

*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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## COMMANDERS REPORT

Camp Wins  
Outstanding New Camp of 2008



Congratulations to you all for winning the Rippey Award for Outstanding New Camp of 2008. Special thanks to the nominating committee for the fine slate of officer candidates for our next election.

At our September meeting we had good attendance for two presentations by Department Commander Elwell and then presented Brother Kevin Motter the Commander's Award for all he has done for our Camp.

Then our guest speaker Andrew Ballard presented an excellent program titled "The Battle of Monocacy, Was Early Late?"

Thanks again to all for making this an award-winning Camp.

*Sam Moore Jr, Commander*

## MAJOR GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN CAMP # 4 SUVCW MEETING MINUTES FOR 9/18/2008

### Call To Order

On September 18, 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 Phillips gave the Invocation, after which Commander Moore led the camp in the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Camp Logan Brothers In Attendance:

Commander Samuel Moore  
Brother Thomas Bennett  
Brother Robert Farrell  
Brother John France  
Brother Daniel Hopping  
Brother Larry Jones  
Brother Edward Phillips  
Brother Roscoe Reeve  
Brother Dennis St.Andrew  
Brother Paul Hesse (New Member)

### Guests:

Department Commander Douglas Elwell  
Brother Kevin Motter (Camp Ruger)  
Andrew Ballard (Guest Speaker)

### Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 21, 2008 meeting, which were provided by email, were approved without change.

**Initiation Of A New Brother**

Commander Moore performed the initiation ceremony for our newest brother Paul Hesse.

**Outstanding New Camp Of 2008 Award**

Department Commander Elwell presented the Logan Camp with the Joseph S. Rippey National Award given to the outstanding new camp of 2008. Camp Commander Moore accepted the award.

**National Encampment Presentation**

Department Commander Elwell discussed his experiences at the National Encampment. He pinpointed two main items:

- **War Medal** Eliminating the gold bar from the War Medal due to cost was discussed. No action was taken.
- **Political Correctness** Since the SUV is chartered by Congress; it was decided that a directive concerning political correctness in prayers be forthcoming. It is specifically directed at avoiding the use of "Jesus Christ" since the SUV has members of many religions and it might be offensive to someone.

**Commander's Award Presentation**

Commander Moore presented Brother Kevin Motter a Commander's Award for his outstanding service to the Logan Camp.

**Guest Speaker**

Brother Farrell introduced the guest speaker Andrew Ballard. Mr. Ballard gave a most interesting and informative talk on "The Battle of Monocacy, Was Early Late?" On behalf of the camp, Brother Farrell presented Mr. Ballard with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Benediction / Adjournment**

Brother Phillips gave the Benediction after which Commander Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

*Respectfully Submitted in F, C, & L  
Brother John France Secretary/Treasurer  
Major General John A. Logan Camp #4  
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**NOVEMBER SPEAKER**

Our speaker for November Camp meeting is Dr. James (Jay) Gillispie of Sampson Community College in Clinton. His topic reflects the title of his recently released book

***"Andersonvilles of the North  
The Myths and Realities of Northern  
Treatment of Civil War Confederate  
Prisoners"***

For a complete review of the book you can visit

<http://www.tamu.edu/upress/BOOKS/2008/gillispie.htm>

Jay was born of Air Force parents in Marquette, Michigan and soon the family returned to Virginia where his education reached a Masters degree .In 1995 he moved to Oxford, MS to pursue his Ph.D. in American History at the University of Mississippi which he was awarded in 2000. The topic of Jay's dissertation was on Federal policies towards and treatment of Confederate POWs during the Civil War.

In addition to his book, he has published articles for the NORTH & SOUTH magazine on the same topic. Additionally he has written about a dozen book reviews for N & S. Currently he is working on a biography of Col. Thomas Purdie of the 18th North Carolina

Come join us on November 20<sup>th</sup> for what promises to be an exciting topic

**Treasure Hunt**

Most treasure hunts have a long shopping list of items needed to be successful, ours is a bit different, it is limited to one item. A tribute to our 16<sup>th</sup> president, Abraham Lincoln. We are interested in discovering either a statue or bust of Lincoln which can be found in a public or municipal building.

