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Lincoln Memorial Celebration Washington, D.C., February 12, 1981



February 12, 1981 was bright, windy and cold at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. as patriots from far and wide gathered to commemorate the 172nd anniversary of the birth of our 16th president.

At 11:30 a.m. sharp, the joint military services honor guard approached the monument and lined the front steps as did the color bearers with

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the flags of all states and territories. Words of welcome were given by Frederick Drum Hunt of the Loyal Legion, sponsors of the event. The joint services color guard presented the colors at the foot of the Lincoln statue. Color guards of the Lancaster Fencibles and the First North-South Brigade were stationed between the pillars on the portico. Following the National Anthem, Mr. L. Bruce Laingen, foreign service officer recently released from Iran, gave an inspirational message and recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. At 12 noon President Ronald Reagan arrived and reviewed the honor guard as he climbed the Memorial steps then presented the presidential wreath. The wreaths of 30 additional organizations were then presented. The National SUVCW wreath was presented by Jr. Vice C-in-C Schlenker. The National Auxiliary wreath was presented by National President Turner. After the sounding of taps, President Reagan stepped to the podium on the portico and addressed the throng outside, asking questions on today's problems and answering with Lincoln quotes. When the colors were retired and the President left, the peaceful observance concluded.

The massive press corps present produced very little publicity in the media and patriotic events continue to garner less interest than protest demonstrations.

100th Anniversary Celebration

Come to Philadelphia

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will note its 100th anniversary at the national encampment, to be held in the City Line Holiday Inn, Philadelphia, Pa., August 9-13, 1981. Sunday evening following the 'Campfire', there will be a birthday party with dancing, entertainment and refreshments. The party will be open to all members of the Allied Orders. Members of the 'Sons' attending the encampment, will receive a very nice memento of the occasion.

Room rates are \$38.00 per nite per person for single or double, with an additional charge of \$4.00 per person per nite for each additional person up to four. We are looking forward to having you with us to celebrate our centennial!

100 Years — 100 New Members

Membership is the life's blood of any organization, and ours isn't any different. Several people have been working hard to gain this goal and from all reports it may soon be reached. According to all reports from the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer several new camps and members have been attained since January 1, 1981. Please try to help us hit our goal. The following is a report crossing the desk of the editor: Col. Edward B. Fowler Camp No. 14-Department of New Jersey- with 25 members and Christopher Sullivan serving as Secretary.; U.S.S. Monitor Camp No. 1-Department of Maryland (Provisional)-6 members and Duane B. Bladwin, Sr., Secretary; William Tecumseh Sherman Camp No. 65 (At Large) (Provision) initiating 7 new members with Jimmie Dee Woods serving as Organizer and Crawford A. King elected Secretary; Andrew H. Botts Camp No. 59-Department of New York with 6 members and Donald L. Roberts as secretary; Bucktail No. 49-Department of Pennsylvania with 23 members and the secretary names did not reach this desk. To each of these camps we extend heartfelt congratulations and wish for you a successful association with our beloved organizations. Needless to say these are not all the new names that have been added to our rolls but it does indeed make us aware of the fact that someone out there still has growth at heart. Have we made the 100 mark? Will we make the 100 mark? That is the question! But let's keep working at it and we can always try for double!

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**General Orders No. 3
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1. I experienced great disappointment when I was prevented from attending services at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on February 12, 1981. Even though plans had been made with care, a combination of sheets of rain and heavy winds kept your Commander-in-Chief isolated in the Granite State. To those who carried out my duties in an able fashion I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation.

2. It is with great sorrow that I report the death of Brother Arthur R. Glenum who served long and faithfully as the National District of Columbia Representative. May he know eternal rest and comfort in the arms of the Great Creator.

3. I sincerely hope that all brothers who have secured three or more new members have let me know so that I may have the pleasure of appointing them a National Aide. Brother Robert McCandless of Lincoln, Nebraska has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for securing more than five new members and Brother Donald Smith Kimball II of Sarasota, Florida has received a National Ribbon for obtaining three new members.

4. I am constantly encouraged by charters for new provisional camps that come to my office for my signature. This year we have several new camps and more are in the process of applying for charters. Continue to expand our membership. Your efforts are sincerely treasured.

5. Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt and his encampment committee are working continually in making plans for the 100th encampment to be held in August at the City Line Holiday Inn in Philadelphia. Plan on attending this giant birthday party and taking part in our Centennial Encampment.

6. Brothers again I remind you to send your donation to the National Patriotic Instructor for his fund. This fund makes possible many observances that are very important to the Grand Army and their objectives. Make your checks payable to Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer and mail to James G.D. Marley, National Patriotic Instructor, 141 Weld Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, 02132.

