



EGG-CITING TIMES

Newsletter of

Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1
Haymarket, VA

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

<https://elizabethvanlewtent.weebly.com>

April/May 2021



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—KAREN LYDDANE

Hello, Eggstra Special Sisters,

Our great task, on May 31, is recognizing those who believed so strongly in the government of our country that they gave their all. In our adoptions of many national cemeteries, wreaths with the National sash proudly emblazoned across will stand at attention in private or public ceremonies honoring this sacred day.

For this detached tent to strive forward in such great health, you have engaged in joining, adding ancestors, and are continually contributing thoughts and opinions for new directions and efforts. Truly, today for us must reflect what post-war was like so many years ago. We have before us many possibilities, with one goal-keeping green the memory. Unification is utmost now, as it was then.

In the name of our tent, I am applying myself to drawing closer to other Allied Orders, focusing on Chesapeake SUVCW and Auxiliary to the SUVCW. In so doing, I was unexpectedly honored with an award, and invited to bring greetings to both of their encampments, realizing a goal long held. Only in my elected position could this have been accomplished, and you are owed a great debt that inspires me onward.

Now is the moment that I ask for you to hold out your hand in camaraderie to all in the Allied Orders. Can you think for a moment on what is in your area that many can join together and advance? Is it a place, or cause? While you are thinking, know that I believe strongly in you, and stand before you in belief that our works will memorialize properly the history of our country, including all peoples, as they fell, and as they believed.

Huzzah! Karen

“Keep Green the Memory”

Welcome!

New Member

Iva Knapp

Candy Weitz

New Life Member

Karen Misiano



Ken Burns, Brian Withrow, and Karen Lyddane preparing for a past Memorial Day parade on Constitution Avenue.

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**Most Sacred Duty of a Daughter of the
Daughters of Union Veterans of the
Civil War, 1861-1865**

“Loyalty to God, Country and Flag”

National Convention

August 3, 2021 -
August 8, 2021

Make plans now to attend!
[http://www.duvcw.org/
national-convention.html](http://www.duvcw.org/national-convention.html)

Hilton St. Louis
Frontenac Hotel
1355 South Lindbergh
Boulevard
St. Louis, MO

MOTTO

**Fraternity,
Charity and
Loyalty**



National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)
American Battlefield Trust

www.duvcw.org
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www.battlefields.org



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April

Sheri Dagg, Lisa Doan, Lynn Eurell, Cyndi Messick, Lois Parlow, Abbey Wills

May

Alisa Cooper, Diane Kuebert, Karen Lyddane, Constance White

June

Ann Beer Karen Belle, Karen Connair, Midge Elliott, Sandi Esty, Sarah Geller, Jenny Snyder, Jan Speare, Margaret Stromberg, Moriah Webster

Retreat with a Recipe
from the
New England Cook Book, 1836

71. *Stuffed and Baked Fish.*

Soak bread in cold water, till soft, then squeeze out all the water, mash it and mix it with a piece of butter, of the size of a hen's egg, a little salt, pepper, cloves, and mace, a couple of raw eggs, makes the dressing cut smoother. Fill the fish with this dressing, and sew it up. Put a tea cup of water in a bake pan, and a small piece of butter, lay in the fish; bake it about an hour. Fresh cod, bass, and shad, are suitable fish for baking.

<https://www.thehenryford.org/explore/recipes-and-cookbooks/cookbook/the-new-england-cook-book/>

**PICKLE JAR
Reminder**



Tent Meeting Dates: 2021

(Virtual until further notice)

2021: May 22, October 23

10:00am—ORFATS (Officers or Responsible For A Task Sister)

11:00—General Meeting

"We meet the fourth Saturday in January, March, May and October."

Email

**elizabethvanlewtentVA@gmail.com
for more information regarding meetings.**

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Honor Bestowed on Tent President!



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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Commander
Department of the Chesapeake
105 Eagle Mountain Drive
Shipman, Virginia 22971

April 17th, 2021

To all to Whom the Present Comes, Greeting.

