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President Lincoln's Birth Commemorated AT SERVICES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Pictured above are: (left) (front row, l. to r.) Elizabeth Koch, National Junior Vice President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Marion E. Combs, New Jersey Department President Auxiliary to S. U. V. C. W.; National President Jessie G. Wells Auxiliary to S. U. V. C. W.; and Commander-in-Chief John S. Stark, S. U. V. C. W. (back row, l. to r.) Past Commander-in-Chief and Assistant National Secretary Fred H. Combs, Jr., S. U. V. C. W.; and members of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment S. V. R. Color Guard, whose names are listed in article below. (center) President of the United States Gerald R. Ford addressing those assembled, flanked by the Joint Color Guard of all five Armed Services. (right) National President Wells and Commander-in-Chief Stark.

President Gerald R. Ford spoke and placed the wreath of the President of the United States at the commemoration of the 166th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th. Four members of Camp 112 of Gettysburg, Pa., 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. Members of the color guard included Cpl. Barry Snyder; Cpl. Larry McDonnell; Pvt. Richard Ketterman; and Pvt. Robert Sherwood. The program was sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in cooperation with the National Parks Service.

Following placement of the wreaths of the Diplomatic Corps, the Secretary of the Interior, the District of Columbia, the National Park Service, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Dames of the Military Order of the Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Maj. Elton P. Koch, SVR, assisted Commander-in-Chief John S. Stark in placing the memorial wreath from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver carried the wreath for National President of the Auxiliary (SUVCW) Jessie G. Wells; and Lt. Col. Donald Schmitt, SVR, assisted Mrs. Elizabeth Koch, National Jr. Vice-President of the Ladies of the GAR, in placing the wreath from that Organization. Numerous other wreaths were placed on behalf of other Organizations.

Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. of Maryland recited the Gettysburg Address and music for the program was provided by the U. S. Army Band (Pershing's Own).

Literary awards made by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States were presented to Stephen Louis Balloga, a student at Southern Colorado State University, Pueblo, Colorado, for his paper entitled "The New Mexicans' Dilemma During the Civil War" and to Allan F. Westcott, a student of the Severna Preparatory School, Severna Park, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, for his paper entitled "Running the Blockade 1861-65."

Colors were posted and retired by the Joint Color Guard of all five Armed Services. The playing of Taps concluded the program.



**WAS JOHN WILKES
BOOTH CAPTURED?**

By

George L. Cashman

Past Commander-in-Chief and Curator, Lincoln's Tomb

For a number of years following the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln there were rumors, widely circulated, that the assassin, John Wilkes Booth had never been captured. These rumors insisted that the man killed by Boston Corbett at the Garrett farm near Port Royal, Virginia, on April 26, 1865, was not Booth but a man who had the misfortune to look like Booth.

It is rather disconcerting, a century later, to have someone, as happened to me a short time ago, to emphatically insist that his grandfather had had extensive business dealings in Oklahoma with a man, who using an alias was actually John Wilkes Booth. It was rumored that Booth did escape to Oklahoma where he died and was buried under the name John St. Helen.

It is most improbable that anyone bent on committing murder would carry on his person more positive proof of his identity than did Booth. On one of his hands was tattooed the initials J. W. B. A hotel clerk identified the initials as Booth's, having noticed them when registering Booth on a number of occasions. A bank check made out to him was found in his clothes and an initial pin, a gift from a friend, Dan Bryant, was pinned to his shirt. A peculiar scar on his neck, the result of having had a small tumor removed, was identified by the doctor who had performed the operation. Fillings in his teeth were identified by the dentist who had done the work. Booth carried a diary, written in his own hand, in which he wrote much damaging evidence.

In 1907, Rev. R. B. Garrett of Portsmouth, Virginia, in a letter to General A. R. Taylor of Memphis, Tenn., gave his eyewitness account of the capture and death of Booth. Rev. Garrett saw the whole affair from the time Booth first arrived at the Garrett farm until his remains were taken away. In his letter he wrote, "There was never the slightest doubt about the death of J. Wilkes Booth on April 26, 1865."

It would hardly seem reasonable that the government would have paid about \$105,000 to the thirty men who were associated in the capture of Booth without having made certain that Booth was the man killed at the Garrett farm.

Several persons who knew the assassin personally agreed that the body was that of the actor John Wilkes Booth. With the initial pin, the diary and the bank check in his name, supplemented by the initials on his hand, the scar on his neck and the fillings in his teeth, is it possible to conceive of a more dependable and irrefutable identification?

