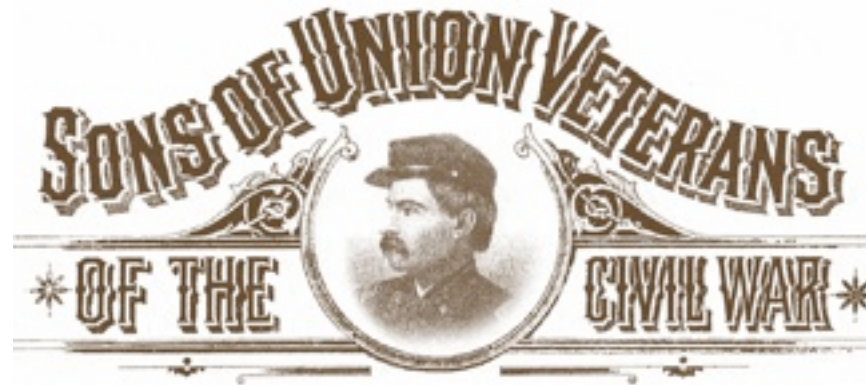




Brother Tom Ludka and Marge Berres have been making many more discoveries at Calvary Cemetery, including unmarked graves. See page 4.



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SALUTING OUR LONG LINE OF COMMANDERS

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AMID PANDEMIC, OUR MISSION IS STILL HEALTHY

Throughout this most bizarre of summers when it seems that everything is closing down or limping through a somewhat partial opening, the events that the Sons attend regularly are no different.

Most have been cancelled. If not cancelled, extremely scaled back due to the pandemic, and the resulting guidelines on “social distancing” and masking.

The only event that we had this summer was the Civil War Encampment at Old Falls Village in the middle of July, which I understand was a success despite the difficulties of having an event during a pandemic.

Unfortunately, because of my

**From the
Commander –
Brian Craig**

work schedule, I was not able to attend. I apologize for not being there to help support the Camp and the Brothers who made the effort to get there and to put on a good showing for members of a public that is starving for outside activities this year.

With events like Summerfest, the State Fair and most others being cancelled, and some things like baseball going through a shortened season with no fans, I certainly understand the feeling of “cabin fever” that most of us have.

Yet, through this time of struggle, we in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War continue to follow through on our mandate to preserve and protect the memory of the Grand Army of the Re-

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We will meet at 7p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, on either Zoom or at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. Stay tuned. PDC Tom Brown will have the patriotic presentation.

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NEW MEMBERS BRIGHTEN UP OUR SUMMER

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public, and honor veterans from all wars.

Besides attending the Old Falls Village event, we held a very moving Memorial Day event on May 30 (though private and very much scaled-back), and we have added members to our Camp 1 roster. We have added six members / transfers in less than a year. Even in the middle of a pandemic, we have new members joining!!!

Keith Rahn joined us last November, and then Anthony Maresca and Peter Keepman, who were both inducted into the Camp during our visit to Calvary Cemetery to pick up flags that we had placed there before Memorial Day.

The three newest members are Paul Eilbes and transfers from the disbanded Camp 5 – PDC Ron Aronis and PCC Andrew Bollen. They were voted in as new members during our special August meeting.

We are happy to have all these joining our ranks!!! I know that each will bring something special to the Camp, because each person has a unique perspective on the Civil War, and unique talents that cannot help but make the Camp stronger!!!

As CC Craig says in his column, Paul Eilbes has joined the Camp as an associate member, along with transfers Andrew Bollen and Ron Aronis. Bollen is a Life Member of the Sons with ancestry, and Aronis was Department commander in 2005-'06 and is an associate member.

Welcome, Brothers!!!



A visitor at the Civil War Encampment at Old Falls Village in Menomonee Falls examines artifacts along with Brothers Keith Rahn, right, and Peter Keepman. PDC Tom Brown thrilled another member of the public by teaching him to load and fire a rifle. The weather that July weekend was stifling, but the educating of the public that we did was a pleasant tonic. We'll be able to do it more often when the pandemic finally ends. Photos by Steve Michaels



REMEMBERING COL. PIER: COOL IN CRISIS AT PETERSBURG

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the August 2000 Camp orders.

Lt. Col. Colwert K. Pier fought most gallantly with his regiment, the 38th Wisconsin Infantry. He won a reputation for coolness and undaunted bravery in action.

In an engagement on the left of Petersburg, late in September 1864, the regiment was flanked. It was part of the force supporting a battery; the rebels came pouring down upon the infantry at a double-quick. The horses of the battery had fled to the rear with the caissons, leaving the guns at the mercy of the enemy.

Seeing the danger, Pier, without orders, commanded a small part of the 38th to save the guns, which it did by hauling them away by means of the drag-ropes, while the balance of the regiment faced the oncoming rebels and peppered them unmercifully. Besides saving the guns, the 38th captured several of the enemy, so close was the contest.