Sister Tent President Karen Sue Lewis Lyddane of the *Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1 (Detached)* of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW), 1861-1865, has distinguished herself in service to the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. and to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in particular.

Sister Karen has led her Tent with energy through their 10th Anniversary Year and has promoted their participation in events with the Irish Brigade Camp No. 4 at Fredericksburg National Cemetery and in the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. Her Tent has supported participation in the SUVCW's Graves Registration Project. She has taken on the local leadership of the DUVCW's Southern Memorial & Wreaths Program. She has referred male family of her members to the SUVCW and has reached out "across the pond" with a new member of her Tent in the UK, whom she has placed in contact with the Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, SUVCW (UK) in London, England.

Sister Karen has also been the leader to establish a new Union historical marker at the Kernstown Battlefield in Winchester, VA. In doing so she reached out to the Department of the Chesapeake to come alongside the Elizabeth Van Lew Tent to fund this new memorial.

Sister Karen has also been in conversation with the Department of the Chesapeake Auxiliary to discover how they may cooperate in the future to "Keep Green the Memory of the Boys in Blue."

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I announce that Sister Karen Sue Lewis Lyddane is the 2021 recipient of *The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award*.

Given under my hand this day, Saturday, April 17th, 2021.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jay A. Rarick, P.C.C.
Commander
Department of the Chesapeake
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Organized 1881 - heir to and representing the Grand Army of the Republic

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"FOREVER SACRED BE THEIR FAME
AND GREEN THEIR HONORED GRAVES."



Personal thoughts on Memorial Day:

Although many within the United States plan picnics, barbeques, parties, and other celebratory events to observe Memorial Day, or stores signalize the weekend with sales, I don't believe any of those activities should be undertaken. Memorial Day should not be a "happy" day. If I could control the weather, I would ensure it is always a rainy or cloudy day, one that instills upon people a somberness; because that is what the day should be—somber, reflective, hallowed.

Decoration Day, as Memorial Day originally began, was to honor the fallen of the Civil War. It has since become a day to honor the fallen in any of our wars. It is not a day for veterans nor is it a day for current members of the military. Society has forgotten the meaning of the day.

Our organization speaks "Keep Green the Memory" and that is exactly what Memorial Day should mean to Americans...remembering those who have sacrificed for our freedom through all the wars.

For me, as much as I am able, each year on Memorial Day or Memorial Day weekend, I visit Poplar Grove National Cemetery, outside of Petersburg, Virginia, to place a Michigan flag and remember my great, great, great grandfather, Charles Field, who died March 29, 1865, one of just a few killed at Ft. Stedman, the site of the last Confederate attempt to break the siege.

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."—Unknown

—Karen Misiano

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Establishment of Memorial Day

General Logan General Orders No. 11

General Orders No. 11
Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic
Washington, DC, May 5, 1868 I.

The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating, the grave of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, hamlet, and churchyard in the land. In this observance, no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will, in their own way, arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo¹ of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add, to their adornment and security, is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well, as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains, and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us, in this solemn presence, renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, as sacred charges upon the nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance, with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country, in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By order of:
JOHN A. LOGAN
Commander-in-Chief.

N.P. CHIPMAN
Adjutant-General.

Although these orders can be found on numerous websites, these were copied from <https://palgar.org/memorial-day/>.



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Member Moments

I just received the minutes for the last meeting and remembered what a great meeting it was. Thanks to all involved, and especially to our dear Karen for leading the charge! For a group our size, I was VERY impressed with the percentage of membership in attendance. Since the time Zoom meetings became a regular part of life, this is the strongest one I've been a part of! I attended with my cat Clyde, who climbed in my lap and slept for the majority of the meeting. I tried to get him to say hello, but he was too shy.



As for a quick update on my condition, I wanted to let you know that my ankle is healing well after my February revision surgery, as far as we can tell, and much better than the original surgery just a year prior. I'm not in any pain right now, but that may change once I'm allowed to walk again. By the time I get the thumbs-up for that new adventure, I'll have been nearly TEN weeks off my feet. I wonder if I'll remember how?? In this time off, I've had help from friends to put home-cooked meals on our table. I was very nervous about the prospect of months of takeout, and agreed to allow my daughter to set up meal volunteers to take that responsibility away from my husband – bless his heart, he can barely boil water! I have had several visits from within our DUVCW group and I wanted to send a warm thanks to those who brought food, as well as to those who reached out to Karen because they wanted to help but were too far away.

