"The Battle Cry of Freedom"

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

2020

Greg Kline, Dept. Commander
Robert C. Shaffer, Editor
Greetings Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department and Happy New Year!

I want to thank you again for the tremendous honor of electing me to serve as Pennsylvania Department Commander. My first six months in office have been marked by great opportunities to visit and work with Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders from across the state. In addition to attending the National Encampment in Cleveland and participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Woolson Monument in Gettysburg, I had the pleasure of attending the testimonial luncheon for National President Sandra Millin and PA Department President Kayla Reed of the DUVCW, Wreaths Across America Day in Portage as well as Camp Christmas parties and Officer installations.

The months were also accompanied by sadness as we marked the passing of two legends of the Pennsylvania Department, Rev. Richard O. Partington, PC-in-C, of Anna M. Ross Camp 1 of Philadelphia and Joe Long, PDC, of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 in Scranton. The loss of these Brothers to the Pennsylvania Department family is incalculable and I again extend my condolences to their families and all those who were close to them.

I am happy to announce the re-appointment of the Department Education Committee and pleased to announce that its recent reorganizational meeting in Gettysburg was a great success. The committee looks to use the equipment which it owns to begin recording a headstone rededication ceremony in March, interviews with long standing members of the Allied Orders and training videos for Camp and Department Officers all of which will be uploaded to the Department YouTube channel for use in training and recruitment. The future possibilities for this project are endless!

I want to encourage all Camp Secretaries to be timely in filing your Department reports for the coming year with Department Secretary Rob Koenigsberg and direct all Camp Commanders to be proactive in making sure this takes place. Filing these reports on time will avoid many unnecessary complications in the months to come.

Allow me to thank you once again for the honor of serving as Pennsylvania Department Commander and I look forward to seeing you at the Department Encampment in Altoona in June!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Greg Kline, DC
Commander
Pennsylvania Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
From the Editor:

I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year. This is the start of another year for our Department and with all the adversities during the past year behind us we should continue to better ourselves every day.

I want to thank all the Camps who have contributed articles and photos for this years’ Battle Cry. The number of Submissions is dwindling every year. It is very hard to put together a Department Newsletter, when only a small fraction of Camps participate. I send out e-mail reminders and the Commander also puts his reminder in his Department Orders.

Hopefully we will have more next year. We want everyone to see what has been done in your Camp.

Robert C. Shaffer
Editor
Julie Esty exhibited Civil War Era toys in conjunction with Hal Myer’s lecture “Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln at the Lackawanna County Library in Scranton on February 9th. Other members in attendance were Wendy Belaski, Danielle Shaffer, Jerry O’Malley and Bob Shaffer.

The Lincoln Luncheon was hosted by Joel Searfoss Camp #273 of Bangor and Auxiliary #10 of Scranton and was held at the Williams Family Restaurant in Easton on February 9th. A lecture “Witnessing Lincoln at Gettysburg” was given by Camp Commander Dane Difebo of Camp #273 and Department Patriotic Instructor.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, Susan Mertz made all the centerpieces for the Luncheon.

SVC Jerry Skotleski made an Eagle Scout presentation in Dickson City on February 10th to Logan Padden.

An Initiation Ceremony was held for Lance Stange on March 16th.

The Appomattox Luncheon was held on April 13th.
PNP Margaret Atkinson celebrated the 75th Anniversary of her membership in the ASUVCW in Valley Forge. Auxiliary #10 members Mary Jo Long, Laura Kane and Linda Snook were in attendance.

Camp #8 and Auxiliary #10 had their flag detail for the cemeteries of Forest Hill and Dunmore on May 4th.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony was held at the veterans’ section of the Dunmore Cemetery on May 25th.

State Representative for the 112th District Kyle Mullins was in attendance.

Camp members in attendance were: Jim Jones, Joe Long, Bill Fischer, Giovan Lisi, Mark Myers and Mike Passero.

Auxiliary members in attendance were Susan Mertz, Mary Jo Long, Julie Esty and Danielle Shaffer

Mark Myers along with Dale Keklock presented an Eagle Scout Award in Clarks Green on June 2nd.

We held our yearly Departed Brothers Ceremony on June 15th. Brothers honored were Peter B. Sawyer 1924; William H. Snyder 1924; Phillip H. Caffrey 1925; John A. Monninger Jr. 1925; J.C. Scheibe 1925; George S. Seese 1925; Alfred O. Tuttle 1925; Jesse H. Whitman 1925; William H. Collier 1926; Henry F. Dierks 1926; Donald C. Fadden 1926; Curtis G. Burkel 1927; George T. Delaney 1927; D.G. Freeman 1927; F.L. Holly 1927; Charles P. Jadwin Jr. 1927; William Loveland 1927; Clark A. Ridgway 1927; George Fadden Sr. 1928; J.C. Allen 1929.