Booth's body was removed from the Garrett farm to a storage room in the Old Capitol penitentiary where it was buried beneath the dirt floor. In 1867, the remains were taken to a warehouse on the arsenal grounds and buried alongside those of the four conspirators who had been hanged for their parts in the crime. The body remained there until 1869, when at the request of Edwin Booth, President Andrew Johnson gave his permission to have the body removed from Washington. The body of John Wilkes Booth was taken to Baltimore, Md., where it was buried in an unmarked grave in the family plot in Greenmount Cemetery.

After all the years, and the millions of words written in Lincoln history, it is amazing that these old wives tales continue to crop up to confound us.

If there be a mystery associated with the decease of Booth it can only relate to the unusual methods which intelligent men have pursued in an attempt to perpetuate an utterly groundless myth which claims that Booth was never apprehended.

**WILLIAM M. COFFIN, A.U.S. (Ret.)
COUNSELOR-AT-LAW**

It is with sorrow and heavy hearts that we eulogize the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin. The saddest thing about growing old is that we survive so many of our friends. We have lost a wonderful member. He has left us, but his good deeds will linger in our memories.

Bill Coffin was elected as Commander-in-Chief at the 43rd National Encampment held in Boston, Mass. in 1924, so that 1974 was the 50th anniversary of his election. Only a man who had complete faith in the future of the Order would have dedicated himself so wholeheartedly to its interests. Bill was an optimist and a believer in the triumph of the American Way of Life. He retained his faith and optimism to the very end.

During World War I he served in the Army of the United States as a Major, and always interested himself in veteran affairs.

William M. Coffin leaves behind him a deeply grateful organization, which is devoted to the perpetuation of the principles he has so long advocated. What he did to make this a better Order will always be remembered in the annals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ALBERT C. LAMBERT
Past Commander-in-Chief

**GENERAL U. S. GRANT BIRTHDAY
OBSERVANCE**

The General Grant National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City, will be the scene of the annual service to commemorate the 153rd birthday of the great Civil War General and later President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, on Sunday, April 27, 1975 at 1:30 p.m. Appropriate ceremonies will be conducted and wreaths will be placed in memory of General Grant and his wife, Julia Dent Grant, by the New York Department Commander and Department President, SUVCW, respectively. This annual observance is sponsored by the Camps and Auxiliaries of the Department of New York. Albert A. Morey is chairman of the planning committee. Cecil M. Baer is chairman of the Dinner which will follow the service. Other members of the committee are: J. Herbert Guion; William T. Murray; Paul Furst; Edith M. Paulding, PNP; Florence R. Parsons, PDP; Leela M. Kroepke, PDP; and May L. Cronin, Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor.

Cecil M. Baer is chairman of the Dinner following the services which will be held at Stouffer's, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York City. A social hour will begin at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. The price of the meal is \$8.00, which includes gratuities. Reservations and checks should be sent to Brother Baer, P. O. Box 4036, Sunnyside, N. Y. 11104, before April 10.

**SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**

June 20, 21, 22, 1975

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as part of
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1975 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Sunday, August 10 to Thursday, August 14

All routes, by auto, bus, plane or train, lead to the City of Rochester, New York, for the 94th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the annual National Conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in the magnificent Americana of Rochester, a subsidiary of American Airlines, formerly named the Flagship-Rochester Hotel.

On the opening day, Sunday, the traditional beautiful Memorial Service and the outstanding Campfire Programs will be held.

The hotel rates are, per room, per day:
Single occupancy \$17.00
Double occupancy 22.00
Extra bed in room 6.00
Children free in parents' room

All reservations are held until 6:00 P.M. unless accompanied by a deposit of one night's lodging. The hotel desires that reservations be made not later than two weeks in advance.

The committee composed of the following persons has been working diligently to assure you of a most constructive and enjoyable Encampment.

Reservation cards may be obtained from each Department headquarters, or write directly to the hotel, 70 State Street, corner of Corinthian Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

Come, relax and spend four days and an additional day for sight-seeing with friends in the "Flower City" of New York State.

