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

Summer 2009

187th Annual General & President Ulysses S. Grant Ceremony



On Sunday, April 26, 2009, Oliver Tilden Camp #26 and members of the allied orders participated in the Annual Birthday Celebration for General and President Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant Memorial on Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The 200th Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln was also observed during the ceremony. Tilden Camp thanks all who participated in the event to make it one of the best ceremonies to honor President Grant in many years. Special thanks to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief SUVCW, Leo F. Kennedy, Patrick Falci (General A. P. Hill), The Civil War Round Table of New York, George Buss as Abraham Lincoln and Bro. Larry and Connie Clowers as General Ulysses S. and Julia Grant.



In Memoriam

Oliver Tilden Camp mourns the loss of Past Commander Albert A. Morey. Bro. Morey passed away on May 12, 2009. He was camp commander 1976-77, 1979, and 1982 to 1990. Commander Weinmann formed up an honor guard for a memorial service at the funeral home. His family expressed their appreciation and said the Sons were very special to him. He was special to us. We will miss you brother!

He was the descendant of Pvt. Joseph Morey, 38th New Jersey Vols.

Up Coming Events!

German American Steuben Day Parade. Saturday Sept. 19, 2009 We are in the Metropolitan Division. We will assemble at 70th St. between 5th Ave. and Madison Ave. in Manhattan at 12:00 Noon. Prost!

Headstone Dedication at Amityville Cemetery, Amityville, LI for Pvt. Ezra Pearsall, Co. E. 127th New York Vols. Saturday Sept. 26, 2009, at 12:00 Noon. (see additional information inside)

2009-2010 Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW

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Robert W. Lord Patriot of the Year Award Committee - Award given at Grant's Tomb each year.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meet on a Wednesday night of each month from September through June. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at 346 Broadway, Manhattan, NY, 8th floor Conference Room. This building is about midway between Chambers and Canal Streets, the entrance is around the corner at 108 Leonard Street. Our next meeting is Wed. Sept. 30, 2009, 7:00 PM - Speaker: George J. Weinmann, CC, PCC - He will show an old video that he took on May 17th 1992 at the Remsen event in Forest Park, Queens, NY honoring 130 years of Valor (Medal of Honor). The late past commander's Albert Morey and Robert Eck (Playing Bagpipes) are present with Bros. Kirmss, Weinmann, Hennessey, Co. H, 14th Brooklyn and many others. Fr. O'Halloran & Henke are seen in the background. Also shown is a reenactment of the Battle of Chancellorsville. Contact Program Committee Chairman George J. Weinmann, CC if you want to speak at an upcoming meeting.

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**November meeting
Canceled!**

Fall - Winter Events 2009

Sept. 19, 2009, Sat. 52nd Annual German American Steuben Day Parade, Manhattan, NY. We are in the Metropolitan Division. We will assemble on 70th Street between 5th Ave. and Madison Ave. at 12:00PM.

Sept. 26, 2009 - Headstone Dedication at Amityville Cemetery, Amityville, LI for Pvt. Ezra Pearsall, Co. E. 127th New York Vols. Saturday Sept. 26, 2009, at 12:00 Noon. (SVR Event) (See attached flyer) There will be a reception at the North Amityville Fire House after the ceremony.

Sept. 30, 2009 Wed. 7:00 PM: Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Meet at 7:00 PM at 346 Broadway, Manhattan, NY, 8th floor Conference Room. This building is about midway between Chambers and Canal Streets, the entrance is around the corner at 108 Leonard Speaker: CC George J. Weinmann Topic: He will show an old video that he took on May 17th 1992 at a Remsen event in Forest Park, Queens, NY honoring 130 years of Valor (Medal of Honor).

Oct. 17, 2009 (Sat.) Annual Civil War Memorial for Captain Oliver Tilden. 11:00 AM Meet at the Main Gate at East 233rd St. & Webster Ave., Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY.

