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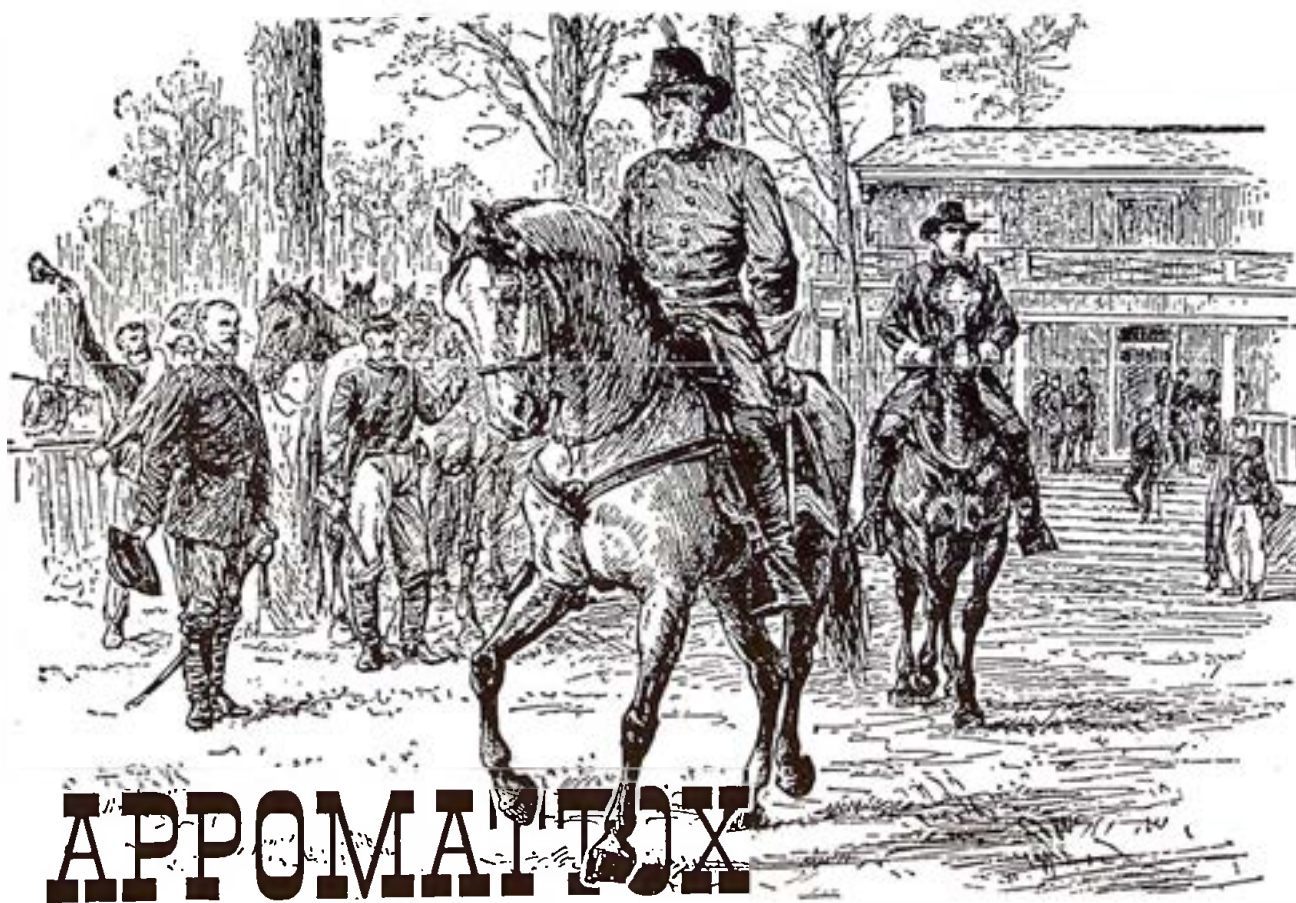
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Grant and Lee Make Peace With Honor



APPOMATTOX

When you stand before the McLean House at Appomattox, you see this Virginia hamlet almost exactly as it was on April 9, 1865. In this house, U. S. Grant and Robert E. Lee shook hands and ended that war, which, in its conduct and its ending, best reveals the unique American character. Our Civil War was fought over principles; North and South, we fought hard for those principles. We made no turning back, no compromise. We endured hardship, privation, even disaster, but we ended it with honor. North and South had fought as enemies. Now they shared their meagre rations, and their country's future, as brothers.

National Military Department

1. After these words are written, but before they have been printed, the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Peace at Appomattox will have been held in Reading, Pennsylvania. We can, however, predict that many units of the "Reserve," from various Departments, will have been represented. Col. H. L. Dissinger was detailed to command the provisional battalion scheduled for full participation.

