

If you already have renewed your membership for 2024, thank you!!!!!!

If not, please act by the Dec. 31 deadline (Sunday). The dues notice again is part of this newsletter.

And don't forget that the Patriotic Luncheon is Feb. 3. See the flyer.

C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP #1

SUVCW



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SERIES 2023

CAMP ORDERS

DECEMBER 2023

CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL IN CAMP 1

In each of the Sons' three missions, the Camp excelled again in 2023 – honoring Union veterans, preserving and perpetuating the GAR, and patriotic education. Fondly remember it all, here and on page 3. On to 2024!!!



In October, the 29th Colored Infantry, Co. F, joined our dedication of three tombstones at Forest Home Cemetery. One was for a member of the Colored Troops who died in 1874. Earlier this month, we honored current veterans, joining the Auxiliary's distribution of blankets and necessities to the Palliative Care unit at the Zablocki VA Hospital. This was the first time since before COVID that such a visit was allowed.

Photos by Danielle Michaels

The first Camp meeting of 2024 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. PCinC Steve Michaels will have the patriotic presentation.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE FOR 2024

Enclose your dues with this form
Make check out to C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1
Send to PDC Kent Peterson, 6024 S. Kirkwood Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110

The dues remain at \$40 for the new year. The national SUVCW increased its take from our dues by \$10 one year ago, but we worked hard to keep all things level. And we have done so again for the coming year.

But that leaves a very thin margin after national and the Department take their share. So you are invited to help us better fulfill our mission by making a voluntary extra contribution to one or both of our selected causes for 2023: (1) help support the costs of our popular Memorial Day commemoration and (2) veterans relief / Sons patriotic missions.

So far in 2023, we have used the relief money to donate to Badger Boys State, the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. One more donation is scheduled in a couple weeks.

RENEWAL DEADLINE IS DEC. 31. Under Camp bylaws, a late fee of \$5 is required as of Jan. 31.

Name: _____	\$ 40 _____	Annual Camp dues
Phone: _____	+ _____	Memorial Day
Email: _____	+ _____	Veterans relief
Address: _____		
_____	= _____	Total amount enclosed

Benefits of your membership in C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, include:

- Being part of what was named in 2022 as the BEST CAMP IN THE NATION, and what has been an outstanding Milwaukee patriotic and civic organization since 1901.
- Receiving the Camp Orders, periodic Wisconsin Department Dispatch newsletter and the Banner national magazine.
- Learning more about the Civil War via the interests and fields of expertise of other members, and adding your own.
- Professional and personal development from working with others to organize and carry out our variety of events.

REMEMBERING COL. PIER: CAREER OF JAMES BINTLIFF

These monthly articles about our Camp name-sake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the December 2003 Camp Orders.

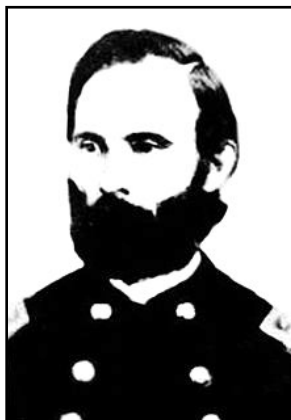
When C.K. Pier accepted the governor's commission as lieutenant colonel of the 38th Wisconsin Infantry on March 10, 1864, the unit's commander already had been selected.

Col. James Bintliff had just completed three months as commissioner on the Board of Enrollment for Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District, appointed by President Lincoln. A combination of patriotic fervor and eagerness to set the example surely compelled him to volunteer a second time.

In July 1862, Bintliff had recruited for the 22nd Wisconsin Infantry, organized Company G and was elected the company's captain. After performing guard, provost and forage duty in central Kentucky, the 22nd moved into Tennessee.

At the Battle of Brentwood, in March 1863, Capt. Bintliff and some of his regiment were taken prisoner. He was taken to Libby Prison in Richmond, Va., where he was kept for two months until exchanged. He then went to St. Louis, where his regiment was reorganized and proceeded to the Murfreesboro/ Nashville area. In December 1863, Bintliff resigned his commission to accept the president's appointment.

