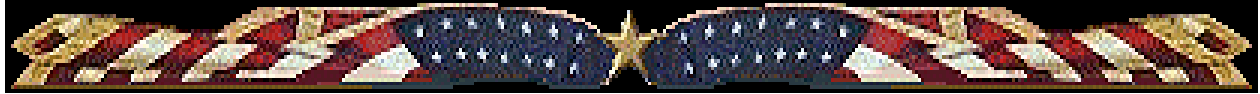


The Same Rain Falls on Both Friend and Foe



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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Major General John A. Logan Camp # 4 SUVCW Meeting Minutes for 1/17/2008

Call to Order

On January 17, 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. Brother Russell Wunker presented the Invocation, after which Commander Moore led the camp in the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were:

- Brother Samuel Moore,
Camp Commander
- Brother Bob Farrell,
Patriotic Instructor
- Brother John France,
Secretary/Treasurer
- Brother Daniel Hopping
(New Member)
- Brother Roscoe Reeve
- Brother Dennis St. Andrew
(New Member)
- Brother Kent McCoury
(New Member)
- Brother Larry Jones
(New Member)
- Brother Russell Wunker

- Bob Taylor
(Prospective Member)

Member Initiation

Four new members were initiated: Daniel Hopping, Larry Jones, Kent McCoury, and Dennis St. Andrew.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendment 1

Passed unanimously

Chaplain

No one expressed interest in the vacant office. It was decided to rotate volunteers at upcoming meetings until someone expresses a desire for the position.

NEW BUSINESS

Office of Camp Historian

Brother Dennis St. Andrew was unanimously elected to the position of Camp Historian.

Delegates to the Departmental Encampment

Brothers Harman, Reeve, and France were elected as delegates to the

Departmental Encampment on April 19. Alternates are on a volunteer basis.

Name Tags

Brother Farrell gave a presentation that included a sample of a member name tag. The cost is \$8.50 each.

Fundraiser Donation

Richard Mullen of the Ashley Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina has donated a Mort Kunstler print that our camp will be using as a fundraiser.

Plans are to sell 250 raffle tickets at a price of \$10 each. More information will be forthcoming at the March 13 Meeting.

Brother France was directed to send a thank you letter to Mr. Mullen.

Minutes of Last Meeting ...

Treasurer's Report

Brother France presented the minutes of the 9/13/2007 meeting and the Treasurer's Report as of 1/17/2008. Both were accepted without change.

Brother France who will then forward the order to Brother Farrell.

Benediction/Adjournment

Brother Wunker presented the Benediction after which Camp Commander Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Submitted in F, C, & L

Brother John France

Secretary/Treasurer

Major General John A. Logan Camp #4
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March 13th Speaker

This month's speaker will be our own Brother Russ Wunker who was born in Toronto, Ontario on February 28, 1947.

As you all can observe he has been an energetic and busy individual who has accomplished great things, not the least of which is his 30 plus years as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

We are indeed honored to hear from Russ but all the more important he is one of us.

Bio of Russ Wunker

Haliburton County District High School
Grade XIII 1965 – History Award
BA: Nyack College, Nyack, NY – 1969
(History), Class President, Honor Society
MA: University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. - 1971 (Canadian – American Relations)

Taught History, Clearwater Christian College, Fla. 1969-1971

Assistant to Wm. C. Scott, M. P. – House of Commons, Ottawa - 1972 – 1979

Spec. Ast to Hon Jake Epp, Min of Indian and Northern Affairs – 1979 – 1980

Tour Director for Maureen McTeer (wife of the Prime Minister) 1980 election

National Headquarters: Progressive Conservative Party of Canada – 1980 – 1984

Director of Personnel

Director of Operations and Organization (Youth Bureau, Womens Bureau,

Multiculturalism Bureau, Field Organizers etc.)

Co-ordinator of 1981 National Convention

Co -ordinator of 1983 National Policy Conference

Liason with Reagan-Bush White House and Republican National Committee

Co-ordinator of 1984 Leadership Convention

Co-ordinator, Candidate Training College

Ministerial Staff Training
Committee,

Assistant to (Senator) Norman K. Atkins,
National Campaign Chairman 1984

Chief of Staff to Hon. Jake Epp, Minister
of National Health and Welfare
1984-1988

Cabinet Committee of Priorities and
Planning

Chief of Staff Planning Committee

Member, National Campaign Team 1988
election

Chief of Staff to Hon. Jake Epp, Minister
of Energy, Mines and Resources 1988

Owner, Manager, Miners' Bay Lodge Ltd.
– summer resort accommodating 300+
guests

Married, Dorothy A. Wunker
Daughter, Erin E. Wunker

30 + year member Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War

25 + year member, The Albany Club of
Toronto

Formerly Chairman of the Board,
currently Member of the Executive
Committee, OMS International Canada
Member, Preservation Warrenton,
Warren County, N.C.

