



RESEARCH SPECIALIST FOR MONITOR FOUNDATION IS TALENTED AND DEVOTED FAN OF PROJECT

Maria Templeton, pictured opposite is the Historical Research Specialist of the Monitor Research and Record Foundation and has been a very active member of that organization since it was formed in 1975. She is also a talented individualist who is deeply inspired by the heroic saga of the USS Monitor. The historic battle on March 9, 1862, between the Union Monitor and the Confederate Virginia (Merrimac) was the turning point of naval history, it was "unlike any other naval battle before or since" and it marked the end of the era of wooden ships of war.

As an artist, Mrs. Templeton has developed a unique biomorphic art form by combining chemicals with oils, acrylics and enamels to obtain a surrealistic effect. Among her favorite subjects are ships, rockets, dinosaurs, dragons, cats, and imaginary life forms. She is also a collector with one of the best known private collections of USS Monitor memorabilia, a builder of models and a poet. Her poetry has been published in numerous magazines and newspapers and her poem honoring the 1973 discovery of the wreck of the Monitor entitled "The Monitor Speaks" which appears on page 6 of this issue, has been read before the World Ship Society. She has constructed three models, each almost four feet in length, of the USS Monitor. They are an exterior model, an interior model and a model of the wreck as it appears on the ocean floor after its discovery in 1973. The models are extremely detailed and precise and have been exhibited nationally. They were seen through mid-March 1979 at the U.S. Navy Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and have appeared in museums literally "from coast to coast."

Maria's residence in New Jersey is, in itself, a museum of exhibits covering nearly every inch of space and dealing in all of the above subjects as well as her interest in geology, paleontology and marine biology. In spite of her many talents and interests (or because of them) Maria has found time to undertake yet another set of detailed mechanical drawings of the Monitor's interior for the Foundation. The USS Monitor is, by her own admission, her greatest interest and the current project to raise the ship presents what this talented artist and worker considers to be "the greatest opportunity of her life."

ANNUAL LINCOLN MEMORIAL SERVICES COMMEMORATE 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN

At 11:45 a.m. on February 12, 1979 the commemoration services honoring the birth date of our Civil War President and martyr were again held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Loyal Legion of the U.S., The National Park Service and the Military District of Washington, this event has been an annual service since 1922. In all there were thirty-two floral tributes. The Allied Orders of the G.A.R. were well represented at this event with wreaths from:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Maryland Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Maryland Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW
 Department of the Potomac, Woman's Relief Corps

Department of the District of Columbia, Daughters of Union Veterans

The wreath from the SUVCW is one of the many annual projects made possible by the G.A.R. Memorial Fund and the generous contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor's annual appeal. The floral tributes came from historical and patriotic organizations of every type and every era as well as from several governmental agencies at the Federal and State levels. Leading this list was a wreath from the President of the United States who was represented at the services by Major General Kenneth E. Dohleman, Commanding General, Military District of Washington. The Sons of Veterans Reserve, Pennsylvania Brigade, participated in the Guard of Honor led by Major Elton P. Koch, Commanding Officer. Also in the Guard of Honor were the First North South Brigade and the Lancaster Fencibles. The Colors were presented by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and a concert was played by the United States Marine Band under the direction of Drum Major Dennis Carroll. The annual reading of the Gettysburg Address was by Jay P. Sanford, M.D., Dean of the School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Remarks were delivered by the Honorable Percy A. Pierre, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition.