Member Travis Andes was initiated into the Camp on June 15th.
The Pennsylvania Department Encampment was held in Valley Forge. Camp member Jim Jones along with Auxiliary members Mary Jo Long, Susan Mertz and Judy Wolfe were in attendance.

Susan also attended three slide committees in Valley Forge while preparing for the Encampment.

Mark Myers and Jerry O’Malley presented an Eagle Scout Award at the Shavertown Fire Hall on June 30th.

In August, Camp Patriotic Instructor Jerry O’Malley attended the Civil War Round Table sponsored by the Lackawanna County Historical Society. The meeting featured a discussion on Native Americans in the War.

Camp member Bob Shaffer and his daughter, Auxiliary Past President and Recording Secretary Danielle Shaffer had a table set up with Civil War artifacts, information and membership applications at the Howetown Farm Show in Jericho (outside Sterling, Wayne County, PA) on October 5th and 6th.

The Dearly Departed Players held their Dunmore Cemetery Tour on October 6th and 13th. A first person presentation of Past Auxiliary Circle #19 member and President Violet Fahrenholt was done by tour director and member Julie Esty. Following that there was a wreath presentation that was made at Violet’s unmarked grave.

In October, Kenneth Snook, a friend of Camp #8 and a member of Camp #503, passed. Susan Mertz was in attendance.

Department President and Auxiliary member Susan Mertz did a lecture on “Remembering the Boys in Blue” through the Allied Orders on the GAR on November 4th.

Linda Snook, President of Auxiliary #10 presented a program on “Women in the Revolution” to the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter in Montour County in honor of Veteran’s Day.
Members of the Camp and Auxiliary held a wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Monument at Nay Aug Park on November 16th. This was in reference to the 156th Observance of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address and the Re-Dedication of the Soldiers’ National Cemetery in Gettysburg. Those in attendance were Camp members Jerry Skotleski, Craig Kelly, Mike Passero, Jerry O’Malley, and Jim Jones. Auxiliary members in attendance were Joyce Keklock, Susan Mertz, Dorothy Kelly and Julie Esty. Chris Carty and the public also attended.

The Initiation of Tim Chase was held on November 16th.

Members of the Camp and Auxiliary attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Lincoln Monument and also attended the Illumination. Those in attendance were Linda Snook, Susan Mertz and Laura Kane. Susan placed flags at numerous monuments; attended a ceremony at the GAR Memorial and attended the Hands Across the Wall Ceremony on the battlefield. She even attended the Ball that night!

On December 16th, Camp and Auxiliary members were given word of the passing of member and trusted friend Joseph Long. He was born in Scranton to the late Joseph M. and Mary Etta (Miner) Long. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953 to 1973. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He will be interred in the Fort Indiantown Gap Cemetery.
Patrick Gray, Treasurer of Col. Jacob M. Campbell, Camp #14 in Johnstown, PA has finalized plans for a headstone re-dedication of his ancestor Peter Bittner. Patrick’s ancestor was in dis-repair and un-savable. A new headstone was provided and installed.

This event will take place with a number of different activities over the weekend of March 27th to 29th. This is also the weekend of the Pennsylvania Maple Festival in Myersdale.

Patrick has 18 rooms on hold at the Morguen Hotel in Myersdale for the weekend, with each room costing $80 or less for some rooms. The hotel has a full service bar and restaurant. Here is the link to the hotel: [http://www.morguentoole.com/](http://www.morguentoole.com/)

The following is a schedule for Saturday:

8:30am – 8:45am – leave hotel to travel to Berlin Historical Society
9:00am - ????am – arrive at Berlin Historical Society for tour of facility and relics on the PA 142nd Co. F
- Once tour is over, we will travel to IOOF Cemetery to place flags for Captain and Lt. Heffley and 1st Sergeant Jacob Zorn
- Once flags are placed, we will drive to Somerset to visit the 142nd monument at the Somerset Courthouse
- We will visit the Grave of Col. R.P. Cummins and place a flag then return to the hotel to freshen up and have lunch
- We will then proceed to the Scratch Hill Bittner family cemetery
3:00pm - ????pm – Ceremony to re-dedicate Patrick’s ancestor’s headstone. (Looking for 7 riflemen for salute and a bugler for TAPS)
- Once ceremony is over, we will travel back to the hotel for dinner. Dinner will cost $12 to $18 per person on your own at the restaurant. We will need a head count for dinner.
- Please RSVP to patgraymad@gmail.com
June 2019 – PA Department Encampment, King of Prussia, PA

Ritual Installation of Officers conducted by Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw

From L-R are: JVC Dane DiFebo, Dept. Commander Gregory Kline, SVC John Gipson, Secretary/Treasurer Rob Koenigberg and other members.

