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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Sisters,

I am so happy that this summer begins with the reopening of our society, hopefully leaving COVID-19 and all of its sadness behind.

Although my social skills have atrophied a bit during this past year, I look forward to getting back out into the world. I am sorry for all of the loss that has marked this past year, both in our Tent and in our personal lives—but I am hopeful that we will be starting a positive new chapter.

Some of you may have attended our virtual New York Department convention in May, which went very smoothly. At the convention, our tent was tasked with forming a committee to evaluate the New York Department records that I have been storing in my attic and make recommendations as to their disposition. I have spoken about these records at several Tent meetings, but due to the pandemic we have been unable to meet in person until now. We will need to go through the records, evaluate them and perhaps copy them. I would like to set up a few meetings at my house this summer to begin to get a handle on these records and make decisions on how to best preserve them. I would love it if some members could help out. We could turn it into a

potluck and have some fun with it. It was also nice to be able to go to Memorial Day services again, and I attended one in Patchogue with several of our members.

Our 2021 National Convention will be held at the end of July in St. Louis, for anyone interested in attending.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Sister Eileen Sleckman, President
Kady Brownell Tent #36
Daughters of Union Veterans of the
Civil War, 1861-1865

UPCOMING TENT #36 MEETING DATES

Saturday, September 18
Civil War Weekend
Islip Grange, NY

Sunday, October 17
Please watch your email for meeting information.

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NEW YORK DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2021



FRIDAY EVENING CAMPFIRE Daughters and Sons gathered around their monitors on Friday, May 14, for the traditional campfire talk. This year, Dr. Sarah Handley-Cousins discussed her book *Bodies in Blue: Disability in the Civil War North*, followed by a Q&A period afterward.

Photo: Sister Lucy Kramer

The New York Department Convention took place online on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Fifteen Daughters attended the event, including six tent members. Thanks go to Laura Congleton, Tent Treasurer and New York Department Webmaster, for hosting the meeting and making sure it went smoothly.

We are pleased to announce that Tent # 36 Kady Brownell received a certificate for accruing the most new members in 2020 (see photo below). Additionally, a slate of Department officers for 2021 - 2022 was elected. Five Tent #36 members took department positions. Sister Nicolle Beatty will lead as Department President for a second year. We congratulate her on a successful first year and look forward to her second term.

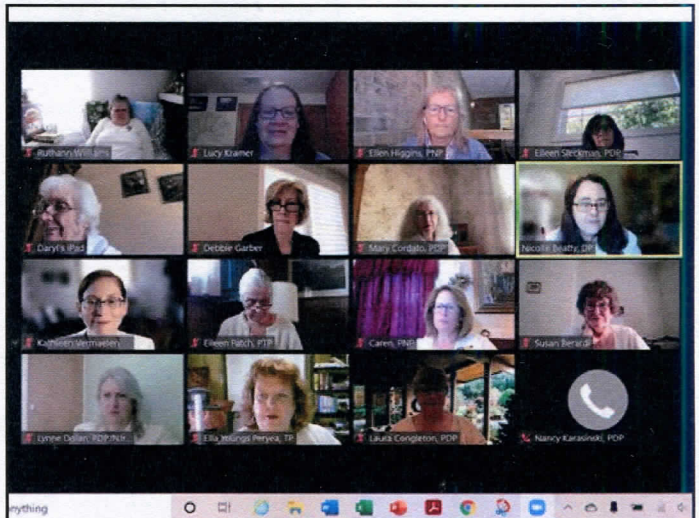
For more information about the business covered at the New York Department Convention, please consult General Orders # 1, which should be issued soon.



2021 DOG TAG RUN



On June 12, 2021, Rebecca and I participated in the 2021 Dog Tag Run in Brightwaters, NY. The run benefited Operation V.E.S.T. (Veterans Ending Suicide Together). It was a great day in Gardiner Park for an important cause. – *Sister Lynn Dean*



SATURDAY CONVENTION This year, topics of discussion included an increase in annual department dues, digitizing state records, National Convention possibly coming to Albany in 2024, and Tent 56's Centennial. *Photo: L Kramer*



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HONORING VETERANS 2021



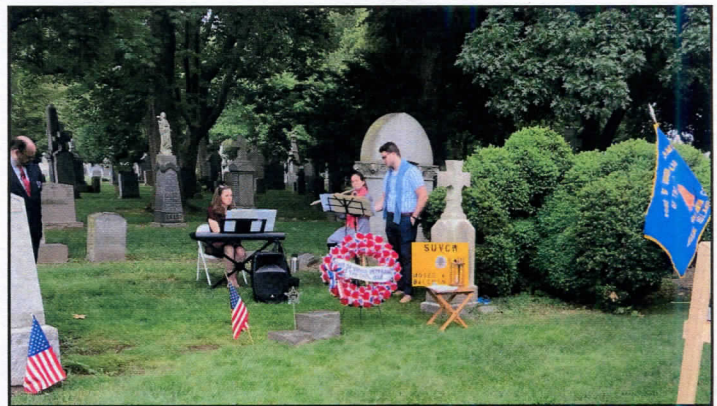
“Oliver Tilden camp allowed me to tag along and help with placing flags at Mount Olivet, Lutheran, and Cypress Hills cemeteries on May 22. They were real troopers in their wool uniforms.” – *Sister Leslie Wickham*