General Order No. 3
Series 1978-79

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
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1. It was a great honor and pleasure to present a wreath in the name of the Commandry-in-Chief at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C. on February 12, 1979. I wish to commend the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and all involved in this commemoration of the 170th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.
2. My congratulations to the committees in charge of the Lincoln Day Dinner in Philadelphia and Princeton, New Jersey. I was able to be at both and found them well attended and followed by fine programs.
3. I am pleased to announce that Brothers Charles E. Sharrock and William J. Elswick of the Department of Colorado and Daniel E. Stubbins of the Ohio Department have received the National ribbon and have become aides on my staff. These brothers have secured at least three new members for the order since the National Encampment in August.
4. Hopefully there will be a good attendance at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, on April 14, 1979. This is one of the most outstanding programs sponsored by our organization.
5. If you haven't already done so, please send in your contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor, George Long, so that he may attain the goal set for him. Only in this manner can the fine programs sponsored by the National Organization be carried on in a manner befitting our heritage.
6. Brothers please observe Memorial Day, as a day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic, and encourage others to do likewise. Each member and each camp should plan for a proper observance of this day dedicated to the memory of those who have sacrificed so much that this great nation might prosper.
7. Plans are progressing for the National Encampment in Hartford, Connecticut, August 11-16, 1979.
8. Department Encampments are beginning, to the outgoing Department Commanders, may you look back on your year of service with a feeling of satisfaction. To the incoming Department Commanders, I hope that you have made plans and set objectives for your year and that with the support of your camps and their members, may your goals and plans be fulfilled. Strong leadership and active participation are essential for the continued well being of our organization.
9. On behalf of the National Organization, may I express sincere sympathy to all who have suffered the loss of loved ones. To the ill and shut-ins may you not feel forgotten.

Richard L. Greenwalt
Commander-in-Chief

OFFICERS' REPORTS

All National Officers and Committee Chairmen should have their reports ready for presentation at the First Business Session of the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Hartford, Conn.

They should be TYPED, on ONE SIDE of the paper ONLY, and, with the exception of Commander-in-Chief and the Legislative Committee, limited to TWO pages.

Compliance with this directive will help to insure a smooth running Encampment, with as little delay as possible.

Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C.
National Chief of Staff

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, nor 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.

NATIONAL G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND

At Grand Rapids, Michigan last August I was appointed to the office of National Patriotic Instructor. One important part of this job is to solicit or raise funds. The Council of Administration has set my Goal for this year at \$1,700.00. The money contributed to this fund is used to support many patriotic activities including: the Lincoln Memorial Services in Washington, D.C.; the Lincoln Tomb Services in Springfield, Illinois; a wreath placed annually at the Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire every Memorial Day; the G.A.R. Remembrance Day events in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; the G.A.R. Camp Fire Program at each National Encampment; the G.A.R. Scholarship awarded annually; and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

It doesn't matter how large or how small your contribution is, each will help me to reach my goal. Please send your contributions by check or money order, it is not safe to send cash through the mail. All checks or money orders should be made payable to: National Organization, S.U.V.C.W. Make sure your check is signed before enclosing. Mail all contributions to:

George W. Long
National Patriotic Instructor
222 Lincoln Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS SCHEDULED
FOR HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
AUGUST 11-16, 1979

The Annual Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Hartford, Connecticut on August 11-16, 1979. Headquarters for all three organizations will be the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, The Civic Center Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103. The Hotel telephone number is area code 203, 728-5151.

This will be the 98th Annual Encampment for the Sons and the 93rd for the Auxiliary. We urge all members who can possibly do so to attend. Not only will you take part in the work of our fine organizations, now approaching the conclusion of its first century, but you will enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers and Sisters from every State who share, with you, a loyal devotion to our order and its principles.

We had hoped that we would receive literature and rate information in time for this issue of The Banner. We expect to be able to furnish this to you with the next issue, along with a preliminary report from your Encampment Committees and a tentative agenda. If you desire to contact the hotel earlier in order to assure your reservation, please be sure to stress your organization and that you are part of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

On page 3 of the January 1979 issue of The Banner the Encampment dates were printed incorrectly. Please mark your calendars now for August 11th thru 16th and plan to join us in Hartford.

CENTENNIAL FUND
NEEDS YOUR HELP

Brothers . . . Now that our National Patriotic Instructor, George W. Long, has put out his call for Financial support to carry out the programs sponsored by the National Organization, I hope that you will support him, as you did me, so that he can reach his goal.

I was highly honored last August by being elected as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at Grand Rapids. One of the duties of my office is to collect funds which will be placed in the Hundredth Anniversary Fund. This fund will make it possible for us to mark our First Century in a manner befitting our heritage. 1981 is now only two short years away. Please send your contributions to me, payable to: National Organization, S.U.V.C.W.

It would be wonderful if we could increase our membership by 100% for our 100th year. This is not impossible, let's try!

Edwin K. Kramer
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief,
SUVCW
204 Clark Street
Lemoine, PA 17043

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 1979 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.