We urge each member to search his own mind or maybe journeying forth to discover a Lincoln statue. If anyone knows of such an item please contact your editor, Bob Farrell, at 619 – 3342 or [CWFan2@aol.com](mailto:CWFan2@aol.com)

This information will assist in the Camps plans for the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln

### **NC UNION VOLUNTEERS CAMP# 5 RECEIVES CHARTER**

By Brother Kevin Motter

On the 13th of September, one week later than scheduled due to Tropical Storm Hanna, Department Commander Douglas Elwell, with the First Lady, Shirley Elwell, and Department Council Member Kevin Motter, traveled to Morehead City, NC to participate in the presentation of the Charter for the NC Union Volunteer Camp# 5. Those present for the presentation were Camp Commander Bryan Salter, SVC Fred Fulcher, Sec./Treas. Donald Johnston and



Brother Travis Masters. The guest speaker, Bryan Kraus, was made an honorary brother of the camp during the meeting, prior to the presentation.

The charter was dated 12 April, 2008, thus ending any debate the camp was not a charter member of the Department. These brothers deserve a resounding "Huzah!" for the work they put forth in the forming of this camp.

We of Camp John A. Logan Camp #4 SUVCW are pleased to note the addition of another group of decedents who are willing to step forward and honor their ancestors and join together for the Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty that the SUV provides. We wish them well...

### **CHAMBERLAIN HEADS NORTH**

Pleasant Valley, New York will be the new home of the Mort Kunstler canvas that was the prize for the JAL #4 Fund raiser. The winner was Patrick McRitchie, age 12, and a student in the Seventh grade at LaGrange Middle school. Patrick is the grandson of our own Brother Dennis St. Andrew and a Junior member of this Camp. So this beautiful painting will be headed North however it will still be in the possession of a Camp Brother. And speaking of brothers, Patrick and his 9 year old brother, Dale, share a bedroom thus both boys will grow up with a little bit of history adorning their walls.



3 PM. Saturday, August 29, Ms. Suzy Turner, a Sales Representative at Ashleys' Art Gallery, drew the winning ticket from a basket that Owner Rick Mullen had carefully assured that it was deliberately shaken to guarantee a fair raffle. Six Brothers and members of the public were on hand to witness the drawing. While awaiting the 3 PM drawing Brothers Farrell and St. Andrew were busy. Dennis sold four additional tickets to patrons of the Gallery and Brother Bob was busily recruiting a new member.

Throughout the afternoon Rick and Suzy served refreshments and soft drinks. After our raffle, Suzy drew names for the Door prizes that Rick had provided. They included two different books of Kuntsler Civil War paintings, boxes of note paper and a jigsaw puzzle.

Everyone left after a most enjoyable day and Joshia L. Chamberlain started his trip

North. Grandpa has promised he will deliver the painting and not add it to his large collection of Civil War prints.

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### JUNIOR MEMBERS & SUCH

By Brother Bob Farrell

Recently, while doing some housecleaning, I noticed the inclusion of the names of our four Junior Members. We are delighted to include these young fellows as members in the John A. Logan Camp #4 SUVCW .

The next day I read the following inquiry:

*Friends, My 9-year-old nephew asked his father (my brother-in-law) if he thought Uncle Eric might be interested in showing him the battlefield at Gettysburg. My brother-in-law said of course, so we're going to work on scheduling a visit.*

*I don't have children, and I am not at all acquainted with children's literature. Can any of our esteemed members recommend a good book for a 9-year-old boy to introduce him to the Battle of Gettysburg? Thanks. Eric*

Eric is the noted Civil War Calvary author and Gettysburg historian, Eric Whittenburg.

