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168TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN COMMEMORATED AT WASHINGTON, D.C. CEREMONIES



The pictures above were taken at the February 12, 1977 ceremonies in Washington commemorating Lincoln's birthday. The photo at left shows (from left to right) Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler, Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty (USA, Ret.), Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS and Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver (Brig. General of SVR) and was taken at the Loyal Legion Luncheon at the Army-Navy Club following the Memorial Program. The photo at right was taken prior to the program and shows the wreaths which were placed by the Sons and the Auxiliary. Behind the wreaths are, front row from left to right, National President Minnie E. Madeiros and Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler. The Color Guard in the background is from Company H, 7th Penna. Regt., SVR and is, from left to right, 1st Sgt, Barry Kluck, Commanding, Sgt. David C. Runkle, Cpl. Michael Dodson, Pvt. George Miller and Sgt. Conrad Miller.

Enjoying the warmest temperatures in the last 25 years, the annual Lincoln's Birthday ceremonies were held on February 12, 1977 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The affair was sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U.S. who have conducted these annual affairs since 1922.

The program was preceded by a concert by the United States Army Band (Pershing's Own). Due to the tightening of availability of regular Armed Forces units in the Washington area for use in patriotic or civil affairs, the honor guard was provided this year by 100 Troops from voluntary reactivated Civil War units. Dressed in authentic uniforms of the period, and representing both North and South, the honor guard was made up of elements from: 1st District of Columbia Regiment, USA; 1st Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, CSA; 7th Pennsylvania Regiment, SVR; and the Lancaster Fencibles of Pennsylvania.



Wreaths and other Floral Tributes were presented from twenty-six different organizations, governmental agencies or persons. Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler presented a wreath from the Sons; National President Minnie E. Madeiros presented the Auxiliary wreath; and wreaths were also presented by the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the G.A.R., Lincoln-Cushing Camp of SUVCW and several patriotic and historic groups. A wreath was presented from President Carter, who was represented by Hon. Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior. The Joint Color Guard of all the Armed Services was present to Post the Colors.

After presentation of the floral tributes and playing of Taps, the Gettysburg Address was read by The Honorable Richard Green Lugar, Senator from Illinois. Literary Awards for writing in the area of Civil War History were presented to Miss Banni Leonard of the University of Arizona and Miss Jeanne Marie Schanno of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. The program closed with a message from The President and the retiring of The Colors.

In addition to Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and the uniformed contingent, representatives from the Sons included: National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr.; District of Columbia Representative Arthur R. Glenum; Past Commanders-in-Chief John H. Stark and Chester S. Shriver; and Past Department Commander Elton P. Koch (Major, SVR) who carried the wreath for his wife, National President Elizabeth Koch of the Ladies of the G.A.R.

Following the ceremonies, the Loyal Legion sponsored a luncheon at the Army-Navy Club in Washington were Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Wheeler were honored with places at the head table. Pictures are courtesy of Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver.



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1. It was a great honor and privilege for me to present a wreath in the name of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C. on February 12, 1977. I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief Col. Joseph B. Daugherty of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for all the courtesies extended to me. It was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion and will be long remembered.
2. I am writing this order just before leaving for the West Coast. I will start by attending Ladies of the G.A.R. National President Betty Koch's testimonial in Essington, Pennsylvania, on March 5th. The next day I will leave for Cookson, Oklahoma to attend a meeting of Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1 on March 8th. I am looking forward to this meeting as it will be the first time a Commander-in-Chief has ever met with them. I will leave Oklahoma for Fresno, California where I will attend a called meeting of the Department of California. Having met with all the Auxiliaries (except one) and many of the camps when my wife was National President in 1965, I know we will have an enjoyable time. This meeting to be March 13th. Then on to Portland, Oregon for their Department Encampment which will be held on March 20, 21, and 22nd. By changing their dates from May to March this has been made possible. Sorry that California couldn't have done the same. On the way home I have hopes of meeting with Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64 in Kansas City, Missouri, and attending the Department Commander and Department President's reception in Rochester, New York. I will arrive home March 28th.
3. Please remember to send your contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor's fund. Brother Charles A. Brady, Jr. will gladly accept funds right through to the last day of National Encampment. His budget this year is \$1,500.00. He will need the help of all the Brothers to go over the top. Remember this fund is the backbone of our National Organization. This is the money used to carry on our Patriotic work.
4. Don't forget the Senior Vice Commander's fund. This is a low key drive to raise money for the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
5. Be sure that all Brothers take part in some Memorial Day Exercise. This is the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic to pay tribute and homage to all the men and women who have lost their lives in all wars. I sincerely hope that all camps will conduct suitable exercises on this occasion.
6. There is a committee headed by Frank Heacock, Sr. to restore Memorial Day back to May 30th. You can help him by writing to your Congressmen urging them to vote to change the date back to May 30th.
7. June 14th is Flag Day. Remember the Day with appropriate programs.
8. Department Encampment dates are fast approaching. I am in hopes of making all Encampments for at least one day. As you know, there are several conflicting dates in June, so I hope you will forgive me if I can't stay for your complete Encampment. Also I will need your cooperation in helping me get into and out of your cities. If there is any way you can make it easier for me, please let me know. My wife and I will be traveling by car.
9. Your National Junior Vice commander, Richard Greenwalt, has sent letters to all Department Junior Vice Commanders asking their help in obtaining new members. He will need the assistance of every member to reach his goal of having a net gain in membership for his year. Whenever reporting on events that have taken place invite people with eligibility to join with you to carry on the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

10. Keep in mind that National Encampment is to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, August 14th to 17th. The Committee is working hard to prepare the best Encampment ever.
11. 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 Organization who have suffered the loss of loved ones.
12. Remember the Lincoln Tomb ceremonies on April 15th in Springfield, Illinois.
13. Grant's Tomb exercises will be held on April 24th in Manhattan, New York.