No. 105 Lester Robert Dunham \$125.00
No. 106 Kevin Joseph Cadigan \$150.00



CIVIL WAR DRILL HALL
AND
ARMORY

Located on the west side of Grand Avenue in Leonia, Bergen County, New Jersey, stands a one story, wooden frame building, on which construction was started in 1859. It was built for the specific use of the military and for about fifty years served this function as a company and battalion headquarters, a drill hall during inclement weather and the winter season, and a depository for arms, ammunition and military accoutrements. The first company to drill here, and who incidentally are believed to have had a hand in its construction, are described in the original deed conveying this property to them as "The Jersey Blues Company" in the Second Battalion of the First Regiment of the Bergen Brigade of the Uninvolved Militia of the State of New Jersey.

In anticipation of the struggle that was to come volunteers from the area were assigned to the company. It was mustered into regular U.S. Army Service on September 22, 1863, just five days after the battle of Antietam, and became Company K, of the 22nd New Jersey Infantry Regiment. It took part as a unit in the action at Aquia Landing, the Battle of Chancellorsville and performed rear-guard function during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

The Drill Hall continued to be used for training purposes until well into the twentieth century, a unit from the Hall seeing duty at Hoboken in 1977, during the wide spread railroad strike; and later during the Spanish-American War. Prior to World War I, with more modern armories available, the Drill Hall was first leased, then sold to interests who converted its usage to millwork operations. The most recent owner of the Property died in the Spring of 1961, and the property was included in the deceased estate.

The English Neighborhood Historical Society, in October 1961, aware of the extensive road building program and population explosion that is rapidly extinguishing old buildings and landmarks, voted to raise the funds necessary to purchase the building and grounds. As a practical use for the Hall after extensive rehabilitation, it is the Society's intent to develop it into a local museum and society headquarters.

Acquisition of the property and major rehabilitation expenditures have thus far amounted to nearly \$10,000 — several thousand more if the free labor provided by many members of the Society were included. This sum was raised through voluntary contributions, benefit performances, auctions and the sale of historic lots. According to best estimates an additional \$65,000 will be needed for internal improvements including plumbing, heating, electrical fixtures and the complete restoration of the Civil War Drill Hall.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

When the 96th Congress convened on January 15, it marked the first Congress since World War II in which the average age of the membership dropped below 50 years.

The Subcommittee on Census and Population of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service has a new chairman, Rep. Robert Garcia of New York.

A subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee is considering enabling legislation designed to establish a Panama Canal Commission to replace the Panama Canal Company on October 1, 1979.

Legislation designed to preserve United States commercial and government interests in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to provide a degree of security for the island nation has won approval in both houses of Congress.

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Chairman

NOTICE FOR ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

- 1. The National Secretary-Treasurer reminds all Department Secretaries that the Department Per-Capita and Membership Report for each quarter MUST be in National Headquarters within thirty days following the close of each quarter.
2. Form 49, Certificate of Election, MUST be completed within thirty days following the close of your Department Encampment and mailed to the National Headquarters.
3. On Form 35-36-38, Department Secretaries MUST complete all the information required on both the front and reverse sides.

Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C. National Secretary-Treasurer

CIVIL WAR UNION MONUMENTS PUBLISHED BY DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

A unique book, truly one of a kind and bound to become a collectors item, has been published by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War as the culmination of their National Bicentennial Project.



LONELY KENTUCKY BATTLEFIELD MARKED

It was on August 8, 1864 that the largest battle to occur in Caldwell County, Kentucky, was joined. The battle at Grubb's Cross Roads was both brief and relatively unimportant.

THE CIVIL WAR, AN INEXHAUSTABLE SUBJECT

Well over one hundred years after the American Civil War ended the supply of new literature and information about this great and tragic time in our history continues to grow.

NATHANIEL LYON by Hardy A. Kemp, M.D., (Colonel, USA - Retired.) Dr. Kemp is a member of Curtis-Warner Camp #64 and a devoted Civil War buff.

STAR ON MANY A BATTLEFIELD: BREVET

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH KARGE IN THE CIVIL WAR by Francis C. Kajencki (Colonel, USA - Retired.) Bvt. Brig. Gen. Joseph Karge almost single-handedly provided two-thirds of the cavalry effort of the State of New Jersey during the Civil War.

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.

