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A Message from the Editor

Dear Brothers: With this special edition of *The California Column* I have tried to provide you a summary of the events that transpired at the 122nd National Encampment held at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. As you can imagine, there were many events, reports, awards, and meetings that the membership was involved with over the four day Encampment. You will be pleased to know that the Delegates representing the Department of California and Pacific were very successful in representing all members of the Department.

Various issues came up at the Encampment. These included simple things such as accepting recommendations and reports of officers and committees, to the more



complex issues of amending the National Regulations, and most importantly electing a new slate of officers for the

2003-2004 term. Although the Delegation was not always unanimous in its voting, you can be assured that each Delegate made an independent decision to represent the Department the best way he felt he could.

Besides representing the Department of California and Pacific, and honoring our ancestors who fought to save the Union, Brothers made a point of enjoying themselves in the fraternal manner that would probably have been observed by their forefathers in the G.A.R. (I have intentionally omitted pictures

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to protect the guilty). Overall, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with Brothers from throughout the country. Many of us made new friends and were able to share ideas for future Encampments.

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity,
and Loyalty,*

DANIEL R. EARL, Editor

**CAMP 21
RECEIVES
TOP
AWARD**

At various times during the National Encampment **C-IN-C ROBERT GRIM** presented



awards to Brothers from different Camps and Departments. One of the last awards to be announced came as a very welcomed surprise to all of the California and Pacific Delegates, especially those representing Camp 21.



The Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 was presented with the **Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Outstanding Camp Award**. This award is presented to the **BEST** Camp in the Order that is selected from throughout the entire nation. Accepting the award on behalf of Camp 21 was Camp Commander and Encampment Delegate **JERRY SAYRE**.

When asked for his response to receiving the award, Commander **SAYRE** replied that although he knew Camp 21 had been nominated for the award, he “didn’t figure we had a chance until CinC Grim started listing all of our events. I thought, ‘Hey, we did all that!’” **JERRY** admits, in a very humble manner, “how very proud and honored [he is] by this recognition of our efforts.” When asked where the trophy would be

exhibited, he admitted that, “As of now, on our TV at home. I’ll bring him to Fresno [for the reenactment]. After that he’ll probably visit several houses.”



Commander **SAYRE** also expressed his thanks to everyone: “This would not have been possible without the help and support of many Brothers (and wives) . . . and other Camps. But we [Camp 21] get to keep the trophy!”



JERRY concluded with one final thought: “They aren’t getting it back! We are now, and will always be 2003 Camp of the Year. I may finally get a tattoo!” Of course he adds that he was just kidding that he would have to seek pre-approval from his wife, **KIM**.

Congratulations to Camp 21 – the **BEST** Camp in the Nation in 2003!

Military Salute to Bob Hope

submitted by Daniel R. Earl and Bob Lowe, PDC

Brothers: An IMPORTANT reminder that tax-deductible donations are still needed for the Bob Hope monument. With a donation as little as \$20 you will receive a nice plaque in honor of the late Mr. Bob Hope. Please read the article below for details.

BOB HOPE, the actor, entertainer and comedian, is universally known around the world for his long career as a star of stage, screen and television. Yet it is in the hearts of generations of U.S. servicemen that his most enduring legacy will reside. For over a period of fifty years, from 1943, he dedicated himself to entertaining soldiers, sailors and airmen of the armed forces in the many battle fronts and remote outposts where they've served throughout the world. His overseas USO tours, which often took place over Christmas, were deeply

appreciated and well remembered by countless thousands of servicemen on protracted tours of duty, often under combat conditions, far from their homes and families.



Fifty-seven years have passed since **BOB HOPE** first entertained our country's men and women in uniform. Whenever there was a need, **BOB HOPE** was there. Thanks to him, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have had their spirits lifted. Congress has honored Mr. **HOPE** five times. But, in October 1997, he received one of his greatest tributes when he was unanimously made an Honorary Veteran – the first individual so honored in the history of the United States. Ninety-nine and still making a difference. That's **BOB HOPE**. Now it's our turn to make a difference in honoring this legendary man.

