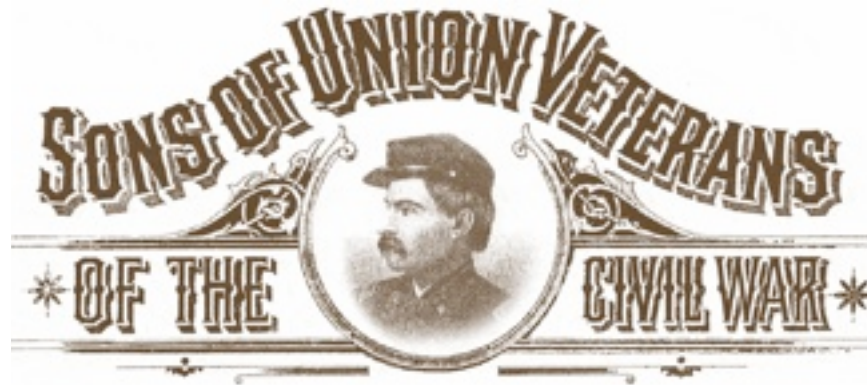


Which major Civil War figure is enshrined in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame? Find out on page 3.

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## PUBLIC TO RETURN FOR MEMORIAL DAY



The GAR's most sacred day of the year will have a crowd like it did in this 2019 photo, vs. our small, private events of the past two years forced by the pandemic.

After two years of having to do only a private ceremony, we will return to having a formal, large Memorial Day commemoration at Calvary Cemetery. Thank goodness everything is starting to open up more.

The Camp and Auxiliary 4 are ready and raring to return to the traditional commemoration, which will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30. First comes the Roman Catholic memorial Mass, then our ceremony.

The Camp has held Memorial

Day services at Calvary since at least 1927, and 2022 will be a grand reunion of the participating groups.

**From the  
Commander –  
PDC Tom Brown**

I want to thank Chaplain Dean Collins for the job he has done for so many years. Let's make the return of this event the great occasion that it always has been. I would like everyone to help Dean – volunteer for positions like color guard, escort for President Lincoln, guard at the gate and

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**The next Camp meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. PDC Tom Brown will have the patriotic presentation.**

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crowd control.

Collins says: “We are gratified that we can again honor our Civil War ancestors and all our nation’s fallen heroes, following the two-year gap caused by the COVID pandemic. All the participants are most eager to resume this unique patriotic event.”

He adds: “Hundreds of people have attended this patriotic and religious observance in a normal year, and we have 95-year-old tradition in Calvary Cemetery.”

The concelebrated Mass will be led by the Most Rev. James T. Schuerman, an auxiliary bishop of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Collins, a retired Milwaukee police inspector, is an ordained deacon, and the choir will be from his parish, Mother of Good Counsel.

## WILL HONOR WATROUS

The Col. Jerome A. Watrous fortress, National Daughters of the GAR, will honor the Milwaukee Civil War hero whose name the fortress has adopted. The services will be at 10 a. m. at Col. Watrous' grave in Forest Home cemetery.

The place and time of other services, and their sponsors, are:

Woodlawn cemetery, Cudahy, 8 a. m., Cudahy cemetery committee  
Wanderer's Rest cemetery, 10 a. m., Uptown post no. 400 and Milwaukee post no. 1, American Legion.  
Station cemetery, Veterans' administration, 6 a. m., 7:45 a. m. and 9 a. m.  
Arlington, Graceland, Mt. Olivet and Good Hope cemeteries, American Legion ceremonies at 9 a. m.  
St. Adalbert's cemetery, 10 a. m., George Washington post, American Legion  
Graceland cemetery, 9 a. m., Crak Schlosser post, American Legion.  
Woodlawn cemetery, 10 a. m., VFW, American Legion and Purple Heart.  
Forest Home chapel, 10:30 a. m., P. B. Weicott no. 16, Women's Exeter corps.

