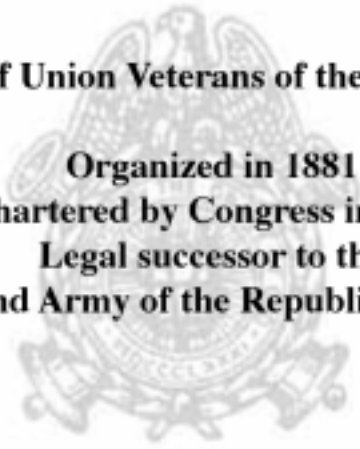


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Photo at left: Presidential Pause - The Indiana Department's PDC Gib Young and Mr. Fritz Klein, alias Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, recently "passed time" reading up on current events in the shadow of Mount Rushmore.

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"It is not merely for today, but for all time to come that we should perpetuate for our children's children this great and free government, which we have enjoyed all our lives. I beg you to remember this, not merely for my sake, but for yours. I happen temporarily to occupy this big White House. I am a living witness than any one of your children may look to come here as my father's child has. It is in order that each of you may have through this free government which we have enjoyed, an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enterprise and intelligence; that you may all have equal privileges in the race of life, with all its desirable human aspirations. It is for this the struggle should be maintained, that we may not lose our birthright...The nation is worth fighting for, to secure such an inestimable jewel."

Abraham Lincoln address to 166th OVI, August 22, 1864

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On the Cover: Brothers Bob Dorsey, PCC Dave Sosnowski, Bill Moc, and Doug Neal and Justin Dorsey (Gettysburg Camp 112) share a moment of reflection at the Woolson monument ceremony during the 2007 Remembrance Day observance in Gettysburg. The brothers served as the Commander-in-Chief's color guard during the observance. Not seen is Junior Josh McMillan, serving as guidon bearer.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2007-2008****OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF****CHARLES E. KUHN JR.****464 Lake Meade Dr.****East Berlin, PA 17316****Charlie_kuhn@comcast.net****GENERAL ORDER NO. 4**

1. Brothers, after careful consideration and a great deal of effort of the Nat. Counselor and the Nat. Committee on Constitution and Regulations they have reported back to this office the results of the efforts of the 126th Nat. Encampment on the matter pertaining to Junior Associates. In the rush to create a class of Membership known as Junior Associates the vote of the Brothers seated at the 126th Nat. Encampment SUVCW have placed their efforts in contradiction to the Congressional Charter, our Nat. Constitution and the Regulations of this Order.

2. The Constitution speaks to the classes of membership and specifically segregates Associates from Members. It further states there shall be one (1) class of Associates (Article VII, Section 2). The creation of a second class of Associates in the form of Junior Associates is clearly in conflict with this provision of the Constitution.

3. In instances when there is conflict between the Regulations and the Constitution, both the Regulations and Constitution are mute. However there are several applicable decisions to be found in the Digest of Decisions;

+ The CinC or the Div. Co. cannot by special dispensation or otherwise, alter, amend or abrogate any provision of the Constitution. (CinC Griffin Op. VI, Blue Book 11; also Op. LXXVI, Blue Book, 73)

+ The CinC has no power of approving the action of any division on any subject, where action does not conform to the constitution and regulations of the Order. (CinC Hall Dec. IX, 12th, 29)

+ There is no authority by which even the CinC may grant a dispensation to permit a violation of the Constitution. (CinC Rake, Dec. IV, 16th, 29)

+ ...as the CR&R provide[s], Camp or Div. By-Laws conflicting with the CR&R in this or other respects [are] invalid. (CinC Griffin, Op. SSSV, Blue Book, 34)

4. It is generally accepted that the CinC cannot change an action of an Encampment, while at the same time the CinC is sworn to protect the C&R of the Order. Therefore, I have come to the following conclusions and decisions:

+ The CinC cannot give any dispensation to allow a provision of the Regulations which is in conflict with the Constitution to be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent Encampment.

+ When a conflict exists between governing instruments, the instrument with higher precedence must be considered to be the ruling instrument.

+ The order of precedence of our controlling instruments is the Congressional Articles of Incorporation (Congressional Charter), the Constitution, the Regulations, Dept. by-laws, and Camp by-laws.

+ The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 Nat. Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates is in conflict with the provisions of the Nat. Constitution SUVCW, Article VII, Section 2, and will require the process described in Article IX of the Nat. Constitution in order to amend the same.

5. After considering the above, it is also my decision that the acceptance of Junior Associates into any Camp, Dept. or the Nat. Order shall cease immediately and be held in abeyance until such time as the conflict between the C&R can be resolved by a Nat. Encampment and the Brothers seated therein.

6. Any Junior Associate that has been accepted into a Camp, Dept. or the Nat. Order after 28 August, 2007 may remain as long as they comply with all restrictions relevant to Juniors and Associates combined.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4A

Upon further consideration I have determined that paragraph 6 of General Order 4 is incorrect. Whereas, many Camps have not yet met since the 126th Nat. Encampment and whereas, this Office recognizes the need for Juniors, Members or Associates, and whereas, Camps may have already recruited Junior Associates due to action of the 126th Nat. Encampment and have not had time to act upon these applications, it is my decision that paragraph 6, General Order 4, must be amended to accommodate such circumstances. I hereby Order that par. 6 be stricken from General Order 4, Series 2007 - 2008 and replaced with the following;

“6. Applications for Junior Associates who have applied to a Camp, Dept. or the Nat. Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Junior Associates who have applied prior to this date and are initiated into the Order are subject to all rules and regulations pertaining to both Juniors and Associates. Any further recruitment of Junior Associates shall cease until such time as the C&R of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Junior Associates.”

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007.

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May 30, 2008 will mark the 140th anniversary of Memorial Day. In the first of a two part series by Br. Michael Jones, Hecker Camp 443, Dept. of IL, and curator of Murphysboro's John A. Logan Museum, we focus on the holiday's main proponent.

JOHN A. LOGAN OF ILLINOIS

John A. Logan was born in what is now Murphysboro, in Southern Illinois, February 9, 1826. Southern Illinois was both geographically and culturally Southern and, during the early stages of the Civil War, there was some talk of secession. It is there that Logan acquired his political beliefs and Southern attitude from both his family and his neighbors. Logan's first military experience came as a volunteer in the Mexican-American War. His political career began shortly thereafter. A Jacksonian Democrat, he rose from County Clerk to the Illinois State House, to the U.S. House of Representatives in ten years.



Logan was a member of the U.S. House when the Civil War began. As a states rights, abolitionist-hating Democrat he had a hard decision to make. Would he abandon his politics or his nation? In July, he took part in the First Battle of Bull Run as a civilian fighting with a Michigan unit.

It was August 1861, however, before he made his feelings known to his constituents with a speech in Marion, Ill. He would fight to save the Union, but should Lincoln free the slaves, he would lead his soldiers back home. U.S. Grant credited this speech with saving Southern Illinois for the Union. He entered the war as colonel of the 31st Illinois Vol. Inf. Logan's beliefs changed during the war. By 1863, he embraced Lincoln's policy, supported the Emancipation Proclamation, and the use of African American troops. Logan's actions, according to Lincoln's secretary John

Hay, even brought the President to absolve Logan "for all the wrong he ever did and all he will do hereafter." In 1864, at Lincoln's request, Logan returned to Illinois and campaigned for the President's second term. By war's end, Logan was a Major General and the only volunteer to command an Army in the field.

The Civil War brought Logan national fame and his energetic temperament and darkly dramatic good looks made him a hero among his contemporaries. Logan returned to politics in 1866 as a Republican. As a member of the House and then the Senate, he worked for equal rights for America's former slaves and pensions for the Union's brave defenders. As GAR Commander-in-Chief, he established Memorial Day as a national holiday. Unsuccessful as the 1884 Vice Presidential candidate, Logan set his eyes on the 1888 Presidency. His death on December 26, 1886 put an end to his dreams. At his death, he was one of the most famous men in the nation. He lies buried in Soldiers' and Airmen's Cemetery in Washington D.C.

John A. Logan's fame did not end with his death. He is honored with statues in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Vicksburg, and on the campus of John A. Logan College in Carterville, Ill., as well as in Murphysboro. The DUVCW placed plaques across America honoring him as the founder of Memorial Day. In 1989, the General John A. Logan Museum opened in Murphysboro. Logan's 2006 election to Raleigh, North Carolina's Centennial Hall of Fame was a belated thank you for saving the city from an angry mob of Union soldiers seeking revenge for Lincoln's assassination...a unique honor for a Union general by a Southern city.

For information and the petition to return Memorial Day to May 30th, visit: www.usmemorialday.org/act



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

1. With the recent action that took place at the 126th Nat. Encampment concerning Junior Associates, the Nat. Counselor, the C&R Committee, PCinCs, Brothers of this Order who have legal expertise, as well as this Office, have spent much time examining all areas of the C&R. There is one other area of the Constitution that is in conflict with the Regulations of the Order.

2. These types of things occur when we try to address Constitutional issues by amending the Regulations. The Constitution defines who we are and why we are here. The Regulations place rules upon each of the items in the Constitution. That is why we cannot repair Constitutional issues such as Membership in the Order with amendments to the Regulations.

3. Membership must be addressed with Constitutional amendments. For the same reasons set forth in General Order 4, Series 2007 - 2008, Junior Membership as a whole has placed the Constitution in conflict with the Regulations of the Order. This is a situation that is non tenable.