2. All Public Information Officers are required to file copies of all correspondence with their commanding officers.

FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT

1. When Col. C. E. Young inspected the 7th Infantry Battalion in February, at "The Arsenal" in Providence, R. I., Capt. Harold M. Drown was introduced as the new District Public Information Officer. Major M. A. Young, commanding the 14th Battalion, Women's Auxiliary Corps, was able to congratulate 2nd Lt. E. R. Coombs for the turn-out of her 7th Company. Maj. D. E. Coombs was commended for the appearance and discipline of his command.

2. 2nd Lt. J. L. Day, having been relieved of command of Battery "A," 10th Battalion, Light Artillery (Mass.), has been appointed District Adjutant General with the rank of Captain.

3. Unanimously elected commanding officer of Battery "A," 10th Bn., Pvt. J. K. Cheney has been commissioned Second Lieutenant. Lieut. Cheney is also the Senior Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Department of our parent body.

4. Battery "B," 10th Bn., announces the following promotions: 2nd Lt. Warren Trimble to First Lieutenant, S.F.C. Leslie Covey to Second Lieutenant, and Battery Clerk Dana Lincoln to Sergeant First Class.

5. A strong representation of the Tenth Battalion was present to greet Governor John A. Volpe of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the occasion of his Annual Reception in the Hall of Flags of the State House in Boston on Feb. 22nd. Newscasts of this "handshaking" was twice presented from two different Boston television stations.

6. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Chadwick, commanding the Second Brigade, has acquired greater responsibilities by his election to the Legislature of the State of Vermont.

SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT

Capt. John Stark, Aide-de-Camp to the commanding officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade, has been appointed by Col. Dissinger as his District Public Information Officer.

THIRD MILITARY DISTRICT

Effective Jan. 10, 1965, Lt. Col. R. H. Barton reassumed command of the Third Military District, by order of Col. O. G. MacPherson, CO, NMD, SVR. Headquarters are at 1041 Westmont Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45504. Postal address: Lock Box 1024, Springfield, Ohio 45501.

SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT

1. The Office of Assistant Adjutant of the Oregon Blues Brigade was vacated by First Lieutenant Spencer Leonard, when he was appointed District Public Information Officer.

2. Major C. R. Butcher, CO, 6MD, SVR, has organized Field Music for his District.

GEORGIA

In 1895, Fitzgerald, Georgia, was founded by a colony of Union veterans. Then a drop of blue in an ocean of gray, today it is a symbol of unity—where the descendants of the Blue and the Gray live in amity under the One Flag.

A fitting place to hold a Civil War Centennial Finale on July 3, 4, and 5, 1965, as a "note of unity and victory for a re-united nation." This has been approved by the U.S. and Georgia Civil War Centennial Commissions.

The most cordial and urgent of welcomes has been extended to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

ERNEST G. WELLS

Lincoln Monument Ceremony

Promptly at 12 noon on February 12th the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States conducted a ceremony at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. in keeping

with the commemoration of the birth of that great President, Abraham Lincoln. Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served in the Diplomatic Reception Suite of the Department of State.

Again this year our Order was represented by several members including Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Arthur Glennum, Robert J. McCarthy, Doran Vest, and John Palsgrove. Our Commandery-in-Chief colors were carried by a color guard from the Harrisburg, Pa. Camp. Wreaths were placed by our National Organization and by Lincoln-Cushing Camp of Washington.

President Johnson celebrated the 156th anniversary of Lincoln's birth with a luncheon for 111 guests at the White House. The entire group was then transported to the Lincoln Memorial in Army buses provided by Ft. Myer. Past Commander in Chiefs Grant and Heald were guests.

Message from your National Patriotic Instructor

There has never been a time in the history of our country when the principles of true patriotism and devotion to our flag has needed more emphasis. Our Civil Rights problems and our fight to keep communism within its bounds have necessitated a broadening and intensifying of the teaching of those principles.

We, as Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, share that responsibility. Two very important days in the next two months provides us with the opportunity to demonstrate that responsibility. I am sure that every member of our order looks forward to participating in the observance of Memorial Day, but too many of us neglect or forget Flag Day, June 14. See that your flag flies on that day and persuade your neighbor to do likewise.

HENRY S. BOWEN, JR.
National Patriotic Instructor

Come to Richmond

84th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

AUGUST 15-19, 1965

The tentative program provides for a Band Concert and Campfire on Sunday night. On Monday night there will be a Cabaret Dance. The banquet and reception to National Officers will take place on Tuesday night. On Wednesday at 10 a.m. there will be a tour to Richmond Civil War Centennial Center, then to Berkley Plantation. A box lunch will be served on the lawn of the plantation, and the group will return to the hotel about 2 p.m., leaving time for a tour of the stores or other points of interest in Richmond. The tour will be complimented by the Encampment Committee, the box lunch at the members expense. At 9 p.m. on Wednesday there will be a Military Ball and floor show. Dresses of the Civil War period are desired. On Thursday evening there will be an Old Fashion Songfest. Details and complete program will be printed in our next issue.

