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# The March

## Department of Georgia & South Carolina Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Logansville, Georgia



## Department Calendar

Grand Army Day	6 Apr
Easter	31 Mar
<b>Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield IL</b>	13 Apr
<b>Council of Administration Meeting, Springfield IL</b>	14 Apr
Patriots Day	15 Apr
Loyalty Day	1 May
Mother's Day	12 May
Armed Forces Day	18 May
<b>Memorial Day (observed)</b>	27 May
<b>Memorial Day (traditional)</b>	30 May
Flag Day	14 Jun
Father's Day	16 Jun
<b>Independence Day</b>	4 Jul
<b>National Encampment, Lexington KY</b>	1-4 Aug
<b>Council of Administration Meeting</b>	1 Aug
<b>Council of Administration Meeting</b>	4 Aug

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For more Department information and updates, please be sure to check out our website at:

<https://suvcwdepartmentofgeorgiasouthcarolina.yolasite.com/>



**On the cover: 17<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment assembled at Garrard's Cavalry Raid Historical Marker, Logansville, Georgia**

## **Department Commander's Message**



Fellow Brothers of the Department,

This is my first official communication to you all as Department Commander. I wish to thank all of you for electing me to this important position in our organization. Your trust and confidence are humbling to be sure, and I am honored by your support. I will do

my very best to live up to your expectations. I also want to thank Brother Bill Miller for his service as our Past Department Commander, and Brothers Tim Klob and Michael Reither who preceded him in this role – as well as all previous Brothers who held this position and who have contributed to the success of our Department. You all leave me a high standard to live up to.

When I contemplated taking on this new Mantle of Leadership, the first question I asked was, “why do I want this responsibility and how will I contribute to our organization through this position?” It seems to me that whenever one takes on a new responsibility these are the first questions one should ask of himself. If you don't have good answer for these questions, and there is not passion in the answers, sometimes it is best to decline an opportunity and move on. I gave these questions a lot of thought and after careful consideration, and counsel from several Brothers across our department, I decided to jump in with both feet and give it my best.

I reached this conclusion because I was able to codify a clear idea of the Mission, Vision, and Goals for our Department that I could stand behind, was passionate about, and that I felt would be a benefit to the further development of our organization. Consider this my personal platform and roadmap for the next year. The Mission, Vision and Goals Document for the Department is included in this edition of *The March*. I wish to extend a special thanks to Brother Rik Born (KMC#3) and Brother Brian Pierson (CD#10) for being sounding boards during its development.

I shared this document with you during our Department Encampment, and it will be available on our Department Website. Several important phases are addressed in the document, such as history and

legacy of Union army veterans, legal successor to the GAR, growth & recruiting, communication, leadership development & continuity, department level programs. All these things are what I believe our department and organization should stand for. These ideas are not new to us in the SUVCW. We have always strived to follow these words. I just want you all to know that I stand behind them as well and that I am passionate about them. These are the things that I believe make our organization, and membership in it, unique.

Each of the camps in the Department of GA & SC SUVCW is unique as well. Some camps integrate civil war re-enacting to a large extent into their local culture. Others focus on grave memorials, supporting living history events or philanthropic endeavors. There are many ways to express the Mission and Vision for our department and organization. As Department Commander, I hope to make sure that each camp has the support at the department level that it needs to pursue its own unique SUVCW journey.

Our camps also need resources to pursue their unique SUVCW journeys. That is why one of our core department goals for 2024 is the establishment of the SUVCW Dept. of GA & SC Legacy Fund. This fund (501C3 and tax deductible) is being established to provide financial resources for programs and projects that you at the camp level propose. I am asking all Camp Commanders to begin compiling proposed Legacy Fund Projects from their camp members and to submit them to the Legacy Fund Committee that was set up at our Annual Encampment. I am also asking you to consider contributing to the Legacy Fund Matching Gift Program to help fund future camp level projects. We will be communicating more about this exciting new initiative in the coming weeks and months.

