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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sisters,

I hope this July finds you enjoying the summer, doing whatever it is you love to do.

Several of us traveled to beautiful Lake George in May to attend the 2019 New York Allied Orders Convention. We couldn't have asked for a nicer weekend, catching up with friends and going about the business of the New York Department. DUVCW National President Sarah Meyer joined us, as did Past National President Ellen Higgins. Sarah initiated our newest member, Barbara Salisbury Grace. Welcome Barbara!

After the close of the Allied Orders Convention, we were invited to take a private tour of Grant Cottage, on Mount MacGregor, south of Lake George. This is where General and then President



Ulysses Grant was taken with his family for the cooler, cleaner air in the final months of his life, and this is where he died. The tour guides were extremely knowledgeable, and I left knowing more about Grant the man than I had before. We were also given swag bags from the gift shop, full of goodies!

The National DUVCW convention is in Atlanta from July 24th through July 28th. I'll be there. If you're going too, please call or text me. This should be fun!

Our next tent meeting is September 14th at the Civil War Weekend at Islip Grange in Sayville. If there are any topics you'd like to discuss at the meeting, please let me know. I hope to see you there.

In F, C and L.,

Barbara Ulrich-Giaino
President, Kady Brownell Tent #36



OUR NEXT TENT MEETING

Saturday, September 14, 2019

11:00 AM

11th Annual Civil War Weekend,

Islip Grange, Sayville, NY

ON THE WEB & IN THE NEWS

- ◆ [Historian Recounts Role of Chinese Americans Who Fought in US Civil War](#) (VOANews.com)
- ◆ [National Civil War Museum Events](#), Harrisburg, PA
- ◆ [156 years of perseverance: The Battle of Gettysburg saved the Union and America as we know it](#) (War Is Boring)

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara Grace

James Little, 81st NY Infantry, Co. F

Joan Nathan

Daniel Arnold, 138th IN Infantry, Co. I



PRESIDENT GRANT'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: was held on April 28, 2019, at [General Grant National Memorial](#) (a.k.a. Grant's Tomb) in New York City. This annual event is hosted yearly by Oliver Tilden Camp #26 SUVCW. Following the ceremony, tent members adjourned to Chez Josephine on 42nd Street for brunch. *Photo by Angelo Giaimo*

WE CONGRATULATE
PATRICK VERMAELEN
ON WINNING THE
**NEW YORK DEPARTMENT'S LIVING
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2019**



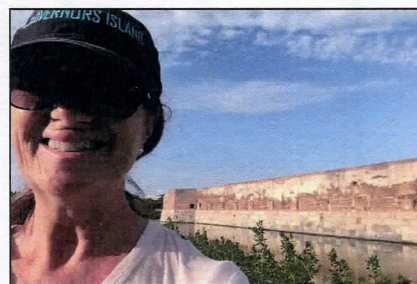
GALLAUDET SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Macayla Whitmer (center) won 1st place for her essay, "The Cultural Importance of Deaf Myths from the Civil War." Macayla pursues a B.A. in Deaf Studies and will graduate in December 2019. 2nd place went to Gracie E. Kelleher (left) for her essay "Women's Role in the Civil War." Grace pursues a dual degree in International Studies and Government with a minor in Spanish. — *Sister Lynne Dolan, PDP*



Pictured above (l. to r.) are Sisters Pauline Novick, PDP; Sarah Meyer, NP; Mary Cordato, DP; Barbara Giaimo; Susan Berardi. Top Row: Dorothy Prentice, PDP; Barbara Grace; Jill Herendeen; Eileen Sleckman, PDP; Ruth Williams; Karen Lech; Ellen Higgins, PNP.

ALLIED ORDERS CONVENTION 2019

NY Convention this year was held at Lake George. We were honored to have as our guests NP Sarah Meyer and PNP Ellen Higgins. Sister Sarah shared news of National's goals and special projects, and she presented the NY Department with a Certificate of Appreciation for our contributions to DUVCW. Convention began on Friday evening with a tour of [Fort William Henry](#) followed by a talk on photography during the Civil War. Meetings took place on Saturday. Highlights included a minor change to the Bylaws regarding stipends for NY Department officers; raising the cost of the Department journal to \$10; and selecting Patrick Vermaelen as the winner of the Living Memorial Scholarship. Next year's Convention will be farther downstate, location TBD. — *Sister Mary F. Cordato, DP*



A VISIT TO FORT TAYLOR: I was surprised to find this Union fort in Key West last February. Named for our twelfth President, Zachary Taylor ("Old Rough and Ready"), the fort's construction began in 1845. Even though Florida

was a Confederate state in 1861, Captain James M. Brannan recognized the importance of [Fort Taylor](#) and seized it for the Union for the war's duration. During that time, the Union troops were successful in blockading 299 Confederate ships from taking supplies to the Confederate Army.

Today, the fort looks very different than it did. It continued to be used until 1947; afterwards, the land was filled in around it, creating more peaceful activities. The fort also has the largest collection of Civil War cannons.

If you find yourself in Key West, as I did, it's worth a visit not only to see Fort Taylor but also to expand your knowledge of the war fought by our ancestors. — *Sister Bets Radley*

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION FROM ULYSSES S. GRANT

by Sister Leslie Wickham



Have you ever heard of the game six degrees of separation from Kevin Bacon? It was a result of the interview in the 1990s with the actor Kevin Bacon who claimed to have worked with everyone in Hollywood or someone who's worked with them. Thus, a game was invented where people tried to make a connection with the actor using the fewest amount of people. This is how I found my six degrees of separation from Ulysses S. Grant.

