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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Comments from Your Wisconsin Department Commander

Brothers,

Several of the Department members attended the 134th National Encampment held in Richmond, VA. Gene Mortorff was elected as the new C-in-C. Since PC-in-C Tad Campbell was a big part of the events in Wisconsin in past year he will be missed but Gene has also been active in Wisconsin in the last few years. Wisconsin was honored with three awards. The awards were the John L. Clem award for Max Frederick, the National Aide certificate for Camp Commander Jeff Graf, and the Joseph S. Rippey award for Camp 15. The Rippey award is for the Outstanding new camp in the last year. Congratulations to Camp 15. All of the awards went to this camp. In the last month I have been approached to have members transfer to other camps due to inactivity of the original camps. We cannot have this happen. It is a sign that those camps will not last too much longer. With all there is to do losing members needs to be looked at. Member retention is going to be a focus of mine. On July 18, 2015, the Sons were invited to be in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the latest Civil War monument placed at Camp Randall. C-in-C Tad Campbell flew in from California to say a few words and represent the Sons. After lunch we got caught in a rain storm and got soaked to the bone. It ended the day for us. Later in the year, I believe to be November 20th, there is going to be an event to honor LT. Alonzo Cushing at the Angle at Gettysburg, PA. The ceremony will take place at the spot where he was killed on July 3, 1863. If you can attend please let me know.



Yours in F, C, & L,
Kim J. Heltemes, DC

Highlights - 2015 National Encampment

Steve Michaels PCinC

A Wisconsin friendly synopsis from the 2015 National Encampment

RECRUITMENT AWARDS

5 new members - Jeff Graf, Camp 15 Wisconsin

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Joseph F. Rippey Award most outstanding new Camp - Col. Hans C. Heg Camp #15, Wisconsin

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AWARDS

John L. Clem Award - most outstanding Junior: Max M. Frederick, age 12, Camp 15, Wisconsin - has completed Junior Memorial University program (second one to so complete) and did it at age 10.

OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

National Site Committee report - 2016, Springfield, Ill; 2017, Lansing, MI; 2018, Boston, MA. Missouri stated they will be applying for 2019.

RITUAL

Has been updated during several previous Encampments, but new edition never printed. A committee has incorporated all changes into package for new printing. This included updating language and other editorial modifications. Ritual adopted and should be on the website in a few days and new printings available at the Quartermaster shortly.

Elected CinC: Gene Mortorff, Chesapeake
Senior Vice CinC - Don Martin, Ohio
Junior Vice CinC - Mark Day, Chesapeake

Linda Kronberg of Michigan was elected National President of the Auxiliary, Jim Pahl now serving as National Counselor to the SUVCW and ASUVCW.

New webmaster appointed:
Jamie McGuire, PCC
Elisha Dyer Camp # 7
Department of Rhode Island

New Editor of the Banner James Crabtree



Wisconsin Dept. delegation with the Commander-in-Chief, taken during the 134th SUVCW National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia, this past weekend. Shown are (l to r): PCC Patrick Fallon (Camp 1), PCC Alan Petit (Camp 8), PCinC Steve Michaels (Camp 1), CinC Tad Campbell, DC Kim Heltemes (Camp 8), Skylar Brown (Camp 1 Junior), and PDC Tom Brown (Camp 1).

WISCONSIN'S LATEST CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

By Kim J. Heltemes

A couple of years ago the Department of Wisconsin was informed that the Wisconsin Veterans Affairs was planning on having a monument erected to honor Wisconsin's role in saving the Union in the Civil War. As planned, money was needed to be raised and donations were welcomed. On the Department level as well. A couple of years ago the Department of Wisconsin was informed that the Wisconsin Veterans Affairs was planning on having a monument erected to honor Wisconsin's role in saving the Union in the Civil War. As planned, money was needed to be raised and donations on the camp level the Sons supported the new monument.



We were shown blueprints of the monument and we were informed that it was to be placed in the Camp Randall Memorial Park near the Camp Randall Arch. This little park is all the remains of the original training grounds. This area means a lot to Civil War descendants and historians so the placement was truly fitting. The two years passed and the ribbon cutting for the new marker was set for July 18, 2015. C-in-C Tad Campbell was told of the ceremony and was quick to inform us that he was related to Governor Randall. Word was given back to the VA about the relationship and they asked if he would be kind enough to say a few words at the opening. He agreed.