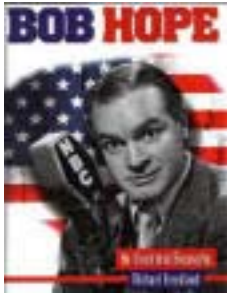
Currently, Taffy III is raising funds to create a Military Tribute to **BOB HOPE** in recognition of his efforts

for all our country's servicemen and women. Taffy III is a group of World War II Navy veterans who served on three ships that were sunk during the Battle for Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. ("Taffy III" was the code name of this task unit.) In recent years, these men have devoted their efforts toward raising money for monuments to preserve the history of this era. In the past several years they have successfully erected and dedicated four monuments. The Port of San Diego has graciously donated almost a full acre of land on the shoreline of San Diego Bay for tribute to **BOB HOPE**. This property is worth approximately 4.9 million dollars.



One of the hardest obstacles to overcome was the agreement of **BOB**, his wife **DELORES** and daughter **LINDA** to erect this Military Tribute. After 14 months of communications and meetings, agreement was reached with certain conditions: that money raised for this project would

come from the Veterans themselves and the American people. It was further agreed that corporate money would not be solicited and neither his former corporate sponsors nor professional friends be approached for funds.



Completion of this “tribute” requires the raising of 4.5 million additional dollars. All Brothers are encouraged to make a donation to this worthy tax-deductible cause. Brother **BOB LOWE** (PDC) of Pittenger Camp 21 has been designated the “collection man” for these donations. Not part of the resolution, but certainly an enticement to move forward these donations, was the following offer by publisher and fellow member **GEORGE VAN VALKENBERG**: any organization or entity thereof (such as our Department) that collects 50 or more donations of \$20 each will receive the following – a 5”x7” plaque for each donor (\$20 or more) and one for the Department. A prototype of this plaque was

shown at the Encampment. Each plaque will be inscribed with the name of the donor, the SUVCW Department emblem, and a photo of **BOB HOPE**.

Please make your checks payable to “Military Tribute to Bob Hope” and mail them to Brother **BOB LOWE**, PDC at 780 Paulsen Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020-7346. More details can be found at <http://www.hopetribute.org/> and http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego_publicart/bobhopetribute.asp or by contacting Brother **BOB LOWE** via email at <cavalry21@cox.net>.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

by
D. Brad Schall,
Department Commander

A lot has happened since our last newsletter and many new and exciting things are happening now as I write this column.



Our Department was well represented at the National Encampment at Ft. Mitchell and I would like to thank Brothers Hoadley, Campbell, Earl, Lowe, Kadlec, Sayre, Allyn, Roosevelt, and Valasco for their attendance and the fellowship we all had at the encampment.

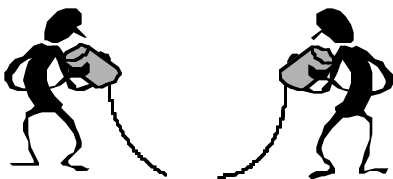
We walked away with recognitions, committee assignments in the SUVCW and SVR and a continued Department acceptance at the National level. Most impressive however was for that for the first time, Commander-in-Chief Grim selected the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 as Camp of the Year. Certainly every member of Camp 21 can be proud of the recognition, hard work, energy level and attitude of this Camp. As a Department it was gratifying that we have come of age. Congratulations to Commander Sayre and the Pittenger Camp.

Our Department has grown in the number of Camps, Brothers and activities during the past few years and as we think about electing new officers for the coming year, I believe that it behooves each of us to access our Camps' strengths and weakness. It is time to look at our activities, time to evaluate our progress in the Civil War community, time to review the goals and objectives of our Order. Every Camp is unique, and every Camp honors the Boys in Blue differently, so now is the time to talk to each other about what direction you want your Camp to go. Use your Department officers as a resource.



I want to express my appreciation for the activities of the Rosecrans, Pittenger and the proposed Sedgwick-Granger Camps in their recent events in the southern part of our Department. They reached part to the old days of the GAR in Orange County and held a picnic in conjunction with the Huntington Beach reenactment. It was great. Thanks Commander Roosevelt.

