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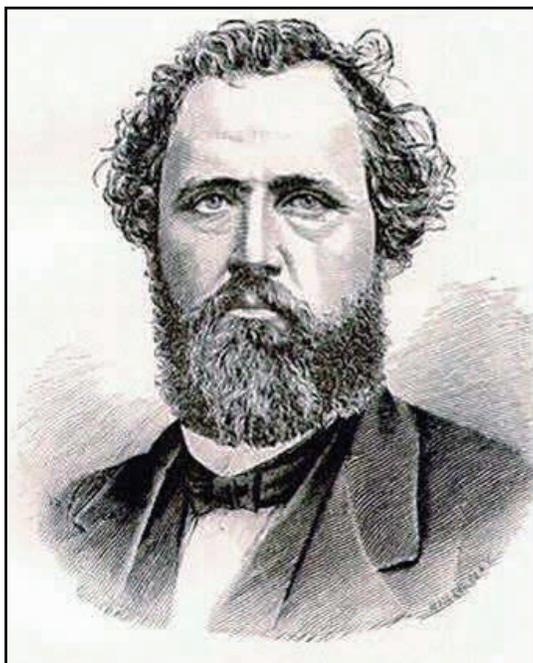
Years have passed since the Grand Army of the Republic was organized by a man who lived to the letter the principles upon which it was founded. Since the first Post was instituted April 6, 1866 by B.F. Stephenson of Decatur, IL, April 6th has meant much to the Veteran's of the Northern Army.

It is interesting to note that this organization originated with an Army Surgeon, who thought it out while perusing his beneficent labors among the wounded, sick and suffering, as a means to further a lasting bond between those who fought to save the Union.

According the history of this organization published in 1869, Dr. B.F. Stephenson and Reverend W.J. Rutledge, Chaplain of the 14th IL Infantry, were close friends and companions during the war. After the close of their army service this subject formed the basis of their correspondence until March 1866, when Chaplain Rutledge met Dr. Stephenson by appointment in Springfield, IL, and spent some time with him arranging a ritual for the proposed organization.

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON

Benjamin Franklin Stephenson was born in Wayne County, IL, October 30, 1822. In 1825 his parents moved to Sangamon County, IL, where he grew to manhood, strong in body, but with meager opportunities to study for the profession of his choice until after he obtained his majority, and then with his brother, Dr. William Stephenson in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He afterward attended lectures in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated in the fall of 1849-50 from Rush Medical College, Chicago, IL. He



commenced his practice in Springfield, IL, and soon married Barbara B. Moore. When the 14th IL Infantry was organized, he was elected surgeon but was not commissioned and Dr. G.T. Allen of Alton was mustered in. When Dr. Allen received a promotion to Brigade Surgeon, Dr. Stephenson was mustered in at Pittsburgh Landing April 7, 1862. He served in this Regiment in their arduous campaigns, and after three years' service returned to Springfield where a warm welcome was tendered him. With a short stay with the firm of Gold and Co, Druggists, he formed a partnership with Dr. Allen and Dr. James Hamilton. Dr. Stephenson became a popular and successful practitioner, and formed many strong friendships for his fund of good nature was unfailing. He was easily moved by tales of distress and freely gave to the poor of his services and orders of medicines without thought of recompense.

When the Grand Army organization was actually organized, it's work became upper most in his thought and

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For all other updates pertaining to the Roster please visit the newly updated website for committees and news.

<http://suvcw.org/LGAR/Home.html>

Find Membership Applications, all required forms for the year and the National Brochure to download and print. If you have something that you would like to have on the website (a project, correction, article, meeting dates etc.) please let the webmaster know.

OUR REVISED BY-LAWS NOW AVAILABLE AS A DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE

Reminder:

Per Capita is now paid to National by Departments & Circles under National ONCE A YEAR.

Per Capita is due May 15, 2016.

A \$25 Late Fee will be charged after the 15th and billed to your Dept. or Circle under National.

All Departments & Circles under National have been sent all forms for the year of 2016. All copies are on the website news & events page.