Kenneth T. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

PATERNAL ANCESTRY By George L. Cashman

Three hundred and thirty years ago an event took place which would, 224 years later, change the face of American history. In 1637 a young man of seventeen years migrated from Norfolk County, England, to America to seek his fortune in the new world.

Edward Lincoln, scion of a line of well-to-do and influential land-owners, was cheated of his inheritance by the manipulations of a stepmother. Had Edward Lincoln received his just inheritance there would have been little incentive for his son, Samuel, to leave his home in England to seek opportunity in America. So it is quite likely that, had Samuel remained at home, Americans would never have heard of Abraham Lincoln, and Springfield, Illinois would probably be just another prairie town.

Samuel Lincoln arrived at Hingham, Massachusetts in 1637 where he married and became the father of eleven children. It was Samuel who began the line of descent which produced a great, great, great, great grandson who in 1861 became the Sixteenth President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. The pioneering and adventurous spirit that induced Samuel to migrate to America was transmitted to his grandchildren. It was Mordecai II, grandson of Samuel Lincoln, who began what we call the Lincoln migration.

Mordecai Lincoln II was born in Massachusetts, married in New Jersey and died in Pennsylvania. Mordecai's son, John, was born in New Jersey, married in Pennsylvania and died in Virginia. His son, Abraham, grandfather of the President, was born in Pennsylvania, married in Virginia and died in Kentucky. His son, Thomas, father of the President, was born in Virginia, married in Kentucky and died in Illinois. His son, Abraham, the President, was born in Kentucky, married in Illinois and died in Washington, D. C. His son, Robert, was born in Illinois, married in Washington, D. C. and died in Vermont. Robert's son, Abraham, was born in Washington, D. C. and died in London, England, a short distance from the birthplace of the first American Lincoln progenitor, Samuel.

From the above we may determine an interesting and curious genealogical fact. Not one of the direct descendents of Samuel Lincoln listed married and or died in the state in which they were married or born.

Americans may very well be grateful to an English stepmother, whose greed deprived a son of his rightful patrimony.

1977 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Since the last issue of The Banner, the Illinois Department has announced its plans for the 1977 Department Encampment, to be held on June 10-11, 1977 at the Sheraton Inn, Springfield, Illinois. The Oregon Department changed their Encampment dates from May 15-17, 1977 to March 20-22, 1977 making possible the attendance of Commander-in-Chief Wheeler at this Encampment. Department Secretaries are reminded to advise The Banner when Encampment dates are established or revised so that the general membership may be advised in advance of the event.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The marvelous response received following the appeal contained in The Banner last quarter has been most heartwarming, and I sincerely thank all brothers and sisters who have contributed to our G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Surely those grand old men of our parent organization would be impressed with the enthusiastic way all of you have pitched in to support the patriotic activities our Order undertakes each year in memory of the Grand Army.

Very shortly now we will be marking another Memorial Day -- the most important patriotic holiday we observe, both because of its Grand Army origin and because it is a time for remembering the deeds of the Union Veteran. Every camp should participate in the various cemetery ceremonies and parades which make this holiday a uniquely American observance of remembrance and respect for departed comrades who answered their country's call to arms during its tragic hours of need.

During the past year, there was a great display of the American flag because of the nation's Bicentennial observance. Although the Bicentennial will not officially end until the 200th anniversary of the close of the Revolutionary War, still the general public considers that 1976 was "the Bicentennial", and that the celebration is all over now. Hence patriotic fervor is on the wane. It behooves us, therefore, to make the following phrase our watchword for the months ahead: "O.K., so it's bye-bye Bicentennial . . . but please, fly - fly the Flag!"

To help make it possible for SUVCW to play a prominent part in promoting the idea of continuing to keep the American flag waving proudly all over our land -- and at the same time to give a pat on the back to those who keep it flying -- I have had certificates prepared (they are called "Star-Spangled Salute" awards) which camps can present to individuals, institutions or business firms in their local communities as a means of recognizing those who fly the flag publicly on a regular basis. To secure such certificates, camps should send me the name of the person or firm to be awarded the certificate and the city and state where located. Space has been provided on the certificate for the camp to fill in the name of the presenter and the date of presentation. My address is: P. O. Box 6165, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

Here's a chance for your camp to publicize its own patriotic work (by furnishing your local newspaper with a press release about the presentation) and an opportunity to also enhance the Order's image through this public contact with those receiving the recognition. So, look around and select worthy recipients for this award in your community . . . then send their names and towns to me so I can fill in that part of the certificate and mail them on for presentation by the camp. Remember, no certificates will be mailed without the recipient's name and town already filled in; I want a record of where these are being presented.

