

*THE SAME RAIN FALLS ON BOTH FRIEND AND FOE*



# THE CYCLORAMA

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN CAMP #4  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**



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## COMMANDERS REPORT

It came as a great shock and with much regret that Brother John tendered his resignation from the Secretary/Treasurer position for personal reasons. John has done an outstanding job while filling this very exacting chore. The good news out of all of this is John plans to continue his involvement in the activity of the Camp.

With an opening within the camp's actively seeking willing volunteers to fill the vacant positions of treasurer and or secretary. Please consider how you can possibly fill the vacant offices and step forward and help your Camp.

The bright sunny skies of April will again return us to Bennett Place. On April 18, John A Logan Camp #4 will be the host camp for the North Carolina Department Second Annual Encampment. I would urge you to attend this event both for the information presented and to represent our Camp. Our Camp has a major leadership role in the North Carolina Department and your presence is both needed and appreciated.

## January Meeting

At the initial meeting of 2009 we were again fortunate to have Department Commander Doug Elwell in our midst. The Commander was accompanied by our good friend Department Council Kevin Motter.

While in attendance, the Commander installed our new slate of officers and presented the Immediate Past Camp Commander Sam Moore a Certificate of Appreciation.



He also inducted our newest Junior Member, Brice Farrell. It was with great pride that the newly inducted Commander observe the installation of his grandson as a Junior Member.

Later, Commander Elwell discussed matters of the NC Department and reminded us of the Second Annual Department Encampment to be held at Bennett



Place, Durham, on Saturday, April 18.

## Report on January's Speaker

Prior to the business portion of the January meeting, we were addressed by Captain Fred Burt, East Wing Commander, 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina reenactment group. As you can see from the above photo Fred made his presentation dressed as a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan. The 26<sup>th</sup> NC galvanized on occasion as the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Federal unit which was a part of the famous Iron Brigade. Both Units distinguished themselves while locked in mortal combat on Day 1 at Gettysburg.



Fred spoke to us about "***Sherman's Carolina's Campaign- From Savannah to the end of the War.***" It was a detailed presentation through the critical eyes of a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and a *retired Army Lt.*

*Col. who has conducted many staff rides.* He brought his talk to a close by relating family lore associated with Sherman men passing the family farm which has been in the Burt Family for eight generations.

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## MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2009

### Major General John A. Logan Camp # 4 SUVCW

**Call To Order**, On February 19, 2009 Major General John A. Logan Camp #4 met at the Wake County Cooperative Extension Agricultural Building in Raleigh, NC. Commander Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. after which he gave the Invocation. This was followed by the American's Creed led by Senior Vice Commander St. Andrew and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Junior Vice Commander Harman.

#### Brothers in Attendance

- Commander Robert Farrell
- Senior Vice Commander Dennis St. Andrew
- Junior Vice Commander John Harman
- Secretary/Treasurer John France
- Brother Daniel Hopping
- Brother Samuel Moore

#### Last Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting, which were provided by email prior to the meeting, were approved without change.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Brother France provided the treasurer's report. Annual dues have been collected from 18 of 19 brothers. Because of his failure to respond, the camp voted to grant Brother McCoury an honorable discharge.

Commander Farrell charged Brother France with providing a redesigned Treasury report for upcoming meetings.

**Old Business**

- **Pistol Raffle**  
Brother Hopping opened a discussion on the possibility of holding a raffle in 2009 of a reproduction Model 1860 Colt 44 Army pistol. He provided an example of a possible package. Finances were discussed but action was deferred until a future meeting.
- **Trip to Bentonville**  
Camp exposure at Bentonville was discussed. Several dates were discussed but no action was taken.
- **Trip to Brother Wunker's Home**  
Brother Wunker plans to hold an open house that will include others as well as Camp Logan. Commander Farrell will interface with Brother Wunker for the date.
- **Books for Lincoln's Birthday**  
Books have been delivered to the schools for the 5 Junior Members. Commander Farrell indicated this is a worthwhile project that should be continued.

**New Business**

- **New Membership**  
Junior Vice Commander Harman provided information concerning the various ways in which new members can be recruited and the need for making the public aware of our camp. These included some of the following: tables at military shows, organizational newsletters (SAR, SVC), family and friends, publicity brochures, etc.
- **Formation of Committees**  
Brother France opened a discussion on the need for committees to handle various projects (i.e. JROTC, recruiting) so that someone will always have the responsibility for making these activities happen. Commander Farrell requested that the brothers provide him with a list of what committees they feel need to be considered.
- **Department Medals**  
Brother Hopping provided samples of various medals that could be used for the Department Encampment. Cost and charges were discussed. Two medals, one for the Charter year 2008, and one for 2009 were recommended. Commander Farrell will interface with Dept. Commander Elwell to get his recommendations and approval for Camp Logan to proceed. It was emphasized that approval by National giving our camp exclusive rights to provide a department encampment medal is most desirous.
- **JROTC**  
Brother France discussed the process for the JROTC program. Commander Farrell ask Brother France to continue as the chairman of the program. In the March newsletter Commander Farrell will request inputs for additional schools from the brothers.