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- When you receive this issue, I will be attending the first of our 1975 Department Encampments. To the Department Commanders and their staffs who have served this year, I express my sincere appreciation for their diligence in carrying out the assigned duties of their respective offices. To those who will fill these responsible positions in our Order, I extend congratulations. You have inherited the responsibilities of your predecessors; you will now bear the responsibility for seeing to it that the purposes and objectives of our Organization are maintained and impressed upon future members. With the combined assistance of your Camps and members of your respective Departments, this challenge must be met with the utmost determination. The future of our Order will depend greatly upon your efforts and accomplishments.
- A day of utmost significance to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is fast approaching. We are reminded that, as successors to the Grand Army of the Republic, it is our sacred obligation to participate on this day wherever possible to honor with reverence and appreciation, in a fitting manner, all those loyal men and women who fought, served and died in times of military conflict for our Nation. Let us not consider it as merely a duty, but as a great privilege to participate this Memorial Day.
- May I remind you to send in your contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor, Clarence J. Riddell. The full support of every Department, Camp and member is essential to provide the necessary funds for the patriotic work of our Organization. So, let's all get behind Brother Riddell, and help him not only to meet but to exceed, if possible, his goal of \$1,200 which was suggested by the National Council of Administration.
- It is my hope that many of you are planning to be present at the National Encampment to be held in Rochester, New York, August 10-14. The Encampment Committee has been working diligently to give you a most enjoyable time. Encampment appointments will be announced in my next General Order.
- It is with pride, in recognition of their efforts, that I have appointed the following Brothers as National Aides on my Staff for having secured three or more new members:
William L. Simpson, Dept. Cmdr., Meade Camp 16, Reading, Pa.
Joseph X. Young, Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, N. J.
Carl G. Cough, Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, N. J.
Charles Nelson, Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, N. J.
Frank L. Blades, Sr., Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, N. J.
- Information regarding new Camps which have been instituted to date during my term or are expected to be instituted at a future date can be found elsewhere in this issue of the **Banner**.
- It was a proud privilege to present a wreath for the Commandery-in-Chief at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., on February 12, 1975. My appreciation and thanks to Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for all the courtesies he extended to me in Washington.
- On behalf of the National Organization, I extend sincere sympathy to all bereaved Brothers and their families, to the Sisters of our Auxiliary and their families, and to the members of the Allied Organizations who have suffered the loss of loved ones.

JOHN H. STARK
Commander-in-Chief

GENEALOGICAL RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Pursuant to a recommendation made by P. C. in C. Allen B. Howland and approved at the National Encampment at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, August, 1974, that a more detailed genealogical record of hereditary members be required to be in triplicate for filing not only at the Camp level but also at the Department and National levels and to be more helpful to future generations in tracing eligibility, Commander-in-Chief John S. Stark has appointed the following persons to serve on a Genealogical Recommendation Committee to study the matter and submit recommendations: William Haskell, P. C. in C., Chairman, 105 Burkeside Avenue, Brockton, Mass. 02401; Edwin K. Kramer, PDC, 204 Clark Street, Lemoyne, Pa. 17043; James Y. Ledwith, PDC, 80 Howe Street, New Haven, Conn. 06511.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

NEW CAMPS RECENTLY INSTITUTED

- June 7, 1974 Given Camp 50 of Wooster, Ohio. The organizer was Gordon Bury, assisted by Robert Wolz.
- July 11, 1974 Henry Lawton Camp 171 of Fort Wayne, Indiana was organized with Larry L. Hough as Organizer.
- July 22, 1974 Ft. Chickamauga Camp 1 of Cookson, Oklahoma was organized with Maj. John H. Jeffries as Organizer.
- Jan. 22, 1975 Wilderness Camp 99 of Candor, N. Y. was instituted with Norman Furman as Instituting Officer.
- Mar. 15, 1975 Curtis-Warner Camp 64 of Kansas City, Mo.-Kan. was instituted by Commander-in-Chief John Stark with 26 members, 16 of which were present. Mr. Glen Whitaker is the new Commander and Robert Sharp Jr. the new Secy-Treas. Several members of this Camp were transferred from New Jersey Camp 5 where they had been members at large.

NATIONAL MEMBERS AT LARGE

At the final Council meeting held at Bretton Woods in 1974, P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs Jr. was appointed as Asst. National Secretary in charge of National Members at Large. He was authorized a limited advertising campaign to attract members.

