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From the Commander's Tent

In the June 2015 issue of the *Harriet Lane*, I mentioned that I had a 1st cousin, three times removed, who was a Color Bearer in Company H of the *Massachusetts 34th Infantry*. This Irish immigrant from County Tipperary died in the *Battle of Lynchburg*, VA on June 18, 1864. Recently, I have been made aware of another cousin who, in spite of being taken prisoner, survived the War and went on to lead a varied and interesting life in the South.

Before I tell the story of this cousin who survived the War, I need to present a little background information. In the last four years or so, I have done extensive testing of my Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA and autosomal DNA. On my Y-DNA test results, among my top five matches are three with the surname Coffman and two with the surname Fitzgerald. For over a year now, I have been collaborating with the niece of my closest Coffman match and she is convinced that her Coffman ancestors were once named Coughlin.



Now picture a tree where men are identified by their haplogroup instead of by race, ethnicity, nationality, tribe and/or surname. The *International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG)* provides the following definition of a Y-DNA haplogroup: Y-chromosome DNA (Y-DNA) haplogroups are determined by single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) tests. SNPs are locations on the DNA where one nucleotide has "mutated" or "switched" to a different nucleotide.

On this huge haplogroup tree there is a trunk, limbs, branches and at the end of the branches, what can be called twigs. My living Coffman Y-DNA match and I have our own unique subclade of a haplogroup, so we are twigs at the end of a long branch - or to be more technical, we have tested until we reached our terminal SNP. There is little doubt that Coffman and I are genetic cousins, but we have yet to determine exactly when our most recent common male ancestor lived. However, we can speculate that we might have had that elusive common ancestor back in the western central part of Ireland in one of the counties located around Galway Bay. This speculative ancestor was born around 1705 and would be Coffman's 5-times great-grandfather, but because of a generational shift, my 4-times great-grandfather. Coffman had a great-granduncle named Daniel Monroe Coffman who just might be my 3rd cousin twice removed.

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In F. C. & L,

Brother Thomas Coughlin

Camp Commander

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Service Unit

Co. A, 8th Battalion, DC Infantry
 Co. E, 77th Ohio Infantry
 Co F, 12th Regt. IN Inf., Co E, 59th IN Inf.
 Co. D, 1st Regt. New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. L, 4th Regt. New York Heavy Artillery

 Co. B, 52nd Regt. Illinois Infantry
Co D, 17th Regt. Connecticut Infantry
 Co. L, 50th Regt. New York Engineers
Co. D, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry
 Co. F, 50th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. I, 6th Regt. PA Heavy Artillery
 Co. A, 38th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. F, 144th Regt., Indiana Vol. Infantry
 Co. B, 69th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. F, 142nd Regt., Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 122nd Regt. New York Vol. Infantry
 Co. C, 17th Regt. Kentucky Infantry
 Co. I, 15th Regt. Massachusetts Infantry
 Co. I, 15th Regt. Massachusetts Infantry
 Co. I, 12th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 15th Regt., Maine Infantry
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 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, Ohio Infantry
 Co. C, 203rd Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. E, 42nd Regt. Indiana Vol. Infantry
 85th Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. G, 86th Regt. Indiana Infantry
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 Co. K, 7th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. K, 1st Regt. Michigan Light Artillery
 Co. D, 48th Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Co. M, 4th Missouri State Militia, Cav.
 Co. F, 4th Regt. Missouri Infantry
 Co. L, 5th Regt. Pennsylvania Cavalry
Co. I, 19th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. D, 13th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. B, 1st AL & TN Indepen. Vidette Cav.
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. G, 47th Regt. Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 4th Regt. Tennessee Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 7th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. E, Missouri Home Guard
 Co. E, 12th Regt. New Hampshire Infantry
 Co. C, 101st Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. A, 46th Regt. Iowa Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
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Co C, 9th Regt. MO State Militia Cav.
 2nd Regt. Texas Cavalry
 2nd Regt. Texas Cavalry
 Co. I, 126th New York Volunteer Infantry
 Indepen. Co., Trumbull Guards, OH Inf.
 Co. B/F, 2nd Regt. NC Mounted Cavalry
 Co. A, 2nd Regt. Arkansas Infantry
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
Scotts Guard, 6th Indiana State Milit.
 23rd Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Regt. West Virginia Infantry

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Membership Muster (continued)

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 Pvt. Frederick Lohmann
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Service Unit

Co. E, 7th Regt. Michigan Cavalry
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 Co. H, 14th Regt. Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 37th Illinois Volunteer Infantry
 Co. G, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. G, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. A, 7th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. M, 13th Regt. Indiana Cavalry
 Co. C, 2nd KS Col Inf. (83rd U.S. Col Inf.)
 Co. K, 63rd Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 126th Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. G, 37th US Colored Infantry
 Co. C, 15th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. A, 53rd Regt. Ohio Infantry
 6th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Co. C, 3rd Regt. Wisconsin Infantry
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 Co. D, 104th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. E, 11th Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. K, 2nd Regt. Minnesota Infantry
 Co. A & H, 188th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. K, 10th New York Cavalry
 184th Regt. Ohio Infantry
 103rd Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. D, 9th Regt. Illinois Volunteers
 Shields' 19th Indep Batt. Ohio Light Arty.
 Co. C, 10th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. A. 88th Regt. Ohio Infantry
 Co. F, 171st Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. M, 3rd Regt. New York Cavalry
 Co. F, 5th Regt. Excelsior Brigade
 Co. H, 39th Regt. Kentucky Infantry
 Co. F, 74th Regt. NY Inf., Co. H, 40th NY
 Co. H, 84th Regt. New York Infantry
 62nd Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Co. I, 3rd Regt. Kentucky Cavalry
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 Co. F, 1st Tennessee Mounted Infantry
 3rd Regt. Wisconsin Cavalry
 Co. D, 58th Regt. Ohio Infantry
Co C & D, 20th Regt. Connecticut
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 Co. D, 22nd Regt. New York Infantry
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Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating the newly elected Department officers for 2016-2017. Let's all pledge to give them, **Brothers Sprague, Moore, Coughlin, and Gates**, the support they need and deserve to make this year another a banner year!

Also, a special tip of the Kepi goes to Brother Bill Pollard for his dedicated hard work in orchestrating the amazing season the Camp has had in presenting *SUVCW* JROTC Awards to deserving Cadets. With the assistance of several Brothers who graciously volunteered to visit and present our *SUVCW* Award Certificates and Medals at the various College and High School JROTC Awards Ceremonies, our 2016 JROTC program has expanded and improved to record levels!



With the arrival of the 'dog days' of summer, outdoor Camp activities will be sparse. Let me suggest to those of you who have considered purchasing a Civil War uniform in the past, this would be a good time to 'gear up'. We would love for you to join us at the numerous outdoor events that will be coming up later in the year. Participating in our events is always rewarding, educational, and usually just 'plain fun'! We welcome you to join us!

Correction: the Edward Lea Historical marker was installed and dedicated at the Episcopal Cemetery in Galveston by the Camp in January 2006. The installation was reported in the March 2006 issue (Spring) of the Harriet Lane. It was NOT installed in 2010 as reported in the previous issue of the newsletter. Sorry for any confusion.

In F. C. & L,

Michael L. Lance

Editor

Communication: In relationships, experts agree that communication is the foundation on which relationships stand. The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, like any organization, is held together by personal relationships. To remain strong and vibrant, good communication is essential.

