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Amazing But True

Lincoln History Full of Myths

Probably none of our presidents has been written about so extensively as Abraham Lincoln — and none has more myths attached to his history.

The most persistent of these myths is that he came to Washington as a poor, back-country lawyer, a man who struggled to make a living in his profession. Nothing could be further from the truth; Lincoln was a brilliant lawyer and a well-paid one, his reputation built solidly on several landmark cases that he had argued successfully during his 24 years of practice in Springfield, Ill.

In 1863, lawyer Lincoln successfully defended his client, the Illinois Central Railroad, in a precedent-setting suit involving tax levies by counties along the railroad's right-of-way. The loss of this suit would have imperiled the very life of the newly laid railroad, so there was much jubilation over the favorable verdict. Lincoln was feted, honored and profusely thanked by his client — until his bill arrived. It was a staggering \$5,000, an unheard-of fee for that time.

The railroad management was stunned. Even Rufus Choate, the celebrated Bostonian who was then conceded to be the country's greatest lawyer, had never received such a payment. As a matter of fact, Choate's largest fee had been only \$2,500, and even that had caused much discussion.

As for a fee of \$5,000, that was more than four times the annual salary received by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court before whom Lincoln had argued his case. The fee was excessive and outrageous, said Illinois Central, and the company would refuse to pay it.

So Lincoln went to court again, this time to plead his case against his former client. Now, however, he was not the polished, clever attorney arguing a complex tax case before the judges of the Supreme Court. Instead, he was just a simple man, a poor prairie lawyer being done in by a powerful railroad. And he made his point to a jury of rough frontiersmen who were with him all the way. The verdict was a piece of cake, and the railroad paid the disputed fee in full. Then, surprisingly, Illinois Central rehired this remarkable — and expensive — lawyer and continued to use his services right up to the time he was elected president.

Not long after his involvement in the Illinois Central suit, Lincoln was retained to defend the interests of another powerful client, the Railroad Bridge Co. of Illinois.

This company had built the first bridge ever to span the Mississippi, from the Illinois shore to Davenport, Iowa. It was a railroad bridge and a natural outgrowth of the westward expansion of trade and industry. It was a progressive step, helpful to businessmen and farmers who could now move their products quickly by rail.

But the railroad bridge was not a blessing to the rivermen, the owners of the steamboats who had long made a good

living out of ferrying cargoes from Iowa to the Mississippi's eastern shore. They fought hard to keep the bridge from being built, but were unsuccessful. The bridge went up and the first train rolled across it in 1856.

Then, a few weeks later, there was a tragic accident. The steamboat *Effie Alton*, gliding down the river, was swept out of control by a strong current as it passed beneath the new bridge and crashed into one of its piers. The impact set the boat on fire and it burned to the water's edge. Several lives were lost.

Now the rivermen had what they wanted; a case against the bridge builders. They had warned that the span would bring disaster, and the destruction of the *Effie Alton* had now proved them to be right.

So the steamboat owners united and brought legal action against the Railroad Bridge Co. It was their hope that this would somehow end the business of building bridges over the Mississippi.

But it did not do so. Instead, the Railroad Bridge Co., defended by Lincoln, won its case in a walk-away. And not only did he win for his client, but Lincoln's brilliant advocacy set a legal precedent by establishing the right to build bridges over all navigable streams and rivers.

Abraham Lincoln, a simple country lawyer? No way!

— DOUG STORER

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"A special thank you" to Harrit H. T. Brown of Gulfport, Florida.

1982 Department Encampments

April 3	—	Rhode Island
April 9-10	—	New Hampshire
April 16-18	—	California & Pacific
April 23-25	—	Massachusetts
April 24-25	—	Maryland
May 1-2	—	Connecticut
June 3-5	—	New Jersey
June 5-7	—	Iowa
June 12	—	Illinois
June 20-23	—	Pennsylvania & New York
June 25-27	—	Vermont & Ohio
July 17	—	New England Regional



