

The Same Rain Falls on Both Friend and Foe



THE CYCLORAMA

The Official Newsletter of the General John A. Logan Camp #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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Logan Camp #4 Wins Rippey Award

On August the 9th, our Commander-in-Chief issued General Order #35 which announced that The Joseph S. Rippey Award was awarded to the John A. Logan Camp #4, Department of North Carolina for the best new Camp during the preceding Calendar year.

The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to the new Camp, chartered within the last calendar year, that is deemed to be most active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War veterans graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment. The Commander-in-Chief makes the final determination. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

We are honored to be the recipient of this award and must keep up the high quality efforts to show we deserve it.



4th of July on the Square

The Camp put up a recruiting booth on the Capital Square for an all day, old time celebration of the 4th of July. There was quite a crowd and

many booths including the Civil War Round Table and the Sons of the American Revolution. The weather was nice but a bit warm. We had a lot of attention due to the displays on the table of Civil War artifacts.



One couple came up and was very interested and talked to us for a while. They stopped and looked at the table with a puzzled expression and said, "but - these hats are blue". We pointed to the sign and said yes we are the Sons of Union Veterans.



They were embarrassed and moved on. We had many people stop and recount their Union ancestry. Several expressed their interest in joining the SUVCW.

Gilding a Lilly

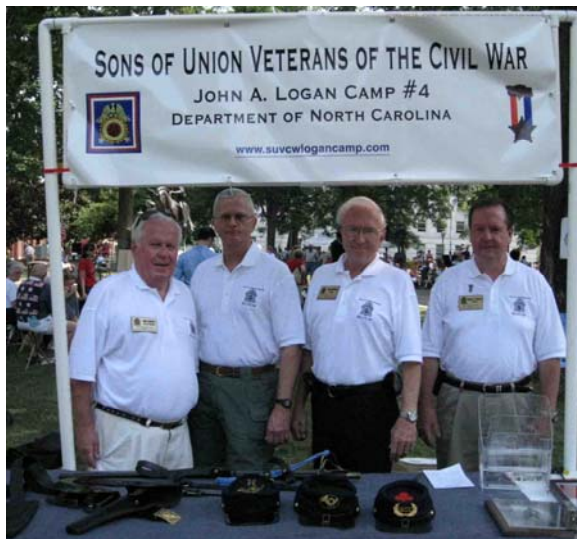
At the celebration, the Camp exhibited its Kuntsler Painting which was on display so as to garner interest in Raffle sales. And by the way, Brother Dennis was able to add greatly to our efforts and he worked very hard at it. No one went away without having the opportunity to purchase a ticket.

Just prior to the date, Brother Larry was able to complete the framing. He has done a beautiful job and the frame enhanced the canvass and added the perfect touch to make this prize a work of art.

We owe a great deal to Brother Larry as this is the second time he has stepped forward and framed Camp items. The other was when he put together our Charter.

Brother Larry is just one more Brother who is working extremely hard to fill the coffers of the Camp with the hope that we can do some great things in the Civil War community.

When you read this you will have about 15 days to sell your tickets. With so many people working hard, I am sure you will want to do your full share.



The Camp Curmudgeons in the new shirts

We now have banners for our recruiting endeavors or any other events. The banners roll up and the stands fold up so they can be transported with a small car.

SUVCW Shirts Now Available

As seen in the 4th of July photo on the camp curmudgeons. We now have some real nice SUVCW shirts available for the members. They are by Outer Banks 100% Cotton in any size. They have collars and The SUVCW logo with "John A. Logan Camp #4" on the left breast. To order, just send an e-mail to hopping@nextretailgroup.com and state your size and how many you want. The shirts are \$35.00 each, tax included.



Replacement magnet sets for your badge are also available from Brother Dan for fifty cents each. If you find your badge does not stay in place, you can replace the magnet holder or add another holder to the badge.

Major General John A. Logan Camp # 4 SUVCW Meeting Minutes for 7/10/2008

Call to Order

On July 10, 2008 Major General John A. Logan Camp #4 met at the Wake County Cooperative Extension Agricultural Building in Raleigh, NC. Commander Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He gave the Invocation, and then led the camp in the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were:

- Brother Robert Farrell
- Brother John France
- Brother John Harman
- Brother Larry Jones
- Brother Kent McCoury
- Commander Samuel Moore
- Brother Roscoe Reeve

- Brother Dennis St. Andrew
- Brother Deane Teitelbaum

Last Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Brother Reeve to dispense with the reading of the 5/15/08 meeting minutes and to accept them as written. This was approved.