At that time there were 18 Members at Large, and now there are 74, a gain of 56 members. Annual Per Capita Tax of \$162.80 has been paid to Natl. Secy. Shriver, and the cost of the advertising has been recovered. This campaign will be continued.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

- The 93rd Annual National Encampment Proceedings (Bretton Woods, N. H., August 18-21, 1974) were mailed from National Headquarters on February 17, 1975. One copy was mailed to each National Officer, Past Commander-in-Chief and Registered Delegate (present or not present). Sufficient copies were shipped to Department Secretaries for distribution of one to each Camp and Department Headquarters. Those who did not receive their copies should contact the National Secretary-Treasurer.
- LIFE MEMBER medal bars have been received from a new supplier and were mailed to those who have become Life Members since July 1, 1974. Any Brother who has not received his should contact National Headquarters.
- Our last order for badges was detained for six months. The supplier has promised more prompt delivery of future orders, but economic conditions have necessitated increases in prices as follows:

Effective April 1, 1975: Membership badges \$6.00
50-year Membership badges . \$5.00

General Grant Finds An Orderly

by Darius Pierce

(As told by his Grand-daughter Mrs. Hortense Pierce Sargent of Washington, D. C.)

After my term of service as a soldier expired (Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry), and I was again a private citizen, I returned to the scene of war at City Point, Virginia, where I was employed in the Commissary Department as a clerk, from August until December, 1864. It was there that this incident occurred.

Soon after the Army of General Grant (after its six days of fighting in the wilderness) covered the James River and took up its position in front of Petersburg, City Point was made the base of supplies for the Armies of the Potomac, and the Army of the James.

The wharf farthest up the river was used by the Commissary Department and was but a short distance from General Grant's headquarters. The next wharf below was the Quarter Master's Department and below that was the Ordnance Department. At the latter in June an explosion took place in which several lives were lost, and many more were injured. Since smoking might have been a cause of the explosion, General Grant issued an order that no smoking be allowed on that wharf, but this order did not apply to the other two wharves.

On the first day that I was on duty at the Commissary wharf, engaged in loading a car with hardtack, a man dressed in the uniform of a private soldier, with nothing to show he was an officer, passed me and took a seat on a barrel and remained there for an hour quietly enjoying his cigar.

After he left, a fellow clerk asked me if I knew who he was. I replied that I did not. He informed me that it was General Grant. The next day when he came down to enjoy his after dinner cigar, I gave him a salute, which he returned (which he was always sure to do).

Some days after, while he was sitting there, one of those sudden cloudbursts, common in the South, drenched him before he could get back to his quarters. The next morning I piled up boxes of hardtack forming an alcove, spreading canvas over the top, thus sheltering its occupant from both the rain and the sun. When he came down I called his attention to it. He thanked me and gave me a cigar (the first one, but not the last) and from that time until I left City Point for the Army of the James, I met him almost daily. He always had a good word for me, as well as a cigar.

On the 24th of September, 1864, occurred the incident that I was the only witness to, other than the two parties involved. About a week previous to the 24th, a company of colored recruits took the place of a company of white soldiers to do guard duty. On that day, General Grant was sitting in his alcove, dressed as he was the first time I saw him, when a colored boy of 16 or 17 years of age, seeing a soldier smoking (and having been on duty at the Ordnance Wharf a few days before, when he was ordered to see that no smoking took place, and had not been told that it did not apply to the Commissary Wharf), stepped up to the man and said, "No Smokin' on dis yere warf. Tro' dat seegar in de ribber." The General did so.

Ten minutes later when the guard returned he saw the General again smoking, stepped up to him and with a good hearty slap on his shoulder he said, "Djdn' I tells you no smokin' on dis warf? Ef you don' drown dat seegar in de ribber an' stop smokin' I'll take you to de Guard House." The General, without a word, sacrificed his second cigar to the waters of the James, rose from his seat, and as he passed me he said, "That boy knows how to obey orders."

Later when the guard returned to where I was, I asked him if he knew who it was he had stopped smoking. He replied that he did not know who it was, and if he had not stopped smoking he would have taken him to the guard house. When I told him it was the General, the poor darkey showed that he did care, by the expression of fear that came over his face. He dropped his musket and sat down on a barrel, and, if I had not had a little whiskey in my canteen, he would have fainted from fright. I told him he need not worry, that General Grant only smoked the second cigar to see if he would enforce the order, and that the General was glad he did. (In the meantime, I informed him that smoking was permitted on that wharf.)

And I was right in what I told him, for within twenty minutes an orderly came to me with a note from the General asking me to find out the name, company and regiment of the guard. The next day Henry Prince, the sentry, was detailed as orderly for the General. He remained as such up to the close of the war, in the interim between the close of the war and the time when as President, Grant went into the White House, and remained with him during the eight years he was President. After his Presidency, Grant made a trip around the world. Henry accompanied him as his private servant and remained with him after Grant made his residence in New York.

In 1876 at the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Concord and Lexington, I met General Grant and his orderly, shaking hands and recalling the incident at the wharf.

