

Camp Officers

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The Patriotic Voice

November 1, 2014

**Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**



Camp Calendar

December 6, 2014

[Camp Meeting at Marietta Police Dept](#)

January 31, 2015

[Camp Meeting at Marietta Police Dept](#)

February 28, 2015

[Camp Meeting at Marietta Police Dept](#)

March 28, 2015

[Camp Meeting at Marietta Police Dept](#)

April 24-26, 2015

Department Encampment

May 25, 2015

Memorial Day Observed

May 30, 2015

[Camp Meeting at Marietta Police Dept](#)

Memorial Day - Actual

Brothers of Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3,

At our last camp meeting on October 25th, the following Sons were elected and/or appointed to positions within the camp leadership:

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Council Member #1
Al Platt

Council Member #2
Harry Vaughn

Council Member #3
Bill Miller

Camp Commander's Comments



Patriotic Instructor
Jon Hadley

Chaplain
John Mattingly

Graves Registration Officer
Mark Hale

Historian
Al Platt

Eagle Scout Coordinator
David Beam

Civil War Memorials Officer
Mark Hale

I ask that all members support the efforts of the camp in the future. As a camp, it is important that we grow in membership. However, it is doubly important that a high percentage of our members lend their voice to camp planning and camp activities. Please make an effort to come to our monthly meetings and lend a hand on our projects.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

David Beam
Camp Commander

**The Bixby Letter written to the
Widow Bixby in Boston, MA**

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Nov. 21, 1864.

Dear Madam,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours, very sincerely and respectfully,

A. Lincoln

(It was later proven that three of the sons actually survived the war.)

Links of Interest

Kennesaw Mtn Camp #3 - SUVCW
<http://sonsofunionveteranskennesawcamp.yolasite.com/>

Kennesaw Mtn Camp #3 on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kennesaw-Mountain-Camp-3-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-Civil-War-Dept-GA-SC/185606601487776>

National Headquarters – SUVCW
<http://www.suvcw.org/>

National SUVCW on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/SUVCW>

Department of GA & SC – SUVCW
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gasuvcw/>

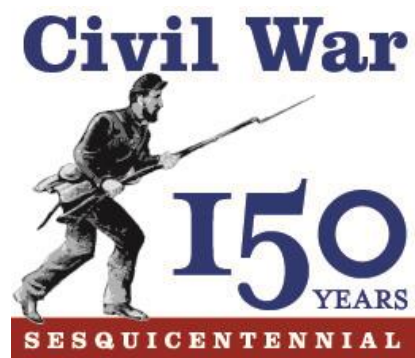
Charles Devins Jr. Camp #10 - SUVCW
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sccdjsuv/>

National Department – DUVCW
<http://www.duvcw.org/>

National Auxiliary to SUVCW
<http://www.asuvcw.org/>

Ladies of the GAR
<http://suvcw.org/LGAR/Home.html>

The National Woman's Relief Corps
<http://suvcw.org/WRC/index.htm>



November 1864 in the Civil War

Nov 8 – Republican Abraham Lincoln defeats Democrat George McClellan to serve a second term as President of the United States. Andrew Johnson, a unionist from Tennessee is his Vice President

Nov 14 – Sherman enters Atlanta and divides his 60,000 men into a Left Wing and Right Wing.

Nov 20 – Union victory at the 2nd Battle of Franklin, TN.

Nov 22 – Union victory at the Battle of Griswoldville, GA.

Nov 28 – Union victory at Battle of Buckhead Creek, Jenkins County, GA.

Hometown Hero: Group honors Union soldiers of the Civil War

They don hot woolen blue uniforms to participate in memorial services at Marietta National Military Cemetery, and also at the vast Union Army graveyard at the notorious Andersonville prisoner of war camp near Americus.

They march in parades, talk to students and civic groups, sponsor Eagle Scout awards and work tediously in dusty libraries, gingerly pouring over crumbling papers to identify graves of unknown U.S. soldiers, hoping to attach names to stark, stubby stone markers at Marietta National etched only with numbers of men who died at Peachtree Creek, Ezra Church, east Atlanta — or anywhere in Georgia.

