

## Challenge Yourself, Round 13

### Auld Lang Syne

During this down time occasioned by the fight against the spread of the Coronavirus, we wanted to keep our members in touch with the Civil War with a bi-weekly round of questions and ponderables. Some were be easy, some were not. This was not a formal quiz, but a way to keep your ACW expertise sharp. Now that we've come to the end of the year (finally!), we will stand down. Whether we will pick it up again in 2021 is yet to be decided. In the meantime, though, we'll leave you with one last ponderable:

Grant imbibed. Was he an alcoholic in the commonplace sense of that term? What was the impact of his drinking on his career? With regard to his drinking, who were his most ardent accusers and staunchest defenders?

Answers to Round 12 questions:

#### ANSWERS:

1. C. It was introduced by Senator James W. Grimes of Iowa.
2. B. Officers weren't authorized the award until 3 March 1863.
3. D. Although B is also an acceptable answer.
4. D.

Extra Credit #1: They were awarded as a reenlistment bonus promised to the unit by Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

Extra Credit #2: They were all revoked in 1918.

5. A.
6. C. A total of 1522 Medals were awarded during the war, of which, the Navy received 311 and the Marine Corps 17.
7. B. 22 soldiers and 1 civilian received the Medal for their exploits.
8. A. Walker was a civilian surgeon, rare enough in its own right. Her medal was later revoked, and then finally, reinstated.
9. D.
10. C.

Extra Credit #1: Naval officers were routinely expected to go above and beyond in the normal performance of their duties, thus, their reward would be to be mentioned in official dispatches.

Extra Credit #2: Paige, who was watching the battle from the Fort's ramparts through his binoculars, ordered, "Pass the order not to fire on that ship; she is saving drowning men!"

11. A.