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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your support of me as I take on the office of Tent President. I am especially grateful to our outgoing President, Kathleen Powers-Vermaelen for all of her efforts these past two years. Among the many accomplishments she achieved is the setting up of our Tent website, which members can now consult for updated information and events, as well as our twice yearly newsletter, *The Vivandière*, which is available for all of us to share our photos and stories. We have enjoyed collaborating with the Sons from both the Moses Baldwin and Oliver Tilden Camps, and our Tent should continue to strengthen those relationships.



This year I would like to focus on researching our local history as it pertains to the Civil War and the Underground Railroad, and on working with the Sons to document the Civil War monuments in our communities, many of which go unnoticed. As our Tent is approaching its 100th birthday, it would be great fun to mark that occasion with a party and to learn more about the lives of our founding members.

In the spirit of the GAR and its mission, I would like to see us maintain our connections with Veterans organizations. We were able to raise money for some items needed at the Vets' Place in Yaphank at our Holiday Luncheon, and as the DUVCW Representative at the Northport VA, I am in a position to learn how the needs of veterans are being addressed here on Long Island and what can be done to help them.

This spring we are hoping to finally conduct a dedication ceremony at the Wall of Wars Memorial's Civil War panel at the Northport VA. I hope to see many members attend.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Eileen Sleckman, PDP

President, Kady Brownell Tent #36,
Daughters of Union Veterans of
the Civil War, 1861—1865

**KADY BROWNELL TENT #36's
NEXT MEETING** will be held Sunday, **March 19th, 1:00 PM**, at the home of Eileen Sleckman, 128 Midland Street, Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Please RSVP to esleck57@gmail.com or by calling 631-367-7431. Hope to see you there!

OUR WEB SITE HAS BEEN UPDATED!

[Please visit today to view](#)
more photos and our new
calander for 2017. Thank you!

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Kim McKendrick
Kelly McKendrick

Pvt. Thomas Stanley, 28th CT Infantry, Co. B

June Fairhurst Fay
Arlene Fairhurst Kister

Alfred Fairhurst, 8th NY State Militia, Co. A

Monica Longmore Wood
*Henry Dike, 6th MA Infantry &
1st MA Sharp Shooters*

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!

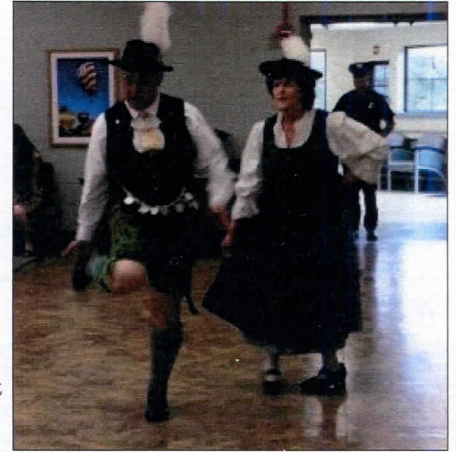
Please contact Laura Congleton, Tent Treasurer, via her contact information on Page 1 if you have not yet paid your tent dues for 2017. Thank you!

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS:

BARBARA ULRICH-GIAIMO

On Oct. 1, 2016, my husband Angelo and I performed Bavarian Schuhplattler dances as part of Melzingah Chapter DAR's Oktoberfest at Castle Point VA hospital. I danced with some wheelchair-bound veterans; one operated his wheelchair to the music. The C.A.R. distributed decorated pumpkins and canteen voucher books, and the veterans played bean bag toss. Every vet won and chose a prize. On days other than Oktoberfest, I serve as the DUVCW VAVS Representative at Castle Point. ###

(See also Hudson Valley Crusaders Luncheon on Page 4 — Ed.)



L. to R.: K. Vermaelen, L. Dean, J. Guy, E. Sleckman and L. Dolan at the 8th Civil War Weekend, Islip Grange, on Sept. 17, 2016

8TH CIVIL WAR WEEKEND AT ISLIP GRANGE

On September 17, 2016, members of Kady Brownell Tent #36 met with Moses Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW for an outdoor meeting at Islip Grange in Sayville, NY. At this informal meeting, Sister Janice Guy spoke about the Agent Orange Awareness group's effort to raise funds for a monument at Pinelawn National Cemetery; Sister Lynne Dolan shared information about our "adopted" soldier PFC David DuBose; and we made preliminary plans to join our SUVCW brothers for the dedication of the Civil War Monument at the Wall of Wars, Northport VA Hospital, in the late spring of 2017. After the meeting concluded, attendees enjoyed barbeque and a reenactment of the Battle of Antietam, which was most appropriate on the anniversary of that battle. Some additional member-submitted photos are included here for your enjoyment. ###



Reenactment of Battle of Antietam at Islip Grange [Photo Credit: Lynn Dean]



Attendees watch the battle reenactment [Photo Credit: K. Vermaelen]



Search for "Kady Brownell Tent #36 DUVCW" and click the LIKE button!

REMEMBERING VETERANS 2016

This past November, members attended several ceremonies that honored the sacrifices made by our veterans.



VETERANS' DAY SERVICE: Sisters Eileen Sleckman, Janice Guy and Lynne Dolan at Long Island National Cemetery, Nov. 12, 2016



MASSING OF THE COLORS: Sisters Sue Starkie, Betsy Bloomer, Eileen Sleckman and Zoe Stolbun at St. Thomas Church in NYC for Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016



HOLIDAY GRAVE DECORATION: Sisters Janice Guy and Lynne Dolan placed a wreath at the grave marker for 14th Rhode Island Heavy Artillery at Long Island National Cemetery, Dec. 2016



2016 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

Our joint Holiday Luncheon with Moses Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW took place on December 18, 2016, at Westbrook Manor in Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Oakdale, New York. We were blessed with both beautifully mild weather and a great turnout! In addition to celebrating with our SUVCW brothers, we installed new members June Fay and Arlene Kister and our tent officers for 2017. Our joint 50-50 raffle and auction raised \$128 for the purchase of new blankets and pillows for The Veterans' Place in Yaphank, NY. The 50-50 raffle was won by incoming Tent President Eileen Sleckman, who donated her winnings back to the tent for its continued good work. ###



Commander Scott McKendrick and outgoing Tent President Kathleen Vermaelen at Westbrook Manor on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016



REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND:

Sister Eileen Sleckman marched with our tent banner (and Sister Ellie Warren, not pictured here) in the Remembrance Weekend Parade on Nov. 19, 2016, in Gettysburg, PA

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HUDSON VALLEY CRUSADERS LUNCHEON: Tent Chaplain Barbara Ulrich-Giaimo represented us at Castle Point VA Hospital



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: L. Dolan, K. Vermaelen, E. Sleckman, and J. Guy brought holiday tidings to The Vets' Place, Yaphank, NY, Dec. 2, 2016



ANCESTOR'S GRAVE: Sister Susan Hopkins writes that this is "a picture of the gravestone of Sgt. John Hopkins, one of my Civil War ancestors. He survived the war but succumbed to his injuries later on. The grave is located in Raymond Hill Cemetery, Carmel, New York."

THE VIVANDIÈRE NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Did you visit a Civil War battlefield, exhibit or museum? Please send your photos with a short explanation of who/what is in the picture and where/when it was taken. Want to share your ancestor's story? Why not submit a short article (up to 300 words)? Have a relevant web site or interesting items to share? Please email your attached submissions to Kathleen Vermaelen via GazetteWriter@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you!