Well, this began me thinking, many of us have children or Grandchildren who we have exposed to our interest in history, Civil War or family genealogy whom could well ask that very same question or one very similar. Well here are the answers:

*Eric, I have just the thing for you. See if you can get hold of a book called Gamble For Victory: Battle of Gettysburg by Abnet, Wagner and Verma (An Osprey Graphic History). In 48 pages it tells the entire story of the Gettysburg Campaign in comic strip format. Very nicely illustrated, with introductory material on Who's Who in the battle, The American Civil War, 1861-1865, Invading the North, and The Commanding Officers. All of this is in narrative prior to the actual story begins with John Buford arriving on June 30 all the way to the retreat to Williamsport. This is followed by a narrative*

*about the Aftermath, a Glossary, a For More Information section, and an Index. It also includes a poster of Chamberlain's charge down LRT. I think this is perfect for a 9-year old. It has a map of Pickett's Charge as well. Published by Osprey Publishing in 2006. Regards, Tom*

For the more mature mind this answer might apply:

*"Gettysburg" by Mackinlay Kantor is also a good youth book. My son enjoyed it a number of years ago; now he wants to be a history major!*

Whatever the interest of your children/grandchildren we all should do what we can to encourage them Lets hope they will soon join you as a SUV member

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### LORENZO R. McCANN

Ancestor of Brother Bill Kraul

Lorenzo R. McCann was born to Benjamin and Anna McCann in Fairview Township , Mercer County, Pennsylvania on 3 April, 1840. He had six brothers and one sister and appears to have been the third oldest. During his teen years, he would have been working his parents' farm.

Lorenzo would marry Lydia Arabell Knox at New Castle, PA, on 22 November, 1861.

Lorenzo enlisted in Company A, 134<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry to fight in the Civil War on 1 August, 1862 at New Castle, PA. He signed up for a nine-month tour of duty which took him to the Second Battle of Bull Run and Antietam. Fortunately for Lorenzo, his infantry missed both battles by one day. The 134<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania did see action, however, at the Battle of Fredricksburg on 13 December, 1862 and again at the Battle of Chancellorsville from 1 May to 3 May, 1863. The 134<sup>th</sup> mustered out at Harrisburg, PA, on 26 May, 1863. A huge home-welcoming festival was thrown in New Castle when the 134<sup>th</sup> returned home.

After a break, Lorenzo re-enlisted for another nine-month tour of duty, this time



with Company B, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, which was organized during August and September, 1864 at Pittsburgh, PA. The regiment was assigned to the northern defenses of Washington, DC and later, defended the Manassas Gap Railroad. During the spring of 1865, the regiment was sent to Bull Run battlefield and engaged in the burial of more than 2,000 dead. The regiment was mustered out at Pittsburgh on 30 June, 1865.

Lorenzo and Lydia would go on to have seven children. The family moved several times in subsequent years. Between 1866 and 1922, the family can be found in Galesburg, IL; Keokuk, IA; Aurora, IL and back near Keokuk in the small town of Montrose, IA. Lorenzo worked as a farm laborer during all these years.



Lorenzo would die on 9 May, 1922 at his home in Montrose. It appears that he died peacefully in his sleep. Lydia had called him for breakfast, but he did not respond. According to his obituary, Lorenzo's parents, his six brothers and one sister had all preceded him in death. He had also buried three of his own children by this time. Lorenzo was laid to rest at the Keokuk National Military Cemetery on 11 May, 1922, in grave 932, Section H.

### GAR MEDALS

The GAR was founded by Benjamin F. Stephenson, M.D., on April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois. Its organization was based partly on the traditions of Freemasonry, and

partly on military tradition; it was divided into "Departments" at the state level and "Posts" at the community level, and military-style uniforms were worn by its members. There were posts in every state in the U.S., and several posts overseas.

The organization wielded considerable political clout nationwide. Between 1868 and 1908, no Republican was nominated to the presidency without a GAR endorsement. In 1868, General Order #11 of the GAR called for May 30 to be designated as a day of memorial for Union veterans; originally called "Decoration Day," this later evolved into the U.S. national [Memorial Day](#) holiday. The GAR was also active in pension legislation, establishing retirement homes for soldiers, and many other areas which concerned Union veterans. The influence of the GAR led to the creation of the [Old Soldiers' Homes](#) of the late 19th century, which evolved into the current [United States Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

The GAR created the [Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#) (SUVCW) in 1881 to ensure the preservation of their own mission after Union war veterans had all died.

The GAR reached its largest enrollment in 1890, with 490,000 members. It held an annual "National Encampment" every year from 1866 to 1949. At each encampment a medal was issued to the attendees. The following three medals are examples of that tradition.