4. The Constitution is very specific in defining Membership in the Order. It specifically states that there will be three (3) classes of Members. They are Members, Life Members, and Honorary Members.

5. Therefore, with a heavy heart and a great deal of thought, as well as reluctance to issue this Order, it is the general consensus that further recruitment of Junior Members must be held in abeyance until such time that the C&R of this Order are no longer in conflict with each other concerning this issue.

6. Juniors who have already been initiated into the Order, and are currently on the Roster of the same, shall remain with the same restrictions as are currently in force concerning them.

7. Applications for Juniors who have applied to a Camp, Dept. or the Nat. Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Any further recruitment of Juniors shall cease until such time as the C&R of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Juniors.

8. It is my earnest hope that this issue will be brought to a close during this Administration. I will do everything within my powers as CinC to bring this to a successful conclusion and re-establish Juniors and Junior Associates within the Order, if at all possible, for this issue also affects this Office as well. I too have a Grandson that will be eligible to become a Junior next year.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

Pursuant to Article IX of the Nat. Constitution of the SUVCW, resolutions proposing amending the

Constitution of the Order have been submitted in writing by the Pennsylvania Dept. on 6 October, 2007. The resolutions propose the following changes;

First Resolution

ARTICLE VII. - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership classes. There shall be *four (4)* classes of membership.

(a) Members. Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(d) Junior Members. Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998. The minimum age for Junior Members shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

Section 4. A **Brother** in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Discharge *of the appropriate type* and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

Section 5. Restrictions on Junior Members and Junior Associates.

(a) Neither Junior Members nor Junior Associates may be elected to any National, Department or Camp office.

(b) The National Organization may further provide for the regulations of Junior Members and/or Junior Associates in the Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Second Resolution

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

(a) Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 **200303** of the Articles of Incorporation **as amended in 1998** but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

(b) Junior Associates are males less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization. The minimum age for Junior Associates shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

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CENTRAL REGION MEETS

The Central Region Association of the GAR's Allied Orders held their annual Conference in Crawfordsville, IN, on October 6th. The SUVCW's Indiana Dept. sponsored the Conference. There were 40 attendees representing 11 states. All five Allied Orders heads sent a representative or were present themselves, including WRC Nat. Pres. Marcia Butgereit of Michigan and LGAR Nat. Pres. Phyllis Houston of Oregon. Indiana's 17 attendees included three DUVCW and 14 SUVCW members.

Participants toured the Lane Place and the Lew Wallace Study in the morning. After a catered lunch, PCinC Allen Moore and PDC Gib Young presented "Recruiting the Troops," followed by breakout sessions on recruitment activities that Camps, Tents, Corps, Auxiliaries, and Circles could attempt over the next year. Commander Mary Fritz (IA) presided over the business session. In the evening, banquet guests were entertained by Indiana's own Company Singers from Huntington.

The Installation of Officers was also completed during the banquet. The new elected officers for 2008 are Commander Alan Teller (IN), SVC Walter Busch (MO), JVC Gracanne Smith (MI). Region secretary Lee Ann Teller is finishing the second year of a 3-year term. Appointed officers are Chaplain Barbara Stone (IN), Patriotic Instructor Alan Russ (KS), Historian Mary Fritz (IA), Color Bearer Mike Beck (IN), and Guide Marcia Butgereit (MI).

The 2008 meeting will be in St. Louis, MO, on October 4th, at the Holiday Inn South-Butler Hill.

FROM THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

By PDC Brad Schall

Active membership in the SUVCW has, throughout our history, had periods of a lot of activity and then periods when we have almost been dormant. The active period by its mere description means we were doing things and I think you can trace that to periods of National Patriotic events...anniversaries, parades, and centennials or in some cases, movies. "Gettysburg" was a great shot in the arm and the Civil War's 150th anniversary (2010 - 2016) will also be a period of great focus.

Our Brothers in Kansas and Missouri have had an increased awareness and activity due to the focus and interest on the Border War period (1855 - 1860).

Now is the time to start planning events for the 2010 period. Nationally, CinC Kuhn has appointed a committee to prepare us. It would behoove all Camps to check with their local area, county and state governments to see if they have commissions to serve on.

The SUVCW may be the best kept secret in this country. Each of us has heard, "I didn't know there was a Civil War group like yours." The general public can get to know the Sons through its patriotic initiatives. We have two such programs that could have a long term effect on our membership: the Eagle Scout and the ROTC award certificates. Young men and women who receive these awards are prime candidates for membership in the Allied Orders later in life. Does your camp participate in these programs?



Holidays offer an opportunity to gain community support. Shown here is Missouri's Phelps Camp 66 in Branson's Veterans Day parade. The Camp's "Parade of the American Soldier" marching unit features members in uniforms of the Revolution through the current War on Terrorism. Photo by Nancy Clanton

Celebrating Patriotic events is one of our primary functions and holidays offer us the opportunity to gain support for our camps in the community. Listed below are some events between now and the 4th of July.

March 17th - St. Patriotic Day

March 23rd - Easter Sunday

April 1st - April fools day

April 12th - Lincoln's Death Day (Springfield, Illinois)

April 15th - Lincoln's Death Day

May 11th - Mother's Day

May 19th - Armed Forces Day

May 26th - Celebrated Memorial Day

May 30th - Traditional Memorial Day

June 6th - D-Day

June 14th - Flag Day

June 15th - Father's Day

July 1,2,3 - Battle of Gettysburg

July 4th - Independence Day

If you have any questions or I can be of assistance, please let me know. My email address is dschall@starstream.net.

The next time you see our flag flying, pause a little longer and give thanks to this great country we live in.



NEW CAMPS WELCOMED TO THE ORDER

Buckhannon Camp 49, Dept. of Maryland

On Saturday, August 11th, CinC Charles A. Kuhn, Maryland DC Stephen S. Hammond and Maryland Dept. Secretary, Eugene Mortorff were on hand to welcome the newest camp under their respective commands.

Buckhannon Camp 49 received its official charter. In the traditional ceremony, Matthew P. Gillespie, Nathaniel P. Gillespie, Michael D. Phillips, Rev. Jeffery V. Zickefoose and Mark D. Tennant were recognized as the charter members. Each was sworn into his respective office, Matt Gillespie serving as Camp Commander.

The new camp takes its name and number from Buckhannon's GAR Post. Photos of the Post have been placed on the SUVCW web site.



Photo from left to right: MD Dept Sec/Treas and Nat. COS Eugene Mortorff, MD DC Steve Hammond, Camp GRO Jeffrey Zickefoose, Camp Council Michael Phillips, CinC Charlie Kuhn, CC Matt Gillespie and Camp Eagle Scout Coord. Nathaniel Gillespie.

Camp members have already set seven veterans' headstones on unmarked graves and Br. Tennant has identified five unknown veterans buried in the Grafton National Cemetery. There are now plans to restore a graveyard containing Upshur County's Last Soldier and to place an historic marker at the sight of the Battle of Buckhannon.

Buckhannon Camp 49 thanks Brs. Kuhn, Hammond and Mortorff for going so far out of their way to perform the ceremonies and welcome us into the brotherhood.

Interested in Organizing a New Camp?

Once authorized by your Dept. Commander, contact your Dept. Secretary for the necessary forms and instructions. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors is required. See Form 50 for specifics.

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

The following new Camp has submitted an application for a charter (submitted Form 55):

Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 - Marietta, GA, Department-at-Large. (Organizer - Br. Ernie Blevins)

The following new Camps have permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

Charles Sumner Camp 25 - Chestertown, MD, Dept. of Maryland. (Organizer - PDC James Hanby)

Frederick W. Lander Camp 5 - Lynn, MA, Dept. of Massachusetts. (Organizer - DSVK Kevin Tucker)

Gen. William S. Harney Camp 8 - Winter Park, FL, Dept. of Florida. (Organizer - Rev. William Cavins)

George W. Dean Camp 21 - Dubuque, IA, Dept. of Iowa (Organizer - Br. C.R. Stephen)

Cpl. John Starks Camp 105 - Machias, NY, Dept. of New York (Organizer - PDC Michael Bennett)

The following new Camp has requested permission to form (submitted Form 51 for signature):

North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp 5 - Morehead City, NC, Department-at-Large. (Organizer - Br. Bryan Salter)

Illinois Camp Organizes at GAR Hall

Rockford, Illinois' GAR Memorial Hall was built in 1903 to house Garrett L. Nervius GAR Post 1, which met there for over 30 years. It had also been the home of Gen. John A. Logan Camp 26, but for decades, there had been no Sons presence there.

Following extensive renovations, Memorial Hall was officially reopened to the public for guided tours in January 2005. Since then, over 26 veterans, political and military associated groups have taken advantage of the facilities.

A special meeting was hosted by Chicago's Phil Sheridan Camp 2 at the Memorial Hall on March 25, 2006. Initiation of new members was conducted by DC Stuart Stefany. Local men initiated into existing IL Camps were Jody Crago, GAR Hall curator Terry Dyer, Bill Johnson, and Paul Ecker. This corps of men served as the local organizers for the new Camp.

When Rockford commemorated the 140th anniversary of the chartering of Nevius Post 67 and the 103rd anniversary of the opening of the hall by President Theodore Roosevelt, PDC Stefany's remarks continued to spark interest and focus attention on the new Camp.

