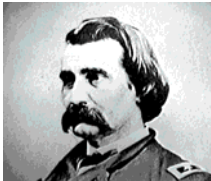


*THE SAME RAIN FALLS ON BOTH FRIEND AND FOE*



# THE CYCLORAMA

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN CAMP #4  
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### Election Schedule for 2010

By Brother Bob Farrell

This year's elections take on a significant importance in that there will be changes in the leadership structure of the Logan Camp.

At the June meeting, a Nominating Committee consisting of Brother Moore, Brother Hesse and Commander Farrell was appointed to create a slate of officers for the November Camp Election. Potential candidates for the various offices were approached and the following have kindly agreed to serve

- Commander - Brother Reeve.
- Senior Vice Commander/Treasurer - Brother Jones
- Junior Vice Commander - Brother Hopping
- Treasurer - Brother Harmon
- Camp Council - Brother Moore, Chair
- Brother Farrell
- Brother Wunker

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee first

would like to thank the members of the committee for their participation and most importantly those who agreed to assume the leadership of this Camp.

Commander elect Reeve has been an active member of the Ruger Camp and now the Logan Camp for these past fourteen years

The suggested election timetable is as follows:

The above slate of officers is being presented to the membership in this newsletter and will be reaffirmed at the September Regular Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor any time prior to the November 20 Regular Meeting. Each floor nomination MUST have the previous approval of the nominee

We will conduct the election at the November 20 Regular Meeting

During the course of our January Meeting, which will include the annual visit by the Department Commander, DC Brother Elwell will induct our newly elected officer.

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### September Speaker

By Brother Bob Farrell

Our speaker for the month of September will be our newest member Gilbert "Skip" Riddle whose area of expertise is three New Jersey regiments. While living here in North Carolina he has developed an increasing interest in the Civil War history of New Bern. Elsewhere in this issue you will read about discovery of the restoration of three North Carolina flags that were returned to

Worcester, Massachusetts following the War.



**Gilbert "Skip" Riddle**

Skip Riddle received his BA degree in history from Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He currently resides in Greenville, NC and divides his time between work, recreation and research. He is the author of a host of articles and research materials related to military topics spanning the War of American Independence and the Civil War and the role of Genealogy in historical research. His areas of expertise primarily focus on the social aspects of military service. His core focus of the Civil War centers on three New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiments – the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He has spoken numerous times at such Civil War Round Tables as the George Taylor CWRT, Clinton, NJ and more recently at the New Bern, and Morehead City CWRT. His primary focus since relocating to North Carolina has been on the Battle of New Bern, with special focus on the 9<sup>th</sup> New Jersey and the role and activities of the Federal and North Carolina regiments who were engaged in the battle.

He has appeared repeatedly as a Guest Speaker at the David Library of the American Revolution, Washington Crossing, Pa. His speaking range has also included first person impressions in the "Lunch and Learn" program offered by the New Bern Historical Society. He also was President of "Historical Presentations Limited," while resident in Pennsylvania, which delivered School Assembly Programs to public and private schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania related to the War of American Independence and the Civil War. He has spoken at various county Historical Societies' concerning the recruitment and activities of locally raised Civil War regiments.

Further, he has been a keynote speaker for both the Sons of the American Revolution & Daughters of the American Revolution and the prestigious Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. He is an active Genealogist and been a repeated guest speaker at the Church of Latter Day Saints with focus on mining Military Pension Records for family information.

He is an active New Bern Battlefield Guide and Member of the New Bern Historical Society.

### **Semiannual Staff Meeting**

By Brother Bob Farrell

As mentioned elsewhere the Saturday, Sept. 25 Departmental Staff Meeting will be held at Abbey Road Grill, Cary.

As mentioned this is a work session indicated by the attached Agenda. If you carefully read the proposed items you will see that a number of them will impact our department well into the future. Not only do your officers encourage you to read this agenda, we further encourage you to participate in the day's discussion.

