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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Sisters,

Happy New Year to all of you! I'm sure that you, like me, have been glad to leave challenging 2020 behind and look forward to a better year. I am happy to be Presi-

dent of our Tent again, and I hope that as the year progresses we will be able to resume our usual activities and events.

Despite the pandemic, our membership continues to grow, and it has been great connecting with everyone during our virtual meetings. At our January 24th meeting, among the many issues discussed were plans for a grave dedication in May with Moses Baldwin Camp #544 SUVCW and a recognition ceremony for a comrade organization and their work on local historical preservation. The Tent also voted to extend an honorary membership to Past National President Ellen Higgins in appreciation of her friendship to our Tent as well as her support over many years.

Even though we are not able to meet in person, we can still be involved in meaningful projects, and I welcome everyone sharing the books they have read or virtual programs they've attended or any project you have been involved with on an individual basis while we've all been sheltering closer to home. Since many of our

activities are likely to be virtual for a while, please keep an eye on our website for updated information.

I know we will emerge from this challenging period stronger than ever!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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



**Union Chaplains in the Civil War**, a Virtual Civil War Roundtable presented by Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale, will take place on **Sunday, January 31st, at 2:00 p.m.** This Zoom program is free/open to the public. *RSVP by Friday, January 29th, at 4 pm by calling (315) 386-8133, or by emailing [events@slcha.org](mailto:events@slcha.org).* —Sister Bets Radley

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## UPCOMING TENT #36

### MEETING DATES:

**February 21**

**March 21**

*Please watch your email for Zoom meeting access information.*

## WELCOME TO TENT #36!

**Deborah Hansen**

*George Adams Stevens, 11<sup>th</sup> NJ Infantry  
Joseph Clements Randolph, 30<sup>th</sup> NJ Infantry*

**Margie A. Wirth**

*Owen Whaley, 35<sup>th</sup> WI Cavalry*

**M. Diane Carey-Schmitz**

*Francis Lemuel Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> D.C. Infantry*

**Geraldine Albrecht**

*Thomas M. Cook, 56<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry*

## 2020 HOLIDAY PARTY



Above is a screenshot from our Holiday Zoom Party on December 6th. We played a Civil War Era trivia game and had three teams, with each team playing for a charity. The Reindeer Team won, and a \$75 donation went to Castle Point VAMC. The party was also attended by our Department President Nicolle Beatty, who installed the tent officers for 2021, PNP Ellen Higgins and Dennis Duffy from the Moses Baldwin camp.

-- Sister Eileen Sleckman

## WANTED: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Our Membership Committee currently has three members and could use some additional help! Interested parties would ideally have experience (e.g. service as a chapter registrar, having filed successful applications to other lineage societies), but we welcome sisters who would like to "learn on the job." Our committee reviews applications using Dropbox (an easy-to-learn way of sharing documents) and communicates about applications via email. Volunteers participate remotely, when they have time. Presently, we get 5- 6 applicants a year, so the workload is not oppressive. Please consider this excellent opportunity to give back to our tent! Contact Sister Kathleen Vermaelen, Tent SVP, at [kpvermaelen@gmail.com](mailto:kpvermaelen@gmail.com) to sign up. Thank you!



**SEASON OF GIVING:** Joe Sledge (a.k.a. Santa) and I at the Northport VA, where I gave the \$100 gift card from the Tent to be used for the Secret Soldier Santa program there, providing holiday gifts for military families in need.

*Submitted by Sister Eileen Sleckman*



## GALLAUDET SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Abraham Lincoln Scholarship Award has been given by the Daughters to a student of the History Department at Gallaudet University for more than 30 years, and we are the only outside organization that presents an award on Awards Day. The other awards are all given by the school and its organizations within the university. The award that the Daughters give has helped the students of Gallaudet with their financial burdens of books, special needs, and other items that they might need.

The committee would like for our Sisters to know the requirements for this award. A student must write a short essay and it has been requested that it should be about the Civil War. In the past, the students of Gallaudet University have researched deeply into the Civil War to find a subject or subjects to write about. These students prove to be amazing when choosing their subject for the essays. For example, one essay was titled "Coded Messages in Plantation Slave Songs." The most outstanding essay was written by Rian Norris. Her essay was about a particular slave family at Arlington House, Virginia, before and during the Civil War. The slaves' family name was *Norris*. Rian told her family story of Wesley and Mary Norris, slaves at Arlington House which is now Arlington Cemetery.



## 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 the year. *Thank you!*



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

*See you online!*

## SISTERS' SUBMISSIONS

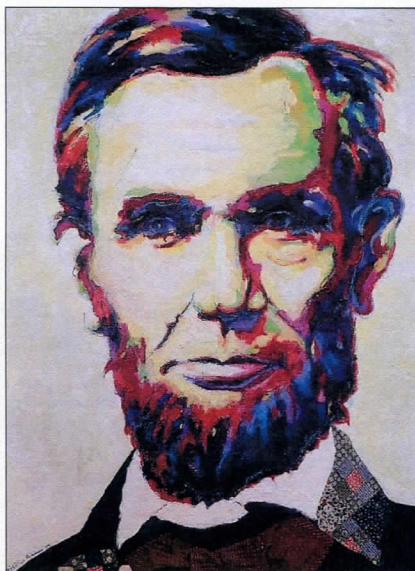


### SOLDIERS & SAILORS MONUMENT

Sister Lynn Dean writes, "When we brought Rebecca back to school, we visited the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Portsmouth, NH." More information about this monument may be found at [sea-coastnh.com](http://sea-coastnh.com).