In September, at another organizational meeting, the Form 51 was reviewed, completed and signed by the Illinois Dept. The SS-4 (Application for Employer Identification Number) was completed and a number assigned to the new Camp. The Camp opened a checking account, so potential members could submit completed applications with dues.



CinC Pahl presents the charter to the Rockford Camp's Br. Leonard Cassaro, CC Terry Dyer and Br. William Johnson at the 126th National Encampment in St. Louis.

An October meeting at the Memorial Hall included selection of Camp officers. The remaining forms were also completed.

At the Dept. Mid-year meeting that year, the Dept. of IL completed its part of the sign-off and submitted the paperwork to National. CinC Pahl presented the Camp's charter at the National Encampment in St. Louis.

Helping Hands Across the Delaware

For the past five years, Br. Les Salsbury of Lambertville, NJ, had dreamed of establishing a local Camp in memory of MOH recipient Hiram W. Purcell of Upper Black Eddy, PA. After several unsuccessful attempts, Les contacted the brothers of Philadelphia's Anna M. Ross Camp 1 for help. PCC Jeff Heagy led the formation process with assistance from PCinC Bud Atkinson, PCC Ralph Prince, PCC Andy Carr, PCC Andy Waskie, CC Ken Gavin, Brs. Albert El and Kurt Vouk.

About a year ago, Brs. Les and Jeff presented their plan at the New Jersey Department's semi-annual meeting, and it was warmly received. On July 26th, after over seven months of collaborative effort, CinC Pahl officially chartered the Camp, which listed 38 charter members and three Associates. The new members were initiated and officers installed at the Lambertville re-enactment on August 5th. Many Camp 1 brothers took an active role in the ceremony and joined as charter members.

The chartering was truly historic as Hiram W. Purcell Camp 104 was New Jersey's first new Camp in 15 years and the first in Hunterdon County in over 60 years.

Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18, Dept of Texas

Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18 was officially installed on September 18th. DJVC George Hansen served as ceremony Installing Officer and wore a period, Regular Infantry captain's uniform. Five new SUV members were inducted during the service and were presented with membership cards and medals.



Photo from left to right: Brs. Travis Sickler, Don Gates, DJVC George Hansen, Austin Powers, Bryan Powers, David Noe, Michael Radcliff, Paul Mattoon and CC Harold Sickler

The Camp charter was presented by Br. Hansen to incoming CC Harold Sickler; whereupon, the charter was signed by all eligible members. The Ellsworth Camp meets in Plano, Texas, and will focus on activities and events near Dallas and in north central Texas.



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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES
18 November 2007 - Gettysburg, PA**

The meeting was opened by CinC Charles Kuhn at 8:03 am. The opening prayer was offered by Nat. Chap. Jerome Kowalski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call indicated those present: CinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., JVCinC Leo Kennedy, Nat. Sec. Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. QM Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Daniel Murray, James Hanby, Eric Schmincke, D. Brad Schall and Robert Petrovic, Immediate PCinC James Pahl, Nat. Counselor Richard D. Orr, Wash., D.C. Rep. Andrew Johnson, and Banner Editor Stephen A. Michaels. Additional PCinCs present were Charles W. Corfman, Edward J. Krieser and Elmer F. Atkinson. Guests included Exec. Dir. Lee Walters, Nat. Chap. Kowalski, Nat. GRO Bob Lowe, Nat. Chief of Staff Gene Mortorff and MA DC Perley Mellor. SVCinC David V. Medert was excused due to an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

Delinquent IRS Form 990's - Nat. Treas. Newman reported that none of the audits had been completed.

Delinquent Nat. Encampment proceedings - Based on the Nat. Treas. report, previously missing proceedings were either turned in to the committee as ordered or were otherwise accounted for. Br. Hanby moved, Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, and the motion passed to form a committee to determine which brothers are still eligible to receive paper copies of past Nat. Encampment proceedings. As there were a few not on the Nat. Treas. list, the committee would verify that all proceedings were accounted for.

Nat. GRO - Br. Lowe reported the need for enhancements to current database software and was concerned about the lack of progress in this area. His job has grown tremendously with the inclusion of grave photos. Inputting GR data takes approximately four (4) min./entry. Additionally, there are approximately 15,000 VT records needing correction. Three (3) Departments are without a GRO. Due to the increased workload, Br. Bruce Frail (RI) was recently added as Comm. aide.

Records Retention Policy - PCinC Orr reported that he has taken the matter to the C&R Comm.

Spec. Encampment/Changes to the C&R - CinC Kuhn tasked the Nat. Sec. with distributing Constitution changes to Dept. Secretaries, along with a ratification cover sheet, so that the Dept. Encampments can take action in 2008. By action of the Spec. Nat. Encampment, the Regulation changes become effective 1 July 08, assuming the changes to the Constitution are ratified.

Protection of SUVCW insignias/emblems - The Order has a 100 year-old patent on its badge and a copyright on the emblem. PCinCs Orr and Pahl were assigned to search for a patent attorney with an opinion on the Order's protection of its badge and emblem.

Processing charters for new Camps - Br. Petrovic offered the services of a St. Louis calligrapher who would charge \$20 max. for SUVCW charters. Due to calligraphy, shipping charges, etc., the cost may exceed the \$25 charter fee imposed by the Nat. Order. PCinC Pahl moved, Br. Schmincke seconded, and the motion passed to provide calligraphy on new charters and have the Nat. Order absorb additional costs. Discussion ensued on allowing Departments to give Camps permission to form (Form 51). Currently, the Nat. Order grants this permission. PCinC Orr volunteered to

take this item to the C&R Comm.

Revisions to the Membership Application (Form 1) - a request to add space for the cemetery's name where a qualifying ancestor is buried (if known) was submitted previously for the Program and Policy Comm.'s review. Other ideas included creating a supplemental form for adding additional ancestors. Br. Schmincke moved, Br. Schall seconded, and the motion passed to assign the Program and Policy Comm. to amend the GRO's job description to include recording graves info from Membership Applications.

Per capita dues for Dual Members - the consensus was that dual members pay per capita to both Camps. PCinC Orr said that once, Forms 27 and 35 had blanks identifying dual members, but were dropped during the revision from quarterly to annual reporting. He recommended, for accuracy, that the Program and Policy Comm consider dual members in revising the respective forms.

NEW BUSINESS

Lincoln Death Day - PCinC Krieser briefed the Council on the event, scheduled for Saturday, 12 Apr. 08 in Springfield, IL. The contract with the hotel, the State House Inn is in place.

Spring Council of Admin. Meeting - held in conjunction with Lincoln Death Day in Springfield, IL on Sat., 12 Apr. 08 at 6 pm. The CinC suggested a "working dinner" meeting, with food provided.

Lincoln Bicentennial - PCinC Krieser reported that the Lincoln Bicentennial coin developed by PCinC Loomis was turned over to the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Br. Hanby spoke on the official observance, suggesting that the CinC or his rep be present in KY next Feb., as the U.S. President will be there for the kickoff of the 2-year observance. Br. Hanby suggested that the Civil War Sesquicentennial Comm. be tasked will following the Lincoln Bicentennial events. CinC Kuhn concurred.

New GAR monument in a Tulsa, OK cemetery - there is no OK GAR monument. Br. Schall reported that the Indian Nations Camp requested a Memorials/Monuments grant, raising \$4500 of the \$9000 needed, including \$1,000 from the SUVCW Charitable Fndtn. Br. Petrovic moved, Br. Hanby seconded and the motion passed to donate \$1000 of the GAR Fund to support this activity.

Approval of Camp items - PCinC Orr noted that the Nat. Charter doesn't restrict Camps from using the Order's name, only the emblem. Regarding Garfield Camp 142's items, PCinC Pahl moved, Br. Schmincke seconded and the motion passed to (1) rescind the previous meeting's action; (2) accept the OH DC's offer; and (3) table further discussion on CoA approval of Camp items until the Spring Council meeting. The Nat. Sec. will notify the Dept. of this action.

Expediting Nat. Encampment Elections - the time consumed at the 126th Nat. Encampment was noted. Empowering DCs and/or Dept. delegation chairmen with more control of del. counts during roll calls was discussed. The CinC will issue a Gen. Order and tasked Br. Schmincke with coordinating with Credentials Comm. Chrmn. Powell prior to issuance.

Honorary Membership - based upon a recent nomination, the CinC believed the current criteria too stringent. An informal survey of the Council of Admin. indicated the criteria is acceptable. The CinC tasked the MD Dept. with approaching historian Ed Bearss with SUVCW Honorary Membership.



Shortening the Process for Changing the Constitution - both PCinCs Orr and Pahl offered that proposed Regulation changes be submitted in advance for an adequate review. A situation similar to the 126th Nat. Encampment's Jr. Assoc. action could be avoided.

Executive Session - CinC Kuhn declared a break from 11 to 11:15 am.

CinC Kuhn nominated a brother for a Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. Motion made by Nat. QM Wheeler moved, Br. Hanby seconded and the motion passed approving the nomination.

Development of CD containing the Constitution, Regulations, Digest, Policies, etc. PCinC Pahl responded that he will develop this CD once the proposed changes to the C&R are made official.

2008 Dept. Encampment schedule - Based upon Nat. CofS Mortorff's report, Nat. elected officers were assigned to attend 11 Dept. Encampments. There were still several Departments that have yet to respond with their Encampment dates.