June 2019 – PA Department Encampment, King of Prussia, PA

Pinning of Dept. Commander Badge to Gregory Kline – done by his father Anthony Kline

Also pictured are: Chief-of-Staff Scott Debo (left)

June 2019 – PA Department Encampment, King of Prussia, PA

Acknowledgment of 50 Year Member Ivan E. Frantz Jr., PDC

Pictured are: Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw (left), Ivan (center) and Chris Carty (right)
August 17, 2019 – SUVCW Eagle Scout Ceremony

Certificate presented to Stanley M. Matusheki (right) by Wayne Blattner (right)

October 12, 2019 – Tribute to Dauphin County’s last Civil War Soldier, Wiconisco, PA

Each Camp is tasked in honoring the last soldier of the Civil War in their county or region. Camp #15 in conjunction with Camp #503 paid tribute to Henry William Marmaduke Maurer.

Camp Commander Logan Swanger did research on the veteran and of his final resting place. Swanger also made contact with the family and talked to cemetery personnel as well as prepared a bulletin and the program.

May 1946

Henry William Marmaduke Maurer
Company D, 26th Militia & Company B, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, 92nd Volunteers
Last Civil War Veteran in Area Is Dead at 100

Military funeral services for Henry Marmaduke Maurer, 100, Central Pennsylvania’s last Civil War veteran, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel H. Miller, Wiconisco, where he died yesterday.

The Rev. W. W. Pahle, pastor of the Wiconisco Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Wiconisco Cemetery. Friends may call at the home tomorrow and Sunday prior to the services.

Maurer, it is believed, was the next to last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic in Pennsylvania. The lone survivor now is Charles H. Duckworth, Newtown, Bucks County, who celebrated his 101st birthday anniversary last Saturday. The GAR membership once numbered 115,000.

Maurer, who would have been 101 years old December 28, was

Moving about his room and ate two hearty meals on Monday. The last time he was out of the house was late in the summer, when he walked to a nearby store to buy a box of matches. Maurer fell outside the store and cut his face, but, after he was lifted to his feet, insisted that “I’m still going into the store for the matches.”

The centenarian, who served with Sherman on his march to the sea, lived in Steelton for 46 years and was formerly employed as a machinist by the old Pennsylvania Steel Company, now the Bethlehem Steel Company. His last residence in Steelton was at 35 South Third street, the home of a grandson, William J. Gardner. Maurer lived in Wiconisco the last seven years.

At Gettysburg Reunion

In 1938, when he was 81 years old, Maurer attended the 75th reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg. Upon his arrival at the depot, a wheel chair was offered for his convenience, but Maurer flatly refused to use it. “Put my suitcase on it,” said the veteran, “but I’ll walk.”
Last year Maurer enjoyed his first ride in an airplane, soaring over Gratz on Memorial Day with a great-grandson, Warren Hepler, at the "stick" of a small plane. After he landed, the "old soldier" had this comment, "It's good, but the darned thing rattles a heck of a lot." Maurer once expressed his displeasure with newspaper stories which said he would celebrate a birthday anniversary "quietly."

Maurer termed a family reunion in July, 1945, as one of the "happiest moments of my life." On that occasion he proudly posed for a photograph with two grandsons, Robert Miller, a World War II veteran who was a prisoner of the Germans, and William Miller, a Marine. Another grandson, Sgt. George Maurer Miller, is now on Guam with the Marines.

Served as Parade Marshal

The Union Army veteran often served as marshal of Memorial Day parades in Harrisburg and was feted numerous times on that holiday by civic and service organizations. He received a $10 prize for having been the oldest veteran in the homecoming parade for servicemen in Lykens in September, 1946.

Maurer seldom heeded advice on how to live long. Even after he passed the century mark, he "chain" smoked cigars or a pipe and drank quantities of coffee.