7. Brothers remember that National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Harry E. Gibbons, 554 La Salle Avenue, Buffalo, New York, 14215 is still accepting donations to the Centennial Fund. This fund will assist in paying for our Centennial activities at the National Encampment in Philadelphia. Become a Centennial Club member and have a part in making our Centennial Encampment an event to be remembered.

8. Memorial Day, that sacred holiday to us, will soon be here. Brothers, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, let our observance of that day as General John A. Logan intended "with fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." Help keep this day sacred, without commercial endeavors. Let our services be simple, honest, and reverent, by decorating their remains with flowers that grew in the land they preserved and raising above them Old Glory that they saved from dishonor.

9. June 14th is Flag Day and we should remember to display our flags proudly on that day and present programs honoring our national banner. May the American Flag fly on high over our free country for years to come and constantly remind us of the thousands that gave their lives that we could still know the joy and excitement of seeing it flutter overhead.

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Past Commanders-in-Chief

1943-C. Leroy Stoudt, 2025 Cleveland Ave., West Lawn, Pa. 19609
1950-Cleon E. Heald, 234 Washington St., Keene, New Hampshire 03431.

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1961-62-Chester S. Shriver, P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
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1969-Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.
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1975-Clarence J. Riddell, 4104 Chalfont Dr., Philadelphia, Pa. 19154.

1976-Kenneth T. Wheeler, 64 Amherst St., Milford, N.H. 03055.

1977-Harold T. Beilby, 49 Stonehill Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14615.

1978-Richard L. Greenwalt, 616 West Summit, Alliance, Ohio 44601.
1979-Eldon P. Koch, 204 E. Sellers Ave., Ridley Park, Pa. 19078.

SUVCW in England . .

Col. Francis C. Cadigan, formerly of Washington, D.C. now stationed in England, is interested in contacting Brothers and Sisters of our order who may be in that country. He would like to arrange a Memorial Day program and seeks our assistance. If you can help please contact him at 134 Green Lane, Shepperton, Middlesex, England.

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10. Two beautiful services are coming up and I sincerely hope that many of you can attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on Wednesday, April 15, 1981 at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois and the Grant Tomb Ceremony in New York City on Sunday, April 26, 1981. The two committees that make these programs possible put in long hours of planning and preparation and deserve our attendance.

11. Your National Officers are finding travel very expensive and are trying to visit as many Departments as possible. If a conflict arises concerning a date chosen by two Departments try to be understanding and if possible arrange a called meeting for one. It will be impossible to attend every event I wish to, but believe me I'll try sincerely to get to as many as possible. For those in and around Nebraska I am having a called meeting in Tecumseh on Saturday, May 9, 1981. I hope many can attend. Write Robert McCandless, 330 South 46th, Lincoln Nebraska, 68506 for details.

12. As I continue through the year as your Commander-in-Chief may I know a love that remains constant between us; a quiet faith in my friends; a jubilant hope for tomorrow; a simplicity that seeks and finds joy in small wonders; and experience that treasure of God's guidance.

13. To those of you who have been ill may each day find you improving more and more until you feel better than you felt before. To members who have lost loved ones may God come into your hearts and give you strength and lift the burden that makes your heart so heavy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today in the deep and heartfelt sympathy that words cannot convey.

14. Brothers, let us remember that we cannot live alone. We need other people to help, to be friends, and to love. We need others in all activities of life. Participating and sharing with others gives us the sense of oneness.

15. It is with much pleasure and pride that I appoint Brother Richard C. Schlenker, 4112 Heathfield Road, Rockville, Maryland as District of Columbia Representative to serve the remainder of the term of the late Brother Arthur R. Glenum. The appointment is to take effect immediately and continue until August 1981.

Richard E. Wyman
Commander-in-Chief

Report of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief

In the remaining months before our 100th Encampment in August at Philadelphia, Pa. I am hoping to receive many more contributions to our Centennial Fund commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR—1861 to 1981! This is an honor and privilege to all members of our beloved Organization, few, if any organization can boast of such longevity of this military type of its kind. Your contribution will help to augment the expense for this Historic Event. Plan to attend if possible!

A tremendous thank you to all Brothers, Sisters and All who have helped to aid the 100th ANNIVERSARY CENTENNIAL CLUB — I have enjoyed also the notes and letters from the contributors from many parts of our country, and sent them the OFFICIAL RECEIPTED 100th CENTENNIAL CLUB CARD and hope to send many more.

REMEMBER: ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHESTER S. SHRIVER, NAT'L. SEC'Y. TREASURER * But mail to Harry E. Gibbons Sr. C-in-C 554 LASALLE AVE. BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14215.