Oct. 28, 2009 (Wed.) 7:00 PM: Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. (Speaker to be announced)
6:30 PM SVR meeting

Nov. 7, 2009 (Sat.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show Award Ceremony." - Church of the Ascension Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY. (call Commander for more information)

Nov. 8, 2009 (Sun), Blessing of the flags at St. Thomas' Church, 5th Ave & 53rd St., Manhattan, NY 4:00 PM.

Nov. 21, 2009 (Sat.) Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA. Event hosted by the Sons of Veterans Reserve. (SVR Event)

Nov. 2009 Headstone Dedication at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, Queens, NY. (Date and time to be announced) (SVR Event)

Nov. 2009 Wed. 7:00 PM: Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Meeting has been canceled. Conference room is being used by NYC Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs.

Dec. 2009 Tilden Camp Christmas Party. The Trinity-St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Maspeth, Queens, NY. (Date and time to be announced)

**Oliver Tilden Camp #26
Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Invite you to attend a
Civil War Headstone
Dedication Ceremony
at
Amityville Cemetery
55 Harrison Avenue
Amityville, NY 11708
on**



**G.A.R.
Badge**

**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009
At 12:00 Noon**

**To honor
Private Ezra Pearsall
Co. E, 127th New York Vols.
(Monitors)**



**SUVCW
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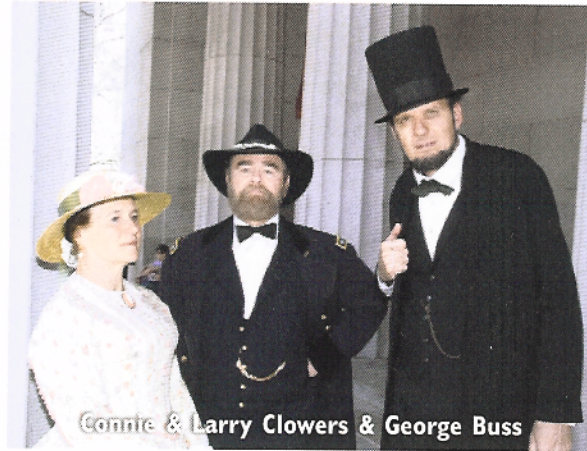
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1A Salt Box Path, Amityville, NY. (631) 264-3317**

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Webpage <http://www.olivertildencamp26suvchw.org/index.html>**

**Sunday, April 26, 2009
General Ulysses S. Grant
187th Birthday Commemoration**



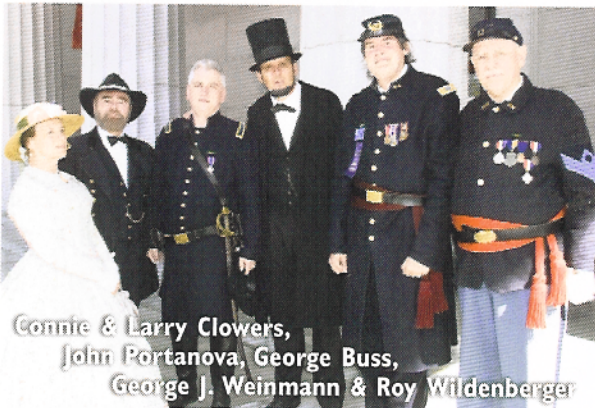
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George Forsythe



