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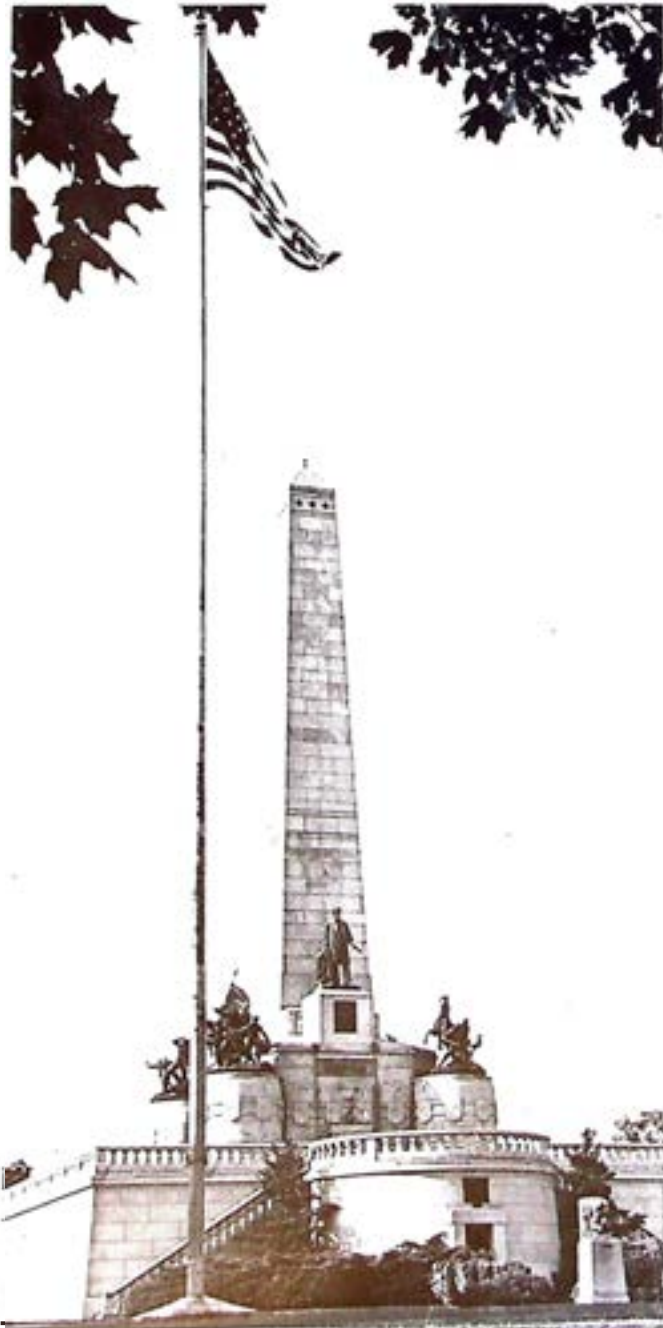
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## WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE



In this Tomb are the Remains of  
**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Sixteenth President of the United States  
Born February 12, 1809, in a log cabin at Hodgenville, Kentucky, a slave state, second child of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, died at Washington, D. C. April 15, 1865. Taken by his parents in 1816 to Spencer County, Indiana, where he spent his youth. Two years later left motherless, but upon the re-marriage of his father became strongly attached to his step-mother, Sarah Bush, who exerted great influence on his character. At the age of twenty-one came with his family overland to Macon County, Illinois, where they settled on a farm. In 1831 moved to New Salem where he lived six years. Moved to Springfield and practiced law until 1860, when he was elected to the Presidency of the United States. On November 4, 1842 married Mary Todd to which union was born four children, Robert Todd, Edward Baker, William Wallace and Thomas. Served as a captain in the Black Hawk War, four terms in the Illinois State Legislature, one term in Congress. Was twice defeated for the United States Senate, and twice elected President of the United States. With only a meager schooling he became a master of the English language, a nationally known orator and debater, and one of the world's greatest statesmen. He guided our nation through the Civil War and preserved our Union for posterity.

