



# BILLY YANK

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, N.Y., N.Y.**

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**Commemorating General Ulysses S. Grant's 198th Birthday**

*“Let Us Have Peace”*



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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**Message from the Commander:** I had to break the bad news to everyone that our Annual Grant Birthday Celebration on Sunday, April 26, 2020 was canceled by the National Parks Service due to the Coronavirus. This event has been the highlight of our camp for over 80 years. Officers & members of the Allied Orders of the GAR from all over the state and country pay their respects to General Ulysses and Julia Grant at our ceremony. To keep our tradition alive, we continued to publish our "Billy Yank" Program Memorial/Booster booklet. We also have 198th Ulysses S. Grant Birthday Commemoration Ribbons. They will be mailed out to everyone that sent in a Memorial/Booster this year. As an added thank you, we included some of last years memorials. A limited amount of printed copies will be available. A pdf version will be available on Tilden Camp's website.

This coming Memorial Day, many of our Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War traditions will be put on hold due to the Coronavirus. Although we will not be together for parades, flag services, etc., we can still honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Waterloo New York is recognized as the official birthplace (May 5, 1866) of Memorial Day. Originally called "Decoration Day," it was created at the end of the Civil War by a 1868 proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, the first major Memorial Day observance at Arlington National Cemetery for the nation to decorate the graves of its war dead with flowers.

Our observances and traditions will continue to go on to honor our dead.

Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance. It asks Americans, wherever they are on May 25th, Memorial Day at 3 p.m., to pause in an act of national unity for a duration of 1 minute.

Wear a red poppy. The tradition of wearing the red poppy came from a World War I poem called "In Flanders Field" by Canadian named Col. John McCrae. "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row by row".

Fly our National flag outside your house. Half staff until 12:00 noon, then to full staff.

My wife Janice and I plan on doing our part for the camp to recognize Memorial Day. We will walk abt. 4 miles each way from Greenpoint, Brooklyn to Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens. We are avoiding public transportation because of the Coronavirus. We will place Flags on the graves of the Civil War Veteran's buried in the Robert Marks GAR Post plot. We will have a small memorial service for Brothers Douglas Harding, John Kelley & Jerry Leiberman who recently passed away. The service will fulfill our camp's obligation to honor our Civil War ancestors for Memorial Day.

You can honor and remember General Ulysses and Julia Grant on Memorial Day by watching the History Chanel. They will premier a three night miniseries starting on Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day at 9 pm ET on General Ulysses S. Grant. The series starts with the "Unlikely Hero".

Oliver Tilden Camp again thanks everyone for their continued support for our Grant Birthday Commemoration each year. We look forward to seeing you at our 199th Birthday Celebration.

Yours in, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
George J. Weinmann, PDC  
Commander

# Captain Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26

## Commanders Past to Present

Captain Jackson (1884)  
S.M. Bowers (1885, 1892-1898)  
W. Bogart (1886)  
J.H. White (1887-1890)  
F.B. Westervelt (1891)  
Louis Walters (1892, 1900)  
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Charles E. Baxter (1910)  
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Ed R. Dawson (1915-1917)  
Edward Gottschling (1917)  
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Sidney H. Ehrenreich (1925, 1934)  
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George Roeder  
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Sol Goldfish (1934-1935)  
R.A. Maguire (1937-1939)  
Bertram Isaacs (1940)  
David Longstreet (1941)  
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Jacob Goldfish (1948-1948, 1953)  
Cecil M. Baer (1950-1952, 1980-1981)  
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Bro. Maples

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Eugine J. Smith (1962-1963)  
Walter Owens (1964)  
John W. McWilliams (1965)  
Bro. McCann (1973-1974)  
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1979, 1982-1990)  
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James Gismer (1992-1994)  
Joseph J. Pucciarelli (1994-1996)  
Clifford Henke (1996-1998)  
George J. Weinmann (1998-2000)  
William F. Mason (2000-2002)  
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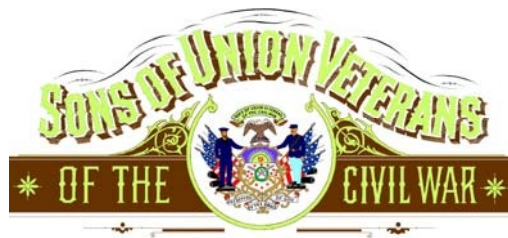
### Robert Wilder Lord *"Patriot of the Year"* Award Recipients

2006 Michael S. Bennett, PDC  
2007 George J. Weinmann, PDC & PCC  
2008 Arthur P. Kirmss  
2009 Mark Goret  
2010 James F. Bond  
2011 Roy Wildenberger  
2012 Janice Lauletta-Weinmann  
2013 George J. Weinmann, PDC & PCC  
2014 George I. Rand  
2015 Charles Lirio  
2016 Philip Koether  
2017 Larry Clowers  
2018 Marc Hermann  
2019 John Gregor



“Lincoln at Independence Hall” by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.

FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS  
AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH  
ON THIS CONTINENT A NEW NATION  
CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY AND DEDICA-  
TED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL  
MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL .  
NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT  
CIVIL WAR TESTING WHETHER THAT  
NATION OR ANY NATION SO CON-  
CEIVED AND SO DEDICATED CAN LONG  
ENDURE . WE ARE MET ON A GREAT  
BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR . WE HAVE  
COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF  
THAT FIELD AS A FINAL RESTING  
PLACE FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE  
THEIR LIVES THAT THAT NATION  
MIGHT LIVE . IT IS ALTOGETHER FIT-  
TING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD  
DO THIS . BUT IN A LARGER SENSE  
WE CAN NOT DEDICATE ~ WE CAN NOT  
CONSECRATE ~ WE CAN NOT HALLOW ~  
THIS GROUND . THE BRAVE MEN LIV-  
ING AND DEAD WHO STRUGGLED HERE  
HAVE CONSECRATED IT FAR ABOVE  
OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT .  
THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR  
LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE  
BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY  
DID HERE . IT IS FOR US THE LIVING  
RATHER TO BE DEDICATED HERE TO  
THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY  
WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR  
SO NOBLY ADVANCED . IT IS RATHER FOR  
US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE  
GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US ~  
THAT FROM THESE HONORED DEAD  
WE TAKE INCREASED DEVOTION TO  
THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE  
LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION ~  
THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT  
THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN  
VAIN ~ THAT THIS NATION UNDER GOD  
SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM ~  
AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE  
BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL  
NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH .



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Chartered 1884**

Incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954

*Recipient of the 2011 Abraham Lincoln "Camp of the Year" Award  
Lone recipient of the 2012 Alfred Woolson Award  
Sesquicentennial Signature Event Award for the  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Launching of the USS Monitor*

**George J. Weinmann, Commander,  
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**Webmaster  
George J. Weinmann, PDC**

**Company I, 83<sup>rd</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry (9<sup>th</sup> NYSM)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Military District**

**Sons of Veterans Reserve (2019 Muster Roll)**

**Three time Recipient of the SVR Unit Citation Award**

**Capt. George J. Weinmann (Company Commander)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt & Adjt John P. Portanova**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Kent Howell**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Roy Wildenberger**  
**Sgt William Mason**  
**Sgt George I. Rand**  
**Sgt Marc Hermann**  
**Corporal Jay B. Bond**  
**Corporal Mark Goret**  
**Corporal Charles Lirio**  
**Chaplain Fr. Paul A. Lorentzen**  
**Musician Arthur P. Kirmss**  
**Pvt Thomas E. Bernhard**  
**Pvt George Blanthorn**  
**Pvt James W. Bond**  
**Pvt Jeffrey S. Bond**  
**Pvt Paul Borodin**  
**Pvt M. Phillip Brown**  
**Pvt Joseph Corr**