Enclosed with this issue are reservation cards for the John Marshall Hotel. Make all reservations directly to the hotel. Singles are from \$9.50 to \$13.50. Doubles \$12.50 to \$16.50. Twins \$13.50 to \$17.50.

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Albert C. Lambert, Editor, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

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In Memory of Capt. Thomas Ward, Company I, 34th Iowa Vol. Courtesy of Ethelyn Gray (Missouri)
In Memory of Pvt. Francis S. Monroe, Company C, 122nd N.Y. Vol. Inf. Courtesy of Inez E. Robinson

Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others.

WHEN ORDERING SUPPLIES

Effective April 1, new 1965 Requisition Forms will be available. Due to increased costs, there will be a few items that will be increased in price.

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All supplies to be ordered from Natl. Secy-Treas.
Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.

1965 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	DATE	CITY	HOTEL
California	Apr. 23-25	Long Beach	Edgewater
Colorado	June 6-8	Manitou Springs	
Connecticut	May 1-2	New Britain	Burrill
Illinois	June 18-19	Chicago	Conrad Hilton
Indiana	June 12-13	Indianapolis	Severin
Iowa	June 18-19	Marshalltown	Talleorn
Kansas	Apr. 25-26	Newton	Motor Hotel
Maine	June 11-12	Rockland	Ripley
Maryland	May 7-8	Hagerstown	Thorndyke
Massachusetts	Apr. 22-25	Boston	Venice Motel
Michigan	June 8-10	Grand Rapids	Bradford
Minnesota	June 5	Minneapolis	Pantlind
New Hampshire	May 6-8	Concord	G.A.R. Hall
New Jersey	June 11-12	Ashbury Park	Highway
New York	June 23-26	Elmira	Berkeley Carteret
Ohio	June 21-26	Dayton	Mark Twain
Ore. & Wash.	May 16-18	Seattle, Wash.	Biltmore
Pennsylvania	June 13-16	Gettysburg	Mayflower
Rhode Island	Apr. 9-10	Providence	Holiday Inn
Vermont	June 21-26	Montpelier	Sheraton-Biltmore
Wisconsin	June 25-27	Kenosha	Pavilion
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April 1, 1965

1. Recognition is given that we have been laboring long and hard during this period of the centennial of the Civil War to promote the spirit of patriotism in our countrymen and to instill in all the meaning and the influence of that sectional conflict and of the Grand Army of the Republic on our national development. Soon the centennial observances will reach their climax.

For us a climactic event of the most significance is the observance of Appomattox Day at Reading, Pennsylvania, the anniversary of the effective close of the Civil War, to be held on Saturday, April 3rd, the magnitude of which, with its parade and bands and celebrated speakers, will be unparalleled in our Country. Our Organization is justly proud of the accomplishments of our chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt and his committee, and of the fact that components of our Organization are the sponsors. All who can make the trip are strongly urged to attend.

But the centennial period, which will continue yet many weeks, is just the beginning of the current duties of our Organization. We have a larger task ahead of us. In the present era of space exploration, nuclear physics applications, and striving for equal rights to all, and in the long view of our Country's development, we must bend extra effort for the promotion of patriotism and the teaching of our true American history. We look forward to the expanding tasks of our Organization with great anticipation and with confidence.

2. Our Lincoln Tomb ceremony this year will be the largest ever. The committee assures that this will be outstanding. The place is Springfield, Illinois, and the date April 15th. Our members and friends are strongly urged to support this commemoration by their large attendance.

3. It was requested a few weeks ago that each Camp plan an enthusiastic and spirited membership campaign this Spring and report progress to your Department Commander with a copy of your letter to me, and not later than May 1st make a report of results with recommendations for future and better campaigns—to your Department Commander with copy to me. If your initial report has not already been sent in, it will be appreciated if it may be received promptly and followed up by the later report. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel for the advancement of our Order.

4. To those obtaining five or more new members for our Order the title of National Aide will be conferred and the privilege of wearing the National Ribbon with the badge possessed.

5. On May 30th we will again observe the day set apart by a grateful nation for the commemoration of the deeds of valor of all of our soldier and sailor dead who fought and died that our nation might live, strong and united. That national Holiday, established in pursuance of a directive of General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, originally to commemorate the deeds of valor of those who lost their lives in defense of the Union in the Civil War, is now a part of our National heritage in recognition of those deceased veterans of all wars who fought in defense of our Country. Let us, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the successors of the Grand Army of the Republic, prepare well in advance to see to the proper and fitting observance of this day in each of our communities, and maintain the leadership of our predecessors in promoting its true significance.

6. Contributions are being received by our National Patriotic Instructor, Henry S. Bowen, Jr., 8 Judson Street, Beverly, Massachusetts, to our Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund, a most necessary financial aid for many projects of the National Organization. Each member, Camp and Department, please support your National Organization in this way by promptly sending a generous donation.

7. All Departments are requested to send to the Commander-in-Chief a Roster or copy of a general order showing all elected and appointed officers as soon as possible, and advise him of prospective new Camps and the current status of organizational efforts for them. Remember our goal: to double our membership in each Camp, to organize at least one new Camp in each Department and at least one new Camp-at-large, and that each of our members will himself enlist in our Order at least one new member.