Supplies can be ordered from the National Treasurer Please make checks payable to "National Organization, LGAR"

The National Brochure is currently available for the cost of shipping, contact the Sec/Treas today for a price quote! Please distribute them to your local libraries, historical societies, American Legion Halls, and anyplace you can think of to gain new members. Be sure to put your name and contact info on the back of the brochure. *You can also download the National Brochure from our Website & print for yourself.*

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General Orders No. 2, 2015-2016

Dear Sisters, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I do hope that 2016 has started with blessings for you all.

1. After a few weeks past the holidays I am ready to get back to business at hand. We were so excited to welcome the Kelley-Worrell Circle from Illinois in 2015. Another circle is forming in Georgia and I am very excited to see both of these circles grow and participate both locally and Nationally. Good job ladies!
2. Thank you to everyone that made donations towards our Dr. Stephenson Memorial Plaza Bench. Our granite bench has been ordered, and we await the news of an official dedication ceremony.
3. As you make vacation plans for 2016 keep in mind that there are two functions in Springfield, IL this year. The first is April 16th for the annual Lincoln Tomb ceremonies.
4. The second date to plan to be in Springfield, IL will be August 11-14. We will be meeting with the Allied Orders this year and they are excited to have us re-join them. They are planning tours so sign up early and expect to have fun. We are looking for ladies in IL to help us plan for our own meeting; a room has already been reserved for us.
5. The quilt committee lead by Connie Beebe has been meeting and gathering information and ideas for our Civil War quilt. Anyone who has experience in piecing quilts is welcome to join in this effort. Just contact us and we will put you to work.
6. Finally, I would like to encourage you all to watch the Mercy Street series on your local PBS station on Sunday evenings. The New York Times said that it "presents a fresh perspective on this great American cataclysm by focusing not on battlefields and bayonets but on the drama at a luxury hotel-turned-hospital in Union-occupied Alexandria, Va., in the early days of the war. "The shows creative team has dubbed it "Gone with the wind meets MASH." Being a nurse it peaks my interest and I also feel that we as women will get the chance to experience a woman's point of view of the casualties and life during the war.

In FC&L, Carolyn Agosto

YOUR PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL

In November 2015 I traveled for the first time to Gettysburg, PA for Remembrance Day. It truly was a day to remember! If you love a man in uniform you have got to attend next year. I started feeling lost in Harrisburg, PA but found my way to Gettysburg. I saw a sign for the visitors center and decided to stop and see if they had maps of the city. Imagine my surprise when I was walking in the parking lot when the Rock and Bury families met up with me. Robert took me on a tour of the battlefields with the family joining us at each site. I learned so much, and later we met for dinner and Janice Corfman, PNP joined us also.

The memorials on Saturday were very touching and the weather was sunny and not too cold. I joined National Presidents Cindy Zerkowsky (Woman's Relief Corps), Linda Kronberg (Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War) and Sally Ridinger (Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War) riding in a carriage in the Remembrance Day Parade. I later attended the 85th Annual Dedication Day Dinner hosted by Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of South Central PA Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary. I gave greetings from the Ladies of the GAR and enjoyed visiting with Dorothy Frye Walker, State President of PA LGAR. She later took me on a tour of more of Gettysburg and we drove by the luminary in the military cemetery. It was amazing to look at. I hope to go back with good walking shoes!

Still later I went to the Original Civil War Ball hosted by the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Dance instruction was given by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Performing Troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation. I was mesmerized by the beautiful gowns and men in uniform. I was honored to meet the Lydanne's and Lawrence and Annette Keener-Farley who are a part of the leadership. This group gave the LGAR a \$500.00 grant for our Headquarters. One of our own members, Karen Lydanne, who is a part of this wonderful group suggested our organization for the grant. Thank you!

On to DC in February to honor the late President Lincoln's birthday.

In FC&L, Carolyn

QUARTERS FOR HEADQUARTERS

PLEASE COLLECT QUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MAKE YOUR DONATIONS PAYABLE TO "LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION" WITH QUARTERS FOR HEADQUARTERS IN THE MEMO LINE. MAIL THIS DONATION TO OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY ELIZABETH ROCK AT 68 W. MARION ST. DOYLESTOWN, OH 44230

DONATIONS WILL SERVE OUR HEADQUARTERS IN A MYRIAD OF WAYS. MUCH WORK HAS BEGUN TO PRESERVE OUR ARTIFACTS AND WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME. WE ALSO ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE OUR ROOM INSURED YEARLY FOR OUR CONTENTS.