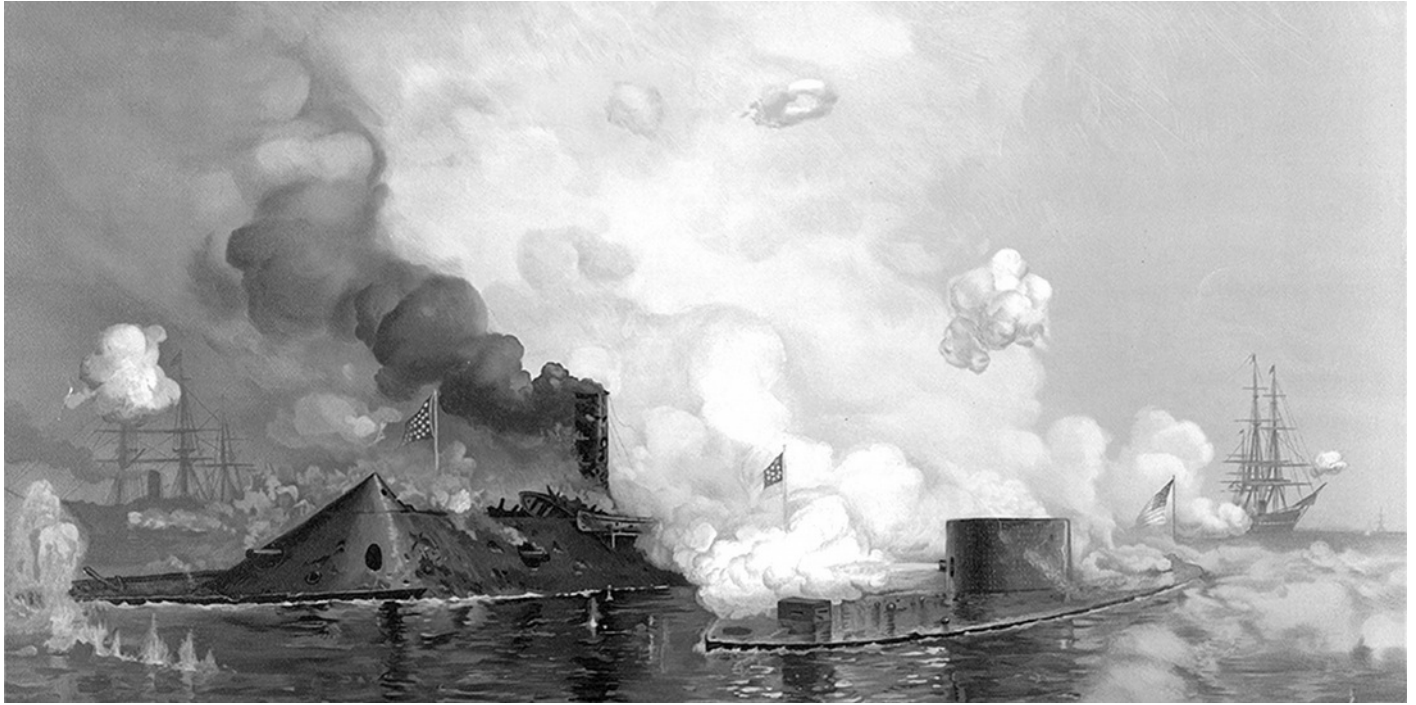
**Pvt James R. Dolan**  
**Pvt John F. Dolan**  
**Pvt Nathan Huebschen**  
**Pvt Matthew Hyland**  
**Pvt Thomas A. Illmensee**  
**Pvt Gerard Joseph Kaczynski**  
**Pvt Neil Kelley**  
**Pvt Lawrence Levine**  
**Pvt George Mukenbeck Jr**  
**Pvt William J Parry**  
**Pvt Steven Reilly**  
**Pvt Richard Reilly**  
**Pvt George F. Spiegel**  
**Pvt Charles J. Spiegel, Jr.**  
**Pvt Vernon Wagner**  
**Pvt Julius Weston**  
**Pvt Claud Wuytack**  
**Vivandiere Janice Lauletta-Weinmann**

# THE GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM

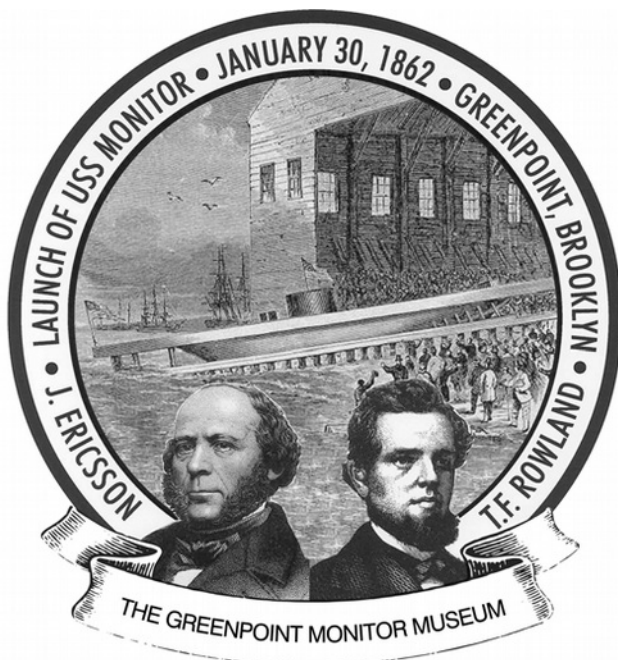
New York State Museum Charter—April 24, 1996

Celebrating the Museum's 24th Anniversary

Thanking Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW for their 24 years of Support!



