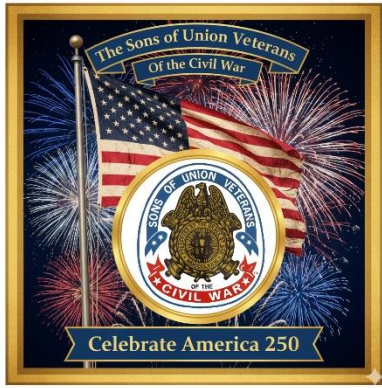




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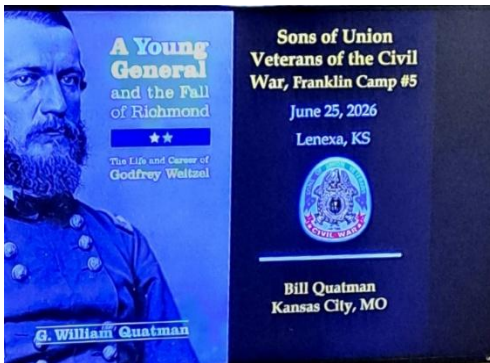
WHICH UNION GENERAL CAPTURED RICHMOND?



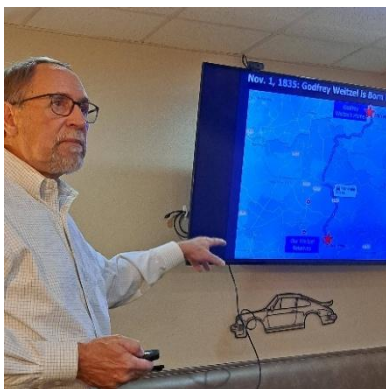
Those attending the June 2026 meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Franklin Camp would learn the surprising answer to that question. And that answer was not Ulysses S. Grant.

Before listening to a presentation by Mr. Bill Quatman on the answer to the question, the camp held its usual business meeting led by Commander Dan Stilley. Commander Stilley opened the meeting with a solemn tribute to William Pool, the last known living son of a U.S. Civil War Veteran, who passed away at age 101 on June 7, 2026. Dan then proceeded with an instructional discussion on the importance of wearing our

membership badges and the proper wearing of said badges (see additional article below). Following the Secretary and Treasurer reports, it was time to hear the answer to who captured Richmond.



The answer turns out to be one of the youngest (not even 30 years old) Union Generals in the Civil War. And he was a two-star Major General at that! He is probably one of the least known generals of the war, despite his numerous vital contributions to the Union war effort. Those attending listened with rapt attention as speaker Bill Quatman outlined the life and achievements of General Godfrey Weitzel, his distant ancestor, culminating with his capture and occupation of Richmond, the Confederate Capital, in April 1865. General Weitzel was only 29 years old.



Mr. Quatman detailed how Weitzel, a West Point graduate specializing in engineering, was frequently called upon to design battle plans and strategies, especially by General Benjamin Butler. He would soon become a trusted advisor to General Grant who rewarded him with the assignment to capture and occupy Richmond following the Confederate evacuation. When President Lincoln visited Richmond, Weitzel asked the President how to govern the defeated, war-torn city. Lincoln replied: "If I were in your place I'd let 'em up easy, let 'em up easy," urging a peaceful and forgiving path rather than harsh punishment. Following this directive, Weitzel acted with leniency.

Now you know the answer to "Which Union General Captured Richmond?"

MEETING OF 6-25-2026

ATTENDANCE:

18 Members and 1 Guest in Attendance

Mark Anderson	Matthew Archambault
Jerry Coffeldt	Floyd Guliford
John Hansen	Philip Hansen
Rick McPherson	Richard Miller
Roger Miller	Lane Smith
Bill Stilley	Dan Stilley
Bill Stoker	Ron Thompson
Jim Thornton	Bryan Wampler
Lee Wilson	Jeffrey Winters
Bill Quatman (Guest Speaker)	

6:03pm Call to Order by Commander Daniel Stilley
Invocation Given by Camp Chaplain Floyd Guliford
Opening Procedures – Commander Stilley and Camp Officers