Now you know my passion for The Department of GA & SC of the SUVCW! I ask you all to join me in this passion as we move forward together in 2024.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Jim Bryja  
Department Commander





# SUVCW Department of Georgia & South Carolina

**Mission** – Promote and preserve the *history and legacy* of the Union Army Veterans who fought during the Civil War and the *SUVCW as the legal successor to the GAR.*

**Vision** – The SUVCW Depart. of GA & SC to be recognized as a *leading advocate of Union Civil War Heritage* in each of the geographic areas where our Department Camps operate, by sponsoring or supporting interactive programs involving the local public and their communities.

## Goals

- **Department Growth & Recruiting** – goal of growing membership by **10% annually.**
  - **Email of Welcome to all new Brothers** initiated into camps across the Department.
  - **Promote inter-camp learning of proven recruiting techniques** through email communications, The Banner and in person contact at camp meetings.
  - Ensure all camps **integrate recruiting into event calendars** – reenactments, period shows, presentation to groups, ROTC, Eagle scouts, Living History, etc.
  - Department Commander will **publish recruiting performance quarterly.**
- **Department Communications to Camps and Communications Between Camps**
  - Utilize **The March Quarterly Newsletters** to report progress on all Department goals.
  - Send **”Honorable Mention” emails to Camp Commanders** highlighting activities worthy of special mention that support Department Goals.
  - Facilitate **two (2) Department Encampments** each year.
  - Encourage each camp to publish **Camp Quarterly Newsletters** distributed to membership.
  - Publish a **Department Event Calendar** (encourage Camp Commanders to do same).
- **Department Leadership Development & Continuity**
  - Ensure that **all Department elected positions are filled** and that there is a succession plan for each Department Leader.
  - Ensure that **all key Department Appointed Offices are filled.**
  - Ensure that **all Camps represented in department elected or appointed positions.**
  - Encourage attendance at **The National Encampment – all camps represented.**
  - Submit the best camp from Dept.GA & SC and **win the “National Camp of the Year” Award.**
- **Establish & Support Key Department Level Programs**
  - \$15,000 Department Philanthropy & Project Sponsorship Funding Strategy for 2024 – Projects, Capital Raise Activities, and Fund Management (**“SUVCW GA&SC Legacy Fund”**).
  - Develop additional Department Sponsored Programs for Consideration as needed.

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### **17th Department Encampment**

**23 Mar 2024, Loganville GA**

This year's Annual Encampment was held in Loganville, Walton County, Georgia. The most notable event in Loganville during the Civil War was Garrard's Cavalry Raid in 1864 during the Atlanta Campaign.



Department Commander Miller opened the encampment at 0930.

There were 20 attendees: 14 in-person and 6 virtual.

DC Miller led a memorial for deceased Brothers, including a tribute to Brother Ray Wozniak.

As the National Representative Brother PCinC Pierson brought greetings from CinC Pete Hritsko, the National Officers, and Council of Administration.

Department Commander Miller made the following report to supplement his written report:

- At the Department Special Encampment, the Department voted to accept the proposed constitutional amendment on membership eligibility. The dept secretary submitted the results of the vote to the CinC and National Secretary.
- The Department continues to work on the GAR grave marker placement originally started by the late Brother Ray Wozniak. Searching for GAR members; however, records are incomplete.
- Motion to place GAR markers on all Civil War veteran headstones, because of incomplete GAR records. Seconded. Passed.

- On a sad note, Brother Robert Miller KMC #3, brother of DC Bill Miller, passed away at 0500 from cancer on the morning of the encampment. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family.

Officer reports to supplement the written reports were as follows:

- Motion by Sec Hale to automatically renew the Department's Zoom subscription each year. Seconded. Passed.
- Discussion, note, Dept of GA&SC is still showing as a 501(c)4 on IRS Pub 78.

SVR Report: Due to the wide geographic area of the Department's territory, the 14th Headquarters Guard was reorganized, with the approval of the 7th Military District, into independent Companies in order to better support SUVCW Camps. A new company was established to support Devens Camp #10. There was some discussion the possible formation of a new company in Beaufort SC to support Edward Wallace Camp #21. Each company commander was instructed to inform HQ of their local activities, as well as if any additional support would be needed for events.