Department officers Earl, Campbell and myself had the privilege of presenting the Camp Charter to Carlin Camp #25 in Gardnerville, Nevada. Welcome to the Department Camp 25. They represent the very best of who we are. In the next month or so we will present to Commander Spencer, the Col. Robert Matheson Camp 16 Charter. We are looking forward to that time.



I won't have many more opportunities to say thank you because in March you will elect another Commander, it has been a humbling experience being associated with you guys, so thanks for the memories.

We have set the time and date for our 2004 Department encampment. We will be having the event March 19-20 at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo. Please make plans to attend, it's worth the effort.

Department Encampment Scheduled

It's now official! The 118th Annual Department Encampment for the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in San Luis Obispo.

The Encampment will be held on the weekend of March 19th and 20th at the Elks Lodge where it was held last year. At this Encampment we will be honored with the presence of Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong.



Further details will be forthcoming from Department Senior Vice Commander Linn Hoadley as they become available.

STATE OF THE ORDER

by then-CinC Robert Grim

Over the year the Commander-in-Chief is involved in many activities. Those activities, among other things, were included in C-in-C Grim's "State of the Order" as summarized here:

"Our Order has been transformed in many ways during the past twelve months. . . . It has been my privilege to implement some of the most dramatic changes our Order has undergone since the birth of this venerable organization in 1881. There are always some who find change difficult to accept. Fear of the unknown is natural, but once we become adjusted to our new situation we generally discover the change was a positive move. . . .

"One of the most difficult changes for some of our members to accept was the per capita tax increase of \$6,000 per year. . . . [S]uch action was necessary to keep our Order in a sound financial position. Most people understand the economic situation of our country, and when they see state and local governments raising taxes and many corporations suffering a downturn in profits they recognize that organizations such as ours suffer from low interest returns while our operating expenses climb as we provide more and better services to our members. . . .

“Our membership has decreased slightly since this per capita increase took effect. . . . I am confident we will soon regain the membership strength we had prior to the per capita tax increase and the Order will continue to grow.



“The new annual reporting system took effect this spring . . . affect[ing] the camp and department officers much more than the general membership. The response to this change has been overwhelmingly favorable. . . . I am confident [Brothers] . . . will come to like the change as they become more familiar with the way the new system works.

“Through the efforts of our Senior Vice commander-in-Chief **KENT ARMSTRONG** and the Program and Policy Committee all of our forms are now available on our national web site and can be down loaded as needed. Because of this, I issued General Order No. 11 requiring all camps and departments to use the most current forms. . . .

“The encampment last year authorized a military service medal for SUVCW Brothers who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. I appointed a special committee chaired by the National Patriotic Instructor

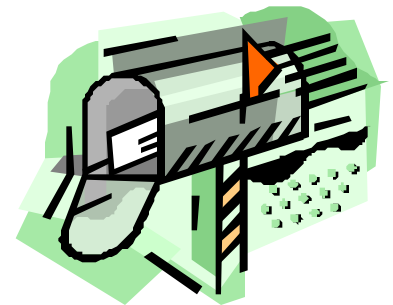
DON DARBY to design a medal for this purpose. The committee’s design was approved by the Council of Administration and the new Military Service Medal is now available for purchase through the National Quartermaster.

“Brother **DARBY** also gets the credit for the Last Soldier Project which seeks to identify and mark the grave site of the last Civil War veteran to die in each county and in each state in the United States. I am extremely pleased with the initial response to this program and encourage each camp and department to vigorously pursue this endeavor. . . .

“In my travels throughout the country I have seen nothing but hard working Brothers doing a fantastic job on a volunteer basis to promote the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. If **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STEPHENSON**, the founder of the G.A.R., or **MAJOR A. P. DAVIS**, founder of what is now called the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was to re-appear, I think both would say, “Well done Brothers.” We have successfully implemented all the mandates of the last encampment, and the Order has withstood the winds of change and is headed for a brilliant future sailing on a sound financial base. I am happy to report the State of the Order is excellent and improving daily and the credit for this success goes to the hard working Brothers of this great Order. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commander-in-Chief.”