I so look forward to the time we can get together in person again. I have really missed the fellowship of in-person meetings, and I hope that by the time we can have one, I'll be able to walk around unencumbered to greet everyone. In the meantime, between meetings and my visitors, thank you all for helping me not feel as alone here at home!

Cyndi Messick

"Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." – Gen. Douglas MacArthur



Sittin' in the Civil War Substitutions



Since yarn and thread were difficult to buy, thread had to be spun. However, before the yarn could be spun, its fibers had to be carded (separated), using two "cards" which were like large, rectangular paddles covered with fine wire teeth that combed and separated the fibers. Because the fine wire used to make the teeth and the machinery to attach the wire to the cards were both located in the North, cards could not be replaced when the teeth were lost. In their place, teasels, a common roadside weed whose seed head is covered by long, closely packed spines, were used. These roadside plants did not work as well as the cards, but they were better than nothing. Yarn was also recovered by unraveling worn-out stockings. The yarn fibers were then separated and re-spun.



"Making Do" or Substitutions of Scarce Items During the Civil War, by Virginia Mescher, 1993, *Nature's Finest*, page 2.

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ANCESTOR MINUTE



Henry Speare was born Melchior Spori in Baerenthal, Bade-Wurtemberg, Germany in 1835. He told his family that he did not want to become the family priest, and he ran away to the United States. In New York, the officials asked him his name and they wrote down Henry Speare. He made his way to Wheeling, in western Virginia, and became the town shoemaker. He told people that he had no interest in that 'argument' between the states, he was a German.

One night he and the (black) freeman who was working for him were asked to help pull a wagon out of a ditch. When they got there to help, other men jumped out and jumped on the two of them with the idea that they were going to capture the freeman 'to sell him down river,' even though he had his papers! Henry and the freeman fought them off and they ran away.

Henry was terribly upset. He went to town and in his (Protestant) church he told everyone he was not going to live in a country that allowed something like that to happen and he hoped all of his friends and neighbors felt the same way. It was time to stand up and fight!

He led the way to creating the new 12th Regiment, and as you may notice, his enlistment precedes its creation by three days. Henry was assigned to duty in the Shenandoah Valley where he fought at New Market and several other towns. Occasionally he was sent back to the Wheeling area to recruit soldiers. A few days before the end of the war he was captured and sent to Andersonville Prison Camp where he was released after 6 days.

He married happily, had one son, bought a farm, and lived to 1910.

—Jan Speare

“Ancestor Minute” FAQ

- Is a short (or not so short) description or biography about your ancestor
⇒ Could be a few sentences long, if that is all the information available
- Can include stories, details, photos, etc.
- Is primarily a way for the Tent to honor and remember our ancestors
- Does NOT have to include a photo
- Helps us remember HOW and WHY we are in this organization

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Requesting Supplemental Ancestor's Biographies



I am bound to them, though I cannot look into their eyes.
or hear their voices. I honor their history and their sacrifices.
I cherish their lives. I will remember them!

Greetings Sisters, thank you for your enthusiastic response to our request for patriot biographies. We are still collecting biographies. If you have a supplemental ancestor whose story you have not shared with the Tent, please send a brief biography, (one to two pages), telling us about him. **We will honor your supplemental ancestor's memory** by placing the biography on the website and scheduling a time for his presentation to the Tent at a future meeting. You may email the biography to Norma Fields, fieldsx4@comcast.net. Thank you!

Stay safe! God bless you!