In the early '00s my aunt showed me a picture of my

grandmother as a young girl that I had never seen before. Shocked at the excellent condition of it, I asked where she got it and was told there was a box of old photos in her basement. It took until 2012 to finally convince her to show me the rest of the photos. In the box were photos of my great grandparents as well as my great-great grandparents. Some were action shots and others were taken in a studio. There are group pictures where I only know who a couple of the people are. Mixed in with them was a program for the celebration of the 75th birthday of a man named George Allan Price with his picture on the cover. I knew my great-great grandmothers' maiden name was Price but didn't know much about her family. That's when my research skills kicked in. Over the next few months, I found tidbits here and there that helped me piece together the amazing life of my great-great grandmother's first cousin.

George Allan Price was born in Vestal, Broome County, NY. His obituary, which I found online at fultonhistory.com, was published in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* on Jan 17, 1924. It describes how he arrived in New York City in 1852 at the age of twelve to work as an apprentice at his cousin's hat shop. His obituary in the *Brooklyn Standard Union*, available at that same website, goes into even more detail, explaining how he shook hands with President Lincoln at Cooper Union on Nov. 6, 1860, after supposedly climbing to the balcony. He enlisted in the 7th Regiment in March 1861 and left for Washington in April on the ship *Daylight* after Fort Sumter was attacked. The *Daylight* was met at the Washington Navy Yard by President Lincoln and his Secretary of State, William Seward. Not knowing that a civil war was on the horizon, he returned to New York about two months later. While visiting family in Illinois, he joined the 9th Illinois Cavalry and served as a Sergeant & Sergeant-Major in Missouri and Arkansas. He developed intestinal issues and fever in Missouri and was discharged because of his health in 1862 at Arkansas.

Arriving back in New York, he bought a hat firm with a partner, James M. Balch, which moved in 1874 to a new location on Fulton Street in Brooklyn. By this time, he was the father of two young sons, Henry and Frank. George Price joined the

GAR Post 327 in 1883 and soon thereafter became adjutant. Post 327 was a well-known post with many of the most influential businessmen in Brooklyn as members. On Decoration Day in 1884, Ulysses S. Grant spent the day with Post 327. Grant's son Frederick was in business at this time in New York City, so there may have been many visits to Post 327 by U. S. Grant. On hearing news in 1885 that former-President Grant was at the end of life, several members of Post 327 traveled to Mt. McGregor and stood by in a death watch. Upon his death, Post 327 immediately claimed the name U. S. Grant for their post and, in so doing, blocked other posts from taking the name. Members of Post 327 then accompanied the body on the funeral train to New York City.

George Price was elected to commander of U. S. Grant Post in 1889. At this time, there was a fundraising push to raise money to build Grant's Tomb. When the tomb was complete, the now Colonel Price marched in the honor guard next to Grant's body as it was on April 17, 1897. Colonel Price had also been the grand marshal of the parade at the unveiling of the statue of General Grant on April 27, 1896, which still stands on Bedford Avenue just south of Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn.



George Allan Price remained steadily involved in the Grant Post of the GAR. As mentioned earlier, he was celebrated at a dinner on Nov. 4, 1914, for his 75th Birthday. The toasts and regrets to his celebration were published in a 43-page book that I found available online at hathitrust.org. One of my favorite quotes is from a man who nicknamed Price as "High Price" because his hats were so expensive. He then clarified that Price was "Good Goods," both in quality of his hats and his personality. George Price attended several National encampments of the GAR, including the 47th National encampment at Chattanooga, TN, in 1913 as one of the seven members of the Council of Administration of the National GAR.

George Allan Price died Jan. 16, 1924, after a short illness of Bronchitis and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. ###



PATCHOGUE G.A.R. STATUE UPDATE:

The G.A.R. monument to which our tent contributed restoration funds returned to its Patchogue location on April 25, 2019. Photo by R. Pellegrino

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SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT 2019: This Memorial Day, we were blessed with a beautiful cloudless day. The most poignant comments were made by adults who were children when their fathers were killed during World War II. Unfortunately, the monument is in desperate need of restoration. Donations can be made through the [Riverside Park Fund-SSMA](#). More about the monuments' history can be found at [Bowery Boys History](#). — Sister Bets Radley



GRANT'S COTTAGE: A group of us enjoyed a private tour of [Grant's Cottage](#) after the NYDUVCW Convention. This is the site where Grant spent the last months of his life, surrounded by family and friends while the GAR kept vigil, and is also where he finished his memoirs. The cottage is somewhat of a time capsule and is just how it was when the Grant family left it all those years ago. There are even some untouched flower arrangements! — Sister Eileen Sleckman, PDP



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AND CLICK THE **LIKE** BUTTON. IT'S THAT EASY!

THE VIVANDIÈRE NEEDS YOU!

Have you shared your ancestor's service story? Did you recently visit a Civil War battlefield, exhibit or museum? Do you have Civil War events or links share? Please email your submissions to Kathleen Vermaelen at kpvermaelen@gmail.com. Thank you!