

**Patriotic  
Luncheon  
to return**

We are planning the return of an in-person Patriotic Luncheon on Feb. 5 (and hoping for the pandemic to keep easing). Racine author Steve Rogstad will speak about "Lincoln on Persuasion: What Works and What Doesn't."

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**REFLECTIONS AT END OF TIME AS COMMANDER**

We are now nearly to November, and my term as commander of Camp 1 is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a very different experience than the one I expected when I started on this tenure.

I was expecting to face some problems I could not foresee, and difficulties to overcome. Every leader of any organization runs into those.

But I felt that my time as JVC and SVC had prepared me for the office. I was thrust into it a bit prematurely when I needed to take over for Brother Billy Cole when health issues required him to step aside as CC in 2019. But I was willing and able to take the reins and hold the position until duly elected.

However, even though I was prepared for difficulties and hard decisions to be made, I know no one – myself included – was quite prepared for a pandemic such as the world endured for



**From the  
Commander – Brian  
Craig**

going on almost two years now!!!

I knew I would have the help and support of the Camp, and others that have held this position before me. But COVID put a strain on everyone and changed things as we never could have seen coming.

Events, parades, Memorial Day services, our Patriotic Luncheon – indeed life in general – was halted, put on hold, cancelled or changed.

Yet Camp 1 carried on nobly and continued to fulfill its mission of preserving the memory of the GAR, though in a much more limited sense and in some cases a very much altered form.

While most events and all parades were cancelled, and in-person meetings could not be held, we continued to meet monthly through the wonder of Zoom meetings, brought to us by

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**The next Camp meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. SVC Grant Johnson will have the patriotic presentation.**

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JVC Grant Johnson. This even allowed some members from out of the area to attend meetings; most notably the two members who are off to college.

Our Memorial Day event, which draws hundreds each year, had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021. However, with social distancing and proper precautions being taken, the Camp – along with Auxiliary 4 and members from Camps 15 and 4 – was able to hold a small event each year.

This maintains our long, long tradition of consecutive years doing the event, but more importantly proves our dedication to the memory of the “Boys in Blue” and to preserving the heritage of the GAR.

The Patriotic Luncheon had to be cancelled in 2021, but due to the hard work of PCinC Steve Michaels, PDC Kent Peterson and Johnson, the event was changed to a “Patriotic Function” held online. This was a first for the Camp, and for those Brothers in charge of pulling the strings and getting this up and running and working.

The Function went off without a hitch. At least to those who attended, it looked seamless and without a hitch. Steve, Kent and Grant may tell you otherwise, but who you gonna believe – me or them?

We had visitors from as far away as Arizona and Germany, plus many others from out of the area that would never have made it to a luncheon.

I am happy to announce that plans are underway for a real luncheon in 2022 at Alioto’s. There is

Marge Berres of the Woman’s Relief Corps receives the national Mary Walker Award from PCinC Steve Michaels, who brought it from the National Encampment. It was given in 2020 during the pandemic but could not be presented at that time.



nothing like getting to meet people face to face.

We have started a trend toward normalcy, and I appreciate all Brothers that stuck with us through this tough time.

I especially wish to thank PCC Tom Mueller, Camp secretary, for his guidance through this time and whose help has been invaluable to me over the past two years.

With this being such an unusual couple of years, it has made me appreciate the fact that this organization works together in such a smooth manner. There is always somebody around to help when you need help. I know that this will continue to be the case, and I wish the next commander every success.

## REMEMBERING COL. PIER: APPLYING GOLDEN RULE TO TROOPS

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

In fall 1861, many men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Infantry were back in federal service, having re-enlisted for three years. Colwert Pier was not among them – he had decided to return to school.

But this 20-year-old, bold veteran of three months did not hesitate to counsel his comrades in the field: “Six elements combined will make a perfect soldier, by which I mean one who is ready at all times for any emergency, and respected by all who know him. Promptness, decision, cheerfulness, sociability, cleanliness and quietness.”

He proceeded to identify these qualities with the new officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin. Two years later, Pier was heeding his own advice while he organized a company and nine others into the 38<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin. He was elected captain of the company and later was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the regiment.

He said, “Any captain who will think of and respect his men, will be thought of and respected in return ... Let each one, treat every other one as a man should, and he will receive *manly* treatment himself. ‘Like will produce like,’ whether it be love or acorns. The proverb ‘Like master like servant’ finds no exception in the army, especially if composed of volunteers.”

Pier’s simple adherence to the Golden Rule was evident throughout his life. His “religion” or “belief” to act right began with his schooling in Universalism and matured with his practical experience in the school of the soldier.

*From Fond du Lac Saturday Reporter, Oct. 9, 1861 – Trewloc Letter 17*



## DRUMMERS AND THEIR MUSIC, FIELD MANEUVERS

At the October Camp meeting, Brother Jeff Lesar showed an article featuring this beautiful 1864 military-issue rope-tension snare drum, used by Pvt. Samuel Kyle of Company K, 22nd New Jersey Infantry.