- Business:
- 1) Tribute to William Pool – the Last Surviving Son of a Union Veteran
 - 2) Proper Wearing of SUVCW Badges and Regalia
 - a) When to wear
 - b) How to arrange and wear
 - c) Would like to see more brothers wearing their badges at meetings
 - 3) America 250 is Upon Us
 - a) Time for reflection
 - b) Remembering what our nation has been through to get here
 - 4) Secretary's Report – Jim Thornton
 - a) Reading of "Thank You" notes from Quilt-of-Valor recipients
 - 8) Treasurer's Report – Richard Miller
 - a) Balance = \$ 806.55
 - b) Detailed Expenses
 - i) \$ 10.00 to Department of Kansas – Fee for Webpage on Department Website
 - ii) \$ 35.84 to Jim Thornton – Reimbursement for Guest Speaker Meal
 - c) Recommendation for Portable PA/Speaker System for Meetings and Events
 - i) After discussion, Richard Miller offered to research products and cost
 - d) Recommendation for Quilt-of-Valor Donation for Supplies
 - i) Bill Stilley made motion for \$120 donation; Bill Stoker seconded; passed

Patriotic Instruction: Mr. Bill Quatman presenting "A Young General and the Fall of Richmond – The Life and Career of Godfrey Weitzel"

7:40pm Closing and Adjournment



DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF
THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

LOUISA VOLKER MACKLIND TENT 24



Honoring CIVIL WAR VETERANS

You're invited to attend a memorial
observance ceremony in honor of the
Civil War soldiers buried in the Lone
Jack Cemetery.



Lone Jack Historical Society Museum
301 S Bynum Rd
Long Jack, Missouri



THURSDAY

16 JULY 2026

10:30 AM



WEARING MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Over the last year or so, especially as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of our nation through 2032, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have emphasized the proper wearing of the organization's membership badges. The organization proclaimed the years 2026 through 2032 as a multi-year period of commemoration, which includes the major initiative "SUVCW 250 for the 250th" to honor the nation's milestone. With this initiative, the SUVCW leadership is instilling pride in being a member.

In August of 2025, Commander-in-Chief Kevin Tucker sent out General Order No. 3, "Proper Wearing of the Badges of the Order." This has been followed by regular reminders from Department Commanders, including Department of Kansas Commanders Kent Melcher and Jim Thornton, to wear our badges when at official SUVCW functions, including camp events and meetings.

"Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast." (Constitution and Regulations, Article VI, Badges and Medals, Section 1.)

PROPER WEARING and ORDER OF BADGES



1. (Group A) - Membership Badge (or Associate, Junior, Junior Associate or Honorary Member badge); **Commander-in-Chief badge; Department Commander badge; Camp Commander badge; National Officer badge; Department Officer badge.** The Membership badge is appropriate for wear on all occasions where identification or recognition of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is fitting. May be worn alone. **Brothers may not wear more than one badge from this group at any one time.**



2. (Group B) - Past honors badge - Past Commander-in-Chief badge; Past Department Commander badge; Past Camp Commander badge. A Brother may choose to wear both a Group A badge and a Group B badge at the same time, or only a Group B badge, without wearing at the same time a Group A badge.



3. Group C - War Medal; Military Service Medal. Cannot be worn alone. **When worn, the War Medal or Military Service Medal must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order.**



4. Group D Sons of Veterans Reserve Badges, Encampment/Temporary Badges. Cannot be worn alone. **Must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order.** With the exception of SVR badges, Group D badges should be worn on the right breast during the proceedings of a National or Department Encampment. Following adjournment of the Encampment, the badge should be moved to the left breast and worn in the Group D badge position.

Badges, ribbons and medals of the Grand Army of the Republic **may not be worn** by a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Miniature badges are allowed only for formal wear. The **mixing of regular and miniature badges is not allowed.**

During the June 25 meeting of the SUVCW Franklin Camp, Commander Daniel Stilley expressed his desire to see the camp membership follow these directives and demonstrate pride in being a Brother of the Order. He utilized Brother William Stilley as an example. Brother Stilley was attired in the blue vest of the order which was adorned properly with the badges of the order.

Commander Stilley suggested all brothers wear the membership badges when attending the monthly camp meetings. While membership badges are not provided to new members, they are readily available at the SUVCW Quartermaster Store. The link to the quartermaster store badge page is:

<https://suvchw-qm-store.square.site/shop/membership-badges-and-medals/WGS7T5DSSH6EFIB23FH6PHTQ>



Membership Badge, Camp - Blue
\$30.00



Membership Badge, Miniature,
Camp - Blue
\$20.00

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE



During his "Treasurer's Report" during the June 25 meeting of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Franklin Camp, camp treasurer Richard Miller offered a couple of suggestions for the camp.