When the General was afflicted with a cancer of the throat, he retired to Mt. McGregor, near Syracuse, N. Y. where he died. Henry was his constant attendant day and night.

Just before his death, as Adjutant of Post 11, G.A.R. of Methuen, Mass., I made a motion at a Post meeting that a letter of sympathy be written to the General. Such a letter was written, copied on parchment by an expert penman, signed by the Commander John S. Tapley, and by myself as Adjutant and forwarded to Grant. In acknowledging the receipt of the letter to the Post, he enclosed a note of thanks to me, as he said in it that he was sure its conception could be traced to me. In closing his note to me, he said that Henry had brought the letter to him, that he told Henry that my name was attached to it, adding that Henry wished to be remembered to me. His final sentence to me was, "Obedience to orders and a Kind Providence have given me a faithful servant for many years."

(The original manuscript telling this story is undated, but is in the handwriting of Darius Pierce, and was written in a letter to a member of his family a few years before his death.)

NATIONAL G.A.R. FUND

National Patriotic Instructor Clarence Riddell 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. Full cooperation is needed so that we may keep alive effectively the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic by the patriotic work we undertake as a national organization.

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; placement of a wreath at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire on Memorial Day; G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg, Penna.; G.A.R. Camp Fire Program at the National Encampment; and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

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:

Clarence Riddell
National Patriotic Instructor
3437 N. Howard Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19140

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the New England Regional Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and its Auxiliary was held March 15-16 at Andrew's Inn, Bellows Falls, Vermont, with Regional Commander Ned Durkee and Regional President Faith Gibbs presiding. William C. Rule, Regional Publicist, reports that Richard E. Wyman, New Hampshire Department Commander, gave a report of the Committee planning the 40th anniversary celebration of the Association to be held at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire in July 1975. William O. Wilson, Vermont Department Commander, was in charge of the Saturday evening banquet and the Sunday morning program included a report on Vermont in the Civil War.



Department News



ILLINOIS

Illinois members were saddened by the recent death of PDC George Lovering, who was the son of a Civil War veteran and held many offices in the Illinois Department.

PDC Charles Brady, Jr. is presently serving as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and was recently elected to the office of Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association of Cook County, Illinois. This organization conducts the Memorial Day Parade which originated in Chicago in 1868 and oversees the decorating of the graves of approximately 100,000 veterans buried in Cook County. The first Grand Marshall of the Parade was Gen. John A. Logan who issued his famous proclamation in General Order No. 11 establishing May 30 as Decoration Day, as it was then called.

Charles H. Bournstine recently spoke at Sinai Temple in Chicago, which was founded in 1861 and boasted a number of Union veterans among its members. His topic was "Jewish Participation in the Civil War — 1861-65". Brother Bournstine is the son of a Union Veteran and is a veteran of World War I. He has always had an avid interest in the Civil War period and presently serves as a member of the Advisory Committee for the rehabilitation of the Chicago Public Library Building and is serving as Department Press Correspondent for the Illinois Department, SUVCW.

INDIANA

Plans have been made for participation by Indiana Department at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony to be held April 15 at Springfield, Illinois. Argus E. Ogborn will represent the Department. Also attending will be Brothers Elmer R. Meek, Donald L. Kelly, and Dan Boyer. The participants will present a wreath at the Lincoln Tomb.

Department Commander Wayne C. Klusman announced that final plans for the Department Encampment were made at a meeting of the Allied Council held March 9 at Indianapolis. The Encampment will be held on June 7 and 8 at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis.

On March 9 members of Lawton Camp #171 held installation of officers. Lawton Camp is located in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

MARYLAND

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 was held at the University Club in Washington, D. C., on November 30. The membership and guests enjoyed an excellent dinner followed by a fascinating talk by our member, Col. Gay Seabourne re: the religion of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Richard Schlenker was sworn into the camp (our 35th member) and a slate of new officers was installed.

The officers for calendar year 1975 are CDR James R. Wachob, USN, Camp Commander; Nicholas Donnell Ward, Vice Commander; Edmund P. Koenig, Secretary-Treasurer.

A "well done and sincere thanks" is extended to our former Secretary-Treasurer, Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr., and to Richard Bender Abell, former Camp Commander, for their dedicated service and inspirational leadership.

The evening of February 11th members of our camp attended the "Black Tie" reception of the US Naval Historical Museum at the Washington Navy Yard and dinner following in the Crystal Room of the Officers' Club. At the reception all those attending met the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, Director of Naval History and Commandant of Naval District Washington.