Celebrating the 198<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Ulysses S. Grant



**THANK YOU  
FROM THE  
MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President**

**Irene Klementowicz, First Vice President**

**George J. Weinmann, Second Vice President**

**Elizabeth Ronchetti, Secretary**

**Karen Olszewski, Treasurer**

**George P. Stanley, Board Member**

**Paul Pullo, Board Member**

# Oliver Tilden Camp events and ceremonies 2019



Placing flags at Mt. Olivet & All Faiths Lutheran Cemeteries for Memorial Day.



General Grant Birthday Commemoration, Grant's Tomb.



Flag Day celebration, Fraunces Tavern.



Flag Service, St. Thomas Church, NYC



Headstone dedication for Matthew G. Cornell, Private, 10<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry, ancestor of Oliver Tilden member Alexander Pappas.





Greenpoint Monitor Museum awards. students were presented awards for Civil War projects by Tilden Camp members at John Ericsson 126 Middle School, Brooklyn.



Memorial Day service at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument.



The German-American Stueben Parade, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



Color Guard Flag Day ceremony at PS 34 - Greenpoint Monitor Museum.



Annual holiday dinner, Fraunces Tavern and Museum.



Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade.

## **Dedication**

**We dedicate our program this year to the memory of Oliver Tilden Camp Life  
Member Douglas M. Harding, Jerry Leiberman and John D. Kelley.**

# **Memorials**

**In memory of my wife, Lorraine Orton, National Historian, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary  
to the G.A.R. By Jerome Orton, PDC.**

**Jerome Orton, PDC  
New York Department Historian, SUVCW**

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**In memory of my great-great grandfather, William Rimmer.**

**Kevin W. Walsh, Oliver Tilden Camp #26 SUVCW**

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**In memory of my great-grandfather George W. Edmondson, 1836 – 1922, corporal, 127th  
Regiment, Co. G, U.S.C.T.**

**William Webb  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**In honor of our ancestor, Samuel B. Childs. Peter C. Hein & Peter C. Hein, Jr.**

**Peter C. Hein  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**In honor of 2nd Lt. Simon Pincus, and 1st Sgt. Adolph Pincus, Co. G, 66th New York Vols.,  
Newman Pincus, Pvt. Co. K, 12th NYSM, Co. G, 2nd Conn. Heavy Art'y & Co. K, 14th Conn.  
Vol. Inf. The Union Preserved! In Memory of my mother Adele Goret.**

**Mark and Joyce Goret, Camp Council  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**Honoring Luther Lebar Clark, 29th Ohio OVI, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry and my mother, Sharon Gregor for preserving our family's history.**

**John Gregor, Junior Vice Commander  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**In Memory of my father, Charles Lirio (also known as Carlos Garcia), U.S. Navy, WWII**

**Charles Lirio, Treasurer  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**Remembering my Great Grandfather Ernest Wagner, Co. H, 13th New Jersey Volunteers 1862-1865, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, March to the Sea, Atlanta, Peachtree Creek, Savannah, Goldsboro, Bentonville, North Carolina, The Grand Review, Past Post Commander, Brooklyn City Post, G. A. R., 1888 Gettysburg 25th Reunion, State of NY Aide de Camp 1912.**

**Arthur P. Kirmss, Senior Vice Commander  
Patriotic Instructor, Music Director,  
Chaplain's Aide  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW  
Past New York Department Chaplain, SUVCW**

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**In Loving Memory of my Ancestors:**