The Camps made the following reports to supplement their written reports:

- Elias Moon Camp #2: The Camp is attempting to retrieve late Brother Ray's papers because he had done a tremendous amount of research through the years. Ray's passing was a huge loss to the Camp; kudos to Brother Draves, and French for stepping up to help fill the void.
- Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3. The Camp created an Honorary Drummer Boy Certificate to present to young boys to help spur their interest. The





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Camp will send the form to other Camps for their use as well.

- Charles Devens Jr Camp #10: No additions to the written report
- Edward Wallace Camp #21: The new city park honoring the 1st SC is going extremely well with City of Beaufort. Funding has been received by both the city and state. The park is expected to be dedicated before the end of 2024. The Department and SVR volunteered to assist in the dedication.

As part of the ongoing effort to maintain the GAR Hall in Beaufort, the Camp submitted request for a \$5000 grant in order to repair windows.

The Camp was not successful in acquiring the Robert Smalls House. The house was sold to the NPS. There does remain an opportunity to partner with the NPS.



### New Business/Open Discussion:

- Brother Solida asked a question on whether there is a way to research a number of prisoners of war at Andersonville who have disappeared from records. Various state military records indicate they died there, but NPS doesn't recognize them. There are about 200 more claims of deaths at Andersonville than there are graves of unknowns at Andersonville. It was recommended to check records at Beaufort National Cemetery, where some soldiers who were at Andersonville were relocated and later buried. Brother Youmans will check the records of the Florence Stockade.
- The SVR is doing a great job promoting the smaller battles and battlefield, helping ensure their preservation.

- Brother Bryja state that the Department received a request from a Brother from Department of the Chesapeake for an honor guard for an upcoming headstone dedication of his great grandfather at Andersonville.
- Brother French recognized Brother Rik Born for his outstanding volunteer work at Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Park. Brother Rik partners with the state park (on behalf of the SUVCW, 125th OVI, Friends of Pickett's Mill) for their student education program. He and other volunteers explain the true history of the battle and of Civil War soldiers and then drill them and march them around the park. Last week, he served 37 homeschoolers; next week 140 students from Loganville will visit.
- Brother Purmont announced that the 160th anniversary of the battle of Allatoona Pass is coming up. Brother Bryja noted that Camp #2 is partnering with Red Top Mountain State Park (near Allatoona) in preparation for the 160th and is leading contingent of Sea Cadets to clean up the site this April.
- Brothers Reither and Purmont announced they are considering a recruiting booth for Battle of Resaca in May.
- Each Camp briefed their plans for Memorial Day.



### Old/Unfinished Business:

- Brother Hale recommended to suspend buying any more GAR grave markers until the current stock has been exhausted. The Dept has 200 (each Camp has 50) already, plus 23 that Brother Miller has. Brother Klob recommended that each Camp keep a log of each marker emplaced; DC Miller said this is the responsibility of the Camp GRO.



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Brother Klob asked that if a Camp has a special need, then a meeting could be called to authorize additional purchase on a case-by-case basis.

Motion to suspend additional procurement of markers until current stock is exhausted, and that each Camp keeps a record of emplacement of each marker. Camps to coordinate if they need more. Seconded. Passed.

- Committee Investment of Department Funds. Initial meetings have been held. Referred to the incoming Department Commander been action.
- Department Council. Approved wording on the constitutional amendment and forwarded to the DC for the special meeting.