A living history area was set up by the Sons camps, the Second Wisconsin, and the G.A.R. Post #8. Everyone marched from the camping area to the monument with the Colors leading and spectators under a larger tent. While at attention the troops were inspected by the VA Secretary and C-in-C Campbell. Wisconsin Veterans Museum Director, Michael Telzrow, told a brief history of the monument and introduced VA Secretary John Scocos, C-in-C Tad Campbell, and Wisconsin Department Commander, Kim J. Heltemes, along with the 1st Wisconsin Brigade Band.

John Scocos and Brother Campbell both gave nice speeches. Then they were lead a few feet to the monument to cut the large red ribbon that was wrapped around its center. The band played, the Colors removed, and photographs were taken. It was a nice short ceremony.

A dedication is being planned in the future by the Sons. This was a VA ceremony so the Sons had very little say about the day but we very happy to be part of it. "The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" is etched in the monument as a tribute to the soldiers that later on became members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It was a grand gesture.



Steve Michaels, Kim J. Heltemes, Tad Campbell at the monument



Tad Campbell and WVA Sec. John Scocos inspecting the troops



Camp News

Camp 1

It was quite a sight in Union Grove as 16 Brothers (including two juniors) marched in the Fourth of July parade in the Racine County community. It was one of the largest marches in recent memory for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in southeastern Wisconsin.

Six were from Camp 1 in Milwaukee. Others were leaders of Camp 15 in nearby Norway in Racine County, including several who transferred from Camp 1 to form the new one – CC Jeff Graf, SVC Pat Kulas and Camp Secretary Brian D. McManus (the PCC of Camp 1). And others were dual members of Camp 4 in Waukesha and Camp 15.

All of us marched in solidarity both for the new Col. Hans Heg Camp and for our nation. And the patriotic town of about 4,800 stood up and saluted us along the ENTIRE route.



Three Camps Parade in Unions Grove on the 4th of July

Camp 1 Chaplain Dean Collins and Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by middle school teacher Nic Bur) celebrate firing the cannon of Cushing's Battery to cap the Camp 1 Memorial Day commemoration at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee.

Boy Scout Troop No. 61 of Milwaukee joins Camp 1 SVC Jeff Lesar and Chaplain Dean Collins before cleaning up Oak Hill Cemetery in Wauwatosa this month. Camp 1 and the Scouts work in the cemetery, which is along the busy U.S. Highway 45 freeway, in May and September.

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Camp 8

On June 27, members of the Old Abe Camp #8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War provided a graveside dedication at the Plainfield Cemetery for Pvt. Alfred E. Dewitt, a Civil War Veteran who served from 1864-65. The descendants of Pvt. Dewitt who were in attendance included Tony and Julie Radtke, with their children, Sam, Joe, and Jillian.



Descendants of Pvt. Alfred E. Dewitt pose for a photo after a Civil War graveside memorial dedication for Pvt. Dewitt at the Plainfield Cemetery on June 27.

Pictured are: Sam, Tony, Jillian, Joe, and Julie Radtke.

In a presentation by Joe Radtke, those in attendance learned Pvt. Dewitt enlisted to fight in the Civil War with the Wisconsin 37th Volunteer Infantry less than a month after his 18th birthday. The 37th Infantry eventually exceeded more than 1,000 men; however, the 37th lost more than 200 in the fight to maintain the union. Pvt. Dewitt was in Company G, which lost 24 of its soldiers.

Pvt. Dewitt, along with the rest his infantry, was present at the Siege of Petersburg. During the nine-month siege lasting from June 9, 1864, to March 25, 1865, the volunteers fought in the Battle of Crater and the Battle of Boydton Plank Road in late October of 1864.

The 37th returned on July 27, 1865, and Pvt. Dewitt returned to civilian life unharmed. Pvt. Dewitt was a farmer and married Armie Wilson on Oct. 15, 1865. He and Armie had three children: Alfred, Edwin and Margaret. After the loss of his son, Edwin in 1875, and his wife three years later, he married Melissa Wilson. He and Melissa had two children: Charles and Edith. Pvt. Dewitt spent the remainder of his life with his family in Wisconsin and passed in 1905 at the age of 59.



Old Abe Camp #8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War members Matt Amdt and Brian Peters fire the Salute of Three Volleys during a Civil War graveside memorial dedication for Pvt. Alfred E. Dewitt at the Plainfield Cemetery on June 27.

Camp 8 (cont.)