From History of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, Western Historical Company, Chicago 1880

A total of 52 Brothers have had the distinction of wearing this silver commander's badge for C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 in its nearly 119-year history.

This is according to a count of the list in the Camp's 2001 centennial history, written by PCinC Steve Michaels and updated by him.

Many have served multiple times, some others have served non-consecutive terms, and some have done both. One man led for single terms in three different, non-consecutive decades. The champion for longevity is Herman T. Black, commander from 1963-'83.

Here are the commanders, serving for the year of ...

1902 George A. Shaughnessy	1928 George White	1958-63 L.C. Dooley
1903, 1906, 1922 Judson G. Bogart	1929 William H. Rivers	1963-83 Herman T. Black
1904 J. Floyd Coates	1930 L.C. Fensel	1983-1994 Paul B. Knuese
1905 Jacob A. Johannes	1931 Clarence W. Dodson	1995-98; 2017-18 Stephen Michaels
1907, 1923, 1937 Joseph Scheuren	1932-33 W. Kenneth Eichfeld	1999-2000 Frederick Murphy
1908 Henry A. Goldsmith	1934 William J. McMahan	2001 Maurice Felton
1909 Joseph Dailey	1935 John Disseler	2002, 03-04 Kent A. Peterson
1910 William Walters	1936 Elmer A. Kaestner	2003 Hal C. Hughes (partial)
1911-13 Edward T. Fairchild	1938 Herbert Knickerbocker	2005 Victor A. Share
1914-15 Henry Disch	1939-42 Edward Kaestner (the son)	2006-07, 09 Thomas J. Brown
1916 W.J. Brinckley (3 months)	1943-46 Edward C. Kaestner (the father)	2008 William B. Doan
1916-17 Emil Smith	1947-48 Alfred Hoth	2010, 16 Patrick Fallon
1918 Albert B. Prichard	1949-50 Clarence Hoth	2011 David Howard
1919-20 William S. Burnett	1951 Elmer Robson (partial year)	2012-13 Brian D. McManus
1921 Clinton E. Brown	1951-52 Elmer Biering	2014-15 Tom Mueller
1924 Arthur R. Knowlton	1953-58 Alvin Kuechenmeister	2019 Billy Cole
1925 Joseph T. Garland		2020 Brian Craig
1926 Roy R. Lewis		
1927 J. Val Loebel		

CALVARY HAS DOZENS OF UNMARKED VETS

There are 71 known unmarked graves of Civil War veterans at Calvary Cemetery, but the location of more than one-quarter of them cannot be determined. So they are unmarked, unmarked graves.

These are findings from another project by Brother Tom Ludka and Marge Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The two have collaborated for many years, and their efforts were big reasons for the Camp erecting historical markers at Calvary and Forest Home Cemetery in 2018 and 2016, respectively. But their efforts did not end when the markers went up.

At Calvary, the total of unmarked and marked graves recently grew via an intricate research method.

"Most of the credit has to go to Marge," Ludka says. "She has been working with another researcher who is trying to locate the final resting places of Wisconsin Civil War soldiers. Looking at the names whose final resting place was not identified, she bumps that against the cemeteries.org database for starters. Also used is Find A Grave data, Soldiers Home records, City Directories, pension records and death certificates.

"Once she gets four or five that are possible, we take a trip to Calvary and with the lot sheet we

have, we identify the possible resting place by the last name. But the Calvary lots are mapped by last name of the person who bought it. So if the person is buried with another family, that makes it difficult to identify."

Of the 71 unmarked graves, "17 have no documented location," Ludka says. "They are listed either on a death certificate, Soldiers Home record or a newspaper article."

The toughest challenge at Calvary "is that many of the lot maps for the oldest sections are missing and the headstones in those sections are largely illegible. When an individual is found in the original ledgers, many times they are listed by lot. However, that becomes problematic because the original ledger may have them listed as being buried in Lot 4. But there are several sections to Lot 4. There is 4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E.

"Consequently you may have to look in six sections to find the veteran. We only list them once we are reasonably sure that he is the correct one."

As they did at Forest Home, Ludka and Berres have compiled and distributed a giant spreadsheet of information to constantly update.

There currently are 335 verified as being buried at Calvary, Ludka says.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: What were graybacks and greenbacks?

A: The first was a term for lice, or occasionally a Union slang term for Confederate soldiers. A greenback was paper currency, which began to circulate in the North after February 1862 with the passage of the Legal Tender Act. The bills were green.

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CAMP CALENDAR

In the pre-pandemic world, we would be previewing Camp activities and events here. Instead, we continue to offer a bonus trivia about medical matters:

Q: In what medical area were Confederates ahead of the Union?

A: Throughout the war, dentists were contacted as civilians to serve the Confederate military. The South started conscription of dentists in 1864. All attempts at forming a Union dentistry corps were turned down until the Spanish-American War. See <https://history.army.mil/corps/dental/gener-al/highlights/revwar.html> and <https://ehistory.os-edu/exhibitions/cwsmuseum/cwsmuseum/dentistry>