### Department Awards:

- BG Arthur C. Ducat – Best Camp - 10



- Capt Jesse Merrill Award – Best Newsletter – 2



- Lt Col George E. Flint – Best Growth – 10



- Commander's Service Award - Brother James Hayes



*PcinC Pierson presents Atlanta Campaign Descendant pins to Brothers Reither and French.*



### Elected Officers

DC: Jim Bryja  
 SVC: Fred Purmort  
 JVC: Matt Youmans  
 Sec/Treas: Mark Hal  
 Council 1, 2, 3: Elijah Washington, Tim Klob, Michael Reither

### Appointed Officers

PI: Tim Klob  
 Chaplain: James Hayes  
 Eagle Scout/ROTC: Rik Born  
 Counselor: Tim Klob  
 Historian: Bill Miller  
 GRO: Gordon Draves



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Camp Organizer: Michael Reither  
 Color Bearer: Robert Mumford  
 Guard: Doug Kirk  
 Guide: David French  
 GAR Records: Hamilton Jansen  
 Signals: Michael Reither; Hamilton Jansen  
 Recruiting: John McMahan  
 Delegates: Rik Born, John McMahan; Matt Youmans; Phil Solida

All members in good standing were elected as alternate delegates to the national encampment.

Officers were installed in accordance with the Ritual of the Order.



*Brother Jim Bryja is installed as Department Commander*



Commander Bryja addressed the encampment with his vision and goals for the Department to ensure its success moving forward.

He announced his plan to establish the Legacy Fund to support the investment strategy and to establish the resources necessary to support Department and Camp projects. The Executive Committee will be comprised of Brothers Bryja, Klob, Hale, Washington, each camp commander, and two brothers at large

The date for next year's encampment was set: 22 March 2025

The Encampment was closed at 1430, and was followed by photos at the marker for Garrard's Cavalry Raid and dinner at Fratelli's.



**Department Membership:**

EM #2	17
KMC #3	31
CD #10	25
EW #21	29
At large	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>





## **Camp News**



### **Civil War Homeschool Day at the Northeast Georgia History Center (NEGAHC)**

Brothers Klob and French participated in a living history event at the NEGAHC in February which included presentations on the role of the Union Army, the life of the common soldier, and music in the Civil War. The event was a tremendous success with over 200 students in attendance.



### **Pickett's Mill Living History Event**

Brother French and his comrades in the 125th OVI performed a living history event in March at the Pickett's Mill State Historic Site for park visitors and spectators. Despite inclement weather, the event was successful and future events at Pickett's Mill are planned for the foreseeable future.

## **Graves Registration and Genealogy Research**

Brother Gordon Draves has led our efforts to continue the work of Ray Wozniak in order to identify and commemorate the graves of Union veterans within our Camp's geographical footprint. His research skills and devotion to duty have been invaluable in enabling us to continue this important work in Ray's absence.



### **Eagle Scout Awards**

Camp #3 presented three Eagle Scout Awards on 9 March 2024 at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church.



*Brother Jim Bryja and a newly minted Eagle Scout.*



### **Dalton GA Relic Show**

Camp #3 manned an SUVCW table up front in the convention hall. Brothers Reither & Rumford attended Saturday's show with brothers Purmort & Hamilton attending on Sunday. Both days we set up



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next to the SCV. Relations between North and South remained calm (until they noticed the image of General Sherman). There was interest from several possible recruits. Brother Hamilton, as Camp JVC, volunteered to follow up with each of them.

The show itself had a huge amount of relics and vendors inside. The Brothers had “lots of fun running into some of our Reenacting parads, swapping stories about our ancestors between all the people we talked to.” They received a lot of thank-you’s for what the SUVCW does!

The event was an overall a success in promoting the Order to the public. There were several attendees who stated, “Glad you are here did not know you were here in Georgia.”



*Brothers Purmont and Hamilton*



*Brothers Reither and Rumford*



## *Wreaths Across America at Marietta City Cemetery*

Camp 3 participated in the Wreaths Across America wreath-laying culminating in a musket salute for Private Burris McCain (USCT) buried there. 500-600 spectators were present for the ceremony which was covered by local news media.



Camp Commander Fred Purmort, Brothers Rik Born, Michael Reither, William Reither, Hamilton Jenson, and Doug Kirk and special guest from Friends of Pickett’s Mill/Redtop Mountain David McNamara participated.



