

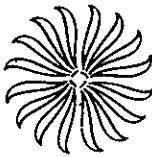
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OBJECT.

To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the Soldiers, Sailors and Mariners who united to suppress the late rebellion: To maintain allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws: to discountenance whatsoever tends to weaken loyalty, invites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men, and to obtain through the ballot box, if necessary, the rights to which we believe ourselves entitled.

# Headquarters Will County Union Veteran Association.

Our God, Our Country and Ourselves.

JOLIET, ILL.,

June 11

1894

A. W. Younger Esq  
Mayville Ill.

Dear Sir — The old soldiers of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Congressional District of Ills. will hold an encampment  
at Riverview Park near Joliet — for eight days from  
Aug 29 to Sep 5. Fourteen of the most prominent men  
in our country will be with us and address us.  
Our object is not simply to have a good time but to  
discuss the prominent questions before the people. And  
as we are a non-political society speakers may say  
what they may wish — We can assure you an audience  
of not less than 5000, our programme can be ar-  
ranged to suit your convenience for any day of  
the encampment — If it is possible for you to be  
with us plan with us soon as may be and we  
can correspond further in regard to details.

Very truly yours

E. R. Matteson.

President