

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

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The 118th Annual National Convention was focused on new and renewed friendships, the historic Civil War portrayal of "Billy Yank," a bus tour of historic Indianapolis sites and upon the revision of the DUVCW Constitution and Bylaws.

The C & B revision includes all the changes made in recent years, and adds necessary content to protect the organization's benevolent and educational tax exempt status.

General Orders #1 will list the details of the revisions, and a new edition will be ready for purchase in a few weeks.

NEWS:

DUVCW has an opportunity to purchase a well-appointed two story house next to the current Headquarters and Museum. Expansion of the Museum has been a need and goal for some time, and this purchase will permit growth without building "from scratch." (see p. 2)



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BILLY YANK RETURNS HOME

Billy Yank is a historic portrayal by Kevin Stonerock, an Indianan from childhood, who brings life to the experiences of American citizens from different eras.



His attire is authentic period clothing, and *Billy Yank's* first-person description of a young soldier's experience of Army life was humorous and informative. Reporting his encounters on the day of the battle of Shiloh brought reality to the listeners about the period and events.

Kevin's own life is filled with music as well as history. Since 1980, he has brought America's history to life for thousands of school children and adults in heritage organizations. DUVCW appreciated his time with us at Convention!

Kevin's personally prepared information is given at www.kevinstonerock.com.

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NEWS (CONTINUED):

A city sub-committee has approved rezoning, and a final vote is expected by the Springfield City Council on October 21st. The Museum Board of Trustees will evaluate purchase again after inspections and final property assessment.

The DUVCW Convention approved this plan, and the Building Funds which have been set aside from donations and projects will meet the purchase price and expected costs associated with the move. The present Headquarters will be retained.

This picture reveals some woodwork, and several items (garage, roof, a back yard deck, cement driveway, gas furnace with central air) have been provided with new upgrades in the past 5 • 6 years.



Three Oklahoma Daughters at National Convention!

The Convention is an impressive gathering of "friends with a purpose," and it's possible to meet women from the U.S. four corners and find good moments to share. Glenda Golden, Oklahoma Member at Large made her hat! and wore it to the evening's Memory Banquet.

DUVCW CONVENTION 2009

Sixty year's after the last Encampment of the GAR in 1949, the organization of the Civil War Union Veterans, the DUVCW will meet at their own National Convention, held in South Portland, ME, hosted by the Maine Department.

DUVCW CONVENTION 2010

Held in Springfield, IL, the 125th year DUVCW Anniversary and homecoming will be special for Daughters as they meet in Springfield to enjoy a new Headquarters and Museum and visit President Lincoln historic sites. *Please plan to attend...*



JUDY FROHM, OF NEBRASKA CONTINUES AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Sister Judy Frohm, who assumed the President's office in March 2008 with the passing of Sister Beverly Massey, was elected to the 2008 • 2009 Term. Carol Cox, of *Elizabeth Bacon Custer Tent #19* was elected as a Council Member and Jae Jaeger, also of Tent #19 will continue as National Treasurer. Additional Oklahoma Department DUVs who will carry National roles include June Cornwell Stone, serving on the Membership Committee and as VAVS Deputy Representative; and Nancy Chotkey, who is a member of the Educational Activities Committee. Both June and Nancy are members of the *Sallie Peacheater Tent # 18*.

FEE CHANGES: To better meet the costs of the Daughters organization, the Headquarters and Museum Assessment will become \$5, while National dues remain at \$10 annually. **LOOK! LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES:** There is an option for Life Membership - a one time fee for the National Dues forever! *If paid by December 31st, 2008* the dues are \$250 for ages 8-20 years (to become \$1,000 on Jan 1st); \$200 for ages 21-50 years (to become \$750 on Jan 1st); and \$150 for members 51 years + (to become \$500 on Jan 1st). Please send birthdate, Tent # and check to National Treasurer, PO Box 911, Broken Arrow, OK 74013.