REPORT OF THE SENIOR-VICE C-IN-C

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, **KENT ARMSTRONG**, also serves as editor of the *Banner*. Most of his report was concentrated on issues surrounding its publication.



Brother **ARMSTRONG** reported that “[m]any compliments have been received, regarding the better quality of paper (gloss) that’s been sued for the past eight issue of the *Banner*. Paper that has a matte finish would be less expensive (approx. \$200 less per issue with the current printer).” As a result, Brother **ARMSTRONG** therefore recommended “that the Encampment membership vote as to whether or not they would like the change in appearance for an approximate annual savings of \$800.” When this came up for a vote the membership overwhelmingly opposed the idea and elected to maintain the nice glossy print editions that we have now.”

National Secretary Report

National Secretary **EDWARD J. KRIESER (PC-IN-C)** reported that he had been working “with organizers and department officers in forming 14 new camps, 11 of which have been completed and charters issued.” Our membership now stands at 4,856 members (this includes 18 Real Sons, 316 Life Members, 3 Honorary members, and 430 Associates), plus 113 Juniors. “There were 649 new Brothers in the past year. In that same time frame we lost 1,373,” a net membership loss of 724 or 11%.”

REPORT of the National Treasurer

The overall report of the National Treasurer, which includes all the budget details, is over a dozen pages long. In short, National Treasurer **MAX NEWMAN** reported the following:

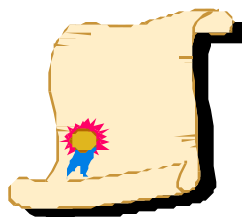
“To date, all bills for the National Organization have been paid. I believe that this is as a direct result of the increase in Per Capita resulting in an increase in overall



income over the previous fiscal year, and as a direct result of the decrease in overall expenses, over the previous fiscal year. Membership also increased from the previous fiscal year and Life Membership continues to grow. In regard to the finances of the SUVCW National Treasury, the organization has had a successful year.”

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE REPORT

National ESSC **ROBERT M. PETROVIC (PDC)** provided the Encampment with the number of certificates sent out to each Department. The Department of California and Pacific ranked number one at 212 certificates being requested for distribution to Eagle Scouts. Following the Department of California and Pacific at 160 certificates was the Department of Pennsylvania, and the Department of New Jersey ranking third at 149 certificates.



National Encampment Site Committee Reports

Brother Charles W. Corfman (PC-in-C), Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee reported the following assignments for future Encampments:

2004 – Hosted by the Dept. of Iowa in Cedar Rapids; August 11-15. Collins Plaza Hotel and Convention Center and is basically the same as the hotel we were in at Springfield, MO.



2005 – Hosted by the Dept. of New Hampshire in Nashua; August 3-7. Crown Plaza Nashua, NH.

2006 – Hosted by the Dept. of Pennsylvania in the Pittsburgh area.

2007 – Hosted by the Dept. of Missouri in Saint Louis.

2008 – Both New York and Michigan have requested this year.

NATIONAL REGULATIONS AMENDED

The National Committee on Constitution and Regulations proposed several amendments to the National Regulations. They are listed below –

I) The addition of § 10 to the end of Chapter V, Article III Badges and Decorations: “Those Brothers obtaining life membership may wear a life member bar, as provided by the National Quartermaster, upon their membership badge.”

II) Add § 11 to Chapter V, Article III Badges and Decorations: “Those Brothers who have been Brothers of the Order for twenty-five continuous years (never having been dropped), may wear a service numeral ‘25,’ as provided by the National Quartermaster, upon their membership badge. Such numerals are also authorized for 30 years, 35 years, 40 years and 45 years as brothers of the Order. Years as Junior and/or Associate of the Order are counted toward the year totals.

III) Add new § 7 to Chapter I, Article II Membership: “A Brother in good standing shall be granted an Honorable Discharge upon written request to the Camp Commander. A Brother issued an Honorable Discharge may apply for admission to any other Camp or membership-at-large at a later date.”

