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DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS & NEW OFFICERS



(L-R:) Front Row: Jared Brewer; Gerald Mosley, Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator; Robert LeMaster, New Dept. JVC, Rhy Paris, New Dept. Commander; John Dinsmoor—Real Son and honored guest at the Department Encampment; Jai Davenport, PDC and Council Member; Mark Brewer, Daniel Senjem, Past Dept. Sec/ Treas and former Council Member; Back Row: Garry W. Brewer, PDC Brad Schall, PDC and current JVC-in –Chief; Bennett Young IV, SVC—Camp 7; Bil Buvinger, PCC and Dept. Council Member; Eric Richhart, Pcc and new Dept. SVC; Daniel Agajanian, James M. Barker, Camp 100 Commander; Gary E. Parrott, PDC and present Dept. Sec/Treas. A vacant chair was placed for Chuck Wagner a recently deceased Department member and member of Camp #7 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

On June 12, 2010 the Department of Colorado/Wyoming held it's 81st annual Department Encampment in Grand Junction, Colorado at the Masonic Lodge. In attendance were representatives from Lot Smith Camp #2, Legion of the West Camp #7, Thomas E Bowman Camp #12, Centennial Camp #100 and special guest, Real Son, John Dinsmoor and his wife, Sheryl, son and grandson.

There were several displays provided by Brother Garry Brewer, PDC, and Brother Gary Parrott, PDC and Jim Davenport, PDC as well as snacks and re-

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LOT SMITH CAMP #1 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

On 31 May 2010 Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 held Memorial Day at the Farmington City Cemetery in Farmington, Utah at the grave of Captain Lot Smith. Present was the camp leadership and many family members and descendents of Captain Lot Smith. Lot Smith was a Major and later a General in the Nauvoo Legion. During the Civil War he was called upon by President Brigham Young of the LDS Church to assist in the Protection of the Overland Pass and mail routes. President Abraham commissioned Lot Smith a Captain during the time he did his service to his country. Captain Lot Smith's Calvary Company consisted of 106 soldiers and teamsters. All were acknowledged at this ceremony. The ceremony started at 1100 hours and finished at 1300 hours. Camp Commander Gerald F Mosley conducted. DJVC Eric Dan Richhart, A camp member and Camp Secretary, represented the Department Commander Garry Brewer. A short history of Captain Lot Smith was given by Albert "Bert" Newell Smith, grandson of Lot Smith. We were taken on a exciting experience of the adventures of Captain Lot Smith times in the Mormon Battalion and Nauvoo Legion as well as experiences in the Civil War. Bert Smith is now 90 years old and a great source on patriotism and the Constitution. He and several Descendents has voiced interest in membership in the SUVCW. Camp Memorials Officer and Sculptor Stanley Watts presented to the Smith Family the intended Statue of Capt. Lot Smith to be erected at the State Capitol Complex. The completion date is to be, depending of State acceptance of the project, 11 November 2010 or if problem occur Memorial Day 2011. All Smith Family members were enthused at the project. This will be a coordinate project between Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 of the Colorado/ Wyoming Department of the SUVCW and the Smith Family Organization with Bert Smith as chief member. This Statue will also commemorate all members of the Calvary Company and the Grand Army of the Republic.



(L/R) Richard Creel in Uniform (Asst. Grave Registration Officer), Robert LeMaster CJVC, Eric Dan Richhart DJVC (Camp Sec/Treas), Stanley Watts (Camp memorial Officer), Albert "Bert" Newell Smith (grandson of Lot Smith), Robert Newell CSVC, Gerald F. Mosley Camp Commander, Willis Whittlesey III (Camp Chaplain)

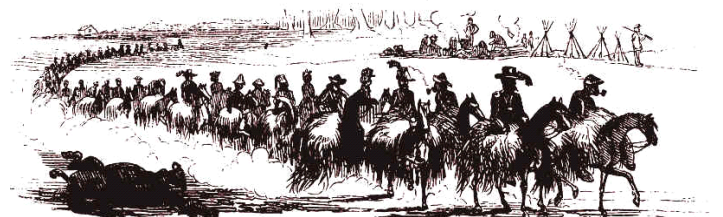
Fraternally,

Eric Dan Richhart, PCC, DJVC

Camp Secretary, Lot Smith Camp #1



Presenting Honors to Captain Lot Smith. L/R Robert Newell CSVC, Richard Creel in Uniform, Gerald F. Mosley CC, Bert Smith saluting, Robert LeMaster CJVC



MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT—1ST LT ALONZO CUSHING



**Photo of 1st Lt Alonzo Cushing
From Wikipedia**

AArmy Approves MOH for Civil War Soldier
May 19, 2010
Associated Press

DELAFIELD, Wis. - Seven score and seven years ago, a wounded Wisconsin soldier stood his ground on the Gettysburg battlefield and made a valiant stand before he was felled by a Confederate bullet.

Now, thanks to the dogged efforts of modern-day supporters, 1st Lt. Alonzo Cushing shall not have died in vain, nor shall his memory have perished from the earth.