First, Brother Miller suggested the camp look into purchasing a small, portable PA/speaker system for use at our events and maybe even for use during our camp meetings. It was noted that the camp has several brothers with hearing deficiencies who may be missing out during presentations by speakers who are soft-spoken. Richard made mention of the Department's America 250 Wreath Laying Ceremony where a portable, battery-powered PA system was borrowed from the Shawnee Indian Mission Historic Site for use.

In the past, several Franklin Camp members who are "S.O.B.'s" and members of the SCV Key Camp have mentioned how they utilize a small PA/speaker system at their meetings which greatly enhances the experience.

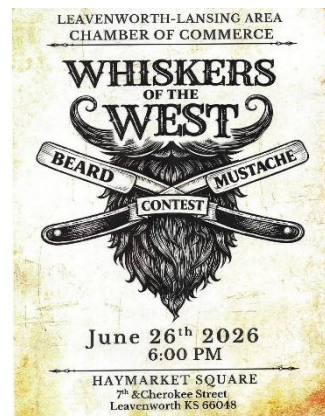
A discussion was held on Brother Miller's suggestion, with multiple opinions being offered. Brother Richard McPherson pointed out his experience with rechargeable units in the past, noting that they tended to give out after only being recharged a few times. Following the input, Brother Miller agreed to research this topic further and bring forward his results and recommendations at a future meeting.

The treasurer's second recommendation was for the camp to provide a donation of funds to the Quilt-of-Valor group with Prairie Point Quilt and Fabric Shop to be used for quilting supplies in the creation of the quilts presented to veterans at the camp's ceremonies. This is something Franklin Camp has done in the past and it was readily agreed upon. Brother Bill Stilley made a motion to donate \$120 to the QOV group and his motion was seconded by Brother Bill Stoker. The motion to donate \$120 was approved unanimously by the camp.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BROTHER FLOYD GULIFORD



A big "Shout Out" and "CONGRATULATIONS" to SUVCW Franklin Camp Brother Floyd Guliford. He was honored to be named the ****Grand Prize Best in Show**** at the Whiskers of the West beard and mustache competition at the Leavenworth Buffalo Bill Days Festival. Out of 4 total categories, Floyd took home the win in 2 of them.



Looking Back....

From the Franklin Camp Newsletter "The Old Flag"; Volume 5, No. 2; February 2009

NEW CAMP FLAG TO BE DEDICATED THIS MONTH



Our deepest gratitude is extended to Franklin Camp member David Tollefson (shown on left in photo) who has donated the new Franklin Camp Flag to Camp Commander Lane Smith (on right). Brother Tollefson made this donation in honor of his Great-Grandfather, Pvt. Samuel Matson Vanover, Co D, 86th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment and his other Great-Great-Grandfather, Private George Klinefelter, Co I, 136th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. "I'm proud of both my grandfathers, especially Private Vanover, who fought in the first two Indiana regiments who took Missionary Ridge without orders. The other regiments followed, turning the time of battle." The names of his two ancestors are permanently engraved in brass at the tip of the

standard. Formal acceptance and dedication of the flag will take place at Franklin Camp's regular Camp Meeting, 7PM, 26 February, at Olathe City Hall. The flag will be proudly displayed at each camp meeting, parades, recruiting booths, and at all Department Encampments. Be sure to shake David's hand the next time you see him!

From the Franklin Camp Newsletter "The Old Flag"; Volume 4, No. 5; May 2008

NEW CAMP BANNER



Commander Smith introduced the new Franklin Camp #5 Banner at the March regular camp meeting. This beautiful and functional banner will be used at camp meetings, parades, ceremonies and other camp functions to let the public know who we are and how to reach us at the new camp web address, www.suvwolathe.org.

NOTE: This banner has since gone missing. No one knows who the last person in possession of it was or where it has gone. If you have any clues on the whereabouts of our banner, please let Commander Dan Stilley or Secretary Jim Thornton know.

"The Old Flag" was the official newsletter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Franklin Camp 5. It was edited and published monthly by Past Camp Commander Jim Converse 2008-2010.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUR JULY 23 MEETING!!

Let's face it, we are always trying to increase interest in history among young people and our youth. We strive to get them involved in our organizations and instill pride in their ancestors. Sometimes we succeed, but most of the time we don't.

Be sure to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, July 23, and meet some young people who have taken an interest in history, specifically Civil War history right here in Kansas City. Several students from the Blue Valley School Districts high schools have put together a short film on Kansas City's role in the events of the Civil War and will be joining us at our meeting to show their film and discuss their work.



