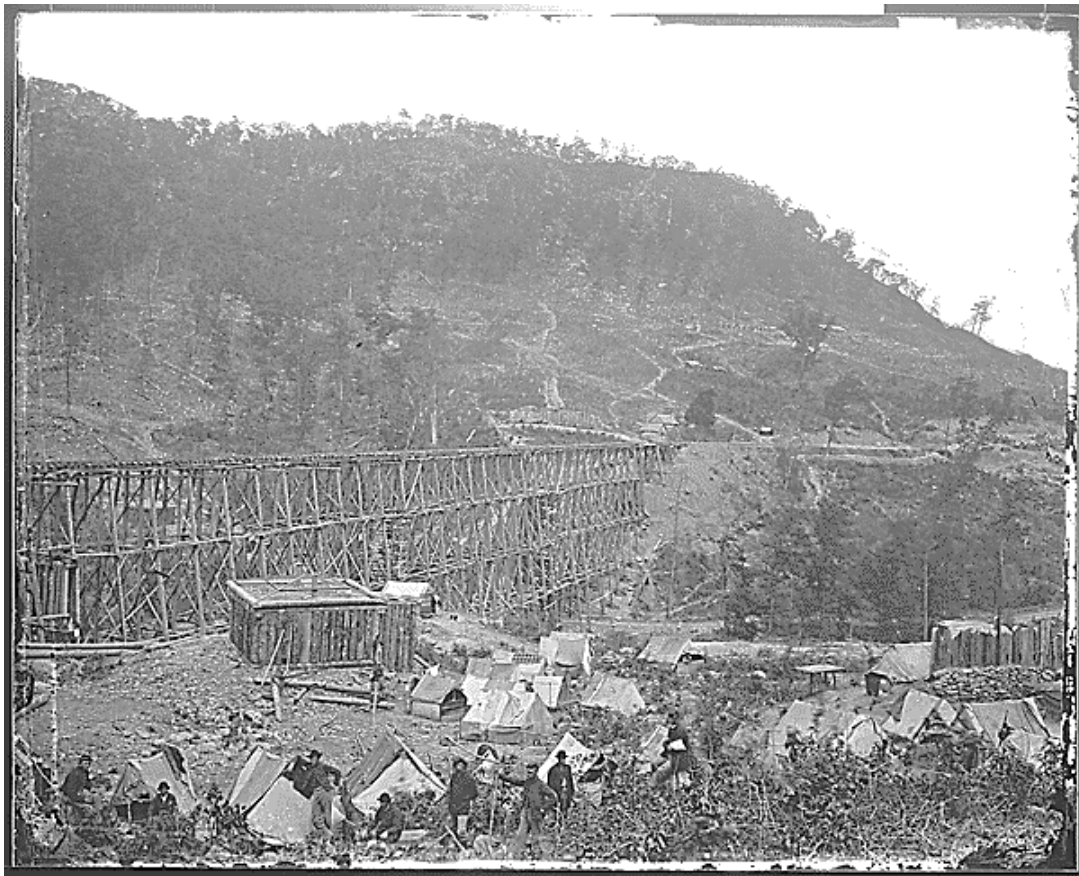


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Camp scene, trestle bridge at Whiteside, Va

Photo by Mathew Brady (Source: National Archives)

## March Camp Meeting

This month's camp meeting will be held at the Schusterman-Benson Library at 3333 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street in Tulsa beginning at 6:30 p.m. At this point, no details have been received about the program for the meeting or who will deliver it.

You may want to come prepared for a camp photo.

The Rachel Cormany Auxiliary has been invited to attend. This will be the last opportunity to pay this year's camp dues at a camp meeting. The camp will offer juice and fresh home-baked cookies.

## February Camp Meeting

PDC Mike Rusk presented a program on the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. This

organization is separate from the SUVCW, but most of its members are also belong to the SUVCW. Organized in 1985, it was originally intended as a hereditary organization for Union Officers and their descendants, but that requirement has been liberalized to accept members who do not have a Union officer in their ancestry. These are categorized as Associate Companions.

“Associate Companions must be male persons of the age of 18 years or more who are not known to be eligible for Hereditary membership in the Order, who subscribe to the Preamble, Principles, and Objects of the Order, who have demonstrated a serious interest in the War of the Rebellion, and whose membership will advance the objects of the Order. Associates may vote and serve on committees, but may not hold office.”

A female auxiliary, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS), was formed in 1899 and accepted as an affiliate in 1915.