**Announcements/Project Status/Open Discussion**

- **Flag Etiquette**  
Senior Vice Commander St. Andrew discussed new flag etiquette for veterans as of 2009. This information will be included in the next newsletter.
- **Flag/Flagpole**  
Commander Farrell reported he has been investigating the costs of various configurations of flags, flagpoles, stands, and eagles from different suppliers. There was agreement by the camp that these are needed. More details will be forthcoming.
- **Department Representative/Delegates**  
Brother France provided a handout and discussed changes in how camp representatives and delegates would be allocated in 2009. He was asked by Commander Farrell to provide a list of the remaining camp members that could be delegates and alternates.

- **Publicity**  
Senior Vice Commander St. Andrew announced he has provided information concerning our camp to the Cary News website and has sent in meeting information to the Cary News newspaper. He also indicated he is looking into getting information to the Raleigh N&O and would entertain suggestions of other papers in the area from our members.
- **Department Encampment**  
Camp Logan will be hosting the Department Encampment at Bennett Place on April 18. Commander Farrell and Brother France will be responsible for documenting and producing the program.
- **Photo**  
Senior Vice Commander St. Andrew will bring an autographed photograph of the last survivor of WWI to the next meeting. The gentleman is 108 years of age.
- **Case and Striker**  
Commander Farrell announced that he is having a case made for the Camp Charter and is planning to procure a striker for the camp gavel.
- **Website**  
Senior Commander St. Andrew identified the need to put contact email and phone number information on the camp website. He also stated that there are some issues with the site itself. Brother Hopping agreed to resolve these problems.
- **Membership List**  
Brother France announced that the updated membership list will be emailed on March 1.

**Benediction/Adjournment,** Commander Farrell gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted in F, C, & L  
Brother John France Secretary/Treasurer

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**MARCH SPEAKER,  
Deane Teitelbaum**

By Brother Farrell

Our March speaker will be our own Deane Teitelbaum whose topic will be Raleigh own Andrew Johnson. The title of his talk will be ***“Young Andrew Johnson, the making of a politician”***

I can assure you from personal experience that Deane will both inform and amuse you as he tells the tale of our 17<sup>th</sup> President.

Deane was born and raised in Yonkers, New York. He received a B.A. from New York University in History, and his M.A. from the State University of New York at Albany in Education. His Post Graduate work includes studies at Stanislaus State College in California, State University of N.Y. at New Paltz, Tufts University, Western Connecticut State College and Binghamton State College.

In 1993 he retired after teaching High School Social Studies for 27 years in New York State, followed by 5 years in California. Deane moved to North Carolina in 1994. He now teaches adult classes through the Encore program at NCSU.

Deane has worked as a volunteer docent at the Exploris Museum in Raleigh, Bennett Place historic site in Durham and Mordecai House in Raleigh

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### *General Order #11*

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

"....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 in us...."

**John A. Logan**

Our namesake in 1868 originated the concept of Memorial Day and it is a tradition that we will continue to participate in on May 24 at the Federal Cemetery here in Raleigh. This is a very moving and colorful ceremony with a great number of civic organizations joining in to commemorate our Nations Armed Service personnel. As in the past our camp will place a wreath on the grave of a Civil War Veteran who surrendered his life for his country.

Please show your support for those who have given so much by being present with your officers at the solemn event.

Immediately after the closing of ceremonies, we will move to the Confederate section of Oakwood Cemetery in order to pay tribute to the two Union soldiers who rest amongst the 1800 fallen Confederates

In addition, I would like to remind you that Confederate Memorial Day will be observed in Oakwood Cemetery on May 2. This is a day that the Sons of Confederate Veterans and others commemorate those that fell defending their principles. I plan to be there as in the past and hope others will join me.

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### **A STRATEGIC MILITARY TOOL?**

By Brother Farrell

Soon after the Civil War began, all U.S. stamps then in use were declared invalid for postage (demonetized). New stamps were issued by the Union in 1861 to replace the Series of 1851. A number of reasons were behind the decision to issue new stamps.



