



# *The Patriotic Voice*



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This issue of *The Patriotic Voice* will highlight events from July - November 2020.

## **New Brothers join Camp #3**

Brother Fred Purmort Jr. was inducted into Camp #3 during a regular meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Brother Purmort's ancestor (his gr-gr-grandfather) was Private Daniel Purmort from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company L, Virginia Cavalry, New York Volunteers. Compatriot Purmort is a reenactor/historian (30 years experience) who supports battles in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida along with living histories and lectures on the Signal Corps communication.

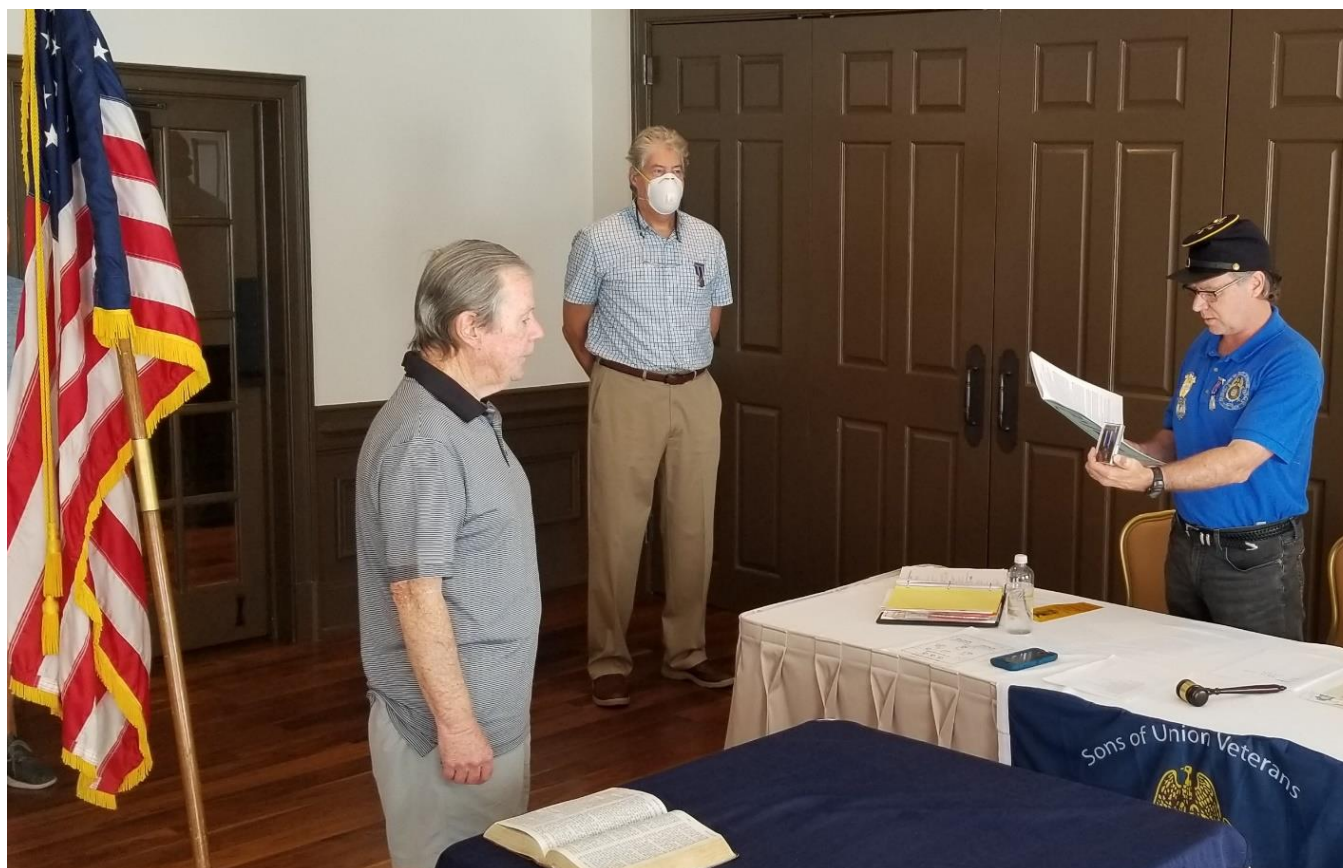
Brother Richard Foley was inducted into Kennesaw Mountain #3 by Camp Commander/Jim Bryja during a camp meeting on July 25. His Union ancestor (his gr-grandfather) was Carey Heaton of the 48<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry.

Brother Rik Born on September 26. His ancestor was Private John Wesley Steagall; Company K, 91st Regiment Ohio Infantry.

Brothers James Thompson and Philip Solida were inducted during the Oct. 31 meeting. James Thompson's ancestor was Jacob Charles Thompson (116<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry). Brother Solida's ancestor was George Zinn (4<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Cavalry).



Above: Fred Purmort Jr. receives his SUVCW membership badge from Commander Jim Bryja.



Above: Richard Foley is inducted into the camp by Commander Jim Bryja.



Above: Commander Bryja and James Thompson





Above: Commander Bryja and Philip Solida

## Pickett's Mill Battlefield - Union Officer Camp (Living History)

Brothers of Kennesaw Mountain #3 worked with the park rangers of Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site to recreate a Union officer's camp on October 10. The Brothers of camp #3 demonstrated a standard US Military camp set-up and operation. Participating were: Eric Peterson, Jim Bryja, Jake Gray, Mark Dungan, Michael Reither, Bill Miller, and Fred Purmort. In the photo below, General George Henry Thomas (Eric Peterson) talks to park visitors.



Above: Brother Eric Peterson, in character as General George Thomas, addresses the crowd.





Above: View of our Union Officers Camp



Above: Around the camp – Brothers Purmort, Bryja, Peterson, Miller





Cooking lunch the old-fashioned way!



Private Mark Dungan



## Veterans Day Event at Maloney Springs Cemetery

Kennesaw Mountain #3 held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Veterans Day event at Maloney Springs Cemetery on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The camp decorated the graves of thirty (30) veterans buried at the cemetery. In the photo below the Brothers are standing behind the grave of Union soldier Corporal Levi Fortner.



Left to Right: William Reither, Mark Dungan, Doug Kirk, Jim Bryja, Rick Born, Philip Solida, Fred Purmort, Michael Reither



Above: Guest speaker Garry Daniell discusses the cemetery history to the socially-distanced crowd





Above: Veterans graves decorated with flags



Above: WWII veteran Walter Thompson's grave now has a flag holder courtesy of American Legion Post #29.



*In Memoriam*

# David Bruce Croas

JUNE 20, 1949 - NOVEMBER 5, 2020



The boatman comes, and comes again.  
And Brothers, one by one,  
He bears away far o'er the tide,  
Beyond the setting sun.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, the Father of our Lord Jesus, and the Father of us all, we pray for Your blessing to abide upon this humble service. Bless the memory of our departed Brother David Croas. Bless and comfort those near and dear to him by the ties of the flesh and fraternity. Help us, each one, to appreciate more and more the blessings we receive, daily, from Your great heart of love, and help us to prove our gratitude for all these good gifts, by our lives of usefulness and integrity. Bless our friends and Brothers everywhere, and may we be worthy of them and of You. Lead us graciously by Your strong right hand, and make us all to be the citizens we are privileged to be in this goodly land which You have given to us. We ask in the name of our Savior. Amen.

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