**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3
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- Our membership has been on the increase this year due to the untiring efforts of many of our loyal and dedicated members, working to help their Department and Camps to better and larger memberships for the good of our Beloved Organization to carry on the Memory of the G.A.R. and continue the Patriotic work we undertake in their Memory.
- Members that recruit three new members will receive the National Award of appointed National Aide and authorized to wear the National Ribbon, those enlisting five new members will be awarded a Certificate of Merit.
- Bro. Wm. Little of Gettysburg, Camp No. 112 obtained five new members, and Bro. Robert McCandless, Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1 forwarded 9 new members this year, my congratulations to each one of the members that has helped with getting new members, how about you? Lets do in '82!
- On Feb. 12th I was honored and it was a privilege to attend the Commemoration of the 173rd Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. I placed the beautiful wreath of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, followed by National President of Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Anne E. Willeke, Richard C. Schlenker, Washington Representative, SUVCW Sr. Vice C-in-C has been elected Treasurer of the Committee, "Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee". The Service was beautiful, thirty-three wreaths were placed, as the U.S. Navy Band played marches and posting of the colors by Color Guards from all five Armed Services of the U.S. The Lancaster Fencibles, Penn. Brigade, SVR furnished wreath bearers, Wm. Kelly, 14 yrs. old was C-in-C bearer of my presentation wreath.
- Memorial Day (Decoration Day) 30th of May was dedicated to the observance of decorating the graves of the "Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same". This is our Obligation, "to perpetuate the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic". Will all Members, Camps, Departments, and Auxiliaries, please plan to take part in this Annual observance by placing flags on graves of Veterans of the Civil War, and all wars, and to take part in appropriate services? Plan to get others to attend, and help to keep our faith to the G.A.R. Memory.
- I must remind all Departments and Camps to send reports in promptly and efficiently; to the National Secretary in JUNE, THIS IS IMPORTANT.
- Brother James Marley, your National Patriotic Instructor, needs your support to reach his quota this year, will you please send him a good contribution to help your Organization promote Patriotic events, such as Remembrance Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, and many other Patriotic Events.
- I am informed that the New Jersey Monument in Gettysburg Battlefield needs restoring and a fund has been started to help this State Monument. If you can spare a dollar or two, send it to Bro. Richard D. Hines, Sec'y.-Treas., 535 Walker Ave., W. Trenton, N.J. 08628. (This is not a Nat'l. project). I think all Civil War Monuments should be restored where possible.
- Much correspondence comes to my office and many problems need attention during the year, which I have consulted with P.C.-in-C's and Bro. Jos. Rippey, Legal Advisor, also Bro. Shriver, Nat'l. Sec'y.-Treas. Thank you all, Brothers. We need cooperation and working together in our great organization, and with Dedication and Desire to work together with Devotion, we inspire others to the best Patriotic Organization that ever existed.
- As Commander-in-Chief, I have appointed a Committee on Revision of the Membership Certificates; I have appointed the following brothers: Fred H. Combs, Jr., New Jersey; Jerome Orton, New York; Charles W. Larkin, New Jersey. This Committee will report at the National Encampment in August, 1982.
- I regret that I was unable to attend the New England Regional Association Conference March 20-21st; and I regret that I cannot attend all of the Encampments and Services. I would like to as your C-in-C - it will be impossible to attend as dates set are too close for travelling the distances so far from each other. I send my best wishes to the Officers for the coming year. It was my honor to represent our National Organization at several Lincoln Dinners, especially in Washington, D.C., Luncheon at the Army & Navy Club. After the Ceremony at Lincoln Memorial, Nat'l. Aux. President Anne Willeke, Elsa Gibbons, N.Y. Dept. Pres. and I were introduced to dignitaries attending the Ceremony.
- We were saddened to learn of the passing of Past National Aux. Pres., Flora Bates, the loss of Sister Flora will be felt by all who knew her.
- To those confined at home or ill, may you soon be up and enjoying good health, to members and all who have lost loved ones - may God give you strength to carry on the burden in your work and heart in the future.

Report of the Washington Representative

Our National Organizations were among the thirty societies present at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on February 12th as Commander-in-Chief Harry Gibbons and National President Anne Willeke presented our wreaths of honor commemorating the 173rd Anniversary of the birth of our 16th President. Wreath bearers were William and Robert Kelly of the Lancaster Fencibles.

We are pleased to be among the twelve organizations which come forward to establish a permanent committee which will ensure the continuance of this annual event on February 12. The committee was able to fend off attempts to move the ceremony to some other "convenient" date and to keep financial expenditures to a minimum in order not to burden the member organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard C. Schlenker
Washington Representative, SUVCW

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Promotion: Copies of newsletters and periodicals sent to us indicate that groups are responding to our letters of appeal for publicity. The south/central states have been generous and the possibility is good that a Camp-at-Large may be formed in Texas.