The country was divided, and the North feared the South would use stamps to spread propoganda. Many of the Series of 1851 stamps -- distributed to post offices in the Southern states prior to the war but not yet paid for -- would still have to be honored if they were not declared invalid.

Historians point out another possible reason for the new issue. If the Series of 1851 remained valid, the Confederates could sell their existing supplies to fund the war. By declaring them invalid, the South could not profit -- plus they would have to begin the costly process of printing their own stamps.

Printed on hard white paper, the 1861 10-cent Washington stamp paid the rate for domestic

letters over 3,000 miles, and foreign rates under 2,500 miles. It was the first-known U.S. stamp used to send a letter to Japan.

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### **VETS CAN NOW SALUTE THE FLAG**

By Brother St. Andrews

For years, Veterans have wanted to salute the U.S. flag during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem instead of just placing their hand over their heart. Now they can.

A Congressional Amendment sponsored by Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 specifically states that "members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute." Veterans can salute the flag during the National Anthem as well as during "the hoisting, lowering and passing of the flag."

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," said Inhofe. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. The U.S. Code is now consistent for Veterans and all service members in regards to the symbolic gesture of the military salute."

[\\*Above article is from the U.S. Army "Freedom Team Salute Magazine" Winter 2009](#)

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### **CAMP MEMBERSHIP**

By Brother Farrell

**Thank You All !!** It is with great pride that I announced to you that we have a **100%** renewal in our eligible membership. As any salesman or business person will tell you a 20% annual attrition in a customer base is to be anticipated. The same formula can be used with fraternal organizations.

At our first business meeting in February, Brother France announced that we had received the dues from all 18 members and was issuing a "Honorable Discharge" to a member who is leaving the area.

This report was part of a discussion led by Brother Harman. As Junior Vice Commander he is charged with the increasing the membership of our camp. He presented a number of positive ideas as to how we can swell our ranks. At the present time we have five individuals interested in our group and it is hoped that all five will soon become members.

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### **1<sup>ST</sup> LT COUSEN JONES STRIGHT.**

#### **Ancestor of Dan Hopping**

Coursen Jones Stright was the son of a pioneer Methodist circuit rider, preaching in the Indiana wilderness. His mother was a descendent of Richard Warren of London, who came to America aboard the Mayflower in 1620. Both of Coursen's Grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War and his Great Grandfather was a Lutheran Chaplain under General Washington.



Figure 1 Coursen 1862 in Helena, Missouri – age 25

Coursen was born in 1837 the year that saw Victoria become Queen of England, that saw the birth of Sitting Bull, that saw Samuel Morse exhibit his electric telegraph in New York and that saw Michigan become the 26th state of the Union.

Coursen, a school teacher, was a delegate from Indiana to the Republican Convention in the Chicago Wigwam that nominated Abraham Lincoln to run for the presidency. From the convention, he traveled west to Cass County, Iowa where he had purchased a farm sight unseen. He traveled by Train to Davenport with other delegates and brass bands and then to the end of the Western bound tracks from where he took a stage coach to Des Moines. From there he hitched rides on three buggies going west and from Audubon, Iowa walked the last twenty three miles to his new farm.

In June of 1861, he walked off his farm 40 miles to Council Bluffs, leaving his first crop in the field. There he enlisted in the 4<sup>th</sup> IOWA Volunteer Infantry as 4<sup>th</sup> sergeant under Col. Dodge. (as in Dodge City) He was given an old Prussian Musket and a black uniform. By January, he was a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.



Figure 3 Coursen 1863

Coursen served three years and 3 months in the 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa. He was in 27 battles and under fire 156 days. He was wounded twice at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas and was in all the Western battles to Lookout Mountain and in the entire Atlanta Campaign. He was also wounded in the Battle of Atlanta. He served until September 17, 1864 where he mustered out, wounded, just before the March to the sea. He died of natural causes two days after Christmas in 1904. He was an active GAR member and attended most encampments until 1903.

After the battles for Vicksburg, He was furloughed home for a month and married his sweetheart.

He was soon back in time for the battles of Cherokee Station, Alabama leading up to Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

I have his diary of his trip to the 1860 republican convention and his trip out to Cass County Iowa. I also have his wartime diary of the Atlanta Campaign from the battle of Resaca through the battle of Atlanta. I also inherited his letters, papers, eyeglasses, sword, watch, inkwell, GAR medals and encampment ribbons as well as other Civil War items. His diary is fascinating and I am publishing it as part of his history.