Descendants and some Civil War history buffs have been pushing the U.S. Army to award the soldier the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration. They'll soon get their wish.

Secretary of the Army John McHugh has approved their request, leaving a few formal steps before the award becomes official this summer. Cushing will become one of 3,447 recipients of the medal, and the second from the Civil War honored in the last 10 years.

It's an honor that's 147 years overdue, said Margaret Zerwekh. The 90-year-old woman lives on the land in Delafield where Cushing was born, and jokes she's been adopted by the Cushing family for her efforts to see Alonzo recognized.

"I was jumping up and down when I heard it was approved," said Zerwekh, who walks with two canes. "I was terribly excited."

Cushing died on July 3, 1863, the last day of the three-day battle of Gettysburg. He was 22.

The West Point graduate and his men of the Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery were defending the Union position on Cemetery Ridge against Pickett's Charge, a major Confederate thrust that could have turned the tide in the war.

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was planning an invasion of the North; both sides knew how important this engagement was.

Cushing commanded about 110 men and six cannons. His small force along with reinforcements stood their ground under artillery bombardment as nearly 13,000 Confederate infantrymen waited to advance.

"Clap your hands as fast as you can - that's as fast as the shells are coming in," said Scott Hartwig, a historian with the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania. "They were under terrific fire."

The bombardment lasted two hours. Cushing was wounded in the shoulder and groin, and his battery was left with two guns and no long-range ammunition. His stricken battery should have been withdrawn and replaced with reserve forces, Hartwig said, but Cushing shouted that he would take his guns to the front lines.

"What that means is, 'While I've got a man left to fight, I'll fight,'"

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:



First I want to thank Outgoing Department Commander, Garry W. Brewer for his excellent leadership and support to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. His groundwork will make my tenure an easy one.

My intention is to keep the current leadership positions that has existed for the past year. The only exception will be if one of you who currently hold one of the appointed positions desires to give it up and have someone else take it over. If that is the case please get in contact with me and we can arrange for an orderly transfer of responsibilities.

When I took over command of the department I made a challenge to all the department leadership to complete the SUVCW Officers Training Course before the next encampment. Brother James Barker, Commander of Centennial Camp 100, was the first person in the Department to complete the course and receive his certificate. I hope that all department officers and also all camp officers will take his lead and complete the course so that we can have a large number of certificates awarded at the next encampment.

I have a simple concept of leadership—leadership is service to others. Those of us who were elected to serve you will do just that. Our intent is to provide the necessary support and materials for each camp to succeed in accomplishing their respective goals. Yes we do have certain responsibilities with regard to leadership but we prefer to provide support.

We have a strong team of elected officers to serve the camps and the individual members. Senior Vice Commander, Eric D. Richhart, PCC, brings with him many years of leadership experience as does Junior Vice Commander, Robert LaMaster. Gary E. Parrott, PDC is continuing to serve as the department Secretary/Treasurer and has a vast knowledge of leadership information to assist in any way needed. Out Department Council consists of Garry W. Brewer, PDC; Jim Davenport, PDC and Bill Buvinger, PCC all of whom are very experienced leaders and will provide the needed support to the department to serve the camps and membership. The appointed offices are manned by experienced and capable individuals who will provide support in their respective area of expertise.

I am excited about the opportunities that are ahead of us this year to provide support and leadership to each and every camp and member desiring it. I am also determined that we will increase our membership base through providing opportunities for new members to accomplish their desired goals. Each camp bears the responsibility to go out and seek new members and by so doing they will reap the benefits of a stronger camp and the possibility of new leaders being trained to continue the work of the camp and to further increase membership. It is a simple task for each member to get out and just talk with new prospects about what they desire out of membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Some desire to find out more about their ancestor(s), some want to learn more about the Civil War, while still others just desire to be a member of an outstanding organization that they can enjoy membership in. Regardless of the reason, each one brings with him the opportunity to increase the camp's membership base and to provide future leaders for the camp as well. I hope that each one of you will avail himself of the opportunity to recruit one or two new members over the next year.

If any of the department officers can be of assistance you only need to contact one of us and we will do our very best to assist you with your needs.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CO/WY BY JIM BARKER

On 22 March 1929, ten camps met in Denver, CO to organize the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Brother John W. Kennedy was unanimously elected Department Commander to serve until the first Annual Encampment. The Department's charter was approved 26 March 1929.



Frederic W. Geist
Commander Department of CO/WY
1930-1931

The Department met for its first Annual Encampment 18 – 20 June 1929, in Ft Collins, CO. At this meeting Brother James G. Noll was elected Department Commander for a one year term.

Canon City, CO hosted the second Annual Encampment 17 – 19 June 1930. The Adjutant General reported 456 members in good standing and 30 camps. The following brothers were elected Department Officers for 1930-31:

Department Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
First Council
Second Council
Third Council

Frederic W. Geist
 Robert J. Hill
 R. W. Thompson
 James G. Noll
 J. O. Simpson
 J. M. Vittetoe

As of 1931, the Department had about 600 members and 40 camps.