“I attended a small Memorial Day service at Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn Heights. Attached is a photo of the wreath. The memorial’s inscription: THIS MEMORIAL DEDICATED / TO THE HEROIC MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN / WHO FOUGHT FOR LIBERTY IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1941-1945 / AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO SUFFERED AND DIED / MAY THEIR SACRIFICE INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS / AND LEAD TO UNIVERSAL PEACE.” – *Sister Bets Radley*



“I attended Memorial Day Services at the Three Village, East Setauket, hosted by the VFW Hall. I attended as a guest of the Anna Smith Strong Chapter NSDAR and represented our tent by wearing our DUVCW Pin. Next year perhaps we also could lay a wreath at their memorial park.” – *Sister Linda Feierabend*



“I attended the Terrence F. Smith Grave Rededication on June 12, 2021, at Holy Cross Cemetery and participated by videotaping the event for brother Dennis Duffy and Moses Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW.” – *Sister Gerry Albrecht*



“On Monday, May 31, Sister President Eileen Sleckman PDP and I attended Memorial Day Services at American Legion Post 269 in Patchogue, NY. Afterward, we adjourned to the recently restored GAR statue that faces Baker Street to remember with fellow patriots who had come to honor the fallen.” – *Sister Kathleen Vermaelen*

SUBMIT TO THE VIVANDIÈRE!

If in your travels you’ve visited a fort, discovered a monument or attended a lecture, we’d like to hear about it! Send Civil War-related submissions to kpvermaelen@gmail.com. Thanks in advance!



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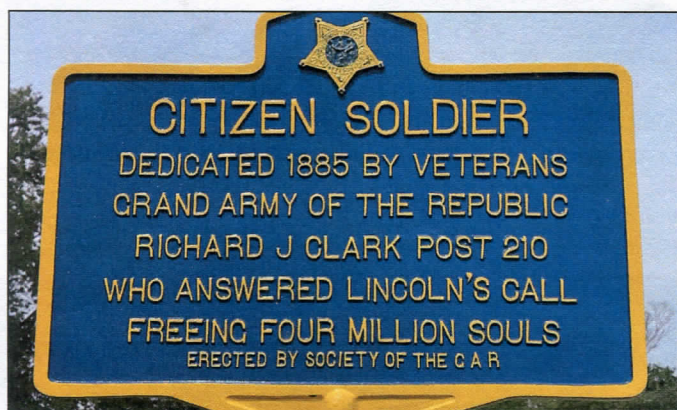
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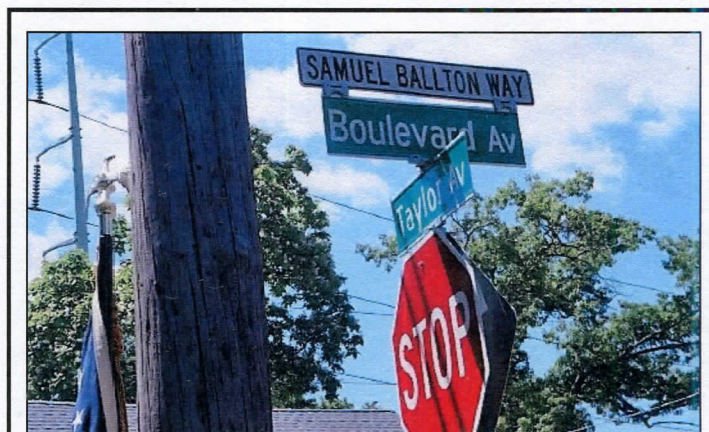
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“On June 19th, I attended the unveiling of SoGAR’s new roadside historical marker (pictured above) beside the GAR Monument in Patchogue as part of the Village’s first-ever Juneteenth commemorative event. The sign honors Richard J. Clark Post 210 GAR for their service and for procurement of the monument that still stands today.” — *Sister K. Vermaelen* [Photo: T. Badamo]

ON THE WEB & IN THE NEWS

- ◆ [These Walls Do Talk: Civil War Signatures Discovered Beneath Layers of Wallpaper and Paint](#) (*Fold 3* blog)
- ◆ [Elizabeth Van Lew: An Unlikely Union Spy](#) (*Smithsonian*)
- ◆ [Abraham Lincoln: True Crime Fighter](#) (*Smithsonian*)



“On June 16th, along with members of SUVCW Moses Baldwin Camp #544, I attended a ceremony for the renaming of Taylor and Boulevard Avenues in Greenlawn for Civil War veteran Samuel Ballton. Born into slavery in 1833, Samuel Ballton escaped and joined a Northern regiment as a cook. He returned to Virginia to free his wife from slavery and then enlisted in a Massachusetts regiment of the United States Colored Troops, where he was involved in many battles. He settled in Greenlawn after the war and became an entrepreneur and property owner, earning the nickname “The Pickle King.” The ceremony was also attended by many Town of Huntington officials and Samuel Ballton’s family. After the ceremony, we went to the home of SUVCW member Norm Eriksen and his partner Lem for a wonderful outdoor luncheon. The weather was perfect. It was nice to spend time with the Sons and get to know the descendants of Samuel Ballton, many of whom had traveled quite a distance to attend the ceremony.” — *Sister E. Sleckman, PDP*