Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, SUVCW, Long Island, N.Y.

DATE: February 27, 2023
TO: Jeffrey French, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW
C: Elected & Appointed Department Officers, Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries

RE: Camp Commander's Report for 1/1/22 to 12/31/22

Membership. We inducted 4 new brothers bringing our roster to 56. 54 of these renewed for 2023 (an incredible retention rate of 96.4 %, especially considering the dues increase). So far in 2023, we inducted 2 more brothers keeping us at 56. At 1/1/2018 we had 29 so this is an increase of 27 (93.1%) since then, falling just short of our ambitious goal of doubling over 5 years.

Meetings/Attendance. We held eight meetings, two ZOOMED and six in person. At 11.75 brothers per meeting vs 10.4 last year, average attendance is up 13 percent. The details:

	Brothers	Inductees	Guests
January 27 (ZOOM)	17		
March 23 (ZOOM)	13		
May 7	9		1
June 18	11		1
September 17	11		3
October 15	18	1	4
December 3	9		1
December 4	6		5
Totals	**94**		

Average = 11.75 brothers per meeting in 2022 vs 10.4 in 2021, 9.3 in 2020 and 10.7 in 2019.

Events.
On April 18, the Camp planted a shag bark hickory tree in the GAR plot at Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY in memory of its long time Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Hervan, PCC, who passed in 2019. At this event we also unveiled new signs installed by the veteran friendly Town of Hemp-stead to note the GAR plot, memorialize the names of those who lie there, mark the tree, the grave of our namesake, Moses A. Baldwin, and to tell the story of how the Civil War Monument there came to be.

May 7, Bald Hill School House, Farmingville, NY, "Living History" PCC McKendrick & Bro. Weidenburner. This event was open to the public.

May 20, Smithtown Historical Society, "Living History" PCC McKendrick. Students were bused in from several area middle schools.

On May 22, Several brothers participated in "Flags In" at St. Ann's Episcopal Cemetery & Union Cemetery, Sayville. Specific Honors to Gen. deTrobriand, 66th NY Infantry with many Veterans of all wars honored. Most of the Civil War Veterans honored were members of the Richard J. Clarke GAR Post 210. The Sayville American Legion Post coordinates this effort. Local Boys Scouts as well as Veterans groups pitch in.

May 24, Northport, NY Middle Sschool, "Living History" PCC McKendrick with the 67th NY Infantry.

May 26, "Gold Star Family Event", Somerset VOTEC, Somerset, NJ. PCC McKendrick attached to the 6th NY Independent Battery. Well attended and supported by the Department of the Navy.

On May 28, "Flags In" Patchogue Village Cemeteries. PCC McKendrick & Bro. Weidenburner. Revolutionary War Veterans to current conflict honored. Again, many members of the Richard J. Clark GAR Post 210 are buried within three cemeteries. The VFW, American Legion and Amvets work together to accomplish placing flags in at gravesites. Local Boy Scout Troop #540 assisted.

May 29, VA Headstone Dedication at Patchogue's Cedar Grove Cemetery for PFC Lewis Swezey, KIA WW1. DSC & PH. PCC McKendrick, USN Ret. was a Guest Speaker & Chief of the Piece for the 6th NY Parrott Rifle firing.

May 30:

-PCC Scott McKendrick was Master of Ceremonies for the Bayport Memorial Day Parade at Bayport Memorial Park, Bayport, NY
-Commander McMahon led a contingent at the Town of Hempstead's Memorial Day event, including placing a wreath at the Civil War Monument in Greenfield Cemetery. Our Bro. Bob Guarneri, Brig, Gen. (Ret) was the keynote speaker.
-Later, Cmdr. McMahon and Bro. Donald T. McMahon, III marched in the Albertson, NY parade.

June 3, PCC McKendrick "Living History" at Bayport Middle Sschool assigned to the 6th NY.

June 7, PCC McKendrick "Living History" at Brentwood Middle School working with the 67th NY infantry & 6th NY Independent Battery.

On July 4. Bros. Dennis & Mike Duffy attended the parade in Northville, NY.

On July 16, the Camp joined with brothers from Oliver Tilden Camp #26 to dedicate a new VA headstone in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY for Civil War Navy veteran Edward Van Velsor. Edward's descendants had worked with the cemetery historian to obtain the stone and asked the SUVCW to do the dedication.

July 30, PCC McKendrick "Living History" at Middle Country Library.

September 11:
-Bro. Scott McKendrick, PCC lead the Color Guard at Patchogue's Memorial Park.
-Secretary Dennis Duffy carried the Colors at Lynbrook's Memorial Ceremony at Village Hall

September 16-17-18. JVC Jim McKenna and Bro. Robert Hanson recruited at the Long Island Fair at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Treasurer Ted Phillips took photos.

On September 17, The Camp, in collaboration with the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW participated in the Long Island Civil War Weekend at the Islip Grange, Sayville, NY.

September 16-17-18, Bro's. McKendrick and Weidenburner supported this Civil War event.

September 24-25, Longwood Estate "Living History" Bro's McKendrick & Weidenburner.

On October 15, the Camp dedicated six headstones which it obtained from the VA and were placed without charge by the Town of Hempstead in that same GAR plot. Four are for Civil War veterans and one each for the Spanish American War and WWI

November 11, Veterans Day:
-Bro. Dennis Duffy carried the Colors at the Lynbrook Veterans Day Remembrance at the VFW Hall.
-PCC McKendrick, representing the Am. Legion Commander, spoke at Patchogue's Four Corners.

