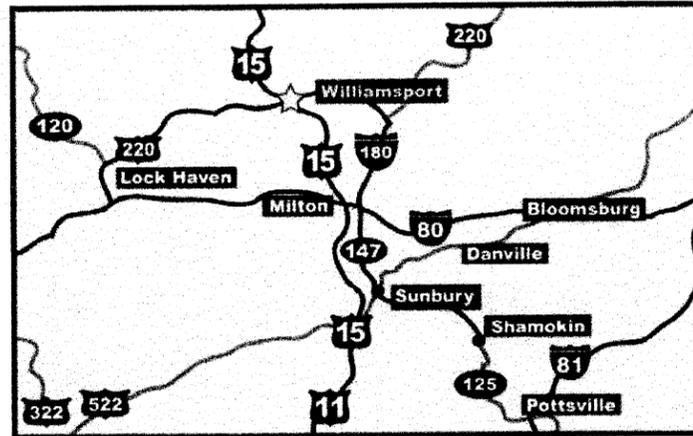


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Route 15 south. Follow signs to Rte. 15 south, Lewisburg. Take exit 27B, the route 15 South, Hepburn Street, Lewisburg exit. The road divides, stay in the right lane "Business District." At first light, turn left onto William Street and go two blocks. Hotel is on left.



Route 15 north. Follow signs to Williamsport. On the bridge from South Williamsport into Williamsport, stay in the left lane, "Business District Lane." Go to the second light and turn left onto Fourth Street. Get into the right lane and go to the second light and turn right onto William Street. Hotel is on the left.

East I-80. Take exit 178, formerly exit 26, Route 220 North, to Williamsport. Take exit 27B, the Route 15 South Hepburn Street, Lewisburg exit. The road divides, stay in the right lane "Business District." At first light turn left onto William Street and go two blocks. Hotel is on left.

West I-80. Take exit 212W, the I-180 west exit. Continue to Williamsport. Take exit 26, the Route 15 South, Basin Street exit. From the top of the exit go straight to the fourth red light and turn right onto William Street. Go two blocks and the hotel is on the left.°

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# The Battle Cry of Freedom

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## Can you handle a challenge?

Your Camp is looking for YOU to accept the role of a leader in our Order. The Camp, in most instances, is composed of some members who have proven capabilities of leadership and others who may have had little training or experience in any role of the type that is needed within your Camp.

To be a Camp Commander you must organize the plans for your term of office, envision the obstacles you might face, and observe areas that you will want to develop or set aside. Obviously your planning must start before you have been elected to the position of Camp Commander. By doing that, you will enjoy your term as Camp Commander and the Camp will benefit from your foresight.

As the Camp Commander you should delegate to other Camp officers the authority and responsibility for performing assignments. However, it is you, who carries full responsibility for seeing that YOUR Camp is run properly and according to the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order.

When you volunteer, you then are a Son with a job to do. Please consider being a

Camp officer, either in an elected or appointed position. I know that your Camp officers would be most happy to discuss your future as a Camp officer.

Will you accept the challenge?

Lester A. Kern, PA Dept. Commander

(Note: Credit for most of the above must be given to Bro. Donald L. Albert,

Past Camp Commander of J. P. Brindle Camp No. 50, Carlisle. He is now the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masons)

## 2003 Department Encampment

Longtime Brother (since 1946), Lester A. Kern of Brindle Camp #50 was elected unanimously by the floor as Department Commander for the upcoming year.

Brother Kern stressed to visit as many Camps as possible and to increase membership within the Department of Pennsylvania. Department Commander Kern also was instrumental with procuring the New Dawn Singers as the entertainment for the

Camp Fire services on Friday evening. The remaining elected & appointed Officers can be found within this newsletter.

Department Commander Kuhn was fluent in running a smooth & successful Encampment before turning over the gavel to the new Department Commander. Past Department Commander Kuhn is thanked by the Brothers of the Department of Pennsylvania for two wonderful years under his leadership & guidance.

Brother Kuhn was elected as Department Sec./Treas. as Brother Pete Eisert stepped down after doing a phenomenal job for the last two years.

Department Commander Kern was installed by visiting Commander in Chief, Robert Grim. During this wonderful time, members of the Sons and our Sisters of the Auxiliary were in attendance for the installation.