8. Camp Secretaries please see that Quarterly Reports are mailed promptly, and Department Secretaries that reports are promptly made to the National Secretary-Treasurer. Reports of election and installation of officers should be sent to the Department Secretary immediately after Camp installation.

9. Congratulations to each Department Commander and the officers of his staff as you meet in annual Encampment. Consider and if appropriate act upon all matters for the smooth operation and promotion of our Order, and forward all necessary information and facts of interest to National Headquarters and to the proper National committee chairman.

Your Commander-in-Chief is making every effort to visit each Department, and where conflicting dates interfere he will attempt to have a suitable representative.

10. Most cordial and fraternal greetings to all.

Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief

We Recommend

The April 1965 issue of the National Geographic magazine. In it is an excellent article "Appomattox—Where Grant and Lee Made Peace With Honor A Century Ago," written by Past Commander-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd and beautifully illustrated by Bruce Dale. It is an extensive and complete treatment of the subject, which you will wish to retain for your library.



Department News



CALIFORNIA



National President Mrs. Emma Wheeler, (right), together with P.N.P. Mrs. Lela Shugart (left), were guests at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Riggs (center) in early February. Making her official visit to the Department of California, Mrs. Wheeler visited all the auxiliaries, besides attending the Mid-Winter meeting in Inglewood and the Lincoln Banquet in Los Angeles.

Forty-four members attended the meeting of Districts 1 and 2 last fall in Fresno. Among officers present were Dept. Commander Eugene McCoy and Dept. Pres. Betty Moon, as well as Roy Kelchner, Charles Burchard, Pearl Slayton, Thelma Crawford, Earl Riggs, Beatrice Riggs, Lenore Glass, Bertha Guest, Wilbur Coursey, Frank Woerner, Louis Story, Oscar Bacon, Mary Cox, Marcis Weaver, Bessie Woerner and Mary Story.

Following the banquet on Saturday night a program of music and dancing was presented by the Fresno Auxiliary. On Sunday, forty-eight members were present on a bright and sunny day where a ham dinner was served on the spacious patio and lawn of Harry and Florence Simonian.

Phil Sheridan Camp and Aux. of San Jose recently returned to their old hall at 1285 Lincoln St. Following a dinner at Lincoln Cafe with 28 members present, five new members were obligated by the Camp and three by the Auxiliary.

CONNECTICUT

ROCKVILLE—Members of Alden Skinner Auxiliary celebrated the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington on Feb. 13 in GAR Hall. An official visitation of state officers was also observed with some 50 persons attending. A buffet dinner was followed by a social hour and a program, during which an American Flag with staff and eagle was presented to Brownie Troop 282. Guests included Dept. Pres. Olive Ruda of Waterbury and others from East Hampton, Meriden, Hartford, Bristol, New Haven and Manchester.

ILLINOIS

Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 30 held their eighth annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 12 at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. Helen S. Brady and Charles A. Brady, Jr. served as co-chairmen. Guests at the head table included Dept. Comdr. John Brooks Davis, Dept. Pres. Viola Hartwig, and Hazel L. Kurtz, Dept. Pres. of DUVCW. Speaker of the evening was Earl C. Kubicek, Director of Alumni Relations and Placement for Illinois Institute of Technology, who presented an illustrated talk entitled "The Tragedy on Tenth Street" concerning Pres. Lincoln's final year in office and his assassination. Numerous Mathew Brady photographs were included among the slides shown. Musical entertainment was

"Let Us Have Peace"



The phrase "Let Us Have Peace" was the conclusion of General U. S. Grant's letter accepting the nomination for President. After the quarrels of Andrew Johnson's Administration, the idea of internal peace was generally acceptable, and the assurance this statement implied was received with enthusiasm and became a rallying cry during the campaign.

The acceptance was made in a letter dated May 29, 1868, to Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, President of the National Union Republican Convention, and was written entirely "in his own hand, was his first draft, and contains only one correction—the change of a word at the suggestion of Mr. Colfax." (Life of U. S. Grant, Edited by L. T. Remlap, Loomis National Library Association, New York, 1888, pages 752-753.)

U. S. Grant, 3rd
Maj-Gen. U.S.A. Ret.

provided by The Barbersharps, a barbershop quartet. Three certificates, each good for a "Mister Lincoln" rose plant, were awarded as door prizes.

Earlier the same day the 66th annual Lincoln Memorial Service was held in the G.A.R. Hall, located in the Chicago Public Library Building, under the auspices of the G.A.R. Memorial Association of Cook County. P.D.C. James M. Blackman is serving as Commander of the association this year. Chairman for the program was Dept. Comdr. John Brooks Davis. The speaker was Dr. Frank F. Gross, Central Region Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Colors were posted at both this service and the evening dinner by members of Camp No. 1.