Formerly President, currently Member of
Executive, Vance County Historical
Society.

Curator, Vance County Museum

Designer, curator of historical displays –
Satterwhite Point State Park

Designer, curator of displays, Norlina
Museum

Field Trip to Warren County Historic Sites Planned

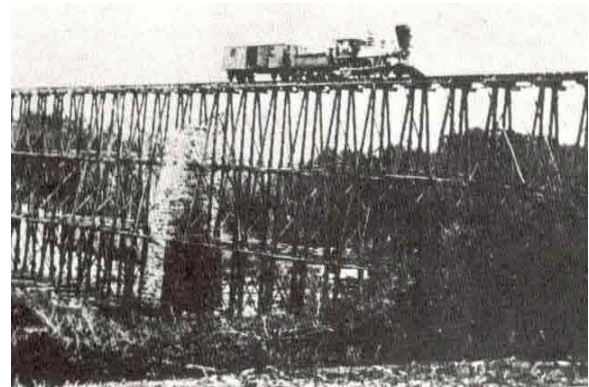
Our field trip to Warren County (which is
approximately 60 miles north of Raleigh)
historic sites is scheduled for Saturday,
March 15.

In addition to sites in Warren County, we

will also see the Graystone Quarry which
opened in 1835 and provided stone for
both the State Capitol and the
Chesapeake Bay Bridge; the remains of
a CW railroad trestle which was
reportedly built in 72 hours, a small
Confederate cemetery in Kittrell; and a
pre-CW Episcopal Church.

We plan to leave from the Lowes on
Capital Blvd at 8:00 a. m. and travel to
Warren County via US 401. We will have
an early lunch at a restored hardware
store and tour Warrenton. We will then
travel to "Clearview", the home of our
hosts, Dot and Russ. This historic old
home has been restored and houses
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back about 6:00.



Above is a photo of the railroad trestle we
hope to see on our Warren County trip.
My friend, George Long found the photo
in The North Carolina Historical Review,
Summer 1976. (A Library of Congress
photograph.)

"Cedar Creek Trestle located 1.4 miles
south of Franklinton on the Raleigh and
Gaston Railroad. The bridge was said to

have been completed by (Union) Colonel W. W. Wright's construction workers in 72 hours. The president of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad later commented that the structure "by close attention can be made safe for eight or ten months, perhaps longer."

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FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

Brother Kent McCoury, who is a Historic interpreter at the Bennett Place Historic Site in Durham, presented an informative and interesting talk on the life of John A. Logan.



Brother Kent McCoury

Brother Kent brought our namesake to life and gave us an admiration for Major General Logan. We will try to put his article on the Web site.

If you get a chance – visit Brother McCoury at the Bennett Place and talk to him about our namesake.

Brother Kent wrote an article on Logan for the Bennett Place Courier Fall/Winter 2007 issue.

Black Jack Logan was a significant player in the Civil War. He led the XV Corps during the Atlanta Campaign and introduced the "40 Rounds" badge of the XV Corps.



XV Corps Badges

We have a source for the brass badge in the center. It is 1 ¼ inch square with two wires to attach it with. I will bring these to the next meeting to see if the members would like to have a lapel badge for our Camp. The soldiers wore these badges on their jacket's left breast or on their hats. The background color on the badge designated the Division within the XV Corps.

The next major event at the Bennett Place will be the Surrender Commemoration on April 26-27, 2008. The John A Logan Camp will be in attendance on the 26th for the formal surrender ceremony.

The Gettysburg Cyclorama Painting

Your news organ has been assigned the name The Cyclorama so it was thought that the following would be of interest to you first from your general interest of the Civil War plus it is the sister painting to the one in Atlanta purchased by our own John A Logan.

Even if you've seen the Cyclorama painting at the Gettysburg National Military Park, you've never seen it like this.

Conservators recently pulled together the 360-degree painting's 14 panels, and restored its original hourglass shape. "Basically, right now, this is the one and only hyperbolically shaped cyclorama painting in America," said David Olin, the conservator in charge of the project.

The 377-foot painting stands 42 feet high and displays a panorama of Pickett's Charge, the pivotal July 3, 1863, encounter where Union troops defeated a Confederate infantry assault.

No photographs of a lost panel exist, but a similar painting hangs in Atlanta and his team will use photos of that painting to approximate what Gettysburg's Cyclorama used to look like. Olin said his team plans to project images of the Atlanta painting on the blank panel to serve as a guide.

Olin said it's exciting to work on such a large project. There are few paintings in the world weighing more than 12 tons. And at \$11.2 million, Olin said the restoration far outsizes typical repair work, which usually tops out at \$200,000 to \$300,000. He called working on such a project "a love affair."