Sincere appreciation was extended to those members who braved the elements on February 12th and actively participated in the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial.

Following the ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial our participating members attended a joint luncheon meeting in the Sky Room of the Army-Navy Club, Washington, D. C., sponsored by

the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

MASSACHUSETTS



Last December the Massachusetts Department presented to the Sandwich, Massachusetts Public Library the nine-volume set of "Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War." Chief Librarian Miss Louise Walker accepted with much appreciation the volumes from the delegation, consisting of Department Commander Leslie E. Covey; Department Senior Vice Commander Miles E. Harrington; Past Department Commander Gilman W. Harrington; Past Commander-in-Chief William W. Haskell; and Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland, pictured above.

The City of Boston, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department, Sons and Auxiliary, held traditional exercises commemorating the 166th birthday of Abraham Lincoln at noon on February 12th at Lincoln's Statue in Park Square, Boston. Sister Helen Kelly, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans, gave the invocation; Mrs. Mary Fagen, representing the Spanish War Veterans, Camp 27, recited the Gettysburg Address. David Berner of Camp 9, SUVCW, Chairman of the event, introduced numerous guests including Department Commander Leslie E. Covey, Jr. and Mrs. Covey; Department Press Correspondent William R. Cohen; Arleen Iervolino, Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons; Eugene Russell, PDC; and Gertrude Hobart, representing the Woman's Relief Corps. State Representative, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, John F. Melia, read the proclamation of the day and served as guest speaker. Stephen A. Christofono, Deputy Mayor, represented Boston Mayor Kevin White and addressed those in attendance.

Approximately 100 persons attended the annual Banquet held in Rockland by the Plymouth County Association on February 23rd in honor of Presidents Lincoln and Washington. Miles Harrington, PDC, acted as master of ceremonies. Also participating were William Rule, National Chaplain, talk on lives of Washington and Lincoln; Eugene Russell, PDC, slide presentation on Gettysburg and Bretton Woods, New Hampshire; and Robert Wood, pianist.

MICHIGAN

Milo C. Newer, Sr. of Detroit, Past Department Commander of Michigan in 1955, passed away January 18, 1975. Although not a war veteran himself, Brother Newer did much for all veterans' organizations and assisted greatly with Memorial Day parades. Between two and three hundred veterans of all orders passed by Brother Newer's casket and saluted. He will be greatly missed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 100th Anniversary of the New Hampshire Veterans' Association will be commemorated at The Weirs on Saturday, August 23rd. The program will include a parade, band concert, speakers and a banquet (to be served hopefully at Mt. Washington). The Sons of Veterans Reserve has been invited to participate as a featured attraction. New Hampshire Veterans' Posts will also participate.

LATE NOTE

On his western trip, Commander-in-Chief John S. Stark initiated eight new members in the Department of Oregon-Washington and one new member in the Department of Iowa.

P. C. in C. Cleon E. Heald is now serving his 8th two-year term in the New Hampshire General Court as chairman of the Committee on State Institutions.

Our 93rd Annual Department Encampment will be held April 25-26 at the Highway Hotel in Concord. Commander-in-Chief John S. Stark will attend. A highlight of the Encampment will be the Annual Banquet at 6:00 p.m. on April 25th.

NEW JERSEY



The New Jersey Department observed Lincoln's Birthday on February 8th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Shown above are Commander-in-Chief John Stark with Dept. Commander Kenneth Ekstrand, and Commander Ekstrand with Auxiliary Department President Marion Combs.

PDC Walter Williams, toastmaster, introduced Mr. John Lebergern, a teacher at Pennsbury (Pa.) High School, as the principal speaker. More than sixty members and friends helped to make the affair most enjoyable, including National Patriotic Instructor Clarence Riddell and National Secretary of the Auxiliary Caroline Riddell and Past C. in C. John Yocum. Committee members included Fred H. Combs, Jr., Walter Williams, Robert E. Gerke, Richard Hines and Albert C. Lambert.

The Spring Dinner Meeting of Lincoln Camp 100 (The State Camp of New Jersey) will be held April 26th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Mr. Roger Semplak, noted historian, will speak on "Civil War Cavalry Tactics."

Plans for cemetery decoration and special services for Memorial Day should now be well formulated. All Camps and members are urged to take part.

It was with sincere regret that we were informed of the death of Edward Yess, Sr., 83, on February 3rd in Elfers, Florida. Brother Yess was an active member of Camp 4 of Trenton and later Camp 20 of New Brunswick for many years.