Charles A. Brady, Jr.
National Patriotic Instructor

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE TO HOLD EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The SVR (Sons of Veterans Reserve) will hold their 8th Annual National Encampment from July 8, 1977 thru July 17, 1977. The site is 150 acres of Gahanna Woods, Gahanna, Ohio. This is located off I-270 (the outerbelt) in the North-East section of Columbus, Ohio. The host unit will be the 4th U.S. Artillery, Battery A, SVR, 1/Sgt. Alan K. Little, Commanding. Their address is 107th Imperial Drive, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Sponsor for the event is Bob Evans Enterprises, Inc.

Registration begins on Friday, July 8, 1977, with special events planned for every day of the week. These will include competitions, a Parade, the Blue-Gray Ball on Saturday, July 16, 1977, Reenactment of The Battle of Bloody Shiloh on Sunday, July 17, 1977, certificates, powder, steamers, trophies, etc. Registration and information will be mailed to all Officers and Unit Commanders.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The 95th Congress has now organized itself and legislation is being introduced. Of particular interest is House Jt. Res. No. 100 which would return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. Introduced by Rep. Robert Roe of New Jersey, the measure would also return Washington's Birthday and Columbus Day to their traditional calendar dates. It is expected that additional bills on the subject of holidays will be drafted as the session progresses.

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In the House, the Subcommittee on Census and Population deals with all matters relating to the designation of holidays. Rep. William Lehman of Florida chairs that panel and Rep. John Rousselot of California is the ranking minority member. The subcommittee is a part of and reports to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee chaired by Rep. Robert N. C. Nix of Pennsylvania. The ranking minority member of the full committee is Rep. Edward J. Derwinski of Illinois.

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In Wisconsin a committee of the State Senate held a hearing on March 8th concerning a bill to return that State's observance of Memorial Day to May 30th. Your chairman was in attendance to register his support for the measure.

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Through the herculean efforts of several veterans organizations, the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the U. S. Senate survived a concerted move to combine its functions with those of other committees in the process of reorganizing the committee structure in the Senate. The panel will remain a free standing committee.

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Rep. John Ashbrook of Ohio has introduced House Jt. Res. No. 4 that would reestablish the House Committee on Internal Security as a standing committee. That panel was abolished a few years ago. At that time Rep. Ashbrook was the ranking minority member of the old Committee. At present, the only group in the Congress expressly charged with responsibility for internal security matters is the Subcommittee on Internal Security of the State chaired by Sen. James Eastland.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE - Rep. Robert H. Michel of Illinois said it: The cold, hard, unappetizing fact of the matter is that the United States is in as much danger now as it has ever been in its history. The question isn't only one of arms - although that question is essential - but of will and purpose. The debate over national defense isn't simply one among a list of high priority debates - it is in a class by itself, the single most important question now facing the American people.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

TENNESSEE SEEKS TO ERECT MONUMENT AT GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD

Of the twenty-nine States, northern and southern, who had troops on the field at Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863, only Tennessee, The Volunteer State, has no State Monument at the National Military Park at Gettysburg. In order to correct this long oversight, an organization known as The Tennessee Monument Commission has been formed. A non-profit group chartered under the laws of Tennessee it seeks voluntary contributions. Dr. Feliz de Weldon, an internationally known sculptor has been chosen to design the monument which will depict three soldiers, one representing each of the three state regiments which were on the field during the battle. Recently Senate Bill #38 has been introduced in Tennessee for the purpose of obtaining 50% of the financing from the State. Several other states have endorsed this effort to complete the 29th and final monument at Gettysburg and in Indiana Gov. Bowen is serving as Chairman Ex-officio of the Indiana Division of the Commission. William H. Hendley of Southport, Indiana, is Chairman of that group. Persons interested in supporting this effort, or obtaining more information, may contact the Tennessee Monument Commission, P. O. Box 50313, Nashville, Tenn. 37205.

CAMP #200 OPERATES CIVIL WAR BOOK EXCHANGE

The Civil War Book Exchange, 4278-80 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19124 is a bi-monthly publication of Philadelphia Camp #200, SUVCW. At an annual subscription rate of \$5.00 (or \$8.00 for two years) interested parties can receive the publication and insert a 25 word item for any Civil War book they have available for sale or are seeking to locate. The latest issue contained six pages, small print, of American Civil War books either being offered for sale or being sought.

ANYONE INTERESTED?

From Toronto, Ontario, Canada comes word of an apparently very unique Civil War book which members of the Book Exchange or others may find interesting. It is a 983 page bound pictorial war record covering the period from the siege of Fort Sumter to the surrender of Richmond. It was developed from a number of Saturday Supplements of a New York newspaper originally published between 1882 and 1884 and according to its owner a number of U. S. book dealers have claimed there is no record of this particular publication. Its owner has asked The Banner to help him locate persons who might be knowledgeable about this volume or interested in it. Such persons should contact: Norman D. Bennett, 46 Oriole Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4V 2E8.