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, Ladies, let me introduce myself. I am Karen Connair, the Membership Chair of the newly formed Membership Committee of our Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent. Our President, Karen Lyddane, asked me if I would Chair the Committee and I was more than happy to accept this position. This Committee has only one goal—to serve all the Sisters of our Tent, not just new but current members as well! We totally exist for you. Although one of our tasks will be to recruit and welcome new members and to make them feel at home in our Tent, we also want to focus on the needs of our current membership as they are the backbone of our organization. We want every Sister to feel appreciated and to become a vital part of our Tent. I have two experienced Sisters who are long time members aboard on the Committee now, Donetta Bantle and Vicki Meadows and I am seeking additional Committee members to assist in our mission. We will have some exciting things planned for our Tent. We already have new member packets assembled (thanks to Karen Misiano for getting us started on this) to give to new members and there will be more activities to come! What can we do for you, dear Sisters, to make our Tent more welcoming and enjoyable? Don't hesitate to reach out! We are here for you! We all share the same heritage, to honor the memory, deeds and loyalty of our ancestors who sacrificed so much for the Union cause. We are all Sisters; we are all Family. We are all Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Keep Green the Memory.

Please contact me if you have any questions, ideas and suggestions. I am looking forward to hearing from each and every one of you. In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. --Karen Connair

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A note to Gina Costin:

Hello dear Sister and SUVCW Liaison Gina Costin across the Waters,

I received your lovely package in fine order and am simply THRILLED with the large amount of medals, some of which are numbered and boxed, the photos, the cards with the history of the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans, and if this isn't sweet enough, the great chocolates!

These medals are rare and unique and I understand that until you came along, they haven't been produced since the originals were cast in 1910. I will share them as appropriate.

Thank you especially for making and enclosing the cards with the information about the distinctive Ensign John Davis, who formed the London Branch. Lovely touch to mention on the card your Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1, VA, DUVCW, 1861-1865.

Superb job! Well done!

—Karen Lyddane



"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."—Harry S. Truman

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A GLORIOUS 4th JULY, 1911, IN BERMONDSEY, LONDON, S.E.
 Veterans of the American Civil War mustering in the Drill Hall Ground, after 50 years, with
 Wives and Daughters and our Sailor Lasses and Mission Band.

Names and Addresses of U.S. Civil War Veterans London Branch.