The film was created and produced by students from the Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) Filmmaking program. CAPS Filmmaking students Hunter Brown, Dominick Mills, and Peter Asta, along with CAPS Filmmaking alum Kadelyn Bunting, spent the first Friday of their spring break doing something pretty epic: interviewing Mayor Quentin Lucas and others for their documentary on Kansas City's role in the Civil War.

The students collaborated with *Kansas City Magazine* on the film with assistance from Susie Whitfield, a retired high school teacher.

The Blue Valley School District Center for Advanced Professional Studies represents the collaboration of education, business and community, providing students with a unique, immersive experience, resulting in highly skilled, adaptable, global innovators and leaders. It is more than just "book learning" and gives student a hands-on experience in a variety of settings, including film making. These students combined history with their film making experience.

Let's show some support for our area youth and encourage their interest in history. Who knows? We may even learn something about our local Civil War history from them. So, let's have a great turnout!



The Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation

presents



HERITAGE DAY AT MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD



Saturday, September 26, 2026



Event Activities 10 am - 4 pm
Museum open until 5 pm



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EVENT ADMISSION

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Step back in time and experience history come to life!

Join us for a day of immersive Civil War history at one of the largest cavalry battlefields in the nation, where one of the largest cavalry battles of the Civil War was fought on October 25, 1864.



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A CIVIL WAR PHARMACY LESSON

By Jim Thornton, R.Ph.

“During a campaign, our stocks of medicines were necessarily limited to standard remedies. These were opium, morphine, Dover’s powder, quinine, rhubarb, Rochelle Salts, Epsom salts, castor oil, sugar of lead, tannin, sulphate of copper, sulphate of zinc, camphor, tincture of iron, tincture of opium, camphorate, syrup of squills, simple syrup, alcohol, whiskey, brandy, port wine, sherry wine, etc.” – Dr. Charles B. Johnson, a Union regimental medical steward.

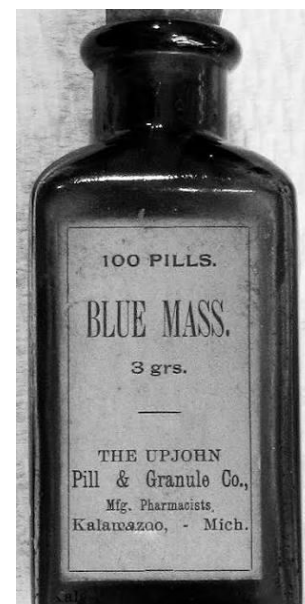
While the Civil War saw many medical innovations that would benefit humanity, including the widespread use of anesthesia and the development of battlefield medicine, there were some aspects of medical care that today are questionable at best. These included medicines that if given today, would certainly raise an eyebrow among doctors. Let’s take a look at some of these “bad medicines” and their potentially harmful effects.



CREOSOTE: Usually when you think of creosote you think of a wood preservative, like the type used on telephone poles. Creosote is distilled from wood tar - especially white pine or beechwood. A Civil War surgeon, however, would use it for a variety of ills, administering it both internally and externally. Creosote was used on wounds and ulcers and could also be applied to the throat to sooth soreness. Taken orally as a liquid, it was used to treat infected sinuses, diabetes, epilepsy, hysteria, neuralgia, tuberculosis of the lungs, and to clear out mucus caused by “catarrh” (the common cold). Beechwood creosote especially was considered a good laxative and cough suppressant and also was used for pneumonia and leprosy. The major chemicals in beechwood creosote are phenol, cresols, and guaiacol. Today the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry warns that taking these remedies may result in damage to the liver or kidneys.

LEAD ACETATE: Today most people are aware of the harmful effects of exposure to lead, but Civil War surgeons often prescribed lead acetate, also known as sugar of lead. It was used both internally as a sedative, and externally as an astringent. When taken orally, lead acetate was used to promote sleep in “excitable cases,” as a cough suppressant, a spasm reducer in cases of tetanus or colic, and as a gargle for throat lesions. Combined with opium to make a lotion, it could be used topically as a treatment for skin infections. In one recorded case, a soldier with “typhoid dysentery” was treated with lead acetate pills, opium pills, mercury pills, and an opiate enema. Needless to say, he died within 24 hours.