CENTENNIAL FUND PROGRESSING WELL QUOTA NOT YET ACHIEVED

I wish to thank all the Brothers who have contributed to the Centennial Fund and remind all other Brothers that I need a few more contributions to meet my quota for this year. We all hope to have enough dollars in this fund by 1981 to provide a fitting celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Harold T. Beilby
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G.A.R. MUSEUM BECOMES BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT OF SCRANTON (PA) SENIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP

Approximately a year ago Senior Girl Scout Troop #4 of Scranton, Pennsylvania, became interested in the G.A.R. Museum in that city and decided that they would like to make it their Bicentennial project to renovate the Museum to make it more attractive to the public.

Working with Donald B. Cahoon, Jr., a Past Commander of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8, SUVCW, and President of the G.A.R. Memorial Association, and under the leadership of Troop Advisor Mrs. Ann Cahoon and Project Chairwoman Miss Ruth Lucker, the girls decided the improvements would take both a labor of love and an investment of money. They applied to the Reader's Digest, who had offered grants for such Bicentennial projects, and obtained \$250.00 toward covering their costs. The balance of costs were covered by local solicitation projects and then the girls really got to work. With technical advice and help from adults, the girls did all the labor themselves. They bought material and made drapes. They completely inventoried everything in both Museum and the attached Library.

In October 1976 an Open House attended by various civic and government leaders unveiled a restored museum. In these days when it is fashionable to dwell upon the negative in our society and especially in regards to American Youth, we offer three cheers for Senior Girl Scout Troop #4 of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and for the spirit of Americanism which they represent.

READING (PA) CAMP ADOPTS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE PRESIDENTIAL PARDON OF DRAFT DODGERS

Urging President Carter to reconsider his decision, members of General George G. Meade Camp 16, SUVCW, of Reading, Pennsylvania unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the presidential pardon of Vietnam War draft dodgers. Camp Commander Paul C. Kenhorst noted that fully pardoned individuals returning to the United States will compete in job markets with veterans who served out their obligation in Vietnam and others who, while they did not serve in Vietnam, nevertheless fulfilled their duty as citizens by service in the Armed Forces. He further noted that returning draft dodgers who cannot or do not find employment will enter the rolls of tax supported welfare. The Camp also expressed distress at the extensive media coverage given to a war resisters convention in Toronto in late January of this year.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE AMONG "SHERMAN'S BUMMERS" IN INAUGURATION PARADE

Cary B. Carpenter, a member-at-large from Michigan and guest lecturer in the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts, Eastern Michigan University, enjoyed a rare opportunity last January 20th. As a member of "Sherman's Bummers", an organization of some 40 Civil War buffs, he marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in the Carter Inaugural Parade and was reviewed by the new President. The bummers (a historical reference to the troops of General William Tecumseh Sherman) regularly meet in full and authentic dress, live, eat and sleep as the original troops did. Even food rations are carefully recreated. While they occasionally recreate a battle, the group, according to Carpenter, does not take part in Civil War Shoots but is more interested in the history of the war and recreation of the conditions under which the soldier of that era lived.

DORCHESTER (MASS.) CAMP HOPES TO RESTORE G.A.R. MEMORIAL BUILDING

The G.A.R. Memorial Building in Dorchester, Massachusetts was built in the 1870's by Benjamin Stone Post #68, GAR, and is presently under the care of Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch Camp #30, SUVCW. Brother William R. Cohen is Commander of this Camp, Jr. Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Department and Treasurer of the G.A.R. Building Fund. Brother Cohen reports that the building, like many of the older G.A.R. sites, is badly in need of repairs and sadly lacking in funds to accomplish this objective.

Accordingly, he plans a Campaign to raise funds which includes an appeal to the Community Development authority of the City of Boston and an appeal to members of the Allied Orders. Anyone interested in details may contact Brother Cohen at 784 Washington Street, Apt. 418, Dorchester, Mass. 02124.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED AT CORNWALL METHODIST CHURCH

On May 29, 1977, a Civil War Memorial will be dedicated at the Cornwall Methodist Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The person responsible for this Memorial is Member-at-Large Mark E. Buffamoyer of that city, great grandson of Isaac Shay who was one of seven brothers in the Union Army during the Civil War and great, great grandson of Captain John Shay of the American Revolutionary War. Captain Shay was also on the first board of trustees of this same Church, whose first licensed minister was one John Kennedy.

HANOVER (PA) CAMP HOLDS THREE MEMORIAL SERVICES ANNUALLY

The Battle of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on June 30, 1863 was a relatively minor encounter in which only eleven Union soldiers died. One of these was Cpl. John Hoffacker of the 18th Pennsylvania Calvary who was a native of Hanover and one of the relatively few northern soldiers to die while fighting so near to his home. He is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover, but his sacrifice is not forgotten. In fact, the sacrifices of all the men who wore the Union Blue between 1861 and 1865 is well remembered year-round, thanks to the efforts of Theo. Pfeiffer Camp #60, SUVCW, of Hanover. Not once, but three times each year (Memorial Day, Independence Day and Armistice Day) Pfeiffer Camp turns out the color guard and conducts full ritualistic services at two cemeteries. They also take part in the Memorial Day parade and frequently expand the program with special speakers or events. Thanks to the determination and energies of these Sons, the Patriotism displayed every Memorial Day throughout our land is a year-round fact of life for Hanover, Pennsylvania.

