

# MEMORIAL DAY 2015

## GEORGE HENRY CHAPMAN



Find a Grave Memorial # 5888332



Col. George H. Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Cavalry,  
at his headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, circa 1865



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27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, Sons of Veterans Reserve

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Camp Commander

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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 us 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 Bvt. Maj. Gen. George H. Chapman

## George Henry Chapman

Born: November 22, 1832 at Holland, Massachusetts

Parents: Jacob Page and Pauline (Fairbanks) Chapman

Married: October 14, 1864 to Hannah Gilman Chapman

Six children: sons George Jr., Lawrence, Maurice, Page, and Victor; and a daughter

Died: June 16, 1882 at Indianapolis, Indiana

## Military Service:

Appointed navy midshipman in 1847, resigned in 1850.

Appointed major in the Third Indiana Cavalry in October, 1861.

Promoted lieutenant colonel on October 25, 1862.

Commissioned colonel in March 1863 and brigadier general in July 1864.

Brevetted Major General of Volunteers on account of gallant conduct at the Battle of Winchester.

## Pre and post war service:

Attended Marion County Seminary in 1846-1847.

Started and published *Chapman's Chanticleer* in 1853, changed name to the *Indiana Republican* in 1854.

Nominated for State Printer in 1854-55, but lost.

Studied law in 1855 under Hugh O'Neal, Esq., admitted to the bar in 1857.

Assistant Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives in the winter of 1857.

Assistant Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives in the winter of 1859-1860, resigned 1861.

After the war, he served five years as a judge of the Marion County Criminal Court.

Lawyer at Chapman, Hammond & Hawes, Attorneys and Counselors (Fletcher's Bank Building).

Receiver of Louisville, New Albany & Chicago RR & Receiver of the Lafayette, Muncie, & Bloomington RR.

Orator for 1874 Decoration Day, delivered a short address.

Appointed to committee to erect a soldiers' monument to Oliver P. Morton, who died 1 Nov 1877.

Elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1880.

Commander of the local GAR post & Commander of the Camp for the G.A.R. state encampment held at old Camp Morton (the Exposition grounds and building) in September 1880.

Member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Read by Sister Thompson

## Newspaper articles:

"Obituary," *The Indianapolis News*, 17 June 1882

"He Never Talked of It," *The Indianapolis News*, 21 June 1882

**In his honor:** When urging Chapman's promotion as brigadier general, Governor Porter told Lincoln, "General Chapman...was not a common man; he had fullness of learning, fullness of candor, and possessed all the qualities calculated to command respect." (Nicholas, 179)

GAR Post #209 & Women's Relief Corps Chapter #10 were named in his honor. Both met at 222 East Maryland St. The Post met every Saturday and the Corps met every Tuesday afternoon.

(Tribute information from Ancestry.com; Find a Grave Memorial #5888332; *The Story of Crown Hill* by Anna Nicholas, pp. 177-179; *Biographical Sketches of Members of the Indiana Legislature, Elected Nov. 12, 1880 and Senators Holding Over From 1878*, pp. 98-99; "Arrangements for Decoration Day," *The Indianapolis News*, 20 May 1874; "The Remains of Senator Morton Laid To Rest," *The Indianapolis News*, 5 November 1877; "Soldiers' Reunion and G.A.R. Encampment," *The Indianapolis News*, 16 September 1880; "Additional City News," *The Indianapolis News*, 21 September 1880; "He Never Talked of It," *The Indianapolis News*, 21 June 1882; "Church Notes," *The Indianapolis News*, 7 July 1917; William Henry Smith Memorial Library Visual Collection; "Parties and Meetings," *The Indianapolis Star*, 15 Oct. 1911)

## Laying of Wreaths and Flag



## 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.

# “Memorial Day”

## Camp Chaplain:

It seems well we should leave Major General Chapman 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:

## Memorial Day by Theodosia Pickering Garrison (1874-1944)

<http://ntccgoodnews.com/?tag=poem>

A handful of old men walking down the village street  
In worn, brushed uniforms, their gray heads high;  
A faded flag above them, one drum to lift their feet –  
Look again, O heart of mine, and see what passes by!

There's a vast crowd swaying, there's a wild band playing,  
The streets are full of marching men, or tramping cavalry.  
Alive and young and straight again, they ride to greet a mate again –  
The gallant souls, the great souls that live eternally!

A handful of old men walking down the highways?  
Nay, we look on heroes that march among their peers,  
The great, glad Companions have swung from heaven's byways  
And come to join their own again across the dusty years.

There are strong hands meeting, there are staunch hearts greeting –  
A crying of remembered names, of deeds that shall not die.  
A handful of old men? – Nay, my heart, look well again;  
The spirit of America today is marching by!

circa 1920

# Rifle Salute – Three Volleys

27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, Sons of Veterans Reserve

## 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**

#### **2015 Camp Officers**

Camp Commander: Mike Beck  
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: Tim Beckman, PCC  
Camp Council Member No. 2: Garry Walls, PCC  
Camp Council Member No. 3: John Bowyer, PCC  
Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator: John Bowyer, 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**

**2015 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: Jo Lynn Oates  
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/>



