stricker Camp #64**, implemented two memorial events to honor our GAR veterans who fought in the Civil War including a city-wide event to honor all those who have served and fought for our nation.

Everyone gathered mid-afternoon as the rain ceased at the GAR Soldiers' Section at the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery in Wilmington. Owned by Appomattox Camp, the GAR section is the final resting place for 107 veterans of the Civil War, 39 of whom were buried during the Civil War. The afternoon events were designed to accomplish the following: (1) Induct two new camp members in an inspiring and memorable setting; (2) place flags at the graves of the 107 Civil War veterans; and (3) honor two Civil War Medal of Honor veterans and the last Union general killed during the War.

The two new members, Mike Janes and Gary Gittings, were sworn in surrounded by uniformed members and the 2nd Delaware Reenactors standing at parade rest with stacked muskets. The 2nd Delaware placed flags at the graves of 7 veteran members of the 2nd Delaware in accordance with official Civil War infantry regiment tactics. Everyone then placed flags on all the GAR graves followed by a bagpipe salute by Rob Galloway.

The final segment of the cemetery event included a bagpipe tour of famous tombs led and instructed by Wayne Mower with memorials at the tomb of Medal of Honor recipients, Rodman Smith and James P. Postles as well as General Thomas Smyth. The Camp was honored to have State Representatives Gerald L Brady and Charles S Postles Jr. at the ceremonies and both Rep. Brady and Postles, the latter a descendant of Captain Postles, place a wreath with bagpipe tribute at his ancestor's grave.



Gary Gittings, left, and Mike Janes, right, become new members of Appomattox Camp 2 at the GAR Cemetery. Commander George McDowell and Acting Chaplin Ken Chew conduct the service while seven members of the 2nd Delaware Infantry Regiment reenactors provide formidable protection with their stacked muskets at the ready. (below)



Sr. Vice Commander, Ken Finlayson (right) delivers a history of how the GAR cemetery was started in 1862 and the story of its first burial, Josiah Hand (7 Nov '62)



In the photo, the Honorable Charles S Postles Jr. (right) and Wayne Mower (left) with the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery (W&B) begin the mass placement. Providing headstones in this GAR section will be a major upcoming goal for Appomattox Camp 2 who will partner with the W&B cemetery in applying for them.



Additional activities included an informal tour of historic graves by W&B staffer Wayne Mower and memorial ceremonies at the graves of two Civil War Medal of Honor recipients: Corp. Rodman Smith and Captain James P. Postels as well as General Thomas Smyth, the last general killed during the Civil War. Joining the procession are Dwight Johnson and Fred Minus, reenactors with the 3rd USCT Infantry and, in period dress, Mrs. Purdy and Remy Caimi.



At the end of the day, Appomattox Camp 2 led the City of Wilmington parade behind the Mayor, Governor, Police Chief, and Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long.

Antietam Camp #3



Members of Antietam Camp #3 SUVCW got to spend some quality time with the Department of the Chesapeake Commander Roger Leturno at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, MD.

Irish Brigade Camp #4

The Camp participated in the annual Decoration Day event at Fredericksburg National Cemetery, where members of the camp read a short biography of members of the Irish Brigade known to be buried in the cemetery and placed a piece of ribbon on the U.S flags that adorn the cemetery's headstones.

Brother Rarick, PDC led a Decoration Day event at the Staunton National Cemetery.

The camp will be returning to in-person meetings August 2021.

Taylor-Wilson Camp # 10

On May the 4th we held an in-person meeting at the American Legion Post 16 outdoor picnic pavilion. We had eight brother, two sisters, and two guests in attendance and a meal of fried chicken and all the fixings was shared prior to opening the meeting for business. We were honored to have PDC Jay Rarick in attendance to present awards to Dr. Clifton W. Potter (Andrew Johnson Medal) and Dr. Charles Driscoll (Kowalski Chaplains Award). Following the business meeting the Camp conducted its annual Memorial Day program to honor our ancestors who served in the Civil War. Each Brother or Sister present was able to come forward and light a candle in memory of their ancestor and say a few words about them. The camp has conducted this ceremony since its inception, and it is always a very poignant and profound time.

On Traditional Memorial Day Taylor-Wilson Camp Commander Day and Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary President Barbara attended the ceremonies sponsored by PDC Rarick at Staunton National Cemetery and placed wreaths.

On Memorial Day (Observed) The Camps was represented at the Lynchburg Veterans Councils ceremony at Monument Terrace in downtown Lynchburg by Camp Commander Mark Day, Camp Chaplain Charles Driscoll, Color Bearer Jason Mullen, Brother Rev. Canon Charles Nolls, and Sister Emily Mullen. Following those ceremonies downtown the Camp held its own private ceremony of remembrance at the 91st Ohio Memorial Tablet located at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. The tradition Memorial Day service from the Ritual Book was conducted, wreaths presented, and Taps played.

The month of June was a quiet one for the camp but with the arrival of July the camp held its meeting at the Depot Grill, in Lynchburg. The Camp decided to begin a project that would place a Virginia Highway historical Marker to honoring the Union Soldiers held captive in Lynchburg's POW Camp. The Camp also voted to support the Department Ladies Auxiliary with a contribution to their Patriotic Instructor Fund, and authorized the purchase of two Memorial Bricks, which would honor our Camp Namesakes Forrester Lore Taylor (MOH) recipient and John Fleming Wilson. The funds raised by the sale of these bricks supports the local Order of the Purple Heart and the brothers of the Camp saw purchasing them as a double win. We recognize our founders, and we provide a donation for a great cause.

Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp # 20

On April 20, 2021, the Camp conducted a face to face meeting reviewed Roanoke Area Directory of Known Union Veteran Burials for publication.

The Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp # 20 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conducted its annual memorial service Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Fair View Cemetery Roanoke, VA. The order of service began with the Camp Commander proclaiming the Order of the Day: Today we have not forgotten the sacrifice of Private Lorenzo Michael Light (1843 – 1912) who left his farm and family at the age of twenty (20) years to enlist with Co. G of the 13th West Virginia Infantry December 7th 1863 at Barbourville, near Charleston, WV. Wounded July 24th, 1864 at the Second of Kernstown, he was hospitalized at USA General Hospitals until May 25th 1865. Mustered out at Wheeling, WV June 22nd 1865, he later became a pensioner. The service consisted of a brief history of the 13th WV Infantry, the marking of his grave as an USA Veteran. and a volley tribute by local re-enactors. The Camp was honored by the presence of PDC Jay A. Rarick, Monuments Officer of the Department of the Chesapeake who has added Pvt. Light's grave to the SUVCW national graves registration database.



General Alfred T.A. Torbert Camp # 1862

Memorial Day Camp activities were replacing National flags on Civil War and Spanish American War veterans buried in the Union Cemetery and the Old Methodist Cemetery. The Milford Lions Club members assisted with the flag replacement, and provided the new flags. Both cemeteries are located in Milford, DE. The Old Methodist Cemetery is where General Torbert is buried along with five Delaware Regiment Soldiers. A short service was held at the Union Cemetery after the flag replacement.

Two GAR monuments have been identified in the area, one located in Federalsburg, MD Hill Crest Cemetery and the other in Havre De Grace, Md, Angel Hill Cemetery. Hill Crest Cemetery was visited and the statue was found to be in great shape; photograph attached. The Camp will be submitting Form CWM-61

Camp members made a trip to Gettysburg National Battlefield. The purpose of the trip was make to make our spring clean-up of the Camp's Adopt A Positions. Both area were tidied up. The NPS has cleared vegetation on Culp's Hill, and we were able to find the rock formation the Virginians hide behind on their July 3rd assault.



Army of the James Camp #1864

The Army of the James Camp during the reporting period contacted the City of Richmond regarding refurbishing and cleaning the marker dedicating the site of Richmond's Libby Prison which has fallen on a state of disrepair.

We have also undertaken a project to record the burial places of all our camp's Civil War ancestors and reporting those burial sites to the National Grave Registration Committee.

During the reporting period, we also welcomed into our ranks two new full member and one Associate Members. Those new members are: Erik Curren, Christopher Wampler, and William G Green III.

In addition, the camp joined with the **Col. James D. Brady Camp #63** in observing Memorial Day at the Cold Harbor National Cemetery and presented our camp wreath at the flagstaff.

The camp looks forward to a full balance of the year.

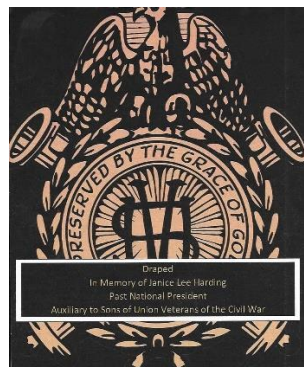
The Army of the James Camp #1864 joined with the Brady Camp for services at the Cold Harbor National Cemetery in Mechanicsville, VA. Picture shows Commanders Ahlgrim and Bartholf presenting wreaths.



In Memoriam



It is with a sincere sense of sadness, that the Department must inform the Brothers of the passing of Sister Janice Lee Harding PDP and PNP of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Janice was 84 years of age at her passing. Throughout her long life she was a devoted member of the Allied Orders and particularly the Auxiliary. Her services are tomorrow morning in Maryland. Sister Janice was a feisty and powerful advocate for the Department of the Chesapeake (formerly Department of Maryland). Many of you will have particular memories of her over the years and the many interactions that you had. Let us join with the Sisters of our great Department in expressing our sorrow and wishes of condolence to her family and many friends.



Upcoming Events

This section of The Chesapeake Gazette is dedicated to upcoming activities within the Department and sponsored by the Camps. Camp commanders and SVCs, please submit your calendar of events for the next quarter with your quarterly report for inclusion here. In addition, you can send your updates to Department Signals Officer Mark Day, PCinC at: OSCMBB64@msn.com, for inclusion on the Department webpage.

160th Anniversary of the 1st Battle of Bull Run

This month begins the 160th anniversary cycle of The Civil War. As Brothers of the Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW, we are fortunate to have access to so many historic battlefields and sacred spaces. Likewise, we are charged with “keeping green the memory” of our ancestors, their service, and their sacrifice in defense of the Union especially at these locations.

As this anniversary cycle begins, please consider visiting these sacred spaces once again, participating in these observances, donating to battlefield preservation, or some other activity that supports these historic sites and the history that they share.

The next week will bring the 1st Bull Run observances. If possible, consider attending and share your experiences via the Department Facebook page, so that others can participate too.

The following link details the upcoming schedule of events:

<https://www.nps.gov/mana/planyourvisit/160th-anniversary-of-the-first-battle-of-manassas.htm>

SUVCW National Encampment

St. Louis, Mo., August 4-9, 2021

Detailed information:

<https://www.suvcwmo.org/2021-national-encampment.html>