The Treasurer's Report as of 7/10/2008 showing total camp assets and liabilities to date was presented. It also included income and expenses for the raffle to date. The report was accepted.

Award for Rick Mullen

Brother St. Andrew revisited the need for Camp Logan to provide an award to Rick Mullen for his contributions to the raffle. He presented a list of reasons and recommended the award be an Honorary Membership in the camp. A discussion followed and a three-part motion by Brother Reeve was forthcoming after which it was approved.

Camp Logan is to establish a Commander Award for superior contributions. This would be given first to Brother Kevin Motter. An Honorary Membership award is to be given to Rick Mullen.

Standard Annual Camp Dues

Brother France opened a discussion on the need to set a standard for annual camp dues for new members initiated after the first quarter. Several options were discussed and a motion was forthcoming and approved that sets the dues at a fixed value for the entire year, not to be pro-rated by quarter as is done by National. Brother France will provide a dues schedule at the September meeting.

Future of Programs at Meetings

Brother Farrell voiced concern of a 30 or 45-minute time limit and doesn't choose to handle future meeting programs under these constraints. It was the consensus of the camp that we need programs and a solution would be to hold executive meetings separate from the meetings with programs. The camp bylaws allow for this. The Camp Commander will be in charge of

the business meetings.

New Method of Presenting Minutes

Since meeting minutes are provided to all members by the Secretary and in the newsletter, it was voted to dispense with reading them unless requested to do so. In lieu of reading the minutes, the Commander will ask that the minutes be approved as provided.

Need for a Quartermaster

Brother Farrell identified the need for a Quartermaster. He would be responsible for maintaining a record of who has possession of Camp Logan property. It was moved and approved that a Quartermaster position be created and filled as an appointee of the Camp Commander. Brother Jones volunteered to accept the position and was appointed.

Raffle

Brother St. Andrew indicated that to date approximately 40% of the tickets have been sold. He requested that anyone holding purchased tickets be sure to get them to Brother Farrell by August 29 to assure they will be entered. The drawing will take place at the Ashley Gallery in Fuquay-Varina on August 30 at 3:00 PM. Brother Farrell emphasized the need for our camp to make a good showing.

July 4

Brother Farrell indicated July 4 was a success. The new banners were used for the first time. He stated we had good exposure in which 7 raffle tickets were sold and 3 potential members showed interest.

Ceremony for second Union Soldier at Oakwood Cemetery on August 9

Brother Farrell stated he will cancel Camp Logan's participation due to lack of interest.

Benediction, Adjournment

Commander Moore gave the Benediction after which he adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted in F,C, & L
 Brother John France Secretary/Treasurer
 Major General John A. Logan Camp #4
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ROBERT TAGGART
169th NYV Infantry

This tailor by trade enlisted in the service of his country on September 3, 1862 at Whitehall, Washington Co, NY, at age 37. He is the ancestor of our own Brother Bob Farrell.



ROBERT TAGGART

He was enrolled for three years by Captain Augustus D. Vaughn into Company F, composed of residents of Fort Ann, Lisbon and Whitehall. Company D was recruited from the Fort Edward and Kingston area, Company A was recruited from towns east and southeast of Troy, all within Rensselaer County, New York. The remaining seven Companies came from the Troy area.

The 169th New York Volunteer Infantry was commanded by Col. Clarence W. Buel and called into service the 7th day of October 1862. The regiment was 779 strong.

Like many other Eastern units, the 169th began by guarding Washington, D.C. and developing their military skills. Their introduction to combat came on the Edenton Road near Suffolk, Va., April 24, 1863.

For the next year, they remained in the South Carolina area participating in the Siege of Battery Wagner and the Bombardment of Fort Sumter. Eighteen-Sixty four found the 169th primarily in Virginia, mostly in the environs around Petersburg. It is interesting to note that on Feb. 28, 1864, the 169th was transferred to Northern Florida, in the Jacksonville area. The units personal effects were brought south on the U.S. Army transport "*Maple Leaf*". On the morning of the 1st of April, while traveling on the Saint Johns River, the boat hit a Confederate torpedo sinking immediately, with the loss of four crewmen and all the personal effects of the 169th and three other regiments.

