

If you already have renewed your membership for 2022, thank you!!!!!!

If not, please spend part of your holiday season meeting the Dec. 31 deadline. The dues notice is being emailed again, separately.

And don't forget that the Patriotic Luncheon is Feb. 5. See page 4; we sent the flyer last month and can do it again, upon request.

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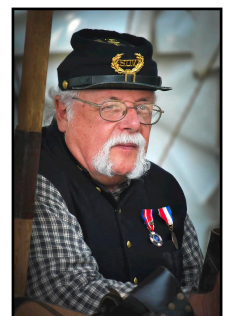
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CONNECTING THE 1901 FOUNDERS TO TODAY

Marking our 120th anniversary, the Camp and PDC Brian D. McManus, second from left, gather 'round the 1901 charter and its replacement from the 1920s (when the SUV became SUVVCW). Photo by Kent Peterson. More about the anniversary on page 2 and in the special insert.

PDC Tom Brown (right) has been elected Camp commander, with Grant Johnson as SVC and Joe Fallon as JVC. PDC Kent Peterson is the treasurer and PCC Tom Mueller the secretary.



The first Camp meeting of 2022 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. PCC David Howard will have the patriotic presentation.



MUCH IN COMMON FOR OLD, NEW RELATIVES OF RECORD



By Tom Mueller, PCC

More than one-quarter of the Camp has relatives of record who were in the very same regiments as the kin of our charter members, 120 years ago.

This strong historical continuity became clear after PCinC Steve Michaels distributed the roster of the Camp originals in his patriotic presentation at the December meeting.

Comparing the list to our current roster showed that 11 of the 42 current Camp members had relatives in the same regiment as those of the charter members.

My relative, Cpl. Moritz Ganser, was in the same COMPANY as the kin of TWO charter members. This was Company L of the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry.

I followed in the footsteps of charter member Philip Schmidt and his relative, Cpl. John Schmidt, and of Philip LeGrand, the kin of Pvt. Joseph LeGrand.

The soldiers must have known each other, or at least worked in very close proximity for months: Ganser began his service on March 9, 1864, Schmidt on Feb. 1 and LeGrand on Feb. 20. Ganser was from tiny Roxbury in Dane County; Schmidt and LeGrand from Milwaukee.

See the special insert for two pages about the founding members and their relatives of record.

Ganser also was in Company E, evidently late in his service because his pension info lists only Company L. He mustered out on Aug. 22, 1865.

Schmidt transferred to Company H on Aug. 20, 1865, and LeGrand went to H the same day. The Wisconsin roster does not say when they mustered out; the 4th as a whole mustered out on May 28, 1866.

Brother Tom Remington also has his relative of record in the 4th Cav, but in Company K.

Brother Bill Liebert's relative, our very own C.K. Pier, first was a private in Company I of the 1st Wisconsin Infantry (3 months); charter member Frank Fidler had a relative in Co. K of the three-month regiment.

Three other descendants of Pier are in the Camp: PDC Tom Brown, son Jeremy Brown and grandson Skylar Brown. But for their relative of record, they chose the captain of Company E of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry, Edwin A. Brown, who was

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REMEMBERING COL. PIER: SLY HUMOR IN SPEECHES

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the December 2001 Camp Orders.

Several hundred old veterans in blue, representing GAR posts in Wausau, Neillsville, Steven Point, Medford and other towns in central Wisconsin, came to Marshfield for a campfire, held at the opera house on Nov. 3, 1891. Officers from Minnesota also attended – standing room was at a premium.

The perfect holiday had been arranged by GAR Wisconsin Department Commander William H. Upham, Department Adjutant General Edmund Gray and the local GAR post. Campfires in that part of the state seldom were held and were regarded as more of a novelty. But this one was in DC Upham's town and held at the height of the GAR's growth and popularity.