Enlisting in the Union Army in Harrisburg when only 17 years of age, Maurer narrowly escaped death during the battle of Waynesboro, Ga. A bullet from a Confederate soldier's rifle struck and killed his horse just after Maurer swerved the animal. Maurer first was a member of the Ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, Third Division, captained by Elisha Hancock. He later fought with the 26th Infantry Regiment and survived many historic battles. Maurer was among the troops who first met Lee at Gettysburg. After the war, he served several years with the Governor's Troop in the National Guard.

Born in Gratz, Maurer was a son of the late Dr. George Maurer, who had served as a surgeon in the German Army before emigrating to the United States. He was educated in Wiconisco and Gratz, and also attended the old academy at Berwick. Maurer was married in 1869, but his wife, Louisa, died in 1912.

Maurer was a member of the Wiconisco Methodist Church.

In addition to Mrs. Miller, he is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. John Schminky, Gratz, and Mrs. Margaret Gardner, Cornwall, Conn.; one son, Henry Maurer, Bethlehem; 27 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Service of Remembrance for Last Union Civil War Vet Buried in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania


Private, Company B, 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry (92nd Volunteers), 25 Jan 1864 to 18 Jul 1865. (Sherman's March to the Sea)

Private, Company D, 26th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, 19 Jun 1863 to 30 Jul 1863. (Gettysburg)

Service will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10 a.m., rain or shine @ Calvary United Methodist Cemetery, Wiconisco, Pennsylvania
LAST SOLDIER CEREMONY

Placement of flag holder by Bill Fischer, Camp #8, Scranton

Sgt Jessica Hoffman, 3rd great-grand daughter

Taps by Mark Schlegel, Camp #503

Henry’s family members: Lisa, Muneen and Jessica

Pictured: Bill Fischer, Camp #8 of Scranton; Mark Schlegel and Scott Debo, Camp #503; David Demmy, Vern Stout and Logan Swanger, Camp #15; great granddaughter Muneen; 3rd great granddaughter Jessica; Captains Dennis DeWalt and Fred Wertman, Camp #503 and Battery B.
December 8, 2019 – Christmas Party and Ritual Installation

Conducted by Commander Gregory Kline

From L-R are: Dept. Commander Gregory Kline, Patriotic Instructor Jeffrey Smith, Treasurer David W. Demmy Sr., Camp Commander Logan Swanger, SVC Vernon Stout and JVC Scott Debo
The Mount Carmel Area Joint Veterans’ Committee’s monthly “Changing of the Color” flag ceremony in May is held for a Civil War veteran. On May 11th, the flag was raised in honor and memory of John Roney, who served as a Private in Company C, 194th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Roney later served as a Northumberland County Commissioner.

Camp Commander David Berezovske spoke at his sister Amy Watkin’s 1st grade class at Mount Carmel Area Elementary School on May 24th about Memorial Day and the Civil War.

Carrying on a tradition that was started by Mount Carmel’s Burnside Post #92 GAR, the Camp decorated the graves of nearly 200 Civil War and Spanish-American War veterans buried in six local cemeteries in Northumberland and Columbia Counties for the Memorial Day holiday.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, the Camp held a service at the grave of Isaac Davis at Mount Carmel Cemetery as part of Mount Carmel’s activities that day. Davis served as a Private in Company G, 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Civil War Re-enactors of the 149th Pennsylvania Bucktails participated in Mount Carmel Borough’s Memorial Day parade and services on May 27th. Camp members Bruce Petro (left with sword) and his son Chase (right with fife) are also members of the Bucktails.

Also, the “Changing of the Colors” flag ceremony of September 8th was held for Civil War veteran Mungo Penman, who served as a Private in the Company E, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Penman would later serve as a Mount Carmel Borough Chief Burgess.

Junior Vice Commander Bruce Petro, his son Chase and Chaplain Robert Whitmoyer are re-enactors in the 149th Pennsylvania Bucktails Regiment. During a program by Mount Carmel’s Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerial 464 honoring veterans on November 9th, Chase, on fife and drummer Gregory Benshoff performed for those in attendance. That evening, along with his father and Whitmoyer, the 149th presented the colors and performed the national anthem prior to the start of the Southern Columbia Area football game. They would also march in the Bloomsburg Veterans’ Day parade.

The Camp has 20 Brothers (17 members, 1 associate and 1 junior) and is the oldest veteran organization in Mount Carmel. A member of the Mount Carmel Area Joint Veterans Committee, Commander Berezovske serves as its Secretary.
May 18 - Hosted a Veterans Spaghetti Dinner on Armed Forces Day at the First United Methodist Church Covenant Center in Kittanning, PA.