**Corporal Elisha Stetson, Massachusetts Militia, Revolutionary War; Mark Knight, Massachusetts Militia, Revolutionary War; Pvt. John Lincoln, Massachusetts Continental Army, Revolutionary War; Pvt. Charles Frederick Weinmann (member of the Edgar Kimball Post 100 & Robert Anderson Post G.A.R.), & Pvt. William John Weinmann, Co. H, 9th New York Vol. Inf. (Hawkins' Zouaves) Civil War; Corporal Michael Ditzel, Co. F, 62nd New York Vol. Inf. (Anderson Zouaves), Civil War; Grenville M. Weeks, Assistant Surgeon, USS Monitor & Army Surgeon 3rd US Colored Troops, Civil War; Speaker of the House of Representative Thomas Brackett Reed, Pay Master US Navy, Civil War; Pvt. George Joseph Weinmann, Co. F, 308th Inf. (Lost Battalion) (WIA) WWI member of the VFW, American Legion and the Lost battalion Association; Pvt. Joseph Louis Weinmann, Co. M, 165th Inf. (Fighting 69th) (WIA) WWI; Pvt. John Frederick Weinmann, Headquarters Co. 32nd Artillery, WWI; Pvt. George Devine, US Army WWI; John Frederick Ebert, Flagship LSM #450 US Navy WWII; George Charles Weinmann, US Army Air Corp and US Maritime Service on the USMS Training Ship "Cape Frio" during WWII, Master Mason, Past Commander, Saint Stanislaus Memorial Post #1771 American legion.**

**Capt. George J. Weinmann, PDC  
2nd Military Dist. Public Information Officer,  
Commander, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW  
Genealogist & Historian, PCC, & SVR 1st Lt.  
Company Commander, Co. I, 83rd New York Vol.**

**In loving memory of Corporal John Kelley, 49<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry Volunteers. Given by his great-grandson, Paul F. Ellis-Graham, PCC, PDC, Dept. of NY, SUVCW.**

**Paul F. Ellis-Graham, PCC, PDC  
Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War**

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**George F. Spiegel, New York 69<sup>th</sup>, buried in France, WWI. Alfred E. Spiegel NY 69<sup>th</sup> US Marines, WWI, WWII. Philip Smith, NY 69<sup>th</sup> American Civil War.**

**Theodore A. Spiegel,  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**In honor of those who have served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Brooklyn to defend our Union.**

**In loving memory and honor for those of our family who have served in war and peace and especially those who served in 1861-1865. Edwin Munkenbeck, 14<sup>th</sup> Brooklyn Co. K, Jakob Schneider, 15<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy Artillery, George Washington Hyde, Chaplin, CSA, Samuel Tilden Allen, NC State Troops.**

**George J. Munkenbeck  
14th Brooklyn NYSM Co. H,  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26 SUVCW**

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**In memory of my great-great grandfathers Lt. Col William Lemon, Co H, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment 37<sup>th</sup> PA Vol. Corporal Henry Mauk Company A, 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Vol.**

**Ellen M. Higgins, National President  
Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States**

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**In memory of Private James Murray, 4<sup>th</sup> US Infantry, Co K**

**Eileen Sleckman, PDP  
Kady Brownell Tent #36  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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**In memory of brother James F. Bond, Past Treasurer, Oliver Tilden Camp.**

**The members of Oliver Tilden Camp #26 SUVCW**

**In Honor of James W. Walker, Pvt. Co F, 13<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry and FM21C, USS Flambeau**

**David C. Nelson,  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**In memory of my Great Grandfathers & Ancestors; James F. Meagher, 47<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry,  
Michael Dolan, 116<sup>th</sup> PA, Anthony Meagher, 47<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry, Joseph Gallaudet 6<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy  
Artillery, John Gallaudet 2<sup>nd</sup> NY Vol Heavy Artillery.**

**James Dolan & John Dolan, SUVCW  
Lynne Gallaudet Dolan PDP NY Dept. DUVCW**

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**In loving memory of Matthew G. Cornell, Private, 10<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry.**

**Alexander Julian Pappas  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**Congratulations to my Son, Captain Richard Reilly of Tilden Camp, on being appointed Aide  
de Camp, to the commanding general of Task Force Spartan Shield, in the Middle East.**

**Steve Reilly  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

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**In loving memory of my Civil War Veterans, John Rile, PA Heavy Artillery and Walter White,  
OH Nat'l Guard.**

**Elizabeth Radley  
Kady Brownell Tent #36 Daughters of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War, 1861-1865**



# **Boosters**

**We should never forget General Grant.**

**Major General Robert E. Grim  
Sons of Veterans Reserve – SUVCW**

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**Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, SUVCW, Hempstead, New York. Helping Long Island remember the Boys in Blue, Don McMahon, Commander.**

**Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary Treasurer  
Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW**

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**The Grant Monument Association thanks Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans. We remember President Ulysses S. Grant on his 197<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**Frank Scaturro  
Grant Monument Association**

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**We and the CWRT-NY commend Oliver Tilden Camp for always remembering Gen. Grant and American history.**

**Patrick Falci & Joan McDonough  
Civil War Round Table of New York**

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**Commending Oliver Tilden Camp #26 SUV for their steadfast commitment to the commemoration of General Grant.**

**Patrick Falci & Joan McDonough**

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**In honor of Ulysses S. Grant**

**Marc Hermann  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW**

**Honoring General Ulysses S. Grant**

**Kady Brownell Tent #36 Daughters of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865**

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**The Colonel Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp #124, SUVCW joins the Oliver Tilden Camp #26  
in commemorating the 198<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ulysses S. Grant's birth.**

**Bruce Crandall, Sec.  
Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp #124,  
SUVCW**

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**My compliments to all my brothers in the Tilden Camp and across the Department of New York.**

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander in Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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**Honoring Ulysses S. Grant**

**Laura Congleton, Tent Treasurer  
Kady Brownell Tent #36 Daughters of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War, 1861-1865**

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**Honoring the DUVCW**

**Sarah W. Meyer, President DUVCW  
Lynne Dolan, National Council Member #5  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
1861-1865**

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**Honoring Ulysses S. Grant**

**Dr. Sandra K. Millin, National President,  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865**

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**Much has been said about our 18<sup>th</sup> President. Much still can be said. Many who followed him  
into battle and many who wished him ill will died because of it. His greatness united us!**

**Vernon William Wagner  
Corporal James Tanner Camp #134  
& Oliver Tilden Camp #26 -SVR**

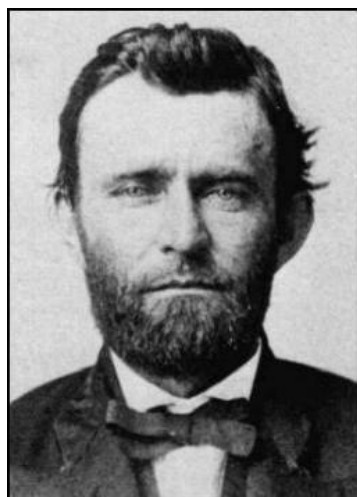
# The American's Creed

by William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

—Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.



## THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

OFFERS ITS COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION  
TO OLIVER TILDEN CAMP #26  
FOR HONORING GENERAL GRANT  
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH,  
AND FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO KEEP ALIVE  
THE MEMORY OF ALL THE BOYS IN BLUE

RICHARD E. STRAIGHT, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER





# *“Lest We Forget”*

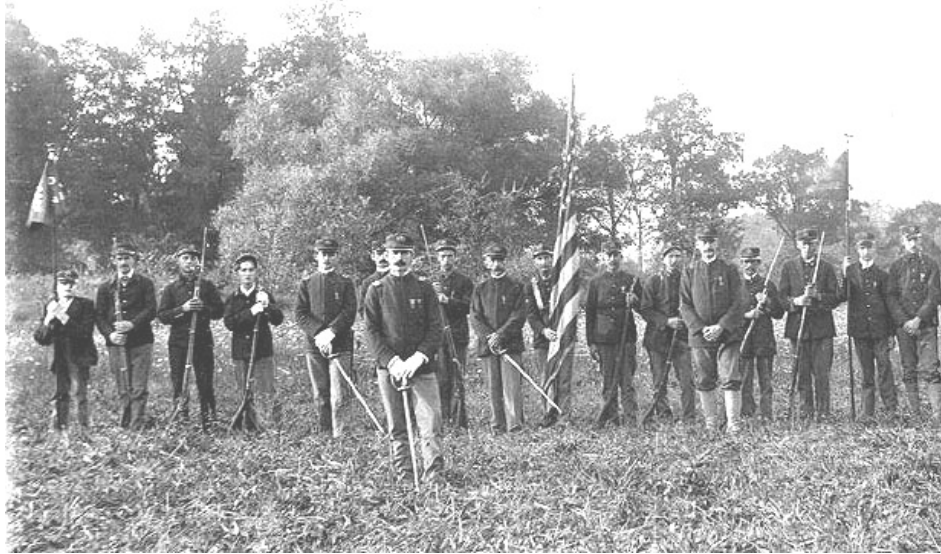


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Oliver Tilden Camp #26  
Honors President Ulysses S. Grant and Julia Dent Grant*