*(Engraved on bronze plaque in The Lincoln Tomb, left, in Springfield, Illinois.)*

## 165th ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S BIRTH OBSERVED IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Four members of Camp 112 of Gettysburg, who are also members of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, SVR, served as the official color guard of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the commemoration of the 165th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12.

The program was sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in cooperation with the National Park Service.

Members of the color guard included Cpl. Barry Snyder, Cpl. Larry McDannell, Pvt. Richard Ketterman and Pvt. John Adamik.

The commanding officer of the 11th PVI, Maj. Donald Schmitt, assisted the Commander-in-Chief, Allen Howland, in placing the memorial wreath from the SUVCW. Maj. Elton P. Koch carried the wreath for National President Jessie Wells.

President Richard Nixon, who was the speaker at the program, noted that Lincoln had "walked tall" in the face of criticism. The U. S. Air Force band provided music for the service.

## Use 1974 Form In Requisitioning Supplies

Orders for Camp and Department supplies must be submitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer on the 1974 requisition form. Otherwise, orders cannot be honored and will be returned by the National Secretary-Treasurer. See copy of the 1974 price list below:

### CAMP SUPPLIES

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2	Application for 50-year Badge	per 10 .25
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C	Camp Secy. Requisition Book	each .75
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F	Cash Book	each 1.00
H	Book—New Members to Sign	each 2.00
21	Rituals	each 1.00
	Membership Badges	each 4.00
	Past Camp Commanders' Badges	each 3.00
	War Medals	each 5.50
	50-year Badges	each 3.00
	Numerals of Service (attach to badge)	
	25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75	each .60
	Bronze Recognition Button	each .75
	Membership Ribbons—Blue	each .15
	Membership Certificates	each .25
	in lots of 10 or more	each .20
	Tie Clasp with Insignia	each 2.50
	Cuff Links with Insignia	per pair 2.50
	Tie Tack (Polished Bronze)	each 1.50
	Miniature Badge (Choice of Ribbon)	each 2.00
	Electros of Badge	each 2.50
	Electros of Coat of Arms	each 2.50
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	Camp Seal Presses	Prices quoted on request

### DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES

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3 1/2	Delegate Credentials to Natl. Encampment	per 25 1.50
3 1/2	Alternate Deleg. Credentials to Natl. Encamp.	per 25 .50
4 1/2	Dept. Transfer Form	per 25 .25
5	Application for War Medal	per 10 1.00
23	Organizers' Reports—New Camps	per 10 .50
26	Camp Charter Applications	per 10 .50
27-28	Camp Secy. and Treas. Quarterly Reports, per 100	2.00
	Dept. Treas. Receipt Book	each 8.00
	Department Commander's Badge	each 10.00
	*Past Dept. Commander's Badge	each 15.00
	Department Ribbons—Red	each .30
	Camp Installing Officers' Reports—FORM 22; Dept. Secy.-Treas. Quarterly Reports—FORM 33-35-36; Certificate of Election of Dept. Officers—FORM 49 will be mailed to Dept. Hdqrs. as requested.	

\*ORDER PDC BADGES EARLY—PLEASE



## NOTED HISTORIAN TO ADDRESS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

### Dr. J. Duane Squires, Outstanding Speaker

Dr. J. Duane Squires, one of the outstanding personalities in New Hampshire, will be the main speaker at the Sunday evening Campfire Program at the National Encampment to be held at the Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, August 18-22, 1974. Dr. Squires, an educator and noted historian, has served on many significant governmental commissions and committees. He was also chairman of the New Hampshire Civil War Centennial Commission and currently is serving as chairman of the New Hampshire Bicentennial Commission.

The Encampment Committee has also announced that New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson and U. S. Senators Molnyre and Cotton have all agreed to attend the Campfire Program.

The Encampment Committee composed of the following persons has met regularly and worked diligently for the last two years in formulating plans for an interesting and enjoyable Encampment:

**Sons**  
Cleon Heald, P.C. in C., Co-chairman  
Robert Lawrence, PDC  
Kenneth Wheeler, PDC  
William John, PDC  
Richard Wyman, PDC  
Leonard Wyman, PDC  
Lawrence Parker, PDC

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Alice Sharkey, Dept. President  
Anna Atkins, PDP  
Hattie Edmunds, PDP

### Ladies of the GAR

Mary Hills, Dept. President  
Sylvia Flemming, PDP  
Christine Mason, PDP

Mrs. Cora French, PDP, Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Adrienne Judkins, PDP, Daughters of Union Veterans, have also lent assistance to the Encampment Committee.