Pinelawn and Calvary cemeteries and Fairview Mausoleum, 10 a. m., Sherman Park, Schiliz and Marine posts, American Legion.  
Holy Cross cemetery, 9:30 a. m., William G. Iinan post no. 234, American Legion.  
Calvary cemetery, 10 a. m., Sons of Union Veterans and auxiliary no. 4.  
Forest Home cemetery, 9:40 a. m., Hugh J. McGrath camp no. 4 and auxiliary, USWV.  
Union cemetery, 9:45 a. m., R. J. Dawson camp and auxiliary, USWV; Electric post 228; Gen. Charles Kink post 406, Federation of Labor post 401, and units, American Legion; Verna Grossman post no. 17, Daughters of '98.  
Evergreen cemetery, 9:30 a. m., North Shore post and unit 331 and Federal post and unit 205, American Legion.  
Pilgrims' Rest cemetery, 10 a. m., Maj. William McKinley Harrison, 114, Army and Navy union; Nancy Lincoln auxiliary no. 6, Navy union, Gen. William Mitchell post unit and Junior auxiliary no. 388, American Legion.  
Wisconsin Memorial park, 10 a. m., Milwaukee county council, VFW, Arlington cemetery, 9:45 a. m., Milwaukee county council, American Legion.

This 1944 article from the Milwaukee Sentinel lists our event at Calvary, along with others by Civil War groups and later organizations. Jerome Watrous died in 1918.

cannon by Cushing's Battery and a rifle salute. Plus Nic Bur as Abraham Lincoln. At the end, we'll pass out dozens of flags for the crowd to decorate the graves of veterans.

The keynote speaker will be Dan Buttery, president and CEO of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. Buttery was a company commander in the Wisconsin National Guard's 724th Engineer Battalion and earned a Bronze Star for 300 missions conducted during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He deployed to Iraq from March 2003 to April 2004.

Our event also will feature the First Brigade Band playing original Civil War instruments, firing of a

## REMEMBERING COL. PIER: WOMEN WERE BIG HELP TO VETS

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

C.K. Pier acted, and spoke eloquently, on behalf of the GAR and Union veterans. He was very prominent in both GAR and business circles. Given his stature and the times, it would have been quite easy for the women in his life to take a passive role, choosing not to get involved in veterans' affairs, patriotic or public service. But this was not the case.

Pier's older sister, Ruth, was a charter member and the first president of Fond du Lac's E.A. Brown Corps #35, Woman's Relief Corps, when it was organized in 1886. She served two four-year terms as president. She also served as Department counselor and was a delegate to the National Encampment. Her corps not only worked to help destitute veterans and their families, but also was responsible for raising funds for the city's soldier monuments.

Pier's wife, Kate Hamilton Pier, also was an active member of the Woman's Relief Corps, amid her real estate and law careers. Their three daughters joined Milwaukee's SUVCW Auxiliary in 1889 and participated in patriotic endeavors, benefiting veterans, while establishing their law careers.

At an 1893 Reunion of the 28th Wisconsin Infantry, Pier spoke “of the wonderful work done by women ... in behalf of our flag, during the war and especially that which they have done in behalf of the old maimed soldiers and their families since the war ...”

He said, “I lived in Fond du Lac until a few years ago, and the (GAR) post there undertook to help families. We would donate them \$5, \$10, \$15 and then they would be in trouble again almost the next day – until we got what we called the ‘Auxiliary Woman's Relief Corps.’”

“Why! One of those faithful women would make one dollar do more good in a family than we could make 10 ... All over this country, no one realizes what a grand association there is today looking in a charitable way towards the families of those who are destitute and are relatives of soldiers.”

*From Incidents & Anecdotes of Early Days and History of Business in the City of Fond du Lac from Early Times to the Present, by A.T. Glaze, P.B. Huber Print Co., 1905; and Proceedings of the Society of 28th Wis. Vol. Inf.; June 21-22, 1893, at Mukwonago.*



**LINCOLN'S CAREER  
AS A WRESTLER**  
BY PDC KENT PETERSON



There is a National Wrestling Hall of Fame located in Stillwater, Okla., and three U.S. presidents are enshrined there: William Howard Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

During a wrestling career that spanned about 12 years, Lincoln participated in an estimated 300 matches, with just a single loss!!!

But the definition of wrestling matches on the American frontier in the 1800s was far different than today. It was called "catch as catch can" wrestling and it was more like hand-to-hand combat than a formalized sport.

Lincoln's best-known victory was in 1831 against Jack Armstrong. Researching this story provided more than one version of what happened. Here is the account of the match from the July 1949 edition of Esquire magazine.