A special Commemorative Receipted Card will be sent to each Contributor as soon as I have received your donation in any amount.

YOU WILL BE PROUD THAT YOU HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THE 100th YEAR ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR THE BEST!

Harry E. Gibbons
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Report of the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

Continuing contact with camps across the nation reveals dedicated service toward increasing our membership. Many camps have adopted special recruiting programs for our centennial year. There are certain areas where we are barely hanging on and may suffer losses but we are breaking much new ground thanks to the formation of Provisional Encampment enabling the formation of Provisional Camps. The first three have been instituted and their charters about to be presented. We have heard of a number of others in the formative stages.

The necessary steps to organizing a camp and the required protocol and paperwork involved is not very well known by many who have undertaken the task. All who are anticipating such a project are invited to contact the chairman of the National Membership Committee for assistance or guidance.

The National Sec/Treas reports that the supply of lapel rosettes of our order (red, white and blue ribbon) has been replenished. With the soaring costs of membership medals some interest has been shown in presenting rosettes at the time of new membership obligation. They may be worn on the suit coat lapel at any time and are attention getters.

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Note From the Editor:

The deadline for articles published in the Banner is the 15th of the following months March; June; September; and December. Articles received after that date are held over to the following publication. In order to maintain a schedule it is necessary for this schedule to be followed. The materials received for the Banner are compiled the evening of the 15th and taken to the printer the morning of the 16th. PLEASE follow this schedule for your mailings. Please try to limit materials to one type written page so that there will be sufficient space for all. This naturally does not apply to General Orders from Commander-in-Chief or the National Secretarys articles. Thank you.

To National Treasurer M. Helen Loll and National Secretary Florence M. Jansson of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am sorry for the error in your titles.

HEADQUARTERS

National Secretary-Treasurer
Information Bulletin

1. The annual interest payments on Life Memberships were mailed to the Department and/or Camp Secretaries on January 1, 1981 in the amount of \$6.00 for a full year after earned or \$3.00 for six months or more. Any Department or Camp Secretaries not receiving their payment(s), contact the National Secretary-Treasurer immediately.

2. Notification of the increase in per-capita tax (from 55¢ per member per Quarter to 65¢ per member per Quarter, effective for the 1st Quarter of 1981 and due at National Headquarters before April 30th, have been mailed to the Department Commanders and Department Secretaries on February 15th, 1981. This authorization by action approved at the 99th Annual National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia in August 1980.

3. Form 49 (Certification of Election Report) was mailed to the Department Secretaries and Camps at Large on April 1st. These must be completed immediately at the close of the 1981 Department Encampments and returned to the National Headquarters for reference and file as required in the Constitution and Regulations.

4. Hotel Reservation cards for the 100th Annual National Encampment in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 8-14, 1981, have been mailed to the National Officers, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Department Secretaries. A few Reservation cards remain at National Headquarters and are available upon request.

5. The 1981 Supply Requisition forms are available at your National Headquarters upon request. (Please note that the Constitution and Regulation Booklets AND Ritual supply are exhausted. It is anticipated that they may be in stock in 1982.

6. The 99th Annual National Encampment PROCEEDINGS have been unavoidably delayed in publication and distribution due to two accidents incurred by Bro. Shriver (August 26th and December 28th) They should be available by mid-May. The membership of our Order has been most understanding during the last months due to these incidents.

Yours in F.C. & L.,
Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor's Message

Once again it is time for your contributions to the National Patriotic Instructors fund to help promote our patriotic services at the various historic sites and other national expenses.

Donations of prize gifts would be appreciated. They can be mailed to me or brought to National Encampment.

Please make your contributions checks or money orders payable to Miss M. Helen Loll but please send to me Majorie M. Smith, 1295 Edgewood N.E., Warren, Ohio 44483 for proper credit.

Marjorie M. Smith
National Patriotic Instructor

Honor Roll of Living Sons of Union Veterans

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our list of individuals who are living sons of union veterans of the Union Forces during the American Civil War:

Howard D. Smith, Syracuse, New York
Son of William Smith, 29th Conn. CO. I

Julius Moss Carter, Whitney Point, New York
Son of Julius Carter, Sr. Co. F 43rd N.Y. Reg.

The Legislative Report

The 97th Congress has begun its work. Of particular interest to watchers of legislation that could affect national holidays is the composition of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Composed of twenty-seven members, the panel has a new chairman, Rep. William D. Ford of Michigan. The ranking minority member continues to be Rep. Edward J. Derwinski of Illinois. California and New York are well represented on the Committee with five members each, followed by Illinois with three members and Michigan and Missouri with two members each. The panel that first considers and conducts hearings on holiday legislation is the Subcommittee on Census and Population. Unfortunately, at press time, the make-up of that subcommittee was not available but will be included in our next report.