### Hotel Rates are:

Double Room — 2 in a room — \$134.40 per person (5 days, 4 nights)  
Single Room — \$138.40 per person (5 days, 4 nights)  
Double Room — 2 in a room — \$108.80 per person (4 days, 3 nights)  
Single Room — \$118.80 per person (4 days, 3 nights)

(The above rates are Full American Plan and also include New Hampshire tax and service charge, except for individual services.)

A deposit of \$20.00 per person is required with each reservation. You may arrive one day earlier and stay one day later at the same per day package rate. Persons wishing to take advantage of this special offer are requested to notify the Hotel.

## AMERICAN PRIDE

By  
Lt. Col. Daniel F. Clancy  
S.V.R., Retired

(Col. Clancy, a newspaperman for thirty years, is the only man except the late Ernie Pyle to earn two consecutive National Headliner awards for outstanding achievement in journalism.)

We have shortages, all right, and lacks and needs. But our important ones are not of oil or energy.

Something other than oil has to be pumped from the well-springs of our nation. This generation has to generate something more electric than electricity.

We need simple pride in what we have, what we have been and what we are. We need to reknow our nation's basic beliefs; face a realistic appraisal of the great things these principles have produced; renew faith in often forgotten fundamentals; and take pride, not just in ourselves as individuals, but in a People indivisible.

No one can weaken or wreck us except ourselves, who are seemingly bent on a suicidal course of self-depreciation, irresolution, disparagement of our heroes and doubt of our ideals.

Among other contenders for the position, we are indeed our own worst enemy.

The flag is debased on pants seats; uniforms are unhonored, often by those who wear them; patriotism is pooh-pooed as unsophisticated.

Many look askance at members of our armed forces, instead of seeing them as the vital protectors of ourselves and our society.

We lack the sense to see the advantages, abundance and freedom in front of our noses and all around us; we lack the ability to accurately access our dangers; and we lack a spirit of high confidence.

The greatest demand on this generation of Americans is that they simply see what we have, value it and resolve to retain it. We have everything, bigger and better than when anxious ancestors, in a poorer past, dreamed, dared and died for the Today which we, wavering, could waste away.

We need only recognize what we possess, protect it and be proud of it.

Lack of pride goeth before a fall.

## A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day has been celebrated each year since 1868, when it was suggested as a Civil War memorial holiday by Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. It commemorates the four years of war in which the Union came as close to dissolution and death as it has at any time in its history.

Judged in comparison with the wars of our own time, which have involved the great nations of the world, the Civil War was not a major conflict. Statistically, it might be classified as a small-time conflict. It was anything but that. For one thing, it was the bloodiest war ever fought on this hemisphere. And it was a huge, fierce and enormously expensive war by any standard of comparison. And, insofar as this country was concerned, it was the most tragic in our history, turning brother against brother and ravaging the land mercilessly.

Today Memorial Day assumes a much broader significance. New wars have created a thousand smaller Arlingtons, and of these the greater number are not marked. They are to be found everywhere, in formal, carefully tended plots on the continent, in the Aleutians, on the islands of the Pacific, in trackless jungles, in forests of Burma, and in far-away Korea and Vietnam.

It is a day of remembrance. The dead do not need remembrance. But the living need to remember for their own good. Once a year it is good for the American people to revive by the ceremonies of Memorial Day their respect, honor and gratitude to all who have fought and died for them.



General Order No. 11  
Series 1868

By command of  
Gen. John A. Logan  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Grand Army of the Republic

I. The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well, as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us then at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

## Veterans Administration Plans to Inform Civil War Widows

The Veterans Administration plans another "out-reach" effort to inform widows of Civil War veterans they're entitled to a \$55 monthly aid and attendance allowance if health conditions warrant.

Officials noted that in December there were 511 Civil War beneficiaries (272 widows and 239 helpless children) on the agency's rolls. There were 548 last June.