That's why I choose to serve our Camp as Assistant Newsletter Editor to our Editor, Michael Lance. We all take an oath to do all we can to advance our heritage society. I believe one of the most effective ways to do that is to communicate: first within the Camp and then outside of the Camp. *Positive* communication is the key point there. This quarterly newsletter, along with the monthly housekeeping notes and other documents shared by Secretary Gary White, help to inform the membership and coordinate activities. This is not a one-way device either. Any member can contribute material - and feedback from readers always makes for better results.

The other side to that is communicating outside the Camp. I share our newsletters with my friends and family. It's not restricted to members only. We also need to get out press releases to the local media.



And not just the mainstream newspapers and magazines - your own neighborhood may have a newsletter too. Besides sending them press releases on our activities, we can post our events on community calendars and include flyers for distribution with their publications.

So, please share this newsletter (e-mail is free) and let us know about opportunities to broaden our audience. You might even print out a copy of this newsletter and leave it (with permission) in the waiting room at your local dentist or doctor's offices. We are one of Texas' better kept secrets, but not intentionally!

In F. C. & L,

Karl Falken

Assistant Editor

2016 Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue Jun 14 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: Brother Charles Duke	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Sat Jun 18 th	Spring Creek Park Heritage Festival – 9 am – 4 pm Highlighting Tomball during the Civil War	Spring Creek Park 15012 Brown Road, Tomball, TX
Tue Jul 12 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: Brother Dr. Craig Livingston	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Aug 8 th	No Monthly Meeting	--
Tue Sep 13 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: TBA	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Sat Oct 8 th	Open House: 11 am – 4 pm Genealogy and family research assistance	Clayton Library of Genealogical Research 5300 Caroline St., Houston, TX
Tue Oct 11 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: TBD	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Sat Oct 22 nd	Grave dedication ceremony: Pvt. Edward Duffield Sponsors: <i>Lea Camp</i> and <i>Sarah Emma Seelye Aux.</i>	Washington Cemetery 2911 Washington Ave., Houston, TX
Fri Oct 28 – 30 th	TX State Gen. Society Family History Conference Civil War History & assistance finding CW ancestors	Dallas, TX

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| ➤ | National Auxiliary to the <i>SUVCW</i> | | http://www.asuvcw.org |

New Members

Introducing: **John Ernest William Baay II**



Brother John Baay joined the Camp based on the service of his 2nd great-grandfather, Private James R. Middlebrook. Private Middlebrook served with Company D, 17th Regiment, Connecticut Infantry. He enlisted Aug. 12, 1862 and was honorably mustered out July 19, 1865.

His grandfather was a genealogist who wrote down the family history, making the research relatively simple. Brother Baay is a member of the *Sons of the American Revolution* with 7 proven patriots. He learned about the *SUVCW* on Ancestry.com. There he saw records from the organization and became interested in joining. As a member of the *SUVCW*, John is interested in learning more about the history of the Civil War, especially the battles in which his ancestor participated.

Brother Baay is the oldest of 4 children and most of his family lives in Texas. His father, the son of Dutch merchants, emigrated from Mexico and married his American mother, a Connecticut Yankee with a distinguished colonial family history. John works as an attorney for AIT where he defends against insurance claims. He lives in New Orleans with his wife of 29 years, Gigi, and they have 3 children: William, Madelaine, Steven - and 2 grandchildren.

***Introducing:* Tod Warrington**

Tod Warrington learned about the *SUVCW* while researching his genealogy on ancestry.com. After finding the military records for his 3rd great-grandfather, he wanted to honor him. His ancestor, Captain Oliver Rawson Post, enlisted in the 20th Connecticut Infantry Regiment, Co. C & D on September 8, 1862.

At the Battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 20, 1864, he was shot through the stomach with a musket ball and died the next day from his wound. Another interesting fact about him is that in February 1861, he sent Abraham Lincoln a letter inviting him to speak at the Republican Club, (Wide Awakes), in Hartford, Connecticut. In March 1861, Abraham Lincoln accepted the invitation and spoke to the club. The letter written by Capt. Post is currently in the National Archives in the Lincoln Papers.

Brother Warrington was born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut. He currently works for the United States Postal Service - 10 years as a letter carrier, and 10 years as a clerk. He lives with his wife Denise, and their 3 daughters in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Currently, Brother Warrington is gathering information to complete his application to the *Sons of the American Revolution*. He served in the *USAF*, and was honorably discharged at the grade of Staff Sergeant, and currently volunteers as a Senior Member in the Louisiana Wing of the *Civil Air Patrol*. He is a member of the *Pontchartrain Cadet Squadron* where he is in training for the duty position of Communications Officer and Emergency Services Officer.

***Introducing:* Bruce Glen Hunsperger**

Bruce Glen Hunsperger joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his 2nd great-grandfather, Peter Hunsperger, who served as a Private with Company C, 9th Regiment Missouri State Militia Cavalry. Private Hunsperger was mustered out February 17, 1864.

***Introducing:* Brian Scott Lang**

Brian Lang is a Hoosier and a life-long military history buff. The Civil War is one of his favorite subjects in that genre. This is because his ancestor, Private Isaac Lang, served in the Indiana Home Guard during that war. This sparked his interest in finding an organization centered on preserving and disseminating this rich history. Brian learned about the *SUVCW* through his military history research. His brother, Kevin Lane (who once lived in San Antonio), recommended the *Lt. Commander Edward Lea Camp*.

Brother Lang lives in San Antonio where he works for the city's *Convention and Visitors Bureau* as the Director of Visitors Centers. As a member of the *SUVCW*, he would like to learn more about the history of the Civil War and participate in the camp events. A long term goal he envisions is to establish a camp closer to home in San Antonio. He is currently single and has no children.

Brother Lang is a member of the *Sons of the American Revolution* and is considering applying to the *Society of Indiana Pioneers* and the *National Huguenots Society*. As mentioned, he joins the Camp based on the service of his 3rd great-grandfather, Private Isaac Samuel Lang, who served in the *Scotts Guard, 6th Indiana State Militia*. Private Lang was discharged July 9, 1863 due to 'overheat of battle'.

***Introducing:* Michael Eugene Bierman**

Brother Bierman joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his 3rd great-grandfather, Peter E. Fry, who served as a Private with Co. D, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

***Introducing:* Timothy Semmes Favrot**

Brother Favrot joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his 2nd great-grandfather, John W. Dittimore, who served as a Sergeant with Co. I, 19th Regiment Indiana Infantry.

Brothers: The following message was sent to us from Judy Turner. Ms. Turner is an active member of several heritage and genealogical groups. She has attended our Camp business meetings as a guest on different occasions, including June 14, 2016.

"You have many wonderful speakers in the *SUVCW* at your camp. I think this is a wonderful way for them to present their ancestors and bring awareness that the *SUVCW* exists in Texas. *STIRPES*, the journal of the *Texas State Genealogical Society, Inc.*, is published 4 times a year, in March, June, September and December. The editorial board solicits articles and materials, such as letters, diaries, photographs, and book reviews relating to Texas genealogy and history. *STIRPES* has no quotas with respect to authorship or content. Edited works may be submitted to the author for review at the end of the editing process prior to publication. The author retains copyright to his work. The *Texas State Genealogical Society* retains the right to print this material exclusively for 1 year dating from its first printing in *STIRPES*. The writer may use and distribute his material for presentations, lectures, seminars, or for similar purposes.