James Bintliff, the eldest of four brothers and three sisters, was born near Halifax, Yorkshire, England. His maternal grandfather had fought as a soldier under Wellington. Before coming to the United States with a brother and a sister in 1842, he had worked as a clerk and bookkeeper. He settled with the rest of his family in New York, where he married and was a business partner with his father-in-law. In 1851, he came west to Green County, Wis., where he farmed, served as cashier of the Bank of Monroe, as county register of deeds, was admitted to the county bar, and purchased an interest in the Monroe Sentinel, becoming its sole proprietor.



James Bintliff was the colonel of the 38th Wisconsin, but stayed in Madison after the first four companies were sent to Virginia with C.K. Pier. Pier commanded those four until Bintliff arrived with the rest of the regiment six months later. Bintliff is buried in a family plot at Oak Hill Cemetery in Janesville. Cemetery photos from Find a Grave.



When war broke out, James' brother Alfred, enlisted in the 5th Wisconsin Battery and served as bugler. His brother Thomas, a Methodist Episcopal preacher, raised a unit around Beetown in Grant County, which became Co. I, 20th Wisconsin. Lt. Thomas Bintliff was killed less than six months later at Prairie Grove, Ark. Brother Gresham served under James as a private in Co. C, 38th Wisconsin, during the last months of the war.

Sixteen years older than Pier, Col. Bintliff was an experienced mentor and probably viewed Pier as a younger brother. The colonel had spent only about a month with Pier at Camp Randall, when half his regiment was mustered into federal service and it left with Pier for the front in April 1864. Pier commanded those first four companies until the rest of the regiment could be filled and dispatched from Wisconsin.

On Oct. 1, Bintliff arrived on the battlefield and took command of the 38th. But by the end of November, Bintliff was placed in command of the 1st Brigade, and Pier was left in command of the 38th.

Col. Bintliff was a strict disciplinarian. However, his men seemed to respect and admire him despite the unquestioning obedience he demanded. On April 1, 1865, the colonel was cited for gallantry, inspiring his troops to heroic deeds in the assault on Petersburg. The regiment took more than half the losses of the entire brigade. He was brevetted as brigadier general the next day.

After the war, Bintliff returned to Monroe, engaged in the mercantile business, bought an interest in the Janesville Gazette and moved there with his family. He was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1868, 1872 and 1876. In 1878, he moved to Darlington and bought the Darlington Re-

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F, C AND L GALORE, ALL DURING 2023

On Memorial Day, Chaplain Dean Collins ended his nearly three decades as officer in charge of the huge event. Archbishop Jerome Lis-tecki presided at the Mass, and former National Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels read part of the liturgy.

In September, four of us served as the honor Guard at the Great Lakes Civil War Forum at the Kenosha Civil War Museum. The topic was Vicksburg, and one of the speakers was Andrew R. Miller, lead interpretive ranger and historic weapons program coordinator, Vicksburg National Military Park.



In July, Brother John Thielmann, a long-time teacher, entertained kinders and fans of all ages at German Fest. A robust number from the Camp answered his request for assistance after his many months of illness.



Photos by Kent Peterson, Maggie Menard-Mueller, Terry Arliskas and Bruce Nason.



In June, the Camp was host to the 140th Annual Department Encampment at our meeting site in Wauwatosa. The intensive organizing was roundly hailed; especially the cannon and other accoutrements on the stage. In December (upper left), DC Robert Koenecke swore in the newly elected Camp officers. In April (left), CC Grant Johnson welcomed new members John Helmenstine, left, and Dale Bepalec.

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publican. When the State Board of Health was organized, he was commissioned a member.

The two colonels' paths crossed again in 1876, when Pier was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Soldiers Home in Madison. Bintliff was serving as board president. In 1880, Bintliff was made director of the Wisconsin Soldiers Reunion, an event that Pier had organized.

In their short time together during the war, it was apparent that each had developed a healthy respect for the other's abilities.

From History of Lafayette County, Wisconsin, Western Historical Company, Chicago, 1881; Military History of Wisconsin by E.B. Quiner, Chicago 1866; Milwaukee Sentinel, Oct. 31, 1874; Our Boys, A Civil War Photographic Album by Alan D. & Maureen Gaff; Windmill Publication, Mt. Vernon, Ind., 1996; Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers in the War of Rebellion, 1861-1865, Wis. Adj. Gen. 1886; and Soldiers When They Go by Carolyn J. Mattern; State Historical Society, Madison, Wis., 1981

In 2024, look for these special stories in the Camp Orders:

– Digging into the details of each man on the Civil War memorial at Turner Hall in Milwaukee.