RICH BEGGS GETS HIS 40 YEAR PIN

Tom Mueller, Commander of Camp 1, noticed that dual member, Rich Beggs of Clintonville, was a member of the Sons for 40 years. Since he is a dual member with Camp 8, he emailed Bill Parker, commander of

Camp 8 and Department Commander Kim J. Heltemes. We settled on July 22 as the date to present the pin the Rich. We met at Mathews Supper Club in Clintonville where we ate and did the presentation.

Afterwards Rich showed us the a local cemetery and showed us some graves of family and Civil War locals of importance. It was an interesting time.

Not everyone sticks it out to 40 years but Rich did. Wouldn't it be nice if more had that same passion.



Camp 15

At the SUVCW National Encampment, the Joseph S Rippy most outstanding new camp award was given to Col Hans C Heg Camp 15 Dept of Wisconsin. In addition, Camp 15's Graves Registration Officer, Max Frederick, was awarded the John L. Clem award for most outstanding Junior member.

Great job Br. Frederick, and thank you to all the Camp 15 Brothers for your efforts this year. Huzzah!

Spent the weekend of August 22-23 honoring Union Soldiers. Franz Wozniak, 9th WI Vol. Infantry in Poniatoski, WI; Paul Townsend 13th WI Vol. Infantry in Reedsburg, WI; and Lewis Sippy, 40th Indiana Vol. Infantry in Sextonville, Wis.



Camp 15 Brothers at the grave of Pvt. Lewis Sippy, 40th Indiana. G-G Grandfather of CC Jeff Graf



Camp 15 Brothers at Pvt. Franz Wozniak's grave in Poniatoski WI.

L-R, CC Jeff Graf, Chaplain Bob Koenecke, SVC Pat Kulas (G-G Grandson of Pvt. Wozniak), Sec./Treas. Brian F. McManus, Br. Dave Daley.

Camp 49

Camp 49's activities continue to be centered on restoring Boscobel's GAR Hall. Now that the basement and handicap accessible entrance have been completed, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning work is currently in progress with hoped for completion by the fall. Thanks to generous donations including \$798.00 from the Camps and Brothers at the annual encampment we now have raised over \$2000.00 towards our goal of \$20,000 to reconstruct the front porch as it was when the GAR purchased the building in 1896. We hope to have all the major work finished and are able to open the hall back up for tours by next summer. Interested parties can check out our GoFundMe campaign at:

<http://www.gofundme.com/BGARHALL>



*At the grave of Paul Townsend
Camp 15 Brothers L-R
CC Jeff Graf, Chaplain Bob Koenecke, Sec./Treas. Brian D.
McManus, Br. Dave Daley.*



*Camp 15 Chaplain Bob Koenecke at the grave of Paul
Townsend 13th Wisconsin. Green Wood cemetery in
Reedsburg WI. Townsend was the G-G Grandfather of Br.
Koenecke.*

Thank you Commander Jeff Graf, Senior Vice Commander Pat Kulas, Chaplain Bob Koenecke. We have honored your ancestors in prayer, with solemn ceremonies and musket salutes. Br. Dave Daley and Sec./Treas. McManus were proud to be a part of the ceremonies. On the way home CC Graf and I inspected Union gravestones and monuments in the Honey Creek and Rochester cemeteries.

Wisconsin Civil Medal of Honor Recipients

By Tom Mueller
Department GRO

In a cemetery 1,800 miles from where they grew up in Columbia County, two Wisconsin Medal of Honor recipients from the Civil War were honored by their home state this summer.



Sgts. Albert O'Connor and William H. Sickles are buried at the Washington Soldiers Home Cemetery at Orting, Wash. O'Connor died in 1928 while a resident of the home, and Sickles, also a resident, in 1938 – he reportedly was the last MOH recipient of the war to pass into the next world.

I had noticed their faraway location while doing work as Department GRO a few years ago, and so I went to their graves while visiting family near Tacoma and Seattle. Orting is in blueberry-picking country east of the two cities. I took along a small Wisconsin flag, recited their MOH citations and added: "Your native Wisconsin sends its love and salutes, as do the sons, grandsons, great-grandsons and many nephews of all generations."

They earned the medal on March 31, 1865, in the same incident while in the 7th Wisconsin Infantry; O'Connor in Company A and Sickles in Company B. This was at Gravelly Run, Va., near Petersburg.

The citation for O'Connor says that on March 31, he "recaptured a Union officer from a detachment of nine Confederates, capturing three of the detachment and dispersing the remainder, and on 1 April 1865, he seized a stand of Confederate colors, killing a Confederate officer in a hand-to-hand contest over the colors and retaining the colors until surrounded by Confederates and compelled to relinquish them."