(If you cannot attend and have an opinion on any of the proposed items, please feel free to contact your Commander with your thoughts. Your views will be taken into consideration)

#### Agenda Items for 25 September Staff Meeting

- 1) Camp By-Laws
  - a) Dept approval to changes
  - b) Bonds for those handling money
- 2) Documents required to be submitted to Dept or IRS
  - a) IRS Form 990N
  - b) SUVCW Form 22, Certification of Election
  - c) SUVCW Form 27 (A) Camp Annual Report
  - d) SUVCW Form 30 Camp Status Report
  - e) Records retention
- 3) Camps areas of responsibility in NC
- 4) Department Members-At-Large
- 5) Department Awards
  - a) Certificate of Recognition
  - b) Certificate of Commendation
- 6) Increase in Department dues
- 7) Outline of 4th Annual Department of North Carolina Encampment, 8/9 APR 2011

8) Report from Monument Committee

9) Memorial University

10) Appointment of 2011 Nominations Committee with Instructions from the Commander

## A Long Time Coming, Nevertheless.....

By JENNA GANT, Friday, August 13, 2010

'ThisWeek' Contributor Sunbury, OH

Gen. William S. Rosecrans is well known in Sunbury, Ohio. The Civil War general, who was born in Kingston Township just north of Sunbury, has an elementary school and a street named after him.

However Tom Paul, committee chair at the Big Walnut Area Historical Society, said Rosecrans is the only major general from the Civil War era without a local memorial statue - something Paul said is unacceptable.

"We should and need to be proud of his birthplace," Paul said. "He led Ohio into the Civil War. He commanded an entire army of mostly men from our local area."

Paul noted there are memorials to the general at his birthplace on Rosecrans' Road and at his gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery.

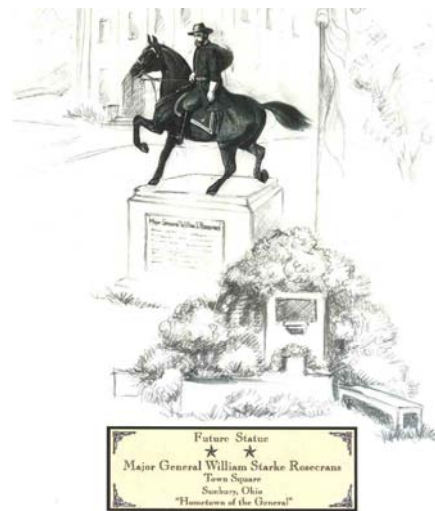
In April 2009, Paul asked Sunbury Village Council members to find a permanent home for a proposed equestrian statue of the general.

The council didn't make any decisions that night but now, more than a year later, Paul finally will see his dream become a reality.

Council members last Wednesday approved placing the proposed bronze of Gen. Rosecrans at the northwest corner of the downtown square.

"We need a very visible spot in his hometown," said Paul. "People are going to come here to view that and what better place than right in the middle of the town," Councilman Tom Hatfield said.

Paul announced he is working with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post to coincide the project with upgrades the VFW is making at the Sunbury Veterans Memorial.



The bronze statue is estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000. It will stand about 13 feet tall from the hoof to the hat, or a total of 17 feet including a natural black granite base.

The historical society and Gen. Rosecrans' Department of the Ohio Headquarters Unit have raised around \$5,000 from donations, fundraisers and speaking engagements.

The society also recently received the granite base from an anonymous donor, which Paul said amounts to about a third of the project's cost or between \$50,000 and \$54,000.

He stated the historical society is attempting to secure the rest of the funding from state grants.

Paul said he believes the state is "duty bound to help build the statue." He said he has talked to Ohio Senate President Bill Harris about the project and plans to speak to Gov. Ted Strickland in the near future.

He noted the statue should be ready by Sept. 19, 2013, which is the anniversary of the start of the Battle of Chickamauga.

Paul said those interested in learning more about Gen. Rosecrans or who want to make a tax-deductible donation to the project can go online to [rosecransheadquarters.org](http://rosecransheadquarters.org) and click on "statue."

## North Carolina Maritime History

By Brother Bob Farrell

We recently received the following e-mail and felt it may hold some interest to our members.