The average age of Civil War widows is 89.1 years, with 26 of them 100 years old or more. The oldest Union Army widow is 117 years old, compared to 105 for the oldest Confederate Army widow.

VA officials said 197 of the 272 surviving Civil War widows draw aid and attendance benefits. Of the 75 who do not, four are more than 100 years old. There are 1.2 million widows from all wars on VA compensation and pension rolls.

(The Stars and Stripes, February 2, 1974)



**General Order No. 3**  
**Series 1973-74**  
 Headquarters  
**COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF**  
 Sons of Union Veterans  
 of the Civil War  
 Allen B. Howland  
 733 Bedford Street  
 Elmwood, Mass. 02337  
 Phone: (617) 378-2953

I wish to express my gratitude to all brothers and sisters who sent cards and notes to me during my recent doctor-ordered vacation. Having been remiss in the past in sending such greetings, I know now how much they mean to one who has been ordered to do nothing but rest. Thanks to all of you!

Pursuant to the above — having been forced to be absent from work for six weeks has curtailed the amount of leave time I expected to use for travel for our Order. This, added to the present gasoline situation, will mean that this administration may be conducted by mail more than by personal visits of goodwill to Department Encampments. Since most Departments have men well-qualified to advise and answer questions that may arise, the greatest loss will be to me personally in not being able to greet my old friends and make new ones. I ask every brother to do just a little extra to take up the slack. New members are still the first consideration!

The following have been reported as having qualified for recognition for recruiting new members and are hereby appointed National special aides:

- Donald L. Kelly
- Argus E. Ogborn
- Allen E. Paul
- (all of Indiana)

I want to thank Brothers Elton Koch and Donald Schmitt for their courtesies and assistance in Washington, D. C. on February 12th. I also extend my appreciation to the members of the local camp for their participation, and to Nat'l. Sec'y.-Treas. Shriver for his work in making the preliminary arrangements for our participation in the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial.

I urge that all Departments consider carefully and submit to the National Organization any legislation they may believe to be in the best interest of the Order. I have answered questions regarding present regulations to the best of my ability. I know some of the answers were not acceptable to some brothers. Let each Department decide what it wants and send the results to National for action. The will of the majority still governs the deliberations and actions of our Order.

The sympathy of our Organization is extended to all brothers who have lost loved ones and to the families of those brothers who have gone from our midst. May The Lord receive those who have gone and comfort those who remain.

Allen B. Howland  
 Commander-in-Chief

**CORRECTION**

The address of James Y. Ledwith, Commander of the New England Regional Association and member of the National Military Affairs Committee, is 80 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511 (not 100 Howe Street, as previously published).

**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

In a Special Message to Congress dealing with veterans affairs on January 28, Pres. Nixon recommended that the lawmakers restore the observance of Veterans Day to its traditional date of November 11. This follows the action of 33 States that have returned Veterans Day to its original date.

Watch for a barrage of oratory on Capitol Hill as the year unfolds. In his Annual Budget Message, the President unveiled a defense outlay of \$85.6 billion, an increase of \$6.3 billion over the past year. The record money request is attributed to higher military pay scales brought about by a volunteer Army, the need to stockpile arms depleted by the Vietnam War, and continuing inflation. It is estimated that nearly 30 cents of every tax dollar will go for defense under the new budget. To illustrate the costs involved in maintaining a volunteer Army, it is noted that 55 cents of every dollar spent for defense will be earmarked for personnel costs, an increase of 12 cents since 1964.

The Defense Department wants to push ahead with production of the Trident nuclear missile submarine, modernization of the fleet, development of the first test models of the B-1 strategic nuclear bomber and continued development of a new, lightweight fighter plane.

Critics of increased defense spending hope to slash between \$5 to \$10 billion "at the very least" on grounds that some of the proposals are unnecessary and contain wasteful expenditures. Others point to the continuation of the SALT talks as a reason for reducing defense spending. Supporters of a strong defense point to the build-up of Soviet arms and particularly the spectacular growth of the Soviet Navy to justify the rapid procurement of American arms.