A delegation from Milwaukee included the principal speaker of the evening, Col. C.K. Pier. The Milwaukee Sentinel reported that Pier opened with a number of pleasantries, which carried the audience with him. He even had the hardihood to say that Col. Gray was caught walking down the streets of Detroit at the National Encampment with a sign, "Girl wanted," pinned to his coat – and to prove it, Pier submitted the sign!!! (Gray was the favorite and good-natured object of Pier's mischievous attacks on more than one occasion.)

Pier then recited a number of interesting war incidents and was complimented with the rapturous applause of the audience. The newspaper account discussed his personal ability to crack jokes, which he often used as an attention-getting device. It also shows us a fine example in that he did not hold a Department position, yet willingly travelled the state to promote the objectives of the Grand Army.

The campfire, which alternated brief addresses with musical entertainment and included food prepared by the Woman's Relief Corps, was the most successful ever held in central Wisconsin.

From Milwaukee Sentinel, Nov. 4, 1891

2021 in review

In May, we held a profound event for the first man at Wood National Cemetery on the 150th anniversary of the burial.

Thanks to the Camp's research, Pvt. John Afton was joined by three generations of descendants, from his hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich., and elsewhere.

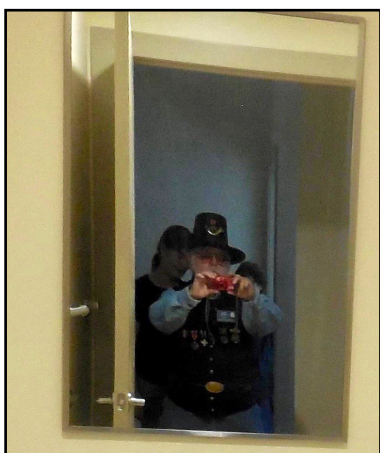


In September, we dedicated the latest tombstones funded by the Camp and Auxiliary at Forest Home Cemetery. Brother Bill Seaman provided Taps in the most solemn moment of the ceremony.



In December, CinC Michael Paquette of Fredericksburg, Va., left, and National Auxiliary President Allison Michaels of Missouri, a member of Auxiliary 4, traveled to our Christmas party. They are with her parents, PCinC Steve Michaels and Past Auxiliary National President Danielle Michaels.

In June, PCC David Howard toured the renovated Old Main and Building 1 of the Milwaukee Soldiers Home and took photos galore, including this nifty self-portrait.



In May, although Memorial Day again had to be private because of the pandemic, the honor guard at Calvary Cemetery was a sizable force, including Camps 15 and 4.

Afton event photo © Lee Matz and Milwaukee Independent. Other photos by Kent Peterson and Danielle Michaels.

killed at Antietam. (Charter member Gustavus Schorse was the relative of Capt. Otto Schorse, who was in Company F).

Also with kin in the 6th Wisconsin are current brothers John Thielmann and Ron Washburn.

The other three Brothers whose relatives and charter members' kin shared the same regiment are:

– Joel Schanning, 26th Infantry (three charter members were in that regiment – Pvt. August Beitz of Company A, Cpl. Charles Grasse of H and wagoner Daniel Steuerwald of G). Schanning's kin was in K.

– Dean Collins, 24th Wisconsin Infantry (the charter member was William Schmitz, relative of Pvt. Henry Schmitz, who was in Company F). Collins' relative was in K.

– Bruce Nason, 12th Wisconsin Infantry (the charter member was the first commander of the new Camp, George Shaughnessy, son of Pvt. George Shaughnessy, who was in Company G). Nason's relative was in F.

Michaels' presentation also included a discussion of some of the major Camp founders, including F.W. Walthers, who had been commander of the predecessor of Badger Camp #1 and had led C.K. Pier

Camp #35.

Walthers was born Jan. 30, 1863. His father, Capt. William Walthers von Alten, a pioneer Milwaukee educator, was captain of Company K, 34th Wisconsin Infantry.

When the Sons of Veterans organized in Wisconsin, Walthers was appointed the 3rd Grand Division's assistant inspector general and an aide to the commander-in-chief. In late 1883, he organized Milwaukee's Robert Chivas Camp #7, the predecessor of Badger Camp #1, and was elected its captain (Camp commander).