With the changing of the guard in the U.S. Senate, the Judiciary Committee has revived a dormant subcommittee and given it a new name. The new panel is the Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism and will be chaired by freshman Senator Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr., of Alabama. Denton is a retired rear admiral and Navy flier who was shot down early in the Vietnam War and spent seven years as a POW before his release in 1973. The new subcommittee will be charged with the investigation of international terrorism and its effect upon the security of our nation. The panel is the successor to the old Internal Security Subcommittee which existed from 1951 to 1977. The new chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Strom Thurmond of So. Carolina, was instrumental in the restoration of the subcommittee.

In the House, efforts are being made to recreate its Internal Security Committee which was abolished in 1973. However, the House leadership has successfully withstood efforts of Rep. Daniel B. Crane of Illinois and others to revive that panel.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Chairman

New Camp Organized
in New Jersey Department

A new Camp - Col. Edward B. Fowler Camp 14 of Bridgeton, N.J., with 25 charter members, only 6 of whom were transferees from Ferd V. Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, has been organized and instituted in the N.J. Department. Dept. Commander Charles R. Larkin (far left in photo above) is shown installing the following officers (right to left): Secretary-Treasurer, Christopher A. Sullivan; Commander, Frank L. Blades, Sr.; Sr. Vice Commander, Charles Nelson; Jr. Vice Commander, Richard Beaser; and Patriotic Instructor, William Horn.

Dept. Jr. Vice Commander, Arthur W. Hamer, Sr. and Dept. Secretary-Treasurer, Richard D. Hines accompanied Dept. Commander Larkin to Bridgeton for the institution and installation ceremonies.

DEPARTMENT
NEWS

Connecticut

On January 15th the East Hampton Auxiliary No. 20 held their installation, in the American Legion Hall. Sister Dorothy Dexter and her suite of Officers were installed by P.O.P. Minnie Burkhardt.

On February 21st the Rockville Auxiliary No. 5 held their annual Lincoln and Washington Dinner. It was held in the beautiful G.A.R. Hall in the Town's Memorial Building. All though it was a rainy day there was a good turnout of members from Auxiliary No. 20 and No. 2. At this Dinner the Department held a called meeting to entertain the National President Leila Turner and the Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman. Other guests included N.V.P. Eva Wyman the Commander's Mother and his Brother. All of the Department Officers were present also the Department Commander George Schmidt and several of his officers. The Department President Mary Scofield presided.

Our Encampment is to be held on May 2nd and 3rd at the Ramada Inn in East Hartford.

California

Phil Sheridan Camp and Auxiliary are actively trying to keep their organizations alive and going in high gear. They serve a dinner before their meetings and the profits are divided between their treasury and they feel this has been more beneficial than the usual raffles. At least it keeps the starvation away. They are especially happy to report that even their membership living too far away to attend meetings still maintain enough interest to send dues and donations when needed. Even though their meetings are held in the home of Edith Cook, the guidance of this camp and auxiliary is under the leadership of commander Wayne Pyle and President Helen Pyle.

Colorado-Wyoming

Wedding bells are still ringing in Colorado for a past Department commander whose name was not revealed. Anyway congratulations to you and your bride. A letter of merit from the Dept. of the Army was sent to Charles E. Sharrock commending him on the cards listing the burial sites of Civil War soldiers in the western states. Through his efforts the United States Army can make this information available to the American public.

New Hampshire

Department Encampment for New Hampshire will be held April 16-18, 1981 incl. at the Hilton Hotel in Merrimack, New Hampshire. New Hampshire should have an especially good encampment with the Commander-in-Chief as one of their native Sons. Congratulations New Hampshire.

Maine

The Maine Department Encampment will be held at the Holiday Inn, 375 Upper Main St., Waterville, Maine, June 17-21, 1981. Hooray!!! For the state of Maine. It was announced in a local newspaper there that a joint conference of leaders of veteran's organizations was planned to kick off a united effort to achieve their jointly held goals; to improve communications and cooperation, and to undertake public relations campaign to support for and recognition of veteran programs and projects.

Massachusetts

Due to the unexpected closing of the Fairfield Inn and Conference Center the Encampment of this department of Sons and Auxiliary will be held May 15-17th inclusive instead of the April dates. The Encampment will be held at the Stonehaven Motor Inn, 70 Chestnut St., Springfield. This department was also hosts to the New England

Regional in March. This department has certainly been saddened by the death of one of their long time members Charles W. Hooper, Sr. He indeed worked for this beloved order and will be greatly missed. To his family goes sincere sympathy.