DO YOUR PART AND ASSIST WITH OUR HEADQUARTERS MUSEUM ROOM.

OUR LGAR REGISTRAR ARCHIVES ARE NOW BEING SCANNED AT THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AT NO COST TO LGAR. MEMBERS IN THE AREA ARE DONATING THEIR TIME, MILEAGE, GAS & PARKING FEES, TO THE TUNE OF 5,000 HOURS, \$375 IN PARKING FEES, \$720 IN GAS, & 2160 MILES FOR THE YEAR. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST PROJECTS WE COMPLETE FOR THIS ORGANIZATION, BEING ABLE TO DIGITALLY FIND OUR MEMBERS AND REFERENCE THEIR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON. PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE THAT ARE WORKING ON THIS PROJECT WITH A DONATION. IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK PLEASE PUT "HQ PETTY CASH"

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY DONORS FOR OUR GRANITE BENCH FOR THE DR STEPHENSON MEMORIAL PLAZA:

Anonymous || Bartlett Kelley Circle || Brad Schall || Connie Lies || Dept of CA || Dept of Ohio || Eleanor Lowe Circle || Ellen Higgins || Joan Dowd || Karen Lydanne || Ms. Burley || Orson Avery Sterns Circle || PA Dept || Pat Everette || Robert Burns Brown Circle || Sonja Hayes in Memory of Mary Stott Hayes || Sue Erlich || Thomas Circle, Dept of CA || William B Hatch Circle || Yvonne Bedell

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and you do your ancestors honor. Dedication Ceremony TBA

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- Flag Ribbon for Badges \$3.50
- Organization Pamphlets Postage \$2 for 50 brochures
- Music and Words from Ode Card \$1.50

All items will have a little shipping added unless it will fit in a regular envelope. Please contact the National Secretary/Treasurer to place your order:

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influenced all his actions. He died August 30, 1871 at the age of 49, just when he was to reap the harvest of his work. Dr. James Hamilton paid tribute to his friend at his burial on the banks of the Sangamon River, where the services were in accordance with the Grand Army ritual.



Thirty two years were to pass before the fulfillment of his honor, but come it did with the dedication on July 3rd, 1909, of a beautiful memorial to Dr. Stephenson. Designed by J. Massey Rhind, it was erected at the cost of \$45,000 and stands at 7th St. at PA Avenue NW, in Washington DC. \$10,000 was paid by the Grand Army of the Republic and the balance appropriated by Congress. This is where for years, the Grand Army and the Allied Orders, brought their tribute on Grand Army Day, April 6th, each year to honor the memory of the preservers of the Union.

ARMY DAY

It was April 6th, 1917, with Congress in special session, that war was declared on the Imperial German Government for repeated acts of war against the Government and the people of the US. When peace came in November 1917, the Military Order of the World War was organized but not until 1927 at a meeting of the General Staff, was it voted to celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of this war as Army Day. Since then, April 6th has been observed by this organization with other military organizations participating in parades in the capital city, reviewed by the President.

Feeling that this day is of great importance to our country, Congress, by Senate concurrent resolution 5, 75th Congress, agreed to by the House of Representatives, March 16, 1937, has recognized April 6th of each year as Army Day, and has requested that the President of the US issue a proclamation annually with respect to that day. This year a proclamation was issued; "Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the US, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 6, 1944, as Army Day, and do invite Governors of the various states to issue proclamations calling for the appropriate observance of that day." And so Grand Army Day becomes Army Day.

Bugle Call March/April 1944

Join the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic as they hold their National Convention with the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW in Springfield, IL to commemorate the 150 Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. Tour the Dr. Stephenson Memorial Plaza in Petersburg, IL where the LGAR has purchased a new granite memorial bench. Be sure to leave time to tour Springfield, including the Lincoln Tomb, the new library and museum downtown, and Lincoln's home.

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 11-13, 2016

TO BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

FULL DETAILS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OF THE BUGLE CALL.

OUR SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE SOON.

FOR ALL OTHER INFO PLEASE VISIT THE SUVCW WEBSITE.

