





## REMEMBERING COL. PIER

By *PC-in-C Steve Michaels*

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Colwert Kendall Pier's early relationship with his siblings was probably the same as most others, past and present: alternating between affection and antagonism. Growing into adulthood, Pier's attitude certainly changed and matured. His three sisters had established their own lives, doing well for themselves, despite some personal setbacks.

Anna P., born in December 1832, had taught young Colwert his letters. In the mid 1850s, she married John W. Carpenter, a grocer. Tragedy soon hit the couple when their year old son, Edward, died in 1857. During the Civil War, Carpenter, along with Anna's father, contracted to supply troops with rations, while they were in Fond du Lac's Camp Hamilton. His brother, Charles, served with Colwert in the 1st Wisconsin Infantry and later was captain under him in the 38th Wisconsin. After the financial depression of the mid-70s, John left the grocery business for insurance sales and then moved his family to Pine River in Waushara County.

Ruth Raymond was four weeks old when she came to Fond du Lac in March 1837. She married Edwin A. Brown in November 1853. He became Town Clerk and, when war broke out, helped organize Co. E, 6th Wisconsin Infantry. He was serving as captain of the company when he was killed in Antietam in September 1862. Besides Ruth, he left two sons and a daughter; one son died ten years later at age 16. In 1876, Ruth remarried an English widower with three grown children. She was 39. He was 67 and lived another three years.

Ruth was a charter member and the first president of the E.A. Brown Woman's Relief Corps when it was organized in 1886. Her organizational ability and dedication was evident in that she served as president two different times for four years.

Carrie S., Colwert's twin sister, was born June 7, 1841, and was the first white girl born in Fond du Lac County. In January 1865, she married Hamilton R. Skinner, a local grain dealer.

*from Fond du Lac Commonwealth Newspaper Genealogical Items Extracted Jan. 1863-Dec. 1870 by Sally Powers Albertz 1988  
Portrait & Biographical Album of Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties, Wis.; Acme Publishing Co., Chicago 1890  
The Business History of Fond du Lac by A.T. Glazier; Haber Printing Co., Fond du Lac 1905*

## Department Encampment News—2011-2012 Officers



*SVCinC Don Palmer and re-elected DC Tom Brown during the Officer's installation.*

Officers elected at the June 11 Dept. Encampment: standing L to R: PCinC Steve Michaels (Counselor), Pat Lynch (Chaplain), PDC Bruce Laine (Council), PCC Alan Hembel (Treas.), PCC Alan Petit (DJVC), PDC Brian Peters (Sec), Brian McManus (PI, CWMO), PCC Any Bollen (GRO) Sitting: PDC Kent Peterson (Council, Signals Officer), PDC Dale Brassler (Council), SVCinC Don Palmer, DC Tom Brown, PCC Kim Heltemes (DSVC)



# HARDEE'S MANUAL OF ARMS



The following material was presented by PCC Patrick Fallon for the June Patriotic Presentation. Please practice these basic steps as we enter into another parade season. Arrangements are being made to have a school day with manual of arms drilling and basic marching formations.

132 The manual of arms will be taught in the following progression: The, instructor will command:

*Support- ARMS. One time and three motions.*

133. (*First motion.*) Bring, the piece, with the right hand, perpendicularly to the front and between the eyes the barrel to the rear; seize the piece with the left hand at the lower hand, raise this hand as high as the chin, and seize the piece at the same time with the right hand four inches below the cock.

134. (*Second motion.*) Turn the piece with the barrel to the front; carry the piece to the left shoulder, and pass the fore-arm extended on the breast between the right hand and the cock; support the cock against the left fore-arm, the left hand resting on the right breast.

135. (*Third motion.*) Drop the right hand by the side.

136. When the instructor may wish to give repose in this position, he will command: REST.

137. At this command, the recruits will bring up smartly the right hand to the handle of the piece (small of the stock), when to preserve silence, or steadiness of they will not be required to position.

138. When the instructor may wish the recruits to pass from this position to that of silence and steadiness, he will command: 1. *Attention.* 2. SQUAD.

139. At the Second word., the recruits will resume the position of the third motion of support arms

*Shoulder- ARMS. One time and three motions.*

140. (*First motion.*) Grasp the piece with the right hand under and against the left fore-arm; seize it with the left hand at the lower band, the thumb extended; detach the piece slightly from the shoulder, the left fore-arm along the stock.