Sickles' citation says that on March 31, "With a comrade, Sergeant Sickles attempted capture of a stand of Confederate colors and detachment of nine Confederates, actually taking prisoner three members of the detachment, dispersing the remainder, and recapturing a Union officer who was a prisoner in hands of the detachment."

That encounter came 10 days before Appomattox.

Both were from Columbia County – O'Connor from West Point Township and Sickles from Fall River, according to the Wisconsin Civil War roster. Those are on opposite sides of the county.

The roster shows that O'Connor enlisted June 12, 1861, at age 17; Sickles on May 11, 1861, at age 16. Both were mustered out on July 3, 1865.

Their Iron Brigade regiment fought in many of the war's biggest battles – Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania and Bloody Angle. O'Connor was wounded in May 1864 in the Battle of Wilderness.

After Gens. Grant and Lee met at Appomattox, the 7th became one of the four Wisconsin regiments among many others taking the surrender of 27,000 Confederates, and later it marched in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Soldiers Home says Sickles was admitted there in 1911 and O'Connor in 1915. Sickles is buried next to his wife, Jennie, who died in 1932.

The Medals of Honor were not awarded until 1917, when Woodrow Wilson was president, according to information posted with their citations at

<http://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient.php?recipientid=3285> and <http://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient.php?recipientid=59>

Why it took 52 years is not evident, although one can speculate that the 50th anniversary of the action must have inspired some sort of effort to complete and honor the record.

Besides O'Connor and Sickles, only 20 other Wisconsin men received the MOH in the Civil War, according to the list at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum at

http://www.wisvetsmuseum.com/researchers/military/Honors_Memorials/?ID=58 There were 1,520 recipients overall.

When Sickles died on Sept. 26, 1938, at age 93, he was the last surviving Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, according to the valor info at the Military Times site. This is not easy to independently confirm, but small numbers of Civil War veterans lasted into the 1940s, and the last Union vet to die was Albert Woolson in 1956.

At the Soldiers Home, established in 1891, a newer meeting building is named for O'Connor.

The Soldiers Home Cemetery is a state facility and thus maintained less thoroughly and by fewer staff than any federal one. Home Superintendent Willie Slusarski says the biggest issue is the giant pines that tower over the cemetery, which are a "fall hazard" and would wipe out dozens of tombstones if they were toppled in a storm but also pose a threat to graves during removal because very heavy equipment is required. The trees are as much as 160 feet high and four feet in diameter. They are beautiful and stately, but have posed a hazard for decades.

Slusarski reports that Washington state funding for a project to remove 18 of them finally has been obtained, and the next step is taking bids. A citizen group also aims to raise money for this and other work, and says on its Facebook page: "There are headstones trapped in trees, headstones that you can't read because a tree has engulfed them or is directly in front of them, headstones that are sunk into the ground, misaligned, or simply so badly cared for that they are literally blank."

O'Connor and Sickles are buried in Section 4 of the cemetery, not far from the center monument, but they are not together like they were in the war. The cemetery has two other Civil War MOH recipients among its 2,685 graves; the Sons graves registration database has nearly 900 from the Civil War – carefully entered by local historians in a lengthy project. The database says 102 are from Wisconsin units.



Wisconsin Department Camp Namesakes

Ed Note: *Br, BG Vince Barker passed on photo taken by Br, Maj John Bowe of three monuments to "Old Abe" the famous war eagle of the 8th Wis. Vol. Infantry. It gave me the idea to research and give back ground to the name sakes of each of the Wisconsin Department Camps. I know I should have started with Camp 1, but since this was available I started with Old Abe Camp 8. Camp 1 will be next.*

Old Abe was captured by Ahgamahwegezhig or "Chief Sky". He was the son of Ah-mous (translated either as "The Little Bee" or "Thunder of Bees"), who was an influential leader of the Lac du Flambeau Ojibwa.

In spring of 1861, Chief Sky set up a hunting and fishing camp near the South Fork of the Flambeau River, within the present day Chequamegon National Forest, east of Park Falls, Wisconsin. Here, he noticed a treetop nest, with two fledgling eagles, and to capture them, cut down the tree. One eaglet died from the fall, and the other became the young Indian's pet. That summer, Chief Sky and his father canoed down the Chippewa River on a trading expedition. At Jim Falls, Wisconsin, they encountered Daniel McCann, who lived nearby in Eagle Point. The Indians sold the eagle to McCann in exchange for a bushel of corn.