TO - Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treas. P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran _____

Company & Regiment _____

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from:

Name _____

Address _____

(Donation, 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 19654)

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

- From Clifton M. Foreman, Tacoma, Washington In Memory of Dextor M. Camp, Co. C, 47th Reg. Illinois Vol. Infantry \$20.00
From James Brown, North Canton, Ohio In Memory of George Brown, 1st Michigan Cavalry \$15.00
From Scott R. Markin, Charleston, Oregon In Memory of Charles D. Markin, Co. B, 87th Reg. Indiana Volunteers \$10.00
From Col. Homan E. Leech, USA, Ret., Meulo Park, Ca. In Memory of Benjamin H. Homan, 18th Co., Heavy Artillery Unattached, Mass. Volunteers \$25.00
From Thomas F. Bresnchen, San Antonio, Texas In Memory of Henry J. Mifflin, Co. K, 7th Pa Reserve \$10.00

AUXILIARY PROGRAMS REPORT

Last August three new programs were instituted by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Following is a report of the activity to date:

- Life Membership #1, Marion E. Combs, P.N.P. \$150.00
Life Membership #2, Florence H. Forbey, N.P. 125.00
Life Membership #3, Anne O. Clayton, P.N.P. 125.00

The following Honor Roll contributions have been received:

- From C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C., Reading, Pa. In memory of Anna I. Stoudt, P.N.P. \$500.00
From Edna S. Lambert, P.N.P., Lithonia, Ga. (N.J. Dept.) In memory of Albert C. Lambert, P.C. in C. 50.00
From Anne O. Clayton, P.N.P., Trenton, N.J. In memory of Anna M. Clayton, P.D.P., N.J. Dept.. 10.00
From Ella G. Reeger, P.D.P., N.J. Dept. In memory of her mother, Helen E. Reeger 10.00

WOMEN AT WAR

One thing we, as students of the American Civil War, have learned to take for granted is the manner in which that great and tragic conflict set so many of the trends in modern warfare. It has been called in numerous history books "the last war between gentlemen" and "the first modern war". In numerous matters we have studied from the use of railroads to effect rapid troop movements to the introduction of ironclad ships of war, we are told that the American Civil War introduced innovations which were to become a standard part of modern warfare. There is yet another little known fact about the Civil War which may have foretold things to come. In an era when the role of women in war was to be nursing and rear-line support activities, at least two females served with great distinction and bravery.

Consider, if you will, the case of Dr. Mary Walker winner of The Medal Of Honor. This brave woman, whose sex was no secret at the time of her service, was a surgeon during the Civil War. She repeatedly crossed back and forth over the enemy lines, frequently administering to Confederate as well as Union wounded. On one such venture behind enemy lines she was captured and remained a prisoner of war for four months. She was honored by President Andrew Johnson on November 11, 1865 with the Medal of Honor. Later, in 1916 a military review board recommended that her medal, along with those of 911 other servicemen, be revoked because of the lack of any single act of heroism. She was reported to have told Federal Marshals who came to claim the Medal that they could have it "over my dead body". An activist who was known for militancy in feminist causes, Dr. Walker dies at the age of 87 penniless and alone. Much later another review board, at the request of Anne Walker, an author and distant relative, ruled that the revoking of the award had been in error and restored the Medal of Dr. Mary Walker for "meritorious and professional service" during the American Civil War.

Or consider the case of Jennie Hodges, the lone woman among the thirty-six thousand Illinois men who have their names inscribed on bronze plaques in the Illinois Memorial Temple at the National Military Park at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Jennie served a three year hitch in the Union Army during the Civil War as a man. In fact, she not only fooled her army buddies for three years, she also hoodwinked everyone else for almost half a century before her true sex and identity were discovered by accident — an automobile accident in 1910!

She enlisted under the name of Albert D.J. Cashier on August 6, 1862 at Belvedere, Illinois. Born in Ireland, she was a penniless immigrant who came to America as a stowaway. She was 19 years of age and may have taken her alias from the fact that \$302 in bonus was being paid at the time and a common term for these enlistments was to be "cashiered into the army".

As a private in Co. G, 95th Infantry, she trained at Camp Fuller in Rockwood, Illinois and was destined to travel almost 10,000 miles during the Civil War. She saw action in 40 battles and skirmishes, starting with her first campaign — Grant's thrust toward Vicksburg. Although only five feet three inches tall and about 110 pounds, she bore tough training without a complaint and the more husky troopers were known to have considered "little Albert" to be scrappy if somewhat of a loner.