Any veteran and a guest were invited but no one was turned away. Veterans from the Armstrong County Mechling Shakley Veterans Center were in attendance along with a Navy veteran who served on the battleship USS Iowa.

The Camp had never done this type of event before and was anxious for what to expect or if the event would even be a success. The idea originated with Ellen Essenwein, a member of the SUVCW Auxiliary-at-Large.

Ellen and her husband, PA PDC Richard Essenwein organized the entire event seeking contributions, purchasing the food items and accouterments and preparing the meal. Members of the Camp and family pitched in with set-up, serving and clean-up.

In all, about 60 people were served spaghetti, a fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, Italian bread with butter and ice cream for dessert. Attendees were also offered a “doggy bag” and there were many takers. The event turned out to be a huge success and was very much appreciated by the veterans and their guests. The event served as a great example of performing a wonderful civic duty that keeps the SUVCW relevant to our communities while also maintaining our mission of keeping alive the memory of the Boys in Blue.

On Sunday, May 27th, the Camp attended a Church Service in Wattersonville, PA.

Monday, May 28th – Memorial Day Service at Kittanning Cemetery.
Following the service, the brothers marched in the Kittanning Memorial Day parade. The parade was lined five spectators deep at some points.

Parade featured marching and riding veterans, marching bands, floats, antique vehicles, horses, Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Units and a horse-drawn wagon.

The parade ended at the Kittanning Riverfront Park Amphitheater where the award-winning Kittanning Firemen’s Band performed.

Following the band’s performance, the Annual Memorial Day Service began. Key note speaker was U.S. Navy Veteran and retired Kittanning High School Principal Dr. John Shaner who spoke about his Kittanning childhood friend who lost his life serving our Country.

Davis * Camp was on hand to participate and assist with all events. Camp #43 handled the Firing Squad details at both services. Both services and parade were organized by Camp #43.

June 9th – Ceremony and Plaque Dedication for Armstrong County’s last Civil War soldier led by PA Past Dept. Commander Richard Essenwein.

Private Absalom B. Riggle was honored and recognized at the Brick Church Cemetery in Burrell Township. At the age of 18 Absalom enlisted in Co. C, 14th PA Cavalry. He joined Armstrong County’s estimated 3,652 men serving with the Union forces. Absalom was wounded at the Battle of Front Royal, VA. He was honorably discharged August 26, 1865.

At age 92, Absalom attended the 1938 - 75th Anniversary Reunion of the Battle of Gettysburg along with another Armstrong County veteran.

The medal he received for attending the anniversary reunion was among his most treasured items.

Absalom answered his final muster call on April 16, 1942.

The ceremony was well attended by the Riggle family, friends and the public as well as local dignitaries and newspapers. Brothers from Camps #43 and #504 and the 62nd PA Volunteers
provided a 21-gun salute. The local American Legion Honor Guard posted the colors and family
descendants played taps. Music was provided by the Church organist, who played an 1860’s era
portable pump organ of the type used by the circuit riding ministers during the Civil War.
Camp #502 continued to thrive during the 2019 year, with about 50 members and 36 Auxiliary members who work right alongside. We meet monthly, but the highlights were hosting Appomattox Luncheon West on April 6th, and our Annual Memorial Service held to remember ordinary soldiers of the War on May 19th. It was held this year at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in New Baltimore, PA.

A number of members attended PA Department Encampment at King of Prussia, and thoroughly enjoyed the tour of Valley Forge.

We have been hosting our own Civil War Ball in Somerset for 12 years, and it is well attended. We have a number of home-schooled students who use the Civil War Ball for their Prom.

In spite of being in a rural location, Mt Union Church Camp serves members and the community at large by bringing speakers to programs. We have hosted Professor Lynn Grossbeck Bowman who spoke on the African American Community along the National Road, Dr. Tom Soltis, who spoke on the 1918 Spanish Flu, Ed Maliskas who talked about John Brown, and Scott Mingus who spoke on “Flames Beyond Gettysburg.” All were well received.
About 10 SUV members and 6 Auxiliary members marched in the Remembrance Day parade this year, and we were pleased that our oldest member, Tom Bitner, who turned 90 this year, helped carry the Camp Banner, and was able to finish the course. Our final meeting was our December Christmas Dinner, and we enjoyed a Chinese auction, singing Christmas Carols, door prizes, and the swearing in of new officers.