MERCURY BASED DRUGS: As early as 900 A.D., doctors were using mercury in various forms to treat their patients. It was used both externally and internally as a cathartic and laxative and to treat liver disease, typhoid fever, diarrhea, dysentery, and various skin diseases. It could be given as a liquid (“calomel”), an ointment, or in a pill form known as “blue mass” or “blue pills” - a mixture of mercury, licorice, rose leaves, and honey. William H. Taylor, assistant surgeon for the Confederate army, wrote after the war that he had simplified sick call to one question: “How are your bowels? If they were open, I administered a plug of opium; if they were shut, I gave them a plug of blue mass.” During the Civil War, mercury was perhaps the most well-known treatment for venereal disease. A common saying among the soldiers was that “one night with Venus brings a lifetime with Mercury.” Today we know that mercury is corrosive to the skin, eyes, and gastrointestinal tract, and may induce kidney failure if ingested. It can also cause damage to the central nervous system.





OPIUM: The USA Medical Department label reads: “Pilulae Comphora et Opii,” which translates to pills of camphor and opium. While opium was considered to be a very effective drug, Civil War surgeons did not understand that it could result in addiction, which was extremely detrimental to their patients. Opium is derived from the opium poppy and was most commonly used to relieve pain. It was also prescribed for diarrhea, gallstones, tetanus, typhoid fever, pneumonia, and many other diseases. It could be administered in the form of a powder, pills, or liquid. The most common liquid form was laudanum, and the powder form was most often Dover’s Powder, which was a mixture of opium and ipecac. The ipecac herb was often used as an emetic, especially in ipecac syrup, but could also be used as an expectorant to clear mucus and a diaphoretic to induce sweating (sweating out a cold). It was sometimes used to treat conditions

such as bronchitis.



Dover’s powder—a mixture of opium and ipecac (NMCWM collection)

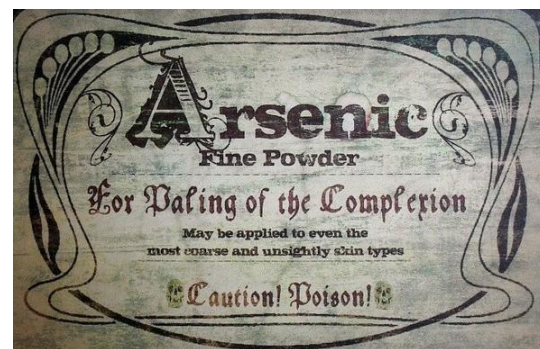


Ad for opium addiction treatment

The medical records from the U.S. Army showed ten million opium pills were distributed to soldiers during the Civil War, and three million ounces of laudanum and powder. While opium was considered to be a very effective drug, Civil War surgeons and doctors did not yet understand its addictive properties. Civil War veterans who had been treated with opium for wounds or disease would often become addicted, which sparked an opioid epidemic in the years following the war. It was not until the late 19th

century that this problem would be addressed by restricting the use and prescription of opiates and the opening of clinics to treat addicts.

ARSENIC: Several different forms of arsenic were used for medicinal purposes starting in the 17th century. It was most commonly used to treat syphilis but was also added to medications to treat a variety of skin diseases, including psoriasis. One of the most prevalent forms was Fowler’s Solution, a liquid form of arsenic trioxide developed in 1786 by Thomas Fowler in England. By 1865 doctors were prescribing the solution for the treatment of leukemia, malaria, and syphilis. Arsenic is a deadly poison, and medical professionals had to use extreme care not to overdose their patients. In small doses, doctors found that it worked very well as a stimulant, and this was prescribed from the mid-18th to 19th centuries.



Given all of these “bad medicines” it seems a miracle that any patients survived. However, “good medicines” such as quinine (still in use today to fight malaria) were also used. And to their credit, medical professionals eventually did understand the detrimental and often deadly effects of the drugs they were prescribing. Indeed, in 1863 Surgeon General William Hammond made it a personal mission to lessen the use of mercury in medicines. As a result of his crusade, Hammond was fired, but he eventually was proven correct. While Civil War surgeons were often innovative in their treatments, we can also be thankful that they learned from their mistakes.

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Franklin Camp Website Resources

Franklin Camp Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/805798033688654>

Franklin Camp Webpage: <https://suvwks.org/franklin-camp-no-5/>

SUV National: <http://www.suvcw.org/>

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

Department of Kansas Website: <https://suvwks.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-Department-of-Kansas-124886647572266/>

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Dan Stilley	Matthew Archambault	Jeff Winters	Jim Thornton	Richard Miller

NEXT MEETING

Franklin Camp No. 5 meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Pegah's Restaurant, 12122 West 87th Street, Lenexa, Kansas. The camp does not meet in December.