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 Gonzales Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas Publicity Committee
 Thomas Shelton Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation

Eagle Scout Certificate Presentation

Saturday, 12 March 2016



Brother Gary White joined his youngest grandson, Tristan Smart, at the young man's *Eagle Scout Court of Honor* on March 12, 2016. At the event, Brother White presented his grandson with an *SUVCW* Certificate of Achievement during the ceremony."

Brother Gary White with his grandson, Eagle Scout Tristan Scott Smart

....submitted by Brother Gary White

Texas Freedom Road Fest

Saturday, April 9, 2016, Gonzales, TX

The *Gonzales Historical Commission* celebrated the 180th Anniversary of Texas Independence at the Texas Freedom Road Fest. The event commemorated the road to Texas Independence; from the First Shot in Gonzales, the Immortal 32, Runaway Scrape and other historic events and the people that contributed to Texas Independence.



Representing the Lt. Edward Lea Camp in Gonzales were Brothers Steve Holmes and Thor Eric Chester.

2016 JROTC/ROTC Program

In 2016, the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2 SUVCW* proactively contacted JROTC/ROTC units at 74 different Texas Universities and High Schools. The driving force behind this outreach was SVC Bill Pollard. His objective was to make sure the schools were aware that the *Edward Lea Camp* would recognize an outstanding cadet in their respective JROTC/ROTC programs.

Each school was asked to submit an application recommending their outstanding Cadet who met the criteria to earn the *SUVCW* recognition. As a result, 79 applications for our Certificate and Medal were received. Twelve Brothers of the *Edward Lea Camp* volunteered to make in-person presentations of nearly 50 Awards to deserving Cadets at their Award Ceremonies. The rest of the *SUVCW* Certificates were delivered to the JROTC/ROTC unit Commanders at the schools for presentation to the Cadets.

The 12 Brothers that presented the *SUVCW* ROTC/JROTC Awards from our Camp this year include:

- Brother Ben Bonnett
- Brother Thor Chester
- Brother Tom Coughlin
- Brother Dr. Stephen Duncan
- Brother Karl Falken
- Brother Dr. Stevenson Holmes
- Brother Tom Jackson
- Brother Michael L. Lance
- Brother Bill Pollard
- Brother Ryan Rosa
- Brother John Wade
- Brother John Walter

"These Brothers contributed greatly to the successfulness of our program. I am very thankful for their service to our Camp and the JROTC/ROTC units. By presenting the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* ROTC Award to deserving Cadets in ROTC/JROTC units, we positively impact the young men and women of the units - and our support is really appreciated by their units."



SVC Bill Pollard

Four Universities submitted applications this year, resulting in 6 ROTC Cadets being recognized. This was an increase of 2 Universities over the previous year. The schools included: the University of Houston (2 awards), Texas A&M at Galveston (1 award), Prairie View A&M (2 awards), and Rice (1 award).

In addition to these 4 Universities, 73 High schools submitted applications - which resulted in 73 *SUVCW* JROTC Awards being presented. This total includes 8 new High School JROTC units participating for the first time.

Forty-eight of the high schools were in the Houston Metropolitan Area. The school districts included:

- Aldine ISD - 2 awards
- Alief ISD - 2 awards
- Alvin - 1 award
- Goose Creek ISD - 3 awards
- Clear Creek ISD - 5 awards
- Conroe ISD - 4 awards
- Cy-Fair ISD - 8 awards
- Deer Park - 1 award
- Fort Bend County - 1 award
- Galveston - 1 award
- Houston ISD - 2 awards
- Katy - 1 award
- Klein ISD - 3 awards
- Lamar Consolidated ISD - 2 awards
- La Porte - 1 award
- Channelview - 1 award
- North Shore - 1 award
- Pasadena ISD - 4 awards
- Pearland ISD - 2 awards
- Richmond - 1 award
- Texas City - 1 award
- Waller - 1 award

Nine of the High schools were in the San Antonio area, including: Edgewood ISD (1 award), Northside ISD (4 awards), Schertz (1 award), Southside (1 award), and Converse (2 awards).

Six of the High schools were in the Austin area, including: Round Rock ISD (3 awards), Leander (1 award), Lockhart (1 award), and Del Valle (1 award).

Other more distant High schools that presented our *SUVCW* JROTC Awards were in the cities of Alice, Livingston, Bryan, Porter, Burkburnett, San Benito, Del Rio, Victoria, Kerrville, and Wharton.

"My goal for next year is to "reach out" to more ROTC/JROTC Units and make sure that any ROTC or JROTC unit that requests a *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* ROTC Award to be presented within their unit is provided with an Award Package and that presentation arrangements are made."

....Respectfully submitted by SVC William A. Pollard - ROTC Coordinator

JROTC Award Presentations

Tuesday, 5 Apr 2016 – Spring High School, Spring, TX

The Spring High School Navy JROTC Awards Ceremony began at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the High School. Brother Michael Lance presented a SUVCW Certificate and Medal to Cadet Ricardo Chavez. Cadet Chavez met the requirements for outstanding citizenship and leadership to earn the SUVCW recognition. He also earned 6 other awards during the ceremony – including the coveted 'Captains Coin'.

Brother Lance with Cadet Chavez

....Submitted by Brother Michael Lance



Wednesday, 6 Apr 2016 – J. Frank Dobie High School, Pasadena, TX

Brother Bill Pollard presented a SUVCW JROTC Award to Cadet Major Bailey Rodriguez of the J. Frank Dobie High School Air Force JROTC in Pasadena. The Awards Ceremony was held Wednesday evening on April 6th in the High School's cafeteria area.

Right: Brother Pollard with Cadet Rodriguez



Thursday, 14 Apr 2016 – Jersey Village High School, Jersey Village, TX

There were two SUVCW JROTC Award recipients at Jersey Village High School. Cadets Carissa Medina and Cadet Miranda Riesman, members of the Jersey Village High School Air Force JROTC, both excelled in citizenship and leadership. The Awards Ceremony was held on April 14th in the Jersey High School auditorium. The SUVCW JROTC Award was presented by Mr. Gus Mistrot.

Left: Cadets Riesman and Medina with SUVCW Awards



Friday, 15 Apr 2016 – Dickinson High School, Dickinson, TX

The Dickinson High School Air Force JROTC conducted their Awards Ceremony on Friday evening on April 15th in the High School's auditorium. Brother Bill Pollard presented the SUVCW Award to deserving Cadet Staff Sergeant Justin A. Ocasio. Photos were taken with the Cadet and his family following the ceremony.

Brother Pollard with Staff Sergeant Justin A. Ocasio

....Submitted by Brother Bill Pollard



Friday, 15 Apr 2016 – Clear Falls High School, League City, TX

A 2016 SUVCW JROTC Award was presented to Cadet PFC Brennan Kavalew of the Clear Falls High School Army JROTC on the evening of April 15, 2016. It was presented by Brother John T. Walter.

"I was greatly impressed with the enthusiasm of the JROTC Cadets and their parents. It is obvious that the JROTC program is a well-loved and beneficial program at Clear Falls High School."