In May and June of that year, they were to be found at the scene of many well known battles - Port Walthall, Swift Creek, Drewery's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred, Cold Harbor and the assault on Petersburg. During this period, they sustained 225 casualties - 38 of which were enlisted, and 2 officers- killed in combat

The most notorious event of the Petersburg Campaign was the famous Mine Explosion on the morning of July 30th 1864. The 169th saw a great deal of action in the lines to the immediate right of the actual crater, a point at which there was a great loss of life on both sides. The 10 Corp, led by Brig. Gen. John W. Turner, and included the 169th N.Y. and the 97th Penna., held the Confederates in check throughout the morning. Had they not done their part, the Union could have suffered additional losses. It was here that Company F lost Captain Vaughn, along with 18 other casualties to the regiment. This was a relatively small

loss compared to the other units of the division.

The remainder of the year saw the 169th participating in the battles of Dutch Gap, Strawberry Plains, Chaffins Farm and in December the first assault on Fort Fisher.

January 15th, 1865, saw the second assault upon Fort Fisher, N.C. where the XXIV Corp, Second Division, including the 169th NYV and the 97th Pennsylvania, were the first to breach the line and carry the stronghold of the enemy.

While sleeping on the grass early on the morning of the 16th, the 169th had placed themselves directly over the powder magazine, which was accidentally detonated by drunken Union sailors. The killed numbered 33 and the wounded went uncounted. The New York Herald numbers Robert Taggart among the wounded.

The next four months until the end of the war, saw the 169th in the Carolinas where they were mustered out on July 19, 1865, at Raleigh, NC. At the end, they had lost to death, 157 in combat (KIA & DOW) and 371 other casualties (DOD or serious wounds). Only 25 other N.Y. State units suffered greater losses, and are so honored in "*Fox's Regimental Losses*". They returned to Troy on July 24, 1865 to a gigantic outpouring of townspeople, celebrities and politicians.

On August 3rd, they received their final pay and disbanded. Less than 120 of the original 915 recruits returned to their families. Robert Taggart returned to Whitehall, having been slightly wounded in the shoulder and side at Cold Harbor 6-30-1864 and at the explosion at Fort Fisher 1-16-1865.

He died May 25, 1883, at age 58, the direct result of a service induced condition. He is interred in the Bordman Cemetery; plot CC14 in Whitehall, New York.

John Paul Strain, Historical Artist To Appear At Ashley's Fine Art Gallery

Renowned historical and Civil War artist John Paul Strain will be at Ashley's Fine Art

Gallery Saturday September 13, 2008 from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The owner of the gallery, Rick Mullen, is hosting this special event. John Paul Strain is known for capturing the color, drama, and history of the Civil War with a vivid realism that is unique among the nation's top-ranking historical artists. His book, "A Witness to the Civil War" released in November 2002 is a best seller for his publisher and is currently on its second printing. The book is unusual among art books in that it is written by the artist. Scholastic Resources purchased over 3 thousand copies of the edition for school libraries across the country.

Recently John Paul Strain was invited to make a one hour appearance on the national television program "Washington Journal" on C-Span, where he fielded questions about his art and history. Strain's paintings have helped to raise funds for many historical restoration projects and battlefield preservation organizations. The National Park Service has used his images in their publications and at battlefield sites. A number of historical private institutions have also featured his work such as JEB Stuart's home and estate.

Mr. Strain's limited edition prints are highly acclaimed and sought after by collectors who prize his studies of Lee, Jackson, Forrest and other Civil War Leaders, as well as scenes of conflict and pageantry. He is the first historical artist to offer his works using the Giclée process on canvas, which have become an immediate success. His distinctive artistic style, which combines bright colors and contrasting shadows, and his devotion to historic authenticity, and conservative edition sizes have made his work well known and avidly collected throughout the world of historical art.

Mr. Strain's latest work, "Soul of a Lion", depicts Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain at Little Round Top - Gettysburg, PA - July 2, 1863 and it commemorates the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. For anyone interested in the Civil War, this is a great opportunity to

meet a top artist and avid supporter of the Civil War community.

**Charter Member Featured in
National Magazine**

North South Trader's Civil War magazine (Vol 33 # 3 2008 (May/June?)) featured our own Russ Wunker.

His article on Col. Richard Roberts, 140th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry appeared on pages 38, 39, 40, 41, 62, 63. Russ's article included two full pages of colored photos which supplement the text.

The 140th Pa was organized at Pittsburg and Harrisburg and mustered in on September 8, 1862 and served throughout the war in the Army of the Potomac.