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



1884



2020

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, S.V.U.S.A. at Camp Bolster on September 2, 1901

**Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is proud to host the 198th Birthday Commemoration for General Ulysses S. Grant.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS - SPRING - SUMMER 2020

May 27, 2020 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Meet at 6:00 PM at 1 Centre St, 22nd Floor, Suite 2208, Manhattan, NY, Conference Room – Canceled due to the Coronavirus.

May 16, 2020 (Sat.) Memorial Day Service: , Mt. Olivet Cemetery GAR Post plot, Lutheran All Faiths and Cypress Hills Cemeteries. Canceled due to the Coronavirus. Commander Weinmann and his wife Janice will visit Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens by foot (abt. 4 mile walk each way) from Greenpoint, Bklyn. Flags will be placed on the Civil War Veteran's graves at Robert Marks GAR Post plot. A short Memorial Day service will be performed.

May 25, 2020 (Mon.) Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, 89th St. and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. Formation at 9:45 AM. Canceled due to the Coronavirus.

June 5 & 6, 2020 (Fri. & Sat.) New York Department Encampment. Encampment will be held virtually via Zoom. Information contact: Bob Pugsley, PDC, NY Department Secretary. flycar@frontiernet.net or (585) 737-5710.

June 15, 2020 (Mon.) - 12:00 PM Flag Day Parade. 11:30 AM Formation. City Hall Park in Manhattan.

June 10, 2020—Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting – Canceled due to the Coronavirus.

Sept. 30, 2020 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Meet at 6:00 PM at 1 Centre St, 22nd Floor, Suite 2208, Manhattan, NY, Conference Room. – “By the Call of the Commander”.

### Acknowledgments

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It is Oliver Tilden Camp's goal to make sure that as many veterans as possible are suitably remembered. We are grateful to the Veterans Administration of the Federal Government who provided the stone, but we must present proof of service. If you know any worthy veterans unmarked grave please bring it to our attention. Please notify: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Commander George J. Weinmann, PDC, PCC, 1 Centre Street, Room 2208, New York, NY 10007. Phone: 917-832-9999



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## Civil War Headstone Dedication



Headstone Dedication for  
Pvt. Mathew George Cornell  
Co. E, 10th New York State Vol.

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Headstone Dedication at 11:00 AM  
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“National Zouaves”**

Call to Order: Camp Commander George J. Weinmann, PDC, PCC

Advancing of the Colors: Co. I, 83rd New York Vols. (9th NYSM) SVR

Invocation: 1st Lt. John Portanova, PCC, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW

Pledge of Allegiance:

The National Anthem:

Musical Interlude: JVC John Gregor, Banjo

Welcome: Commander & Captain Co. I, 83rd NYV, SVR George J. Weinmann, PDC

Welcome: Alexander Pappas, descendent of Pvt. Mathew George Cornell (Connell)

Greetings: Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President of  
The Greenpoint Monitor Museum & SUVCW Auxiliary.

Speaker: Alexander Pappas, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW.

A Reading: 1st Lt. John Portanova, PCC

Dedication and Unveiling. Capt. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Commander.

Musical Interlude. JVC John Gregor, Banjo

Placing of Flag and Flowers.

Blessing of the headstone.

Musical Interlude: JVC John Gregor, Banjo

Benediction: 1st Lt. John Portanova, PCC

Gun Salute: Corp. Marc Hermann, Company I, 83rd NYV (9 NYSM), Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Taps.

Retiring of the Colors:



**Pvt. Mathew George Cornell  
14 Feb. 1845 - 30 Mar. 1917  
Co. E, 10th New York State Vol.  
“National Zouaves”**

Immigrated to the United States at the age of nineteen. Arrived in New York Harbor on September 15th, 1864. Matthew enlisted as a Private in the 10th New York Volunteer Regiment (National Zouaves) at Tarrytown on September 16th, 1864. He was mustered out on June 9th, 1865 at Munson's Hill, Virginia. A lifelong confectioner, he married Jennie Hallenbeck [1858-1953] some time before 1882. Matthew was an active member of Grand Army of the Republic, William Rankin Post No. 10 in Brooklyn. He died on March 30th, 1917 at his rooms on Broadway in Bushwick, Brooklyn, NY.

