

A video about 1864 Navy Medal of Honor recipient Michael McCormick of Milwaukee has been made by Brother Tom Ludka and Marge Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps. It is being shown at the new MOH exhibit at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center.

See it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLJlztFMXyA>

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CAMP 1 IS BEST IN THE NATION!!!!



Tom Brown, PDC and Camp commander, receives the prestigious Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award from CinC Michael A. Paquette. Photo by Steve Michaels

The C.K. Pier Badger Camp # 1 is No. 1 in the nation.

CinC Michael A. Paquette bestowed this ultra-high honor at the recent National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich.

“It came as a complete surprise,” said PDC Tom Brown, Camp commander. “It goes to show you that the work of the Camp does not go unrewarded.”

PCinC Steve Michaels added:

“Later, CinC Paquette told Tom and I that our Camp does everything that a Camp is supposed to be doing, and that he follows our activities on social media like Facebook.”

PCC Patrick Fallon, the Department JVC, who also was at the National Encampment, said: “I was completely unaware that Camp 1 was even under

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The next Camp meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. PCC Tom Mueller will have the patriotic presentation.

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consideration for this honor.”

The honor is named the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award, which was established in 1994 and is presented to the CinC’s choice for the most outstanding Camp during his term.

Paquette saw us in action last December when he attended our Christmas party and reception for Auxiliary National President Allison Pollitt, a member of Auxiliary 4. He returned to the state for the Department Encampment in June. He also sees the Camp’s work appearing in nearly every issue of the Banner.

This is our highest honor ever, although in 2018 Camp 1 earned the Marshall Hope Award for best newsletter in the nation, given by then-CinC Mark Day. We had received that award twice before.

The Lincoln Award puts the Camp – founded in 1901 – at the pinnacle of the roughly 200 Camps nationwide and in other countries. That honor is not the first in the state – it went to Camp 15 in 2019.

This year, Paquette also gave a national certificate of recognition to the Department of Wisconsin for finishing the placing of a Last Union Veteran marker in every county, a process that took several years and involved all Camps. PDCs Brian D. McManus and John Decker handled 18 and 21 counties, respectively.

Paquette also honored Fred Campbell, PCC of Camp 2, with a Meritorious Service Award for spending months to help organize the Col. Hans Heg statue rededication in Madison. Michaels received a certificate of recognition for his work as chairman of a special committee on Memorial University. And McManus and Gary Carlberg of Camp 56 were named National Aides for their recruitment efforts.

The new CinC is Bruce Frail of Rhode Island, who was the national GRO for many years. The new SVCinC is Peter J. Hritsko Jr. of Ohio, and Kevin Martin of Maryland is the JVCinC.

Pollitt has new term leading Auxiliary

Allison Pollitt of Auxiliary 4 was elected to a second term as Auxiliary National President at the recent National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich.



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Auxiliary 4 members will hold these other jobs:

– Anne Michaels, personal aide. She is a past Department president.

– Denise Oman, supply officer. She has served two terms as national president.

– Danielle Michaels, national counselor and historian. She is a past national president.

– Susan Fallon, liaison for women veterans. She is a past Department president.

REMEMBERING COL. PIER: ELITE HUNTING CLUB

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the August 2002 Camp Orders.

Twenty years after the Civil War, C.K. Pier, now an affluent attorney and businessman, had many pastimes relative to his station in life. One is his involvement with a somewhat exclusive sportsmen’s club.

On Aug. 4, 1884, articles of association were filed with the secretary of state by the Horicon Shooting Club of Fond du Lac. Among the incorporators was Colwert K. Pier.

The club was organized a year earlier and was composed of the leading sportsmen of both Fond du Lac and Dodge Counties. The organizers also were men of wealth. Besides Pier, the incorporators included a county judge (and GAR member), a newspaper editor, a druggist and a “capitalist.”

Even before incorporating, the club had erected a “very commodious clubhouse” on its tract of several thousand leased acres in the Horicon Marsh. It also considered stocking the marsh with German carp.

Fifteen years earlier, a dam, which had created a vast lake in 1846, was removed and the vast area returned to marshland – and its wildlife returned. But since 1870, the wildlife was continually depleted by hunters. In those days, duck season opened Aug. 15. The Horicon Shooting Club did not allow shooting until Sept. 1, nor any spring hunting, so game was plentiful in the fall. On Sept. 1, 1885, forty-one club members and friends shot over 1,000 ducks before breakfast – one Mayville man killed 43.