Many thanks to PDC Kuhn, and best wishes to Department Commander Kern.

On September 13th, 2003 a Testimonial Luncheon was held in Carlisle, PA. at the Carlisle Country Club for Department Commander Kern & Auxiliary President Mary Smith. The event was attended by many Officers of the Department and National Order. A good time was had by all.

## To all Department Members

As an on-going project, we are trying to gather as many e-mail addresses for the Brothers of the Department as we can. We are moving forward to disseminate information out to the membership in the fastest means possible. Therefore, it is requested that each Brother of the Department who has a computer and an e-mail address, furnish such to Brother Bob Shaffer (HYPERLINK "mailto:suvcwrns@att.net" or uvcwrns@att.net) who is compiling this list and keeping it up-to-date. If you are a Camp Secretary, please send a current roster with the e-mail address listed and any subsequent changes to the Department Secretary for his records. It is vital that we keep our records up-to-date so that in the event of any problem, we can contact the membership immediately.

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### Report of Auxiliary #10, Scranton, PA

We've made a great step forward by having our Auxiliary records from the turn of the century put on microfilm insuring that the information they contain will be preserved for years to come.

The Sons of Union Veterans has been conducting Memorial Day services in the Dunmore Cemetery for over a hundred years and it is the final rest of many of "our boys."

Some of their tales will come to light on October 26th during the Dunmore Cemetery Tour when Auxiliary members are informational "stops" at this annual event.

We also geared up for our Christmas project. In 2002 the ladies of Auxiliary 10 sent care packages to active duty service personnel aboard the USS Nassau. The 2003 packages were sent to those serving aboard the USS Enterprise.

We've also enlisted the help of many, many local school children to insure that those aboard the Enterprise get lots of Christmas greetings. We had hoped that there would be no need to care package soldiers and sailors this year, but until our troops are all safely home, Auxiliary 10 will do their part to bring Christmas cheer to those so far from home.

### 199 Years of Faithful Service

*By Bob Shaffer  
and Joe Long  
Camp #8, Scranton*

Our sincerest gratitude goes out to the family of Donald B. Cahoon Jr. of the Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The lineage of his family spans 5 generations and a total of 199 years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We owe each one of them a debt of gratitude for their love and devotion to the Order.

Listed below is a breakdown of the years of association of each family member:

Stephen H. Cahoon, Civil War Veteran of Company B, 6th NY Heavy Artillery and member of GAR Post #139, Scranton, PA,  
Son, William E. Cahoon

member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin 67 Years  
Camp #8, Scranton, PA,  
Grandson, Donald B. Cahoon member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin 51 Years  
Camp #8, Scranton, PA,  
Great Grandson, Donald B. Cahoon Jr. member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin 51 Years  
Camp #8, Scranton, PA  
Great Great Grandson, Rev. Stephen Cahoon member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin 25 Years  
Camp #8, Scranton, PA  
Great Great Great Grandson Kenneth J. Cahoon member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin 5 Years  
Camp #8, Scranton, PA  
Donald Jr., Rev. Stephen and Kenneth are still active members of the Camp and again we congratulate them on such a tremendous accomplishment.

## The Pennsylvania Department Encampment Committee Presents

Allied Orders of the G.A.R.  
The Pennsylvania Department  
124th Annual Department Encampment

Brothers and Sisters All  
This year the annual encampment is being hosted by  
PA Department Encampment Site Committee  
June 25-27, 2004 at the  
Genetti Hotel & Suites in Williamsport, PA

You are cordially invited to attend and participate  
in these important events that set the policies  
of the Allied Orders for years to come.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Friday, June 25th  
A combined Joint Opening and Memorial Service will begin  
prior to the lunch hour and each Organization's  
Business Session will commence following the lunch break.

Please send your request for room reservations  
directly to Genetti Hotel & Suites, 200 W. 4th St., Williamsport, PA 17701  
Room rate is \$67 per night.  
The hotel phone number is 800-321-1388  
Reservations must be in no later than June 7, 2004.