On February 6 and again a day later, the U. S. Senate refused to approve a motion that would have cut off debate on the controversial Genocide Convention. Adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly in 1948, the Convention was submitted to the Senate by Pres. Truman in 1949. But not until late last year did a Senate committee favorably report the measure to the floor for action.

Under terms of the Convention, genocide is defined as an act "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group as such."

Senators Sam Ervin of North Carolina and James Allen of Alabama led opposition to the Genocide Convention. They argued that this country already opposes mass murder as evidenced by its criminal laws; that the document is loosely drawn and could subject individuals, including members of the Armed Forces engaged in lawful acts of warfare, to its terms; and that the Convention would grant the World Court jurisdiction on all matters relating to its interpretation or application and without due regard for the guarantees under our Constitution.

It is expected that backers of the proposal will regroup and make another try next year. Opponents of the Genocide Convention should not relax for it should be noted that a majority of the Senate membership favored shutting off debate. To impose the cloture, however, a two-thirds majority is needed and that could not be mustered.

Rep. Richard Ichord of Missouri warns that the committee which he chairs, the House Committee on Internal Security, may be abolished if a recommendation to give the Judiciary Committee jurisdiction over internal security matters is approved by the entire House. At present a Select Committee on Committees chaired by fellow Missourian Rep. Richard Bolling is studying reform of the congressional committee system and is considering the possible consolidation of functions of some committees. The HCIS is the successor to the House Un-American Activities Committee. If the recommendation to abolish HCIS or reduce its status to a subcommittee of an unfriendly parent committee is made and approved, congressional interest in and publicity for matters relating to internal security is expected to nosedive.

Your chairman wishes to call to your attention an appeal from the Sons of the Revolution which is urging support for H.R. 4861, a bill designed to protect and preserve the area around Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, from the construction of factories and other structures.

Respectfully submitted,  
 THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
 Chairman

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For The Record . . .

**A CANADIAN SPEAKS UP FOR AMERICA**

by Gordon Sinclair

(Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television and radio commentator, recently broadcast an editorial commentary noting the widespread criticisms directed against the people of and conditions in the United States. Mr. Sinclair's reaction has attracted widespread attention and his editorial has been widely circulated. Here are excerpts from it):

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth . . .

Germany, Japan, and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris.

I was there, I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help . . . This spring, 59 American communities (were) flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes.

Come on, let's hear it!

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas 107?

If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the international lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles.

You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon — not once but several times — and safely home again.

You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them — unless they are breaking Canadian laws — are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here . . .

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Penn Central Railroad went broke nobody loaned it an old caboose. It is still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to help other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble?

I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around.

They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

I hope Canada is not one of them.

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All items for publication must be received by the 15th day of December, March, June and September.

All members receive The Banner without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$1.00 yearly. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year.

Fred H. Combs Jr., Editor  
 P. O. Box 193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

NATIONAL G.A.R. FUND

National Patriotic Instructor Richard Greenwalt solicits the assistance of each member, Camp and Department to help him reach this year's goal of \$1,200 for the National G.A.R. Fund.

National projects financed from this fund each year include: the G.A.R. Scholarship of \$250; services at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. and the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois;

By your contribution to this Fund, you will be making a worthwhile investment in the patriotic effort of our national body.

Please send contributions in the form of checks or money orders made out to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to:

Richard Greenwalt
National Patriotic Instructor
616 West Summit
Alliance, Ohio 44601

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERS

Table with columns: NO., NAME, DATE PURCHASED. Lists members from U. S. Grant, 3rd to G. Edward Coltrin.

\*Deceased

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows: To age 60 \$100.00, From age 60 to 70 \$ 75.00, Over age 70 \$ 50.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within one year.

Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

ENDORSEMENT NEEDED

By action of the National Encampment held in Palm Springs, California, in August 1973, any Department having a candidate for any National office is now required to forward a Letter of Endorsement to National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver prior to the opening of the National Encampment.

After Gathering Dust for 60 Years . . .

HIDDEN CIVIL WAR ART WORKS GO ON DISPLAY

A \$240,000 collection of Civil War art, hidden for 60 years in a New Orleans attic, went on exhibition recently.