### PRESIDENTIAL PORTRAIT

This beautiful, multimedia portrait of President Abraham Lincoln by Avis Collins Robinson currently hangs in the foyer of Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C.. See the link under *On the Web & In the News* below to take a virtual tour. — Submitted by Sister K. Vermaelen



### SHOE

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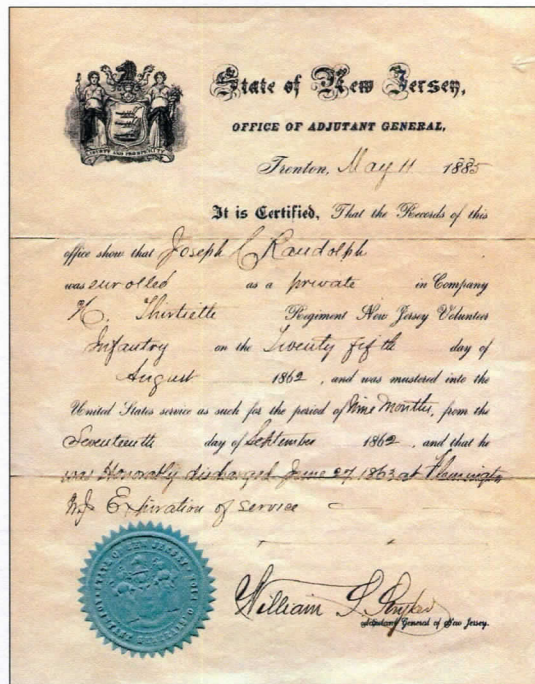


"Shoe" comic strip by Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly, published [July. 30th. 2004](http://July.30th.2004). Submitted by Sister Bets Radley

## FROM THE DESK OF

## PDP MARY CORDATO

NY Department Journals for the year 2019 are now available for purchase at a cost of \$10 each plus postage. If you would like to order your copy, please contact PDP Eileen Sleckman at [esleck57@gmail.com](mailto:esleck57@gmail.com). Checks should be made payable to NY Department DUVCW and should be sent to Eileen at 12 West Street, Northport, NY 11768. Thank you!



**STRYKER CERTIFICATE FOUND:** Sister Debbie Hansen writes, "We discovered [this] when we cleaned out my parents' house for their move last month. It is the original Stryker certificate for my second great grandfather. Joseph Clements Fitz Randolph was born 17 Jan 1834 in New York City to Lewis Kelley Fitz Randolph and Esther Lee. He married Abigail Catherine Freeman, who was born and raised in Plainfield, NJ."

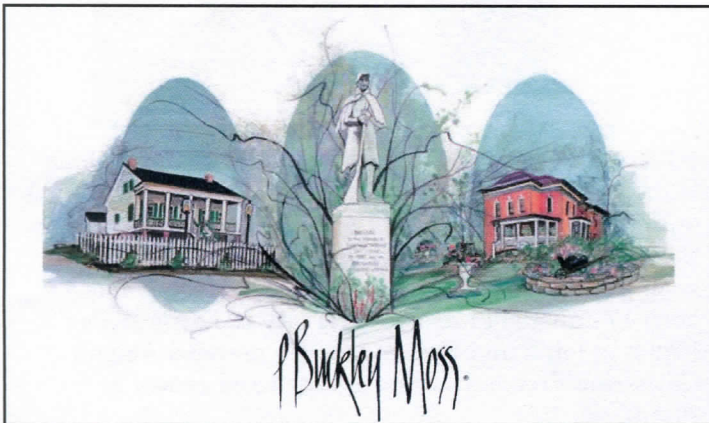
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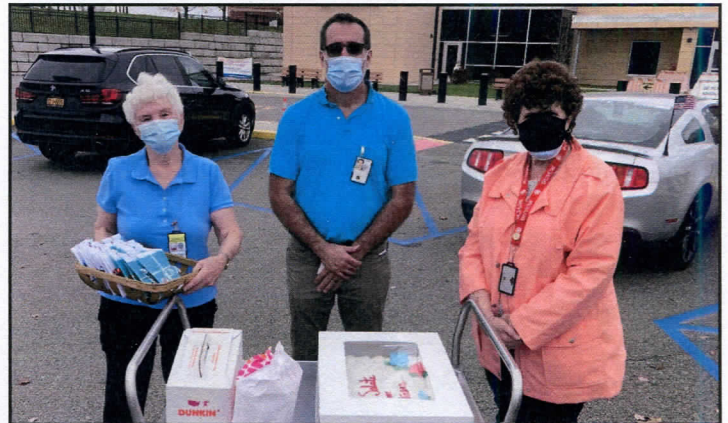
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**THE ART OF (CIVIL) WAR:** “The second item is a P. Buckley Moss print that I recently purchased. It’s called “Echoes of the Past.” It consists of three images: the D. D. Collins House, the Civil War Veterans Statue, and the Beidler Hotel, three historic landmarks in Collinsville, IL.” — *Sister Debbie Hansen*



**CELEBRATING VETS:** Tent 36 donated a “We Salute Our Veterans” cake and coffee to the Heroes Harbor Ward at Castle Point VA on Veterans Day 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, their aide George Youhas met me in the parking lot with a cart to bring it inside. Pictured left is my friend Ann Thomas, who brought gift cards for the veterans. — *B. Giaimo*

## SEND US SUBMISSIONS



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](mailto:kpvermaelen@gmail.com). Thanks!

## ON THE WEB & IN THE NEWS

- ◆ Take a [Virtual Tour Of Ford’s Theatre](#) in Washington DC (*Ford’s Theatre website*)
- ◆ [Forgotten Antietam Map Ignites Civil War Researchers](#) (*Fold3 Blog*)
- ◆ [How the Civil War Got Its Name](#) (*JStor*)
- ◆ [American Civil War: Impact of the Union Victory at Chattanooga](#). (*The Great Courses Daily*)