Still, Olin said he's confident the painting will be ready for public exhibition in September - thanks to the conservators' meticulous attention to detail.

A Double Whammy

That's right !! We are scheduled to get a great historic presentation by our own Russ Wunker, at our March 13th meeting and two days later travel over the same

roads and visit the same places that we heard Russ discuss in detail.

This two pronged event will take place on Mar 13 (our meeting) and Saturday, March 15, a joint tour with the Raleigh Civil War Round Table

We will be car pooling so PLEASE call me immediately after reading this indicating your desire to attend this event.

Plans are to arrive at Annie Lee's grave at about 9:00 AM, then travel to Warrenton to visit downtown historical sites and to have an early lunch at a restored hardware store.

After lunch, we will travel to "Clear view", the home of our hosts, Dot and Russ. This historic old home has been restored and houses many fine Civil War treasures that Russ has collected.

High Praise

While recently reading Battles and Leaders I came across the following and felt that you might enjoy reading the thoughts of a renowned leader of the Confederacy.

I cannot close this sketch without referring to the Confederate commander when he came upon the scene for the first time. General Lee was an unusually handsome man, even in his advanced life. He seemed fresh from West Point, so trim was his figure and so elastic his step. Out of the battle he was as gentle as a woman, but when the clash of arms came he loved fight and urged his battle with wonderful determination. As a usual thing he was remarkably well- balanced -- -- always so, except on one or two occasions of severe trial when he failed to maintain his exact equipoise. Lee's orders were always well considered and well chosen.

*He depended almost too much on his officers for their execution. Jackson was a very skillful man against such men as Shields, Banks, and Fremont, but when pitted against the best of the Federal commanders he did not appear so well. Without a doubt the greatest man of rebellion times, the one matchless among forty million for the peculiar difficulties of the period, was **Abraham Lincoln**.*

James Longstreet
Lieutenant General. CSA

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New assistant

It becomes quickly apparent when you look over this issue of The Cyclorama that a new hand is actively involved in the production of your newsletter.

Within minutes of being inducted as a member of the JAL Camp #4, Dan Hopping, offered his experience in production of high quality graphics for his business and personal projects.

Your editor had been struggling with the very problems Dan had experience in and quickly enlisted his help in production of the Cyclorama. In addition with assisting me, he has also offered to serve as Webmaster. We will soon be seeing his talents effectively employed with the development of our own website

Snow Wars

In recent weeks, we all have been witnessing harsh winter conditions in the North while basking in our southern sunshine. Those of us who have experienced "Winter" in some of the other Confederate States will truly appreciate this and confirm its truth.

Now we know. Over 135 years after the guns have fell silent ending the Civil War (or the War Between the States or the War for Southern Independence, whatever is your choice), wise historians have settled on the basic reason for the South's defeat.

According to romantic legends, the South had the best generals, the bravest soldiers, and the Cause. The North supposedly won because it had more men and supplies.

Not so dear students of the War. The North won because it waged psychological operations (psyops) for those with a military background. We I have it on the best authority that hours before a major engagement, the damn Yankee psyops officer infiltrated Confederate lines and spread disinformation. "Psst, it's going to snow" they whispered. "Snow and ice, Pass it along" Where upon the Johnny Rebs rose up, dropped their rifles, and bolted for the nearest branch of Scarlett's Groceries. And while they stood in line to buy milk, coffee, eggs grits, Doritos and a Lottery ticket, the Yankees stormed their lines, won the battle and thus the War. It's true, Look it up.-----.

Remembrance Day 2007



By Brother Alan Zimmerman

Soldiers from the Confederate and Union armies and civilians from the North and South had been entering the town for the last couple of days, and they assembled just out of sight of each other around the school in the center of Gettysburg. This time there would be no battle.

These men and women were Civil War re-enactors and members of the Sons of Union Veterans (www.suvcw.org) and Sons of Confederate Veterans (www.scv.org), and their associated auxiliary groups who had come to honor the memory of their ancestors by participating in the annual Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies this past November 17. The event is held each year on the



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weekend closest to the anniversary of the dedication of the National Cemetery in November 1863 where President Abraham Lincoln spoke those few simple reverent sentences that would become immortal.

This year my wife Lauren and I were able to

attend for the first time. I am a new member of the SUV and great-grandson of Private John J. Zimmerman, Company "K", 119th Illinois Infantry. My wife and I have been re-enactors of the Revolutionary War and Civil War periods for the last seventeen years. I belong to a Civil War unit based in North Carolina that recreates the 26th NCT (www.26nc.org) as their primary impression, but also portrays the 24th Michigan of the Iron Brigade. This is fitting, as these two regiments decimated each other on McPherson's Ridge on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Since the 26th did not attend this event, and to honor my great-grandfather, I was looking for a Federal unit that I could join. After much surfing on the internet and sending numerous emails, I hooked up with the 2nd US Infantry (www.sykesregulars.org). Captain Steve Hanson and Sergeant Jason McConnell and their men warmly welcomed me to the ranks.