Note 1: This information comes from "Official Roster of the G. A.R. Department of Colorado and Wyoming". This little book was published in 1931 and contain rosters of G.A.R. Posts that were still active in 1930.

Note 2: The photo of Robert J. Hill clearly identifies him as "Department Commander" although he is not listed in the list of Commanders on the Department's website. As this picture was printed at the beginning of the section on the SUVCW in the above mentioned "Official Roster", I'm guessing he was elected Commander for 1931-32. Obviously, more research is needed. Brother Hill was a member of Denver Camp No. 1 and was elected National Senior Commander-in-Chief at Cincinnati, OH, 20 Aug 1930.

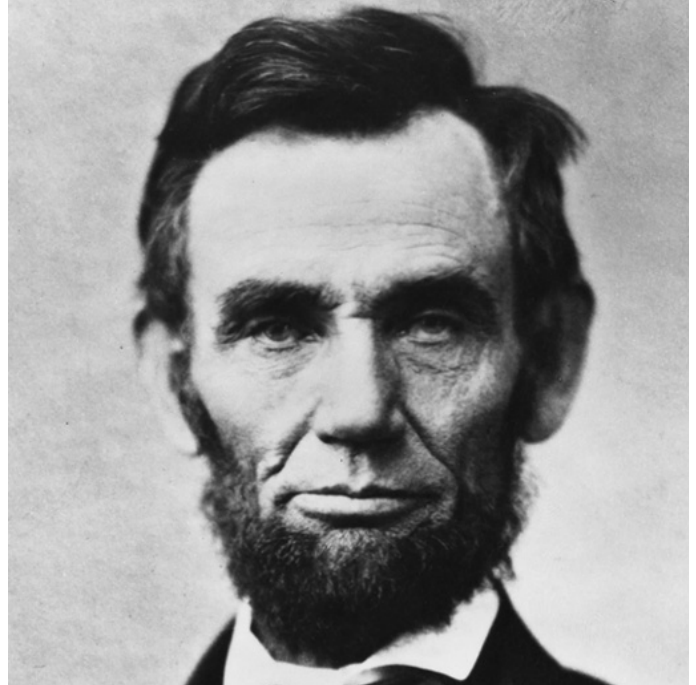
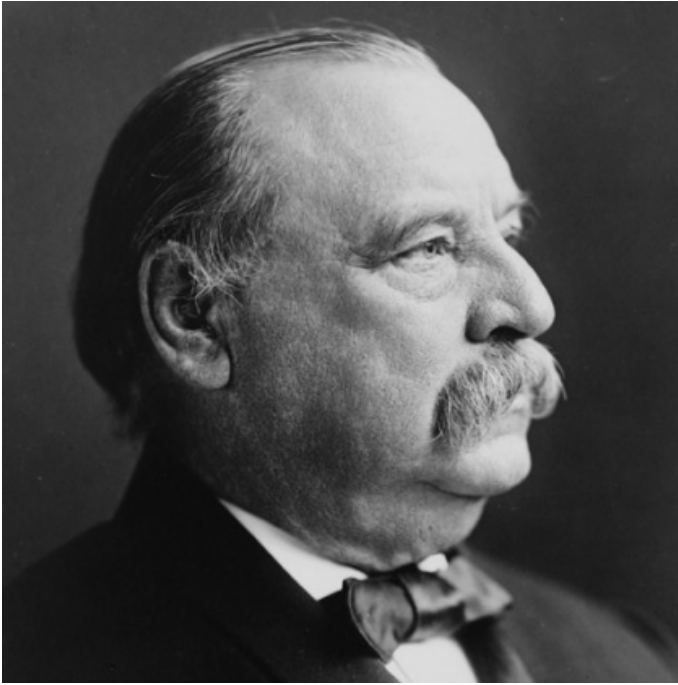
Jim Barker, Commander Centennial Camp 100

(Editors Note: Special thanks to Brother Barker for this excellent information. The Department Officers will look into the possibility of Bro. Hill's being one of our commanders



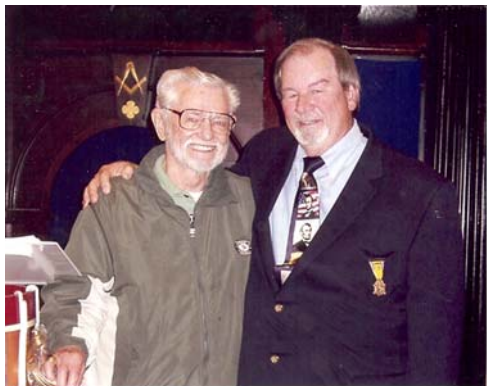
ROBERT J. HILL
 Department Commander, Colorado and Wyoming
 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUBSTITUTE AND COMMUTATION (PROVIDED BY GARRY W. BREWER, PDC)



Grover Cleveland, the twenty-second president of the United States, is frequently listed as the most prominent Northerner who avoided Civil War military service by hiring a substitute to fight for him. For the bargain price of \$150 Cleveland managed to avoid the risks of combat by putting thirty-two-year-old Polish immigrant George Benninsky into uniform.