So, as we receive new officers for the New Year, we excitedly look forward to a new year of programming, which you can find at www.mtunion.org
ISAAC EATON CAMP #504
MERCER COUNTY, PA

THE CASE FOR PRIVATE ISAAC EATON
The Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp #504 are on a mission to correct an injustice that has occurred to the name-sake of the Camp. The Camp has been researching and working on this project for a couple of years. We feel that it is an injustice to a Civil War soldier who gave full devotion with his life on the Battlefield of Gettysburg. At this time, we are looking for any assistance that any Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans can give us at any level.

- Timothy Bennett, Secretary

Isaac was born in 1828 and living in the town of Clarksville in Mercer County where he enlisted on April 23, 1861. He was a member of the ‘West Middlesex Rangers’ and they would form Company B, of the 39th Regiment, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves with a muster of June 19, 1861. At 33 years old he was described as being 5. 10” tall of dark complexion with blue eyes and grizzly hair. For an occupation Isaac would state that he was a Lawyer in Mercer County. He would enlist with a friend Alonzo McCall who was also from West Middlesex.

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Pennsylvania Veteran Index Card showing Isaac Eaton ‘Died of wounds 7-2-63’

Private Eaton would remain with the Regiment and served in the numerous engagements that the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps took part in during the first two years of the war. In July 1863 he was marching in the ranks of the 10th as they found themselves back in their home state of Pennsylvania and approaching Gettysburg as the first day’s battle raged. The 10th would be placed in line with other Reserve Regiments in the saddle between Little Round Top and Big Round Top on July 2nd, 1863. They arrived at their position shortly after the successful charge of the 20th Maine Infantry that had driven the Confederate forces away from Little Round Top. The 10th
commenced building a stone wall breastworks anticipating another attack by the Rebs. At this time Company B was selected as skirmishers and sent over the wall into the Plum Run valley toward Devils Den in order to keep the Confederate forces in check. Private Eaton took his position out in front of the main line and along with the other members of Company B commenced skirmishing with the enemy. Sometime during the evening hours Private Eaton was severely wounded and carried to the Regimental hospital located in the rear of Little Round Top. Isaac’s friend Alonzo McCall suffered a mortal wound and would not live to be taken to the hospital.

After being carried to the field hospital Private Eaton was moved to the Regimental hospital that had been relocated further out the Taney Town Road on the J. Worley farm. The official Regimental Hospital registry book states that Private Isaac Eaton, Company B, 10th PA Reserve Infantry died at the Regimental Hospital from Vulnus Sclopet (gunshot wound) on July 3rd, 1863. By November 1863 when the Soldiers National Cemetery was created in Gettysburg both Isaac Eaton and Alonzo McCall’s remains were buried in the Pennsylvania section, as the only two soldiers from the 10th who were killed in action on that great battlefield.

Private Eaton left behind his only daughter Lovina Eaton who was only 10 years old in 1863 who had lost her mother and was now an orphan. The official Government Pension file shows that Private Isaac Eaton was killed in Action at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3rd and that a Childs Pension was awarded to his daughter who was in the care of other family members.

 Bronz Tablet on Gettysburg Pa. Monument showing Co. B of the 10th P RVC. Showing where name was removed where Eaton would have been placed.
When the Pennsylvania Monument was dedicated in 1910 all the names of the men who fought in Pennsylvania Regiments at Gettysburg were placed on the bronze tablets that surround the base of the great monument. However for some unknown reason Private Isaac Eaton’s name does not appear on the tablet of the 39th Regiment, 10th PA Reserve Infantry. The name of his comrade, Alonzo McCall, is on the tablet with a star indicating he was killed in Action but not Isaac Eaton’s. So as the remains of Private Eaton lie buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery there is no recognition from a thankful State for his supreme sacrifice. This is the injustice that the Sons of Union Veterans of Isaac Eaton Camp #504 are trying to correct.

One has to look at the facts surrounding his death and where he died in order to determine what caused this injustice. A few of these facts where in error while there were many that supported the fact that Isaac was killed in action at Gettysburg. There are two errors that were entered into the historical record that have caused this confusion. The first one is Bates History of the Civil War on page 827, Company B roster of the 10th PA Reserves where it list Private Isaac Eaton having died on July 2, 1862. This 1862 date is in error as it should have read 1863. The second error is at the grave of Private Eaton who is buried in Row ‘C’ #84 in the Pennsylvania section at the Gettysburg National Cemetery on the head row marker it gives his Company letter as ‘D’ , which is in error, when it should have been Company ‘B’. It may have been these two errors that caused the removal of Private. Isaac Eaton name from the Pennsylvania Monument.