The label of loner continued all her life. Friends would note that Albert never went swimming and always wore a neckerchief (to hide the absence of an Adam's apple?). Jennie died on October 10, 1915 and was buried with full military honors at Sunny Slope Cemetery where her tombstone memorializes her as Pvt. Albert D. J. Cashier of the 95th Illinois. The memorial at the battlefield at Vicksburg

I went down in a roiling gale
Into the storm tossed sea,
But my mission was accomplished;
Now others followed me.

One hundred and twelve years
Have come and passed me by;

Now after endless searching,
You've found me where I lie.

Again I can inspire you
If you'll remember me;
I helped preserve the Union
With my ironclad victory!

All studded through with cannon,
The Merrimac loomed fierce;
Quickly, then, my own guns spoke
In hopes her hull to pierce.

Merrimac returned the fire:
Her volleys at me flew;
The iron balls rang right off me,
For I was ironclad too.

We fought hard for four long hours;
Our guns rang back and forth;
She fought for the Southern cause,
And I fought for the North.

At last my cannon pierced her
and tore a jagged rent;
She turned now and retreated;
For Norfolk she was bent.

And as our battle ended
With a final cannon burst,
We paved the way for ironclad ships;
Our fight had been the first.

A novel page in history
Was written and engraved,
And there at Hampton Roads
The North's blockade was saved.

For one more year I roamed the seas
and kept the South at bay,
and then I met my destiny
One dark December day.

The Membership-at-Large Program is under way with the acceptance of one member and several others who are being processed at the present time. An up-to-date list of members-at-large will be published in the next issue of THE BANNER.

Anyone desiring to participate in any of these programs is asked to refer to the last issue of THE BANNER for more complete information or to contact: P.N.P. Marion E. Combs, Coordinator, P.O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.

HONOR ROLL
LIVING SONS OF UNION VETERANS

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our Honor Roll of individuals who are living sons of a veteran of the Union Forces during the American Civil War.

Frank J. Donahue, Massachusetts
(Bay State Camp No. 61, Mass Dept., SUVCW)
Son of Michael Donahue, Union Veteran

John Hawes, Kansas City, Mo.
(Curtis-Warner Camp 64, SUVCW)
Son of Charles W. Hawes, Union Veteran

Donald C. Cole, Middleton, Pa.
(SUVCW affiliation unknown)
Son of John H. Cole, Union Veteran

This listing brings to 59 the total Living Sons added to this Honor Roll since the inception of the project with the July 1977 issue of The Banner. We have been notified of only one subsequent death. To these many men whose fathers served their nation during the Civil War in the Union Forces and who therefore have had the privilege of knowing and speaking with veterans of the Grand Army and of hearing first hand their stories we are pleased to pay honor and respect. Persons qualifying for this Honor Roll or who may know of someone who is qualified are urged to contact the Editor of The Banner, Albert W. Lambert, P. O. Box 673, Naperville, IL 60540. Please advise the name and address of the person to be listed, his SUVCW affiliation, if any, and the name and unit of his Father who served in the Union Forces during the American Civil War.

THE MONITOR SPEAKS
by: Maria Templeton

I am the Monitor
Who fought the Merrimac;
I saved the Union blockade
And turned the Rebels back.

John Ericsson conceived me;
I was ironclad and unique.
The Naval board disdained me;
They deemed my future bleak.

"The cheesebox on a raft":
I was scoffed at with that name;
I bore it ever after,
Even when I'd won my fame.

My ironclad foe wrought havoc;
The Union need was dire;
The Cumberland was rammed and sunk;
The Congress was on fire.
I was summoned into action
With the newly dawning sun,
Whose rays gave me an omen,
Glinting off my turret gun.

Merrimac attacked again
To crush her grounded prey;
"Save the Minnesota!"
Was my order for the day.

My turret was revolving;
I had my foe in sight:
She who'd ravaged wooden ships
And Union hopes last night.

where she fought with her unit memorializes her the same way, she was "an Illinois girl who did a man's job".

