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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, ladies:

Happy New Year! There's so much to share with you since our newsletter's last issue; I hope this short summary suffices.



Last September, our tent went to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Weekend at Islip Grange, hosted by the 67<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry, where we saw a battle reenactment and met up with both prospective members and Sons from Moses Baldwin Camp #544. We had so much fun! Please consider visiting the 8th Civil War Weekend with us this coming September.

On Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 8th, we attended the Massing of the Colors at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue Church in NYC "in honor of those who have given their lives and those who have served in the Armed Forces of our Country." NY Department President Eileen Sleckman and tent member Zoe Stolburn carried our tent's banner in the procession. The choral music and the service were just breathtaking. After the ceremony, we adjourned to St. Andrew's, a Scottish pub on 46th Street, to mingle with other society folk. We had a wonderful time there.

Three days later, Eileen Sleckman and I attended the DAR Veterans Luncheon, sponsored by the Districts X & XI Regents Roundtable, at Captain Bill's Restaurant in Bay Shore, NY. Our tent contributed a "Civil War and Wine" Basket for their fundraising auction, which raised about \$1,000 for local veterans hospitals.

On December 4th, our tent visited the Veterans Place in Yaphank, NY, to decorate for the holidays and bring gifts and lunch to our veterans. What a wonderful way it was to kick off the

holiday season!

Last but not least, I had the pleasure of attending Moses Baldwin Camp #544's Installation Luncheon on Dec. 6th at The Post Office Café in Babylon, where Scott McKendrick was installed as the new Commander. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him and to the other officers as well.

That's all for now! If you're able, please RSVP for our Annual Luncheon and Installation Luncheon on January 24th, 2016, at Lily Flanagan's Pub in Babylon, NY. We'll have raffles and auction prizes in addition to a great meal, scintillating conversation and an informative speech about "The Irish in the Civil War."

I've enjoyed serving as Tent President this past year, and I look forward to continuing in 2016. Our next meeting will be in March; date, time and place will come under a separate cover. Until then, please peruse this issue and let me know how you like it. I look forward to hearing from you.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Kathleen Powers-Vermaelen*  
President, Kady Brownell Tent #36

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

**Kenlyn Morris Perry**  
*Moses Middleswarth, Co. F, MD Infantry*

**Nancy Phillips Powers**  
*Henry Philipson, USN*



*K. Vermaelen; B. Ulrich-Giaino; E. Sleckman, DP; L. Feierabend at Teddy Roosevelt's grave on Sept. 12th, 2015, for the Long Island SAR's 125th Celebration at Oyster Bay, NY.*

## OUR TENT CENTENNIAL: 2018

Our Tent, formed in June 1918 by 12 women in the Bronx whose fathers fought for the Union, is approaching its 100th birthday. Our first Tent President, Dr. Emma Balcom, later became National President of Gold Star Mothers. Let's have a party celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2018 and to honor the 12 women who made it all happen! Some members have begun researching our founders and other members of note. If anyone is interested in participating in this research or in helping to plan this centennial event, please let us know!



*NY SVP & Tent Chaplain Barbara Ulrich-Giaino (left) presented midshipman (now Marine 2nd lieutenant) Anthony Parenti with the DUVCW Baseball Prize, given for positive attitude and team spirit, on May 21, 2015, in Annapolis, MD.*

## LINC MO CARILLON DONATION



*Tony Thomas, Director of Long Island National Cemetery; Janice Guy, PDP; Eileen Sleckman of Kady Brownell Tent #36, and Frank Colon, Jr., President of LINC MO*

On December 13th, 2015, Kady Brownell Tent #36 made an inaugural donation of \$100 toward the repair of the electronic carillon at Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale. Originally dedicated on May 27, 1962, and purchased with funds raised by Veterans organizations in Nassau and Suffolk counties, the carillon has not worked for the past seven or eight years, and it has been greatly missed. Although it has not

been definitively decided whether to replace the carillon with a digital version or to repair it using parts that would be specially made, it was felt that it was important to draw attention to and begin raising funds for this cause.

The cost of repair is estimated to be \$13,000; replacement would be \$15,000. The carillon, when operational, is also connected to an organ that can be played live or programmed to play music automatically, often using a timer. The sound, which simulates chimes, is projected via a speaker tower on the cemetery grounds.

In 1949 Arlington National Cemetery was the first national cemetery to have a carillon installed and dedicated by President Harry S. Truman, who said: "As these bells ring... honored dead rest... freedom lives." Conceived as a "Living Memorial," the carillon delivers the beautiful sound of bells as a tribute to both sacrifice and service. They continue to be installed at Veterans facilities across the nation.

The Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization (LINC MO), of which the DUVCW is an honorary member, meets the second Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the cemetery office. Its mission is to work with all veterans groups to ensure that the cemetery is cared for and to organize/attend services throughout the year. ###

## SECRETARY'S NEWS

EILEEN SLECKMAN, DP

As your Tent Secretary I would like to remind anyone who is a Tent Officer to be sure to submit your year end report to the corresponding Department Officer by February 10th, 2016. The report forms can be accessed on our National website in the member's only section. If you don't have the password, you can contact the Department or Tent President.

Our **Department Convention** will be held **April 29 - May 1, 2016** in Suffern, NY. Further details will be available in GO's #3, which will be mailed out next month.



## REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND 2015

Members of the DUVCW, SUVCW and ASUVCW (Auxiliary to the Sons) assembled at the New York State Memorial in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, November 21, 2015 for this photo. In attendance was our National President Sally Redinger and our Past National President Ellen Higgins. Remembrance Day commemorates the Gettysburg Address and the establishment of the Soldiers National Cemetery following the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Earlier in the day we all marched in the parade through the town of Gettysburg in authentic dress and then met at the monument for a ceremony honoring two of our members who are also veterans. As it grew dark the cemetery was beautifully lit for the annual illumination ceremony.

A trip to Gettysburg is a must for any Civil War buff. The National Parks Service has been working at returning the site to the condition it was in at the time of the battle, and any post Civil War buildings have been or are being gradually removed. It really is like stepping back in time; the silence of the battlefield filled with monuments is an inspiration. Each year on Remembrance Weekend, the park and the town is filled with the music and color of living historians. For many it is an opportunity to honor an ancestor and an event that profoundly

**KADY BROWNELL TENT #36's ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON** will be held Sunday, **Jan. 24th, 12 NOON**, at Lily Flanagan's Pub in Babylon, NY (near the train station). Soup/salad, entrée, dessert, coffee/tea/soda included; \$34. RSVP form is attached to the last tent email; contact [GazetteWriter@aol.com](mailto:GazetteWriter@aol.com) if you need one. Hope to see you there!

affected the growth of our nation. It is also a chance to enjoy camaraderie, traditional music and meeting old friends. On Saturday evening many attended the annual Civil War Ball, where the Philadelphia Brigade band played music from that era and dances were led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. Proceeds from the ball are donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation. The traditional Sunday morning pancake breakfast in Gettysburg's original GAR hall was a perfect sendoff for the drive home. ###



*National President Sally Redinger & Eileen Sleckman, NY DP*

## DUVCW NATIONAL CONVENTION

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AUGUST 2015

I had the honor of representing the New York Department by attending our National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri this past summer. It was a great experience to be able to meet members from all over the country and to form new friendships, and it is always interesting and energizing to listen to the perspectives of people living in different parts of the country. This summer our National Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois, where our National Headquarters and Museum are located. If anyone is able to attend, she will have a unique opportunity to explore the collection there and to enjoy all of the sights related to President Lincoln. Further details about our upcoming National Convention will be published in National General Orders #2 and 3, which are mailed to all members.

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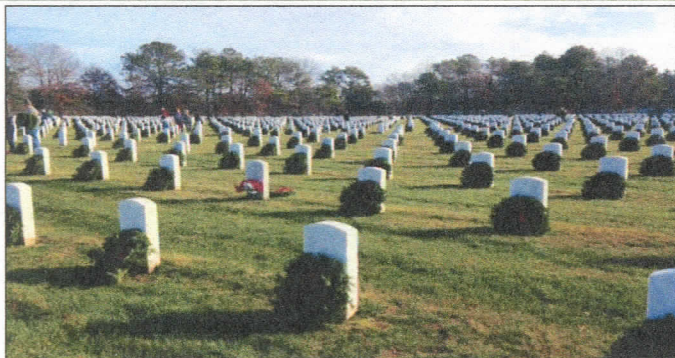
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Long-sleeved black t-shirts for sale, \$15 each. Proceeds to benefit the NY Department. 100% Cotton material with the DUVCW insignia in white. Sizes S-XL. If you're interested, please contact Eileen Sleckman at [esleck57@gmail.com](mailto:esleck57@gmail.com)



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: We assisted in laying wreaths on the graves of veterans at Calverton Cemetery, December 12th, 2015. Photo credit: L. Feierabend.



Tent members attended Moses Baldwin Camp #544's Officer Installation Luncheon on December 6th, 2015, at The Post Office Café in Babylon, NY. Seated l. to r.: Scott McKendrick, CC; Norma McKendrick; Kathleen Vermaelen, TP. Standing: Larry O'Gara; Br. Jim Cuzzo; Eileen Sleckman, DP; Janice Guy, PDP; Kent Howell, PCC. Photo credit: J. Vermaelen.



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