The American Heritage Society, which owns the collection, called it "the most important discovery of its kind in this century."

It consists of 754 pen-and-ink drawings, pencil sketches, water colors and wash drawings by 56 artists. None has ever been publicly displayed before.

The works were commissioned in the 1880s by Century magazine to illustrate a series of articles on the war by ranking ex-Union and ex-Confederate officers. However, the public saw only woodcut reproductions.

Bruce Catton, one of America's most distinguished historians of the Civil War, told a news conference that the war between the states was the first war in history to be "visually presented."

He said these pictures had played an important part to "help imbed this war in the consciousness of the American people."

Paul Gottlieb, president of American Heritage, said the pictures will be published in a book this fall.

Century magazine kept the collection stored for years, before putting it up for auction in 1915. Most were purchased by Gen. William Cannon Rivers, a distinguished soldier whose career ranged from Indian fighting in the West to inspector general in the 1920s.

He packed the collection in three trunks and stored them at his home on The Esplanade in New Orleans. When he died in 1930, the works went to his son James Battle Rivers, also an army officer.

The younger Rivers kept them in the same trunks until his death some two years ago, and then his widow did the same.

Last February, Robert B. Mayo, director of the Valentine Museum in Richmond, Va., heard about the collection. "It's one of those things you run into once in a lifetime," he said yesterday by telephone from Richmond.

Mayo purchased the collection from Mrs. Rivers and sold it to American Heritage for \$200,000. Sotheby Parke-Bernet recently reappraised it at \$240,000.

At the time of the 1915 sale, the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt bought 10 collection pieces which are on display at Hyde Park, N. Y. A dozen Winslow Homers went to such organizations as the Butler Museum in Youngstown, Ohio; Phillips Andover Academy in Massachusetts, and Cooper Union in New York.

(The Star-Ledger, Newark, N. J., January 23, 1974)

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite 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.

To — Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325. Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND. Name of Veteran, Company & Regiment, Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from, Name, Address.

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

From Arthur G. Lyon, Jr. In memory of Irvin Lane, First Mass. Heavy Artillery Regiment \$10.00



Department News



ILLINOIS

Past Department Commander and current Department Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Brady, Jr. of Camp No. 1 was honored by his election on October 27, 1973, to the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Our mid-winter Department Encampment was held at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. Constructive and interesting meetings were conducted by both the Sons and the Auxiliary.

The Bismarck Hotel in Chicago will also be the site of our Department Encampment, June 7-8.

INDIANA



Rev. Howard E. Vance, age 96, himself a son of a union veteran and also a long-time member of Ben Harrison Camp 356, Indianapolis, died on January 10. Col. Vance, an ordained Methodist minister, was an army chaplain overseas during World War I and for many years (until 1972) was the ranking officer in the Indiana state military unit of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve.

In February 1973 Bro. Vance received the Sertoma International Service to Mankind Award "for bringing the word of God and giving aid and comfort to homeless forgotten men who have made the Wheeler Mission their home."

Following each monthly meeting of Gen. William P. Benton Camp 28 of Richmond and Centerville, the Wayne County Civil War Round Table presents a program on some facet of the Civil War. The public is always invited to attend these programs.

IOWA

National President Jessie G. Wells of Cambridge, Massachusetts and National Patriotic Instructor Jean Foster of Iowa Falls were honored by the Department Auxiliary at a banquet held at the Hotel Kirkwood in Des Moines on January 26.

MAINE

The annual Patriotic-Get-Together of the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans, co-hosted by Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp and Elizabeth Crockett Blake Tent of Norway, Maine, was held on February 16th. A supper and program was enjoyed by 106 persons representing thirteen towns and cities of Maine and New Hampshire.

Miss Harriet Ham, Department Vice-President of the Auxiliary, was installed for another term as President of Garfield Auxiliary No. 10 on January 7th and Mrs. Phoebe Folsom was similarly installed as President of Auxiliary No. 17 on January 25th.

MASSACHUSETTS

A meeting of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents was held in GAR Hall in Rockland on March 30th. The meeting was followed by a supper and "penny sale," the proceeds of which will be used for Department Officers' projects, sponsored by the Plymouth County Association Auxiliary.