He resigned this post when he went to Law School in Madison. In October 1885, while in law school, he organized Col. Charles Gill Camp #15 and was chosen captain. He served as such until elected to the colonelcy (commander) of the Wisconsin Division (Department) on July 24, 1886. Before he left that office in August 1887, the number of Wisconsin's working Camps had jumped from three to 25.

In late 1888, Walthers organized and was elected commander of Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Camp #35. He led that Camp for three years and remained active through its 1901 merger with Badger Camp #1.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: What was a tompion?

A: Also spelled tampon, it was an iron or brass stopper that fit in the muzzle of artillery pieces and small arms, to protect the bore from weather or foreign materials. On larger guns, the tompions have been made from wood. See many other terms at <http://www.civilwarartillery.com/glossary/glossary.htm>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 – Anthony Maresca
- 8 – Dave Curran
- 20 – Clifford Howard Sr.
- 22 – Jeremy Brown



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and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>

The SUVCW is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3, as per the Internal Revenue Service. Donors thus are allowed to deduct contributions they make to C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, if they do not use the standard deduction when doing their taxes.

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COMING UP

Here is the main activity in the next few weeks.

Patriotic Luncheon: The speaker at the Feb. 5 event will be Max Daniels as Abraham Lincoln.

This of course, depends on the state of the pandemic, vaccines and boosters.

If you cannot attend, you still can donate and / or put an ad saluting your ancestor in the printed program.

The event flyer was part of the November newsletter.

A Camp of Extraordinary Gentlemen

By PCinC Steve Michaels

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1's charter was approved on December 3, 1901. The Camp resulted from merging two smaller units: Badger Camp #1 and C.K. Pier Camp #35.

Twenty-eight men signed on as charter members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, the last Camp formed in Milwaukee. The membership was rich in leadership. At least five men had helped organize the Order in Milwaukee some 15 years earlier. Three were Past Dept Commanders. One was a Dept. Commander. Sixteen were Past Camp Commanders.

Frederick Julius Walthers, an attorney and former school principal, had been Dept. Commander in 1886 and '87. He organized both Badger Camp #1 in 1892 and C.K. Pier Camp #35 in 1889, serving commander of the latter. He had also commanded Milwaukee's Robert Chivas Camp #7 and organized a camp in Madison while attending law school at the University. He later served as the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Harry S. Fuller, a 38-year old insurance agent, organized Rufus King Camp #29 and was its first commander. He was Dept. Commander in 1890-91 and a charter member of Badger Camp #1. A National Guardsman since he was 18, he was devoted to improving the service. He was a member of Governor Upham's staff.

Charles H. Hudson, a 36-year old Madison postal employee, helped organize that city's Col. Charles Gill Camp #15 in 1885. He served as Camp Commander in 1886, as well as on the Dept. Council. He was elected Dept. Commander in 1887. He reorganized the Madison Camp in 1902 as Henry Harnden Camp #2.

Albert G. Braband, a 30-year old baggage and ticket clerk for the Wisconsin Central Railroad, was a charter member of Badger Camp #1. Elected Department Commander in 1899, he published a pamphlet containing narratives about most of the Department's camps.

Martin A. Grasse, a 33-year old Wisconsin Central Railroad passenger agent, joined the Sons in Sheboygan in 1889. He served as Camp Commander of both Sheboygan's Carl Witte Camp #37 and C.K. Pier Camp #35. He was elected Dept. Commander earlier in 1901.

Rev. Walter J. Patton, a 45-year old Methodist clergyman, was commander of Sheboygan's Carl Witte Camp #37 elected Dept. Commander in 1896, and then, National Chaplain. In 1906, he became the first National Patriotic Instructor and director of the Sons' Memorial University.