Cleveland was not, however, the best-known man of his time to purchase the service of a military substitute. On September 30, 1864, John S. Staples of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, agreed to become a substitute for a civilian who was exempt from conscription. Recruited by James B. Fry, provost marshal of the District of Columbia, Staples, a carpenter working in the capital, consented to become a “representative recruit” for President Lincoln. Although the *Collected Works* of the wartime commander in chief make no mention of Staples, it is well established that the carpenter donned a uniform as a substitute for the president who did not have to enlist. A few months earlier most persons who hired recruits paid them three hundred dollars or less, but Lincoln paid the native of the Buckeye State five hundred dollars in greenbacks to represent him in uniform.



Real Son, John Dinsmoor with National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall



Real Son, John Dinsmoor with his son and grandson at the 81st Department Encampment

A VIEW FROM THE CONFEDERATE SIDE (PROVIDED BY GARRY BREWER, PDC)

ANTIETAM, OR SHARPSBURG

“The heartstrings of the mother, woven around the grave of her lost child, will never be severed while she lives; but does that hinder the continued flow of maternal devotions to those who are left her? The South’s affections are bound, with links that cannot be broken, around the graves of her sons who fell in her defense and to the memories of the great struggle; but does that fact lessen her loyalty to the proud emblem of a reunited country? Does her unparalleled defense of the now dead Confederacy argue less readiness to battle for the ever-living Republic, in the making and the administering of which she bore so conspicuous a part?”

If those unhappy patriots who find a scarecrow in every faded, riddled Confederate flag would delve deeper into the philosophy of human nature, or rise higher, say to the plane on which McKinley stood, they would be better satisfied with their Southern countrymen, with Southern sentiment, with the breadth and strength of the unobtrusive but sincere Southern patriotism. They would see that man is so constituted, the immutable laws of our being are such, that to stifle the sentiment and extinguish the hallowed memories of a people is to destroy their manhood.

The unseemly things which occurred in the great conflict between the States should be forgotten, or at least forgiven, and no longer permitted to disturb complete harmony between North and South. All American youth in all sections should be taught to hold in perpetual remembrance all that was great and good on both

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THOMAS F. BOWMAN CAMP #12 CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY

Camp 12 was represented at the Memorial Day ceremony at Greenmount Cemetery in Durango in 2010.

Brother Dave Crawford is on the extreme left of the photo giving a short speech and Brother Jim Davenport is on the extreme right holding the Camp 12 flag. Brothers Bob Foisel with his musket, and Tim Crites were also there but the photo cut them off.

(Editor’s Note: Article and photo submitted by Bro. Jim Davenport, PDC—Thanks, Jim!)



JOHN DINSMOOR—from: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/u/r/Billy-R-Burrow/GENE11-0033.html>

Descendants of Rollo - Dinsmoor Family

Generation No. 33

34. SAMUEL PERRY³³ DINSMOOR (*WILLIAM ANDERSON³², HANNAH³¹ LITTLE, ELIZABETH (EATON)³⁰ MORSE, JANE²⁹ TRUE, JEBEZ²⁸, JANE²⁷ BRADBURY, THOMAS²⁶, WYMOND²⁵, ANNE²⁴ EDEN, MAGARET²³ PEYTON, CHRISTOPHER²², FRANCIS²¹, ELIZABETH²⁰ BROOKE, REGINALD¹⁹, JOANNE BRAY¹⁸, JOAN¹⁷ DE LA POLE, JOAN¹⁶ COBHAM, MARGARET¹⁵ DE COURTNEY, MARGARET¹⁴ DE BOHUN, ELIZABETH¹³ PLANTAGENET, EDWARD I THE¹² GREAT, HENRY¹¹ III, JOHN¹⁰ LACKLAND, HENRY II "CURT MANTEL"⁹ PLANTAGENT, EMPRESS MATILDA⁸ (MAUDE), HENRY⁷I, BEAUCLERIC KING OF ENGLAND, WILLIAM 1ST "THE⁶ CONQUEROR", ROBERT I (THE⁵ DEVIL), RICHARD II (THE⁴ GOOD), RICHARD I (THE³ FEARLESS), WILLIAM²I, ("LONGSWORD"), ROLLO¹) was born 08 Mar 1843 in Coolville, Ohio, and died 21 Jul 1932 in Lucas, (Russell County) Kansas. He married (1) FRANCES ANN (BARLOW) JOURNEY 24 Aug 1870 in Grafton (Jersey County) Illinois, daughter of MARTIN BARLOW and ELIZABETH DEERING. She was born 24 Apr 1839 in Paris, Missouri, and died 28 Apr 1917 in Lucas, Kansas. He married (2) EMILIE BROZEK 1924 in Lucas, KS. She was born 17 Jan 1904 in Podluský, Czechoslovakia.*

Notes for SAMUEL PERRY DINSMOOR:

Was a volunteer infantry soldier for Ohio in 1861 Civil War. Was the third child. Had two brothers. Buried in Mausoleum on the grounds of the "Garden of Eden" which he built over a period of 22 years in cement. (In the town of Lucas, Kansas) In 1927 he had used 2,273 sacks of cement or over 113 tons. There are 15 cement trees from 30 to 40 feet tall, 14 cement trees from 8 to 20 feet tall. He used 48 light fixtures in the garden and said "This was the most unique home, for living or dead, on earth". There are over 50 cement sculptures in the garden. The log house is also made of cement. S. P. married his first wife Mrs. Frances A. Journey, on horseback in 1890. She died in 1917. In 1924, at the age of 81, he married 20 year old Emilie Brozek. They had two children, Emily and John. Both live out of Kansas, and John is the youngest surviving child of a Civil War veteran. S. P. was a teacher, a Justice of the Peace, Farmer, member of Coovill Lodge 3337, F & A. M. 1866, Full Moon Lodge #341 A. F. & A. M. Grafton, Ill. to 1-4-1890. Organized the Lucas chapter 3188 O.E. D. Chapter 5-13-1897. Served in the Civil War in 1862.

Quotes from Grace Ann Dinsmoor Maggart:

"He (Samuel) was apprenticed in law 2 years prior to his volunteering in the 116th Rgt., Athens, Ohio. Following his honorable discharge (after three years 1865) he taught school seven years in Illinois. He was with Gen. Sheridan - marched thru the South - saw capture of Petersburg, VA. surrender of Lee at Appomattox. He carried a deep scar across his forehead (nearly scalped) - and, as was his way, said he "got it running from the Johnnies". he is quoted as saying: "It is not bravery that keeps a soldier at his post in the face of battle, but cowardice - the fear of being called a coward by his comrades"; also that "war is hell" (and he should know).

He had a photographic mind - a deeply religious background - had read the bible three times - knew it well - could quote verbatim (long) scriptures. A reader of everything historical - maintained a fine selective library - much lost in fire - a great loss. A Justice of the Peace for years - glib, Keen - his favorite game "Chess" - or checkers if a substitute was required for lack of competition.

He never missed a G.A.R. meeting. The "Flag" never failed to thrill and excite him - and was revered. He

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NATIVE HAWAIIANS SERVED ON BOTH SIDES DURING CIVIL WAR

By William Cole, Advertiser Military Writer Honolulu Advertiser



Henry Hoolulu Pitman, son of the last Hawaiian high chiefess of Hilo, served in the Union Army.

Nanette Napoleon

Henry Ho'olulu Pitman, the son of a Hawaiian high chiefess, was born in Hilo, served as a young man in the Union Army during the American Civil War, and died from the effects of being held in the South's Libby Prison.

James Bush, also part Hawaiian, was in the Union Navy in the war between the states, and he received a veteran's pension when he was older.

The history of Isle service on both sides of the war isn't widely known, said Justin Vance, a Civil War and military history professor at Hawaii Pacific University.

As the nation today remembers its war dead, a few in Hawaii are trying to recognize the service of Isle residents from the conflict that preceded the establishment of what is now known as "Memorial Day."

Twelve Native Hawaiian sailors served on the Confederate ship CSS Shenandoah. The Shenandoah went on a rampage, mostly in the Pacific, that resulted in the sinking or capture of 37 Union ships. Those ships represented "a huge chunk of the whaling fleet," and the Pacific industry would never fully recover from the Confederate attacks, Vance said.

As many as a few dozen Punahou School students signed up for the Union Army, and five were killed in the war, Vance said.

To honor these men, the Hawaii Sons of the Civil War Memorial Committee in September plans to install a bronze and stone memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. It will be dedicated to those from Hawaii who served in the war, which was from 1861 to 1865.

The organization, an ad hoc group of people interested in the Civil War, said it will be the first memorial of its kind in the Islands honoring individuals from Hawaii.

"Nobody really knew that our boys went to fight in the Civil War," said Edna Ellis, 84, a Chinatown resident and the great niece of Union Navy veteran James Bush.

'Decoration day'

In 1868, three years after the Civil War ended, a group of Union veterans established "Decoration Day" on May 30 as a time to decorate the graves of service members with flowers, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation, the VA said. The national holiday is being observed today at Punchbowl and the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kāne'ohe.

According to Vance, about 40 individuals who were born and raised in Hawaii served in the Civil War. As many as 200 immigrants to Hawaii who were living here at the outbreak of the war in 1861 may have served in the conflict.

Exact numbers are difficult to determine in part because the last names of Native Hawaiians were often "made up" when they signed on to whaling ships and then into Civil War armies and navies, he said.

Some Native Hawaiians appear on the rosters of "colored" regiments in the Union Army, Vance said.

Approximately 30 Civil War veterans who later died in Hawaii are buried in a "Grand Army of the Republic" plot at O'ahu Cemetery, he said. The Grand Army of the Republic was founded by Union veterans in Decatur, Ill., in 1866.