*An amazing sight makes one recall Decoration Day*



*Firing the musket salute*



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*William and Michael Reither stand at the grave of Private John J. Arford (Co. A, 13th Iowa Infantry) who was wounded at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and died of his wounds on 6 July 1864.*



### *Holiday Dinner at the Governors Gun Club Kennesaw*

Brothers and family of Kennesaw Mountain #3 held their annual Holiday Dinner Event at the Governors Gun Club in Kennesaw. We had a great meal and celebrated the end of a successful year in the Sons of Union Veterans!



### *Welcome New Brothers*

At the February Camp meeting, three new Brothers were initiated, Frederick Cota, Mason Daly and Phillip Bishop. Brother Philip was present via Zoom. Let's give them a warm welcome!



*Brother Frederick Cota and Camp Commander Matt Youmans.*



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*Brother Mason Daly and Camp Commander Matt Youmans.*



*Brother Jack Meadows, already a Brother, received his membership certificate from Camp Commander Matt Youmans.*



### ***Battle of Aiken Reenactment***

On 2 March 2024 at the Battle of Aiken reenactment, Brothers Conaty, Moss, Price, Daly, Cota and Camp Commander Youmans set up and staffed a recruiting/information table. Several reenactors expressed interest in joining the SUVCW.

A number of Brothers also took the opportunity to participate in the event itself.



### ***Fort McAllister Georgia State Park Ground Assault Commemoration***

On 13 December 2023, Brother Cecil Greenwell conducted a Living History Program on the 13 December 1864 ground assault that concluded the March to the Sea. This battle cost the lives of 40 men, 24 being Federal soldiers. This presentation included a soldier's equipment display the Union Army's attack route and fort tours.

The Assistant Park Manager, Scott Smith, and the staff expressed their thanks for the knowledge passed to the guests and for his service to the park site and the community.





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coin for everything she has done for the camp and the SUVCW.



*Presentation*



### *Winter Muster at Ft. McAllister*

The last stronghold and engagement of Sherman's March to the Sea. Brothers Youmans, Moss, and Greenwell attended.



*Camp Commander Youmans, Brothers Moss, Conaty, and Steffy were the color guard.*



### *Wreaths Across America, Florence National Cemetery*

Camp 10 played a prominent role at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Florence National Cemetery, SC.

Camp Commander Youmans presented Carolyn Howard, former director of the cemetery for 13 years, a certificate of appreciation and a challenge



*Brother Price manned the information table.*



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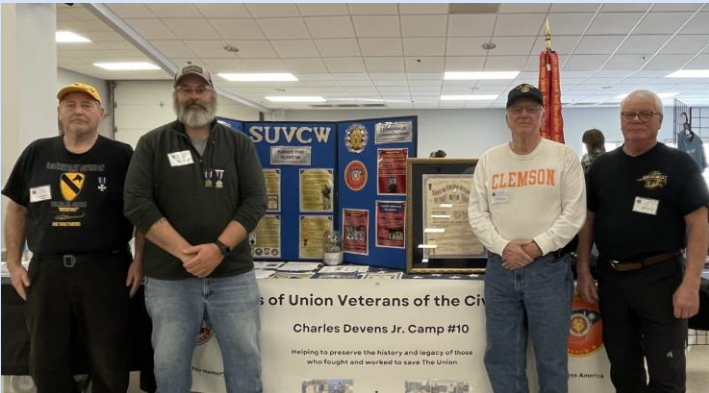
*Brother Conaty placed a wreath on his father's grave.*

Brother Steffy's wife Janet, and Brother Price's wife Kay were in attendance and helped with pictures.



## *Lowcountry American Militaria Show*

Commander Youmans with Brothers Moss, Price, Hollar, and Meadows attended. Over 250 brochures and cards given out. In the 2 days, over 1500 people came to the show and many got a lesson on who the SUVCW is. Made great contact for future members and guest speakers.



## *Brother Steffy installed as Junior Vice Commander*

At the February Camp meeting, Brother Eric Steffy has been installed as Camp JVC. Congratulations! And thanks for stepping up!



## *Christmas in the Trenches*

On 2 December, PCC Kenneth Robison participated in a living history event at the South Carolina Relic Room and Military Museum, Columbia SC, explaining to visitors what Civil War camp life was like.