Lincoln moved to New Salem, Ill., in 1831. A group named the Clary's Grove boys lived in a nearby settlement. They were a rowdy, wild, frontier crowd that enjoyed fighting and drinking. They boasted they could wrestle better and hit harder than any other group in the state. Their leader was a bully named Jack Armstrong.

Denton Offutt, who owned a store where Lincoln was a clerk, bragged that his employee was men-

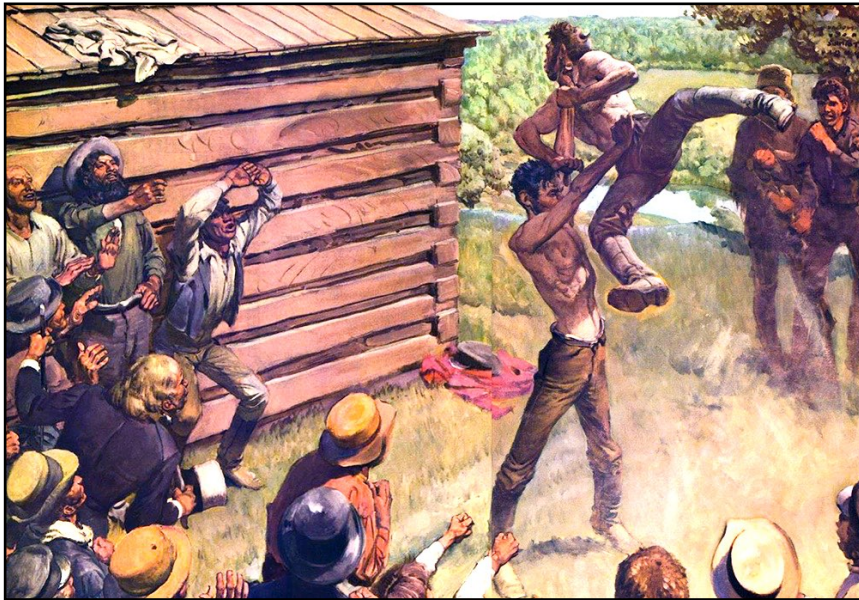
tally and physically superior to any of the Clary's Grove boys. He openly said Lincoln could whip any man in the community. Hearing of Offutt's boasting, Armstrong challenged Lincoln to a wrestling match. Lincoln accepted.

People from 50 miles around came to a level square next to Offutt's store to see the match. Lincoln was 6-foot-4 and weighed 185 pounds. Armstrong was short and with muscles like an ox; his goal from the first was to get in close on his opponent, where he would have the advantage.

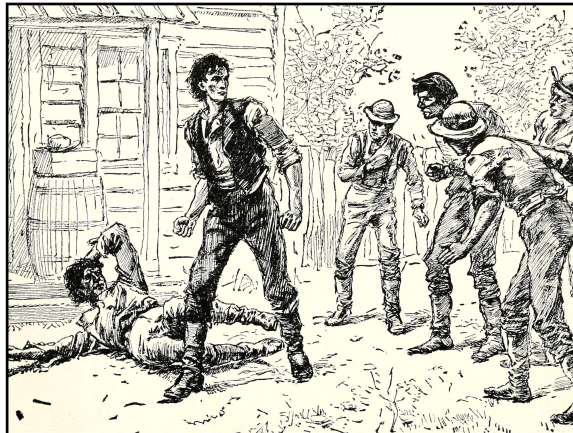
Lincoln used his long arms to hold off Armstrong, wore down his strength, got him out of breath and out of temper. Armstrong then fouled by stomping on Lincoln's right foot and instep with his boot heel. This exasperated Lincoln so much that he lost his temper, lifted Armstrong up by the throat and off the ground, shook him like a rag, and slammed him to a hard fall, flat on his back.

As Armstrong lay on the ground, his gang from Clary's Grove started to swarm toward Lincoln. Lincoln stepped to where his back was against a wall, braced himself, and told the gang he was ready for 'em.

But then Armstrong broke through the front line of the gang, shook Lincoln's hand and told the gang Lincoln was "fair," and had won the match, and,



Here are some of the sketches of scenes during Lincoln's match vs. Jack Armstrong in New Salem, Ill., in 1831, when the future president was 22.