Church Service Proposal - Nat. Chap. Kowalski suggested a 20-minute service at Gettysburg and Springfield Council meetings, and the Nat. Encampment. Br. Hanby moved, Br Schall seconded and the motion passed to hold services on Sundays at 7 am.

National Anthem respect - Pres. candidate Barack Obama failed to place his hand over his heart. The CinC considered sending a letter, taking exception to the behavior. The Council's consensus was that the Order should not get involved in this political issue.

Nat. Sec. Job Description Item 5 - currently states that the Sec. provide monthly reports of the numerical and financial strength of the Order to the Council. Previous Nat. Sec.'s reported that it had been many years since this information was presented. The help of the Exec. Dir. and the Nat. Treas. would be required. The Program and Policy Comm. was asked to amend the position description, eliminating item 5.

WI Dept. Request to use SUVCW emblem/logo - on a 125th Dept. Encampment ribbon and pin-back button in 2008. Br Hanby moved, Br. Schmincke seconded and the motion to approve passed. The Nat. Sec. will notify the Dept. of this action.

NH Dept. Request to use SUVCW emblem/logo - on a Dept. challenge coin. Br. Schmincke moved, Br. Hanby seconded and the motion to approve passed. The Nat. Sec. will notify the Dept. of this action.

Partial distribution of the William E. Little Trust - letter received by PCinC Pahl. The information was passed to PCinC Michaels for inclusion in the Banner.

Recommendations - PCinC Orr (a) recommended wording changes to the Order's Rituals, relative to Juniors; (b) reported sets of Spec. Nat. Encampment ribbons and voting cards will be sold for \$7, including S&H; and (c) the GAR Sesquicentennial Comm. recommends the SUVCW seek Congress's authorization for U.S. Mint commemorative coins in gold, silver and platinum. Since the mint cannot make a profit, proceeds above and beyond the cost of production are directed to non-profit organizations. PCinC Pahl moved, Br. Schmincke seconded and the motion passed to direct proceeds received from sales of these coins to the GAR Fund.

Br. Petrovic recommended that, in addition to the three (3) laptop computers already being purchased, the Nat. organization purchase a fourth computer for the Nat. Treas.

Br. Petrovic moved, Br. Schmincke seconded and the motion passed.

Br. Schmincke reported that Camp Letterman (north of Gettysburg), a battlefield hospital site, is under attack by developers. Homes are being built on the grounds, requiring movement of the monument.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted in F, C & L,
PDC Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Sec.

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES

Edited by PCinC Richard D. Orr

Question. Can an adopted son qualify for membership in the SUVCW?

Answer. No. Our Congressional Charter defines Members as blood relatives with further requirements for membership. The charter authorizes the Order to further define the classes of membership and place additional limitations on membership. However, the Order does not have the right to lessen membership requirements. Without a change to the Congressional Charter, adopted sons cannot be members, but can qualify as Associates.

Question. May a person qualify for membership based upon the service of a cousin?

Answer. No one may be admitted to the SUVCW on the service of a cousin. The C&R and charter are very clear on this matter. The Regulations define collateral as being a direct descendant of a sibling of a veteran.

While it is true that blood relative includes anyone with a common ancestor, no matter who that common ancestor is, our charter also gives the Order the right to define membership and further limit it. The SUVCW originally only included the eldest son of a veteran. This was expanded to include all sons ca. 1900 and further expanded to include collateral descendants in the early 1950's. The pertinent language can be found in:

“Chapter V, Article I. Section 3: Definitions.

(a) For purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendent, or a direct descendent of a brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister of a veteran. This definition section shall not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999.”

The definition does not apply prior to the adoption date because some Brothers were admitted as Members based upon the service of a cousin in the year preceding the adoption of this provision to clarify the long standing working definition of “collateral.”

A cousin admitted since that date is not a Member, but an Associate, and all restrictions on Associates apply. A Camp's mistake in admitting a Brother as a Member, who does not meet these qualifications, does not vacate the regulations. This Brother's status must be immediately changed and reported on the proper form to the Department and Executive Director. The number of Associates permitted in a Camp still applies.



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(c) The **combined** number of Associates and **Junior Associates** in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

(d) Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

(e) Associates **and Junior Associates** shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. The names of Associates **and Junior Associates** may not appear on the Camp Charter nor may Associates **or Junior Associates** be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 3. Establishment of Associates **and Junior Associates** by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates provided that no Department may establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates.** Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates **and Junior Associates**, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates **and/or Junior Associates** by amending its By-Laws, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp By-Laws and establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates provided that no Camp shall establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates.** Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department By-Laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates**, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates **or Junior Associates.**

Third Resolution

POWER OF THE CINC TO DELAY AN ACTION OF A NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

Section 2. The supreme power and authority...

If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and or United States law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order(s) authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication.

Action shall be taken at the next meeting of the Nat. Order of the SUVCW upon each of these individual resolutions, and tentative language changes in the Regulations shall be adopted pertaining to Junior Members and or Junior Associates. Activation of said changes in the Regulation shall be subject to the ratification of pertinent changes to the Constitution by a simple majority of all Departments but not prior to the final Dept. Encampment of that year.

So ordered this 6th day of October, 2007.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7

1. In order to correct the discrepancies in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order created from action taken at the 126th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War concerning Juniors and Junior Associates, I hereby order a Special Meeting of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the powers granted me pursuant to Chapter III, Article III, Section 2 of the Regulations of the Order and with the express consent of the National Council of Administration for the purpose of adopting language to amend the Regulations of the Order and take action upon resolutions for proposed changes in the Constitution of the Order submitted by the Pennsylvania Department as published in General Order #6.

2. The meeting shall convene at the Eisenhower Inn located at 2634 Emmitsburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA at 3:30 PM local time on 17 November, 2007 in the main ball room.

3. Other than the death of A. P. Davis this will be the first Special Meeting of the National Organization in its 126 year history. The meeting will be recorded as the 1st Special National Encampment.

4. Brothers will be required to have credentials to attend this meeting. If you plan to attend you should contact your Department Secretary for proper Credentials. Make sure you have 1st Special National Encampment appearing on your credentials.

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OREGON'S LAST SOLDIER WAS ALSO GAR'S LAST CINC

by Br. Randy Fletcher, Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6



Penland at 1946 Statue Dedication

I learned of Theodore Penland quite by accident, when researching a statue stolen from the Portland, Oregon GAR Cemetery more than 40 years ago. In a faded 1946 newspaper clipping from the *Oregonian*, was a small picture of the statue and an old man dressed in a dark suit with medals on his chest, wearing a Civil War style officer's slouch hat and leaning on a cane. The distinguished looking gentleman was Penland, 97, Portland's last living Civil War veteran.

Theodore Penland was not buried in the same GAR Cemetery where he dedicated the statue. He wasn't listed in the SUVCW Graves Registration database or under Findagrave.com. Our national SUVCW website did list Theodore Penland as the last GAR's Commander-in-Chief! The full biography on our website, written by Albert Woolson, details much about Penland's life:

- He was just 16 years old when he joined the 152nd Indiana Infantry.
- After the war he moved to Michigan and finally, to Portland, Oregon.
- His rise through the GAR ranks, culminating with his election as Commander-in-Chief in 1948.
- That Penland presided over the last GAR Encampment in 1949, where all officers were retained until the end of the organization, making Penland the last Commander-in-Chief.
- The week before he died in 1950, at age 101, Penland flew from Portland to Los Angeles to preside at an Allied Orders meeting.
- That he passed away August 13, 1950 at the Veteran's Hospital in Vancouver, Washington.
- As the last Civil War veteran in Oregon, Penland's death closed the GAR's Oregon Dept.

The last GAR CinC was an Oregonian...we had to find this guy! Alas, the biography gave no burial information, so I checked the authoritative reference source for Civil

War veterans buried in Oregon, the Spencer Leonard list. This stated he was interred in a crematorium...unnamed. As luck would have it, I had to make a business trip to Vancouver, so I asked my wife, Karen, to accompany me and search for Theodore Penland's remains.

Karen started by calling crematoriums and funeral homes in the Vancouver Yellow Pages. All were helpful, but none had any information. One suggested that we obtain the death certificate to learn whom the remains were released to. Another told us that in 1950 there were no crematoriums in Vancouver, and that if Penland was cremated, it would have been across the Columbia River in Portland. There was no reference to Penland in the local newspapers.

Back home I found more on-line information about him. Penland's father had died of wounds received at the Battle of Stone's River. Two of Penland's brothers had been captured and sent to Andersonville. After the war, Penland went West, working for the Union Pacific Railroad, settling in Portland, where he lived for 70 years. He frequently gave talks on his Civil War experiences, including the time he saw Abraham Lincoln. His favorite song was *Tenting on the Old Camp Ground*, which he sang in his distinctive voice. Penland was a member of 32 patriotic orders including the GAR. His biggest regret was that poor health kept him from attending President Harry Truman's inaugural. When Penland died in 1950, there were only eight living Union veterans.

At the Eugene Public Library, we pulled the *Oregonian* microfilm for August 1950 and found Penland's death was front-page news, complete with a headline and picture! The article had the information we were looking for: funeral arrangements were handled by J.P. Finley of Portland.

Karen called Finley-Sunset Hills Memorial Park, where a family services counselor found Penland's funeral bill. This contained the information we were searching for: the internment was at Portland Memorial Mausoleum.