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**Edward Wallace Camp #21  
Beaufort SC**

### *Update on the First South Carolina Volunteers of African Descent City Park*

Work has started on the plans for the new park which is to be named in honor of the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Regiment.

City planners are considering the name of the park to be “The First South Carolina Volunteers of African Descent”. This distinction is being made because there was a Confederate unit with the name “1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry”.

At the present time, consideration is being given to the design of the entrance to the park as well as to the grounds and contents of the park, such as monuments, historical markers.

While it is still be early in the process, it is our intention to press forward so that we will be able to move into action as soon as we receive notification to do so.



### *GAR Hall Visited by History Class from the University of South Carolina, Beaufort Campus*

On 23 October 2023, our GAR Hall was visited by a group of students from the University of South Carolina, Beaufort campus. They were accompanied by Professor Shinn of the Department of History.

There were sixteen students in the group. They were given information about the Grand Army of the Republic as it relates to the US Civil War, 1861-1865.



Brothers Charles Henderson, Tyrone Jackson and Commander Washington took part in the lectures.

All of the students were presented SUVCW certificates.



### *2023 Veterans Day Celebration*

On 11 November 2023, we participated in the Annual Veterans Day Parade which is held here in the City of Beaufort each year.





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There were many different entrants and the parade was one of the best that we have ever had. All of our GAR Hall groups participated, including the SUVCW, DUVCW and the WRC.



**2023 Marine Corps Ball  
Highlighted By Brother Tyrone  
Jackson As Keynote Speaker**

Brother Tyrone Jackson, Master Gunnery Sergeant, USMC, Ret. Was the keynote speaker for the 2023 Marine Corps Ball. The event was held at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina and took place on 4 November 2023.



*Brother Tyrone Jackson, center*

Brother Jackson included in his remarks interesting facts regarding Afro-Americans' service in all branches of the military, including:

- Montford Point Marines – US Marine Corps
- Harlem Hell Fighters – US Army
- Dori Miller – US Navy
- Tuskegee Airmen – US Air Force

We understand that the celebration went very well.



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
Edward Wallace Camp #21  
Beaufort, SC  
-presents-  
**A Marine's Story**  
**"THE WALKING DEAD"**  
Aulton Kohn - GySgt, USMC  
lecture presentation  
In recognition of Veterans Day 2023  
Saturday, November 18th 11:00am  
Hosted by  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Fred Washington, Sr. Wagon's Relief Corps of S.C. #1  
Grand Army Hall  
706 Newcastle St.  
Beaufort, SC  
Fish Fry & Ribs Fundraiser Immediately Following the Program

On November 18, 2023, we continued with our Veterans Day Commemorations. We put on a program, assisted by the Beaufort County Veterans Affairs Office, highlighting the Vietnam years.

GySgt Kohn's story is unique in that he was one of the two survivors of an attack while on a mission in the jungles of Vietnam. His original unit consisted of thirty-six men. We found out that the two of them survived in the jungle for fifty-eight days before being rescued. Brother Kohn said that this experience made him understand why his unit was named the "Walking Dead"





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### *Organizational News*

Men of the 14th Corps HQ Guard,

It is with great pleasure that I communicate to you several exciting announcements regarding our Unit.

As some of you know, the 14th Corps HQ Guard had its start years ago under the leadership of Brother Eric Peterson (now detached to parts unknown somewhere in the wilds of The Dakotas). Originally, our Unit was organized into Companies aligned with the SUV Camps of our Department. I am hereby reviving this legacy and organizing the 14th Corp HQ Guard into Independent Companies each under the full command of a Commissioned or Noncommissioned Officer. In addition, I am promoting several Brother Members for recognition of their leadership, service, and growth of the Unit as a whole.

We now have 37 total members in the 14th Corp HQ Guard, comprised of three Commissioned Officers, two Non-Commissioned Officers and 32 Enlisted Men.

Brother John McMahan has been promoted to 2nd Lt. of Company A. All 14th Corps HQ Guard Unit Members who belong to Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 will be part of Company A.