141. (*Second motion.*) Carry the piece vertically to the right shoulder with both hands, the rammer to the front, change the position of the right hand so as to embrace the guard with the thumb and fore-finger, slip the left hand to the hight of the shoulder, the fingers extended and joined, the right arm nearly Straight.

142. (*Third motion.*) Drop the left hand quickly by the Side.

*Present- ARMS One time and two motions.*

143. (*First motion.*) With the right hand bring the piece erect before the center of the body, the rammer to the front; at the same time seize the piece with the left hand half-way between the guide sight and lower band, the thumb extended along the barrel and against the stock, the, fore-arm horizontal and resting against the body, the band as high as the elbow.

144. (*Second motion.*) Grasp the small of the stock with the right hand below and against the guard.

*Shoulder- ARMS. One time and two motions.*

145. (*First motion.*) Bring the piece to the right shoulder, at the same time change the position of the right hand so as to embrace the guard with the thumb and fore-finger, slip up the left

hand to the hight of the shoulder, the fin fingers extended and joined, the right arm nearly Straight.

146. (*Second motion.*) Drop the left hand quickly by the Side.

*Order- ARMS. One time and two motions.*

147. (*First motion.*) Seize the piece briskly with the left. hand near the upper band, and detach it slightly from the shoulder with the right hand -loosen the grasp of the right hand, lower the piece with the left, resize the piece with the right hand above the lower band, the little finger in rear of the barrel, the butt about four inches from the ground, the right hand supported against the hip, drop the left hand by the side.

148. (*Second motion.*) Let the piece slip through the right hand to the ground by opening slightly the fingers, and take the position about to be described.

Position of order arm

149. The hand low, the barrel between the thumb and fore-finger extended along the stock; the other fingers extended and joined; the muzzle about two inches from the right shoulder; the rammer in front; the toe (or beak) of the butt, against, and in. a line with, the too of the right foot, the barrel perpendicular.

150. When the instructor may wish to give repose in this position, he will command:

REST.

151. At this command, the recruits will not be required to preserve silence or steadiness.

152. When the instructor may wish the recruits to pass from this position to that of silence and steadiness, he will command:

1. *Attention.* 2. SQUAD.

153. At the second word, the recruits will resume the position of order arms.

*Shoulder- ARMS. One time and two motions.*

154. (*First motion.*) Raise the piece vertically with the right hand to the hight of the right breast, and opposite the shoulder, the elbow close to the body; seize the piece with the left hand below the right, and drop quickly the right hand to grasp the piece at the Swell of the stock, the thumb and fore-finger embracing the guard; press the piece against the shoulder with the left hand, the right arm nearly straight.

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### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS IN JULY: Congratulations to:

2—Steve Michaels  
9—Patrick Fallon  
14—Dr. Ron Washburn  
16—Tom Brown



## CAMP CALENDAR

|              |                                                                              |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 June      | Camp 1 Officers and Staff Meeting, 7 pm..                                    |
| 3 July       | Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade                                                |
| 4 July       | Independence Day                                                             |
| 6 July       | Camp 1 and Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m., Milwaukee VA Soldiers Home, Building 1 |
| 16 July      | South Shore Frolics Parade                                                   |
| 24 July      | Camp 1 and Auxiliary Picnic, Koenecke Farm                                   |
| 11-14 August | National Encampment, Reston, VA                                              |
| 7 Sept.      | Camp and Aux. Meetings, 7 pm., Soldier's Home                                |

## CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q. What is "Hayfoot Strawfoot?"

A: Command used to teach raw recruits the difference between left and right (respectively).

## Camp and Auxiliary Photo Album



### Memorial Day and the 10th Annual ROH

Above, Sisters A. Michaels, D. Michaels, Howard and Craig, and Brothers Koenecke, Kulas, Graff, Doan, Collins, Lesar, Howard, Craig, Olson, Curran, and Michaels form up for a picture at the 10th Reclaiming Our Heritage weekend.

Above right, Camp 1's Honor Guard fires a musket salute at Calvary Cemetery's Memorial Day Ceremony.

Below right, Gov. Scott Walker delivers the keynote speech at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