– More coverage about the work of C.K. Pier's 38th Wisconsin Infantry.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: How many Wisconsinites were listed in the category of Citizens Commissioned by the President in the U.S. Volunteer Service?

A: They are on pages 191 and 192 in the Wisconsin roster, starting at <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/quiner/id/50756>. The top two are Maj. Gen. Carl Schurz, with that rank from March 14, 1863, and Brig. Gen. Rufus King, May 17, 1861.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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8 – Dave Curran 22 – Jeremy Brown

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**We are at <https://www.facebook.com/CKPierBadger>
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 on their taxes.

Report address changes to editor Tom Mueller, PCC, at thewisconsin3800@gmail.com. Your Banner is not forwarded by the Postal Service, so you need to report a new address to us.

COMING UP

Patriotic Luncheon: Feb 3. The speaker will be Nic Bur, Lincoln presenter and one of our Memorial Day mainstays. At the usual Alioto's in Wauwatosa. See the flyer.

If you cannot attend, you are urged to support the fund-raising goal of the luncheon by sending a donation to the Camp and wishing us the best for a great event.

And / or buying an ad in the program to salute your ancestor.



THE AMERICAN'S CREED
 BY PDC BRIAN D. MCMANUS
 NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



The majority of our Brothers recite the following creed at many events. Here is the history of the creed, and where its sentences originate.

The American's Creed

*I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A¹
 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE;²
 WHOSE JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CON-
 SENT OF THE GOVERNED;³
 A DEMOCRACY IN A REPUBLIC,⁴
 A SOVEREIGN NATION OF MANY SOVEREIGN STATES;⁵
 A PERFECT UNION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE;⁶
 ESTABLISHED UPON THOSE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM,
 EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND HUMANITY FOR WHICH AMERICAN
 PATRIOTS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES.⁷
 I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY
 TO LOVE IT,⁸
 TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION;⁹
 TO OBEY ITS LAWS;¹⁰
 TO RESPECT ITS FLAG; AND¹¹
 TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.¹²*



Key to the The American's Creed: 1. Closing words of Preamble to the Constitution; 2. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; 3. Declaration of Independence; 4. James Madison in *The Federalist*, No. X; 5. Speech by Daniel Webster, Jan. 26, 1830; 6. Preamble to the Constitution; 7. Adapted from closing words of Declaration of Independence; 8. Speech by John Hancock; 9. United States Oath of Allegiance; 10. George Washington's Farewell Address; 11. War Department Circular, April 14, 1917; 12. Oath of Allegiance.

William Tyler Page's entry was chosen in 1918 as the winner of a patriotic contest. He was a longtime employee of the Capitol at that point, and continued there until his death in 1942.

The American's Creed was the result of a nationwide contest for writing a National Creed, which would be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in the nation's history and tradition.

The contest was the idea of Henry Sterling Chapin, commissioner of education of New York State. More than 3,000 entries were received, and William Tyler Page was declared to be the winner in March 1918. On April 3, the speaker of the House and the commissioner of education of the state of New York accepted the Creed for the United States.

It was a time when patriotic sentiments were very much in vogue. The United States had been a participant in World War I only about a year at the time the Creed was adopted.

William Tyler Page was a descendant of John Page, who had come to America in 1650 and had settled in Williamsburg, Va. Another ancestor, Carter Braxton, had signed the Declaration of Independence. Still another ancestor, John Tyler, was the 10th president of the United States.