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.

TO — Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

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.....
(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes - Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

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

- From Martin L. Schultz, Owings Mills, Maryland
In Memory Of John Grove Hammons, Co. G, 17th Infantry,
Maine Volunteers.....\$50.00
- From George E. Kammerer, Racine, Wisconsin
In Memory Of Frank W. Clark, Co. D, 27th Wisconsin
Infantry Regiment.....\$10.00
- From Mr. Jean B. Lemelle, Jr., Los Angeles, California
In Memory Of Jean Baptiste Lemelle Sr., Co. C, 4th U.S.
Cavalry Regiment.....\$10.00
- From James M. Maner, Stuart, Florida
In Memory Of John C. Reeger, Co. I, 1st Regiment, Maryland
Volunteer Cavalry and James M. Maner, Co. I, 38th Regiment,
N.J. Volunteer Infantry.....\$20.00
- From John H. Hartford, Wichita, Kansas
In Memory Of Lt. Col. Henry Hartford, 8th N.J. Volunteer
Infantry.....\$10.00
- From Martin L. Schultz, Owings Mills, Maryland
In Memory Of 1st Sgt. Samuel Rork, II, Co. A,
1st N.Y. Cavalry.....\$50.00
- From Weldon E. Howitt, Farmingdale, New York
In Memory Of Cpl. William Willison, Co. H, 188th Regiment,
New York Volunteers.....\$10.00
- From Daniel P. George, Trenton, N. J.
In Memory Of Cpl. William Van Horn, Co. A, 5th Regiment
New Jersey Volunteers.....\$10.00
- From Dennis R. Briggs, Attleboro Falls, Mass.
In Memory Of Albert Frost Briggs, Co. H, 40th Regiment,
Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.....\$10.00

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows:

- Under age 60.....\$150.00
- Age 60 to 69.....\$125.00
- Age 70 and over....\$100.00

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. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1976 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

The following Life Memberships have been recorded by the National Secretary since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- Carl R. Latham, III, Liverpool, Ohio.....\$150.00
- Martin L. Schultz, Owings Mills, Maryland.....\$150.00



Department News



CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

A Story of Perseverance. In late 1974 Don Heflin decided to construct a family tree and began the familiar and time consuming tasks of rebuilding a family history. From that effort he discovered the Civil War record of his grandfather and this led to his membership in Phil Sheridan Camp #4. It also led to the discovery that his grandfather's grave was not properly marked with birth and death dates and the military record.

The ensuing struggle with governmental red tape was to involve Don Heflin, Secretary of Sheridan Camp #4 in San Jose, Bill Vanderhoof of New Jersey, the National Graves Registration Officer, the guardian officer of the Grand Island Veteran's Home and assorted officials in Washington, D.C. A copy of the military record was found, but the grave was still not properly marked.

On March 12, 1977, over two years later, documented proof was finally obtained of the placing of a proper grave marker. One official, in the letter which accompanied this documentation, stated that Brother Heflin had, in the face of insurmountable odds, accomplished what was a near impossibility. We are proud that he is a member of the Sons and are grateful to him and all who assisted him that one more Civil War Veteran is no longer "gone and forgotten."

COLORADO-WYOMING

Civil War Grave Marked. A few years ago Dept Commander Charles Sharrock and Dept Vice-President Martha Sperra visited Denver, Colorado and obtained a listing of all Civil War veterans buried in Colorado. Later, in Vilas, Baca County, Colorado they found the grave of David Spears marked only with a sandstone marker which did not contain his war record. Since a government stone cannot be issued until full military records are known, a campaign was started to write every State with soldiers in the Union Army. Finally, the record was found. David Spears has been a Sgt. in Co. A, 55th Regt., Massachusetts Infantry. Today a new government gravestone containing name and military record, marks the burial site of this Union Veteran whom Brother Sharrock and Sister Sperra refused to leave forgotten.

ILLINOIS

After years of effort, the Illinois Department of the Auxiliary has succeeded in instituting a new Auxiliary in Springfield, Lincoln's own city. Because the new Auxiliary was conceived and organized during the Bicentennial, it will be Auxiliary #200 to General John A. McClarnand Camp #4, SUVCW.

The founder and first President is Mrs. Marlene Carnduff, sister of Illinois Department Commander Robert Graham. Past Commander-in-Chief George Cushman is her counsellor. Several National and Department officers were on hand for the March 26, 1977 ceremonies forming the new auxiliary, led by National President Minnie Madeiros of Massachusetts.

INDIANA

LTC Henry W. Lawton Camp #171, SUVCW, of Fort Wayne had four active members participate in the Presidential Inaugural Parade on January 20, 1977 in Washington, D.C. The four were members of a 150 man group wearing authentic Civil War uniforms and gear.

On January 21, 1977 these same members took part in the dedication ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, then they placed wreaths on two additional graves at Arlington. One was General Lawton, for whom the Camp is named, and the other was Major General Grisson, great-great grandfather of Robert Willey, one of the Lawton Camp members.