The banquet will be conducted June 26, 2004. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10  
for children (includes tax and gratuity)  
Advance reservations for the banquet are required by June 7, 2004 and  
can be made by contacting Joseph Long Jr., 505 Marcy St., Duryea, PA 18642

(Reservation information and hotel location on back page)

## Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1861-1864**

**We would greatly appreciate your support of this 2004 Encampment by your purchase of advertising in our Program Booklet. You may use the form shown below to purchase and place your ad. Make your checks payable to PA Dept. Site Committee and mail to:  
Joseph Long, 505 Marcy St., Duryea, PA 18642  
DEADLINE FOR ADS: MAY 24, 2004**

### Advertising rates are as follows:

- Full Page - \$40.00 ----- (4.5" x 8")
- Half Page - \$ 22.00----- (4.5"x 3.75")
- One-Fourth Page - \$13.00----- (2" x 3.5")
- One-Eighth Page - \$ 8.00----- (2" x 1.5")
- Name and Title ----- - \$3.00
- Name - ----- \$2.00

**The Deadline for the receipt of advertising is May 24, 2004**

If you are not planning on attending the Encampment but you would like an Encampment Booklet including your printed ad sent to you, please indicate below. Include your full mailing address.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please send me an Encampment Booklet.

Mail advertising and payment to: **Joseph Long, 505 Marcy St., Duryea, PA 18642**

## 2004 Department Encampment Set

The 2004 Department Encampment will be held at the wonderful Genetti Hotel in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on June 25th, 26th & 27th. Business meetings will begin in the A.M. on Friday & conclude on Saturday. Please make every effort to attend at least one day.

All information in regards to hotel costs and banquet is published within this Newsletter & all of the same will be placed on our Department web site. Please check the web site for any updates to our Encampment.

The Genetti Hotel is a great location and is centrally located on Route 15 in Williamsport. You can visit their website at "http://www.genetti.com"

For those Brothers who never attended or do not know much of what your Department Encampment is about, this is how your Department is run and how any and all decisions are made along with any changes that may occur from our National Organization. Every Brother should try to make the best possible effort to attend at least one day of Your Encampment as this is your chance to be heard on any issues that you feel need to

### Allied Orders?

Some of our Newer Brothers may hear the Term "Allied Orders" and really do not know what it means. The Allied Orders are made of all 5 fraternal organizations that comprise the same. They are:

- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.)
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (A.S.U.V.C.W.)
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (L.G.A.R.)
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (D.U.V.C.W.)
- Women's Relief Corp (W.R.C.)

be addressed or if you just wish to see how the Department is run. Much is discussed, as in By-Laws changes or if we as a Department would like to see any changes brought to the floor at the National Encampment in August.

If you would like to attend please ask your Camp Secretary or Camp Commander for a credentials card and please register for such. Here is your chance to be part of the decision process.

Please also understand that it is a great time to have fun with your Brothers & Sisters of the Allied Orders. There is a fun evening on Friday with presentations to local groups and the roasting of our Department Commander. On Saturday at the close of business there is a wonderful banquet as well. So please come and have fun as well, we are not just business. It is a great way to meet new folks and relax with new friends.

## Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2004 or the National Encampment in August 2004, 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 who may 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 "http://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.

# The Camps Report . . .

## Camp #1

Anna M. Ross Camp #1

Brothers, Anna M. Ross Camp #1 has had an exceptional year. First, let me congratulate three brothers who have been elected within our Department: Eric Schmincke, Department Senior Vice Commander; John M. McNulty, Department Council & John T. McNulty, Color Bearer.

Secondly, the Camp has recruited new Brothers and retained existing Brothers with good results on both fronts. Recruitment was a success with 7 of our new Brothers initiated at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. We increased Brother participation within the Camp through a system of Ancestor profiles, book reviews, roundtable discussions, historical trips to facilities as Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and our Camp Newsletter.

Ross Camp also participated in many Memorial Day events which included placing over 5,000 flags on Veterans graves of all wars.

The Camp would like to congratulate our newly elected Camp officers for the Year 2004. Camp Commander Andrew Carr; Senior Vice Commander Harry Lamb; Junior Vice Commander Thomas Showler; Sec./Tres. Herb Kaufman & Camp Council Thomas Prince.

## Camp #8

Two members of Camp #8 attended a presentation on civil war memorabilia in Montrose-Susquehanna County. The event was to raise funds for the refurbishment of the civil war monument. Camp commander Ron

Albert and brother Robert Baker attended.