Dept. Comdr. Davis visited Gen. J. A. McClelland Camp No. 4 in Springfield in January and J. D. Beardslee Camp No. 48 in Prophetstown in March. His wife, Betsy, who is a member of Auxiliary No. 30, has been appearing on Chicago radio station WBBM recently in a program which allows listeners to telephone the station and ask her advice on interior decorating, which is her field of specialty.

Dept. Pres. Viola Hartwig was the guest of the Past Dept. President's Club on March 14. Their meeting was held at the home of P.N.P. Eva B. Blackman.

Clyde F. Davis, Jr., Commander of Old Glory Camp No. 61-65, is also serving as Commander of Merchandise Mart Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars this year.

George S. Pense, Past Commander of Camp No. 1, was awarded his 60-year numeral at the camp's March meeting. Bro. Pense joined the camp in 1904 at the age of 16.

James L. High, member of the National Council of Administration, was hospitalized for injuries suffered in a fall in February. The Department wishes him a speedy recovery.

The Department welcomes the following men, who have joined the SUVCW since the first of the year: Verne L. Broezell, William Hibbard, Andrew Sabala, Jerome L. Scheyer, and Edward Shannon.

TAPS—Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the following men, whose deaths have recently been reported: Samuel P. Long and T. P. Siddall, Jr., of Camp No. 1, and William V. Nokes of Camp No. 4.

IOWA

The Department will mark the close of the Civil War Centennial on April 4 with a commemoration in the West Waterloo Junior High School. Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Luckow of Chicago have been engaged to officiate with illustrations.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Old Timers Association, started in 1931 by Frank Kirchgassner has held yearly reunions. With the election of Ernest

G. Wells as President it has had a new birth of activity, with several meetings scheduled.

The annual tribute to Lincoln at the Emancipation Statue in Boston was held Feb. 12. Acting Mayor of Malden, Herbert L. Jackson was master of ceremonies. William W. Haskell and Mrs. Dorothy Newell placed wreaths, and Harold M. Drown delivered the Gettysburg Address. Louis E. Winchell, Sr. arranged the program and Dept. Comdr. Alfred M. Bowen, Jr., and Aux. Dept. Pres. Minnie E. Madeiros participated with other guests.

Frank F. Johnson, "The Blind Patriot" and Commander of Couden-Higginson Camp, Cambridge, answered the final roll call in March. Having a perfect physique for impersonating Lincoln, he had delivered the Gettysburg Address on Memorial Day in Cambridge for forty years.

Elmer Whittredge, Historian of Winthrop Camp 81 of Chelsea has an inspiring message for each meeting of the Camp. "History, after all, is only recorded 'Memory'—and 'Memory' is the chief stock in trade of the 'Sons.' This is why we must try to bring back the 'Memories' of the 'Boys in Blue' who became 'The Men in Blue'—'the G.A.R.' This is our duty and our privilege.

Hawes Camp of New Bedford has added five members in recent weeks. Camp Commander Chester W. Adshead and Raymond Morse have been using the time honored system of ringing doorbells in getting results. Past Department Commanders Davis, Drown, Haskell, Howland and Day comprised the initiating staff. Pres. Dorothy Hammond and staff officers also initiated two new members into Hawes Auxiliary.

IN MEMORIAM

HAROLD SHEPARDSON
Died March 25

The Massachusetts Department and the entire Order mourn the passing of "Shep," husband of P.N.P. Ursula Shepardson. A Past Department Commander, he served in many capacities, always cheerful and willing to help the Order that he loved.

A loyal member and faithful husband, his competence was matched by devotion.

MINNESOTA

IN MEMORIAM
DEWEY B. MEAD

Passed away Feb. 2 from a heart attack. He had been a member of Minneapolis Camp 8 for 37 years. Elected Department Commander in 1938, he then served as Department Secretary-Treasurer for 15 years.

Dewey was elected Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1953. He was a Past Chairman of the Minneapolis Memorial Day Assoc. and served as Treasurer for 12 years. He was also a member of several Masonic Orders, including the Shrine. Before retiring, he was a printer with the Minneapolis Police Department.

A close personal friend of Comrade Woolson, he was a loyal member and friend of both the Sons and the Grand Army of the Republic.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

All five Allied Orders will hold Encampments in Concord May 6-8. The banquet will be held May 7 at the Highway Hotel, to be followed by the Camp Fire program.

NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Joan L. Clark, Dept. Patr. Instr. reports additional rehabilitation activity. During February she presented an electric orange juicer and 3 twenty pound bags of oranges to St. Michael's Orphanage in Hopewell, and also presented a check to the New Jersey Blind Assoc. in Leonardo to be used to replace kitchen equipment that had been stolen, and also a check to the Kessler Institute in Orange to purchase equipment to be used in their vocational work with handicapped children. All presentations were made in the name of the New Jersey Department, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. An Easter cheer box will be sent to Mrs. Hoag, the only Civil War widow living at the Vineland Soldiers Home.