We drove the 110 miles from our home to Portland. Portland Memorial Mausoleum is an imposing structure with eight stories of casket vaults and cremation urns...more than 58,000 remains in storage with room for another 120,000...a mall of the dead. The mausoleum is built into the side of a hill and we entered at the fifth floor. Penland's vault is located on the third floor and as we entered, we immediately found it, with its distinctive gold crest--the letters "GAR" encircled in a laurel wreath. Mission accomplished!

Upon our return home, I submitted a completed SUVCW Graves Registration Form. I also put together a biography of Penland and submitted it to Findagrave along with a photograph of the vault and Penland's portrait, which can be viewed at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=21227580>



GENERAL U.S. GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION

Hosted by New York City's Oliver Tilden Camp 26



The annual commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant's birthday will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at the National Monument on 122nd Street & Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The ceremony, which includes the initiation of the Camp's new members, begins at 11 AM.

Each year, "Memorials and Boosters" are solicited from members and organizations to defray the ceremony's cost. Memorials honor our Civil War ancestors or deceased brothers. "Boosters" allow organizations to show their support by having their name and address appear in the printed program. Your support is very much appreciated.

Contact Camp 26 SVC Roy E. Wildenberger, 70-12 53rd Drive, Maspeth, N.Y. 11378 (718-651-8042) before March 15th or go to www.suvcw.org/ny/deptny.htm for more information.

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Completion is slated for September 2008, the battle's 147th anniversary. A Southern monument was erected in 2000; there's no corresponding Federal memorial.

Make checks payable to "Phelps Camp No. 66," write "Lexington Monument" in the memo line, and send to:

**CC Todd Wilkinson
2017 S Link Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804-2542**

SPECIAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT RIBBON

The first Special National Encampment of the SUVCW was held on Saturday, November 17, 2007 in Gettysburg, PA. Only 150 delegate ribbons were made and less than 50 remain, so they are sure to be collectors' items. Price: \$7 each, including shipping. Limit: one ribbon per Brother. Orders filled on a first come first served basis while supply lasts. Send Order and check payable to the **SUVCW** to:

**PCinC Richard Orr
153 Connie Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15214.**

After March 31, 2008, ribbons will be offered to the general public.

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MARYLAND

Gen. George G. Meade Camp 5 Supports Odenton Historical Day - By CC Jeffrey French

In April 1861, the 8th MA Inf. and the 7th NY Inf. arrived in Maryland to secure and repair the railroad lines to Washington D.C. Union Soldiers guarded the railroad line from Odenton, a farming settlement nicknamed "The Town a Railroad Built." This railroad was used in WWI to ship troops to training.



Front (L to R) Mrs. Ethel French, Mrs. Helga Smith and Mrs. Marilyn Fields. Back (L to R) CC Jeff French, Br. Bill Fields, Ms. June Gray and Br. Carl Gardner.

Recently, Gen. George G. Meade Camp 5 eagerly supported the Odenton Heritage Society's Civil War Encampment/Living History. Brs. Jeffrey French, Bill Fields, Carl Gardner and others provided Civil War living history scenarios. Period artifacts were shown and the lives of Union Soldiers were described. The SUVCW was promoted and funds were raised by selling Camp Challenge Coins and Minnie Balls. The ladies explained women's dress and the impact of the war on the family.

Roger White stated, "Funniest moment of the day: a group of Civil War soldiers and officers standing on the MARC platform waving at the trains. Wonder what the engineer and passengers thought."

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Camps Abraham Lincoln 10 of Santa Cruz and Phil Sheridan 4 of San Jose, recently encamped three days and two nights on Old Fort Mervine on the lower quarter of the Presidio of Monterey, California. The encampment was on the grounds surrounding the Presidio Museum, which sponsored the event.

The two Camps pulled together a strong Color Guard, to open and end a concert by the Monterey Bay Symphony. This was the first time a Civil War contingent was asked to participate at this event.



Lincoln Camp Co. Thomas Brown portrays MG George Thomas to a young visitor.

Three years ago, the NPS Rangers at Alcatraz asked Brs. Brad Schall, Fred Bohmfalk and Phil Avila to assist in designing a volunteer program to interpret the island's Civil War years. Before the program was completed, four local SUVCW Camps, all northern California Civil War Round Tables and several other interested groups were involved. The Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, a 501(c)3 corporation was formed with 12 members, six of whom were from the SUVCW, and the first tour was given with Union Soldiers dressed in blues from five California Camps.

The National Park Service qualified volunteers Brad Schall, Greg Tracy and Fred Bohmfalk, with 40 hours of training on the island and the Civil War experience. Three years later, the SUVCW is a viable part of this program, providing a service to the Civil War community. All brothers are invited to visit Alcatraz and enjoy the Civil War experience. Visit friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org for more information.



Gen. Geo. Wright Camp 22 PCC Fred Bohmfalk, Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24's PDC Brad Schall and CC Charles Mabie present two complete artillery uniforms to Alcatraz Park Ranger Benny Batom for use in interpretation programs.

MASSACHUSETTS

Fourteen year old Jeremy R. Ryerson receives his Membership Certificate from his grandfather, PDC William T. Ryerson, at a recent meeting of Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Wakefield. Jeremy's Ancestor was William Delos Ryerson of the 4th VT Vol. Inf., who was captured at Weldon Railroad in June 1864 and was imprisoned at Andersonville and Millen, GA, where he died in late October 1864.



MICHIGAN

Honoring A Real Son - Myron O's 100th Birthday
by PCC Mark D. Heath, Austin Blair Camp 7

Myron Orlando Heath was born September 29, 1907 to Faydelia and Darius Chancey Heath in Big Rapids, Michigan. His father, Darius, was only 16 years of age when his father W. H. H. Heath, a 3-year Veteran of the war himself, consented to Darius and his 17 year old brother Henry joining Co. K, 10th MI Cav. The two took part in the War's last cavalry raid, "Stoneman's Raid," through North Carolina and were honorably discharged at Camp Blair in Jackson, MI.



Back (L to R) Brs. Howard Lloyd, Doug Heath, Jacod Gedman, Matt Heath, Darius Heath, Ed Conklin, Greg Heath and Dan Heath. Front (L to R) Brs. Myke Heath, Kevin Heath and CC Mark Heath.

Myron O. was very proud of his father's service to the country and remembered fondly Darius' days with the Hastings GAR. He was a "Real Son" of a Union Civil War Veteran.

Myron O. was my Grandfather and I am an active member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At about the age of 12, I listened to him retell the wonderful stories of his childhood and those of his father, Darius, the family's great Civil War veteran, only to be told by my mother "stop pestering your Grandfather." So we would adjourn to the front porch and resume "our" stories. He would go from one story to the next, always in the same order. In later years, I would cue him from one tale to the next. Our conversations would continue until his death in 1991. He was responsible for my interest in family genealogy and the American Civil War.

This year, Grandpa would have celebrated his 100th Birthday. My five brothers and four nephews honored him by joining Austin Blair Camp 7 as a group. They were sworn in at a unique mass initiation in his memory on August 25th, at the annual Cascades Civil War Muster in Jackson. Also inducted that day were Howard Lloyd and Ed Conklin.

MISSOURI

A memorial stone was placed at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo. on September 14th, honoring Captain Constantin Blandowski (Blandowsky). Blandowski was the first Union line officer injured in the Civil War at Camp Jackson, St. Louis, on 10 May 1864. He died on the 25th of May (one day after Col. Ellsworth received his mortal wound). Blandowski is buried in an unknown grave in Old Picker Cemetery in St. Louis.



(L to R) Wilhelmi CC Glen Alsop, DC Walt Busch, Br. Vern von der Heydt and 4th MD SVR Co. Maj Jack Grothe, W.T. Sherman Camp 65. Not Pictured: US Grant Camp 68 PCC Gary Scheel

Recently, Eagle Scout candidate Josh Campbell of Independence led a group of nearly 30 scouts, leaders and parents to Carpenter Cemetery, located on the Johnson/Henry county line near Chilhowee. The Scouts placed new monuments on the graves of two Confederate and nine Union Army veterans. The graves were researched, marked and monuments ordered from the VA by Br. Lee Ward, Westport Camp 64. Ward's great-grandfather Lafayette Ward, a Union veteran of the Civil War, is buried there.



Union veterans include Privates Sidney Wilson Carpenter, Richard B., William A., and Cpl. Mathias Smith Corson, Pvt. Lycurgus Fouch, Cpl. James H. Vance, Pvt. George Porter and W. H. Porter. Other Civil War veterans discovered were Ervin Crist, William Gilbaugh Smith, Lafayette Ward, Alexander Marion Butcher, and William Harrison Lively. Confederate veterans buried in Carpenter and now marked are Capt. Felix Lotspeich, Co. E, 3rd Batt., MO Cav. and Jasper M. Anderson, Co. A, 3rd TN Inf. A Dedication of all Confederate and Union markers will be held later.

NEBRASKA

Headstone dedications were recently held for four Civil War veterans. In Wynot, Pvt. George Moore, Co. A, 2nd NE Cav., was honored. In St. Helena, services were held for: Pvt. Erving A. Remington, Co. D, 9th IA Inf.; Pvt. Josiah Gray, Co. A, 1st Dakota Territory Cav.; and Pvt. Henry Barnes Williams, Co. I, 7th IA Cav.