NEW YORK

Plans are being made for our Department Encampment to be held at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, New York June 22-24.

Department Commander Chester E. Hudson placed a wreath at the Eternal Light, 5th Avenue and 25th Street in New York City on Veterans Day in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Wreaths were also placed by Department Patriotic Instructor and Historian Cecil M. Baer on behalf of the Department and by Alfred Morey on behalf of Oliver Tilden Camp.

Memorial Services in honor of Gen. U. S. Grant will be held Sunday, May 4, 1975 at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. McGregor, Wilton, N. Y. under the auspices of the Northern New York Club. A dinner in honor of the Department Commander and Department President will follow the services.

On February 12th, Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp No. 223, in cooperation with the Buffalo Historical Society, held their annual Lincoln's Day services at the Historical Building in front of Lincoln's Monument overlooking beautiful Delaware Park Lake. Members were joined by the Seneca Vocational School Band and American History Club, respectively, in the playing of several patriotic songs and the recitation of the Gettysburg Address. Buffalo City Judge Alois C. Mazur was the guest speaker. Presenting the wreath were P. C. in C. Norman Furman and Bro. Harry Furman, assisted by David Holmes, age 14, a new member of Camp 223. A birthday dinner honoring President Lincoln was served to 125 guests that evening in the museum. Following the dinner the program included a panel discussion on "Washington and Lincoln" by Dr. John T. Horton and Virginia Hubbard and a slide presentation on the American Revolution.

A dinner conducted by the Buffalo and Rochester Camps in honor of Department Commander Chester E. Hudson and his staff will be held April 19th in Batavia, N. Y.

Commander Frank C. Bellinger and Brother Roger Schermer of Camp No. 223 and Sister Shirley Stowater of Auxiliary No. 8 were in the official American Delegation received by Governor Simcoe of Upper Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake, first capitol of Canada, at the Annual Reception and Kettledrum on January 23rd.

OHIO

We regret the death of Past Department Commander Martin R. Battey on January 1st. A 49-year member of McClellan Camp No. 91 of Alliance, brother Battey belonged to both the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the Confederacy. When a young man, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and learned the printing trade. During the years he printed many of the programs for the Department Encampment as well as banquet programs. He was a faithful member of the Camp's fife and drum corps and participated in Memorial Day parades for many years.

Department President Ramona Greenwalt attended the Mansfield Lincoln Banquet, accompanied by her Counselor, Margaret Gehret; PDP Lilly McCullough and PNP Edith Nile. Dept. Commander Kenneth Swift and other dignitaries were also present. The Alliance Lincoln Banquet was highlighted by presentation of a 50-year membership pin to Sister Hildreth Wood by Auxiliary President Wanda Swarts and pinned on by her husband, PDC C. B. Wood. Sister Wood joined the Auxiliary in Smithfield in 1922 and transferred to Alliance in 1942. Mr. Ernest Williams, Vice President of Alliance First National Bank and Trust Company, was the speaker. The Gettysburg Address was given by Mrs. Frank Hilliard to the accompaniment of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was sung softly by Sisters Gehret and Beren. A special feature was a large log cabin cake baked by Dept. Pres. Greenwalt. Representatives of local patriotic organizations and several Department officers were present. A public card party is planned for the near future, and brothers and sisters are looking forward to the Department Encampment being held in Columbus in June. The local Committee for Memorial Day observance is deep in plans for that occasion.

PENNSYLVANIA

On January 27th, Past Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum installed the officers for the ensuing year of Camp 200 of Philadelphia and Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1. Brothers Nelson Page Aspen, Mike Cavanaugh and Bill Hays were installed as Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander, respectively. Florence Monohan has been installed as President of the Auxiliary for the second consecutive year and Claire Sapp was inducted as Vice President. In attendance were Major Elton P. Koch of the Pennsylvania Brigade, SVR, and several visitors from other Camps and Auxiliaries.

The Camp library has become a reality as has the "Book Exchange." Having met with success, this project will be continued during the current year. The room has been beautifully remodeled for research work. The ongoing project will include restoration of the museum and special attention to cases, wall hangings and restoration of regimental flags. Our goal for membership is 100 by 1976. Two new members were inducted and three others nominated at a meeting on February 25th.

Any members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or other persons who may be interested in buying, selling, or exchanging books, relics, etc. are asked to write to Mike Cavanaugh, Civil War Book Exchange (sponsored by Camp 200), 4278-80 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124 for information.