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| 1 John Davis, 14, Blue Anchor Lane, Bermondsey | 23 A. Blake, 32, Defoe Road, Stoke Newington | 41 B. Aldermain, 4, Ironmonger Row St. Lukes, E.C. |
| 2 W. Bell, 1, Queens Mansions, Queens Rd., Buckenham | 24 F. Wear, 10, Marshfield St., Poplar | 42 J. Parsons, 7, Clandon Buildings, Friar St., S.E. |
| 3 J. Giraud, 12, St. Martins Rd., S.W. | 25 D. Lee, 14, Barrows Place, Waterloo Rd. | 43 J. N. Stock, 4, Southerton Rd., Hammersmith |
| 4 J. Westwood, 37, Leman St., E. | 26 R. Davis, 87, Albany Rd., S.E. | 44 T. Lanson, 59, Park St., Stoke Newington |
| 5 E. Edwards, 10, Pearl St., Wapping | 27 W. Howkins, 13, Monarch Buildings, Abbey St. | 45 E. Burgess, 369, Hackney Rd., E. |
| 6 H. Barratt, 91, Winchester Street, Pimlico, S.W. | 28 J. Hopkins, 17, Chapel St., Gorse Hill, New Swindon | 46 J. S. Cook, 2, Allison Rd., Harringay |
| 7 W. Blazey, 10, Chapel Rd., Bexley Heath | 29 M. Peterson, 9, Despard Rd., Canning Town, E. | 47 M. Driscoll, 71, Clifton Rd., Canning Town |
| 8 G. Denham, 134, Malden Rd., Kentish Town | 30 R. J. Shrogbree, 21, Rayleigh St., Islington. 92 years old. | 48 G. C. Hoggan, 10, Latimer Mews, Notting Hill |
| 9 M. Wagg, 24, Galbraith St. Manchester Rd., Poplar | 31 E. Munroe, 114, Holloway Rd., N. 101 years old | 49 G. Rayment, 31, Queens Rd., Ilford |
| 10 J. White, 85, Giraud St., Poplar | 32 J. Davis, 6, Aulton Place, Kennington Park Rd. | 50 T. J. Cox, 53, Siddons Rd., Forest Hill |
| 11 J. Cleggett, 128, Penwith Rd., Earlsfield | 33 T. Shepherd, 78, Prince of Wales Rd., Kentish Town | 51 G. W. Douglas, 49, Dunkeld St. Abbott Rd., Poplar |
| 12 T. Tillman, 25, White Hart St. Kennington | 34 E. Taylor, 341, Croxted Rd., Herne Hill | 52 E. Clayton, 29, St. Vincent Rd., South Sea |
| 13 D. Blare, 17 Emma St., Silvertown | 35 H. P. Hyriellies, 9, Firford Rd., Canning Town | 53 E. W. Browne, Holloway Workhouse |
| 14 R. Lloyd, 11, Dale Rd., Canning Town | 36 W. J. Witfull, 13, Agincourt Rd., Hamstead, N. | 54 J. Wheatley, Earlsdown, Dallington, Sussex |
| 15 W. Soper, 35, Creeks Mouth, Barking | 37 G. Morecraft, 64, Silvester Rd., East Dulwich, S.E. | 55 J. P. Mansfield, 13, Egmont St., New Cross |
| 16 W. Jones, 33, Dunloe St., Hackney Rd. | 38 E. Franklin, 66, York Rd., Islington | 56 W. White, 34, Wilson Rd., Camberwell |
| 17 F. Jones, 74, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich | 39 J. A. Nash, 24, Derby Rd., Grays, Kent | 57 J. King, 12, Lindsey St., Bermondsey |
| 18 S. W. Herrick, 36, Myddleton Sq., E.C. | 40 J. Rueben, 104, St. Loys Rd., High Rd., Tottenham | 58 H. West, 31, Wentworth Rd., West Croydon |
| 19 W. Askew, 20, Runham St. Walworth | | 59 A. W. F. Smith, 22, Halton Rd., Wandsworth |
| 20 J. Ryder, 60, Burnam St., Canning Town, E. | | 60 E. W. Murray, 4, Trafalgar Square, c/o U.S. Dispatch agent |
| 21 J. Walker, c/o Alexander, 45 Albany Rd., Chislehurst, Kent. | | |
| 22 H. Bignell, White Horse Hill, Chislehurst, Kent | | |

Secretary of the Branch is Veteran John Davis, 14, Blue Anchor Lane, Bermondsey, S.E.

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The London Branch of American Civil War Veterans



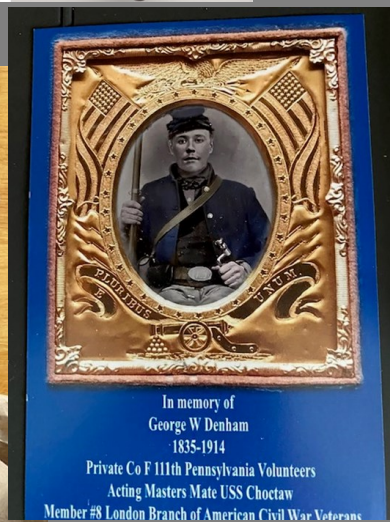
When 29-year-old John Davis, who had left his home in Hampshire aged 14 to go to America, dragged himself from the waters of the Potomac on November 11, 1864, he was at a loss to know why God had allowed a dissolute debaucher such as he to be one of only eight survivors of USS *Tulip* when her boilers exploded, while 49 better men had died. The question gnawed at him for years until, drifting into a mission meeting in London in 1874, he decided that God had work for him, devoting the rest of his life to the London City Mission, founded in 1835 and flourishing today.