Michigan

Department Encampment will be hosted this year by the Women's Relief Corps and will be held at the Pick Motor Inn, 3221 Plainfield Ave. N.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan, from June 14th to 16th with the Sons holding a one day meeting on Monday and a joint Allied Orders Banquet on Monday evening. Austin Blair Camp regrets the death of PDC Lawrence Richard serving his term in 1964. This department extends its sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Maryland

National Auxiliary President Lelia Turner was hosted by Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary while she was in Washington, D.C. for Lincoln Birthday events. She presented the National wreath at Lincoln Memorial on February 12 and was escorted by Pvt. Kelly of the Lancaster Fencibles. The Sons National wreath was presented by Jr. Vice C-in-C Richard Schlenker who was escorted by Past C-in-C Elton Koch. That evening at the Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary Lincoln Day Dinner, Sister Turner presented the new Auxiliary it's charter and pinned the officers with badges. The preceding evening she met with the National Heads of many other organizations at the Loyal Legion Lincoln Dinner.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp endorsed Brother Richard Schlenker for Sr. Vice C-in-c 1981-82 and for C-in-C 1982-83. The Auxiliary endorsed Sister Dorris Schlenker for National Vice President 1981-82 and for National president 1982-83. Both endorsements will be presented to Department at the Annual Encampment in Wilmington, Del. on May 2, 1981.

We learned belatedly of the death of Brother Arthur Glenum on October 23, 1980 in a nursing home in Madison, Va. He was currently serving as National D.C. Representative and was Past Department Commander of Maryland and Past Camp Commander of Lincoln-Cushing in D.C. His long years of support and service to Camp, Department and National were inspirational.

Sister Ada Gladys Grove of Reno Auxiliary in Hagerstown has contributed many early G.A.R. items to the Library of the Military History Institute at Carlisle, Pa.

B/G Joseph Orlando of the First North-South Brigade is organizing camps for both the SUV and SCV in the Northern Virginia Area.

New Jersey

We regret to announce the passing of Percy Davenport of Camp 12, Bloomfield. Bro. Davenport was an extremely faithful and interested member of the SUV/VW for more than 65 years.

Our Department Encampment will be held June 4-6, 1981 at the Buckingham Hotel, Avon-By-The-Sea, N.J.

The spring dinner meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 will be held Saturday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Coach and Four Restaurant, Hightstown, N.J. with Dr. David Martin, Commander, presiding. George McDonald, Commander of Clark's Battery B, 1st New Jersey Light Artillery, in appropriate uniform will portray and speak on the New Jersey Artilleryman in Battle and on New York Harbor Defense during the Civil War.

Members of Camps and Auxiliaries of the Department are reminded that Memorial Day is fast approaching and that plans should be completed for appropriate observances and for placement of flags on graves of veterans of all wars, thus fulfilling the legacy and responsibility willed to us by the members of the G.A.R.

Dr. Robert E. Gerke of Camp 5, Trenton, was toastmaster at the Department's Lincoln Luncheon on March 14, 1981. Commander David

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Department News Continued

Martin of Camp 100, an instructor at the Peddie School in Hightstown, gave a narrated slide presentation on "Gettysburg Battle Monuments." Department Commander Charles R. Larkin and Department President of the Auxiliary Mrs. Florence Spring were honored at a dinner and reception held March 28th at the Coach and Four Restaurant in Hightstown.

Missouri At-Large

A new provisional camp was organized through the untiring efforts of Jack G. Grothe (past organizer and past commander of Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64 at Kansas City, Missouri, 727 Zeiss Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 631250) and member-at-large Jim D. Woods. Brother Grothe is the charter commander of this new provisional camp no. 65-at large.

Ohio

Ohio Department once again chooses to go back to College. Yes that's right!!! Their Department Encampment will be held on the campus of Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio with Brother George Shadel, Department Commander and President Marjorie Smith presiding. The march to the campus will be held on June 26th thru 28th...One of our faithful members has become a proud parent of a seeing-eye dog...Brother Tom Hoffman has been blinded from diabetes and is now being escorted by his faithful companion. Good luck to you Tom! GEORGE SHADEL DAY was declared in Mansfield honoring the youngest department commander.

New York

On Sunday, November 23, 1980, the D.G. Caywood Camp 146 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Ovid, New York, had their annual Flag Burning Ceremony. Present were representatives of New York Department Officers and a number of representatives from the Allied Orders. The firing squad was provided by the 1st New York Brigade, SVR.