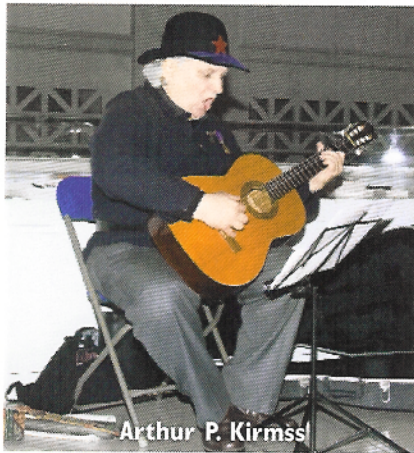
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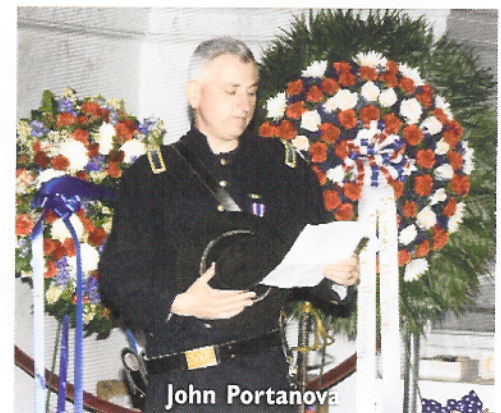
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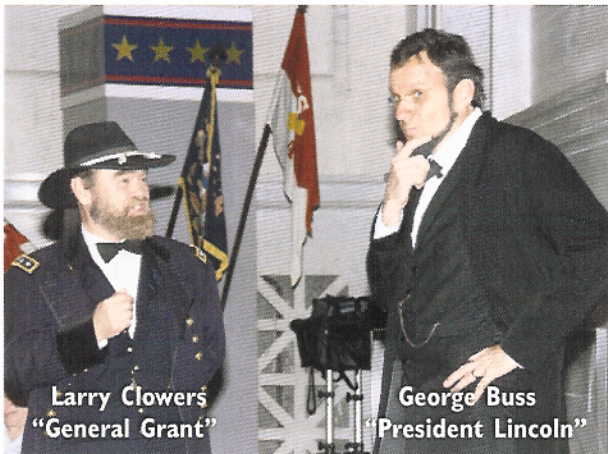
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Peter Lindemann



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"General Grant"

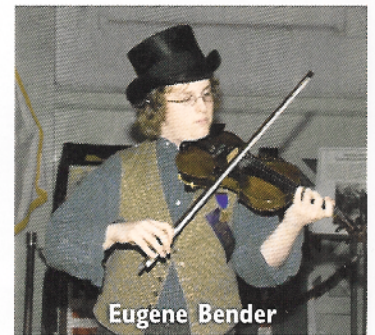
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Arthur P. Kirmss



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Acknowledgments

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Co. I, 83 NYVI (9 NYSM) Sons of Veterans Reserve wish to give special thanks to Patricia Goldsmith; Bro. Steven Campbell; The Evergreens Cemetery - President Paul Grassi, Anthony Salamone, Danny Daddario and the rest of the cemetery staff; Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum; Rev. Fr. John O'Halloran; Tres. James F. Bond; Sect. Roy Wildenberger; JVC George I. Rand, Bros. Frank Mistretta; John Shaud; Donald Steinmaker; Bro. Robert Fries, George Forsythe; & SVC Arthur P. Kirmss for providing the music; Marc Hermann; Former Senator Serphine R. Maltese for providing funding through the New York State Division of Veteran Affairs for covering the cost of printing the programs; and everyone who supported this effort.

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 stones, but we must present proof of service. If you know any worthy veteran in an unmarked grave please bring it to our attention. Also, if you are interested in membership please contact: Commander George J. Weinmann, 718-383-3180 or by e-mail GJWeinmann@aol.com.

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Civil War Headstone Dedication



Lewis G. Goldsmith



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Headstone dedication for
Seaman & Private
Lewis Gerhardt Goldsmith
Also known as Lewis G. Lawson
U. S. Navy & Troop C,
1st Rhode Island Cavalry
and
Private
Elijah A. Campbell
Also known as Edward A. Commel
Co. K, 139th New York Vol.
& Co. K, 97th Penn. Vol.

Saturday, May 16, 2009
Headstone Dedication at 11:00 AM
The Evergreens Cemetery
1629 Bushwick Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11207

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Civil War
Headstone Dedication for
Seaman & Pvt. Lewis G. Goldsmith
and
Pvt. Elijah A. Campbell

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

Advancing of the Colors: George Forsythe, SUVCW, Bagpipes

Invocation: JVC George I. Rand

Pledge of Allegiance:

The National Anthem: SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, Patriotic Instructor

Musical Interlude: SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, Piccolo Recorder.

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

Welcome: from Cemetery Officers and Staff.

