

# Memorial Day 2014



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Charles W. Brouse

Photo from his wife's Find a Grave Memorial #28054599

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# Opening and Greetings

Camp Commander

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Friends:

We assemble once more to pay to our ancestors our tribute of love and respect and within these sacred bonds to pledge anew our dedication to their memory and principles for which they fought!

With bowed head, solemn tread, and voices hushed, we meet to remind our people of their duty to the soldiers and sailors who wore the blue; to the Flag for which they fought; to the country for which they died; and that it is for use to keep green the memories of their heroic service and unselfish sacrifice.

May we fully realize the sanctity of the place and hour; may our conduct give assurance of the sincerity of our purpose and our earnest appreciation of duties and responsibilities resting upon us as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Camp Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing.

## Opening Prayer

Camp Chaplain

Let Us Pray,

Supreme Ruler of the Universe! God of battles and of peace! We thank you for this day and hour; for this blessed privilege of meeting here as sons of soldiers and sailors to do homage to a Nation's dead.

We thank Thee that in the day of trouble and the hour of danger Thou in Thy infinite wisdom raised up men who were ready to do battle, and if need be, to die that this country might be preserved. Grant us we beseech Thee, a continuance of Thy watchful care.

Grant Thy blessing upon these sacred ceremonies, consecrated as they are to be the memory of brave and loyal hearts who dared stand for the right and did not fear to bare their breasts to a storm of steel in defense of human liberty, a united country and the brotherhood of man.

Bless our country. Preserve its integrity. Prosper our Order. Make it, we pray Thee, an instrument in Thy hands of great good to our country and to Thee, and at last gather us with Thee in the Great Camp of Eternity. Hear and answer, we beseech Thee. Amen.

## Pledge of Allegiance

All in Attendance

# **General Order No. 11**

## **Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic**

### **Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868**

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners.

Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:

JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief. N. P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant-General.

# Tribute to Capt. Charles W. Brouse

Read by Sister Thompson

## Charles W. Brouse

Born: December 30, 1839 at Rising Sun or New Albany, Indiana

Parents: Rev. John A. and Mary Catherine (Downey) Brouse

Married: December 25, 1867 to Margaret Caroline Thorpe

Six children: John, Mary, Louise, Richard, Julia, and Helen

**Military Service:** He enlisted on August 8, 1862 and mustered in on September 24, 1862 into Co. K of the 100<sup>th</sup> IN Infantry. He was commissioned as captain on October 4, 1862. Charles was severely wounded at Missionary Ridge when a bullet passed through his arm and right lung, lodging in his left side. His actions there merited him the Medal of Honor, which was awarded on May 16, 1899. He mustered out January 16, 1865. Note: His father enlisted as Chaplain of that regiment on September 18, 1863.

**Post war service:** Charles was appointed pension agent at Indianapolis by President Grant and served for four years during Grant's first term. He was an active business man and real estate agent for many years. He died of endocarditis (heart disease) on October 26, 1904 at his residence, located at 29 N. Ritter Avenue (in the Irvington area of Indianapolis). He was buried with full military honors from the George H. Thomas GAR Post. His grave was originally marked with an ordinary military marker. In 1978, the current Medal of Honor marker was placed and dedicated.



**MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION:** Missionary Ridge, Tenn., 25 November 1863

To encourage his men whom he had ordered to lie down while under severe fire, and who were partially protected by slight earthworks, himself refused to lie down, but walked along the top of the works until he fell severely wounded.

## Newspaper articles:

"A Delayed Honor," *The Indianapolis News*, 24 May 1889

"Found Dead in Bed," *Daily News-Democrat*, 29 October 1904

"Death Comes Suddenly to Capt. C.W. Brouse," *The Indianapolis News*, 26 October 1904

"Funeral of Captain Brouse," *The Indianapolis News*, 27 October 1904

"Unusual War Stories Read to Thomas Post," *The Indianapolis News*, 18 March 1908

# BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

(First 2 Verses Only)

*Music by William Steffe*

*Lyrics by Julia Ward Howe*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

## “Decoration Day”

### Camp Chaplain:

It seems well we should leave Captain Brouse to rest in honor where over him will bend the arching sky, as it did in great love when he pitched his tent, or lay down, weary and footsore, by the way or on the battlefield for an hour's sleep. As he was then so he is still – in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Let us also then remember those honored dead who did not return to hearth and home, but lie in resting places known but to God:

## Decoration Day by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

[http://www.hwlongfellow.org/poems\\_poem.php?pid=260](http://www.hwlongfellow.org/poems_poem.php?pid=260)

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest  
On this Field of the Grounded Arms,  
Where foes no more molest,  
Nor sentry's shot alarms!

Ye have slept on the ground before,  
And started to your feet  
At the cannon's sudden roar,  
Or the drum's redoubling beat.

But in this camp of Death  
No sound your slumber breaks;  
Here is no fevered breath,  
No wound that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace,  
Untrampled lies the sod;  
The shouts of battle cease,  
It is the Truce of God!

Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!  
The thoughts of men shall be  
As sentinels to keep  
Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green  
We deck with fragrant flowers;  
Yours has the suffering been,  
The memory shall be ours.

# Rifle Salute – Three Volleys

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## Taps

### Camp Commander:

Our Memorial Day service and dedication is ended. In the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I thank you, for your courtesy in permitting us, who are bound by special ties to them, to honor our dead.

“Taps are sounded – Lights are out – the Soldier sleeps.”

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### **Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Dept. of Indiana**

#### **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

#### **2014 Camp Officers**

Camp Commander: John Bowyer  
Camp Senior Vice Commander: Vacant  
Camp Junior Vice Commander: Tim Beckman, PCC  
Camp Secretary: Jerry Thompson  
Camp Treasurer: Graham Morey  
Camp Chaplain: Robert Winters  
Camp Patriotic Instructor: Mike Beck, PCC and DC  
Camp Color Bearer: Andrew Kolb  
Camp Guide: Andrew Kolb  
Camp Council Member No. 1: Mike Beck, PCC  
Camp Council Member No. 2: Bruce Kolb, PCC and PDC  
Camp Council Member No. 3: Tim Beckman, PCC  
Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator: Mike Beck, PCC  
Camp Signals Officer: Tim Beckman, PCC  
Camp Historian: Jerry Thompson  
Camp Civil War Memorials Officer: Mike Beck, PCC  
Camp Graves Registration Officer: Tim Beckman

### **Eliza E. George Auxiliary No. 356**

#### **Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

#### **2014 Officers**

President: Amy Bowyer  
Trustee #1 /Past President: Carolyn Wiley  
Trustee #2: Jo Lynn Oates  
Trustee #3: Melissa Bowyer  
Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Thompson  
Patriotic Instructor: Carol Beck  
Chaplain: Carol Thomas  
Inside Guard: Crystal Walcott

To find out more about the Ben Harrison Camp and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, please visit our camp web site at the following address: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inbhsuv/>