Plans are in progress for the Department Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary to be held at the Yankee Drummer Inn on Route 12 in Auburn April 19-20. Chester Adshead, PDC and Flora D. Bates, PNP are the co-chairmen.

NEW JERSEY

The semi-annual dinner meeting of New Jersey State Camp No. 100 will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Brother James F. Elliott will present an outstanding audio-visual program pertaining to his visits to Civil War battlefields in the South.

Dayton Camp No. 5 of Trenton observed Lincoln's Birthday on January 26 at which time PDC Richard Hines gave an interesting and informative book review of "Mentor Graham," teacher and friend of Lincoln.

The 1974 Department Encampment of the Sons and its Auxiliary will be held June 20-22 at the Beacon Manor, Point Pleasant, New Jersey. Since the energy crisis has curtailed many of our activities during the past winter, it is urgent that as many members of the Sons and Auxiliary as possible make an effort to attend this Encampment.

Louis A. Moushey

January 22, 1906 January 12, 1974

Lou joined Dayton Camp 5 of New Jersey in 1955 as an Associate. After distinguishing himself in many capacities he served as National Chaplain in 1966 and as National Patriotic Instructor in 1967.

We shall always remember him, not only as an outstanding and exemplary member of our Order, but also as a valued and beloved brother and friend.

Few men can meet their God with as clear a conscience as Lou — may his soul rest in peace.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife Hazel and his sons Russell and Mearl. We shall share their grief and sense of bereavement and never forget the affection we have felt for him.

NEW YORK

Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp No. 223 and Auxiliary members met at Rodger Schermer's Villa in Pekin, N. Y. to form a chorus to sing Civil War songs at our ceremonies and at the Blue and Gray Balls held in New York State.

Our annual Lincoln Day ceremony commemorating the 165th Anniversary of our 16th President's birthday was held February 12th in front of the beautiful statue of Lincoln at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Building.

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**DEPARTMENT NEWS . . . (New York)**

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Vols., SVR, under the command of Harry Furman, carried the Colors and fired a rifle salute.

One hundred persons attended our Lincoln Day Dinner held on February 12th at the Ansley Wilcox Mansion, the home (now a national shrine) where Theodore Roosevelt took his oath of office following the assassination of President McKinley in 1901.

Plans are being formulated by the committee in New York City for the annual ceremony at the General Grant Memorial on Riverside Drive on Sunday, April 28th.

The re-dedication of General Grant's home at Mt. McGregor, Welton, New York will be held on Sunday, May 5th.

**OHIO**

A number of representatives of the Army of Northern Virginia (22nd Virginia Infantry, Co. K., commanded by Maj. Michael T. Grant) were guests of McLaughlin Camp No. 12 in Mansfield on February 9th at the Memorial Building. The Colors were presented by the First Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery, Battery C, of Columbus, led by First Sgt. Kenneth Brodross. Mrs. Ramona S. Sparkman, Patriotic Instructor of Auxiliary No. 100 presented a talk on Mary Todd Lincoln as the "woman behind the president." Film slides of Gettysburg, Pa. and Springfield, Ill. were shown by Thomas Hoffman, Commander of McLaughlin Camp and Ralph Shadel, Department Patriotic Instructor. The public was invited. Equipment used by soldiers in the Civil War and other memorabilia were displayed. Refreshments were served by members of the Auxiliary.

We mourn the loss of Paul Grate, PDC, who passed away at his home in Warren on February 10. Burial was in Louisville, Ohio. Paul was a loyal and active member of his Department and frequently attended national encampments.



McClellan Camp No. 91 and its Auxiliary held their annual Lincoln Banquet on February 11. Reading from left to right in the photo above are Joseph Zelasko, teacher of social subjects in Alliance High School, who spoke on "Little Known Facts About Lincoln;" C. B. Wood, Camp Commander; Rex Russell, master of ceremonies; and Mrs. F. W. Swarts, President of the Auxiliary to Camp No. 91. Department Commander Robert C. Wolz and Department President Lilly McColough attended.