Pennsylvania

Lincoln Dinners were observed in Philadelphia and Hellerton on Saturday, February 14th and Saturday, March 21st respectively.

Only a few metal plates are left from the Penna. Department 100th Encampment. A sturdy padded mailing envelope can be obtained from the Postal Service. Thus an eleven inch metal plate of the 100th Pennsylvania Department Encampment with wordage of "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" around the rim and the lower medal portion of the membership badge is cast in the center.

Price is \$13.50. Write to Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. Dept. Secretary, 559 W. Jackson Street, York, Penna. 17403. This price includes postage. Penna. Department 101st Encampment will be held June 21-24, 1981 at the Yorktowne Hotel in York, Penna.

Wisconsin News

The Washington-Lincoln-McKinley Luncheon was held on February 21, at the Ambassador Hotel in Milwaukee. Thomas L.W. Johnson gave an informative talk on the subject, "The University of Wisconsin and the Civil War." Honored guests were Dept. Commander Grover R. Huff and Dept. President Evelyn Jung. Brothers Burton Kannenberg, George Nuoffer, Gilbert Hernke, and Darwin Price provided some impromptu barbershop harmony and then led the group through a series of Civil War era songs. The luncheon this year was hosted by the Washington Circle of the ladies of G.A.R. with Emma Ganzke as chairlady. It is an annual event of long-standing during "Presidents' Month" and is also sponsored by C.K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 4 of Milwaukee.

Auxiliary No. 5 to Amni Hawks Camp No. 3 of Oconomowoc recently elected Ora Nuoffer as Auxiliary President to succeed Helen Huff.

The Department was saddened by the death of Sister Hazel E. Brit-

tan, PDP, of Beloit, who passed away on January 16, 1981. She served as Dept. President in 1935-36 and again in 1948-49, and was President of Auxiliary No. 2, Madison at the time of her death.

Carmen Hembel has been designated as interim President of Auxiliary No. 2.

Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 21 at Large

Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 21 at Large reports that there will be a rededication of the restored GAR monument at the Jefferson County Courthouse May 9th, 1981 at 2 p.m. The principal speaker will be Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman. Members of the 5th Military District SVR will form the honor and color guards. There will be a special dinner for Commander Wyman Sat. evening May 9th at the Harvest Inn-north of Tecumseh, Nebraska. Reservation \$7.00 to be forwarded to Major Roy Kappel, Box 106 RR1, Elcreek, Neb. 68348.

**Sons of Veterans Reserves
Special Invitation**

*11th National S.V.R. Encampment
Gettysburg
100th Anniversary of the Sons
of Union Veterans of The Civil War
June 27 thru July 5, 1981
118th
Anniversary of Battle
of Gettysburg
Sponsored by
Gettysburg Travel Council*

Weeklong Field Encampment on the John Hartman Farm, Adjacent to Big Round Top on the Gettysburg Battlefield. Site of the Nations Bi-Centennial Re-enactment in 1976.

Schedules include Officers Schooling and Unit Drills in theme of Civil War Soldier.

Gettysburg Battlefield Silent March on Friday, July 3rd, 1981. "Pickett's Charge" and "Farnsworth's Charge" 1 p.m. Huge Gettysburg Fireman's Parade 6 p.m. Blue/Gray Ball in Gettysburg College Ballroom 9 p.m. (All on Saturday July 4th, 1981)

Field Religious Service and Battlefield Trail Hike (On Sunday, July 15th, 1981)

Send registration forms and fees to:
LTC Charles H. Lilienthal
1026 Bobolink Lane
Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020
Phone: 215/638-0961

Additional information, flyers & reg. forms:
COL. Thomas E. O'Dea
145 Cambridge Avenue
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07662
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Ladies events information:
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40000 Old Orchard Road
York, Penna. 17402.
Phone: 717/755-5334

BG Chester S. Shriver
The Commanding Officer

**5th Military District
MTD SVR**

Sergeant Arthur Lewis Commander of Troop F 4th U.S. Cavalry MTD SVR has been promoted to 2nd Lt. Sgt. Rex Kappel has been assigned Commander Troop E 4th U.S. Cavalry MTD SVR and of Troop D and promoted to 2nd Lt. Major Robert L. McCandless and Major Roy Kappel have been awarded the EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD. Both were for recruitments.

Safety is No. One

The National Headquarters, SVR wishes each and every member a safe reenactment year. In order to assure this, every unit commander is responsible for the schooling for their troops in the area of safety. There are SVR safety regulations and only adhering to those regulations can we maintain an accident free year. This area cannot have too much coverage. Only by a continuous safety program can we reduce the potential dangers. Keep safety a primary factor while reenacting.