And members of four Georgia “camps” of the Sons of Union Veterans sometimes even put up signs in places like the Marietta Square, hoping to recruit Georgians whose ancestors wore blue in what many southerners still call the War of North Aggression.

That’s right, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, not Sons of Confederate Veterans. Nationally, the SCV members outnumber the SUV 20,000 to 6,000. Bill Miller, 65, often plays taps at patriotic ceremonies at Marietta National and at the Andersonville National Historic Site near



Americus, where 13,872 Union dead are interred, and also at an annual event honoring Georgians who survived Pearl Harbor.

Miller, vice commander of the Georgia-South Carolina Department of the SUVCV, is a Pennsylvania native who, like a growing number of transplanted southerners, signed up for the SUV and is now an official of the Kennesaw camp. He is a Vietnam veteran and loves history.

About 70 members of four “camps” in Georgia — Lawrenceville, Kennesaw, Atlanta and Roswell — take part in living history programs, clean up and maintain cemeteries and hold memorial services at Marietta National the day before Memorial Day and at Andersonville two days before.

Later this month, a group of SUV members hold a ceremony in Andersonville to honor Union dead. And on Nov. 8, a “recreation”

of the sacking of Marietta by Union troops is scheduled, with assistance from the SUV.

Miller says the SUV’s goal is “to honor those who fought and died to end slavery and save the Union.”

At a recent convention of the SUV, members dedicated a \$20,000 marble monument to Wisconsin troops who fought at the Battle of Allatoona Pass.

“Brad Quinlin, one of our members, is constantly trying to identify the unknowns at Marietta National,” Miller says. “He has identified quite a few.”

At Marietta National, 10,312 Union soldiers are buried, including 2,996 under “unknown” markers.

Wallace B. Eberhard, professor emeritus of journalism at the University of Georgia and a member of the Lawrenceville camp, had four ancestors who wore the blue, including one imprisoned at Andersonville.

“We’re not into refighting the war,” Eberhard says. “It’s about remembering what these ordinary men did.”

The camps meet monthly, says Ray Wozniak, 66, head of the Lawrenceville group. *(Story courtesy of Bill Hendrick of the AJC)*



Civil War Related Events

Lecture - "Chattahoochee River Line,"
Powder Springs Library
Powder Springs, GA
November 5, 2014 at 2 pm. Free.

"Sherman's March through Georgia"
Noah Andre Trudeau
Cobb Civil War Roundtable
KSU Center
Kennesaw, GA
November 6th, 2014 at 7 pm. Free.

Burning of Downtown Marietta
Marietta Square, Marietta, GA
Activities all day, burning at night
November 8th, 2014 – Free.

"150 Years of Camp Lawton,"
Prison Camp Site.
Magnolia Springs State Park
Millen, GA. \$5 parking fee.
November 15th, 2014 9 am to Dusk

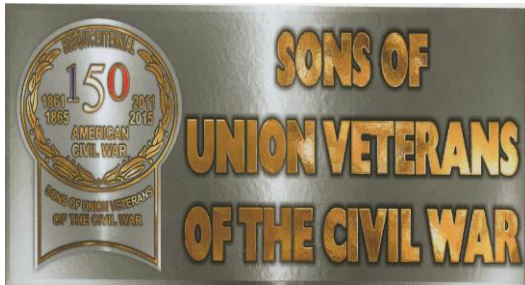
"Battle of Griswoldville,"
10 miles east of Macon and 2 miles SE
of Griswoldville.
November 22, 2014 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.
Free.



Monthly Camp Meetings

Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 meets the
last Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at
the Marietta Police Department which is
located at [240 Lemon Street](#) in Marietta.
Guests are encouraged to attend!





Do you have relatives or friends that are eligible for membership in the SUCVW?

If you answered “yes” then you are responsible recruiting them. Bring them to a camp meeting as a guest and show them the fellowship of the SUCVW.

Applications are available by contacting a camp (preferred method), department or the national headquarters through links provided in this newsletter.

Camp members will be more than happy to help out on any genealogy questions they might have.



Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 Signal Corps



Get Our Newsletter & Emails

To join the Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 newsletter and email list, send an email request to: dbeam@mariettaga.gov stating why you would like to be added.