Philip Triem Camp No. 43 held a banquet in Salem on February 9th with Dr. Hugh Earhart of the History Department, Youngstown University speaking on the early life of Lincoln in Indiana.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Department President Claire Monohan was extended the honor of installing her daughter Florence Monohan as president of the Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1 of Philadelphia. Miss Monohan is the youngest person to serve as president in the Ross Auxiliary's history. Department Commander Thomas Monohan was in attendance to observe the installation of his daughter and the other officers who will serve for the current year.

Harold Grinnell of the Waverly School System was the guest speaker at the meeting of Henry J. Madill Camp 141 and its Auxiliary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clate Goodrich of Waverly on February 2nd. Mr. Grinnell spoke on "Lincoln, Gettysburg and the Civil War." Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Conlon of Waverly were guests. Plans for a pageant to be held in Waverly later this year were also discussed.



The above photograph shows some of those who in January attended the evening of family fun, entertainment, food, refreshment and dancing conducted by Ruhl Camp 33 of York. The picture is unusual in that it is a tin-type print on an aluminum sheet made from a glass plate by Camp member Harry D. Bentzel II using photography methods practiced by Mathew Brady during the Civil War.

Six new members have been received into the Camp since January; the Camp's membership is drawn from four Pennsylvania counties and the State of Maryland.

The 106th Annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner originated by the Grand Army of the Republic and now sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Club, an affiliate of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held at Valle's on Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia with more than sixty persons in attendance. George W. Long, PDC, was toastmaster. The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Richard O. Partington. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C., delivered an interesting and well-received address on Abraham Lincoln. Greetings were extended by John C. Yocum, P.C. in C. and Miss Viola Bremme, PNP, representing the national organizations of the Sons and Auxiliary respectively; Thomas A. Monohan, Jr., Department Commander of the Sons; Mrs. Claire M. Monohan, Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons; Mrs. Jo-Ann Dugan, Department President of the Ladies of the GAR; Mrs. Anna Heacock, representing Mrs. Myrtle Sundberg, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Margaret Frantz, representing Mrs. Viola Foringer, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Mrs. Marion Combs, New Jersey Department President.

Camp 200 is pleased to announce that it has been adding a member a month recently.

Our latest priority effort is the revitalization of our Camp library in order to provide a worthwhile service to our present members; to attract new members; to maintain an adequate facility for genealogical research; and to preserve the many precious books and records that have been idly stored in closets and rooms in our Camp. One of our newer members, Brother Mike Cavanaugh, has been elected to the newly-established post of Library Director and has assumed the responsibility for this formidable task. Plans are being made to sell or trade in the most profitable manner all of the books not pertaining to the Civil War, American History and other related subjects.

**VERMONT**

The Charter of Auxiliary No. 8 of Morrisville was draped on November 12th in loving memory of Sister Amy Fancher, Past Department President and Past President of the New England Regional Association, who passed away on October 29.

On December 1st, a joint reception in honor of Department Commander William Wilson of Springfield and Department President Alice Doyle of Chelsea was sponsored by Hall Camp No. 28 and Auxiliary No. 15 in Chelsea. Guests included representatives of several Vermont Camps and Auxiliaries and the following persons from the Department of New Hampshire: Department Commander Arthur Bartlett; Robert Lawrence, PDC; Kenneth Wheeler, PDC; Arthur Sharkey, PDC; National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary Iyla Bartlett; Department President Alice Sharkey; Emma Wheeler, PNP; and Ethel Griffin, PDP. The program of entertainment included the reading of several poems and the playing of music for listening and dancing by Wayne Doyle and Roy Kennedy of Chelsea.

**WISCONSIN**

Word has been received of the death some time ago of Benjamin Haag in a nursing home at Fall Creek, Wis. Bro. Haag served as Department Commander in 1937-38 and was originally a member of Camp No. 35, Eau Claire.

Officers were installed recently by the Camp and Auxiliary at Oconomowoc. Grover R. "Bob" Huff is the new Commander succeeding Burton E. Kannenberg and Elna Kannenberg continues as President of the Auxiliary. Installing officers for the Camp and Auxiliary respectively were PDC Thomas L. W. Johnson and PNP Elinore L. Konrad.