King Kamehameha IV in 1861 declared the Kingdom of Hawaii to be neutral in the conflict, Vance said. Hawaii residents found their way into the American Civil War by volunteering and, in the case of some sailors, through the fate

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HAWAIIANS SERVED ON BOTH SIDES DURING CIVIL WAR (CONT.)

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of their whaling ships.

"Hawaiians were great sailors, and so they served on the whaling ships and lots of merchant ships before the war," Vance said. "When the war started, many of those ships were drafted into service in the Union Navy, and for their livelihood, (those Hawaiians) would end up as sailors in the Union Navy."

Nanette Napoleon, a historical researcher and writer, said Hawaii had ties to the North through its missionaries and whaling industry, and that led to involvement in the Civil War on the Union side.

Confederate ship

The Shenandoah, by contrast, was a Confederate ship. The 1,160-ton steam cruiser cut a swath through the Pacific late in the war, capturing two dozen vessels in the Bering Sea and destroying all but a few, according to the Naval Historical Center.

Most of the vessels being attacked were whalers providing oil, and the intent was to impact the North's economy, said Vance, whose great-great-grandfather, Joseph Vance, was with the Union Army out of Iowa.

He said the dozen Hawaiians on the Shenandoah were probably from captured ships. Sailors on the losing end of an engagement with the Shenandoah could be put in chains below deck, marooned on an island or be given the chance to join the crew of the Southern vessel.

Vance also estimates there were about 5,000 American missionary families living in Hawai'i at the time of the Civil War.

"Many of them went back to enlist in the Union Army to do their duty," he said.

Vance said little is known about the Union Navy service of James Bush.

"We don't really know," he said. "The Union had a Pacific squadron that was based out of California."

Edna Ellis said her great uncle was half Hawaiian. His brother, John Bush, had a newspaper on O'ahu.

Henry Ho'olulu Pitman, who was born in Hilo and fought for the Union Army, was the son of Benjamin Pitman of Boston and Kino'ole O Liliha, the last Hawaiian high chiefess of Hilo, family said.

Kino'ole O Liliha Pitman Spieler, who lives in Kailua, said after her great-grandmother died, Benjamin Pitman married again, his second wife also died, and he moved back to Boston with the children.

Henry Ho'olulu Pitman fought for the Union Army at the age of about 18. He was assigned to a black regiment.

"His father was an American from Boston and he was (living) there," Pitman Spieler said. "I would assume that he felt it was his duty to join in the war."

Napoleon, the researcher and writer, said Henry Ho'olulu Pitman was captured by the South in 1862 early in his enlistment. He died in 1863, she said.

Pitman Spieler said he was held in Libby Prison. The Confederate lockup in Richmond, Va., was notorious for its poor conditions, and the Hawaiian soldier contracted "lung fever," according to one account.

Portraits of Pitman Spieler's great uncle and his parents are part of the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass.

"I'm very proud of a young man of his age — he was quite young — who served in the Civil War for his family," Pitman Spieler said.

The Hawaii chapter of the Civil War Roundtable, a national organization, is spearheading a drive to raise the remaining 30 percent of the \$3,500 cost for the bronze plaque and stone base commemorating the service of the Hawaii Sons of the Civil War.

Donations can be made to the O'ahu Cemetery Association at 2162 Nu'uanu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96817.

CHUCK WAGNER—NOTED HISTORIAN BUFF PASSES AWAY



C.W. “Chuck” Wagner

August 14, 1930-May 30, 2010

C.W. “Chuck” Wagner, Palisade, Colorado passed away peacefully at the Hospice Care Center on May 30, 2010. He was born on August 14, 1930 in Vermillion, South Dakota, to Clarence and Alma (Eidem) Wagner. He spent his childhood and graduated from high school in Vermillion. He was a member of Legion of the West, Camp #7 in Grand Junction, CO.

Chuck was an equipment operator and retired from the public service company. He joined the Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1956. His special interests were being a firearms appraiser, Military Historian, private pilot, avid reader, and meeting with the morning coffee group and afternoon brew pub group. Chuck loved children and animals and was always willing to help a friend.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, longtime friend Mark Lawton, and beloved dog “Willie”. He will be greatly missed by his brother Donald Wagner of Omaha, Nebraska, adopted granddaughter Angela Lawton, Susan and Ron Lasley, Butch Shay, Gordon McKelvie, and numerous dear friends. Chuck and Willie’s ashes will be scattered on the Bookcliffs.

A celebration of Chuck’s Life with stories and toasts was held on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at 4:30 pm at the Palisade Brew Pub, 200 Peach Street, Palisade. He will be greatly

missed by friends and family.

A VIEW FROM THE CONFEDERATE SIDE (CONT.)

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sides; to comprehend the inherited convictions for which saintly women suffered and patriot men died; to recognize the unparalleled carnage as proof of unrivaled courage; to appreciate the singular absence of all personal animosity and the frequent manifestation between those brave antagonists of a good-fellowship such as had never before been witnessed between hostile armies. It will be a glorious day for our country when all the children within its borders shall learn that four years of fratricidal war between the North and the South was waged by neither with criminal or unworthy intent, but by both to protect what they conceived to be threatened rights and imperiled liberty; that the issues which divided the sections were born when the Republic was born, and were forever buried in an ocean of fraternal blood.”