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR—Miss Joan Garrison, Pres. of Uzal Dodd Aux. 9 of Orange has been in communication with U.S. Senator Harrison Williams as well as the De-

partment of State regarding the 389 American servicemen and 5 civilians that have been unaccounted for by the Korean Communists. The Department of Defense and the State Department have demanded information without result. We must continue to seek from the Communists, the accounting which they are obligated to provide under the terms of the Military Armistice Agreement. Won't you help? How? Write to President Johnson and remind him that we are not content to accept this disgrace.

We are happy to report that Department Commander William Wharton is back home after spending several months as a patient in the East Orange Veterans Hospital. His temporary address is c/o Mrs. George Gabriel, River Drive, Titusville, N. J.

The Centennial of Appomattox was celebrated in New Jersey on April 10th and 11th. On the 10th members of Dayton Camp No. 5 held a wreath laying ceremony at the Swamp Angel in Cadwallader Park. It was at this spot that the Centennial of Fort Sumter was observed in 1961. The Swamp Angel is a famous cannon that was used by the Union Forces in the siege of Charleston. Appomattox was observed by Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 on April 11 with a dinner at Nassau Inn, Princeton as a tribute to those New Jersey troops that took part in the fratricidal conflict.

NEW YORK

IN MEMORY OF
MARY E. STAPLETON
Died March 14, 1965

Sister Stapleton joined Aux. 30 in 1907 at the age of 16 years. An outstanding lifetime of service included serving as Department President in 1920 and as National President in 1943.

She was also an active member of the Spanish American War Veterans Auxiliary, as well as the Eastern Star and the Rebeccas.

Employed by the Internal Revenue Service, she retired on Dec. 31, 1964. Survivors are several nieces and nephews.

GOOD CITIZEN—At a meeting of Grant Camp 20 on Dec. 18, Department Commander Richard Horbelt was presented with the Good Citizenship Award Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution by Bro. Neil Steiger, the President of the Long Island Chapter. The award was in recognition of his securing 3,000 signatures for the retention of the "Under God" phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance.

76th ANNUAL TRANSFER OF FLAGS was held on Feb. 14 in the East High School, Rochester, sponsored by Glidden, Pierce, Lomb Camp 6 with the cooperation of the Rochester Public School system. Fifty-four incoming Flag Bearers were presented medals in honor of Capt. Henry Lomb, furnished by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. and the fifty-four outgoing Bearers were presented a copy of Grover C. Scott's "History of Rochester and Monroe County's Part in the Civil War." Commander-in-Chief Rippey addressed the more than 1,000 persons in the auditorium. This colorful ceremony has been conducted for the past 15 years by Grover C. Scott will be under direction of Brother Rippey starting in 1966.

GLIDDEN, PIERCE, LOMB CAMP arranged a program of pictures depicting various Department Encampment at their March meeting, and in April will present two 50 year badges, and several 25 year badges. Both the Camp and Aux. will meet in the War Memorial Building. It is in the Shrine Room of this building that the Memorial Sunday service will be held May 23.

BUFFALO—Four members of Cook Camp 223, Buffalo have been elected as Officers of the Civil War Round Table viz: Norman R. Furman as President, Willard B. Stephan as Treasurer, while Raymond G. Barber and Wayne Jordan were placed on the Executive Committee.

The G.A.R. Memorial Assoc. of western New York held its annual Lincoln Dinner at the Executive Hotel on Feb. 13. Mrs. I. Richard Reed was Chairman, and Mrs. Anita K. Stephan served as Toastmistress. Mr. Thomas Wetzel of Niagara Falls delivered an interesting and moving address.

I. Richard Reed has been appointed Chairman of the Civil War Group of the newly formed Military History Chapter of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Joseph D. Hillery of Cook Camp was a member of the original committee that established the Chapter.

OHIO

CINCINNATI—Several members of Camp 100 took an active part in entertaining the recent National Encampment of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in Cincinnati. P. C. in C. Coffin acted as Host, and Wm. C. Duval was Chairman of the event. Commander-in-Chief Rippey and Camp Commander Pfister brought greetings from our Order to our "Companion Organization." Another "father and son" team from Camp 100 was honored by the Cincinnati Bar Association recently when Bro. Louis J. Schneider, Sr., a Judge of the Common Pleas Court for many years was honored as "Senior Counselor" and his son Louis J. Schneider, Jr. was elected an Associate Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. On Feb. 17 the Camp met jointly with the Ohio Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion at the Cincinnati Club to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Herbert Koch, a Civil War and Lincoln lecturer was the speaker.

ALLIANCE—McClellan Camp and Aux. held their annual Lincoln Banquet on Feb. 6 at Lexington Grange Hall. Included in the 250 present were Dept. Commander Carl Burcaw; Dept. Pres. Marjorie Grate; Paul and Anita Selby and Errett and Edith Nile. On the occasion of the Testimonial Dinner held honoring Dept. Pres. Marjorie Grate, we were honored by the presence of Natl. Pres. Emma Wheeler and her husband Kenneth. Later in the week, Marjorie Grate, accompanied by Kenneth and Emma Wheeler, and Errett and Edith Nile, and Esther Greek, motored to Frost Auxiliary, a distance of 500 miles, there to be feted. Emma and Marjorie were presented with lovely corsages.