(left to right) PDC Merle Rudebush, DC Norm Weber, 1st Sgt. Larry Angle, Sr. Arlene Rudebusch (DUVCW, ASUVCW), Brs. Zach Glaubius, Alex Glaubius, and PCC Mark Glaubius (Harrison Camp), PDC Paul Hadley (Shiloh Camp), Glenn Kietzman (Dept. Chaplain), and DSVC Steve Bauermeister (Vifquain Camp)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH DC Dan Meehan, and DJVC Lance Robicheau, both from Charles W. Canney Camp 5, are known throughout the state for their knowledge of and passion for all things Civil War. Four years ago, the pair began finding ways to restore the state's Civil War monuments that had fallen into disrepair, without taxpayer money. So far, they've acquired grants, led fundraising and acquired donations to support Civil War monument restoration in Portsmouth, Raymond and Candia. The monuments, which originally cost up to \$3,000 to erect now cost up to \$100,000 to restore.

They quickly inspect monuments in need; gather information and contact town officials. A curator with an expertise in restoration gives an estimate of restoration costs. They then work with the town and their Camp, to raise the needed funds.

Recently, the Rochester Civil War monument was inspected. Restoring the soldier standing at rest on top alone will cost \$29,000. Four Parrot Guns, which were removed during a WWII scrap drive, will be replaced and the surrounding area will be restored to its appearance during the 1885 dedication.



As of October 2007, the pair had visited and collected information in about half of the towns in New Hampshire. All of the information they collect eventually will be put into a book.

TENNESSEE

Fraternity Knows No Boundaries

Br. Bill Nelson of General Sedgewick-Granger Camp 17 in Santa Ana, CA, asked the Dept. of TN to supply a Honor Guard at the dedication of the grave of Pvt. Jacob Jackson of the U.S. Colored Light Artillery. The grave was in the Everbright Cemetery north of Pulaski in Giles County, TN. Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53 was the closest camp to the cemetery and agreed to provide the honor guard.

Pvt. Jacob Jackson was Br. Nelson's great grandfather and a slave in Giles County before he joined the Union Army. Jackson ran away from his master. He followed the Union Army before enlisting in Co. B, 9th USCLART. He later transferred to Battery A, 2nd USCLART, which fought in the Battle of Nashville.

The dedication was held in conjunction with the cemetery's annual meeting. Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53 supplied a Bugler and a Color Guard and performed the dedication service. Br. Nelson and many members of his family attended.

NEW YORK

PVT Harvey Welch Receives A New Headstone

by Richard A. Sherman, Camp Historian.

In 1961, Allen Burton, town historian, having scoured the back roads, sat down at his typewriter and produced: **SMALL FAMILY CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN OF WRIGHT, SCHOHARIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

Among those graveyards, Burton noted a "cemetery on the John Kump Farm on Kump Road beside road - about one eight mile on same side as house." The cemetery contained but one grave, that of Civil War veteran Harvey Welch. Burton noted its condition: "One stone - off base - no care"

Harvey Welch was born in 1843 in Albany. On November 26, 1861, he enlisted in Co. K, 89th NY Inf., the same unit older brother Eseck had joined two months earlier. The 89th saw action at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Harvey was one of the 159 in the unit, who died of disease. He was 20 years old and unmarried.



Some 140 years later, Br. Richard Sherman brought Harvey's plight to Camp 134's attention. He and Br. Lawrence Eli Bradish embarked on the "Harvey Welch Project." Let it never be said that any "boy in blue" will knowingly suffer the fate of "no care." The well-attended graveside service was led by PCC Floyd DeWitt, who provided a GAR veteran marker and Pvt. Welch's biography was delivered by DSVC Peter Lindemann. The Color Guard was brigaded with members of the 77th NYVI, Schoharie BSA Troop 4 and members of Camp 134. The 77th fired the ceremonial volleys.

Camp members John Norray on harmonica and Richard Sherman on parlor guitar accompanied the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Tanner Camp wishes to acknowledge PCC Charles A. Greenfield for his efforts in securing the new headstone.

NORTH CAROLINA

Camp-At-Large - Pvt. John O. Dolson Honored

MG John A. Logan Camp 4 honored Pvt. John O. Dolson at a replacement and rededication ceremony recently at Raleigh, North Carolina's Historic Oakwood Cemetery.

Pvt. Dolson of Minnesota, a member of Co A, 2nd USSS, was critically wounded at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. He was taken to a Union field hospital where he died of his wounds two months later. He was mistakenly identified as John O. Dobson of the 2nd NC Inf. and was buried as a Confederate soldier in Gettysburg. In 1871 when Confederate soldiers were being returned to their native soil, he was sent to North Carolina and was then buried as a Confederate soldier in the Oakwood Cemetery.

In 2006, Glen Hayes of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Assoc. contacted Oakwood Cemetery Confederate Section Historian Chuck Purser, and through their research, it was determined that Pvt. Dolson was in fact, John O. Dolson. A decision was made that Pvt. Dolson would not be moved, however; he would receive a Union headstone.

The newly formed Logan Camp agreed to raise the funds for a commemorative plaque, telling Pvt. Dolson's story. Both headstone and plaque were in place on the day of the ceremony.

In addition to honoring Pvt. Dolson, two Confederate soldiers, Pvt. Drury Scruggs, Co. D, 16th NC and Pvt. William P. Wallace, Co. C, 23rd NC, who had been laid to rest as unknown soldiers, were honored with proper headstones.

After the unveiling and dedication of the three stones, a rifle salute was fired for each soldier followed by taps and the retiring of the colors.

As a show of respect, Travis Gorshe made the trip from Minnesota bringing soil from Pvt. Dolson's hometown of Richfield and from Fort Snelling, his place of enlistment. The soil was placed on Pvt. Dolson's grave so that he might rest with the soil from his home state. Mr. Gorshe returned to Minnesota with Pvt. Dolson's original Confederate headstone. It is to become part of the "Honoring All Veterans Memorial" in a special area dedicated to misidentified and unknown soldiers.



Shown at Pvt. Dolson's Gravesite are members of John A. Logan Camp 4. Front (L to R) Dennis St. Andrew, John France, Samuel Moore and Larry Blumatte. Back (L to R) Kent McCoury, Larry Jones and Bob Farrell

PITTENGER REMEMBERED

Auxiliary Sisters participated in the Remembrance Day observance in San Diego County, California. Srs. Brenda Bouchard Poole and Eileen Tisch joined the Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 for the annual ceremony at the grave site of Sgt. Wm. Pittenger, in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Fallbrook. Eileen (right) conducted the floral tribute while Brenda (left), joined by the Young Marines, placed the flowers.



SISTER AND REAL DAUGHTER PASSES

Anna M. Ross Auxiliary 1, Philadelphia, mourns the death of Sr. Gladys Keeley, who departed this life on October 20th. A member for over 20 years, she was the daughter of Pvt. James Thompson, 106th PA Volunteers.

Years ago, while Sister Gladys was still living in her own home in Philadelphia, the Auxiliary held one of its monthly meetings there. She spoke of her father, periodically visiting a local school that had his portrait hanging in a hall.

Born in Ireland, his family immigrated to Philadelphia and, at age 19, he was working in his father's grocery store when the war broke out. He enlisted in Co. H., 5th CA Reg., headed by Col. Edward D. Baker, who came to Pennsylvania to find volunteers. After Col. Baker was killed at Balls Bluff, the regiment became the 106th Penn. and fought in many major battles, including Gettysburg. There Thompson received a battlefield promotion to Sergeant in recognition of bravery shown by rushing out between the lines under heavy fire to rescue a badly wounded soldier. Later, during the battle of Cold Harbor, he was captured near Petersburg, but had the good fortune to be paroled within two weeks. He was mustered out in Philadelphia in January 1865.

After the war, he returned to Thompson Bros. Groceries and served on the 1876 Centennial Exposition Finance Committee.

Thompson joined George G. Meade GAR Post 1 in 1880 and served as commander in 1892. He was also an active member of the 106th Reg. Assoc. In 1889, as Assoc. President, he presided at the dedication of the 106th's monument at Gettysburg.

Marrying at a late age, he was 73 when Gladys was born. She had vivid memories of accompanying him to special events on Decoration Day (now Memorial Day). Brother Thompson died of pneumonia eight years later at age 81.

Gladys, a very alert and active lady until days before her death, was proud of her Auxiliary membership and requested that her Membership Badge be pinned on her dress at her funeral.

BREAD THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY

Recently members of New Jersey's Cornelia Hancock Aux. 10 and Elizabeth Thorn Aux. 14 worked in the cabin located next to the Hancock House at Hancock Bridge, Salem Co., NJ. The lesson for the day for the young ladies in attendance was to learn how to make a loaf of bread the way that their ancestors from the Civil War did.

PDP Viola Loder-Smithcors and her husband, PDC Buzz Smithcors, arrived at the cabin at 8 AM to get the fire started for a full day of cooking.

Seven young ladies from the area attended the class. Victoria Yeager, one of the seven, is a Junior in Aux. 10. Each young lady was given a mixing bowl and the ingredients for making their home made bread. Once the bread ingredients had been mixed together and set along side the fire to rise, it was placed in a baking tin. The tins were arranged in two Dutch ovens for baking. All of the breads came out wonderful and the girls were surprised to see that they made something their ancestors had made along time ago and it tasted good. They also realized that it took a lot of work to do any cooking in the hearth fireplace located in Civil War era homes.