Figure 4 Coursen's Wedding photo

## ANTIETAM AND THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF TACTICS

By Brother Farrell

**March 28 Talk To Examine “Antietam and the Archaeology of Tactics”** Nearly 150 years after the Civil War, the bloody Battle of Antietam is still studied and analyzed. At day’s end in the countryside surrounding Maryland’s Antietam Creek, more than 23,000 American soldiers were dead, missing or wounded. Stephen R. Potter, PhD, will speak on “Antietam and the Archaeology of Tactics” **Saturday, March 28, from 4-5 p.m. at the N.C. Carolina Museum of History.**

“Battlefield archaeology as a discipline has been growing for the last 25 years,” said State Archaeologist Steve Claggett. “It contains investigative techniques that have been very valuable at sites like Antietam, the Little Big Horn and here in North Carolina at Guilford Courthouse.”

Potter, an archaeologist with the National Park Service, will discuss tell how archaeology provided evidence of Confederate attacks against Union soldiers on Sept. 17, 1862, in Antietam’s North Woods, and how it uncovered clues to help identify the Southern units.

The free program is presented as part of the Joffre Lanning Coe Lecture Series by the Coe Foundation for Archaeological Research. The lecture is co-sponsored by three Department of Cultural Resources divisions – the N.C. Museum of History, Historical Resources, and State Historic Sites and Properties – as well as the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

North Carolina native Dr. Joffre Lanning Coe (1916-2000) was one of the foremost authorities on archaeology in Eastern North America. His books include the landmark 1964 publication, “The Formative Cultures of the Carolina Piedmont,” and “Town Creek Indian Mound,” published in 1995.

For more information about the Coe lectures and other events at the N.C. Museum of History, call (919) 807-7900.

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

By Brother Hopping



144 years ago this month, 80,000 troops fought on 6,000 acres of North Carolina soil. This was the Confederacy’s final attempt to prevent Sherman from joining up with Grant in Virginia.

General Johnston attacked the Eastern arm of Sherman’s divided forces marching up from Fayetteville before they could reach Goldsboro and be resupplied by Union forces moving up the railroad from the coast. The NC coast was in Union control after the battle of Fort Fisher two months earlier. The 26,000 troops in Sherman’s Eastern arm were seasoned and lean from their seven week march up from Savannah. Johnston had 19,000 hastily put together troops from several Confederate Units. In the cold, rain, and mud on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup>, there were almost 6,000 dead and wounded on the field. The live troops were exhausted, cold, and hungry. Johnston fought a covering retreat all night of the 21<sup>st</sup> to Smithfield where his advance arrived on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. That morning the rear of his column passed over Mill Creek

and continued on to Smithfield.

The next month brought the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, the assassination of Lincoln and the final surrender at the farm of James Bennitt near Durham Station.

### **Bentonville Battlefield Re-Enactment**

On March 19 to 21 of 2010 the re-enactment of the battle of Bentonville will take place on the grounds of the original battle and on the actual dates of the original battle which took place on March 19 to 21, of 1865.



Figure 5 Union troops form up at 2000 re-enactment

Start planning now to attend this outstanding event that only happens only every five years. In 2005 there were 3,000 re-enactors and several batteries of cannon. I attended the 2000 and 2005 events. It was fantastic to be transported back to get a small glimpse of what it must have been like. The make shift hospital was operating – the troops were camped in the woods and stayed in character - the cannons shook the ground and made your innards vibrate out of sync – the cavalry charged – the infantry attacked – smoke everywhere. Suttlers were selling everything from the period. Wow!

Hold the date. Tickets to the 2010 **145th Anniversary** Battle of Bentonville Civil War Re-enactment will become available during the fall of 2009. Do not miss the rare opportunity to see a recreation of the largest battle ever fought in North Carolina at the largest re-enactment in North Carolina. The 145th anniversary re-enactment at this [State Historic Site](#) will be in March, 2010.

The event is sponsored by The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, The Bentonville Battlefield Historical Association, Inc. and the Johnston County Visitors Bureau.

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### **BROTHER WINS SWORD**

By Brother Farrell

Recently, at the Antique Gun & Military Show at the State Fairgrounds, Brother St Andrew purchased a few raffle tickets from the Charlotte Artillery Civil War group for a replica Civil War sword. After the show closed, he received a call notifying him that he had won the raffle. Within a few days the sword was delivered to his home to join the numerous Civil War paintings and artifacts on display.

As you all will recall Brother Dennis was the one present when his grandsons name was announced as the winner of our Kunstler Painting raffle. At future events Brother Dennis will represent Camp Logan and with his good fortune we can't help but clean up.

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John A. Logan

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