

As we announced in November, the Camp Orders now comes to you electronically starting with this issue.

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THREE-TIME RECIPIENT OF THE MARSHALL HOPE NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

GOLDEN YEAR FOR PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON

This is a time for beginning the new year's work in earnest, and all that it brings with it.

We start with our traditional kickoff to the year, the Mid-Winter Meeting and Patriotic Luncheon on Feb. 1. The deadline for signup is in only a few days – on Monday. Contact Elizabeth Craig at elizabeth_craig01@yahoo.com or call 414-217-2553.

The Patriotic Luncheon is an event that I always look forward to. It is a great time to meet people that I would not encounter in daily life, and it always amazes me how many different organizations are represented at this event – from heritage societies to local history groups to soldier ancestors of many wars.

And this year's event is super special because it is the 50th year of our hosting it. We are bringing in a special



**FROM THE
COMMANDER
– BRIAN
CRAIG**

Peter Keepman received the Sons Eagle Scout certificate and a flag kit at the Wauwatosa Civic Center. Presenting it, from left, were Brothers Keith Rahn, PCC Tom Mueller, Chaplain Dean Collins and Bill Seaman.

guest speaker, author Robert Girardi of Chicago. We always have special silent auction items, but this year we are procuring even bigger and better ones.

For example: We have a couple tickets for one of the Milwaukee Brewers' spring training games, against the Cubs in Arizona. So this would be great

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The next Camp meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. Brother Bruce Nason will have the patriotic presentation.

for anyone wanting a special getaway in March.

And as always, we are looking for more raffle items. If it is time to clear some space on your bookshelf, this is a great way to pass along those books to someone who might be looking to expand their own base of knowledge. I know a lot of us have books that we are done reading, or may never get to, taking up space on our shelves!!!

But the best enjoyment of the luncheon comes from seeing people that I have never met, and hearing their stories, and telling them mine. And on renewing friendships with people I have met at this event in past years.

I always come away from events like this with a sense of renewed energy. This social event, combined with the Mid-Winter Meeting preceding it that takes care of Department business, makes for a fun way to kick-start a new year and season for our patriotic missions.

But there is more to the coming months than just this one event. And I hope to have everyone involved in as many of them as possible. And always remember our cornerstone event of the year being Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery.

Hopefully we will see you all at both!!!



Donna Daniels portrayed Mary Todd Lincoln last year.

SPEAKERS OFFER DEEP EXPERTISE

The Patriotic Luncheon has added greatly to Milwaukee's knowledge and appreciation of Abraham Lincoln in its 50 years. Witness this list of recent speakers.

2019: Donna Daniels gave a revealing talk about Mary Todd Lincoln and her much-maligned image, including conflicts with her children.

2018: Maj. Gen. George Thomas (National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski) remembering his relationship with Lincoln.

2017: Historian Steven Rogstad discussed Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth, each absorbed with ambition to distinguish themselves, each on a path leading to their ultimate

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REMEMBERING COL. PIER: TRAINING CAMP REGIMEN

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

In May 1861, during the 1st Wisconsin Infantry's stay at Milwaukee's Camp Scott, 19-year-old Pvt. Colwert Pier wrote:

"... Perhaps you would like to know something of camp life, in which romance and reality is somewhat mixed. At 5 o'clock the drum rattles, each man forms into rank and answers to roll call. Our bedding is then shook out and folded, our street cleaned from sticks and straw, wash, brush and black up.

"At 8 we again form into rank and march to breakfast, and at 10 comes the regular regiment drill, which continues about three hours. At 2 we go to dinner, 3 the afternoon parade of the regiment as in the morning. Between 5 and 6 break ranks and no more duty (unless on guard) until 8 when go to supper. At 10½ o'clock all camp lights must be put out, and we retire subject to be called out at three minutes' notice any hour of the night.

'During recesses from duty, the camp presents a varied scene; some reading, writing, jumping, running, singing, dancing, talking, laughing almost constantly. We are provided with music from the violin, banjo and guitar. We are generally in good spirits and heartily join in the chorus, 'Oh! Ain't you glad you joined the Badgers.'"

From Fond du Lac Saturday Reporter, May 11, 1861, Trewloc letter #1 dated May 9, 1861



HOW TO SURVIVE SINKING OF A SHIP BY PCC DAVID HOWARD



When I came across my Uncle Edmond Dondajeski's survival booklet from the U.S. Navy from 1944, I thought about how parts of it could have applied to sailors of the Civil War who lost their ships.

Here are parts of "Survival on Land and Sea."

The greatest obstacle that you will confront ... is fear of the unknown. Just remember that many men and women too, have already undergone such experiences and have come through. What they did, you can do.

First, stop and think things over. Size up the situation and plan your course of action.

Survival at sea depends primarily on five factors: Drill, the equipment you have with you, what you know, how much common sense you have, and HOW DETERMINED TO SURVIVE YOU ARE.

The most important factor is being prepared when the order is given to abandon ship, or, if all communications have been broken down, when your judgment tells you to leave. To be prepared, always have a sheath knife on a lanyard on your belt, a police whistle around your neck, and a light pair of leather gloves in your hip pocket.

