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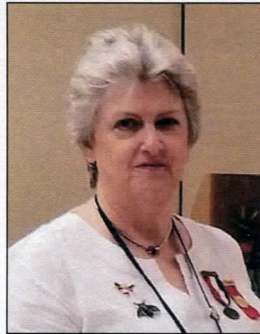
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IN SEARCH OF A PRESIDENT...



wonderful time.

As most you know, I am also the New York Department Treasurer. I have been looking over the reports from all the tents. When I came to Kady Brownell Tent #36, I noticed that we have forty tent members, yet the same Sisters are taking the officer positions. This is not fair to these Sisters. With forty members, the same four or five should not always have to serve.

Happy New Year! I can't believe another year has passed already. The Tent's joint luncheon with the Moses Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW back in December was held at Davenport Press in Mineola. We all had a

The officers positions are not hard and not time-consuming. We need some new Sisters to step up and help. Otherwise, our tent could fold. I would hate to see this happen because our tent is over one hundred years old.

We currently have no tent president. Our new president would have the help of the past tent presidents; some of us have also been department presidents. We are always there to help.

If you are interested in becoming an officer, please call me at 718-740-4847 or email me at lynne412@verizon.net.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Sister Lynne Dolan, SVP, PDP
Kady Brownell Tent #36
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TENT #36 MEETING DATES

Sunday, **January 26, 1:00 PM**,
at Eileen Sleckman's home.

Sunday, **March 22, 1:00 PM**, at
Kathleen Vermaelen's home.

*Please RSVP to each hostess
using the contact information in the
left sidebar. Thank you!*

DUES ARE DUE!

Please contact Laura Congleton, Tent Treasurer, via her contact information in the left sidebar if you have not yet paid your tent dues for 2020. *Thank you!*

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT THE VIVANDIERE IS FIVE YEARS OLD THIS YEAR? THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS! PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING. - ED.

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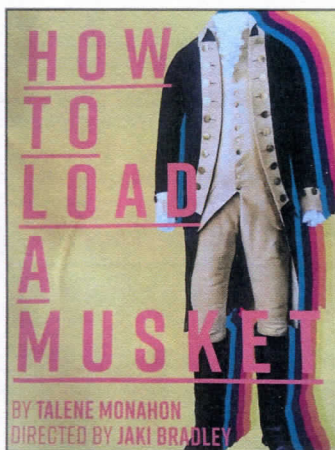
11TH CIVIL WAR WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 2019



Tent members gathered at Islip Grange on September 14, 2019, to enjoy the 11th Annual Civil War Weekend with Moses Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW. Exhibits this year included Union and Confederate campsites, a medical tent, recruit drilling and cooking demonstrations, period music, a "street skirmish," artillery demonstrations and battle reenactments. After Moses Baldwin Camp's meeting, tent members were treated to a delicious barbecue lunch. -- *Sister Kathleen Vermaelen*



THEATER REVIEW: "HOW TO LOAD A MUSKET"



Is reenactment of the American Revolution, and particularly the Civil War, a hobby or something else? In "How to Load a Musket," playing at the 59E59 Theaters in New York City, we hear the words of men and women reenactors.

Most say it's a way to get away for the weekend and enjoy the camaraderie of family and friends. Some come to learn history, one to get a job as a reenactor, and others to honor their ancestors. But since Charlottesville and the removal of Civil War monuments, these historical reenactments

have put reenactors in the cross-hairs of politics. While some refused to march in President Trump's inauguration, others, who mistakenly have been labeled racists, put themselves in harm's way at the reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek, where they had to be evacuated when a pipe bomb was found.

But the play does far more than raise these issues. It's an insightful way to learn why and how people choose to reenact our country's history. From "farbs" (those who are superficial reenactors and find ways to bring the comforts of the 21st century along) to those who experience a "gasm" when they find themselves in the zen of the moment, we learn a bit about why reenactors do it and what they think about it. Reenactors will even change sides, becoming a British or Union soldier, to balance a reenactment.

Despite one scene, which should be eliminated, I found the play to be enjoyable and well-acted by several Broadway stars who support Off-Broadway productions. The last show is January 26.