Cadet PFC Brennan Kavalew and Brother John T. Walter

...Submitted by Brother John T. Walter

Friday, 15 Apr 2016 – Westside High School, Houston, TX

The Westside High School Army JROTC conducted their Awards Ceremony on Friday evening, April 15th at the High School's auditorium in Houston. Outstanding Cadet Marcos Cera was presented with a *SUVCW* JROTC Award by their Sr. JROTC Instructor, Major Gilbert Gozalo.

Cadet Cera with his *SUVCW* Award Certificate and Medal

....photo submitted by Brother Bill Pollard



Saturday, 16 Apr 2016 - Klein Oak High School, Spring, TX

A Military ball for the Klein Oak High School JROTC was held at the Klein Multipurpose Center on FM 2920 in Spring, Texas on April 16, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event included a banquet, musicians, and an impressive and moving 'Missing in Action' ritual performed by the cadets. This formal affair was well attended by cadets and their parents.

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* Commendation Certificate and Medal with ribbon was presented to Cadet 2nd Lt. Abel Martinez of Klein Oak High School by JVC Michael Lance. Cadet Martinez also earned several other accomplishment awards and was a worthy recipient of the *SUVCW* recognition.

Brother Michael Lance and Cadet 2nd Lt. Abel Martinez

....Respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance



Friday, 22 Apr 2016 – Victoria West High School, Victoria, TX

Brother Thor Eric Chester presented two *SUVCW* JROTC Awards to outstanding Cadets at the Victoria High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was held Friday evening, April 22nd in the Victoria West High School cafeteria.

....photos submitted by Brother Thor Eric Chester

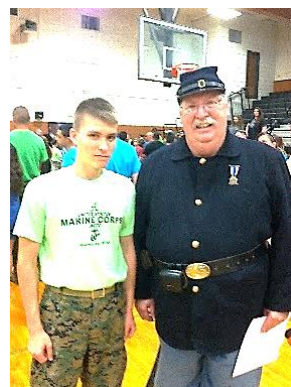


Friday, 22 Apr 2016 – Alvin High School, Alvin, TX

The Alvin High School Marine Corps JROTC conducted their Family Day/Awards Ceremony on the evening of April 22nd. Brother Bill Pollard attended the event which was held in the Alvin High School gymnasium. Brother Pollard presented a *SUVCW* Award to deserving Cadet 2nd Lt. Andrew Schumann.

Brother Pollard with Cadet Schumann

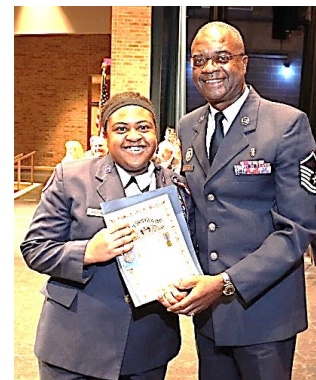
....photo submitted by Brother Bill Pollard



Wednesday, 27 Apr 2016 – Judson High School, Converse, TX

The JROTC Awards Ceremony for Judson High School was held Wednesday evening, April 27th in the High School’s auditorium in Converse, Texas. Converse is a relatively small town just east of San Antonio. Instructor Master Sgt. Timothy Netters presented the *SUVCW* JROTC Award to deserving recipient, Cadet Jasmine Washington.

Cadet Washington with Master Sgt. Netters



....photo submitted by Brother Bill Pollard

Friday, 6 May 2016 – Del Valle High School, Del Valle, TX



The Del Valle High School Air Force JROTC conducted their Awards Ceremony Friday evening, May 6th in the High School’s auditorium. Brother Thor Chester attended the event and presented the *SUVCW* JROTC Award to deserving Cadet Karla Montero. Del Valle High School, just southeast of Austin, was one of the 10 new schools that participated in the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2* JROTC Awards program this year.

Brother Thor Chester with Cadet Karla Montero

....photo submitted by Brother Bill Pollard

Friday, 13 May 2016 – Lamar Consolidated High School



On Friday, May 13th, Brother Ryan Rosa presented a *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* award packet to deserving recipient, Cadet Michael Nguyen.

The program began at 7:00 p.m. The Cadets were commanded by Major Stephen Hember, USAF (*Retired*) who is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at the high school.

Brother Ryan Rosa and Cadet Michael Nguyen

....Photo submitted by Brother Ryan Rosa

Friday, 13 May 2016 – Oak Ridge High School, Conroe, TX

The Oak Ridge High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Annual Awards Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. in a ballroom at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott in the Woodlands on May 13, 2016. Brother Michael Lance attended to personally present the *SUVCW* Award Certificate and medal to outstanding Cadet Nathaniel Krueger. Second-year Cadet Krueger was one of nearly 200 Cadets on hand for the Banquet. He earned an amazing total of 15 awards besides the *SUVCW* recognition. Master Sergeant Jimmy Twine also gave Brother Lance an additional badge to clip onto Cadet Krueger’s lapel. The Cadet was accompanied to the Banquet by his mother, who afterwards graciously offered to take the photo shown here.

Brother Michael Lance with Cadet Nathaniel Krueger



....submitted by JVC Michael Lance



Tuesday, 17 May 2016 – Pearland High School, Pearland, TX

The Pearland High School Army JROTC held their Awards Banquet on the evening of Tuesday, May 17th. *Department of Texas* (including Louisiana) Cmdr. Stevenson Holmes attended the event to personally present the *SUVCW* JROTC Award to outstanding Cadet Staff Sergeant Leah Scott.

Brother Stevenson Holmes with Cadet Scott

...photo submitted by Brother Steve Holmes

Thursday, 26 May 2016 – Wharton High School, Wharton, Texas

The Wharton High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday evening at the Wharton Knights of Columbus Hall in Wharton, Texas. Brother Thor Eric Chester attended the event to present a *SUVCW* Award to outstanding Cadet Tyler Franken.

Brother Chester with Cadet Franken

...submitted by Brother Thor Eric Chester



From the Commander's Tent *(continued from the front page)*

Daniel Monroe Coffman, the son of Josiah and Sabra Goodrich Coffman, was born on May 22, 1845 in Clay Twp., Gallia County, Ohio. In an obituary, it is stated that he was of Scots-Irish descent. Daniel was one of the first in his town to enlist, first serving in the Ohio 18th and then reenlisting into the Ohio 7th Cavalry. On November 6, 1863, at the battle of Rogersville, TN, Daniel was taken prisoner. In the same previously referenced obituary, it also states that he was a prisoner at Libby (not a nice place) and other southern prisons. The NPS *Soldiers and Sailors Search System* has Daniel M. Coffman of Co. L, 7th Ohio Cavalry as being a possible prisoner at Andersonville (even worse than Libby). In a recent email addressed to me, my cousin provides the following:

"I did find a piece of family history gold pertaining to my father's Civil War namesake, Daniel Coffman. He was captured and held at Andersonville. I came across a family history reminiscence of his younger brother, who remembered their mother packing a care package for his brother at the prison camp. She filled it with baked goods and a mother's love, but his mischievous younger brother added onions and carrots as a joke. After the war, when Dan was released, they learned he would have loved it if the whole thing was carrots and onions because everyone was suffering from scurvy."

We were both surprised that a Civil War prisoner on either side would have received a package sent from home. Daniel was mustered out at Nashville, TN on July 3, 1865 and it seems that he must have liked Tennessee, because he became one of the best known editors and lawyers in Tennessee. In 1880, he established the *Rockwood Times* and was the editor of that paper until 1906. Among other positions held by Daniel Coffman were Special agent in the U.S. General Law Office, Special Agent in the Department of Agriculture, Judge in the Roane County Court, County Clerk and Master and mayor of Rockwood.