This regiment, Col. Waters W. McChesney, was accepted and designated by the State May 15, 1861. It was organized in New York city, and the companies were mustered in the service of the United States for two years: A and B, April 27; C, D, E, F, G and H, April 30; I and K, May 2 and 7, 1861, respectively. At the expiration of its term of service the three years' men were formed into a battalion of four companies - A, B, C and D-under Maj. George F. Harper, and May 7, 1863, the regiment, under Col. John E. Bendix, was honorably discharged and mustered out at New York city, while the battalion continued in service. Companies E and F, mustered in the United States service for three years, joined the battalion in April, 1864. June 15, 1865, Companies Land M, 8th N. Y. Volunteer Artillery, became, by transfer, Companies H and G of the battalion, a Company I was formed of the men of Companies B, C and E, and a Company K of the men of Companies A, D and F, 8th N. Y. Volunteer Artillery, not mustered out with their regiment; a few of the men of these last six companies were also transferred to the original six companies of the battalion. June 20, 1865, Company F received, by transfer, 15 men of the 16th N. Y. Volunteer Cavalry. The companies were recruited principally: A- the original National Guard Zouaves -I and K at New York city; B in Troy; C-the Volunteer State Zouaves - D, E, G and H in New York city; F-Morgan State Zouaves in Brooklyn; second Companies E and F in New York city. The regiment left the State, June 6, 1861, and served at and near Fort Monroe, Va., from June 7, 1861; at Norfolk, Va., 7th Corps, from May, 1862; in the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from June 7, 1862; in the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 2d Corps, from September 24, 1862; as Provost Guard of General Sumner's Grand Division, Army of the Potomac, from December 7, 1862; in 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac, from December 26, 1862; the battalion as Provost Guard, 3d Division, 2d Corps, from April 27, 1863; with 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 2d Corps, from June, 1863; and in the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 2d Corps, from March, 1864. The regiment, commanded by Col. Joel B. Baker, was honorably discharged and mustered out, June 30, 1865, at Munson's Hill, Va.

During its service it lost by death, killed in action, 4 officers, 77 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 2 officers, 47 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 3 officers, 86 enlisted men; total, 9 officers, 210 enlisted men; aggregate. 219.

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# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was established in 1881 as the successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Army Veterans' organization. It was chartered in 1954 by Act of Congress.

The Oliver Tilden Camp was created in 1884 and is now one of two Camps in the downstate area of New York State. The Camp was named for Captain Oliver Tilden who lived in Morrisania, an area of the Bronx. When the Civil War came, Tilden formed Co. E, 38th Volunteer New York Infantry. He was killed at Chantilly, Virginia on September 1, 1862. Tilden is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx.

Meetings of the Oliver Tilden Camp are held the last Wednesday of every month from September to June at the Mayor David N. Dinkins Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, 22nd Floor, Suite 2208 in Manhattan, NY. The building is across the street from City Hall at Chamber St. A 6:00 P.M. business meeting will be held in the conference room. A guest speaker will speak at each meeting on various Civil War topics.

The Oliver Tilden Camp conducts the annual observance of General Ulysses S. Grant's birthday on the last Sunday of April at the National Monument in upper Manhattan. New members of the Camp are initiated during the General Grant ceremonies. The Camp also participates in the Memorial Day, Flag Day and Veterans Day parades in the City; the annual November Flag Service at St. Thomas' Church. It also conducts Civil War headstone dedications. The Camp's Color Guard and Musical Unit participate in community parades. The Camp also participates at encampments, displaying artifacts in a Civil War officers Wall tent. It is also involved in commemorative services at Cypress Hills National Cemetery and other cemeteries in the area.

If you are a male descendent of a soldier, sailor or marine regularly mustered and honorably discharged during the War of Rebellion, 1861 to 1865, consider membership in this friendly and active Camp. Members of the Camp will assist in identifying a veteran ancestor. Membership may also be extended as an "Associate Member" for individuals without a veteran ancestor. For more information, contact Commander George J. Weinmann, PDC, at [GJWeinmann@aol.com](mailto:GJWeinmann@aol.com) or 917-832-9999.

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