Camp #8 and Aux#10 held a memorial service at the Dunmore Cemetery on memorial day. The audience included about 50 members of the public who attended in spite of the inclement weather. After the ceremony the women of Aux#10 conducted a tour of the cemetery monuments of notable area residents who served in the civil war.

Nay Aug Park, Scranton was the site of the annual fourth of July service recognizing the veterans of past wars. The flags of many local veterans groups were carried in a parade through the park. Music was played and local public dignitaries expressed the debt we owe our veterans. Brothers from Camp#8 carried the Camp Flag, the GAR post flag, and the Spanish American war flag.

The GAR museum in Scranton was visited in October by brothers of The Bradbury Camp who were in town in order to attend a remembrance service in South Gibson for soldier Resseguie. Camp #8 members in attendance for the service were Robert Shaffer, Joe Long, Robert Baker, Ray Sulger, Bob Sulger and Camp Commander Ron Albert.

## Camp #50

Brothers, Captain J.P. Brindle Camp #50, Carlisle is proud to have one of its members serve as Pennsylvania Department Commander for the current year. Brother Lester A. Kern has been a member of Brindle Camp continuously since 1946. Brother Kern's wife

Dorothy served as Department President of the Auxiliary in 1995-1996 and is now the Department Secretary. Department Commander Kern is the Son In Law of Brother John A. Ruggles, now deceased, who was Department Commander of Pennsylvania in 1944-1945.

Sister Mary A. Smith, Pennsylvania Auxiliary President, is a Member of Auxiliary #7, Harrisburg and resides in Duncannon, Pennsylvania. She is the Daughter of Past Commander in Chief, John A. Runkle, deceased of Harrisburg.

## Camp #101

Baker/Fisher Camp 101 was reformed and is bringing in new Brothers and is growing. The Camp, located in Hatboro, Pennsylvania elected Brother Cliff Laing as its new Camp Commander and is on its way to schedule events for 2004 Memorial Day activities. The Camp Commander, Officers and Brothers want to honor veterans at a local derelict cemetery for the 2004 Memorial Day, besides replacing lost stones at another.

These events, by honoring our Veterans, will hopefully interest others in their community to join our order and keep green the memory of those who gave to protect our Freedom.

## Camp #112

The Second Lincoln Luncheon held in

Gettysburg was a big success. Dr. Bradley R. Hoch, a local pediatrician & historian was the guest speaker.

His speech & slide presentation was on the subject of his book, "The Lincoln Trail in Pennsylvania," Penn State Press, 2001.

The program was excellent and met with great reviews by those who attended

The 2004 Lincoln Luncheon will be held at the Dobbin House on February 7th at 1:00 P.M. The speaker this year will be President Abraham Lincoln portrayed by James Getty. Mr. Getty does an excellent job as the President and has portrayed Mr. Lincoln on several programs.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20.00 and the contact is Past Department Commander Charles Kuhn. You can make contact with him at: chapkhun@adelphia.net or Charles Kuhn Jr., PDC Lake Meade Dr., East Berlin, PA 17316.

Once again The "Gettysburg Blues" had the honor of representing MOLLUS in participating in the National Observance of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on February 12, 2003. This is a very moving celebration.

The Camp participated in many Memorial Day 2003 weekend events including a parade in East Berlin, PA., the York Springs Presbyterian Cemetery and at the Skelly Post G.A.R. Hall in Gettysburg. The Camp also visited Corporal Skelly's gravesite and held ceremonies for John Burn, Elizabeth Thorn and our fallen Brother, Jeff Corbin who past on earlier in the year.

Past Camp Commander, John Price, is credited with organizing a Civil War living History Weekend at Boyd's Bears on behalf of Camp #112 for the last three weekends in July.

The Camp has formed the Andersonville Committee in an attempt to carry out a vast undertaking in the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Monument on December 7, 2005 at Andersonville, GA. Visit the web site at [www.Paatandersonville.com](http://www.Paatandersonville.com)

## Camp #149

Brothers, On October 12, 2003 a uniformed contingent of 13 members of Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149, sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil war, of Media-West Chester, PA., traveled to the final resting place of First Sgt. George Reed Resseguie at South Gibson, Susquehanna County, PA. The singular event was arranged by Bradbury Camp member G. Reed Howard, Great-Grandson of 1st Sgt. Resseguie. The congregations of three local churches, under the direction of the Rev. Barbara Doan, combined for the remembrance service preceding the military program.