After the assassination of President Lincoln on April 14, 1865, rumors claimed that his death had been part of a broader conspiracy to overthrow the United States government by assassinating its primary leaders. The founders were responding to this rumor by forming a Legion. At its height, it had over 8,000 members. It is now one of the oldest hereditary military societies in the U.S. Rather than a functioning military society, however, it now serves as a hereditary society.

Mike, who has an officer ancestor, said that he would like to organize a MOLLUS unit among the Oklahoma Department members and oriented his presentation in that direction. Among the activities he foresees for such a unit are:

- Sponsoring one SUVCW event for the year.
- Present ROTC medals to deserving cadets.
- Conduct one patriotic event each year.
- Conduct one or two of its meetings a year.
- Offer something else to aspire to: another layer of activity for SUVCW members.

We will probably hear more about these plans as they develop. Therefore, you might think about how you would benefit from the formation of a new hereditary military organization in our area, and whether you would be willing to join it.

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Union Ancestor of Dr. Steven E. Sargent  
Ancestor: Pvt. Lisha Triggs,  
Co I, 40<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry

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## Camp Business

After two dues notices emailed to members, there are still several unpaid dues assessments, much to our disappointment. We must send in a camp report by the end of the month with the portion of the dues that belong to the Department and the National Organization. Hopefully, these members will come to the camp meeting and bring their payments. After that, there is a reinstatement charge. To send dues the Camp Treasurer, make a check payable to “Indian Nations Camp #3, SUVCW and mail it to:

Carl Fallen  
6120 E. 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tulsa, OK 74136

During April, the camp Secretary and Treasurer will coordinate to gather information that the Secretary will use to prepare one of the most important documents required of camps: Form 27 – Camp Annual Report, which is prepared and sent in duplicate to the Department Secretary, who sends it to the National Organization along with forms from the other camps.

The Annual Report must be filed before April 30 and accounts for members gained and lost during the past year, and provides other information. In addition, it facilitates the calculation of the amount of our annual dues that is allocated to the Department and to National. Along with the report, we submit a current camp roster and our camp checks to both these organizations for the dues amounts calculated.

## Commander Comments

With the advent of spring, it’s not too early to be thinking about Memorial Day, which is May 27—especially since time seems to go faster the older we get. Since our ancestor organization, the GAR, essentially birthed Memorial Day as a national observance, this is one of the highest days in the SUVCW calendar. Normally, the Memorial Day observances are under the direction and organization of the camp Patriotic Instructor. Although we don’t have a P.I. this year, instead of viewing this as a problem, I want to view it as an opportunity to make Memorial Day a collaborative effort.

In the past years, our ceremony has been rather standard in its structure. This is relatively easy to organize, because everyone knows pretty well what is expected of them. But I want to know whether any of you have any ideas or proposals for doing

something different this year. We don't have to scrap the whole agenda or even most of it, but if there is something that you think would be well to add or substitute, sound off. Let's make this year a camp-wide participation and see if there are any improvements that could be made. Use your fertile imaginations, and don't worry—if something doesn't work out, we simply won't ever do it again.

Commander Joe Fears



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Re-enactors converse in front of the Headquarters House in Fayetteville, AR.

## Battle of Fayetteville Reenactment Planned

The 161<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fayetteville, AR, will be commemorated from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20, on the grounds of Headquarters

House Museum, 118 E. Dickson in Fayetteville. This is an annual event of the Washington County Historical Society.

The event will include Mayor Lionel Jordan firing the cannon at 11 a.m. with musket firing taking place in the morning and afternoon. Re-enactors dressed in Civil War military and civilian attire will participate in educational programs offered on the outdoor grounds and in the house. A reading of battle casualties will end the event.

From the Society: "The Battle of Fayetteville on April 18, 1863, contested the Union army's hold on the city when they clashed with advancing forces east of the site of Union headquarters at the site of Jonas Tibbett's home, which is now Headquarters House Museum. The Confederates marched up Dickson Street toward the house but pulled back under fire, ending the battle in a draw. The situation remained unstable enough that Union troops pulled out of town a week later and went to Missouri where they stayed until September before returning to resume control of Fayetteville."

Fayetteville is approximately 120 miles away and makes a good day trip.

## Camp Calendar



- Mar. 28 Indian Nations Camp Meeting  
Shusterman-Benson Library
- Mar. 30 OK Dept. Planning Meeting: 10 a.m.  
Hardesty Regional Library – Tulsa
- April 25 Indian Nations Camp Meeting  
Shusterman-Benson Library
- May 11 Department Encampment  
Honey Springs Visitors Center
- May 27 Memorial Day Ceremony  
Rose Hill Cemetery 10 a.m.

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