In 1898, Daniel Coffman organized Company M of the 3rd *Tennessee Volunteers* and was elected Captain of the Company. After being mustered into service, Captain Coffman was commissioned Lt. Colonel of the regiment by Gov. Robert L. Taylor. After the War with Spain, Daniel M. Coffman would be forever known as Colonel D. M. Coffman. According to his veteran's pension record, Col. Coffman died November 8, 1914 at the *National Soldiers Home* outside of Johnson City, TN. and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery located in Rockwood, TN. In a continuation of the legacy, the late brother of my Coffman Y-DNA match was named Daniel Monroe Coffman, III.

....Camp Cmdr. Thomas Coughlin

Monday, May 30, 2016 – Houston VA National Cemetery in Houston.

Once again the turnout at the Houston VA National Cemetery in Houston was large. Even the early arrivers were forced to park a significant distance from the ceremonial area due to the size of the crowd. The weather cooperated nicely as dark rain clouds were visible - but remained off in the distance. Elements of numerous Veterans and heritage groups, ROTC units, Boy and Girl Scout troops, along with spectators of all stripes gathered to fill the Hemicyle and surrounding grounds.



Two cannons were supplied by the *Ike Turner Camp, SCV* for the event. One of the guns was graciously offered to the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2, SUVCW* for firing. A gun crew was assembled from the Brothers on hand, including Dept. Cmdr. Steve Holmes, Camp Cmdr. Tom Coughlin, SVC Bill Pollard, Secr/Treas. Gary White, and Karl Falken. Each volunteer was briefed on the function of his position on the gun.

L-R: Union cannon crew - Steve Holmes, Karl Falken (barely visible behind Brother Holmes), Gary White, Michael Farrar (trainer - Ike Turner SCV - not part of the crew), Tom Coughlin, and Bill Pollard.

Meanwhile, an 8-man Honor Guard was formed, which included *Lea Camp* Brothers JVC Michael Lance, Dale Leach, Bob Lockwood, and Karl Falken. Members of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry Regiment* rounded out the Honor Guard - which was commanded by Tom Whitesides of the 13th U.S. along with members Curtis Lewis, Lanny Low, and Glen Camp (additional photo on back cover).

The two cannons were fired in nearly perfect unison to signal the commencement of the official Memorial Day ceremonies. The members of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry* and the Brothers of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* were joined by Sister Norma Pollard of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1* to form up a Color Guard which marched into the Hemicyle to participate in the *Parade of Remembrance*. A wreath was placed by Sister Pollard.

Near the end of the program, the 8-man Honor Guard reassembled to march smartly into the Hemicyle again to offer a 7-gun musket salute. The spectators may have been a little confused when the announcer introduced the unit as the *15th Texas Infantry* – which is a Confederate unit – that did not show up! The muskets were double-charged and fired as one in an impressive volley.



After the rifle salute: the Union Honor Guard (on the far side just right of center) and VFW Honor Guard (on the right) stand at attention in the Hemicyle as a bugler plays Taps.

Then, as the Guard marched from the Hemicyle, Brother Falken was ordered to fall out at the double-quick to rejoin the cannon crew. Only a few moments passed before another mighty roar of the two cannons signaled the end of the program. A tip of the Kepi to the Brothers manning the cannon for a job learned quickly and well done!

....respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance

Saturday June 4, 2016 - Department of Texas, including Louisiana

While the 2016 Encampment of the *Department of Texas, including Louisiana* was officially conducted on Saturday, June 4, 2016, the event began unofficially the evening before. Department Cmdr. Steve Holmes welcomed Encampment delegates from across the Department to his home for an evening social reception. His wife, Vada Holmes, offered up an excellent dinner.

On Saturday, the doors to the Carriage House at the *Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research* in Houston opened at 10 a.m. The meeting room had been beautifully set up by Camp Cmdr. Tom Coughlin and his wife, UDC Sister Kathryn Coughlin, and SVC Bill Pollard and his wife, *Auxiliary* Sister Norma Pollard. SVC Bill Pollard and JVC Michael Lance manned the registration table while Sisters of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1*, including President Vali Reyes, Vice-President Norma Pollard, Secretary Jana Marsh, and Sister Sue Lenes served pastries and coffee. Beautiful Encampment cockade badges that were hand-made by the *Ladies Auxiliary* were presented to each delegate.



Left: Encampment badge

The business of the Department was soon dispatched in good order, including reports of officers and committees, and with discussion and voting on several key issues. A fine box lunch was served by the *Ladies Auxiliary* following the morning session.



National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski, traveled from Elmhurst, Illinois to attend the Encampment. He officiated the induction of the elected Department officers for the term 2016-2017. The newly elected officers include: Chuck Sprague, Cmdr.; Beau Moore, SVC; Thomas Coughlin, JVC; and Donald Gates, returning Secretary/Treasurer.

Left: National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski pinning a Commander's badge on Dept. Cmdr. elect Charles Sprague.



Right L-R: Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary Sisters Vali Reyes, Norma Pollard, Jana Marsh and Sue Lenes presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chaplain Kowalski.

Newly elected Officers for the term 2016-2017 include:

- L-R: Charles Sprague – Dept. Cmdr.**
- Beau Moore – Sr. Vice-Cmdr.**
- Thomas Coughlin – Jr. Vice-Cmdr.**
- Donald Gates – Secretary/Treasurer**



Depart. Cmdr., Sprague, made the following appointments for the term 2016-2017:

- Lewis Eugene Willis Sr., PDC Council Member – Camp 1
- Dr. Stevenson T. Holmes, PDC Council Member – Camp 2
- George F. Hansen, PDC., Council Member – Camp 18
- Donald Brannon Patriotic Instructor
- Harold L. Sickler, PDC Chaplain
- Hal C. Hughes Graves Registration Officer & Civil War Memorials Officer
- Michael L. Lance Historian
- John E. Schneider Eagle Scout Coordinator & Counselor
- Brian R. Glass, PDC Organizer

Delegates in attendance representing the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2* included:

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| Ben Bonnett | Karl Falken | Dale Leach | William Pollard |
| Thor Chester | Sam Hampton | Pete Lenes | Steve Schulze |
| Steven Coons | Steve Holmes | Harrison Moore | Gary White |
| Tom Coughlin | Michael Lance | Melvin Myers | |

Representing the *Gen. J. J. Byrne Camp #1*: **Don Brannon, Brian Glass, and Beau Moore**

Representing the *Col. E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18* included: **Don Gates, George Hansen, Drake Peddie, Paul Ridenour, and Charles Sprague**

....respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance

Brothers of the Camp,

The Camp has been informed of the passing of Past Camp Commander Stephan Forman on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Brother Forman was granted a discharge several years ago when he moved out of the area. He served as Camp Commander of *Edward Lea Camp* in 2001-2002.

...Submitted by Camp Secretary/Treasurer Gary White

Memorial services were held for Brother Forman on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple, Texas. He passed away at age 67 on Wednesday, April 13, at a local care facility. He was born July 20, 1948 in Houston and graduated from Belton High School. He then attended Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the *Corps of Cadets* and played on the Texas A&M baseball team.