Submitted by Sister Bets Radley

ON THE WEB & IN THE NEWS

- ◆ [How Artificial Intelligence Is Helping Identify Thousands of Unknown Civil War Soldiers](#) (TIME.com)
- ◆ [After his old master wanted him back, the freed slave's response is a literary masterpiece](#) (Good.is)



Search for "Kady Brownell Tent #36 DUVCW" and then click the LIKE button near the top of the page. *See you there!*

WELCOME TO TENT #36!

Olivia & Victoria Brinkman

Pvt. John P. Lounsbury, 6th NY Heavy Art., Co. C

Deborah Dooley

Sgt. Timothy Donaghue, 69th NY Infantry, Co. B



HAVING A BALL: PNP Ellen Higgins and Eileen Sleckman at the Civil War Ball during Remembrance Weekend 2019 in Gettysburg, PA. Proceeds from the ball are donated to the National Park Service for up-keep of the battlefield. *Submitted by Sister E. Sleckman*



RAPHAEL SPITICCHI, VETERAN



This family photo is of my GGF Raphael Spiticchi (b. 1833), spouse Ellen Shute, and their children. Ellen Shute, a Boston native, is the direct descendant of patriot John Shute (4th or 5th GGD). Raphael and his brother Pietro/Peter, arrived aboard the USS Constitution in 1849 at Boston Harbor. They did so by joining the USN, in Messina, Italy, which may have been commonplace in the day. It is hard to fathom that Raphael played in the band on this historic vessel, and that a band indeed existed. Another brother,

Carlo, arrived in NYC on July 11, 1856. Raphael was a musician by profession, as were his brothers. All three brothers were schooled at a private music conservatory in Messina, and all fought for the Union during the Civil War, serving at Fort Monroe, Fort Washington, and Fort McHenry. Raphael continued his musical profession, playing as a "multi-instrument" band member at the Waldorf Astoria for 25 years. His passing in 1893 happened at our "ancestral home"—107 Hall Street, Brooklyn. *Submitted by Sister June Fay*



OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD

"Olustee was the site of the only battle fought in the state of Florida during the Civil War. This cross memorializes the Union soldiers who fought and died here."

Posted by Sister Barbara Giaimo, PTP; photo by A. Giaimo



MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Our next annual Convention will take place at the Crowne Plaza Suffern, 3 Executive Blvd., Suffern, New York 10901. Phone: 845-357-4800

Cost will be \$120.00 per night. When making a reservation please mention the Allied Orders in order to get the special rate.

The banquet will take place on Saturday evening and includes a choice of 3 salads, 3 entrees, assorted cakes for dessert, and coffee, tea and soft drinks. Cost will be \$45.00 (includes the gratuity) per person.

There will also be Camp Fire on Friday evening, a Memorial Service on Saturday morning, and a service at a location TBD on Sunday morning.

Specific details, including reservation forms, locations and finalized agenda for all of the above will be included in the upcoming issue of GO # 3 to be sent to all members early Spring. There will also be information for submitting entries to the Memory Book.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me at civil-warlady6165@gmail.com. — *Sister Mary F. Cordato, NYDP*



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REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2019: “[Here’s] a group picture. I’m at right with our Tent banner. The two women in front are our National President Sandra Millen and PNP Ellen Higgins. The rest are Daughters from Pennsylvania and Virginia.” - *Sister E. Sleckman*



NORTHPORT VA SECRET SANTA: Sister Eileen took part in assembling and organizing holiday gifts for military families last December.



NEW YORK DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

The NY Department is currently selling tote bags. These lovely bags of heavy cotton include two different images historically connected with GAR. The bags are perfect for running errands in the neighborhood or commuting to the city. Cost is \$15 (includes postage). Proceeds will go to the NY Department Treasury General Fund for work with active military, veterans, etc. If interested, please contact Mary F. Cordato, NY Department President, at civilwarlady6165@gmail.com.

SUBMIT TO THE VIVANDIÈRE

This is your chance to be an official part of our tent history! Share your ancestor's service story or an account of your visit to a Civil War battlefield, exhibit or museum, or anything else appropriate. Email submissions to Kathleen at kpvermaelen@gmail.com. Thanks!