November 12, GAR Mem. Service, Old Bethpage Village Restoration. JVC Jim McKenna recruited.

November 19, Remembrance Day. Bruce Weidenburner and Scott McKendrick, PCC marched in the parade. SVC Jay Dolan attended.

On December 4 we held a combined officer installation dinner with the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW at the historic Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Great River, NY.

December 10. St. John's Episcopal Church, a "Civil War Christmas," a living history event that includes performers in period dress, music, and song. Bro's. Bruce Weidenburner, and Scott McKendrick with Bro. George Munkenbeck of Oliver Tilden Camp #26

Graves added to the SUVCW Database in 2022 by members of the Camp were 796 vs 1,865 in all of 2021. In addition, Camp members entered 253 graves for which John Goodnough of the Col. Ireland Camp did the research vs 245 similar in 2021. Five brothers are actively entering graves, Don McMahon, Wayne Haddock, Christopher Shand, Dennis Duffy, and Bill Wagner!

Headstones obtained & placed. Six.

Finances are in very good shape with approximately $2,800 available to the Camp after accounting for the per capita due the Department and National. This is because the brothers have donated to the Camp, in addition to their dues, about $3,500 over the last 5 years.

Donations from Camp Funds to other Civil War 501(c) 3 organizations were $260.00, an increase of $40.00 over what we donated in 2021 and $ 90.00 more than the $170 donated in 2020.

Details are:	2022	2021	Increase
Am. Battlefield Trust (Civil War Trust)	25	30	
Friends of Grant Cottage	30	30	
Elmira Civil War Prison	30	30	
Friends of the NYS Military Museum*	40	40	
Waterloo, NY Memorial Day Museum	30	30	
Wreaths Across America	15	0	15
Echoes in Time Civil War Museum, Springville, NY	30	30	
Cattaraugus County CW Memorial Building, Little Valley, NY	30	30	
Greenpoint Monitor Museum	30	0	30
Totals	$260	$220	40

*Earmarked For CW Battle Flag Conservation

Rally Round the Flags. $359 in donations for Rally Round the Flags was received in 2022 from collections at three events: the Headstone Dedication in Green-Wood cemetery in July, the Long Island Civil War weekend in September, and the headstone dedication in October. This brings the total to date to $1,702 in addition to the $140 that the Camp has donated from its own funds over the last 4 years bringing the grand total to $1,842.

Eagle Scout Recognition Program. Coordinator Don McMahon and Patriotic Instructor Scott McKendrick presented 41 Commendation certificates in 2022. This compares to the 43 presented in 2021 and 49 presented in 2020. Two more brothers, Bruce Weidenburner and Ted Phillips, have joined our Eagle Scout team so we now have four brothers engaged in this important work.

ROTC Awards. One. Certificate presented to St. John's University Army ROTC Cadet Abdelmoshen ("Abby") Mossolem on February 27, 2022.

Web site. Our free host, Google sites, changed their framework in 2022 requiring a complete rewrite by webmaster Mike Duffy. Our user friendly site has all the same elements as those in the site of the camp which was judged best website last year. The link is:

https://sites.google.com/site/mosesabaldwin

The site is also easily found by searching on "Moses Baldwin sites"

Newsletter. Our professional looking quarterly newsletter, *Moses on the Move*, in color, with photographs, has a circulation of about 120 by e-mail including all camps in New York, members of the DUVCW and others, particularly any who expressed interest in our work and is also available on our website. It is mailed to the few brothers who do not use e-mail.

The Fighting 69,th a New York National Guard Unit, was activated and is serving in East Africa. Members of our Camp contributed $515.00 to the Department's Care Kits for the Troops project.

Department and National Participation. Dennis Duffy serves as a member of the National Committee on Graves Registration and recently completed a rewrite of the Graves Instructional Manual which is on the National Website. Bill Wagner has joined that committee as an aide as it gears up to request bids to develop a new easier to use and more functional system. Dennis also serves as NY GRO and Chair of the Department's Legislation Committee. Bill Wagner and Ted Phillips have volunteered to help in the Department's fundraising efforts.

Awards. The Town of Hempstead, at over 750,000, by population the largest Town in the United States, recognized our Camp for its work in a Certificate of Recognition issued October 15, 2022 for "significant contributions to the County of Nassau and its residents." See page 6, below.

Memorial University. Treasurer Ted Phillips became the second member of our Camp to complete the course. His pin will be awarded at the National Encampment in Nashua, NH,

Plans for 2023. We plan **t**hree headstone dedications in three different cemeteries covering 10 headstones which we will order from the VA. Including directed donations of $250 from one brother, our donations to other Civil War organizations are budgeted at $550.00, up from $260.00 actual in 2022.

Moses continues on the Move!

In F., C., & L,

Donald T. McMahon, Jr

Donald T. McMahon, Jr., Commander

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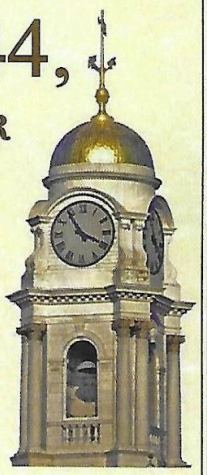
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THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

MOSES A. BALDWIN CAMP #544,

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



as we honor Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War
& World War I whose graves are no longer unmarked.
The Town of Hempstead is proud to extend its heartfelt appreciation to the members
of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
for their significant contributions to the County of Nassau and its residents.

Presented: October 15, 2022

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