Paul Grassi, President

Anthony Salamone, Assistant Superintendent

Greetings: Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President of The Greenpoint

Monitor Museum, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York.

Musical Interlude: SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, Piccolo Recorder.

Dedication and Unveiling: Capt. George J. Weinmann.

Placing of Flag and Flowers:

Family member: Ed O'Connell, Great Grandson

of Lewis Lawson Goldsmith

Musical Interlude: George Forsythe, Bagpipes.

Benediction: JVC George I. Rand

Gun Salute: Compay I, 83rd NYV (9 NYSM), Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Taps. Bugler: performed by Brother Robert Fries.

Retiring of the Colors: SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, 1860 Tin Flute.



Seaman & Pvt. Lewis Gerhardt Goldsmith

Also known as Lewis G. Lawson

Born in Denmark on September 28, 1839. Enlisted into the Navy in 1861 as a Seaman for three years. He served on steam gunboats John L. Lockwood, Hetzel, and the General Putnam. He participated in General Burnside's Expedition. He was in battles at Albemarle Sound, the Roanoke River, Elizabeth City and others along the Washington D. C. North Carolina coast. Mustered out August 1864. Enlisted into Troop C, 1st Rhode Island Cavalry on March 30, 1865 and Mustered out August 2, 1865. Died on Nov. 2, 1913 in Brooklyn.



Pvt. Elijah A. Campbell

Also known as Edward A. Cornnell

Born in Cootehill, Drumgoon, Cavan, Ireland on May 4, 1833. Enlisted as a Pvt. into Co. K, 139th New York Vols. on September 9, 1862 in Brooklyn, NY. Captured at Hanover Co. Virginia, Prisoner of War at Richmond, Virginia. Paroled July 8, 1863. Enlisted as a Pvt. into Co. K, 97th Penn. Vols. on September 25, 1863. Wounded in Action at Burmuda Hundred, Virginia and mustered out on August 28, 1865. Eljah died on May 15, 1875 in Brooklyn, NY.

Please return this form to:

Sons of Union Veterans

George J. Weinmann, Commander

55 Jewel St., Brooklyn, NY 11222-3507

“Billy Yank” Notice

At the last few Tilden Camp meetings the cost of “Billy Yank” has been discussed. At our June 2009 meeting, a vote was unanimously passed by the membership to place “Billy Yank” on the internet. A notice will go out to the membership by email with an internet link to the new published issue. **The benefits: It will keep our dues at \$40.00**; save the camp about \$800.00 each year in postage, printing, mailing seals and mailing labels; all photos will be published in color (Bro. Weinmann has been printing pages 1 & 2 on his color printer); Web version can expand the number of pages and/or issues; use the almost unlimited internet space on our **new camp website**; worldwide exposure to our camp activates; printable to your computer and printer; no issues or pages lost in the US Mail; back and future issues will stay posted on the internet; there are many other good reasons to publish to the internet. **Those members who do not have internet access will continue to receive “Billy Yank” by US Mail, but must return this form to the address above to inform the editors or this will be your last US Mail issue. All members must return this form so we have your most up to date information and email address. The 2010 dues will stay at \$40.00. Thank you for your support!**

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Please check any boxes that apply:

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- ☐ I enclose 2009 dues of **\$40.00**. ☐ **If box is marked you owe dues.**
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- ☐ I wish to make an additional voluntary donation to the Camp of \$ _____.

Make check or money order payable to:

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW



Headstone Dedication



On Saturday, May 16, 2009, Oliver Tilden Camp (Co. I, 83rd NYV SVR) held a Civil War headstone dedication in Evergreen Cemetery for Pvt. Elijah A. Campbell, Co. K, 139th New York Vol. and Co. K, 97th Penn. Vol. Elijah is the ancestor of Tilden Camp's new member Bro. Steven Campbell. Tilden Camp was honored to order the headstone and perform the headstone dedication. Special thanks goes to Evergreen Cemetery for all their help.

"Billy Yank"

William Parry, Co-Editor
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