Brother Forman graduated from A&M in 1970 and, in 1973, joined the Temple Police Department. He transferred to the Austin Police Department in 1975, where he served for 12 years before transferring to the Hewitt Police Department. Stephen retired from the Hewitt Police Department in 1991, having attained the rank of Detective.

Stephen was a loyal Aggie alumni and enjoyed watching Aggie football and baseball. He was involved in Civil War reenactments; collected baseball cards and antiques; and was very involved in his grandchildren's activities.

....source <http://www.harperatalasek.com>



Stephen D. Forman



Left: PCC Brother Forman (2nd from left, front row) at the graveside ceremonies honoring 1st Lt. John Wm. Boone, Co. E, 8th Reg. Indiana Cavalry in Junction, Texas on May 4, 2003. The two ladies seated in front were two of the three surviving real daughters of Lt. Boone. PCC Dean Letzring (far right, front row) who passed away in October 2014, stands behind the daughter on the right.

Below: Brother Forman (far right) commanded the musket squad during the three-volley salute to Lt. Boone.

....source – Harriet Lane Camp newsletter, Summer 2003, pg. 8

The photos on these pages show Brother Forman was very active with the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* until about 2005.



Left: Brother Forman (on left) trades a horse for a seat on the cannon trailer to participate in the 2003 Veteran's Day parade in downtown Houston.

....source – Harriet Lane Camp newsletter, Winter 2003, pg. 9

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Right: "PCC Stephen Forman has charge of the lanyard for the firing of one of the 1841 replica 6-pounder cannons on hand to open and close the Veterans Day ceremonies on November 11, 2004. The pieces were positioned in the park next to City Hall in downtown Houston and their firing was a highlight of the event."



... Source Harriet Lane Camp newsletter, Winter 2004, page 21



Left: Brother Steve Forman in February 2005 participating in the Battle of Long King Creek in Livingston, Texas. "As commander of the dismounted U.S. cavalry, he led the Union forces in their victory over the Southerners on Saturday. The climax of the battle including Steve's dispatching a number of the Southern foe (some of whom were members of his SCV Camp) with his sword."

... Source Harriet Lane Camp newsletter, Spring, 2005 issue page 9.

...respectfully submitted by Michael Lance

Sincerest Condolences to Bonnett Family

On behalf of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2, SUVCW*, I would like to offer the sincerest condolences to Brother Ben Bonnett and his family on the passing of his father, Chuck Bonnett. The funeral service was on Monday, June 6, 2016 in Conroe, Texas. I'm sure he was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

....JVC Michael Lance

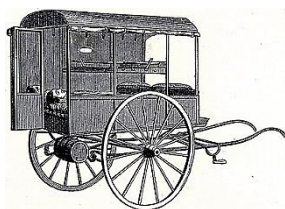
Medical Attention on the Battlefield

After it took nearly a full week to remove the wounded soldiers from the battlefield at the *2nd Battle of Bull Run* in the summer of 1862, Gen. George McClellan gave Jonathan Letterman, who was the assistant surgeon of the *Army Medical Department*, the freedom to do whatever it took to provide the men the care they deserved.

Letterman didn't waste any time. He created the country's first ambulance corps that included a multi-stage process in which men would run onto the field during battle, retrieve the wounded, and get them to a field-dressing station where his new system of triage - in which men were tended to based on their likelihood to live or die - was used. From there, men were moved to a field hospital if necessary - usually a nearby home or barn, and eventually to a large offsite hospital where they could receive long-term treatment without the chaos of battle raging around them.

This new multi-step process where soldiers were given first aid directly on the battlefield was tested at the *Battle of Antietam* in September 1862. It was a resounding success as medical personnel were able to remove all of the wounded from the field within 24 hours! Letterman's system was also successful at both the *Battle of Fredericksburg* and the *Battle of Gettysburg*, where thousands of wounded soldiers' lives were saved. His system was subsequently adopted for the U.S. Army by an Act of Congress in March 1864.

Below left: A 2-wheeled variety of ambulance (Coolidge) was used throughout war where the roads were smooth.



Right: The 4-wheeled Rosecrans/Wheeling ambulance began to appear in numbers about the time of Fredericksburg, and generally replaced the earlier 4-wheel models by the end of 1863.



Near the end of the war, the even more improved 4-wheeled (*Rucker*) ambulance was adopted and became the standard Army pattern ambulance during the post-war Indian campaigns.

....respectfully submitted by JVC Michael Lance

Old Abe, the war eagle, was one of the most notable Civil War mascots. He was the official mascot for Co. C, 8th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers - the *Eagle Regiment*. He gave moral support to the regiment during at least 42 battles and skirmishes.

Old Abe had been captured by Ahgamahwegezhig or "Chief Sky", the son of an influential leader of the Ojibwa Indian tribe. In early 1861, Chief Sky had set up a hunting and fishing camp near the South Fork of the Flambeau River in Wisconsin. He soon noticed a treetop nest "about the size of a bushel basket" containing two fledgling eagles. In an attempt to capture them, Chief Sky cut the tree down. One eaglet was injured in the fall and died soon after, but the other survived and became the young Indian's pet.

During the summer, Chief Sky and his father canoed down the Chippewa River on a trading expedition. At Jim Falls, Wisconsin, they encountered Daniel McCann, who lived nearby at Eagle Point. McCann offered to trade the Indians a bushel of corn for the eagle. The offer was accepted.

In August 1861, a company of volunteers was recruited from Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties - called the *Eau Claire Badgers*. Soon after the regiment was formed, McCann offered to sell the eagle to the *Badgers* for \$2.50. In his *History of Old Abe*, published in 1865, Joseph O. Barrett, who helped McCann bring the eagle to Eau Claire, gave a description of the transaction, which can be paraphrased as:



"Will you buy my eagle," said McCann, "only two dollars and a half?"

"Here, boys, let's put in twenty five cents apiece," answered Frank McGuire, who began to collect quarters.

Old Abe posing for a photo

McCann also solicited a contribution from a civilian, S. M. Jeffers, but was rebuffed. When the soldiers heard about Jeffers' refusal to contribute, they accosted him with three 'lusty groans'. When Jeffers understood that the soldiers were protesting against his reluctance to help buy the eagle, Jeffers laughed, paid for the bird with a Quarter Eagle, and presented her to the Company.

After that, he received cheers instead of groans from the *Badgers*. The regiment cheerfully adopted the young eagle and officially swore him in as their mascot. The donated quarters were returned to the men. Captain Perkins named the eagle after President Lincoln. Quartermaster, Francis L. Billings, made a special perch, a shield perch attached to a wooden pole, on which to carry the eagle into battle (see photo at right). James McGinnis, volunteered to take care of their new mascot.



Old Abe participated in recruitment events, marches, and parades sitting on his special perch. When the 8th Wisconsin went into battle, the Confederates reportedly tried in vain to capture or kill "the Yankee Buzzard," knowing the demoralizing impact it would have on the regiment. Contemporary newspaper accounts of the *Battle of Corinth* claimed that *Old Abe* "soared over the front lines screeching at the enemy". However, according to David McLain, who cared for *Old Abe* while his unit participated in many southern battles, these stories were exaggerated. McLain wrote that:

"... A bullet cut the cord that held the eagle to his perch. About the same time that the cord was cut, Old Abe was shot through one wing, cutting out three quill feathers, but not drawing blood, and the bearer [McLain] was shot through the left shoulder of his blouse and right leg of his pants.[The eagle] flew about 50 feet down the line, [that] must have been what caused the newspapers to come out the next week with great headlines telling about the eagle of the 8th Wisconsin getting away after a rebel bullet cut his cord and soaring, over the lines of both armies, and back to his perch, which is not so. He was quite excited always in battle and he'd spread his wings and scream but never flew over the lines of either army."