MAINE

The Maine Department has been busy this year with inspections and installations. On March 19th and 20th, we will be hosting the New England Regional Association meeting at the Eastland Motor Hotel. On March 26th, the Department President is having a Bicentennial Guest Officers Afternoon in Oakland, in which guest officers have been invited to do the work in their Bicentennial gowns. This will be preceded by a turkey dinner. It should prove to be an exciting and fun afternoon. The Sons and Auxiliary will have their convention at the Eastland Motor Hotel in Portland on June 18th and 19th.

The Oakland Camp and Auxiliary have been having some open meetings, in which they do their marches and then close the meeting for a guest speaker or entertainment. It is proving successful in getting new members.

MARYLAND

Maryland Department was saddened by the sudden passing on February 15 of P.D.P. Eve Henson at Hagerstown. In addition to serving the Department faithfully, Sister Henson was a key member of Reno Post Auxiliary for many years. Her guiding hand will be sorely missed.

Reno Post Auxiliary elected and installed Sister Dorris Schlenker of Rockville as President in January.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Washington, D.C., was well represented at Lincoln Birthday activities. Brother Francis Cadigan presided at the annual MOLLUS Lincoln Day Dinner on February 11 at Fort Myer. Camp Commander Peter Dixon represented the Camp at Lincoln Memorial ceremonies and floral tributes were placed by Brother Robert Dyer and P.C.C. Richard Schlenker. Also participating were Brothers Brown, Clark and Umhau.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

John W. Spaulding Camp celebrated Lincoln's Birthday at their February 17th meeting. Paul Wheeler was in charge of the program, National Chaplain Richard Wyman took part and invitations were extended to other Camps and Auxiliaries in the Department to join in the event. Memorial Day in 1977 will be under the charge of the D.A.R. and the Camp made plans to turn over the books of the Allied Council to this group for the 1977 observance.

NEW JERSEY

The annual Lincoln Dinner was held on February 12, 1977 at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, N.J. The toastmaster was Dr. Robert L. Gerke, Jr. of Dayton Camp #5 (Trenton) and the speaker was Dr. Dan Croft, Assistant Professor of History at Trenton State College. Dr. Croft took as his theme an analysis of Lincoln, the man and the politician, and attempted to discover from various scraps of information known about Lincoln, what the great Civil War President might have personally thought and hoped at the various stages of his Presidency. Following the format of current day news analysis, Dr. Croft demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of his subject and raised several interesting theories as to the possible logic behind Lincoln's various decisions during his years in office.

The Spring dinner meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 will be held on April 30, 1977 at the Nassau Inn. The dinner is to start at 6:00 P.M. Guest speaker will be Major Arthur V. Grant, Jr. who will address the topic of "The Command Relationships between Generals Grant and Meade."

Plans for cemetery decoration and special services for Memorial Day are now in the process of being made. All Camps and members are urged to take part in this annual remembrance to honor those men who fought for the Union during our American Civil War.

Plans are being finalized for the Department Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary to be held at the Buckingham Hotel in Avon-by-the-Sea on June 16th thru 18th. Also, many members of the Sons and Auxiliary are looking forward to being in attendance at the National Encampment to be held at the Savery Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa on August 14th thru 18th. Hotel reservation cards can be obtained from Department Secretary-Treasurer Richard D. Hines or Auxiliary Department Secretary Marguerite Bonnell.

We have learned of plans by P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert to relocate to the Atlanta, Georgia area this Spring. Sister Lambert will be living with her daughter and son-in-law, Skip and Joan Clark, as soon as they are settled in their new location. Brother Skip was recently transferred to Atlanta. We shall miss the very active participation of all three in Camp, Auxiliary and Department affairs. With Skip and Joan's three children (all members of the Sons or Auxiliary) they shall be missed at regular functions. However, all will remain members in New Jersey and we are looking forward to frequent visits for various events during the year. We will publish the new address and effective date of the move as soon as they are known.

NEW YORK

Camp #223 held their annual ceremony at the Statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of the Erie County Historical Society on February 11, 1977. Jack Kemp of Washington, D.C. was the featured speaker and music was provided by a local H.S. Band. Past Camp Commander Joseph Hillary, now a School Commissioner in Buffalo, gave an interesting talk on Abraham Lincoln. On March 7, 1977 the Camp held annual installation of officers, inducted a new member and honored two of their Brothers with special citations. These were Past Commander Frank Bellinger, for outstanding leadership in the Camp, and Brother Robert Schweitzer for outstanding achievement in the U.S. Army Reserve.

On April 24, 1977 the annual commemoration of the death of President and Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant will be held at Grant's Tomb in New York City. The commemoration will be followed by a reception and dinner at Stouffer's Restaurant honoring Department Commander Ray Foulkrod and Department President Mina Wickware. A large attendance is anticipated.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 and Auxiliary #1 held a dinner and reception on March 26, 1977 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rochester for Department Commander Ray Foulkrod and Department President Mina Wickware. Attendance was very good and an extremely pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Department Commander Foulkrod attended the services at Gettysburg last fall. He was, we believe, the only sitting Department Commander to make these services.

Plans to reactivate Camp #89 of Niagara Falls are progressing very well. They were the first Camp to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of New York State, which occurred in January 1977.