*Dear North Carolina Maritime History*

*Enthusiast:*

*Prepare to dive into maritime history September 30, October 1 and October 2 in historic New Bern for the North Carolina Maritime History Conference annual conference. This year's meeting of maritime minded people promises to please with strong programs.*

*The conference includes the new Tryon Palace North Carolina History Center, a host of intriguing tours, food, wine, everything you need to make a exploration into history, fun and informative. This all happens while New Bern celebrates its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*The program is headed by internationally known Civil War Naval historian, Craig Symonds. Author of "Lincoln and His Admirals" as well as numerous other books, articles and reviews, Dr. Symonds is considered one of the best Civil War naval historians.*

*Should you wish further details please contact your [editor](#)*

## Sesquicentennial Activities

By Brother Bob Farrell

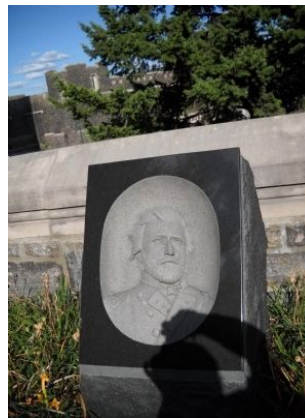
As you know, your newsletter began a program towards the end of the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War bringing to you factoids about events noted during the 2010 calendar. Fort Fisher, Bentonville and Bennett Place are the events closest to home.

Since the surrenders at Appomattox and Bennett Place occurred April it has been difficult to find articles of interest. Most significant events during this period were of a political nature and had been spawned over a twenty year period, far beyond the scope of this periodical.

We recently came upon **Reconciliation Plaza** recently erected on the grounds of the Military Academy at West Point. This \$1.5 million project is the gift of the Class of 1961 presented to the Academy in celebration of their graduation 40 years later. The memorial is dedicated to the Classes of May and June 1861 who died as a result of the Civil War and to members the Class of 1961 who died in the Vietnam War



The memorial consists of 18 black granite markers, each approximately 2 feet by 4 feet and weighing some 5,000 pounds. These onyx markers flank the walk which extends as you would suspect North and South. Midpoint in the walk two etchings of the preeminent players, both West Point graduates, Robert E. Lee, '29, looking north, and Ulysses S. Grant, '43, looking south are to be found.



The focal point of this display are the tablets either side of the main **Reconciliation Plaza** stone naming the members of the Class of May, 1861 (Class of 1861) in the class of June 1861 (Class of 1862) and herein lies the story.

Between 1856 and 1857, 155 young men from across the United States entered the military Academy as members of the class of 1861 and 1862. After the outbreak of the Civil War, the Academy petitioned and the War Department authorized the early graduation of these two classes and they became the classes of May 1861 and June 1861



Just months short of graduation, amidst the escalating sectional tensions of the time, members of each class were forced to decide whether to remain loyal to the Union or to support the Confederacy. Faced with this decision five from the May class and 23 from the June class left the academy choosing not to graduate, rather to defend their state. Among those young men who began the 1861 academic year behind the Academy's fabled gray walls, the costs of the war was high, twelve died for the Union, nine died for the Confederacy

So what began on the fabled plains high above the Hudson River in '61 and ended here in North Carolina five years later is simply another reminder of the futility that squandered both property and life.

As an organization dedicated to honoring our for bearers we should also remember that there are **Reconciliation Plazas**

### The American's Creed

By Brother Bob Farrell

During the opening service at our August Business Meeting, as is customary, we said the American Creed. During its recitation I became aware that I knew nothing of its origin and even less of its author, William Tyler Page. The following day I went to the National Website and found the following information. I hope you enjoy reading it and learning as I did how this stirring tribute evolved.

On a spring day in 1917, as the United States was headed inevitably toward war with Germany, William Tyler Page, then the clerk of the United

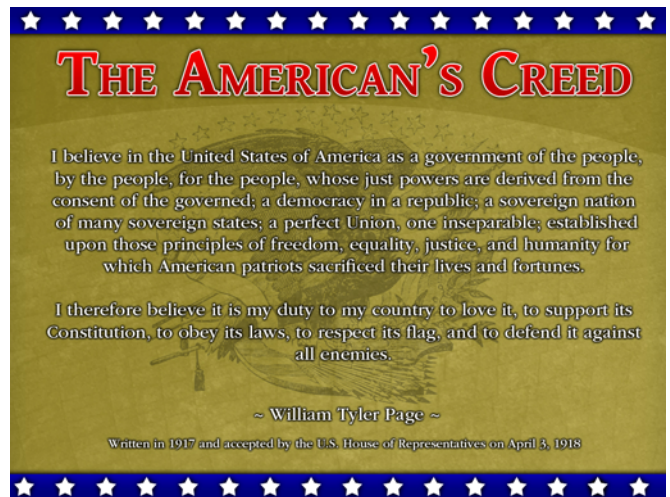
States House of Representatives, sat down and penned the only formal prose he is known to have written:

*"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.*

*I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."*

Page's patriotic prose was composed as an entry in a national writing contest, held to establish a creed for all Americans. The national creed was to be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in American history and tradition. Page was not alone in his expression of patriotism; news of the contest generated more than three thousand entries from across the country. Contest judges selected Page's entry as "the best summary of the political faith of America."

James H. Preston, the mayor of Baltimore, presented an award to Page in the House of Representatives Office Building on April 3, 1918. Ten days later, Congress officially adopted Page's writing as "The American's Creed".



In just one hundred words, Page summarized both the American political tradition and the responsibilities of every citizen to his or her government. The American's Creed used passages and phrases from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution,

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Daniel Webster's reply to Robert Y. Hayne in the Senate in 1830.

William Tyler Page was a descendant of John Page, who had come to America in 1650 and had settled in Williamsburg, Virginia. Another ancestor, Carter Braxton, had signed the Declaration of Independence. Another well-known ancestor was John Tyler, the tenth president of the United States. William Tyler Page had come to Washington at the age of thirteen to serve as a Capitol Page. Later he became an employee of the Capitol building and served as Clerk of the House of Representatives until 1931. A new post, Emeritus Minority Clerk, was then created for him which he occupied until his death on October 20, 1942.

Page said of the Creed: "It is the summary of the fundamental principles of the American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions, and its greatest leaders."

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### A Virtual Wall

By Brother Bob Farrell

Everyone is well aware of one of Washington's most visited memorials. The one, where surrounded by hundreds of other visitors, you only are aware of the silence and the beauty of this tribute.



I recently discovered a most useful website dedicated to those fallen Americans whose names are inscribed on that black onyx testimonial. The

site "The Virtual Wall - Vietnam Veterans Memorial" ( <http://www.virtualwall.org/> ) is a both comprehensive and amazing site allowing you to search a name in six different categories. There are numerous other sources of information beyond the scope of this publication limited space. I encourage you to take your own journey through the website

While visiting, you will find the names of 48 Raleigh servicemen, 38 Durham listings and various surrounding community as Apex, Creedmoor, and Chapel Hill. You can virtually visit any community in the 50 states and identify those whose names are inscribed on this national tribute.

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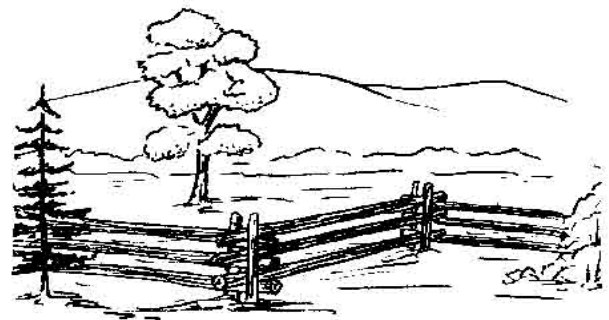
### Fence Corners

By Brother Bob Farrell

In many of the narratives of the Civil War which I have read, I have often heard where the author stated he had spent the night in the comfort of a fence corner.

I am sure you have read the same thing and possibly like me you were curious knowing that there are but four corners to most fields. How then so frequently did these authors have the luck to find an unoccupied corner?

Most recently, I attended a lecture where the speaker displayed a sketch done by his ancestor displayed a soldier "Comfortably Cornered"



Suddenly the light brightened and immediately I understood my urban ignorance of 19<sup>th</sup>-century fences. As we both can see the above fence offers a corner approximately every 8 feet thereby affording a "corner" for a great number of soldiers.

So the next time you encounter a Snake style Split Rail fence you might wish to look upon it as your ancestors roadside "motel."

## Logan Camp Summer Picnic

By Brother Dan Hopping

The summer Camp Picnic was outstanding. I'm sorry for you if you missed it.