The departed veteran, 1st Sgt. Resseguie of Co. F, 141st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was rendered full honors and a rifle salute followed by Taps. Mrs. John O'Neal of the Auxiliary laid a wreath at the grave.

Family descendants extended to the fifth generation paid respects to their illustrious ancestor.

Members of Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp #8 of Scranton Pa. as-

sisted in the ceremony and also hosted Bradbury Camp in a tour of the Scranton G.A.R. Hall the previous day.

Although not always possible, due to distances involved, the members of Bradbury Camp #149 will endeavor to organize and conduct similar graveside services for other ancestors that served our Country in the War of the Rebellion.

Brothers, please find that Bradbury Camp #149 also hosted this past years Appomattox Luncheon and held a great ceremonial presentation in honor of their Camp's namesake, Sgt. Jones Bradbury before the luncheon. The ceremony was attended by many of the officers of The Allied Orders and was enjoyed by all. Bradbury Camp and the Brothers are commended for their work.

## Camp #273

In its second year after reforming, Joel Searfoss Camp #273, Bangor, Pennsylvania continues to add new Brothers to the Camp roster. The new Brothers have also taken great interest in their Camp by becoming Officers and spreading the word about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and family ancestry to the community.

The Camp held four meetings this year at the Camp's Headquarters at the Salvation Army in Pen-Argyl, Pennsylvania. The Salvation Army is thanked most graciously for the use of their facility so the Camp can hold its meetings. Brother Ray Fraunfelder also should be commended for aiding the Camp in finding their home.

Memorial Day services were rendered at Trinity

Lutheran Church graveyard for the Camp namesake, Joel Searfoss. The Church Pastor, church congregation, local Boy Scout troop, and local Community attended the services. Camp Commander McNulty presented to all attending what an honor it is to thank all that gave so much for the freedom we enjoy today.

Also in attendance were members of Ezra Griffin Camp, Scranton, Pennsylvania, The Commanders of both the local V.F.W & American Legion Posts, along with five WWII Veterans who wanted to pay homage to their brother in arms.

Full military honors were rendered by Past Camp

Commander Eric J. Schmincke & Senior Vice Commander Ernest Weglinski in WWII battle dress. This to honor the veterans of the past, present and the WWII veterans present.

The community has shown great interest in the Camp and hope that it will march in the Memorial Day Parade in 2004.

## Camp of Media-West Chester planning Appomattox Day Luncheon

Bradbury Camp #149 will again be hosting the Appomattox Luncheon on April 17th, 2004. The event last year was fantastic and was attended by many of the Allied Orders. Please contact either:

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This annual event commemorates the surrender of General

Robert E. Lee, April 9th, 1865 at Appomattox, VA. Please check the Department of Pennsylvania website for updated information of this event. If you do not have access to the internet please ask your Camp Officers for the information you need to attend.

## Remembrance Day 2003

The 47th Annual Remembrance Day Observance was held on November 15th, under beautiful, warm & sunny skies. The annual observance is sponsored by the "Sons of Veterans Reserve".

Following a prayer tribute, remarks of welcome and observance were made by Commander in Chief, Kent Armstrong.

President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Brother James Getty, spoke to the crowd and made his immortal address of 1863. Following was stirring period music played by the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band. A check of \$5000.00 was again

presented as in previous years to Gettysburg National Military Park for monument restoration & preservation.

Monies for this donation were raised from the previous year's "Blue & Gray Ball." The check was given to Dr. John Latscher, Superintendent of G.N.M.P. by Past Commander in Chief, Bud Atkinson, head of the Remembrance Day Committee. Wreaths were placed by the respective parties to honor all soldiers that took part in the Battle of Gettysburg.

The Woolson Memorial was also the scene of activity as wreaths were placed

in honor & memory of Albert Woolson, the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The beautiful wreaths were placed by all of the heads of the National Order and the Pennsylvania Department.

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association & Auxiliary held their 73rd annual banquet at 6:00 P.M. thus commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. The banquet was held at the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg.

To culminate the day's activities the annual Blue & Gray Ball was held at the Eisenhower Inn with many in attendance.