Commitments to the Grand Army and to various business interests continued to press Pier. By 1886, when the Horicon Shooting Club board of directors was elected, Pier was not listed. However, it’s likely he retained his membership for several more years.

From Milwaukee Sentinel, Aug. 15, 1884, Sept. 6, 1885, and March 5, 1886; and UW – Extension’s “Keeping Current Online,” Volume 5, #2, March 1997 (Horicon Marsh Area Coalition)



SERVICE IN 1ST WISCONSIN HEAVY ARTILLERY



Brother Tom Hesse prepared this piece for the recent dedication of a tombstone at Forest Home Cemetery. Hesse also is a leader of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table, which funded the stone with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The average age of a Union soldier was 25.8. Horace Griffin was barely out of his teens when he enlisted in D Company, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, on Aug. 22, 1864. He spent nearly a year in service.

Battery D had been organized under Battery Commander Capt. Henry Peck on Nov. 7, 1863. It was ordered to the defenses of New Orleans on Feb. 9, 1864, and was garrisoned at Fort Jackson, just below the city, until July of that year.

The battery then was transferred to Fort Berwick, near Brashear City (now named Morgan City), where Griffin joined the unit. Battery D remained at Fort Berwick until June 1865.

Fort Berwick was a Confederate fort established in 1861, but was abandoned in April 1862 after the fall of New Orleans. It then was occupied by Union forces.

The fort was a quadrangular earthworks with 5-foot parapets on three sides and protected from the rear with a 7-foot-high loopholed palisade. The exterior was surrounded with a moat six feet wide in front and three feet wide in the rear.

The fort was armed with two 24-pounder pivot guns to control the outlet of Wax Bayou near the junction with the Atchafalaya River. Pivot guns were muzzleloaders and could fire either shells or grapeshot.

Although his exact duties are not documented, Griffin likely was a cannoneer or an extra man, with active participation in loading and firing the piece to which he was assigned. Most artillery pieces were manned by teams of at least nine soldiers. Multiple

men were needed to sponge the barrel to prevent unplanned explosions, to carry projectiles from the rear, to ram the powder and shell to the back of the tube.

At least one, the gunner, for each piece was needed to judge the distance and position of the target and aim the weapon.

Service in an artillery regiment was hazardous duty, with accidents and misfires common, and often fatal.

After the surrender of Robert E. Lee in April 1865, Company D remained at Fort Berwick until the end of June 1865. Griffin was mustered out at that time.

The rest of Company D was sent to Washington, D.C. It served there at Forts Cass, Buffalo, Ellsworth, Worth, Rodgers and Willard; it was mustered out on Aug. 18.

Overall during the war, the 1st Heavy Artillery lost four enlisted men and two officers killed, and 77 enlisted died from disease.

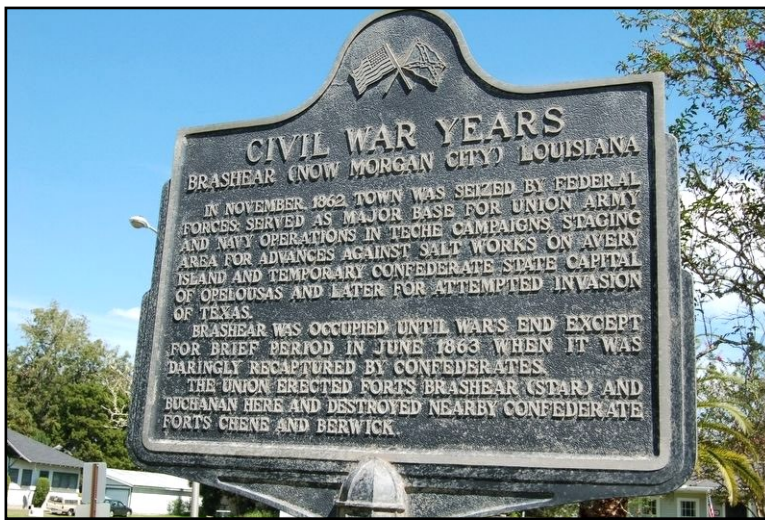
Griffin died at age 75 on June 2, 1916. It is noted that he was a member of GAR Post #35 (Zach Chandler) in South Haven, Mich.

We honor his dedication and service to his country in time of peril.