IV) Revise § 3 of Chapter I, Article II Membership to read as follows: “A Brother whose dues are not paid by March 1

may be dropped for nonpayment of dues by a vote of the Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him. the Camp which dropped the Brother may require the payment of all indebtedness prior to concurring with the admission to another Camp. A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order.”



V) Add the following subsections to § 3 of Chapter V, Article I: “(d) Honorable Discharge – a certificate of voluntary separation from membership granted to a Brother in good standing upon his request.

(e) General Discharge for the Good of the Order – a certificate of a less than honorable discharge, but not a punitive discharge issued to a Brother who has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or is not in good standing at the time he requested a discharge.

(f) Dishonorable Discharge – a certificate of separation from membership following a conviction under disciplinary procedures as presented in

National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI.

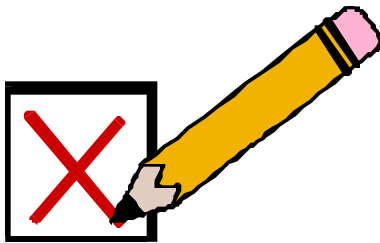
VI) The Committee was ordered by the by the CofA to propose an amendment to the National Regulations, Chapter V, Article III Badges, § 3(f) as follows: “As of the 122nd National Encampment of the Order, the War Medal is discontinued and may not be awarded by the Order. Any Brother previously awarded a War Medal may continue to wear same as set forth in these Regulations.” The Committee recommended non-concurrence of the amendment and it was defeated. The current War medal language of Article III remains in effect.

VII) The 121st National Encampment directed the following language be added to §1 of Chapter IV, Article I, Organization and Structure: “A Camp Guard must be the name of the Camp, followed by the Camp number and then the phrase “Camp Guard”, with no other additional words or numbers. All members of the Camp Guard must be Brothers of the Camp. A Department Guard must be named: “Department Guard, Department of (name of Department)”, with no additional words or numbers. All members of the Department Guard, must be Brothers of the Department.”

VIII) CofA proposal to amend § 1 of Chapter V, Article II Bonds to add the following as bonded officers: “Jr. Vice commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Treasurer, National Executive Director and National Patriotic Instructor.”

NEW COMMANDER -IN- CHIEF ELECTED

One of the final pieces of business for the 122nd National Encampment was the election of officers. The results are as follows: CinC: Kent L. Armstrong Sr. Vice CinC: Steve Michaels Jr. Vice CinC: Don Darby



There was one open Council position and several candidates. For a Brother to be elected to this position, a majority vote is required. As a result of having multiple candidates, several ballots had to be called until a single Brother received the necessary majority. In the end, Brother David P. Stephen of the Dept. of Iowa was the newly elected member of the Council.

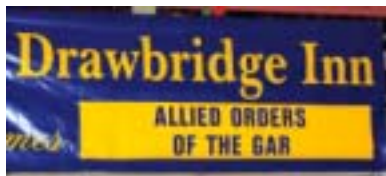


The Department of California and Pacific sends its congratulations to all officers and wishes them the best for this upcoming year.

CA & Pacific Brothers Appointed to National Posts

As the Department of California and Pacific continues to grow, we have been rewarded with the appointment of our membership to many key positions at the National level. These include (in alphabetical order):

- Bro. Dave Allyn as National Guide



- Bro. Tad D. Campbell, Comm. on History and Comm. on Membership
- Bro. Daniel R. Earl, Chair of the Comm. on Legislation and National Aide to the Constitution and Regulations Comm.
- Bro. Linn P. Hoadley as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator
- Bob Lowe, PDC, Comm. on Graves Registrations
- Bro. Kirby R. Morgan, National Aide to Civil War Memorials Comm.
- Bro. Jerry Sayre, Comm.

- on Fraternal Relations
- Bro. Brad Schall, Chair of the Comm. on Fraternal Relations, Comm. on eBay Surveillance, and National Aide to Civil War Memorials Comm.

Fort Mitchell Encampment Provides Start of a Trek Through Kentucky: On the Trail of Our Union Ancestors

*submitted by
Brother Glen L. Roosevelt
&
Brother Rudy E. Velasco, Jr.*

he site of the 2003 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the GAR was well located to act as a starting point for descendants of soldiers of the 23rd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry to follow the trail of their ancestors' unit through Kentucky.