**1886 "Type V" (five) GAR Membership badge with the envelope in which it was issued. The Type "V" is the most common GAR badge.**

The basic design of this badge was adopted in 1869 with the Type III Membership Badge. In the center of the *obverse* is the figure of the Goddess Minerva, representing LOYALTY; on either side of her are a soldier and sailor clasping hands, representing FRATERNITY; below these are two children, representing CHARITY, receiving benediction and the assurance of protection from these comrades.

This badge is unique because it was made from captured Confederate cannon metal.

On each side of the figures is the Flag and Eagle, representing FREEDOM and a Fasces, representing UNION.

Encircling these figures are the words "GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, 1861-VETERAN-1866," commemorating the beginning and end of the rebellion and the beginning of the society.

In the points of the star are the insignia of the various arms of the service: Bugle for the Infantry, crossed Cannons for the Artillery, crossed Muskets for the Marine Corps, crossed Sabers for the Cavalry and an Anchor for the Navy.

The *reverse* of the badge depicts a branch of laurel-crown and reward of the brave- in each point of the star. The national shield is centered among the 24 recognized corps badges, numerically arranged. Each corps badge is on a keystone, linked together, united and vigilant to protect the shield of the nation. A circle of stars, representing the states of the Union and the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic, encircles the corps badges. The badge's top suspension is an Eagle over crossed cannons and cannon balls, representing defense. The new badge was made from captured Confederate cannon.

The "Type V" added Corps badges of Sheridan's and Wilson's Corps and of Hancock's First Veteran Corps were added to the center of the field and a campfire complete with cooking pot was added to the reverse of the suspension pinback.



**1889 G.A.R. medal from the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual encampment for the State of Pennsylvania held in Erie.**

On the top copper colored bar: "ERIE, PA 1889". On the small disk hanging from the bar: "GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC 1861 VETERAN 1866". On the pewter colored medal hanging below the red ribbon: "DEPARTMENT COMMANDER" "1888" with his image. On the reverse of the medal is: "23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT", "DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA", "COMPLIMENTS OF POSTS 67 AND 464", "ERIE" . "FEB 12 & 13, 1889"



**1899 Sons of Veterans Medal from the 33<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment in Philadelphia, Pa.**

The Philadelphia Encampment was held in September of 1899 and 1,149 delegates attended. On the top bar is "1899 PHILADELPHIA" with an image of the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Pa. State Seal. In the center is a green and gold ribbon with "SONS OF VETERANS" in silver letters. On the round copper colored medal at the bottom is, "GAR" "33<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT". In the center of the silver metal are the letters "S V" intertwined in red and black.

## VISIT YOUR FAVORITE CIVIL WAR PLACE

By Brother Farrell

Recently, I received an Email containing the following note.

*"The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a subset of the Dept. of Commerce, has archived something like 21,000 historic charts and maps dating from 1747 - 2001. Catalogued as the Office of Coast Survey's Historical Map and Chart Collection, these items appear to be offered to the public at no charge. Check it out at: <http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/csdl/ctp/abstract.htm>,*

*and then click on "Image Catalog." When you get to that page, you'll see several search criteria. Use the "Select a Type" pull-down menu to select "Civil War. This shows a list of 394 Civil War-related items which you can then view and/or download."*

I went to this site and briefly scrutinized it and realized it was well worth a bookmark. This is the sort of thing that will come in handy when a map will help supplement your reading.

"....If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us...."

John A. Logan

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Readers are encouraged to submit articles, photographs and events for publication

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## NOVEMBER ELECTION MEETING PROPOSED 2009 OFFICERS

Our Nominating Committee has met and the results of these deliberations are the following slate.

Camp Commander	Bob Farrell
Senior Vice Commander	Dennis St Andrew
Junior Vice Commander	John Harmon
Secretary /Treasurer	John France

Camp Council	
Past Commander	Sam Moore
Past Commander	Larry Blumatte
Council member	Rosco Reeves

Delegates	Dennis St Andrew
	John Harmon
	John France

After this slate has been formally presented to the membership, a ballot will be passed out with each name listed and a place for a write in candidate. The Election Chairman, Brother Hopping, will then open the floor to nominations. If you plan to nominate someone from the floor, please ensure their willingness to serve in advance.