However besides the fact that Private Isaac Eaton’s remains are still buried on the Gettysburg battlefield there are other records that accurately show that he died from wounds he received on July 2nd. The first is the official Pa. Soldiers Index file card of the Pennsylvania State Archives which states that Private Isaac Eaton died of wounds on July 2, 1863. Secondly the original surgeons report that is in the military records concerning the death of Private Isaac Eaton states the following:
3rd Division, V Corps, Army of the Potomac - He had enlisted at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania; A ring with two red sets was found on this soldier's body; Interred in the Pennsylvania Plot, Section C, Site #74 Private, Company B, 39th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (10th Pennsylvania Reserves; Shot in the back and spine on July 3, 1863; Died on July 4 at the 3rd Division, V Corps hospital; He was initially buried on J. Worley's farm; He had enlisted at West Middlesex, PA.

Third: The Pension records state that he died during the Battle of Gettysburg such as reported on Page 40 of the Pension file: Letter titled WAR DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE date March 3, 1885 Respectfully returned to the .Commissions of Pensions Isaac Eaton Private of Company 10th Regiment PA Reserves (39) Vols. ...is reported on M.O. Roll of Co. Dated June 11, 1864. Died of Wounds July ? 1863. Co was in action at Gettysburg on July 2nd and 3rd 1863.

Final Statement by Company Commander, reports him “killed in action while in the active discharge of his duties as a soldier at Gettysburg, Pa. July 3, 1863.” Document is signed by O. D Greene.

With all these facts it is the belief of the Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp # 504 that we are determined to have the namesake of our Camps name replaced on the Gettysburg Pennsylvania Monument. We are presently in touch with the U.S. Army historian at the Carlisle War Barracks, Carlisle, PA, who is reviewing our research and looking into our request. This has been a slow process which we have been working on for the past two years. We would gladly accept any help that other members of the Sons of Union Veterans may feel that they are able to give concerning this matter. In the meantime the Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp #504 remember him every year during a Memorial service for Private Eaton and McCall at their graves at the Gettysburg National Cemetery during Remembrance Day ceremonies.

May 5th – Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Reed Snyder Bell, Troop 82 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Tionesta, PA.

During the ceremony Trevor Black, Eagle Scout coordinator for the Isaac Eaton Camp presented the new Eagle Scout with a Son's of the Union Commemorative Eagle Scout Award and Patch. Trevor, being himself an Eagle Scout delivered words of congratulations and good wishes for continued success on behalf of the Camp Brothers.
Also in attendance at the ceremony were past Camp Commanders, John Tenney and Joel Black. During the reception following the ceremony the past commanders fielded many questions from attendees about the Sons of the Union organization and how to become a member.

**May 30th** – Dedication Ceremony for new headstone of 1st Lt. John VanNotta of Co. C, 83rd PA Volunteers at the Erie Cemetery in Erie, PA.

Brothers of the Camp and over 100 spectators of family and friends attended the Memorial Day Ceremony. After the Ceremony, members and re-enactors proceeded to honor the graves of several other Civil War soldiers such as Col. Vincent Strong; Gen. John McLane; Sgt. James Jordan of Co. K, 145th PA Volunteers; Eugene Jordan of Co. D, 145th PA Volunteers and Cpl. William Cook of Co. C, 83rd PA Volunteers and Doug Cook’s ancestor.
PRE REGISTRATION FORM

Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Encampment

Camp No: _______ Date: ____________

Brother: _______________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

City: ___________ State: _____ Zip: _______

I am a member in good standing in this camp and my rank in the Order is:

_____ CinC        _____ PCinC        _____ DC
_____ PDC         _____ CC             _____ PCC

Attending as ____ delegate ____ alternate

Pre-Registration fee is $7.00 by 6/15/2020
$10.00 at Encampment

Make check payable to: PA Dept., SUVCW
And send to: Secretary/Treasurer:
Rob Koenigsberg
322 A-Frame Rd.
Ebensburg, PA 15931
814-244-0899
rkoenigsberg3@gmail.com

Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2020 or the National Encampment in August 2020, please make sure you obtain a signed card before making either event.

The Credential Card for the Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

The Credential Card for the National Encampment must be filled out fully and signed by the Department Secretary before you are able to participate. So please contact your Camp Secretary or Camp Commander and he can obtain these for you from the Department.