In August 1861, John C. Perkins, assisted by Seth Pierce, Frank McGuire, Thomas G. Butler and Victor Wolf, recruited a company of volunteers from Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. This company was called the "Eau Claire Badgers". Soon after its formation, McCann offered to sell the eagle to the Badgers, for \$2.50. In his "History of Old Abe", published in 1865, Joseph O. Barrett, who helped McCann bring the eagle to Eau Claire, gave a description of the transaction, which can be paraphrased as:

"Will you buy my eagle," said McCann, "only two dollars and a half?"

"Here, boys, let's put in twenty five cents apiece," answered Frank McGuire, who began to collect quarters.

He also solicited a contribution from a civilian, S. M. Jeffers, but was rebuffed. When the soldiers heard of this, they accosted Jeffers, and gave him three lusty groans. When he understood that they were protesting against his reluctance to help buy the eagle, Jeffers laughed, paid for the bird with a Quarter Eagle and presented her to the Company. After that, he had cheers instead of groans. The quarters were returned to the donors.

Captain Perkins named the eagle after President Abraham Lincoln, his quartermaster, Francis L. Billings, made a special perch on which to carry the bird into battle, and a young soldier, James McGinnis, volunteered to take care of her.



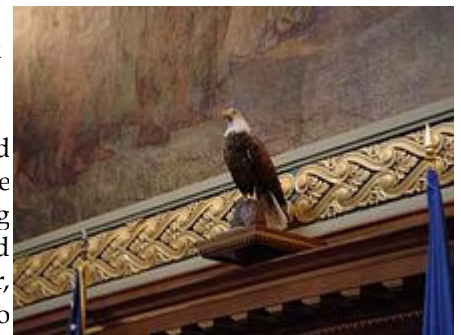
After Wisconsin took possession of Old Abe, state officials classified him as a "War Relic" and created an "Eagle Department" in the Capitol building, which included a two room "apartment," a custom bathtub for the eagle, and a caretaker. Later John Hill served in this capacity.

Old Abe became a nationally known celebrity, whose presence at events was requested by individuals and organizations from the state and the country. Old Abe appeared at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the 1880 Grand Army of the Republic National Convention. Other events were fundraisers for charities, which included: the 1865 Northwest Sanitary Fair in Illinois, Soldiers' Home Fair, Soldier's Orphan's Home, Harvey Hospital, and Ladies Aid Society of Chippewa Falls.

In February 1881, a small fire broke out in the basement of the Capitol. After Old Abe raised an alarm, the fire was quickly put out. However, the eagle inhaled a large amount of thick black smoke, and about a month later, lost strength and began to decline. On March 26, 1881, in spite of the efforts of numerous doctors, Old Abe died in the arms of caretaker George Gilles.

On September 17, 1881, Old Abe's stuffed remains were placed in a glass display case located in the rotunda of the Capitol. Four years later, Old Abe was moved, within the Capitol, from the rotunda to the G.A.R. Memorial Hall. In 1900, his remains were transferred to the new building of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. However, pressure from veterans convinced Governor Robert M. La Follette to return Old Abe to the Capitol building in 1903. That year, President Theodore Roosevelt viewed the remains and expressed his pleasure at being able to see the eagle he had studied in school as a child. In 1904, Old Abe's remains and the glass case were destroyed in a fire that razed the Capitol building.

Since 1915, a replica of Old Abe has presided over the Wisconsin State Assembly Chamber in the Capitol, and another is on display at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison. A stone sculpture of the eagle is at the top of the Camp Randall Arch.



A replica of Old Abe in the Wisconsin State Assembly Chamber



101st Infantry

Old Abe is the eagle on the shoulder patch of the 101st Airborne Infantry. The 101 Infantry Division started out as an Organized Reserve Unit with Headquarters in Milwaukee, WI. For the most part it was a paper division with little in the way of real units and it remained that way until the United States entered World War Two. In 1940, the division was reconstituted as the 101 Airborne and its headquarters moved to Fort Benning.



101st Airborne Infantry



Because of the connection with the sale of Old Abe to Daniel McCann, at Jim Falls, the reservoir behind the dam is named "Old Abe Lake." Moreover, in a park on the Old Abe State Trail, which runs through the town, a 10½ foot statue of Old Abe has been erected near the dam.



Old Abe Trail near statue



Monument to Old Abe in Irvine Park, Chippewa falls. The cannons are reputed to be from Gettysburg.