Upcoming SVR Events

May 2, 1981, Waterloo, N.Y. The Empire Brigade, under the command of Major Harold Goodman, will be celebrating the 115th anniversary of the Original Memorial Day. A schedule of events for the day is: Parade, ceremonies at the village park and cemetery, with a blue/gray ball in the evening. For more information contact Lt. Philip Rogers, 85 Mynderse Street, Seneca Falls, New York 13148.

June 5, 6, 7, Montour Falls, N.Y. The 161st New York Vols. Infantry is hosting a reenactment...the 161st is a new unit, and it is the hope of its commander, Sgt. Al Tamberelli, that the event will be a weekend of recruitment. The weekend will also serve as a training weekend for the units of the 1st New York Brigade in their preparation for Gettysburg. For more information, write Sgt. Al Tamberelli, Tichenor Rd., Valois, New York 148888 or Major George Shadman, 29 Carlton Road, Waterloo, New York, 13165.

Brothers, this is the 100th year of our paternal organization. Please support your camp, department, and national organization whole heartedly. Few organizations in existence today can say "We are 100 years old." Beyond any doubt, this can be a paramount year for our organization, and each member in each camp has the opportunity to contribute. Make it a year, be proud that you belong to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserves in this opportune year.

**Sons of Union Veterans
Life Memberships**

Harold L. Scott PDC Dept. of Connecticut\$100.00
Membership No. 122
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Membership No. 119
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Membership No. 120
Basil McKenzie Dept. of Michigan\$100.00
Membership No. 121

**Honor Roll Fund
Sons of Union Veterans**

In memory of PDC Frank A. L. Daubert from Fred and Marion Combs Department of New Jersey.....\$10.00

In memory of National Lyon, BG Volunteers, Missouri from Lt. Col. Jerome Lyon Spurr, USA (Ret.) Department of Massachusetts...\$25.00

In memory of William J. Winetroub from Camp 145 and SVR Regt. Illinois infantry in St. Louis\$10.00

In memory of Pvt. John Woods, Co. H 8th Tenn. Vol. Infantry Regt. from Jimmy D. Woods II Department of Missouri\$10.00

In memory of Franklin L. Hays, Co. F 157th N.Y. Vol. from Marion G. Hays of North Hollywood, Calif.\$10.00

Auxiliary Membership at Large

**Increase in Number of
Auxiliary Members-at-Large**

In April 1979 the Auxiliary to SUCVW launched a new program. National Membership-at-Large, and are pleased to announce that they now have a total of twenty-six Members-at-Large. Members to date whose names have not been reported in past issues of THE BANNER are: Pamela Ward Durrant, Christine L. Livergood, Minnie M. Baker, Esle O. Erskine, Annette Salisbury, all of Pennsylvania; Julia Bishop Smith of Texas; K. Dorothy Cleveland of Arizona; and Lolabelle Maplethorpe of Oregon.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary to SUCVW but who lives too far from an active Auxiliary is invited to join as a Member-at-Large of the National Organization. Membership requirements are the same as for membership in the Sons, with the exception that the wife of a member of the Sons may join the Auxiliary even though she is not a lineal descendant of a Union Civil War Soldier.

For further information, contact P.N.P. Marion E. Combs, Coordinator, P.O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.

159th Birthday Ulysses S. Grant

The 159th Birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant will be held on Sunday, April 26, 1981 at the National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City at 1:30 p.m. Following the services a cocktail time and dinner will be held at Rosoff's, 147 West 43rd St. Cocktail Hour beginning at 3:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are to be sent before April 14th to Mary E. Hudson, 45-14 39th Place, Sunnyside, New York 11104. Check MUST accompany reservations.

**Honor Roll Contributions
Auxiliary to the Sons
of Union Veterans**

From Doris W. Schlenker in memory of Lucetta Hewitt Maryland Delaware Department.....\$5.00

Anyone desirous of having more information on the Honor Roll program should contact the National Treasurer M. Helen Loll, 3601 N. Fifth Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85013.

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 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:

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

1981 Appeal For The

G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND

DEPARTMENTS-CAMPS-BROTHERS:

Once a year, you are asked to support this fund. Only with your help can we keep alive the memory of the G.A.r. and continue the patriotic work we undertake in their memory.

This fund finances many national projects, including the G.A.R. Scholarship, the Lincoln Memorial and the Lincoln Tomb Services, the G.A. Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg, the G.A.R. Camp Fire Program, and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Our task to carry on the memory of the G. A. R. is great. This is your pledge to carry on their work — your investment in our Order. No donation is too small. Can I count on you & Send \$1.-\$2.-\$5. or more. It is a wise investment for it pays dividends in patriotism.