We don't know if the precedents set by Dr. Mary and by Jennie will influence the current disputes raging over the potential compulsory military service for American women. But we do know that they, like countless other brave women over our history, have already rendered their final decisions on the matter. The American Civil War was not, in fact, solely a war between gentlemen. Perhaps this is one more evidence that it was, more accurate, the first modern war.

Department
News

COLORADO & WYOMING

Congratulations to Colorado Camp #5. At their Jan. 14, 1979 meeting they enrolled five new members bringing the total for this small but active Camp to twenty-five. That's a 25% increase. We all wish this Camp and its new members well.

CONNECTICUT

Department Commander Lester Rundlette and Department President Catherine Stocking led a delegation of Department Officers in attending a February 24, 1979 celebration honoring Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. The event was held in the Rockville G.A.R. Hall. A buffet supper was served by Auxiliary #5 and was followed by a most enjoyable evening. The celebration was highlighted by a talk of "Americana" by Camp Commander Arthur Lyon who is a Past President of the Historical Society. A local teacher led the group in line dancing.

The New England Regional Association met on March 17-18, 1979 at the Ramada Inn in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Committees are hard at work planning for the National Encampment to be held next August in Hartford. It is hoped that many of our Brothers and Sisters from the various Departments will join with us in the activities planned for you.

MAINE

The Department was saddened last December by the death of a loyal and hardworking Brother. P.D.C. Rexford E. Oliver had just recently celebrated his 62nd Wedding Anniversary (see this column in the Jan. 1979 issue) had served his Order long and faithfully in many Camp and Department roles. We extend our sincerest condolences to his wife, P.D.P. Oliver and to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Plans for the 1979 Department Encampment to be held on June 14-17, 1979 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Waterville are progressing. Department Commander Edmond Butler is General Chairman for the event which will include all five organizations of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. P.D.P. Junah Oliver of Waterville is serving as local Chairlady.

MARYLAND

The annual business meeting of Lincoln-Cushing Camp was held at the Officers Club of the Washington Navy Yard on January 26, 1979. Officers elected were: Camp Commander, Peter A. Dixon; Sr. Vice Cdr., Charles H. Acton; Jr. Vice Cdr. Dr. Robert F. Dyer; Sec./Treas. George H. Miller.

Dept. Cdr. Richard Schlenker installed the officers and obligated the following new members; Charles H. Acton, Jr., Raymond L. Acton, Conrad Mook and Michael W. Schauer. Department President Dorris Schlenker obligated the following new Auxiliary members: Geraldine Acton, Helen Acton, Mary Estridge, Kathryn Miller and Barbara Mook.

Historian Charles Bauer presented an outstanding slide lecture on Lincoln's public relations. Mrs. Helen Wilson, grand niece of Dr. Mary Walker, Union physician and nurse during the Civil War, spoke of her trials in having the Congressional Medal of Honor restored to her great aunt.

Ten degree temperatures and swirling snow greeted the participants at the Commemoration of the 170th Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln at his Memorial in Washington D.C. on February 12. The Department wreath was presented by the Commander and President.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Annual Washington - Lincoln observances sponsored by the Plymouth Country Association and the Past Commanders and Past President Associations was held Sunday, Feb. 18, in G.A.R. Hall, Rockland, James D. Marley Commander of Camp #9 of Boston was the guest speaker, P.N.P. Minnie E. Madeiros was chairlady of the Committee and P.C.C. William was M.C. Refreshments was served after the observance.

The annual Lincoln Birthday Observance sponsored by the Massachusetts Department and the city of Boston was held Saturday, Feb. 10. Due to cold weather, the observance was held in the Hall of Flags in the State House. John Sears former Sheriff of Suffolk County was the Speaker of the day, David Burner was chairman of the committee and served as M.C. Refreshment was served in the G.A.R. Memorial room after the observance.