All who knew her will be saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mrs. Elsie B. MacPherson who died March 9 at the age of 82. She was the wife of the late Col. Oliver G. MacPherson, S.V.R., who was a Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania and former Commanding Officer of the SVR. Elsie and Mac attended many national Encampments and were well-known to many members of the Sons and Auxiliary.

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Camp No. 33 of York had an informal dinner meeting on Sunday, February 16th for members and their wives. Guests were Department Commander William L. Simpson and Arthur Weaver of New Oxford Camp No. 60 and their wives.

The 107th Annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Club, an affiliate of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held on February 15th at Valle's in Philadelphia. P. C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr. was toastmaster.

IN MEMORIAM
KATHARINE L. JOYCE
 Department of Penna.
 Died December 10, 1974
 Auxiliary National President
 1947 - 1948

WISCONSIN

The Allied Orders of Milwaukee County sponsored its annual Washington-Lincoln-McKinley patriotic dinner on Saturday, February 22. Department heads of the four hereditary orders were present to extend their greetings. The featured speaker was Thomas L. W. Johnson of Madison. Ellinore Konrad Johnson rendered from memory the "Gettysburg Address" in honor of the occasion. The chairlady was Dept. Pres. Mildred Biering, assisted by Betty F. Johnson. Rhoda Lemanski, president of the local Auxiliary, served as toastmistress.

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. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of his name.

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- From Willard C. Bodge, Aburndale, Mass., In memory of Charles M. Bodge, Co. D, 35th Mass.) \$50.00

President Ulysses S. Grant started the great Corliss engine, which powered all the equipment in the Machinery Building at the opening of the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 10, 1876.

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THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

New Jersey became the 43rd state to return the observance of Veterans Day to November 11. To date only seven states have retained the federally-designated fourth Monday in October as Veterans Day. They are Alabama, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Rhode Island, Texas, and Utah.

In the rush to adjourn the 93rd Congress, the House of Representatives failed to consider a Senate-passed measure that would have returned Veterans Day to November 11 for federal purposes. This means that the process of legislative consideration must begin anew in the 94th Congress. It may be of interest to note that jurisdiction over legislation relating to federal holidays and commemorations has been shifted in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service as a result of the reform of committee assignments effective with the opening of the new Congress. The chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee is Rep. David N. Henderson of North Carolina, and the ranking minority member is Rep. Edward J. Derwinski of Ill.

In adopting new rules of procedure for the incoming Congress, the House of Representatives in effect abolished one of its standing committees, the House Committee on Internal Security, (HCIS) and transferred its functions to the Judiciary Committee. Supporters of the work of HCIS were appalled that the House membership was not given an opportunity to vote directly on the question of continuing the committee. Instead, the House could only consider the revised rules as a "package" which it did in adopting them on a vote of 247 to 172 on January 14. That vote sealed the fate of HCIS. Rep. John Ashbrook of Ohio, ranking minority member of the old panel, has introduced House Res. 67 that would restore HCIS to its former status as a standing committee. As yet, the Rules Committee has not scheduled the resolution for action on the House Calendar.

As the result of a caucus vote, Rep. F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana, was deposed as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and succeeded by Rep. Melvin Price of Ill. Like Hebert, Price is considered a supporter of a strong defense policy.

The Ford Administration is requesting a defense budget of \$93 billion which represents an increase of some \$8 billion over the present levy. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger has testified that the increase will barely offset the rate of inflation. In addition, the Defense Department is requesting funds for weapons modernization that will extend beyond the fiscal year beginning July 1.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: In a final Senate speech on December 11, 1974, rounding out 34 years as a member of that body, Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont observed: "Members of Congress are frequently accused of being tools of 'special interests.' They should be, but the special interests should be the people of the states they represent.

The special interests of a state, however, are made up of many groups of people, each having a purpose or objective of its own. When a member of Congress becomes subservient — or 'packaged' as they say — to a single group, his value to the overall special interests becomes seriously impaired.

When I first came to the Senate, the major special interests were business, labor, and the farmer.

Times have changed, and today we find more and more members of the Legislative Branch looking to the environmentalists, the self-appointed spokesmen for consumers, and representatives of minority groups to keep them in office or promote them to higher position."

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

Dept.	City	Date	Hotel
Indiana	Indianapolis	June 7-8	Columbia Club
Ohio	Columbus	June 27-29*	Fort Hayes Hotel
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 7	Ambassador Hotel

(*Previously-announced date was changed)