The weather was perfect, the food was outstanding and the company was great. There were no bugs and the scenery was ideal; Geese, flowers, manicured lawn, shady gazebo, and all.



Master Chef Bob Farrell cooked up the feast of many courses. We had a perfectly cooked ham with more trimmings than a five star restaurant. All of this and even a choice of deserts.

## Certificate of Service

By Brothers Bob Farrell & Dan Hopping

At a recent function someone mentioned that he was aware of people in fraternal organizations like ours who joined solely to belong and have a Membership Certificate to hang on the wall.

That set us to thinking about our motivations to belong to Heritage Societies. There seems to be a range from belonging to have a Certificate all the way to honoring our ancestors by being very active and providing a service to the Civil War community.



Many of us belong to several heritage societies and we understand that it is hard to be active in all of them. While it is important to study and preserve history as well as pursue genealogy and uphold our ancestors we also need to support the societies we join.

Just what are our obligations to the organizations that we join? Do we attend their meetings? Do we support their activities? Do we even read their publications or notices? Do we volunteer to help with an activity?

Well if the answer to any of these questions is NO then you must ask yourself "Did I just join for the Certificate"? If so, then, thank you for your annual dues however you should tell your club officers so they will not expect much participation from you.

On the other hand, if your intent is to actively support the society then do so by reading and responding to E mails, volunteer to assist plus try to get to as many meetings as practicable.

We understand that a job and family must come first, but we need your active support to make this Camp a vibrant and effective beacon to keep the causes and sacrifices of our ancestors in the public eye. Public schools are no longer teaching what they fought and died for and we cannot let our ancestors be forgotten.

Please send your thoughts on this subject to Dan Hopping, who will publish them in a "letters to the Camp" section of the next Newsletter.

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## Lifestyles and the Flag

By Brother Farrell

Next year, the nation begins a four-year celebration marking the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. In Central Illinois alone, thousands of men heeded Lincoln's call to preserve the Union.

Yet of all the innumerable stories of life under arms (from boredom to bravery and humor to horror), one would be hard pressed to come up with a more intriguing, more bizarre, yet ultimately more touching story than that of Albert D.J. Cashier of the 95th Illinois Infantry.

Pvt. Cashier spent three years on the march through the South, all the while participating in some of the bloodiest campaigns of the Western Theater. Though a true tale of war and woe, the

remarkableness of the story hinges on the fact that Cashier was a woman named Jennie Hodgers. Call it, if you will, a Civil War twist on “Don’t ask, don’t tell”.

### Woman Soldier in 95th Ill.



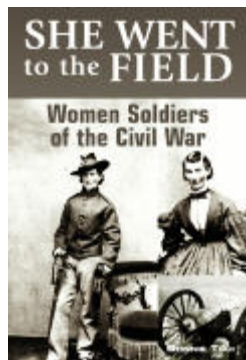
ALBERT D. J. CASHIER  
OF  
COMPANY G, 95TH ILLINOIS REGIMENT  
Photographed November, 1864



ALBERT D. J. CASHIER  
OF  
COMPANY G, 95TH ILLINOIS REGIMENT  
Photographed July, 1913

Much of Cashier’s story — that of an illiterate Irish immigrant who lived most of her long life as a man — remains shrouded in mystery. What were his (the male pronoun will be used throughout this article) motives? Was he confused about gender and sexuality; this at a time when there was no support for such biologically based or psychologically rooted choices? And why did he enlist in the Union Army, a brave (or perhaps foolhardy) gesture that could only further endanger his secret of secrets?

It’s generally believed that Jennie Hodgers was born in Clogher Head (or Clogherhead as one word), Ireland, in 1843 or 1844. It’s not known when Hodgers immigrated to the U.S., or when Hodgers became Cashier. Before the war, he earned a hardscrabble livelihood as an itinerant laborer and farmhand. In the summer of 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army in Belvidere, Ill., “passing muster” because the cursory medical examination did not include removing one’s clothes or any similarly invasive inspections.