ROBY. *Mrs. Lelia P., philanthropist and founder of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, born in Boston, Mass., 25th December, 1848. Her father and grandfather were clergymen and anti-slavery agitators. She is descended from Priscilla Mullens and John Alden, of the Mayflower colony. Among her ancestors were many Revolutionary heroes. She has always felt a deep interest in the soldiers who fought in the Civil War. She is a regent of the Daughters of the Revolution. On 12th June, 1886, in Chicago, IL, where she lives, she founded the order of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, which started with twenty-five members, and now numbers about 15,000 mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of soldiers and sailors who served in the war of 1861-65. The members of that order are pledged to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in works of charity, to extend needful aid to members in sickness and distress, to aid sick soldiers, sailors and marines, to look after soldiers' orphan's homes, to see that the children obtain proper situations when they leave the homes, to watch the schools, and see to it that the children receive proper education in the history of the country and in patriotism. She has secured many pensions for soldiers and in countless ways worked for the good of the survivors of the war. Her activities cover a wide range. She was one of four women selected by the board of education of Chicago to represent them before the legislature of the State to help pass the compulsory education bill. It was passed, for a large majority of the legislators were old soldiers, and the fact that Mrs. Roby was their friend made voting for a measure she advocated a pleasant duty. She is the only woman member of the Lincoln Guard of Honor of Springfield, Ill., and an honorary member of the Lincoln Guard of Honor of California, an honor conferred on her "for her many acts of devotion to his memory," through Gen. Sherman. She is a member of the Chicago Academy of Science, she is president of the South Side Study Club of Chicago, vice-president of the Woman's National Press Association of Washington for Illinois, a member of the Nineteenth Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, of the Society for the Advancement of Women, and of the American Society of Authors. She has the care and oversight of supplying the soldiers' homes with books, magazines and periodicals; she visits the homes in various parts of the country and looks after the comfort of the old soldiers, and if there is special legislation needed to right their wrongs or give them additional comforts, she goes to the State legislatures or to Washington to secure such enactment. Through her efforts Memorial Day was set apart in the schools for the reading of histories or stories of the war, and preparing for Memorial Day itself. She never tires in her work, and her husband and two sons are enthusiastic in the work also. She is the wife of General Edward Roby, a constitutional lawyer of Chicago. She does a good deal of literary work under the pen-name "Miles Standish." She is preparing for publication a large volume entitled "Heart Beats of the Republic." She is a model home-maker, a connoisseur in architecture and art, a fine linguist, thoroughly educated, and a well-read lawyer.*



LIBRARIAN TIDBITS...

The following appeared in the Smithsonian Magazine: July-August 2015 "American Requiem, Walking the far flung battlefields to picture the nations defining tragedy in a modern light."

March 2015 "The Blood Relics" by James L. Swanson who also wrote "Manhunt, the 12 day chase for the Lincoln Killer" One of a series of books about the assassination. "Bloody Crimes" and "Chasing the Lincoln Killer." The pictures and text cover the following: Fords Theater playbill, swatch of Laura Keens blood stained costume, lock of Lincoln's hair, Booths weapon, reward poster, Booth death announcement, Mourning Drum played many places including Lincoln's Springfield funeral.

Also in the same issue: "The Physic Connection by Terry Alford. Lincoln down played many rumors of assassination.

"After Life" by Harold Holzer. Harold noted that Lincoln was not universally mourned, even in the north.

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UPDATES:

Please note:

Our Jr. Vice President, PNP Barbara Tyler, has resigned due to health issues. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers this year. If you qualify to hold the office of Jr. Vice and are willing to serve for the remainder of this term, please contact President Agosto asap.

Our Elected Treasurer, PNP Judy Rock, has resigned as National Treasurer, and we wish her well while she moves out of country. All Treasurer duties and supplies, will be handled by Secretary Elizabeth Rock for the remainder of the year.

Ladies, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill the offices of our National Order. Gone are the days when ladies have a week to travel for conventions that are costly and time consuming. We are down to a two day plus one evening convention to conduct the business for this nonprofit. The members present at the 2015 convention voted not to go to a one day meeting. Therefore, we need you to support the full convention by being willing to travel each year to a convention, and be willing to take an office and do the work required. Step up...and do your part!

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