OHIO

McClellan Camp #91 and Auxiliary held their annual Lincoln banquet and enjoyed excellent attendance in spite of icy conditions and a last minute worsening of the weather. Mr. Wesley Watson, a retired High School Professor and a member of Camp #91, was the featured speaker. Mr. Watson spoke on the Pledge of Allegiance, noting that while elements are quite old and the phrase "one nation under God" was included in the Bennington Declaration of Freedom, nevertheless the Pledge of Allegiance was not made official until the term of President Dwight Eisenhower. An interesting side note is that President Eisenhower's administration was also the time when the SUVCW received its charter of incorporation under an Act of congress. A number of National and Department officers were present. McClellan Camp also inducted one new member at their last meeting.

Salem Camp and Auxiliary also held a Lincoln Banquet which was well attended, also including a number of National and Department officers.

The Department is saddened by the recent death of Gary A. Gabriel following over 200 days of hospitalization. While only 22 years of age, Brother Gabriel was a member in good standing of both Governor Dennison Camp #1, SUVCW, and Battery C, Light Artillery, 1st Ohio Volunteers. He was buried in his full SVR uniform and the services were attended by several members of both Dennison Camp and Battery C.

Plans are being finalized for the Ohio Department Encampment to be held on Mt. Union College Campus on June 24-26, 1977. Annual inspections are in full swing, the Frost, Ohio Auxiliary combined their inspection with an annual dinner which was well attended by Department Officers.

WISCONSIN

The annual patriotic luncheon honoring George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and William Mc Kinley was held in Milwaukee on February 26. Dept. Commander Grover R. Huff was the featured speaker and gave a thoughtful talk on the importance of patriotism in today's society. Thomas L. W. Johnson recited brief tributes to Washington, Lincoln, and Mc Kinley. Greetings were extended by Rhoda Lemanski, Dept. President of the Auxiliary, and by Lilyan Behnke, Dept. President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Burton E. Kannenberg and George Nuoffer led group singing to close the program. Emma Ganske was in charge of arrangements and presided at the luncheon. The event is sponsored each year by C. K. Pier-Badger Camp #1, Auxiliary #4, and Washington Circle of the Ladies of the G.A.R., all of Milwaukee.

SEEK NAMES OF MEMBERS WHO ARE LIVING SONS OF A CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Time marches on. Once our order was made up primarily of the sons of the Civil War veterans who belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was from this that we took our name, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We are interested in determining how many of our membership are actually sons of Civil War veterans. Our ranks now include grandsons, great grandsons, great-great grandsons, etc. We would like to honor those members who are actually sons by listing their names and addresses. We are also interested in locating any living Sons who might not presently belong to the organization. Please send the name, address, date of birth and name of Camp (if a member) to: Albert W. Lambert, Editor, The Banner, P. O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540. A special Honor Roll of these men will be published in the future issues of The Banner.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WHEELER VISITS FORT CHICKAMAUGA

The photo above shows Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Kenneth T. Wheeler standing at the foot of the Veteran's Walk at Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma, with a guard of honor formed by troops from the fort.

The Commander-in-Chief became the first presiding National Officer to visit Fort Chickamauga, the only functional Cavalry Post. The Fort is located in Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma (formerly Indian Territory). A reception was held for Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Wheeler with members of the Garrison and their ladies, the Fort Chickamauga National Historical Society, and the Oklahoma Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans. The highlight of the evening was the initiation of three new members into Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1, a Camp-at-Large of the SUVCW, with Commander-in-Chief Wheeler officiating.

1977 ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION

As noted in the last issue of The Banner, the 96th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held on August 14-17, 1977 at Des Moines, Iowa. The annual Encampments of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held simultaneously with that of the Sons.

The site is The Savery Hotel, Fourth and Locust Streets, Des Moines. Mailing address of The Savery, for purposes of advance reservations, is: P. O. Box 757, Des Moines, Iowa 50303. Please be sure to identify yourself as a part of the conventions of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. You must advise the time and date of expected arrival and the date of expected departure. If arrival is to be after 6:00 P.M. then a deposit or guarantee will be needed to assure your reservation. While a specific rate cannot be guaranteed by the Hotel, the following types of accommodations are offered:

Single occupancy (one person)	\$19.00, \$21.00 or \$24.00
Double occupancy (two persons)	\$24.00, \$26.00 or \$30.00
Twin Beds (two person occupancy)	\$24.00, \$26.00 or \$30.00
Suite for Two persons	\$55.00 or \$75.00
Hospitality Rooms	\$40.00 or \$65.00

You should contact the Hotel for more specific information, costs for third person occupancy or other special arrangements. Reservation cards are available from Department Secretaries or the 1977 Encampment Committee, c/o Richard A. McCoy, 610 East Salem Avenue, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

The Encampment Committee is working hard to make the ninety-sixth a great Encampment. We sincerely hope you will join us in Des Moines in August and provide us with the one secret ingredient needed to assure a memorable encampment... your presence!