Please send your check to me (payable to National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and my annual report will record you as a shareholder.

James G. D. Marley, Natl. Patriotic Instructor

Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes Sec. 170 of the Code of 1954.

To — James G. d. Marley, National Patriotic Instructor, 141 Weld St., West Roxbury, Mass. 02131.

Enclosed please find \$..... as a contribution to the 1981 G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

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Department

excerpt from Lincoln Portrait

"Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history." This is what he said, That is what Abraham Lincoln said: "Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us. "The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor of dishonor, to the latest generation. We—even here—hold the power and bear the responsibility."

Abe Lincoln was a quiet and a melancholy man. But when he spoke of democracy. This is what he said: he said: "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy."

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of these United States, is everlasting in the memory of his countrymen. for on the battleground at Gettysburg, this is what he said: This is what Abe Lincoln said: "That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion: that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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The following article — "Abe Lincoln's Last Christmas in Springfield 1860" was written by Arthur Costigan of New Monmouth, New Jersey, a member of the Lincoln Lamp 100 in New Jersey. This article truly shows a devoted student of Civil War history and related matters.

This office is very happy to receive this type of article and spread it in THE BANNER whenever space permits.

Abe Lincoln's Last Christmas In Springfield 1860

Mr. Lincoln, here it is December 20th, do you realize that it is almost Christmas & I do not have my Christmas shopping done? Yes, Mary, it sure looks like Christmas now, I see some of those white flakes coming down. Hope it doesn't amount to anything, I promised Judge Hall that we would drop in on his daughter, Eliza's engagement party. With all the work we have to do before Christmas, I wish we didn't have to go. I agree Mary and besides, I have a feeling that something is going to happen today. There you go again Mr. Lincoln with those dreams of yours. Well Mary, maybe you are right, but at any rate we'll make our visit short. Judge Hall will no doubt be disappointed but I'm sure that he will understand. As President-Elect he is well aware that I have many things to mull over.

Mary Todd Lincoln had prepared her Christmas dinner menu & had given it to Amanda, the servant. Even so, she felt it was her responsibility to oversee the preparations, especially the plum pudding, the baking of the pies & the roasting of the goose. She wanted her husband to have an extra special Christmas dinner. Then too, this would be Robert's last dinner at Springfield before going off to college. The last minute shopping was getting to her. She still didn't have Mr. Lincoln's gift nor Robert's. She felt good that she did have all the stocking items & other Santa gifts for the little ones.

The carriage was waiting & Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln walked down the steps to the front door where Abe donned his top hat & shawl. The Judge lived on the otherside of town & many of Springfield's socialites were expected at the big event.

The guests were standing around chatting & nibbling on the refreshments when the Judge was handed a telegram by his doorman. He looked at it & said it is for you Abe. Mr. Lincoln quickly opened it & by his expression Mary & the Judge knew it was bad news. In a low voice, Abe said, South Carolina has seceded. Mary was heard to exclaim, "Oh my God". The Lincolns lingered awhile not to embarrass their host & hostess & then graciously made their exit. All Abe Lincoln wanted at this time was to be alone.

In the mean time the nation was preparing for Christmas. The news of South Carolina caused some concern among the merchants so extraordinary decorations were quickly erected to attract customers. Big ads were run in the newspapers. In fact one ad noted, "Readers, the Union is in danger, buy your holiday gifts from us & you will spare it. Items being featured in the stores were bonnets, shawls, Jouvin's gloves from Paris, glove boxes, tea-sets, battledores, wax dolls with moving eyes & of course some fancy cake & candies. For the men there were meercaum pipes, plain ones & pipe racks, straight razors & accessories, such as shaving mugs & brushes, cravats, cribbage boards, dominos & playing cards, shawls, fancy vests, etc.

It has been said that a man's house is his castle. Abe felt that this was truly so on Christmas Day when he, Mary & the children gathered around the tree in the North Parlor of their home on the corner of Eight & Jackson Streets. The tree looked so pretty between the two Damasked draped windows. Abe sat in his favorite rocker with his feet over a tiny foot stool alongside his newly installed Franklin stove. Mother was watching Willie, age 9 & Tad age 5 eagerly opening their presents from Santa Claus. Robert, age 17, stood by also watching, a bit aloof but no doubt thinking back when he was a believer.

Abe, always pensive said, "Mary this is truly the Lord's day, let us never forget that last Christmas in Springfield. And then he added, "children, do not forget your little brother Eddie, God bless him, & they all said amen.

Submitted by: Art Costigan New Monmouth, N.J.