--General John Brown Gordon, C.S.A. – “reminiscences of the Civil War,” Scribner, New York, 1904.

JOHN DINSMOOR (CONT.)

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always felt he could control all, very determined personality.

He did not homestead but purchased a large acreage 1-1/2 miles East of Lucas, Kansas. He moved to the village when 60 years of age - had the first of modern conveniences - the first radio and electric power. he started his gardens of flowers and fruit - and his hobby - for fun and relaxation. His ideas unfolded through the difficult "Medium of Cement", but his sense of beauty and poetry were expressed through gardens of flowers - from 1909 to 1922. His gardens were of the finest. The early settlers (1800) in Ohio called Ohio the "Our Garden of Eden" - love of home - his garden and his cabin became his "Garden of Eden".

He was obsessed about good "health" and "health foods" - he neither smoked nor drank (beer, etc.)

He was of steel and charm.

He was a most unusual person - very few understanding him because he chose not to be understood. His recipe for long life: "Keep Breathing". "Robert Day, author of The Last Cattle Drive, wrote the following in his book:

We went inside (the mausoleum) and there he was, tiny and shriveled. You could see him from about his waist up. There was a flashlight on a ledge, and we closed the door and shone the light in his face. I found the white button on a two-by-four by the door. I pushed it, and we heard what Dinsmoor had to say by the way of good-bye.

"Visitors have asked me many questions about myself, some of which I'll answer here. I served three years in the Civil War. I was in eighteen big battles besides skirmishes, saw the capture of Lee, and every fight I was in we either captured or run the Johnnies. About half the time we were in the lead and out ran them. I came to Illinois in the fall of 1866. Taught school five terms. Married Mrs. Frances A Journey, on horseback near Grafton, August 24, 1870. Farmer by occupation. Moved to Lucas, Kansas, in the fall of '88. Moved to Nebraska in the fall of '90. Back to Lucas, Kansas, in the fall of '91. Build the Cabin Home in 1907 and lataer on, the Garden of Eden. My wife died in the spring of '17. Married Emilie Brozek in the spring of '24. She was born January 17, 1904, in Podluský, Czechoslovakia. I am the ninth generation from England, seventh from Scotland, sixth from Ireland, fourth from France. I have a record of twenty-three of my ancestors. Their average life was over seventy-six years. But one died under fifty and one lived to be a hundred. So far as I know, not one of my ancestors died in infancy."

Notes for FRANCES ANN (BARLOW) JOURNEY:

Buried in the mausoleum built by S.P. in Lucas, Kansas on their property at the Garden of Eden. 1st worthy matron of OES Chapter #188 Lucas, Kansas 5-13-1897-98. Barlow DAR #KY #500, #7779. National #189091, Barlow DAR #49174 KY #683, #237706.

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i. CHARLES ANDREW³⁴ DINSMOOR, b. 25 Aug 1871, Grafton, Indiana; d. 28 Nov 1937, Lucas, Kansas.

ii. JAMES FRANKLIN DINSMOOR, b. 1873.

iii. SAMUEL ANDERSON DINSMOOR, b. 1875; d. 1960, Denver, Colo..

iv. THOMAS BARLOW DINSMOOR, b. 1878; d. 1939, Lucas, (Russell County) Kansas.

v. LAURA ELIZABETH DINSMOOR, b. 30 Nov 1881; d. Jun 1956, Lucas, (Russell County) Kansas.

DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS & NEW OFFICERS (CONT.)

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freshments for those in attendance.

Elections were held and the following constitute the 2010-11 slate of officers:

Commander: Rhy Paris, PCC; *Senior Vice Commander:* Eric Dan Richhart; *Junior Vice Commander:* Robert LeMaster; *Secretary/Treasurer:* Gary E. Parrott, PDC; *Counselor:* William Ray Ward, PDC; *Department Council Members:* Garry W. Brewer, PDC; William E. "Bill" Buvinger, PCC; and James J. Dav-enport, PDC.

Please take a moment to write or e-mail these individuals with your congratulations and wishes for a successful year. They are your representatives and have pledged to work and support the camps within the Department. They are there to serve your needs as a camp or individual member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. If you have a need or questions please feel free to contact any one of these individual for their support.

We also had an honored guest in attendance—Real Son, John Dinsmoor, USAF (Ret.) who attended with his lovely wife, son and grandson. John received two special presentations: one from the Department—a GAR place from DeMoines, Iowa dated 1932 and a second from Camp #7—A replica Civil War Sword. It was indeed a pleasure to have John and his family present at the 81st Department of CO/WY Encampment.

Real Son John W. Dinsmoor



John, a special thanks to you and your lovely wife, Sheryl, and your son and grandson for gracing our 81st Department of Colorado and Wyoming Encampment with your presence.