Discussions of various heavy artillery pieces in the Civil War are at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_artillery_in_the_American_Civil_War and <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/confederate-heavy-artillery>

Where other batteries of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery were based is at <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unwiarty.htm#1sthvy> and <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS6392>

E.B. Quiner's history of the 1st Heavy is only three pages long, quite unlike his other histories. It is at <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/quiner/id/17184>



This historical marker at what is now Morgan City, La., mentions Fort Berwick, where Pvt. Horace Griffin and his Battery D of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery were based. It says Berwick was destroyed after the Union built two other forts. From <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=98424>

LATEST TOMBSTONES ARE FOR CHICKAMAUGA VETS

Pvt. Edward Taylor of the 24th Wisconsin Infantry received a disability discharge soon after the battle of Chickamauga, and died on March 31, 1865.

Pvt. Hollister B. Thayer of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry also fought at Chickamauga, and in many battles before and after. He died on May 4, 1918.

These soldiers, buried at Forest Home Cemetery, are getting tombstones this year, courtesy of the Camp and Auxiliary 4.

“To date, the total number of headstones provided through our Adopt a Veteran project at Forest Home stands at 257,” says Marge Berres of the Woman’s Relief Corps, who has worked for years with Brother Tom Ludka on researching graves.

“Many thanks to the Sons and the Auxiliary ladies,” Berres added.

Taylor died at age 24 and is buried in Section

32. He had a private family stone, but that began eroding decades ago, and fell apart in recent years.

Taylor, of Milwaukee, was in Company A, serving from Aug. 2, 1862, to Sept. 25, 1863. The Chickamauga battle was Sept. 19-20.

He joins three other men who died during the war and have gotten stones from the Camp or Auxiliary in recent years – Sgt. James Ross, 1862; Pvt. George Cameron, 1863, and Cpl. Edward Allen, 1865.

Thayer was in Company B of the 1st Cav, enlisting at Ripon. He served from Aug. 15, 1861, to Sept. 1, 1864, fighting in things like the 1863 Tullahoma campaign and the Atlanta campaign in 1864.

Thayer died at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home on May 4, 1918, at age 76. He had been a resident there since 1902. Thayer’s grave, in Section 23, previously was unmarked.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: What was the Telegraph Construction Corps?

A: This was part of the U.S. Military Telegraph Corps, an agency formed in 1861 when the war broke out. The Construction Corps had the dangerous job of building telegraph lines in the field during battles – one wagon was stationed at general headquarters to act as a receiving station, while another traveled into the field to be a sending station. What occurred during the battles could be sent to generals, and then sent to the Military Telegraph Office in Washington, D.C. Over the course of the war, the Telegraph Construction Corps built a total of 15,389 miles of field, land and underwater telegraph lines. More at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Military_Telegraph_Corps and <https://www.history.com/wired-for-success/>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 18 – Rich Young
- 21 – Bob Nix
- 23 – Jim Brinks



COMING UP

St. Francis parade Sept. 3:

After an absence due to COVID and funding issues, this is our return to the St. Francis Days parade, our third of the summer. 11 a.m.

Tombstone dedication Oct. 8 (tentative): We will dedicate the Camp and Auxiliary’s two latest tombstones at Forest Home Cemetery. Time to be determined.

Patriotic Luncheon Feb. 4: It is never too early to mark your calendars for one of our signature events – the 53rd Annual.

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WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

– A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS



JVC JOE FALLON'S ANCESTOR: LUDWIG CARL MARKS

Was a private in the 18th Wisconsin Infantry, Company I.

Was from the Town of Eaton in Manitowoc County and was a draftee, mustered in on Sept. 30, 1864.

Mustered out on June 2, 1865.

Non-veterans in the 18th Infantry, like Marks, were attached to the 93rd Illinois Infantry from November 1864 to April 1865. The veterans had a two-month furlough, starting in November.

Marks and the Illinois unit were in the March to the Sea and the siege of Savannah, Ga. Then the Carolinas campaign and was at the surrender of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston to Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman at Bennett Place at Durham, N.C., on April 26, 1865. Marks marched in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C., on May 24.

See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unwiinf2.htm#18thin>

See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unilinf8.htm#93rd>

Born July 21, 1823.

Died April 23, 1889.

Buried at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery at Collins in the Town of Rockland in Manitowoc County.



In May 2016, Susan Fallon arranged a dedication of Pvt. Ludwig Marks' tombstone, 127 years after his death. "He was never honored as a Civil War veteran until today," Susan said.

Gravestone photo from Find a Grave