Brother Eric Steffy has been promoted to 1st Sergeant of Company B. All 14th Corps HQ Guard Unit Members who belong to Charles Devens Camp #10 will be part of Company B.

Brother Tim Klob has been promoted to Sergeant of Company C. All 14th Corps HQ Guard Unit Members who belong to Elias Moon Camp #2 will be part of Company C.

1st Lt. Fred Purmort and I will act as Unit Adjutant and Unit Commander, respectively. Our primary role will be to support administratively each Independent Company (take applications, submit annual dues with the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District, IRS filings, etc.). We will also serve as a central communications point for all Companies and strive

to support the activities of each company when asked by Company Commanders. I am Asking Company Commanders to include Brother Purmort and I on all Company communications regarding participation in local events and activities so we “know what you are up to” and can communicate same to our superiors – 7<sup>th</sup> Military District Commander David Dubrucq and Captain George Huttick.

I also want to send a special thank you to Commander Matt Youmans and Brother John Price of Charles Devens, jr. #10 for taking the initiative to recruit 11 new brothers to our unit from their Camp, and in leading the formation of Company B. We salute the efforts of these Brothers !!!

Huzzah!!!!



### *Black Powder Event*

On Saturday, 24 Feb, Brothers participated in a black powder event with the Talking Rock Black Powder Shooting Club. They have a fabulous facility, are fully insured, and are very nice people. The site is well laid out and safe. A great time was had by all! This is definitely the site to focus on for our September shoot.



*Prone shooting*



*Bench shooting*



***Final Muster***

**Brother Bob Miller**

Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3  
23 December 1950 – 23 March 2023



*Brother Jim Bryja extracts a minie ball*



*Brother Jim with his 1863 Sharps Carbine*



*A noble son of a noble ancestor has fallen. His trials and toils are over, and he has entered into eternal rest. As his forefather offered his life, his fortune, his sacred honor for the preservation of this Country in the hour of her greatest need, so our Brother pledged himself to the protection of the Flag of his Country and the guarantee of equal rights to all under that Flag. May our hearts here be inspired anew with the spirit of patriotism.*

- From the Burial Service for a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War







**THE FLAG WAYER  
Patriotic Instruction**

**Excerpts from President  
Eisenhower's Farewell  
Address**

President Eisenhower's farewell address is primarily remembered (especially by opinion writers) for his warning about the influence a military-industrial complex. But his address expresses a number of thoughtful ideas on prudent government and thoughtful patriotism that are worthy of reflection.

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Our people expect their President and the Congress to find essential agreement on issues of great moment, the wise resolution of which will better shape the future of the Nation.

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America is today the strongest, the most influential and most productive nation in the world. Understandably proud of this pre-eminence, we yet realize that America's leadership and prestige depend, not merely upon our unmatched material progress, riches and military strength, but on how we use our power in the interests of world peace and human betterment.

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Throughout America's adventure in free government, our basic purposes have been to keep the peace; to foster progress in human achievement, and to enhance liberty, dignity and integrity among people and among nations. To strive for less would be unworthy of a free and religious people. Any failure traceable to

arrogance, or our lack of comprehension or readiness to sacrifice would inflict upon us grievous hurt both at home and abroad.

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You and I — my fellow citizens — need to be strong in our faith that all nations, under God, will reach the goal of peace with justice. May we be ever unswerving in devotion to principle, confident but humble with power, diligent in pursuit of the Nation's great goals.

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As we peer into society's future, we — you and I, and our government — must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.

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To all the peoples of the world, I once more give expression to America's prayerful and continuing aspiration: We pray that peoples of all faiths, all races, all nations, may have their great human needs satisfied; that those now denied opportunity shall come to enjoy it to the full; that all who yearn for freedom may experience its spiritual blessings; that those who have freedom will understand, also, its heavy responsibilities; that all who are insensitive to the needs of others will learn charity; that the scourges of poverty, disease and ignorance will be made to disappear from the earth, and that, in the goodness of time, all peoples will come to live together in a peace guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and love.