The Officers and members in attendance will always remember this special day!

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT—1ST LT ALONZO CUSHING (CONT.)

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Hartwig said. Within minutes, he was killed by a Confederate bullet to the head.

Confederate soldiers advanced into the Union fire, but finally retreated with massive casualties. The South never recovered from the defeat.

The soldier's bravery so inspired one Civil War history buff that he took up Cushing's cause by launching a Facebook page titled "Give Alonzo Cushing the Medal of Honor." Phil Shapiro, a 27-year-old Air Force captain, said such heroism displayed in one of the nation's most pivotal battles deserved recognition, even at this late date.

"We need to honor those people who got our country to where it is," said Shapiro, of Cabot, Ark.

Zerwekh first started campaigning for Cushing in 1987 by writing to Wisconsin Sen. William Proxmire. Proxmire entered comments into the Congressional Record, she said, and she assumed that was as far as it would go. But current Sen. Russ Feingold later pitched in and helped Zerwekh and others petition the Army.

After a lengthy review of historical records, the Army agreed earlier this year to recommend the medal.

More than 1,500 soldiers from the Civil War have received the Medal of Honor, according to the Defense Department. The last honoree for Civil War service was Cpl. Andrew Jackson Smith of Clinton, Ill., who received the medal in 2001.

The Cushing name is prominent in the southeastern Wisconsin town of Delafield. A monument to Cushing and two of his brothers - Naval Cmdr. William Cushing and Army 1st Lt. Howard Cushing - stands at Cushing Memorial Park, where the town holds most of its Memorial Day celebrations.

Shapiro, the Facebook fan, said he thought of Alonzo Cushing plenty of times last year as he faced a number of dangerous situations during a five-month stint in Iraq.

"I'd think about what Cushing accomplished, what he was able to deal with at age 22," Shapiro said. "I thought if he could do that then I can certainly deal with whatever I'm facing."

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EDITOR'S APOLOGY:

Brethren, I must apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out to you. It was my intent to have it out long before now but due to some unexpected health issues my life got thrown into a bit of a turmoil and the newsletter got delayed. Hopefully future issues will get out more on time.

I hope that you enjoy this issue as much as I have putting it together. This year's encampment was a really good one and attendance was up from some of the past ones. Hopefully we will see this trend continue in the future.

It was a great pleasure to have Real Son, John W. Dinsmoor, and some of his family present for the encampment. John is a very interesting and quite enjoyable individual as were the other members of his family. His wife, Sheryl, is a most lovely person and very special lady. John's son and grandson also attended. I must ask forgiveness when it comes to names I have never been able to retain them very well but I believe that John's son's name is Bill but for the life of me cannot recall his grandson's name. Both son and grandson were as enjoyable as John himself and were all a welcome addition to the encampment.

81ST DEPARTMENT OF CO/WY ENCAMPMENT PHOTOS

The 81st Encampment of the Department of CO/WY, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Grand Junction, Colorado on June 12, 2010 at the Masonic Lodge. NJVC Brad Schall represented the National Commander Leo Kennedy. Real Son John Dinsmoor was on the stand to in honor of his father Samuel Dinsmoor. Garry Brewer was the outgoing Department Commander and incoming Department Commander is Rhy Paris. Real Son John Dinsmoor pinned the Past Department Commander Badge on outgoing Department Commander Garry Brewer (Blue Jacket) 6 12 10 F What an honor that was.

John Dinsmoor was born in 1928, his father Samuel Dinsmoor was born in 1843 and served in the Civil War. There are only two real sons alive in the State of Colorado and one Real Daughter.

For more details on photos, like who is who, please email me back with the photo number.

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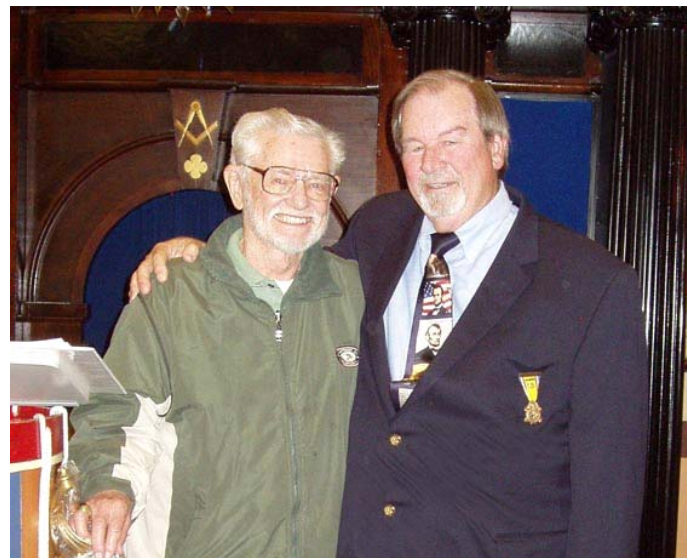
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PROCLAMATION FROM MESA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 5/10/10



Here are a couple of group photos from the 81st Department Encampment provided by Bill Buvinger, PCC