The Twenty-Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment arrived in Cincinnati at about five o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, September 17, 1862. Amongst Colonel Joshua J. Guppy's charges taking their breakfast at the Fifth Street Market Place that morning were Private Jacob D. Stroud of Captain E. Howard Irwin's Company H (The Lodi Badgers), and Private Robert J. Ford of Captain Anson R. Jones' Company I (The Capital Guards). Both men had entered the Federal Service along with

the rest of the regiment when they were mustered-in on August 30, 1862 by Major R.S. Smith of the U.S. Army at Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin.

Rudy E. Velasco, Jr., great-grandson of Robert J. Ford; and Glen L. Roosevelt, great-grand nephew of Private Jacob D. Stroud arrived at the Cincinnati - Covington Airport on August 6, 2003 to attend the 122nd Annual National Encampment.

General Gordon Granger in command of the Army of Kentucky had ordered the 23rd to take their place in the defenses below Covington on September 16, 1862. Major Charles H. Williams of Baraboo led the regiment south across the Ohio River at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon on September 17, 1862.

The Sons started their pursuit of their ancestor's trek through Kentucky on the morning after the Encampment was closed, by backtracking to the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. At the middle mound of Union burials that had been part of the SUVCW memorial service on Thursday, the Sons located the grave of Private Elijah C. Spear a 21-year old school teacher of Company F and Baraboo. One of the first casualties of the war for the 23rd, Private Spear died of disease on October 22, 1862, just 37 days after the regiment had arrived at Cincinnati. Although the 23rd would fight no battles in Kentucky, silent sentinels like Elijah Spear would mark the way for the Sons to follow.

The next step in the journey would also be signaled by some of the silent sentinels of the past. The memorial dedication for Kentucky Civil War Adjutant General John W. Finnel at the Linden Grove Cemetery in Covington on

Sunday, August 10, 2003 provided the opportunity to survey that old burial place for three more of the 23rd veterans who succumbed to disease within the early days of their campaign. Brother Steve Clifford of Kentucky was able to verify that two of the burials, Privates Jerome Kinsman and Frederick Schluckenbier, had been removed to the National Cemetery at Camp Nelson. So although these sentinels were no longer at their original and final post, they were still pointing the way south.



As the Sons continued on the trail of their ancestors, they drove by the western boundary of Evergreen Cemetery. There perched on the hillside looking west over the pike was a stone breastwork with four cannons projecting from each corner of the little fortification. This turned out to be a most unique GAR burial plot that was laid out to resemble the nearby Civil War Battery Shaler. As a slight rain began to fall, the Sons stopped to present a silent salute to Medal of Honor recipient Drummer Boy William Horsfall of the First Kentucky Infantry, who at age 14 saved the life of a Union officer at the Battle of Corinth. Horsfall was a resident of

Newport who was laid to rest here after his death in 1922.

Turning west to cross the Licking River back into Covington, the descendants were now on their way decidedly south in pursuit of the spirit of the 23rd. The troops had reported an easy first day's march of six miles, with a nighttime camp in wide meadow with plenty of water. The hard marching would start the next day as the Independence Pike began to twist and turn and rise and fall to follow the rough contours of the Kentucky landscape.

The Sons were speeding along a newly improved four-lane Highway 17, but opted to turn off onto "Old Highway 17" in order to get a more period feel for the scenery that the Badger Boys might have experienced. After another stretch of four-lane, the highway regained its "old" look, and the driving became much more challenging on the narrow ridge-running route before it dropped down into the bottoms of Grassy Creek. Climbing up out of the creek bottoms and into Falmouth was another tough stretch. The troops arrived in Falmouth a week after John Hunt Morgan had attacked the town and burned its railroad bridge. The 23rd encamped and stayed for two weeks while its baggage trains caught up. During this time they sent out pickets to guard against further attack, and they helped in making repairs to the burnt bridge.