CLEVELAND—The SUVCW and DUCW held their 41st Lincoln Banquet on Feb. 12 at the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel with 200 present. Hon. Arthur A. Day was the guest speaker, and Dept. Pres. Marjorie Grate gave the tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. Dept. Commander Carl Burcaw, as well as the Department Presidents of all the Allied Orders were also present.

OREGON & WASHINGTON



Natl. Pres. Mrs. Emma Wheeler is shown above during the presentation of "The Order of the Rose" by Miss Abbott of the Portland Rose Society. This is an honor reserved for important visitors to the "City of Roses."

During her visit to Oregon and Washington, Sister Wheeler installed the Officers of both the Portland and Eugene Auxiliaries. She was presented with charms for her silver charm bracelet by Hiram Gale Auxiliary of Seattle, and also by the Eugene Auxiliary.

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—An otherwise outstanding Lincoln Banquet held on Feb. 13 was saddened by tragic news. On the morning of the 13th, Department President Mrs. Beatrice Werkheiser was killed in an automobile accident. Also killed in the same accident were her son-in-law and grand daughter. Two others in the car were seriously injured. On Jan. 25 the officers of Anna M. Ross Aux. 1 were installed by Dept.

Commdr. Clarence Riddell. The newly installed President is Doris Boehmler. Members were present from Aux. 200 and Aux. 14, Camp 49 and Camp 2 and Camp 200. Dept. Chaplain Edna Glace inspected the Auxiliary at the same meeting.

CARLISLE—The 50th annual "Old Army Bean Soup" dinner and supper sponsored by Camp 50 and Aux. was held in G.A.R. Hall on Feb. 20. Mrs. Kermit L. Wilson served for the first time as general chairman. Her mother, Mrs. John Ruggles had been general chairman for a number of years. Mrs. Donald Wolfe supervised the baking of 166 pies. Over 500 quarts of bean and vegetable soup were sold, much of it taken out for home use. This year part of the proceeds will be used to purchase a nylon silk flag for the new Intermediate High School. The Auxiliary has furnished a new flag for every new school in the area since 1927. Mrs. Herbert Arbaugh is President of the Auxiliary, and Richard Mumper is Commander of the Camp.

8th ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY program will be observed Sunday June 13 at the Woolson Statue, Gettysburg, preceding the opening of our Department Encampment. National and Department heads of the Allied Orders will take part in tributes and wreath laying ceremonies. Veteran units will participate, and Maj. Gen. John Weikert, U. S. Air Force will deliver the address. A parade from the Holiday Inn will precede the services at 2:30 p.m. The Allied Orders Campfire Program will be held at the Gettysburg Battlefield Amphitheater that evening, weather permitting. Otherwise in the Holiday Inn ballroom.

SCOTLAND—The annual commencement exercises of the Scotland School for Veterans Children (originated through the efforts of the G.A.R.) will be held June 5 on the school campus. Dept. Comdr. Clarence J. Riddell and Dept. Aux. Pres. Madge Fullerton will participate as will Scotland School Chairmen of both organizations.

SONS OF VETERANS CLUB—At a meeting held Mar. 20 the following were elected: President John H. Stark; Vice-Pres. Edwin K. Kramer; Secy. Frank M. Heacock, and Treasurer Charles H. Dern, Sr. Frank M. Heacock, Jr. is the retiring President of the Club.

RHODE ISLAND

THE BESPECTACLED, white-haired woman stooped to say something to the man in the wheel chair. What she said must have been amusing, for the man laughed, waving his cigar.

The gentle woman has been keeping patients amused at the Rhode Island Veterans Home with weekly visits for more than 45 years.

She is Mrs. Laura Todd Smith, and to the men who have walked the sometimes lonely corridors of the home, her name has become legend.

"I've been coming here since 1919," Mrs. Smith said, reflecting on all the soldiers she has seen come and go, "just about every week."

What drives a woman of 92 to keep bringing cheer from the outside world to the veterans? "It's my love for them," she answered. "My grandfather died in the Civil War but his memory lives on with me."

Veterans, all the way up to the home's commandant, Louis P. Alfano, Jr. are grateful to Laura Smith, a Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps and an active member of the Providence Auxiliary.

Every day we become more like our thoughts.

Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have.

Another difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

The more help a man has in his garden, the less it belongs to him.

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.



THE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL HISTORY of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Compiled by the National Grand Army Centennial and History Committee
of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ernest G. Wells, Chairman

A Generation of Heroes

(Continued from last issue)

The lack of any complete record of this prominent and influential society has been a void in our knowledge of the forces that moulded us into the kind of people we are. While this condition remained, we were liable to the mistakes of ignorance—or at least to those of only partial understanding. With this effort, we are assuming, as every historian must, that the more we can learn about ourselves, the better able we will be to solve our present and future problems. Our present inter-necine difficulties are obviously due to our failure to face honestly and squarely the issues of the changing years this history encompasses.