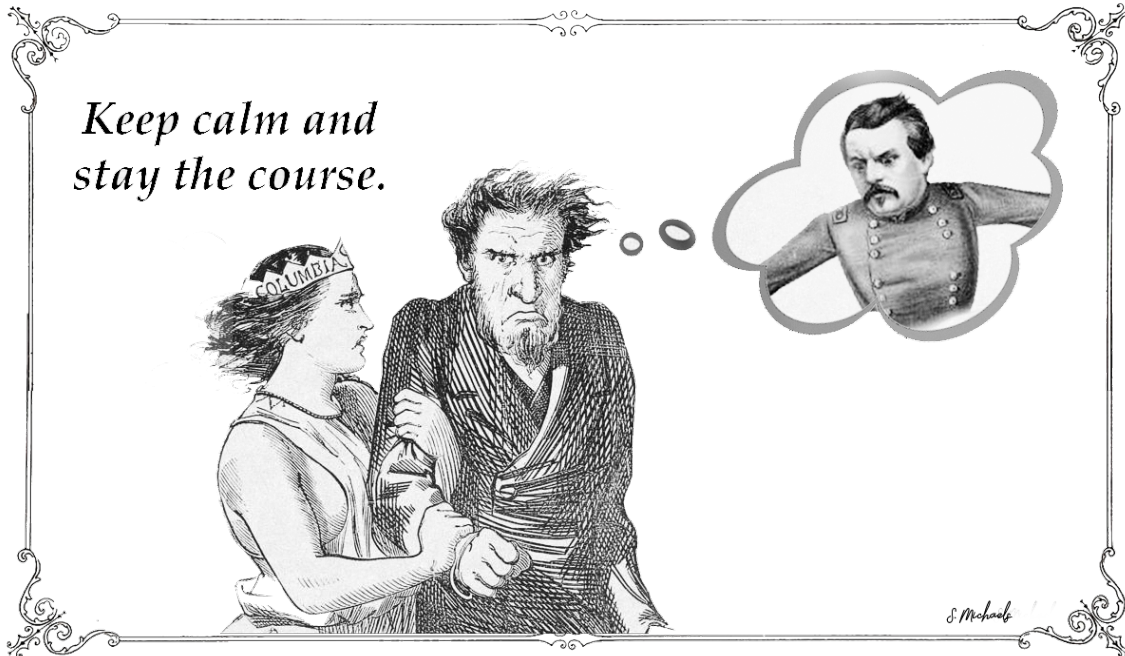
William Tyler Page had come to Washington at the age of 13, in December 1881, to serve as a Capitol page. Later he became an employee of the Capitol building. He served there for almost 61 years, including as House clerk and emeritus House minority clerk. He died on Oct. 20, 1942.

Page said the Creed "is the summary of the fundamental principles of the American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions and its greatest leaders."

You're invited to our 54th Annual **Patriotic Luncheon**

Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.



“The 1864 Presidential Election – Lincoln’s Other Struggle for Victory”

Guest Speaker: Nic Bur

- Bid on premium silent auction items
- Choose from a multitude of prizes in our \$1 raffle
- Make new friends among more than 30 patriotic, hereditary, fraternal, historical and service organizations in attendance
- Luncheon buffet price still only \$25 per person

Location: Alioto’s Restaurant

3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

(exit Hwy. 45 at Burleigh; east to Hwy. 100; turn right to restaurant)

Luncheon buffet includes:

Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Baked Chicken. Served with honey glazed carrot, buttered new potatoes, assorted relish tray, tossed garden salad, Italian bread, coffee, sherbet for dessert.

**Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Registration form and program advertising information on the reverse side.

For more information, call (414) 614-3690

Spread Your Message in the 2024 Patriotic Luncheon Program

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary began the observance with a speaker's program in February 1890. We invite you to be a part of this long tradition, by placing an ad in the luncheon program booklet. Proceeds from ad sales are used to support history education in schools and the community, Eagle Scout recognition programs and Civil War monument restoration. Use the order form at the bottom of this page to place an order for your ad.

- Sell Your Product/Business
 - Send Greetings/Congratulations
 - Remember Your Ancestors
- Quarter Page Ad = 2" tall x 5" wide = \$5
Half Page Ad = 4" tall x 5" wide = \$10
Full Page Ad = 8" tall x 5" wide = \$20
Back Cover (only one) = \$30

INSTRUCTIONS

For meal and/or ad payments, please make checks payable to "C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1" and mail by the respective deadline to:

PDC Kent Peterson, 6024 S. Kirkwood Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110



2024 Patriotic Luncheon Meal Reservation Form Deadline for meal reservations is Friday, Jan. 26, 2024.

Name(s): _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I/we would like to join you at the Patriotic Luncheon: _____ meals X \$25 each = \$ _____



2024 Program Booklet Advertising Order Form Deadline for advertising is Friday, Jan. 19, 2024.

My ad is a NEW ad:

Re-use my ad on file:

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Subject or title of ad: _____

AD SIZE: Quarter Page \$5 Half Page \$10 Full Page \$20 Back Cover \$30

Special instructions: _____ My ad payment = \$ _____

Please e-mail ad copy/artwork to kapeterson0681@gmail.com or you may attach your ad copy to this form.