



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
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DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2006-2008

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I want to thank all of the Department of New Jersey members who gave me the opportunity to serve as Commander of the New Jersey Department. It has been an honor and a privilege to do so.

Over these last two years we have seen our Department grow in both membership and camps. I am proud to be a part of bringing into existence the newest camp in New Jersey, The Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell Camp # 104 based in Lambertville NJ. I had the honor of attending their first meeting and installing most of the newly elected Camp officers. Their Charter has been signed and will be presented at their next meeting. I'm sure every member of the Department and Every Camp wishes them the success in this endeavor.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage every member of the Department to do all they can to promote the growth of our order. Please encourage younger members to

become officers of the camp. Assist them in learning the rules and obligations of our order. It is from this group that our future Department Officers will be drawn.

As we work to preserve the remaining records and artifacts of the Grand Army of the Republic of New Jersey, we must also remember to preserve our own records and information. Today's actions are tomorrow's history. Please make it a point to document the activities of each camp and supply copies of records and camp minutes to the designated repository of New Jersey records, Garfield Camp # 4 at the Lawrenceville Armory. Bro. Joe Seliga will be happy to safeguard any records supplied to them. The 2006 Department Encampment is scheduled for June 7th this year and will be held at the Bridgeton Armory. If you haven't had the chance to attend such an event you should try to make it this year.



New Jersey Department Encampment 2007

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert Wilhelm PCC
Commander, New Jersey Department

General James A. Garfield Camp No. 4 Museum

The General James A. Garfield Camp Number 4 Museum is the official repository of the records of the New Jersey Grand Army of the Republic and the records of the Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is located in the Lawrenceville Armory and is open for research of viewing of the exhibits by appointment. On display are such items as: The Third New Jersey Militia flag, weapons and accouterments of soldiers, photographs, original documents, battlefield and other souvenirs, replica uniforms, and model soldiers depicting uniforms worn and weapons. The room has two dressed mannequins, a private with full replica accouterments and rifle-musket, and an officer of Donations of Civil War items, New Jersey GAR items or Sons of Union Veterans items are always gratefully appreciated, Anyone with information on New Jersey GAR Posts or members is asked to contact one of the officers of the SUVCW camps in your area.

General James A. Garfield Camp No.4

The elected officers for Camp # 4 are as follows:

Camp Commander:	Daniel George
Sr. Vice Commander:	Joseph Seliga
Jr. Vice Commander	Stuart Foulks
Sec./Treas.:	Frederick Daubert

The Camp meets at least once per quarter on Tuesday morning at the General James A. Garfield Camp # 4 museum to discuss business and upcoming activities.

Abraham Lincoln Camp 100

The officers for Lincoln Camp 100 are:

Camp Commander:	Stanley Saperstein
Sr. Vice Commander:	Ron Brower
Jr. Vice Commander:	Bill Moore
Sec/Treasurer:	David Martin

Meeting Dates: 3rd Sept., 1st Sat. in Dec., 2nd Sat. in Feb., 3rd Fri. in April. Held at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, Nat. Guard Armory in Lawrenceville & the Peddie Sch. in Hightstown.

Our newest Camp – Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 Chartered 2007

Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell, Camp No. 104
Lambertville, NJ

On Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, Camp #104 held its first Annual Meeting at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum. The SUVCW ritual was observed and Brother George Carkhuff accepted his oath of obligation before the assembled brothers and officers.

On-going camp projects were reviewed including the construction of a camp flag and GAR and SUV gravemarkers for area veterans and former brothers.

2008 Elections for Officers reconfirmed the interim officers for a full year of service:

Commander: Jeff Heagy, PCC
Senior Vice Commander: Phil Gilson
Junior Vice Commander: Les Salsbury
Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Johnston
Council: Mike Horgan, PDC (term expires 12/08)
Tom Preckwinkle (term expires 12/09)
Pat Gallagher (term expires 12/10)

The membership roll has now grown to 45 (including Juniors and Dual Members), since the Camp was officially chartered on July 29, 2007. We are looking forward to our first full year with enthusiasm and energy.