P.D.C. Ernest Wells is home after two and a half months in the Cambridge Hospital after a serious sickness. I am sure Ernie would like to hear from his many friends: his address is 12 Tuft St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

Co-Chairman P.D.C. Miles E. Harrington and P.N.P. Minnie E. Madeiros report that all is ready for our annual Encampment to be held in Springfield April 20, 21, & 22 at the Stonehaven Hotel. They wish to say that reservations for the Banquet must be made by April 15th. The Sons to P.C.C. William W. Haskell, 109 Burkside Ave. Brockton, Mass. 02401 and the Auxiliary members to P.D.P. Lelia M. Turner, 42 Elderly Drive, Randolph, Mass. 02368. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

MISSOURI

Sister Rosella Vanac, National Press Correspondent, and Miss Nina Ninas of Tent #16, Daughters of Union Veterans, presented a Trophy to the winners of the Second Annual U.S. Army R.O.T.C. Drill Meet on March 17, 1979. The Trophy was presented by the Missouri Department, Allied Orders of the G.A.R. This is the second year of this new annual event and the Allied Orders are proud to have participated both years.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Members of Spaulding Camp joined with their Auxiliary members last January for the presentation of an American Flag for the Wilton Fire Station. The New Hampshire Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW procured the flag from Congressman James Cleveland's office. Department Patriotic Instructor Barbara Boisvert made the presentation to Fire Chief Gilbert Testa and Deputies Bob Pollock and Stanley Schultz.

NEW JERSEY

Charles Larkin, Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, was Toastmaster at the annual Lincoln Dinner and Reception to Department Commander James F. Elliott and Department President of the Auxiliary Florence Jansson held in the Treadway Inn, Princeton on Saturday, March 10th. We were honored by the attendance of Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt and 1st Member of the Council Marion E. Combs, P.N.P., who represented National President Florence Forbey who was unable to attend. Among those in attendance were twelve persons from the Department of Pennsylvania. A very interesting and enjoyable program, highlighted by an enlightening film, "Meet Mr. Lincoln," was enjoyed by all.

The spring dinner meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 will be held on Saturday, April 28, 1979 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nassau Inn, Princeton. The speaker will be Roger Semplak, recent recipient of a Master of Arts degree in History from Monmouth College (N.J.), who will speak on "Cavalry During the Civil War."

Plans have been finalized for the annual Department Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary to be held in the Buckingham Hotel, Avon-By-The-Sea, New Jersey, June 14-16.

All Camp and Auxiliary members are reminded that Memorial

Day is fast approaching and that plans should be completed to take part in this annual remembrance by placement of flags on graves of veterans of all wars and participation in other appropriate activities.

A large delegation of the Sons and Auxiliary is expected to attend the National Encampment to be held in Hartford, Connecticut August 12-16.

NEW YORK

On February 12, 1979 Chaplain P.G. Cook Camp #223 of Buffalo conducted a ceremony honoring Lincoln's Birthday on the portico of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Featured were the Riverside High School Speaking Choir which presented an interpretive reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The High School Color Guard and School Band also took part and a Musket Salute was given by a uniformed contingent. Department Commander Donald Roberts and Department President Hilda Canan led a large delegation of Department Officers. Members of the various Allied Orders participated and the ceremony was concluded with the laying of a wreath at the Lincoln Statue by P.C. in C. Norman R. Furman who also hosted an open house for guests and members of the Allied Orders following the event.

A large group of members will be joined by the general public on April 29, 1979 for the General Ulysses S. Grant services to be held at the Memorial Tomb on Riverside Drive in New York City (see article in January 1979 issue of The Banner). A dinner follows at Rosoff's on Fifth Avenue in New York. Brothers and Sisters from the Department and our surrounding States are invited to join with us.

We regret to report that despite all the good efforts of Camp 223 and of the 18 other Veterans Groups that were affected, the City of Buffalo has sold the G.A.R. Hall, 690 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. In the October 1978 issue of THE BANNER we reported, in this column, of the efforts of the City to sell this historic landmark. Now that this deed is done, over all our protests, Camp 223 now finds itself without a meeting place nor a show place for the memorabilia and relics, beautiful furniture and other items which had highlighted this outstanding building. The Camp is in dire need of assistance in the face of this unexpected upset.

On February 10, 1979 the Southern Tier Club of New York State G.A.R. Family commemorated Lincoln's Birthday by participating in two programs. At Froley's Park Dance Hall they directed a very impressive Grand March with excellent general public participation. The arrangements were made by Department Patriotic Instructor Royce Roberts and Auxiliary Department Patriotic Instructor Isabelle Roberts with assistance from the ladies of Auxiliary #99 and the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve. Our members were dressed in Civil War period clothing, Union uniforms and even with the help of the Sons of the Confederacy, some Southern uniforms as well. The ladies were in period dresses. Auxiliary #99 also baked and served a birthday cake for President Lincoln. The entire affair generated a great deal of public interest in our organizations.