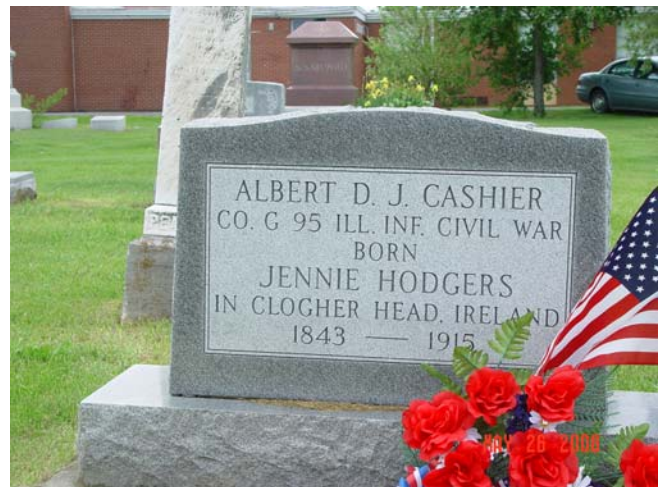
Remarkably, Cashier served a full three-year enlistment, even as the men of the 95th found themselves smack in the middle of some of the

largest, costliest campaigns of the Western Theater, including the siege of Vicksburg, Miss., and the Red River march through Louisiana. Cashier earned a reputation as a peculiar yet brave soldier, with one officer remembering that the diminutive private was “selected whenever dependable men were absolutely needed.”

About three years after the war, Cashier settled into life of gentle poverty in Saunemin, a small Livingston County community east of Pontiac.

Cashier’s many part-time jobs in Saunemin included village lamplighter and caretaker of the Christian church. In November 1910, state Sen. Ira Lish accidentally backed over the aging veteran’s leg, which broke near the hip joint. A town physician was called to set the fracture and quickly learned that — lo and behold — Cashier, who was then about 66 years old, was a woman. To their credit, Lish, the physician and several other residents agreed to keep the discovery secret.

Cashier’s leg never quite healed, and the following spring he was sent to the Illinois Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Home in Quincy. Thanks to the political pull of Sen. Lish, the institution’s superintendent and key staff agreed to keep Cashier’s secret under wraps. Yet such a plan, given human nature and the propensity for gossip, was clearly impractical, and within two years, probably sometime in late 1913 or early 1914, Cashier’s fantastical story leaked to the wider world, soon appearing in newspapers across the country. In early 1914, an increasingly senile and enfeebled Cashier was judged insane and sent to the Watertown State Hospital in East Moline, and it was there he died on Oct. 10, 1915.



Cashier’s earthly remains were returned to Saunemin, and he was laid to rest with full military honors in Sunny Slope Cemetery. It was fitting

(and gratifying to our more-inclusive sensibilities today) that the gravestone simply read "Albert D.J. Cashier, Co. G, 95 Ill. Inf.," with no mention of the nearly lifelong secret. In the 1970s, a new stone was placed next to the original marker, and it included the addendum "Born Jennie Hodgers."

Cashier's tiny, one-room cottage, located on the northwest corner of Maple and Center streets in Saunemin, is currently being renovated, a project that includes restoration of the original wood siding on the front.

Saunemin is staging its annual Civil War and summer celebration next weekend, Aug. 27-29. There will also be presentations at the Cashier gravesite at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

So visit Saunemin and pay your respects to a real — albeit unusual — American hero. In a way, ***Cashier's story reminds us that all kinds of Americans, even those whose lifestyle we may not entirely accept, can also sacrifice for flag and country.\****

\* Editor's emphasis

*"....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*

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### Dates to Be Remembered

**Saturday, September 18** - Abby Road Grill, Cary, 10 a.m. Our semi-monthly Regular Meeting followed by a talk by Skip Rendell described elsewhere in this issue. Luncheon to follow  
ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. *Guests welcome.*

**Saturday, September 25** - Abby Road Grill, Cary, 10 a.m. The Department of North Carolina Semiannual Staff Meeting will be held. This meeting is where the work of the Department is conducted and is worthy of your time. Lunch break at noon

**Monday, September 27** - As the invited guests of Bennett Place we will be traveling to three Civil War destinations in central Virginia and ending up at Appomattox Court House for a private tour of the grounds. We have five members planning to attend. At this writing additional openings may be available.

**Saturday, October 16th** Outing at Roscoe Reeve Home

**Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** Logan Business Meeting

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