The manufacturer was Ernest Vogt of Philadelphia. The eagle embellishment on the drum was a common design but varied from manufacturer to manufacturer. The wooden body was painted with shield-breasted eagle holding a ribbon with the inscription, "E pluribus unum."

Many of the field drummers were young boys, age 12 to 16. A drummer sounded the morning and evening camp duties and also the field maneuvers. Most field drummers were accompanied by fifers.

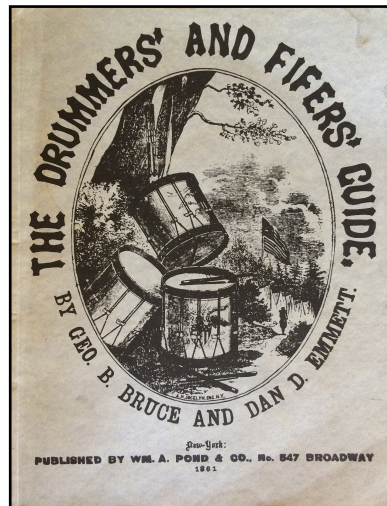
More at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History at <https://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/collection/object.asp?ID=772>



George Bruce served as principal instructor at the young musicians' training center on Governor's Island in New York. Bruce and Daniel Decatur Emmett, the composer of "Dixie," authored "The Drummers' and Fifers' Guide." That guide became the standard for military musicians. The cover page here is from Amazon.

More at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Barrett\\_Bruce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Barrett_Bruce) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan\\_Emmett](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan_Emmett)

See the music from the guide at <http://www.fifedrum.org/resources/music/be/> It includes such titles as Bear Grass Waltz, Compound Flamadiddle, Flamapoo, Treble Ratamacues and more Quick Steps than can be counted.



In November 2017, our Camp newsletter had a story that Lesar offered about drummer boys, including Medal of Honor recipients Willie Johnston and Orion Perseus Howe, plus Johnny Clem, who stayed in the Army and wound up retiring a brigadier general.

A history of drummer boys, by Michael Aubrecht, is at <https://emergingcivilwar.com/2016/07/27/a-history-of-civil-war-drummer-boys-part-1/> and <https://emergingcivilwar.com/2016/07/28/a-history-of-civil-war-drummer-boys-part-2/>

**The Camp again is a designated fundraising group to help provide wreaths at Wood National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day.**

**We hope you will sponsor a wreath for the tribute, which is Saturday, Dec. 18.**

**Each is \$15, from which \$5 comes back to the Camp for our many programs.**

**But do it quickly – the deadline is Nov. 30.**

**Donate at <http://www.suvcw-wi.org/camp1/waa>**



**Michael Hellquist of Racine has joined our Camp as a lineal member.**

**His relative of record is Pvt. Lemuel Samuel Rea, of the 78th Pennsylvania Infantry, Cos. K and B.**

**Hellquist is an Army veteran.**

**Welcome, Michael!!! And thank you for your own service!!!**

#### CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

**A:** What were some soldier nicknames for alcohol?

**Q:** Bark Juice, Red Eye, O Be Joyful, Bust Head / Pop Skull, Nock um Stiff. Some terms for being drunk were tight, wallpaped, balm and bamboozled. These are from informal compilations – <http://treepages.rootsweb.com/~poindeexterfamily/genealogy/CivilWar.html> and [http://www.answers.com/Q/What\\_is\\_a\\_list\\_of\\_American\\_Civil\\_War\\_slangs](http://www.answers.com/Q/What_is_a_list_of_American_Civil_War_slangs)

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Tom Mueller
- 2 – Billy Cole
- 12 – Skylar Brown
- 16 – Keith Rahn



#### COMING UP

**Here is a reminder of activities in the next few weeks.**

**120th anniversary:** Tune in next month for coverage of the Camp's 120th anniversary. So much good has followed the actions of our founders, who merged two small Camps rather than struggle on or fold.

**Feb. 5:** As you can see on page 1, we are planning for the return of the Patriotic Luncheon after having to do it on the web as a virtual, live event last year. Food, the popular raffle, the networking, the speaker, etc.

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# WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

– A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS



**BROTHER  
BOB NIX'S  
ANCESTOR: PVT.  
ALEXANDER LINDER**

Enlisted in 82nd Illinois Infantry, Co. C, on Aug. 16, 1862. Mustered out June 9, 1865.

Was from Chicago.

Captured at Chancellorsville, Va., on May 9, 1863, and paroled on May 15.

The 82nd was mustered in at Springfield. Besides Chancellorsville, its long list of battles includes Gettysburg, Mission Ridge and the Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. It was one of the scores of regiments at the surrender of Gen. Johnston to Gen. Sherman at Bennett Place in North Carolina on April 26, 1865. See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unilinf7.htm#82nd>

Born 1840.

Died Jan. 29, 1888.

Member of Nicholas Miller GAR Post #453 in Hampshire, Ill.

Buried at Hampshire Center Cemetery at Hampshire in Kane County, Ill.