OHIO

McLaughlin Camp #12, Mansfield, Ohio, held their Annual Lincoln Day Program on Sunday, March 4th. This program had originally been scheduled twice before but was postponed due to bad weather. The Program consisted of recorded excerpts by Carl Sandburg, who recited passages from his Trilogy: Life of Abraham Lincoln. Also shown were many books and ceramic busts of Lincoln. This well-attended meeting was honored by the presence of our Department Commander Forest Altland and several other Department Officers. Also Linda Bauman, Department President of The Women's Relief Corps and Anita Selby, Past National President of the Auxiliary were in attendance and a grand time was had by all. McLaughlin Camp #12 will be honoring Department Commander Altland at a reception to be held on Saturday, May 5th, at 7:00 P.M. at The Memorial Building in Mansfield.

WISCONSIN

The annual patriotic luncheon sponsored by C.K. Pier-Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 and Washington Circle of the Ladies of the GAR was held on Saturday, February 24, in Milwaukee. Thomas L.W. Johnson, as the featured speaker, discussed the early

history of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and, in particular, its role in some cases relating to the Civil War. Emma Ganzke, representing Washington Circle, was general chairlady for the event. Burton E. Kannenberg and George Nuoffer led those assembled in group singing to close the program.

The Dept. of Natural Resources is negotiating with the City of Delafield to transfer ownership and operation of Cushing Memorial Park to the city, leaving the eventual fate of the park unknown. Since 1915, Cushing Park has been recognized as a state memorial dedicated to the heroic exploits of the three Cushing brothers during the Civil War. Originally, the park represented a joint venture on the part of the Waukesha County Historical Society, the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders, and the State of Wisconsin. By formal resolution in 1940, full responsibility for the park was turned over to the state which has retained control. Under the leadership of Burton Kannenberg, Dept. Commander Grover Huff, and Tom Johnson, among others, an effort is being made to halt the transfer proceedings so as to ensure that the park, built on the site of the Cushing homestead, will remain a memorial and available for the enjoyment of everyone. Letters of protest have been sent to Gov. Dreyfus and the feasibility of forming an association to assume responsibility for the park from the state is being explored.

CURTIS-WARNER CAMP-AT-LARGE

Our former Secretary, Colonel Ralph H. Goodell, Jr., has moved from Overland Park, Kansas to Louisville, Kentucky in order to accept a new position. We wish him the very best and will miss him at our meetings. Congratulations to Brother Goodell on being selected to be the Executive Secretary of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution whose new headquarters building is in Louisville along with a genealogical research library of more than 15,000 volumes. We understand a museum of Revolutionary artifacts is also being planned.

FORT CHICKAMAUGA CAMP-AT-LARGE

Welcome to 1st Lt. (Reverend) John Wesley Yount who has joined us as a full time Chaplain whose outreach ministry will serve the entire Lake Tenkiller area. We continue to grow in spite of the many difficulties of our endeavor. The Military Ball was a fine success. While not a great deal of money was raised, it did not "go into the hole" and a fine time was enjoyed by all with a moderately successful fund raising effort in addition. Special thanks to CPT Gary Avent, Ann Mecham, Charles Smith, CPT Bob McCandless and his wife, SGT Roy Kappel, Betty Boyd, John Lewis Stone and a special thanks to the Oklahoma Department of Tourism. Many friends who could not attend sent donations to be remembered.

The Fort has survived six long years when it often would have been easier to return to our civilian lives and more profitable pursuits. About a year ago Attorney Larry Gulihur prepared for us a blueprint for the management and perpetuation of Fort Chickamauga. We are in the process of setting up a trust to convey the Fort back to the local Camp of the parent organization in the form of a Trust which will enable us to seek public funds and grants. We now rely on general public support only. The Board of Trustees is in the process of being selected and recruited and we are hopeful this move will put us in a better position to grow and complete our work here.

We are proud that the Automobile Association will list Fort Chickamauga in its 1979 maps and travel folders, as will the Exon Travel Club. We are also to be included in a new book, being published in early 1979, "A Guide to Historic Military Forts and Installations in the U.S."

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