Old Abe participated in many public appearances and was a champion fundraiser for relief causes, such as the *U.S. Sanitary Commission*. Thousands of photographs of the bird were sold to raise money for soldier relief. *Old Abe* "retired" from active duty September 28, 1864 and was presented to the state of Wisconsin. He was put on display in a cage at the state capital. In 1881, *Old Abe* died of smoke inhalation after the state capital caught on fire. State officials immediately had him stuffed and preserved - and, as such, went back on public display. A 2nd fire destroyed the bird's remains. Today, a replica of *Old Abe* stands on display at the state capital as a memorial to the brave eagle. His image was eventually adopted as the screaming eagle on the insignia of the *U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division*.

....respectfully submitted by JVC Michael Lance

The *Medal of Honor* is the USA's highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. It was first awarded during the Civil War after President Lincoln signed a bill containing a provision for the medal for the Navy on December 21, 1861. It was "to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war."



Left: **Navy Version of the original Medal of Honor (1862)**

With this issue of the *Harriet Lane*, in honor of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN - the namesake of our Camp, I am continuing to present a review of the recipients of the Medal of Honor who served in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War....editor

- **Frank Bois** – Quartermaster. Frank Bois (or Boise) was born in Quebec, Canada on 13 Sep 1841. He initially joined the 10th Massachusetts Infantry from Northampton, Massachusetts in June 1861. He was later transferred to the U.S. Navy in September 1862, and discharged a year later.

Boise served as quartermaster onboard the ironclad *U.S.S. Cincinnati* during the attack on the Vicksburg batteries. Engaging the enemy in a fierce battle, the *Cincinnati*, amidst an incessant fire of shot and shell, continued to fire her guns to the last, though so penetrated by enemy shellfire that her fate was sealed. She sunk during the battle on 27 May 1863. Conspicuously cool in making signals throughout the battle, Bois, after all the *Cincinnati's* staffs had been shot away, succeeded in nailing the flag to the stump of the foremast to enable this proud ship to go down "with her colors nailed to the mast." Bois died on January 25, 1920 and is buried in Seattle, Washington.



USS Cincinnati

- **William S. Bond** - Boatswain's Mate. William S. Bond was a soldier born in Boston in 1839. He enlisted into United States Navy aboard the Union warship *U.S.S. Kearsarge* on 16 January 1862. On 19 June, 1864, Bond was aboard the *Kearsarge*, under command of Captain John Ancrum Winslow, in its hunt for the *C.S.S. Alabama*. The *Alabama* was discovered anchored for repairs at Cherbourg Harbor in France.

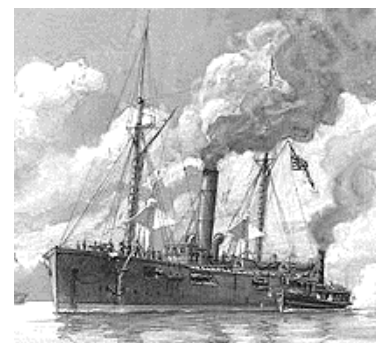
Both ships headed for battle just outside French waters and fought what became known as the *Battle of Cherbourg*. The *Alabama* was sunk within hours. Bond, along with 16 other members of the *Kearsarge* crew, was awarded with the *Medal of Honor* for their gallantry during this battle. He was honored with the award on 31 December 1864. His citation reads:

"Served on board the U.S.S. Kearsarge when she destroyed the Alabama off Cherbourg, France, 19 June 1864. Carrying out his duties courageously, Bond exhibited marked coolness and good conduct and was highly recommended for his gallantry under fire by his divisional officer."

Bond died 17 March 1892 in Vallejo, California and was buried at the Sunrise Memorial Cemetery.

- **Thomas Bourne** - Seaman and Gun Captain. Bourne was a native of England and began his career as a sailor at age 14, serving as a cabin boy on ships in the Atlantic Ocean. He eventually found his way to New York and enlisted in the U.S. Navy from there in 1861.

By April 1862, he had reached the rank of seaman and was a gun captain aboard the *U.S.S. Varuna*. On April 24, the *Varuna* participated in a Union attack on Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip near New Orleans. During this action, the ship was rammed twice by the Confederate steamer *C.S.S. Governor Moore* (formerly known as the *Charles Morgan*) and eventually sunk. Bourne continued to operate his gun throughout the close-range fight, despite intense Confederate fire. He survived the battle and the sinking without injury. For these actions, he was awarded the *Medal of Honor* a year later, on April 3, 1863. His citation states:



U.S.S. Varuna

"Served as captain of a gun on board the U.S.S. Varuna during an attack on Forts Jackson and St. Philip and while under fire and ramming by the rebel ship Morgan, 24 April 1862. During this action at extremely close range while his ship was under furious fire and was twice rammed by the rebel ship Morgan, Bourne remained steadfast at his gun and was instrumental in inflicting damage on the enemy until the Varuna, badly damaged and forced to beach, was finally sunk."

In 1864, Bourne was injured while shifting a gun. He was discharged in November of that year at the rank of chief quartermaster.

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After his military service, Bourne became a farmer in the village of Jones in Cass County, Michigan. He died of heart disease at about age 53 and was buried at Poe Cemetery near Jones. His grave was marked by a simple veteran's headstone until 2009, when it was discovered that he was a *Medal of Honor* recipient. A new headstone which made note of his *Medal of Honor* was dedicated on October 10, 2009. Bourne's *Medal of Honor* was passed down through his family until reaching his great-great-granddaughter, who donated the medal to *Michigan's Own Military & Space Museum* in Frankenmuth.

- **Edward R. Bowman** – Quartermaster. Bowman was born in 1826. He volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the Union sloop-of-war *U.S.S. Ticonderoga* in 1862. His enlistment is credited to the state of Maine. On January 15, 1865, the North Carolina Confederate stronghold of Fort Fisher was taken by a combined Union storming party of sailors, marines, and soldiers under the command of Admiral David Dixon Porter and General Alfred Terry. Bowman was aboard the *Ticonderoga* which directed its fire at Fort Fisher. His citation reads:

"The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Quartermaster Edward R. Bowman, United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving on board the U.S.S. TICONDEROGA during attacks on Fort Fisher, North Carolina, 13 to 15 January 1865. Despite severe wounds sustained during the action Quartermaster Bowman displayed outstanding courage in the performance of duty as his ship maintained its well-placed fire upon the batteries on shore, and thereafter, as she materially lessened the power of guns on the mound which had been turned upon our assaulting columns. During this battle the flag was planted on one of the strongest fortifications possessed by the rebels.