"The error of youth is to believe that intelligence is a substitute for experience, while the error of age is to believe that experience is a substitute for intelligence."—Lyman Bryson.

We notice that the new generation, literally seething with intelligence (and finding it hard to handle), doesn't usually have much patience with what happened years ago.

On the other hand, when the "old timer" dwells on his "good old days" (with all the inconveniences forgotten), it is usually with nostalgic euphoria—and he rarely makes the intellectual effort to apply the lessons learned yesterday to the complications of today.

Of course there is an occasional meeting of intelligence and experience, but too little and by too few; herein lies the difference between failure (mediocrity at best) and success.

We advocate the study of history to a much greater extent than is currently the practice; its evaluation in today's terms; and the application of such evaluation toward our problems as they arise.

With this History we assume that the Sons of Union Veterans—with the records and sentiments of kinship—is equipped to bring a light into a darkness—and a resulting enlightenment from memory put to use.

The 1889 History

General Lucius Fairchild, in his Introduction to the 1889 G.A.R. History, declared the work of Past Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Beath to be an accurate and intelligent account of the society from its birth to the date of publication.

In his Preface, Beath told of his difficulties:

"The records of the Grand Army of the Republic, when transferred to Adjutant-General Chipman in 1868, were imperfect. He and his successors sought diligently to replace missing records and secure reliable data relative to the institution of the Grand Army, but, unfortunately, the materials so gathered, with all other books and records to that time, were destroyed in a disastrous fire which occurred in Boston, Mass., on Memorial Day, 1872. When serving as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Pennsylvania, I began to collect duplicates of general orders and journals. Later, when appointed Adjutant-General, I sought to secure for National Headquarters missing copies of orders and journals and was able to report to the National Encampment of 1876 that 13 full sets had been collected and bound. The announcement stimulated a desire for copies and some 700 were printed and issued to subscribers. These, up to this time (1889), have been practically the only available records of the National Encampment for (the earliest years)."

In compiling his history, Comrade Beath thought it best to begin with as much detail as possible. These details were gathered from many sources, largely from personal contact with early survivors and from valuable papers entrusted him. (Some of these details we will omit as not being pertinent to

our purpose; which, of course, is to understand the Grand Army, but not necessarily by examining its foundation brick by brick.) He completed his work by repeating a portion of his address as commander-in-chief:

"No other organization on earth can lay claim to such glorious and precious memories. Let us keep this brotherhood on the highest plane of citizenship and prove to the people, North and South, that the Grand Army of the Republic is worthy of their confidence; that it is doing a work demanded by the strongest claims of humanity; and in accord with the purest principles of patriotism."

We will make no major changes in Beath's History. However, the passing of time—and the G.A.R.—does require certain changes in tenses and phraseology. Also, only a comparatively few pedants would want certain tables of statistics—and even they would hardly care about street addresses that no longer exist.

For the later years, we have had help in putting meat on the skeleton of facts. Past National President Maude B. Warren of our Massachusetts Auxiliary has sent us many newspaper clippings of Grand Army Encampments, as well as many Journals of Proceedings.

The home camp of the chairman, Charles Russell Lowell No. 9 of Boston, has helped to defray a good portion of the mimeographing expense of this project to this date.

History of the Grand Army of the Republic

CHAPTER I

PEACE AT LAST

France, under the military genius of the first Napoleon, for almost twenty years kept all Europe in constant turmoil, but in all that long period there were not as many battles as during the four years of the attempted secession, during which the number killed and wounded on both sides exceeded that of the numerous wars of England from William the Conqueror to the turn of this century.

The engagements and battles of 1861, the year of preparation for tremendous conflicts, numbered 156; in 1862 they amounted to 561; in 1863 they were 626; in 1864 up to 779; and in the few months of 1865 that led to Appomattox there were 135, making in all 2,257.

Active hostilities began with the firing on Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861. On April 14, 1865, the United States Flag, which just four years before had been lowered by the formal surrender by Major Robert Anderson, was again raised by Anderson, by this time a major-general, with appropriate ceremonies.

On April 2nd Jefferson Davis had made a hurried departure from Richmond, stopping at Danville to issue a proclamation to the effect that the events of the past ten days would leave the Confederate armies "free to move from point to point to strike the enemy in detail far from his base." Notwithstanding this, on April 9, Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. Grant, and on the 14th Gen. Joseph E. Johnston opened negotiations for the surrender of his troops in North Carolina to Gen. Sherman, the details being formally consummated on the 26th.

Mobile had been surrendered on the 12th to the military and naval forces under Gen. Granger, commanding the 13th Army Corps, and Rear Admiral Thatcher, commanding the West Gulf Squadron.

(To Be Continued)