Location - Lambertville, New Jersey.

Meetings - quarterly (Mar., June, Sept. & Dec.) 2nd Thursdays at Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, Rte 29 North. Lambertville, NJ



Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 Chartered July 29, 2007

Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7

The year 2007 was a year of adjustment and change for the Francine Camp. Camp Francine lost one of its most venerable brothers when Brother Herb Hann passed away on 4 January, 2007. Herb's marvelous sense of humor will be missed, especially on our bus trips. He was always in attendance and a valuable brother. He will be sorely missed!

We kicked our year off in January with our annual dinner in Hammonton. The highlight of that meeting was the induction of two new brothers, Gary Englestad and John Dever. We followed that up in February with one of our "Grand Reviews," which we use as a recruiting tool, in Hammonton.

On the very last day of March, the camp took its annual pilgrimage to Gettysburg. Brother Steve Wright and his buddy, Bill H., were more than capable guides who regaled the trip participants with a great many unusual stories about the battle that you usually do not get to hear.

On 5 May we held our annual Memorial Day/meeting at Fort Mott. We honored the Civil War dead of both sides at Finn's Point Cemetery and then had our meeting under the pavilion at Fort Mott. While at that meeting a new Jr. VC was elected, Brother Dave Hann, to fill out the term of our departed Jr. VC.

On Wednesday, 30 May, brothers of the camp and sisters of our Thorn Auxiliary participated in honoring our Civil War dead at the Greenmount Cemetery in Hammonton. Services were held in conjunction with the Ladies of the GAR in a very moving ceremony.

On Saturday, 16 June Camp Francine was in attendance as the department held its encampment at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville.

Francine Camp held another "Grand Review" at the Estell Manor Park on 4 August. While it was miserably hot, the Estell Manor Historical Society made a \$150 donation to the camp which was added to the treasury for use in the camp's placement of a plaque at the Gloucester County Courthouse in Woodbury, NJ.

On 18 August the camp held its annual meeting at the GAR Museum in Philadelphia.

Discussions were entertained concerning the plaque at the Woodbury monument. The cost had been an issue until deceased Brother George Johnson had left the camp a donation that would take care of any cost. The camp is presently working with the Glou. Co. VA in order to make sure everything is done correctly. This meeting was also the meeting where DVD's and a booklet detailing where every Civil War veteran is buried in Gloucester County was presented. Brother Wayne Johnson was responsible for the research and Sister Barbara Gibbs was responsible for creating the DVD and booklet. They will be sold as fund raisers for the camp.

Camp Francine also participated in the Civil War Encampment in Mullica Hill on 13-14 October. We participate every year in this event because it raises funds for the GAR Museum in Philadelphia.

On 21 October we held our meeting as we always do at the Batsto Village Country Fair Day. The highlight of our meeting was the election of officers for the upcoming 2008-2009 campaign and the initiation of a new brother, Duane Conant.

As always Francine Camp was well represented at the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. We marched with eight brothers present and three of our ladies from the Thorn Auxiliary present. It was a very busy and productive year for the camp in spite of some losses in membership. The losses did not stop nor even slow down the camp one iota! We will always strive to be the best representatives of the Sons of Union Veterans and bring honor to the memory of our legacy.

Camp Francine Officers for 2008-2009 term are as follows:

Brother Andrew Burnett, Commander

Brother Fred Mossbrucker, Sr. Vice-Commander

Brother Shawn Kenny, Jr. Vice-Commander

Brother Dave Hann, Secretary

Brother Steve Clair, Treasurer

Yours in F., C. & L.,
Brother Fred Mossbrucker
Sec/Treas., Camp #7



Francine Camp May 10

Gen. Nathaniel Lyon Camp 10

The officers for 2008 for Lyon Camp 10 SUVCW are as follows:

Commander:	James Connelly
SV Commander:	Kim Canama
JV Commander:	Brian Wilhelm
Sec./Treas.	Robert Wilhelm
Chaplain:	Pat Peters
Patriotic Instructor:	Matthew Wilhelm
Color Bearer:	Warren Strumpfer
Guide:	Dennis Sockwell
Guard:	Buzz Smithcors
Camp Council:	<i>Robert Wilhelm PCC</i> <i>Matthew Wilhelm PCC</i> <i>Buzz Smithcors PCC</i>

The Camp web sight has been continually updated with new information and New Jersey GAR member names. So far we have collected over 10,000 names of GAR members throughout New Jersey. It will take some time but eventually we hope to have all the names available posted on the web sight. New information is also being added such as members of the New Jersey Auxiliary members and locations of GAR records. Please check it out @ <http://www.lyoncamp.org>. We wish to thank Bro. Bill Cole for his efforts in establishing the web sight and Bro. Buzz Smithcors for the recent updating. Anyone with information about a New Jersey GAR Post or its members is asked to contact our project leader Bro. Bob Wilhelm @ 856-691-1083 or by e-mail at secondpaha@comcast.net.

Lyon Camp 10 is proud to have an Auxiliary attached to us who's assistance and continued support is greatly appreciated. The Officers of Cornelia Hancock Aux. # 10 for 2008 are as follows:

President -	Mary Loder-Post
Vice-President -	Kathy Wilhelm
Secretary/Treasurer -	Viola Loder-Smithcors
Patriotic Instructor -	Cherie Wilhelm-Canama
Chaplain -	Bonnie Meyers
Trustee -	MaryAnn Dougherty
Councilor -	Clarence "Buzz" Smithcors
Council -	Patty Wilhelm Lori Yeager

General George Armstrong Custer Camp # 17

The officers of Custer Camp # 17 are as follows:

Camp Commander:	Jack W. Ensel
Sr. Vice Commander:	Michael Truex
Jr. Vice Commander:	Kevin Gunn
Camp Secty./Treasurer	Clark D. McCullough PDC, Pcc
Camp Historian	Frank McGonigle PCC
Patriotic Instructor	Michael Todd
Asst. Camp Secretary	Daniel J. Lynch Jr. PCC
Camp Quartermaster	Russel Becker
Press Relations Officer	Kevin Gunn
Graves Registration Officer	Arthur Green
G.A.R. Officer	Russel Becker
Camp Guard	Michael Woomer
Camp Guide	Richard McCarthy
Chaplain	Frank McGonigle PCC
Monuments and Memorials	Clark D. McCullough PDC, PCC
Camp Counsel	Clark D. McCullough PDC, PCC
Camp Counsel	Daniel J. Lynch Jr. PCC
Camp Counsel	Frank McGonigle PCC

Meetings are held 6 times a year at S. Plainfield, Westfield & Sea Girt.



South Plainfield Monument
dedicated by Custer Camp #17 on April 14, 2007



Tenth Anniversary of the
George Armstrong Custer Camp #17
held Feb. 1, 2008

Ladies Auxiliary to the Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

New Jersey Dept. Officers 2008

President -	Carole Gunby
Vice-President -	Rachel Spring
Secretary -	CarolAnn Gunby
Treasurer -	Erin Swope
Patriotic Instructor -	Patricia Wilhelm
Chaplain -	Bonnie Meyers
Council 1 -	Viola Loder-Smithcors
Council 2 -	Cherie Wilhelm-Canama
Council 3 -	Susan Jamieson
Chief of Staff -	Ruby Kissinger
Councilor -	Walter Spring
Historian -	Lori Yeager

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The New Jersey Department publishes two Newsletters per year, one prior to the Annual State Encampment and one after the Annual National Encampment. The Department hopes that by these newsletters members will be better informed about Department and National projects, activities and events and thus be better able to participate in them and at the National and State Encampments. Publication of the Department Newsletter is the responsibility of the Senior Vice Commander, New Jersey Department. If you have any suggestions on what should be included in the Department Newsletter or how the Newsletter could be improved, please send them to the Department Senior Vice Commander either via e-mail or the United States Mail.

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