The next stop was the town of Cynthiana that was reached by another stretch of difficult road that much fatigued the troops back in 1862. The distance of 22 miles was meant to be accomplished in two days, but due to lack of water the troops pushed through in one day. John Hunt Morgan had raided Cynthiana on July 17,

1862; and again the Brigade of the 23rd was involved in repairing damage and providing guards and pickets to protect against another attack. The Brigade initially camped on the north side of town, and later moved half a mile south of the town to better protect the covered bridge over the South Fork of the Licking River. The modern bridge is now memorialized in the name of John Hunt Morgan.

The pike from Cynthiana to Paris was much more level and easily traveled by both the troops in 1862, and by our Ford Explorer in 2003. The Sons pushed on towards Lexington and a probable full day of visiting some of the same sights that were visited by the boys from Wisconsin 141 years earlier.

Lt. David C. Stanley of Company F reported to the Baraboo Republic newspaper that he and Chaplain Christian Weirich visited Ashland, the home of Henry Clay, and the burial tomb and monument to Henry Clay in the Lexington Cemetery. The Sons toured these same places with a copy of the Republic newspaper article in hand, and found both sites to be not much changed in the 141 years since our ancestors stood in the same places. The men of the 23rd were ordered into Kentucky by General Gordon Granger. Now by a quirk of fate the Sons were able to pay their respects at the grave and monument of General Granger (Camp 17 namesake), who was also buried in Lexington Cemetery after his death in 1876. Here the Sons also caught up with the raider John Hunt Morgan, who was buried within 500 yards of General Granger...but who could not be caught up with in 1862.

The trail south from Lexington led to Nicholasville,

the farthest south point in Kentucky reached by the boys from Wisconsin. Here another of the soldiers, Private Zoeth E. Bailey of Company F, succumbed to disease on November 24, 1862; but we were not able to find any record of a gravesite. So one of our silent sentinels rests at a post known only to God. The Sons did travel further south to the National Cemetery at Camp Nelson, and there we were able to find the graves of two of the soldiers whose remains had been moved from Linden Grove Cemetery in Covington. Privates Jerome Kinsman of Company I and Frederick Schluckenbier of Company K rest next to each other amongst a small group of other Wisconsin men in the old section of the cemetery. There are 3,670 Union soldiers buried at Camp Nelson, and 1,247 of them are listed as "Unknown". This anonymous brigade resting under their white marble shields pointed us back north to resume the trail of our ancestors.



Coming into Frankfort we arrived at the gates of the Frankfort Cemetery that was incorporated in 1844. While the cemetery holds no organized plot of Union soldier burials, it does contain the final resting places of many of Kentucky's favorite sons. We were directed to the grave and monument of Daniel Boone by an article in the Daily Gazette dated November 27, 1862. The author of the article points out

that the camp of the 23rd is directly across the river from the cemetery. As we stand on the sandstone knee-wall surrounding the Boone monument, we can look down on the ground that was once occupied by the 23rd and the rest of the brigade. It is easy to imagine the large white canvas tent city spread out before us as the morning haze lifts off the modern tree-lined neighborhood.

The four-lane artery from Frankfort gives way to the Interstate Highway system into downtown Louisville. The off-ramps lead us fairly easily to Cave Hill Cemetery, and the administrative staff there quickly helps us convert the burial listings in the Descriptive Roll to grave locations in the National Cemetery portion of this expansive and ornate Valhalla. Here the Sons found the eternal resting places of Company A Privates Benjamin F. Lyon and William Daniels. Nineteen year-old Lyon of Dunkirk, and 21-year-old Daniels both died of disease in Louisville before the 23rd could embark on the steamers to travel towards the real war in Memphis. These were the last of the silent sentinels that guided us on our 200-mile odyssey through Kentucky. After delivering a proper salute to each, we hoped their spirits realized that we did not forget.

The last stop on our journey was the embarkation point of Portland. Here the two wings of the regiment split and boarded the steamers that set off down the Ohio towards Memphis and Vicksburg. Of the men remaining in the regiment that day, 288 of them would give their lives in the fight to preserve the Union. Our journey to remember their sacrifice will continue.

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