It was mostly cloudy with the temperature in the low forties as we formed up around noon on the grounds of the middle school. We were arrayed in seven battalions and stepped off in column of companies for the approximately two-mile march to the cemetery.

I wasn't able to see the Confederate troops who marched behind us. I have heard various estimates as to the total numbers but I would guess that there were between two and three thousand marchers and 15,000 to 20,000 spectators. Our company was located in the middle of two groups of regimental musicians so we had some difficulty with "dueling cadences".

I have found however that I can march better, longer, and with less pain when accompanied by fife and drum. If you

type “Gettysburg Remembrance Day 2007” into your search engine you will find many links with articles, photos, slide shows, and video clips of the parade and ceremonies.

Because of our unfamiliarity with the event, my wife and I missed two of its important features. One was nationally renowned Lincoln impressionist Jim Gettys delivering the Gettysburg Address. The other was the placement of luminaries at all the gravestones on the actual anniversary of the dedication.

I was relieved when we finally wheeled into the cemetery so that I could rest my aching musket arm that felt stretched out of the socket. But as my gaze passed over a portion of the graveyard and the rows of stone markers I felt the emotions of humility and even shame for the many undeserved blessings in my life that I take for granted.



Sgt. McConnell

The officers then took charge of and dismissed the men and the individual units dispersed to perform their own memorial services. Our group of Sykes Regulars marched along Cemetery Ridge south of the clump of trees to the obelisk monument to the US Regulars. We uncovered as the Chaplain delivered a prayer reminding us of the sacrifice of these men and what we had gained by it.

For many of the reenactment groups, the Remembrance Day weekend has become a traditional event to wind up the

campaign season and begin the fellowship of Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. There are several balls (including the SUV's) held that weekend with period music and dancing.



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The gentlemen and ladies come in their uniforms and 19th century ball gowns or modern formalwear. Lauren and I attended the dinner and ball held at the Gettysburg Hotel (a wonderful place to stay).

Photos of the ball can be viewed at the following link (one of probably several) – <http://www.zphotos.smugmug.com/> We love to dance and since I will probably have to soon retire my soldier impression it is becoming our reenacting activity of choice.

Whenever I can, I still like to wander the battlefield on foot, alone, during the off-season, away from the tour buses and crowds. It can be eerie, but it is not a malevolent spirit that resides here.

I look across the Emmitsburg Road and see the long straight grey ranks with flags flying emerging from Spangler's Woods. They are coming for me. Or I look up to Cemetery Ridge, the Stars and Stripes crowning its entire length. They are waiting there for me. I am still in awe –

how did these men do it. In silence I think, "Your sacrifice was not in vain. Be at peace."

The Gettysburg Address

by Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth freedom, and that

government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

The above contribution was submitted to the Cyclorama by request of the Editor. It was my feeling that you would enjoy a firsthand account of Remembrance Day weekend from one of our own members. We are indeed thankful to Brother Alan Zimmerman for his report.

CAMP CIVIL WAR ART RAFFLE



Our camp will be conducting a fundraising raffle of a framed 21" x33", 50 limited edition signed and numbered Mort Kunstler giclee print on canvas entitled "**In the Hands of Providence**". The painting depicts Lt. Col. Joshua Chamberlain and the charge of the 20th Maine at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., on December 13th, 1862, and is the fourth and final print in Mort Kunstler's "Gods and Generals" collection. This canvas giclee (#15 of 50) has been generously donated by Rick Mullen, owner of Ashley's Fine Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina, and a special thank you is due Brother Larry Blumatte for donating the custom frame. The framed artwork is valued at \$1000.

The raffle campaign will begin on April 1st, 2008 and will end with the drawing on Saturday, August 30th, 2008, 1-3 p.m. at Ashley's Fine Art Gallery, 701

N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC. The winner of the raffle need not be present to win. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each, and ticket sales will be limited to 250 tickets. Should the raffle winner prefer to receive a Confederate themed print instead of the Chamberlain giclee print on canvas, Ashley's Fine Art Gallery will allow the winner to select an unframed print from a group of Confederate limited edition prints.

Our goal is for each member of our camp to sell at least three tickets, and we will be asking the other SUVCW camps in the state to each help sell ten tickets. Raffle sales kits will be distributed to our members at our March meeting. **"In the Hands of Providence"** will be on display, and our camp will be represented, at upcoming events at Bennett Place and the state capital. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity for future camp projects, so please participate and give it your best effort!