Old Abe Statue in Wilson Park, Eau Claire Wis



Old Abe is the mascot of Eau Claire High School and a statue sits above the main entrance.



To reach either the Camp's page or its Face book Page, hold curser over the name, hold "Ctrl" and left click

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**KEN BURNS'S 1990 MASTERPIECE "THE CIVIL WAR"
RESTORED TO ACHIEVE HIGHEST DEFINITION FOR NEW BROADCAST ON PBS**

25 Years After Original Broadcast, PBS Will Air Award-winning Film over Five Consecutive Nights Beginning September 7, 2015

Arlington, VA (April 9, 2015) – As the country marks the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and the end of the Civil War, PBS announced today that *THE CIVIL WAR*, the award-winning film produced and directed by Ken Burns that first aired in September 1990, will be rebroadcast over five consecutive nights September 7-11, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. ET (check local listings). Lincoln – the first U.S. President to be assassinated – was shot by John Wilkes Booth on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, and died the following morning, just six days after the Confederacy surrendered to the Union Army.

The broadcast, which coincides with the 25th anniversary of the original broadcast of *THE CIVIL WAR*, will present for the first time a newly restored high definition version.

Over the course of two months, 50,000 feet of the original 16mm film negative, which is preserved at the George Eastman House, was scanned frame by frame at 4K (4096 x 2160 pixels, the resolution used for Ultra High Definition). The standard definition 1990 broadcast was taken from a duplicate of the original negative, resulting in a loss of quality. This is the first time the film will be seen with the exact same fidelity and framing as the negative that Burns and his co-cinematographers Allen Moore and Buddy Squires shot over 25 years ago.

"*THE CIVIL WAR* series has never been seen in such visual clarity," said Daniel J. White. "The colors are brighter and you will see more details in the images. With this transfer, *THE CIVIL WAR* will be preserved at the highest quality for generations to come."

"Whenever you work on a film, especially one with the extraordinary endurance of *THE CIVIL WAR*, there are always little details that you wish you could tweak so viewers can experience the film under the best possible conditions," said Paul Barnes. "Now, with high definition screens and the new digital transfer technologies that we used in this restoration, I think the film will finally be seen exactly as Ken originally intended."

"I'm beyond excited," said Ken Burns. "For the first time, viewers will see what I saw when I looked through the lens of my camera. It is truly remarkable."

"I can think of no better way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this landmark television event than seeing *THE CIVIL WAR* as it's never been seen Programming, PBS. "In a way the restoration is symbolic of the perfectionism and clarity of Ken's vision that makes every one of his projects a transformative experience. We at PBS are so proud to be Ken's broadcasting partner for the past four decades, and we look forward to presenting his films for many years to come."

"Ken Burns is a longtime friend and supporter of George Eastman House, where his original negative is archived," said Paolo Cherchi Usai, Senior Curator of the Moving Image Department at George Eastman House. "Our new digital laboratory is enabling him to create high-quality digital elements for wider access to the public. Through this collaboration, Ken's creative work and our cultural mission have found a perfect match. It's the proof that film and digital can and should coexist. If used together in a responsible manner, both can make our cinematic heritage available for posterity."

"It's an exciting opportunity and honor to collaborate on the restoration of *THE CIVIL WAR*. The clarity of 4K creates a startling immediacy for a film series we remember fondly from decades past," said Ben Murray, VP Creative Services of Technicolor-Postworks

THE CIVIL WAR is narrated by David McCullough and includes the voices of

Sam Waterston (Abraham Lincoln), Julie Harris (Mary Chesnut), Jason Robards (Ulysses S. Grant), Morgan Freeman (Frederick Douglass), Paul Roebling (Joshua L. Chamberlain, etc.), Garrison Keillor (Walt Whitman, etc), George Black (Robert E. Lee), Arthur Miller (William T. Sherman), Chris Murney, (Pvt. Elisha Hunt Rhodes), Charley McDowell (Pvt. Sam Watkins), Horton Foote (Jefferson Davis), George Plimpton (George Templeton Strong), Philip Bosco (Horace Greeley, etc.), Terry Courier (George McClellan), Jody Powell (Stonewall Jackson, etc.) and Studs Terkel (Benjamin F. Butler).

Others who provided voices include Derek Jacobi, Pamela Reed, Jeremy Irons, Ronnie Gilbert, Kurt Vonnegut, Colleen Dewhurst, Hoyt Axton and Shelby Foote.



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