NJ Dept. PI Patricia Wilhelm teaches the art of making bread.

Wood was chopped by Lyon Camp 10's Br. Kim Canama, DC Robert Wilhelm, and PDC Buzz Smithcors.

Sisters helping included Aux. 10 Pres. Cherie Wilhelm-Canama, Sr. Lori Yeager, Dept. PI Patricia Wilhelm and Aux. 14's Lynda Doran. Lynda and Lori both brought with them their collection of Civil War era children's toys.

CRITICAL THINKERS



Srs. Linda Brown, Kathy Anderson and Toni Howard were among those attending the 2nd annual Wisconsin Department Leadership Conference. The conference focused on membership growth, problem solving and mission accomplishment.



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

1. Through the course of events that manage and rule our lives and this Order, we at times, have the opportunity to meet those who stand out above others. This is the case with BG David V. Medert, Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve.
2. Gen. Medert assumed Command of the SVR on 29 July, 1997 with a strength of roughly 500 men. Over the past 10 years, he has built the SVR to be a unit of over 1100 troops. He has also built an infrastructure to accommodate this growth and streamlined the operation of the same.
3. Gen. Medert has requested to be relieved of his Command and moved into the Inactive Reserve Corps of the SVR, so that he may pursue the Office of Commander-in-Chief at the 127th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW in Peabody Massachusetts.
4. I hereby officially accept the transfer of BG David V. Medert as Commanding Officer, SVR.
5. The Nat. Military Affairs Committee has recommended that Col. Robert E. Grim, Deputy Commander of the SVR, be appointed as Commanding Officer of the SVR.
6. I find that this recommendation is well taken and approve the appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the SVR, at the rank of Brig. Gen., commencing immediately and ending on 16 November 2010 or until properly relieved.

So ordered this 17th day of November, 2007

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9

Brothers,

1. The laws have changed and all Camps and Departments will now be required to file an e-post card with the IRS.
2. Pursuant to the direction of the Internal Revenue Service the following is hereby placed for your examination;

IRS Reporting Update

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file Form 990, may now be required to file an annual electronic notice, IRS Form 990-N, with the Internal Revenue Service. If they do not file an annual electronic notice (e-Postcard) they may risk losing their tax-exempt status. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006 and MUST be completed by May 15, 2008 for 2007 calendar year entities. Failure to comply will result in loss of tax-exempt status.

Our Independent Auditor for the Nat. Treasurer's Financial Records & Reports has confirmed with the IRS Exempt Organizations Unit that this provision will apply to our Camps, Departments, and SVR Units, with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less. Those with receipts greater than \$25,000 should already be filing Form 990-EZ or 990.

The format of this new filing is not complete yet, but it will be in the form of an "e-Postcard" that will be accessed through the IRS web site at www.irs.gov. The required information will be your legal Camp name & number and Dept. name, mailing address, web site address, name and address of a principal officer (usually the Treasurer) and evidence of the continuing basis of your exemption from Form 990 filing requirements (i.e. gross revenues of \$25,000 or less).

However, I shall still include your Unit and all Contact Information on the Order's Subordinate Listing, which I am required by the IRS to submit to them annually between January 15th and March 31st (each Camp, Department & SVR Unit with an EIN Number). From what I understand, the IRS is trying to confirm the existence of all the Camps, Departments, & SVR Units, which I am reporting as being under our Group Exemption Number (GEN # 0429).

In addition, it is very important that all Camps, Departments, & SVR Units, make sure that they each have their own Employee Identification Number (EIN #) and that they submit this number (along with their correct Contact Information, annually, as your unit's Contact Information may change from year to year) to the Nat. Treas. for inclusion in his annual filing with the IRS. It is necessary for individual units to be included in the overall group exemption of the Order. Failure to be included in this report would require the individual unit to secure its own separate exemption from tax and to file a Form 990-EZ or Form 990 with the IRS. [NOTE: NO unit is allowed to use the Parent Organization's, (i.e. National Organization, SUVCW's) EIN #.]

In summary, if any individual unit is on the annual report of Subordinates of the Group Exemption Number 0429 List of the Order and their gross receipts are \$25,000 or less, they may only have to file an annual electronic notice, IRS Form 990-N, with the Internal Revenue Service.

3. All Departments, Camps and SVR Units are hereby ordered to comply with the above directive from the IRS.

So ordered this 23rd day of November, 2007;

Attest:

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief

Donald Palmer
National Secretary



Last Soldier Honored

by CC Don Martin

Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 (OH) and the SVR recently honored Nelson Dunlap, Ross County's Last Union Soldier. Camp members and the 63rd OVI marched into the area and CC Donald L. Martin opened the ceremony. Maj. Donald E. Darby, 3rd MD Co. & PCinC, shared SUVCW CinC Fouch's speech to the remaining GAR members at the 1949 GAR Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Guest speaker BG David V. Medert, SVR Commander & SVCinC, discussed the Last Soldier Project; the sacrifices made by Civil War Veterans, and how they rebuilt our great nation. Col. Henry Shaw, SVR AG, laid a wreath, the 63rd Ohio fired a salute, followed by taps played by two Waverly High School students. Chaplain Gary Sallade, PCC, performed the Invocation and Benediction.



Born on May 30, 1843, Nelson John Dunlap enlisted in November 1863, leaving his home for the second time in defense of his country. In March that year, he had joined Ohio Gov. Todd's Militia, the "Squirrel Hunters". The "Hunters" were sent to guard Cincinnati against possible Confederate invasion. Nelson was discharged from the Navy in 1864, after serving on Mississippi Squadron gunboats, including the USS Hastings, Commodore Phelps Flagship.

Dunlap co-founded Maxwell GAR Post 176 in Kingston, on Dec. 7, 1881 and served as one of its first officers. He was a Deacon of the Kingston's Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church and served as the National Bank of Kingston's first President.

Nelson passed away short of his 100th birthday on December 9, 1942. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Cemetery near Kingston, Ohio.

New General Appointed

On November 17th, Br. Robert Grim became the sixth SVR officer in recent times to hold the rank of Brigadier General and commanding officer.

BG Grim joined the SVR as a private in Battery I, 1st OLA and Co. C, 20th OVI. He served as Commander of Co. C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf. from 1993 - 1997, when he was named 3rd Military District Commander and promoted to Major.

In 1998, he was appointed SVR Adjutant General and promoted to Lt. Colonel and in 2000, was promoted to Colonel.

In 2001, he was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal and named the SVR's Deputy Commander.

His membership in the SUVCW is based on the military service of his Great Grandfather, Pvt. William F. Grim, who served in Co. K, 8th Ohio Vol. Cavalry, from 29 Feb. 1864 to 30 July 1865, and was a member of the Marian Judy GAR Post at Bloomingburg, Ohio. Grim has proven eleven other ancestors who served in the Union Army. He served as Nat. SUVCW CinC in 2002-03.

No stranger to military service, he served a four-year enlistment in the USAF, following high school. He was assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and served during the beginning of the Vietnam War, in Morocco, North Africa.

Recent Past Commanding Officers of the SVR:

Col. C. Leroy Stoudt	1950
Col. Oliver G. MacPherson	1 September 1962 - 21 November 1966
Col. Clarence E. Young	21 November 1966 - 15 April 1967
BG Chester S. Shriver*	15 April 1967 - 26 July 1989
BG Richard C. Schlenker	26 July 1989 - 15 August 1990
BG Charles W. Corfman	15 August 1990 - 17 November 1996
BG Keith G. Harrison	17 November 1996 - 25 July 1997
BG David V. Medert	29 July 1997 - 17 November 2007

* served with the rank of colonel until promotion in 1970.

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are promoted to:

3rd Military District

1Lt. Robert E. Morris, Commander of Co. C, 20th OVI, (re-commissioned)

4th Military District

2nd Lt. Martin R. Aubuchon, Co. A, 2nd MO Vol. Inf.

6th Military District

1st Lt. David K. LaBrot, the Commander of Co. A, 8th U.S. Infantry

2nd Lt. Stephen D. Schulze, the Adjutant of Co. A, 8th U.S. Infantry

SPECIAL ORDER 2007-02 4 Nov 2007

1. Effective 04 Nov. 07, 1st Sgt. David K. Hann, Commander of Co. A, 7th NJ Vol. Inf., 2nd Mil. Dist., SVR, is temporarily commissioned a Captain, SVR, and is appointed Deputy Provost Marshal for the 51st Annual Remembrance Day weekend.

2. The duties of the Deputy Provost Marshal for the Remembrance Day weekend is to assist with the handling of parade registration and to assist in providing information to parade participants, to assist in overseeing the line-up prior to the commencement of the parade, to assist in superintending parade activities, and to assist in acting as liaison between the SVR and the Remembrance Day Committee. The Deputy Provost Marshal will report directly to the Provost Marshal or the Commanding Officer, SVR, or their designees.

3. This commission expires at 2400 hours 18 November 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

BG David V. Medert, SVR
Commanding

Col. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., SVR
Adjutant General



FINAL MUSTER

Adriad Hirst

Pleasanton 24 (CA&Pac)
May 13, 2006

Albert Maier

Baldwin Camp 544 (NY)
July 20, 2006

Basil McKenzic (LM)

Wa-Bu-No 250 (MI)
April 25, 2007



Br. Nate Dorn stands guard during Br. Edson Strobrige's visitation.