Visiting the slums of London's Docklands, he came across other Civil War veterans who had fallen on hard times. He decided to bring them together, both for comradeship and to help them claim pensions and in 1910 inaugurated the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans, for Union veterans and based at the Mission's HQ in Bermondsey. Famed actor-manager Sir Charles Wyndham, who had served under his real name, Charles Culverwell, as an Assistant Surgeon in a Black regiment, was asked to be President, but work prevented him. The role was taken by Maryland Major Seth Herrick, buried in 1917 in an unmarked grave in Hendon Cemetery, to whom a new stone was dedicated in 2019. (Hammerson, 2020)



Daughters of Union Veterans
of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent No. 1
Chartered June 10, 1861 in
Haymarket, Virginia

Hammerson, M., 2020. The Search For Graves Of Veterans Of The American Civil War (1861-1865) BURIED IN THE UK - Church Monuments Society. [online] Churchmonumentsociety.org. Available at: <<https://churchmonumentsociety.org/2020/09/21/the-search-for-graves-of-veterans-of-the-american-civil-war-1861-1865-buried-in-the-uk>>



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Did you know that Fold3 has a blog?
Here is an example
of one of their entries.



https://blog.fold3.com/april-12-1861-the-civil-war-begins/?utm_source=TMIH&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=TMIH-Apr-2021

April 12, 1861: The Civil War Begins

April 1, 2021 by Jenny Ashcraft



Historical photograph of Fort Sumter

On April 12, 1861, Confederate troops fired the opening shots of the Civil War at Fort Sumter in South Carolina. This month marks the 160th anniversary of the beginning of the war, the deadliest conflict ever fought on American soil. The Civil War lasted four years and resulted in an estimated 620,000 deaths and 1.5 million casualties. Approximately one in four soldiers that went to war never came back home. This impacted families, communities, and the entire country for generations to come.

The years leading up to the beginning of the Civil War were filled with increasing tensions between northern and southern

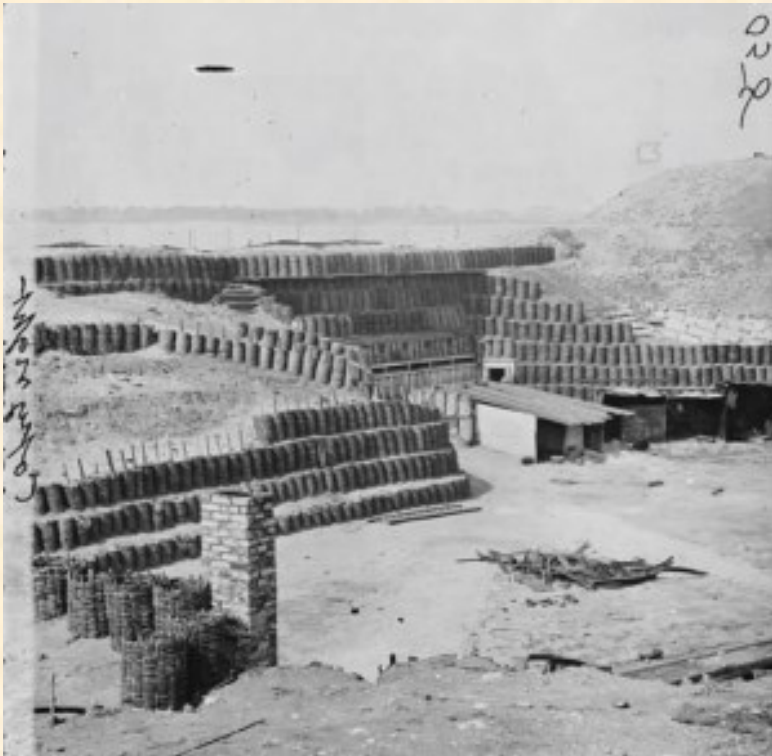
states. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected president by a strictly northern vote. The election was the impetus for southern states, who were already wrangling with the North on issues like slavery, states' rights, and westward expansion, to begin the process of secession. Four days after the election, South Carolina Senator James Chesnut resigned his Senate seat and began drafting secession documents. Before long, six more states joined South Carolina to form the Confederate States of America on February 8, 1861. That number increased to 11 states after the fall of Fort Sumter. Four border states (Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri) held enslaved persons but remained loyal to the Union.

Fort Sumter, originally built as a coastal garrison, was located at the entrance to



Exterior view of Fort Sumter

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Interior View of Fort Sumter

Charleston Harbor. Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard, from the newly formed Confederate States Army, demanded federal officials turn over the fort. He claimed the fort was located in Confederate territory and thus belonged to the South. The North refused and made attempts to send a ship to resupply the fort. The ship was turned away by Confederate guns.