The Franklin Camp will meet on **THURSDAY, JULY 23**, at Pegah's Restaurant at 12122 W. 87th Street in Lenexa, Kansas, at 6 p.m. for dinner and conversation. Our featured program will be provided by Students of the Blue Valley CAPS Program who will present their film on "*Kansas City's Role in the Civil War.*"

Come early and join us for camaraderie, dinner, and education! As always, your wife or significant other is welcome. Feel free to bring guests!

Don't forget to bring a prospective recruit!

UPCOMING PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE FRANKLIN CAMP

July 2026 – Blue Valley CAPS Film Students – Kansas City and the Civil War Film
Hunter Brown, Dominick Mills, Peter Asta, Kadelyn Bunting

August 2026 – Matthew Archambault – Salt and its Role in the Civil War

September 2026 – Dale Walters – The Myth of the Lost Cause: Some Hidden Motives

October 2026 – John Hansen – Civil War Ghost Stories

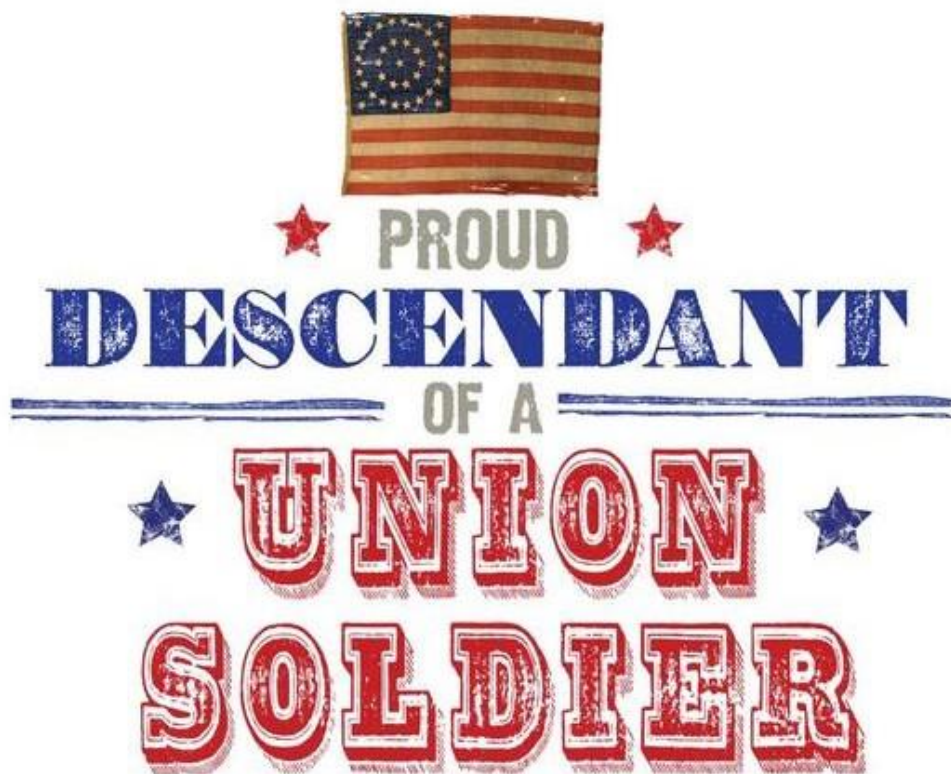
November 2026 – Jim Thornton – Coffee and the Civil War

****VOLUNTEERS TO PRESENT A PROGRAM AT FUTURE MEETINGS ARE WELCOME! IF INTERESTED, PLEASE E-MAIL A MEMBER OF OUR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE****

WANTED: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Franklin Camp Monthly Bulletin is always looking for articles on topics of interest. If you attend a Civil War event or have something you would like to contribute to the monthly newsletter (maybe a book recommendation and review?), please notify our newsletter editor Jim Thornton at JDThornton85@live.com. This year, in commemoration of our nation's 250th Anniversary, we would like to do a series of articles on what it means to you to be an American. What was your proudest moment as an American? Please submit your contribution in a WORD DOC or PDF format to Jim at the e-mail address above.

“THE LAST FIVE LETTERS OF THE WORD HISTORY SPELL “STORY.” AND THAT’S EXACTLY HOW HISTORY SHOULD BE TAUGHT. NUMBERS AND DATES HAVE NO SOUL. SUCH PRESENTATIONS FALL FLAT, FOR HISTORY IS ALIVE AND RELEVANT.”



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