- **Amos Bradley** – Landsman. Born in 1837 in Dansville, New York, Bradley was still living in that state when he joined the Navy. He served during the Civil War as a landsman on the *U.S.S. Varuna*. At the Battles of Forts Jackson and St. Philip near New Orleans on April 24, 1862, the *Varuna* was rammed twice by the Confederate steamer *C.S.S. Governor Moore* (formerly known as the *Charles Morgan*) and eventually sunk. Bradley was stationed at the ship's wheel and showed "the greatest courage" throughout the close-range fight. For this action, he was awarded the *Medal of Honor* a year later, on April 3, 1863. Bradley's official *Medal of Honor* citation reads:

"Served on board the U.S.S. Varuna in one of the most responsible positions, during the attacks on Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and while in action against the rebel ship Morgan, 24 April 1862. Although guns were raking the decks from behind him, Bradley remained steadfast at the wheel throughout the thickest of the fight, continuing at his station and rendering service with the greatest courage until his ship, repeatedly holed and twice rammed by the rebel ship Morgan, was beached and sunk."

In 1883, Bradley moved to Spokane, Washington. He died at his home on June 9, 1894, at age 56 or 57. His grave was unmarked until 2009, when his status as a *Medal of Honor* recipient was discovered and a military headstone was installed.

- **John Brazell** – Quartermaster. Brazell was born in 1837 in Philadelphia. He was still living in that city when he joined the Navy. He served during the Civil War first on the *U.S.S. Brooklyn*. In the April 1862 Battle of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, the *Brooklyn* fought Confederate ships on the Mississippi River and passed artillery batteries at Chalmette, Louisiana, leading to the capture of New Orleans. The ship then proceeded up the river and Brazell participated in the passage of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in mid-1862 before transferring to the *U.S.S. Richmond*. At the *Battle of Mobile Bay* on August 5, 1864, he showed "coolness and good conduct" while serving as a quartermaster and gun captain aboard *Richmond*. For this action, he was awarded the *Medal of Honor* four months later, on December 31, 1864. His official *Medal of Honor* citation reads:

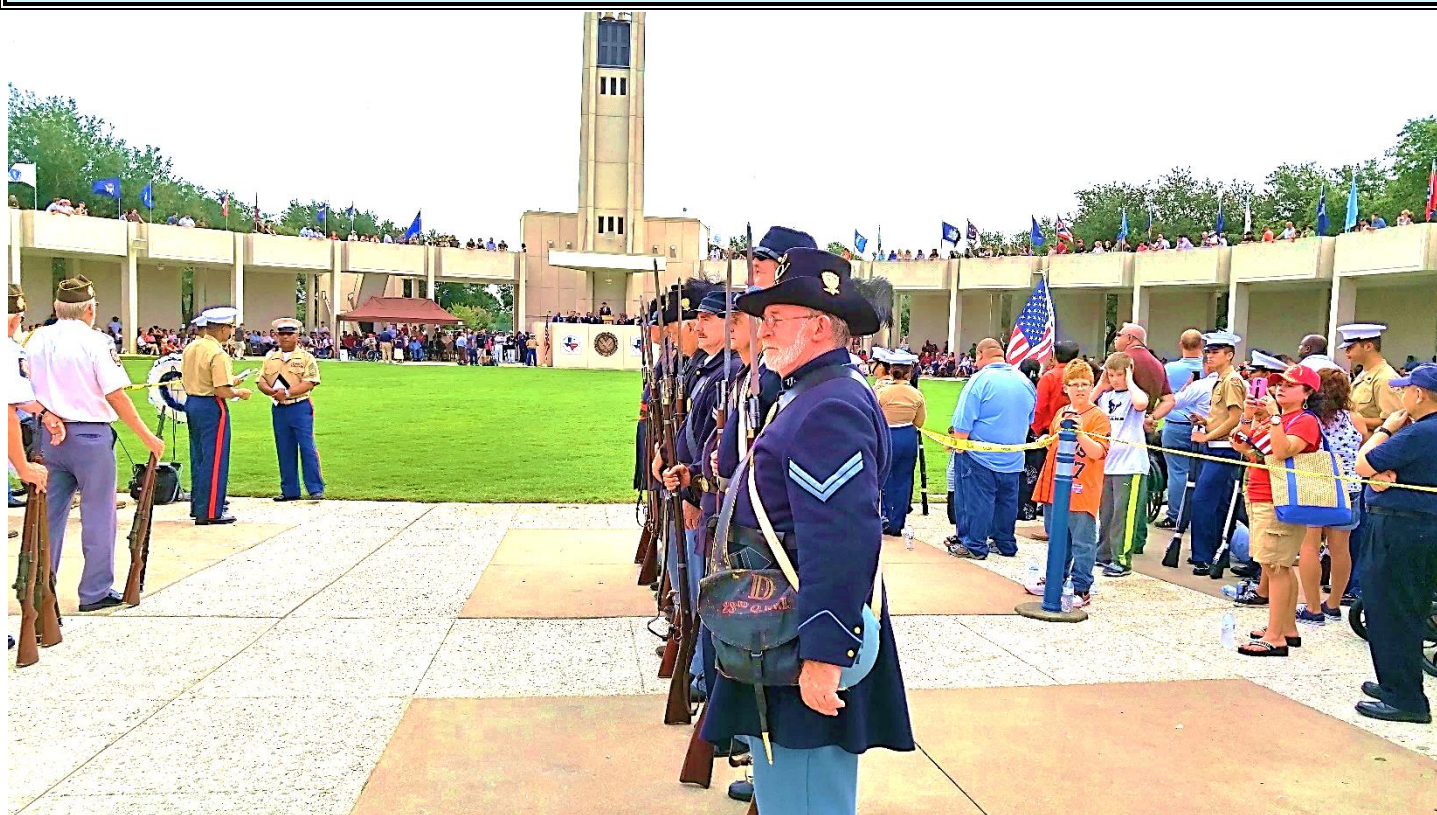
"Served on board the U.S.S. Richmond in the action at Mobile Bay, 5 August 1864, where he was recommended for coolness and good conduct as a gun captain during that engagement which resulted in the capture of the rebel ram Tennessee and in the destruction of Fort Morgan. Brazell served gallantly throughout the actions with Forts Jackson and St. Philip, the Chalmettes, batteries below Vicksburg, and was present at the surrender of New Orleans while on board the U.S.S. Brooklyn."

Brazell died in Philadelphia on August 12, 1866 at age 29.



The reverse of his medal reads:
Personal Valor
John Brazell
Quarter Master
U.S.S. Richmond
Mobile Bay August 1864

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The 8-man Union Honor Guard is assembled and ready to march into the grassy area of the Hemicyle at the Houston National Veterans Cemetery on May 30, 2016. The Guard consisted of members of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2, SUVCW and Co. A, 13th U.S. Regular Infantry*. The Federal unit was commanded by Sgt. Thomas Whitesides of the 13th U.S. (who is barely visible at the far end of the line).

The Guard marched in and moved to the right, while the more modern VFW unit (partially seen at the far left of the image) marched in and turned to the left. Three volleys were fired in honor of the U.S. Veterans – both past and present. The Union Honor Guard fired the 2nd of the 3 volleys.

The Honor Guard was comprised of Brothers: Dale Leach, Karl Falken, Michael Lance, and Bob Lockwood of the *Lea Camp*, and Curtis Lewis, Lanny Low, Thomas Whitesides, and Glen Camp of the 13th U.S.

*“The Union, which can alone insure internal peace,
And external security to each State,
Must and Shall be Preserved,
Cost what it may in time, treasure, and blood.”*

George B. McClellen

(1828 - 1914)

"Little Mac" aka. "The Young Napoleon"

Soldier, civil engineer, railroad executive, and Democratic politician

General-in-Chief of the Union Army (1861 – 1862)

24th Governor of New Jersey (1878 – 1881)