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“He’s the best feller that ever broke into this settlement.”

From then on, Lincoln and Armstrong were good friends. Jack and his wife, Hannah, even allowed Lincoln to stay in their home when he was periodically out of work.

Although Lincoln’s wrestling ability was excellent, he wasn’t unbeatable. Historians can find only one recorded defeat – a regimental championship match while serving with the Illinois volunteers during the Black Hawk War of 1832.

Lincoln, wrestling for the Sangamon County Volunteers, was one match away from the regimental title. He disposed of seven opponents before facing Lorenzo Thompson in their camp near Beardstown, Ill. The two men locked up and strained for advantage before Thompson secured his place in history by becoming the only man ever to throw Lincoln – twice!!!

**Tom Hesse of Thiensville has joined our Camp as a lineal member.**

**His relative of record is 1st Lt. Julius Bodenstab of Co. I, 27th Wisconsin Infantry.**

**Welcome, Brother Tom!!!**

“Save the Soldiers Home Chapel” T-shirts from the old Reclaiming Our Heritage now are available to help more renovations being planned at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home.

Longtime Camp friend Laura Rinaldi is selling them for \$10 each – all proceeds go to Milwaukee Preservation Alliance, which put together the renovation / reopening of Old Main, Building 1 and four other buildings last year.

The next group of buildings slated for work are the Chapel, Ward Theater and the Governor’s Mansion.

Contact Rinaldi at [chapelshirts@gmail.com](mailto:chapelshirts@gmail.com)

### CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

**Q:** What was a Ketchum?

**A:** The Ketchum was a hand grenade, used primarily during sieges. Fins stabilized the grenade’s flight and assured it landed nose-first, which was required for detonation. This requirement also made them largely inefficient. In the siege of Fort Hudson, La., in 1863, many failed to explode when thrown into the Confederate defenses, and were thrown back into Union positions. The Confederates also devised a method to render the Ketchum useless by rigging blankets to catch the grenades. They were manufactured in one-, three-, and five-pound sizes. More at <https://www.civilwarvirtualmuseum.org/1863-1865/vicksburg/ketchum-hand-grenade.php> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ketchum\\_Grenade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ketchum_Grenade)

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### COMING UP

**There will be plenty of chances to help the Camp, very soon.**

**May 21:** Flag-placing at Calvary Cemetery in advance of Memorial Day, 1 p.m.

**May 28:** Help the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center plant a field of 12,301 flags to honor the Wisconsin lives lost in the Civil War.

**May 30:** The Camp and Auxiliary’s solemn Memorial Day commemoration, 10 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery.

# WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

– A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS



## PCC BILLY COLE'S ANCESTOR: WILLIAM D. COLE

Was a corporal in Company H, 7th Missouri Infantry.

Enlisted on June 16, 1861.

Discharged July 14, 1863, due to gunshot wound resulting in amputation of right leg. That was during the Battle of Champion Hill, Miss., also known as Baker's Creek. The battle was on May 16, a few days before the 7th Missouri fought at Vicksburg.

In Cole's time, the 7th Missouri fought in Fremont's Campaign against Springfield, Mo., from Oct. 21 to Nov. 2, 1861; in Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign Nov. 2, 1862, to Jan. 10, 1863; and at Port Gibson, Miss., on May 1, 1863.

See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unmoinf2.htm#14>

See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7th\\_Missouri\\_Infantry\\_Regiment\\_%28Union%29](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7th_Missouri_Infantry_Regiment_%28Union%29)

Born Aug. 2, 1844.

Died Sept. 28, 1944, at age 100.

Buried in the Cole family pioneer cemetery on private property near Boonville in Cooper County in central Missouri.

This historical marker is at <http://www.battleofchampionhill.org/bowens-counterattack.htm>



### Battle info at:

- <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/battle-champions-hill>
- <http://www.battleofchampionhill.org> The order of battle is at <http://www.battleofchampionhill.org/order.htm>

- <https://americancivilwar.com/statepic/ms/ms009.html>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Champion\\_Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Champion_Hill)
- <https://www.nytimes.com/1863/05/26/archives/the-great-battle-of-bakers-creek.html>