The form for the Credential Card is located on the National web site under forms. This is a printable form right off of the site.
The site is www.sucvw.org

Please make every effort to have these filled out correctly as it makes it easier for those who do the registration to help you………. 
APPOMATTOX LUNCHEON

Annual Luncheon; Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:00 Noon

‘My Brothers Place’ restaurant

Near Grove City Outlets
2058 Leesburg Grove City Road
Rt. 208 next to Grove City Outlet
Grove City, Pa 16127

Hosted by Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 and Davis *(Star) Camp

Lunch Buffet of roast beef and chicken, potatoes and vegetables, salad, rolls, desserts with non alcoholic beverages included. Price of the luncheon is $23.00 per person.

Program: Michael Kraus Curator/Historian
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc.

‘Pittsburgh During the Civil War’

Door prizes and drawings; A great opportunity to meet and socialize with old and new friends of the Allied Orders.


Payment payable to; Isaac Eaton Camp No 504
Mail Payment & form to Timothy Bennett, 117 George Jr. Rd., Grove City, Pa 16127

Directions to ‘My Brothers Place’ Restaurant
From the South: I 79 North to Grove City Exit 113, turn Left on Route 208 W approx 1 ½ miles, Restaurant will be on the right side past 9 Days Inn motel.

Appomattox Luncheon, Sat April 18, 2020 Mail to; Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504
c/o Tim Bennett 117 George Jr. Rd,
Grove City, Pa 16127

Name: ________________________________

Pay $23.00 x ___ = Total _____________ Check # _________ Phone ___________
Make plans now to attend the annual Convention/Encampment
JUNE 25-28, 2020
Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona, PA

When making reservations mention:
Grand Army of the Republic or
Sons of Union Veterans

Call the hotel directly at 814-946-1631

Room Rate is 75.00 plus 6% sales tax and
4% occupancy rate
Total cost = $82.50 per night
Room rate includes complimentary hot breakfast

Make your room reservation early, the cutoff date for the
above rate is May 25, 2020

Hotel includes: Fitness Center, Heated Indoor Pool, Free Parking on site,
Wi-Fi and Internet Access, Restaurant

The hotel is within one mile of a major mall and shopping centers
Near by Attractions include: Altoona Curve Baseball, Horseshoe Curve, Altoona
Works, Railroaders Memorial Museum, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Afternoon Tour
Tour will include a visit to the Railroaders Museum and Horseshoe Curve
Thursday Night, June 25, 2020 – Group Trip to the Curve Baseball Game
Note – Final Details for both will be supplied at a later date
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
Department of Pennsylvania
June 25-28, 2020

Meal Order Form

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 26-27, 2020 LUNCH**

Lunch Buffet includes:
- Soup of the Day,
- Tossed Seasonal Greens (dressings of Asiago Ranch, Balsamic or Citrus Vinaigrette),
- Cucumbers/Tomatoes/Onion Salad,
- Baked Italian Subs, Arugula/Roasted Red Peppers/Mozzarella on Flat Bread,
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap,
- Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, Selection of Rykoff Sexton Teas
- Ice Tea and Lemonade. Dessert - Assorted Cookies

Friday Lunch - number of meals _____ x $19.00 = _______

Saturday Lunch - number of meals _____ x $19.00 = _______

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020 EVENING BANQUET**

All dinners are served with:
- Baby Field Greens Salad,
- Freshly Baked Assorted Rolls and Whipped Butter,
- Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, Selection of Rykoff Sexton Teas
- Ice Tea and Lemonade, and Dessert of Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

(Total meal cost includes; entrée, dessert, tax and service charge)

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Make checks payable to **PA DUVCW**
Mail check & order form to: Sharon Harkcom, PO Box 33, Cairnbrook, PA 15924

Number of meals (all 3) - _______ Total enclosed - _______
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Please support the 2020 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention by
purchasing an AD in the Encampment Program Booklet. Your support helps
to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a
wonderful experience for all to enjoy.

Suggestions for your AD can be to honor your Civil War
ancestor, honor a Department or National Officer, or best
wishes to a friend or fellow Allied Order member.

An order for an AD with a check, payable to “PA SUVCW” and artwork
are to be sent to:

Ellen Higgins
PO BOX 405
MARMORA, NJ 08223-0405
SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com

Deadline for submission is May 17, 2020

AD orders can be sent by USPS mail or email (preferred method). If emailing please
send in word doc (please no pdf’s) and photos or artwork in jpg format. If you would
like a booklet sent to you in the mail, after the Encampment, please include $2.00
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Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel and Convention Center
3405 Lenox Road North East, Atlanta, GA 30326
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