Second, have a small knapsack or kit bag with shoulder straps prepared so you can take it with you to your battle station. These might include: a knife, a watch, waterproof matches or cigarette lighter, magnifying glass for making fire when the matches give out, waterproof compass, pencil flashlight, mosquito head-net, pistol with tracer ammunition, maybe chlorine and salt tablets, chocolate and a small first aid kit. Waterproof containers can be improvised. Dark glasses are helpful, too.

If you get away with the first of these items, it may save your life. If you get away with your kit bag, it could save other lives as well.

In abandoning ship, wait until the ship comes to a stop. Try to get away in a lifeboat and jump only when it is only impossible to go down a hose, a line, a cargo net or a ladder. Remember to put on your gloves and go down hand-over-hand. Don't slide and burn your hands. You'll need them later. If it is necessary to jump, get rid of your helmet (the helmet strap could take your head off), fold your arms across your lifejacket, and, selecting a clear area below, jump with your legs extended and your feet together.

If you have a cork lifejacket, throw it over first,

and jump after it. Don't wear it when you jump, or it could knock you out.

If you have to go overboard without lowering a lifeboat or raft (in anything but calm water) go over the windward side. The reason for not going over on the leeward side is that any wind will drive a drifting ship down on you.

Take care not to be washed back aboard if the sea is running. To avoid this, leave the ship by the bow or the stern, whichever is lower in the water.

Swim hard to get away from the ship, and from around the bow or stern. When beyond oil or other dangers, relax and swim toward any floating object or mass of people. It is well to figure out where you want to go in a general way, before you leave the ship. It is easier to see far on the deck than in the water.

Obviously, a seagoing man should take every opportunity to learn to swim. However, not losing your head is apt to be even more important than knowing how to swim. Your lifejacket will float you and all your clothes. Do not exhaust your strength by shouting or swimming about uselessly.

Swim or paddle slowly toward a lifeboat or raft, or any floating object that will support you. The danger of injury from underwater explosion is lessened by swimming or floating on your back. When you reach a raft, if depth bombing is going on, sit or stand up on it: do not lie prone upon the raft.

Half the battle is won when you get safely aboard your rescue craft, whether it is a raft or a lifeboat. Despite lurid newspaper accounts of exceptional cases, actual statistics show that of boats adrift for more than 24 hours, nearly half have reached safety within five days. It is the exception for any lifeboat not to be picked up within three weeks.

Do not exhaust yourself by getting excited. Do not sing or shout, for it uses up strength and valuable moisture. If a mass of men are around the raft, hang on but do not try to climb on to it. Help get the wounded on. Do your best to be cheerful and be quiet. Everyone aboard the raft should be given a job. Watches should be set on a definite routine.

Drinkable water will be your most essential need. If your emergency craft is equipped with a still or chemical apparatus for removing salt from seawater, learn in advance to assemble and use it. You should rig gear to catch rainwater.

Food is not as important as water. A man with water can survive weeks without food.

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demise in April 1865.

2016: Gen. U.S. Grant (Wayne Issleb) talked about his relationship with Lincoln.

2015: Lincoln presenter Nic Bur shared a personal side to the president and related his lessons to 21st century society.

2014: Photo historian Andrew La Roche talked about Alexander Gardner, known as “Lincoln’s photographer” because he made so many famous pictures of the president.

2013: Steven Rogstad discussed Mary Todd Lincoln and the Lincoln Statue in Racine.

2012: The Rev. Bob Miller discussed the evolution of Abraham Lincoln as a theologian.

2011: Jessica Michna was Mary Todd Lincoln.

Congratulations to the Brothers who made patriotic presentations or did research for the Camp Orders in 2019, informing those at Camp meetings and in our newsletter about a wide range of intricate topics.

January: What’s civil about a civil war? Dissection of the word.

February: Photo, drawing found for MOH Navy man buried at Wood National Cemetery.

March: Mathew Brady’s photos of generals.

April: Ten little-known stories from the war.

May: The many factors of fake vs. real guns.

June: History of

Cushing Memorial Park in Delafield.

July: The phrase “band of brothers” and its roots on St. Crispin’s Day in Shakespeare.

August: The 1862 Battle of Island No. 10 and how 1,400 prisoners were briefly held in Madison; so many dying that the rest were shipped to Chicago.

September: Sgt. Maj. Asa Griswold, 2nd Wisconsin Infantry, of Grant County.

October: The Henry repeating rifle.

November: Evolution of dog tags.

December: March to the Sea and how its goal was to deflate citizen morale.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: How many Zouave units were there?

A: A Zouave unit was characterized by bright, colorful uniforms, which usually included baggy trousers, a vest and a fez in different combinations of red, white, and blue. Zouave units were modeled after French African troops who were known for their bravery and marksmanship. The Union army had more than 70 volunteer Zouave regiments, while the Confederates fielded about 25 Zouave companies. More at https://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/resources/Civil_War_Mystery-Poster.pdf and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zouave#American_Civil_War

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Kent Peterson
- 1 – Grant Johnson
- 6 – Jeff Lesar
- 15 – Joe Fallon



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CAMP CALENDAR

1 Feb.: 50th annual Patriotic Luncheon. Civil War historian, author and consultant Robert Girardi of Chicago will speak on “Lincoln and the Common Soldier.” 12:30 p.m. at Alioto’s in Wauwatosa.

25 May: Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery. Our speaker will be Dan Buttery, the new chief executive officer of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center.

14 June (save the date). Centennial observance for the E.B. Wolcott horse statue in Lake Park.