OBADIAH HOLMES LINCOLN PROGENITOR BY GEORGE L. CASHMAN

It may come as something of a shock to many that a direct ancestor of Abraham Lincoln was arrested and sentenced and experienced the humiliation and pain of the public whipping post. That progenitor was Lincoln's great-great-great-great grandfather, Obadiah Holmes of Newport, Rhode Island. Any tendency to recoil from this harsh fact in Lincoln genealogy is at once transformed to pride when it is realized that Obadiah Holmes was accorded this severe and mortifying penalty for the sake of conscience.

Born in Preston, Lancashire, England around 1607, Obadiah Holmes, a glass maker, came to Salem, Massachusetts in 1639. In 1650 he broke away from the established church to become a follower of the doctrine of baptism by immersion and become a pastor of the new congregation known as Baptist.

In July 1651, Holmes journeyed to Lynn, Massachusetts and while preaching his distinctive tenet at that place, was arrested and sent to Boston to be tried. He was tried and convicted for advocating doctrines contrary to the belief of the established church, and sentenced to be publicly whipped. The ordeal was carried out in September when he was given thirty lashes with a three-pronged whip.

The flogging failed to dampen his ardor or curtail the exercise of his religious freedom and he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Newport, Rhode Island for thirty years. He belongs to the immortal company of those who both suffered under law for the sake of conscience and championed religious freedom in the American colonies.

When tracing the lineage of Abraham Lincoln, one observes how love of liberty and readiness to endure hardships for the sake of moral and religious convictions were strong characteristics of his forebears. It also becomes apparent that Lincoln's heritage was not limited to the lowly and obscure denizens of the American wilderness, but embraces men of heroic mold, men who were distinguished in the political and legislative life of the colonies.

Abraham Lincoln sprang from progenitors who were illustrious in the political, legal and religious life of colonial America, and who were willing to suffer humiliation and death itself for the sake of freedom. Abraham Lincoln was the worthy son of worthy sires.

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 the 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.

MEMORIAL DAY 1977

On May 30, 1977, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it's Auxiliary and the other Allied Orders, together with numerous other patriotic and veteran organizations, will carry out Gen. Logan's famous General Order No. 11 for the 109th time.

It is over a century that this most sacred day of remembrance has been an obligation of honor and duty, first to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and then to us, their Sons and heirs. This year the luck of the calendar brings May 30th to a Monday and avoids for us the problem of the "legal" Memorial Day Holiday falling on some other date. If the efforts of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee and of our friends on the U.S. Congress are successful, we may never again see the spirit and intent of General Logan's order compromised on the altar of "fun, sun and the three-day weekend."

Our nation is blessed with more leisure time than any in human memory. Indeed, we are now told that occupying this leisure time is becoming a very real problem for many. Vast new business ventures, under the title of "leisure industries" have sprung up to help us find "something to do" with all our time.

I have a suggestion! Let the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War lead the way in setting the tone and character of this "holiday". And let that be one of remembrance, a day to honor all soldiers, sailors and marines who fought for this nation during any of the several wars which have threatened her during the last two hundred years. This is neither far fetched nor impossibly difficult. What is calls for is leadership, dedication and example. The words of General Logan's order may not be modern in phraseology, but the intent is as real and as relevant today as it was 109 years ago.

TAPS

Again this year, the haunting notes of "Taps" will be heard on May 30th in countless American cemeteries from coast to coast as well as American Military Cemeteries around the world. For those of us who, through our activity on the SUVCW, have honored Memorial Day for a number of years, Taps are taken for granted as a symbol of the day. Not many realize, however, that this plaintive bugle call was also a product of the American Civil War. It was composed in July of 1862, during a lull in the fighting, by General Daniel Butterfield. General Butterfield was a New York businessman who entered the Union forces as a regimental Colonel and was subsequently promoted to a brigade commander. While he had no formal musical training, General Butterfield had a good ear for music. Frequently, in the heat of battle, the bugle calls of various units (in that day all active units used the bugle call for communication) would become mixed causing troops to respond to incorrect instructions. Butterfield felt the confusion to be potentially very costly and he wrote distinctive signals for his own brigade. Later he became upset that the traditional final call of the night, or "extinguish lights" was formal and harsh. The General felt that the last call of the night should be "smooth, melodious and musical" so that the troubled troopers could find peace and comfort. He wrote the version we now know as "Taps". Today it is one of the few military bugle calls still in daily use in the active services, along with Reveille and Mess Call. While the place of the bugle has lost its importance in military operations, Taps has remained the most recognized and respected bugle call in our nation. This coming May 30th it will be heard again, over the graves of those Union soldiers who fought with General Butterfield, and all American war dead, calling us to remembrance and them to a final resting in tones that are smooth, melodious and musical.

A resort is a secluded place where large numbers of people flock in order to avoid the crowd.

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The trouble with being a leader today is that you can't be sure whether people are following you or chasing you. (Bits & Pieces)

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Why do candidates promise us more responsible government? Aren't they responsible for enough problems already?

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Computers are like committees . . . everything gets fouled up, but it's nobody's fault!

Economic Progress: In 1929 the average American taxpayer spent 52 minutes out of every eight hour work day working to pay his taxes . . . today it takes 2 hours and 39 minutes!

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Physical Fitness? Fifty years ago it took two grown men to carry \$10 worth of groceries, today a child can do it.

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Ever wonder what Patrick Henry would think of taxation with representation if he could be with us on April 15, 1977?

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