Tensions grew, and Beauregard finally sent US officials an ultimatum – abandon the fort or face destruction. At 4:30 a.m. on April 12th, some 500 soldiers from the South Carolina Militia [opened fire](#) on 80 Federal soldiers inside the fort. The [bombardment](#) continued for [34 hours](#) until the [afternoon of April 13th](#), when the garrison commander, [Major Robert Anderson](#), surrendered [the fort](#). Though there were no fatalities on either side during the Battle of Fort Sumter, the conflict marked the beginning of more than 10,000 military engagements that occurred between 1861-1865.

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International Final Respects

By Elise Geller, Press Correspondent

Elizabeth Van Lew, Virginia Detached Tent 1

January 6, 2021



In 2005, Gina Costin, Virginia Detached Tent 1's first international member, confirmed family lore that her great-great grandfather crossed the ocean and served in the American Civil War. It was not until Ms. Costin and her mother traveled to North London to pay their respects, did they discover that George's grave was not marked with a headstone. Gina is working to change this with a request for a gravestone to the Veterans' Affairs Administration in Washington, D.C. The application and details of delivery are pending after the details of his service to the Union were confirmed.



Ms. Costin, hopeful that the application for a headstone will be approved, stated, "I have some comfort knowing that in his twilight years back in England, far from other veterans living Stateside, he did have opportunities to perhaps share his experiences with a few like-minded veterans who lived in London. He was not alone in his thoughts, and I suspect at the time of his burial he was not alone, veterans would have been present to bear witness to his final resting place. And now all we have to do is pay our final respects by obtaining his veteran headstone." [The headstone has arrived!]



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More news from “across the pond”...

Gina Costin, member extraordinaire, endeavored to find the graves of six other Civil War veterans in Pancras Cemetery to place a yard flag and memorial card on each. She is going to pursue getting these gentlemen VA headstones, if the cemetery allows them. If not, she plans on putting their names on a marker on George Denham’s to memorialize them.



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Go Crazy at Bett's Boutique!

The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

-- Abraham Lincoln
Nov. 19, 1863

Mary Todd Lincoln's White Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup finely chopped almonds
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 4 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Confectionery sugar



Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a round bundt cake pan. Cream the butter and sugar together. Sift the flour, baking powder before adding it to the butter and sugar. Add in the milk and the almonds and mix a bit. Beat the egg whites until they are stiff and then fold into the batter. Then finally stir in the vanilla extract. Pour into pan and bake for one hour or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Turn out onto a wire rack and cool. Once cooled, sift confectionery sugar over it.

Union Hardtack



Ingredients:

- 2 cups of flour
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup of water
- 1 tablespoon of Crisco or vegetable fat or lard
- 4 pinches of salt

Mix into a stiff batter and on a lightly floured surface, roll flat with a rolling pin to 1/8 of an inch thickness.

Trim the edges and cut the dough into squares.

Use a fork to poke holes into the squares.

Bake on a lightly greased sheet at 350 degrees for twenty to twenty five minutes or until golden brown.



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Door prize winners!

Thank you for attending our
March Zoom meeting!

Winners each received different chocolate bars that were sent from across the waters (England) by our dear sister and SUVCW Liaison Gina Costin.

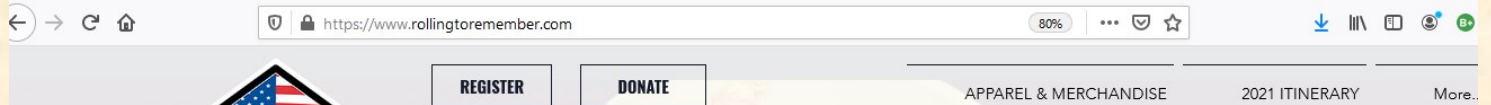
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The message will be clear throughout: we will never forget our POWs and MIAs, and we won't stop fighting for real solutions to the suicide crisis.

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