Robert M. Brooks

Churchill Camp 4 (KS)
April 28, 2007

George Hussey, Jr

Grant Camp 9 (CA&Pac)
May 20, 2007

Richard Leroy Mauger

Garfield Camp 4 (NJ)
June 15, 2007

Lester C. Nadeau

Garfield Camp 1 (ME)
July 21, 2007

Roger G. Gilchrest

Grout Camp 25 (MA)
August 18, 2007

John H. Peck

William A. Kemp 83 (MI)
August 23, 2007

Clark D. Seum

Sheridan 4 (CA&Pac)
August 29, 2007

James Brazelten

Grant Camp 9 (CA&Pac)
September 10, 2007

Marine Wolf

Coyne Camp 1 (KS)
October 11, 2007

Edson T. Strobridge

Pittenger 21 (CA&Pac)
October 19, 2007

Konrad T. Kemberling

Col. Ireland Camp 137 (NY)
October 20, 2007

Harry R. Wallace

C.K. Pier Badger 1 (WI)
October 23, 2007

Lawrence "Eli" Bradish

Cpl. Tanner 134 (NY)
October 25, 2007

PCC Keith Zandy

Phil Sheridan Camp 2 (IL)
October 31, 2007

PDC Edward W. Parks

Maj. TB Griffith 22 (MA)
November 17, 2007

Robert K. Burton

Ben Harrison 356 (IN)
December 15, 2007

Ernest L. Snider

Member-at-Large (NY)
unknown



PDC Ed Parks, captured during the Battle of the Bulge, survived Nazi Stalag IV. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What Do You Say To A Person In Grief?

If there is anything that all of us have in common - it is the fact that death comes to all of our family and friends. What is the best thing to say when a Brother dies, or when you go to a wake or service for the spouse of a Brother? Many volumes have been written on the appropriate things to say, and yet when we get there, so often we are at a loss for words. I recently conducted a funeral service for a Past Camp Commander, and I thought long and hard about what I would say to his grieving wife. In the end all that I really did say was that I was sorry he was gone, but that his suffering from cancer was finally over. I wish I had said, "I know how much I love my wife, I know how much it would pain me if I were to lose her, so I can only imagine the pain you are going through, and how much you will miss him. There will be a hole in your soul that will get better in time, but will never heal. I will pray that the Lord give you comfort."

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven, A time to be born and a time to die....a time to mourn and a time to dance. Life is too short. Put a smile on your face and make other people feel good - you in turn will find great happiness.

Chaplain Jerry

COLLECTING THE SONS

PAST DIVISION / DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S BADGE

by PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

Type I. From 1883-86, Past Division Commanders wore an Iron Cross in same size & design as the Past Camp Commanders badge, except with Division ribbon. National Officers wore the Iron Cross with Grand Division ribbon. The 1887 Nat. Proceedings states, "ribbon for the Iron Cross is the Camp Officers ribbon. A past Colonel of the Commandery-in-Chief or Grand Division Staff, will wear what was the Grand Division ribbon on the top of the Iron Cross. This will distinguish Colonels of Divisions, or elective officers, from Colonels of Staff, or appointed officers." [i]

Regulations state the Iron Cross, awarded after August 31, 1886, is for Past Camp Commanders only, issued only with Camp officer's ribbon.

Type IIa. The Sons of Veterans Silver Cross consists of a transparent red & opaque white enameled cross on silver with four silver eagles facing left between the enameled cross. A small silver wreath frames an opaque blue enameled center. The words "Filiii Veteranorum o MDCCCLXXXI" surround the letters "USA" in the center. Red Division ribbon used with no visible pin bar. Manufactured by Bailey, Banks & Biddle.

Type IIb. Same design as Type IIa. Reverse hallmarked "Sterling o Robbins Co, Attleboro, Mass"

Type IIc. Same design as IIa - Produced between 1910 and 1920. While Robbins was the major manufacturer, some are only marked "Sterling" and likely came from Joseph Davison in Philadelphia.

Type III. With name change to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and elimination of the Gold Cross, the Silver Cross was re-designed. The SUVCW Silver Cross consists of an opaque red and white enameled cross with four silver eagles facing left between the crossbars. Silver wreath with ruby at top surrounds an opaque blue enameled center, The words "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War o MDCCCLXXXI" with "SUV" in center. Department ribbon with no visible pin bar. Made by Robbins

Type IV. Same design as Type III. Reverse is hallmarked Aug Frank Co., Phila

Type V. Same design as Type III. Bachman Brothers. According to Sons Nat. Sec. Chester S Shriver, in the early 1980's, badges were plated rather than sterling, due to high silver price. Incorrectly, the reverse is hallmarked "sterling".and "Aug. Frank Co."

Type VI. Same design as Type III. Hallmarked Simon Brothers.



Type I, Obverse



Type II, Obverse



Type IIb, Reverse



Type III, Obverse



Type IIc, Reverse



Type VI, Reverse

[i] Sons of Veterans USA Journal of Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America 1887 p. 24

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Orders Honor Lincoln at Annual Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 52nd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 143rd anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It'll be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery at 10 AM on Saturday, April 12, 2008.

The Headquarters Hotel: State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street. Room rate is \$92.99 for double or single. A full breakfast buffet is included. Call 1-217-528-5100 for reservations and mention **"Sons of Union Veterans."**

Reserve your room by March 6, 2008. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released and the rate will revert to \$113.99. Ground level parking near the hotel lobby and across 1st Street is free.

Shuttle service will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 12th.

The Luncheon will be held in **The Inn at 835** at 12 noon. The Inn, located at 835 S. Second St., is about four blocks south of Adams St. The luncheon program will feature author, teacher and attorney Bruce Alardice, who is President of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. Luncheon cost is \$23 per person. Send registration form below to:

**Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee
P.O. Box 65
Valparaiso, Indiana 46384**

Make check payable to "National Organization, SUVCW." Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made no later than April 1st.

The **Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service**, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill., at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on Illinois Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use highways 29 and 123 or 97. Additional information will be available at the hotel and luncheon.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact PCinC Edward J. Krieser at: EJKSUV@comcast.net or 219-462-7163.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION

(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____

Name and title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

If no e-mail, give home address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

To insure listing in the program this notice must be received no later than March 29th at address shown below.

I would like to reserve _____ seats on the shuttle bus from the headquarters hotel to the Tomb Ceremony, the ceremony to the luncheon, and return to the headquarters hotel.

Please circle YES or NO if you will ride the bus to the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson ceremony near Petersburg after the luncheon.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept _____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list the name, e-mail address, home address and phone number of the person responsible for picking up these tickets at the door.

Name : _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Include remittance of \$23.00 per person for each luncheon reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.** Reservations must be made by March 29th and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance.

HONORING PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN: An SUVCW Three-fold Tradition



Union Defender's Day

At the Sons 8th Nat. Encampment, held in Patterson, New Jersey, on September 10-13, 1889, CinC Geo. B. Abbott reported on his General Order 17, issued early in his term. GO 17 requested Camps throughout the Order hold appropriate services on February 12th, celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday. He believed it proper that the Sons, which originated and rested upon the principles so closely allied and based upon important events, characterizing the greatest achievements of our martyred President, should recognize his natal day. The occasion was widely observed, and many Camps were aroused and deeply impressed with the necessity of ever keeping in the American people's minds the great principles of undying faith, which our fathers entertained in preserving the country in unity in her hour of greatest peril.

He then recommended that Abraham Lincoln's birthday celebration be made one of the features of our organization, that provision be made for its observance in the Constitution and that it be called "Sons of Veterans Day." He said there was no day in all the year, excepting the birth of our Savior and the birth of our nation, which should so arouse the enthusiasm and patriotism, and meet with the universal observance of the American people, as February 12th.

The National Encampment's Committee on Officer's Reports approved the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation for a proper observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, but recommended that it instead be called "Union Defender's Day" and that proper orders be issued for its observance by our Order. So began the nationwide observance of Lincoln's birthday.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The observance of President Lincoln's April 15th death began in 1956. The ceremony has included guest speakers, live music and wreath laying at Lincoln's Tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. This was followed by a luncheon with a guest speaker at a local hotel. An observance honoring the GAR Founder's Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson and hosted by the Dept. of Illinois in nearby Petersburg, was added in 1998. The two events were moved to the Saturday closest to April 15th and a procession coordinated by the SVR was added to the Tomb Ceremony in 2007.

Remembrance Day

During the years after World War I, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War observed a ceremonial and social occasion known as "Veterans Night." Veterans Night commemorated the anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863, and was observed in memory of Lincoln and the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861-1865. It was common for GAR members to be guests of honor at Veteran's Night events.

In 1954, when Armistice Day (on November 11th) was changed to Veterans Day, the Veteran's Night observance naturally became confused and blended with Veterans Day.

With the passing of Comrade Albert Woolson in 1956, the Grand Army of the Republic ceased to exist. A monument, purchased by the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, was dedicated by the Allied Orders to the memory of the Grand Army near the copse of trees on the Gettysburg Battlefield. A parade and ceremony, now known as "Remembrance Day," was begun and has continued to be observed in Gettysburg on the Saturday closest to November 19th ever since. A dinner held by the Pennsylvania Department's Past Commanders and Presidents, begun in 1930, and the National Civil War Ball are both held that evening. The Ball not only entertains, but raises awareness and funds for Gettysburg Battlefield preservation.