The Regiment lost during its service 10 Officers and 188 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 127 Enlisted men by disease. Total 326 While visiting with Russ and his Wife at their country home along with a group of Civil War buffs, Larry Jones and I saw the Colors of a Pennsylvania Regiment along with other artifacts of the Color Bearer of the regiment. A wonderful exhibit.

Although I do not recall the regiment's designation I am willing to venture that it might well be that of Col. Richard Roberts.

I am sure when Russ returns to our ranks he will give us an overview of the article and how it came to be published.

Russ is to be congratulated for his efforts and we should be proud to call Russ "Brother".

Do You Know What "Caltrops" Are?

A couple of years back I saw the word and did not know what it was, so I read further and thus expanded my vocabulary. Well as we all do I failed to use it often in conversation, so recently when I saw the following article. I knew what I thought a "Caltrop" was BUT I needed to refresh my mind so I read on.

What fascinated me the most was the fact that Civil War Caltrops can be found being offered in various venues but as you will see "not all that is Civil War is the real thing"

Read on and see if you agree with me that this is well worth your reading time.

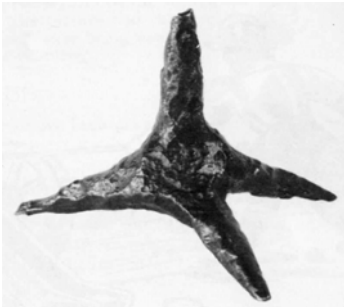
There is much confusion, debate, and opinions from A to Z over the question of caltrops. Were Caltrops used in the American Civil War? If they WERE used, in what theater of the war was it? Have any caltrops been recovered from Civil War battlefields? These are questions that can engender a half-page thread on any relic chat forum, but it seems that the questions still stand. I will give my take on caltrops in the hopes that the issue can be laid to rest, but I realize to some it never will.

To begin, we need to define what a caltrop is. A caltrop (caltrop, jack rock, star nail or crow's foot) is a weapon made up of two (or more) sharp nails or spines arranged in such a manner that one of them always points upward from a stable base. Caltrops serve to slow down the advance of horses, and human troops. The use of caltrops dates back into Roman times, and caltrops were used with great success by the Scots against the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. In modern times, you often see "spike-strips" used by police to flatten the tires of fleeing vehicles. These are also a form of caltrop.

The American Civil War was a war in which the roads and ground changed hands often, making it a bad idea to sow a road you may retake next week with caltrops as they might end up crippling your own cavalry. This does not eliminate the chance that caltrops were used in some areas, but it does make us pause and think. But the most important facts are the APPARENT lack of any historical documentation (Manufacturing records, Ordnance Supply records, Battle reports in the Official Records, etc.) that Caltrops were manufactured, issued, or used in the American Civil War. Such historical documentation may exist, but none has been found. Keyword Searches

for the words "caltrop" and "caltrops" in the 125-book set titled "The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion"...ended up with NO RESULT FOUND anywhere in massive volumes of US and CS officers' official Reports and Correspondence.

Putting the matter very simply... if caltrops were issued or used in the American Civil War, there ought to be a report or correspondence about it somewhere. Here's a hypothetical example of such a report: "My regiment was issued caltrops, which we thickly sowed along the Chambersburg Pike to delay the enemy's advance." Or, perhaps, "Several horses in my regiment were injured by the Rebels' use of caltrops." The fact that there is no mention of Caltrops anywhere in the 125-volume Official Records & indicates we can be about as certain as it's possible to be that caltrops were not used in the American Civil War.



VERY IMPORTANT note... the problem with asking for relic-hunters' reports of digging a Caltrop is that they incorrectly think the small six-armed (and 8-armed) blunt-tipped Jacks from the kids'-game are Caltrops. So, any request for such reports from diggers must specify that actual caltrops have four long spines, not six stubby arms. This is also the case in most of the e-bay caltrop auctions, though some may be actual caltrops that have been recovered in England and sold in the United States. I know this may not satisfy many of the people out there that swear they have recovered, or seen others recover, a caltrop. But it should give enough doubt to make us question the validity of the caltrops we see being sold on the market.

I would like to thank several people for their assistance in writing this column: Howard Crouch, Steve Sylvia, and especially Pete George who actually wrote more of it and did more research than I did. Until next time, keep your feet on the ground and one hand on your wallet.

Fund Raiser

The Raffle is progressing and we are in the home stretch. In order to meet our goal EACH MEMBER must sell his TEN tickets in order to be successful. Without funds we cannot attain our objectives.



Please get the tickets and money to Bob Farrell by August 29th for the Aug 30th drawing.

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