Edward T. Fairchild, a 29-year old lawyer, who had served as commander of a New York camp before moving to Milwaukee in 1897. He was our Camp's Commander in 1911-1913 and Wis. Dept. Commander in 1914-1915. He became a State Supreme court justice in 1930. He was one of four Wisconsin men, who served as corporate officers when the SUVCW was incorporated in 1954.

Henry A. Goldsmith, a 33 year-old furniture salesman, joined the Sons in St. Louis in 1884 and after moving to Milwaukee, served as Camp #35 Commander and was elected Dept. Commander in 1926. He and wife Belle, a past Auxiliary president, inventoried over 5,000 Union soldier graves in Milwaukee County. Sadly, that list no longer exists.

William R. Beitz, a 30-year old tobacco dealer, had served in several camp level positions since the mid-1880s, including Badger Camp #1 Commander.

Emil F. Henock, a 24-year old plumber, was the most recent Badger Camp #1 Commander. He was a Spanish American War veteran (Battery A, WI LA), who become a leading Milwaukee heating and plumbing contractor.

Other Badger Camp #1 past commanders who signed on were: printers **W.E. Radtke** and **J.H. Radtke**, pharmacist **George O. Schorse** and plumbers **Oscar Dittmer** and **G. Frank Fisler**. Badger Camp #1 member **Paul Umfrid** also joined.

The most recent Camp #35 Commander, **Herman Strothman** joined, as did Camp #35 Past Commanders **William Wolf**, a clerk and **George Steuerwald**, a barkeeper. Camp #35 member **E.F.J. Goldsmith**, a lawyer, also joined.

George Shaughnessy, a grocer in the Third Ward, had joined C.K. Pier Camp #35 in February 1898. He was elected C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1's first Commander

Judson G. Bogart, a 31-year old collector and ad salesman, served as Camp Commander in 1903, 1906, and 1922. He was Dept. Commander in 1919.


J. Floyd Coates, an engineer, and **Dr. Phillip Schmidt**, Milwaukee County's physician.

36-year old **Sherman Spurr** and 20-year old **Phillip LeGrand** became the new Camp's Senior Vice Commanders in 1902 and 1903 respectively.

Walter Frank Allen, a waiter, and **William H. Schmitz**, completed the new Camp's membership.

A Camp of Extraordinary Gentlemen—Where did they come from?

From Badger Camp 1:

William R. Beitz, merchant	ae 31	MI-1889	1929	Pvt. August Beitz, Co. A, 26 th WI
PDC Albert G. Braband, RR clerk	ae 30	MI-1889	1945	Pvt. A. Braband, Co. E, 27 th WI—Chivas Post 2
PCC Oscar Dittmar, plumber	ae 30	MI-1889	tr1892-35	Pvt. August Dittmar, Co. B, 1 st MN
PCC Frank Fisler, postal clerk	ae 29	MI-1895		Sgt. Geo. H. Fisler, Co. K, 1 st WI
PCC Harry S. Fuller, insur. agent	ae 38		-12 1937	Asst. Surg Sidney Fuller, 21 st WI
PCC Emil Henock, plumber	ae 24	MI-1892		Pvt. Frank Henock, Co. C, 41 th WI—WI Post 
PCC Wm. Edward Radtke, printer	ae 31	MI-1889	1942	Cpl. John Radtke, Co. D, 3 rd WI Cav.
PCC John Henry Radtke, printer	ae 33	MI-1889	1942	Cpl. John Radtke, Co. D, 3 rd WI Cav.
PCC Gustavus O. Schorse, druggist	ae 31	MI-1892		Capt. Otto Schorse, Co. F, 6 th WI Inf.—Wolcott Post 1
Paul Umfrid, clerk	ae 33	MI-1892	1903	2 nd Sgt Emil Umfrid, Co. I, 1 st KO

From Pier Camp #35:

PCC Henry A. Goldsmith, merchant	ae 34	MI-1884	1955	Cpl. Alex Goldsmith, Co. F, 19 th IL—Drake Post 223
DC & PCC Martin Grasse, pass clerk	ae 34,	MI-1889	1941	Cpl. Chas. Grasse, Co. H, 26 th WI—Post 187
(& PCC Carl Witte Camp 37)				
George Schaughnessy, grocer	ae 44	MI-1898	1911	Pvt. Geo. Schaughnessy, Co. G, 12 th WI
Dr. Philip Schmidt, physician	ae 40	MI-1889		Cpl. J. Schmidt, Co. L & H, 4 th WI Cav. ✓
Wm. H. Schmitz, machinist	ae 21	MI-1898		Pvt. Henry Schmitz, Co. F, 24 th WI—Chivas Post 2
PCC Georg. Steuerwald, teamster	ae 35	MI-1890		Wagoner Daniel Steuerwald, Co G, 26 th WI
PCC Herman A. Strothman, patt maker	ae 29	MI-1890		Pvt. Chas. Strothman, Co. F, 45 th WI—R & F Post 240
PCC & PDC F.J. Walters, lawyer	ae 43	MI-1884	1924	Capt. Wm. Walters, Co. K, 34 th WI—Chivas Post 2
PCC William J. Wolf, shipping clerk	ae 32	MI-1889		Pvt. S.S. Wolf, Co. A, 51 st WI

From Carl Witte Camp 37, WI

Rev. PDC & PCC Walter J. Patton	ae 40		1943	Pvt. John R. Patton, Co. K, 109 th PA—PA Post
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From Geo Schaeffer Camp 28, MO

PCC Edwin F.J. Goldsmith, lawyer	ae 36	MI-1884		Cpl. Alex Goldsmith, Co. F, 19 th IL—Drake Post 223
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From Waverly Camp 88, NY

PCC Judson G. Bogart, RR clerk	ae 31		1941	Pvt. M.S. Bogart, Co. J, 141 th NY—Post 461, NY
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From Madison Camp:

PCC Charles H. Hudson, postal clk	ae 36		1939	Pvt. John Hudson, Co. D, 23 rd WI
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From New York Camp:

PCC Edward T. Fairchild, lawyer	ae 29		1965	Cpl. Harvey A. Fairchild, Co. C, 189 th NY
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From B.F. Fellows Camp 148, MI

PCC Frank Allen, musician	ae 32	MI-1887		Pvt. Franklin F. Allen, Co. E, 420 th N.P.—NY Post 350
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New members:

J. F. Coates, engineer	ae 22	MI-1901	tr1918?	Pvt. John F. Coates, Co. D, 3 rd MN
Philip LeGrand, pressman	ae 20	MI-1901		Pvt. Joseph LeGrand, Co. L, 4 th WI Cav.—Post 250 ✓
Sherman G. Spurr, RR acct	ae 36	MI-1901		Pvt. George Spurr, Co. A, 10 th Reg.

WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

— A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS



BROTHER JIM BRINKS' ANCESTOR: WILLIAM H. HENDRICKS

Enlisted on July 23, 1862, in
Springfield, Ill.

Mustered out of his third unit on
Sept. 1, 1865.

Was a 16-year-old drummer in
70th Illinois Infantry, Co. D, a
three-month regiment, from July
23, 1862, to Oct. 23. Regiment
had guard duty at Camp Butler,
Ill.

Then was a private in 7th Missouri
Cavalry, Co. B, starting Oct. 30,
1863. Regiment made expeditions
all over Arkansas, such as Mount
Ida, Branchville, Monticello, Cam-
den, Mount Elba, Pine Bluff, etc.

The 7th Cav was consolidated
with 1st Missouri Cavalry in Jan-
uary 1865. Hendricks was in Co.
H. Expedition to Mount Elba.

See [http://civilwararchive.com/
Unreght/unmocav2.htm#7th](http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unmocav2.htm#7th)

Born Nov. 14, 1845.

Died Aug. 11, 1918.

Buried at Sunset Cemetery at
Quincy, in Adams County in west-
ern Illinois. Also known as Illinois
Veterans Home Cemetery.