Magazine advertising costs have proven to be prohibitive for the resources we have available and we are trying to limit our expenses to postage. Printing has been gratis. We continue to contact societies with in-house publications for publicity. Our hope is that camps will do the same in their communities.

Additional contributions for the Sr. Vice C-in-C Fund have come from PC-in-C Combs and C-in-C Gibbons.

Program: We continue to get requests for the brochures mentioned in our last report. We hope to make further distribution to Department Secretaries in time for annual encampments.

Policy: Comments in letters from the membership show concern for

- We have too many unwritten rules and understandings which should either be in the Constitution and Regulations or By-Laws.
- National officers should progress thru the elective chairs gaining exposure to, and showing proficiency in the duties of each, thus gaining the confidence of the membership in their leadership ability.
- Job descriptions are needed.

We are pleased to have your ideas and are glad to know that there is member interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard C. Schlenker
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

All members receive THE BANNER without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$3.00 a year. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year. Thomas W. Graham, 11737 Jefferson, Apt. 5A, Newport News, Va. 23606

Note From The Editor:

Please note that the office of the "Banner" editor has moved to 11737 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 5A, Newport News, Va. 23606. If you should have any questions regarding your issues please send to the above address. A number of you may have not received your January issue and this is due to the fact that you have not let your Department Secretary know when you have moved. Over 200 copies of the Banner have been returned because of incorrect address and no forwarding address. If you should know of anyone in this situation please have him let this office know by sending the correct address. A special thank you to the Department secretaries who have cooperated so well in the change in mailing the "Banner". With a few exceptions all checks, mailing lists and other pertinent information was in this office at the proper time. THANK YOU again.

Honor Roll of Living Sons of Union Veterans

William H. Upham, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, son of William H. Upham, Cp. Co. "F" - 2nd Wisconsin Infantry. Member of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Wisconsin.

SUVCW Life Membership

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 90	\$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 three years. 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 1981 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

William J. Little, January 8, 1982...No. 128, Gettysburg, Penn. \$150.00

George A. McKenna, February 1, 1981...No. 129, Tappan, New York \$150.00

Benjamin Franklin Lucas, February 1, 1982...No. 130, Wilmington, Delaware \$150.00

Ellery M. Linnell, March 8, 1982...No. 131, Hamden, Conn. \$100.00

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:

Name _____

Address _____

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved. Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes⁵ Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

Dear Brothers and Friends of the Order:

As National Patriotic Instructor, I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many members of our Order – as well as the numerous friends and benefactors from our four sister organizations in the Grand Army Family – who have so kindly contributed to the 1982 Appeal on behalf of the National G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

Unfortunately, despite the generosity of these many supporters, we are still far short of our goal of \$2,000.00 which has been mandated for 1982 by the Council of Administration. The twin menaces of economic stagnation and inflation continue to grow, and each year pose a greater threat to the future of the patriotic programs which our National Organization has sponsored and supported for so many years.

What are the patriotic and civic-minded programs which the National G.A.R. Fund support? To name but a few, they include the Annual G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship to a deserving student; commemorative services each year at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and at the Tomb of the Great Emancipator in Springfield, Illinois; the G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg, Penn., on the third weekend of November (in commemoration of the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863); the G.A.R. Campfire Program; and the uniformed branch of our Order, the Sons of Veterans Reserve, which does so much to promote an active awareness of our Civil War heritage.

Our duty to carry on the work of the Grand Army – to keep Americans aware of the multi-faceted treasure which is our American history – is a solemn obligation. Each of us, when we were inducted into one of the Allied Orders – whether it be the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, or our own Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – took a pledge to do our humble best to perpetuate the work of the "Boys in Blue" and to keep verdant their honored memory.

What better way to fulfill this solemn, yet happy obligation than by investing in America through the Grand Army Memorial Fund!

Your direct contribution in any amount will be greatly appreciated. In addition you can participate in the G.A.R. Fund through your support of the following fundraising projects:

I. SUVCW "CLUB TIES"

These high-quality neckties depict the silver-white crest of our Order, set beautifully against a NAVY BLUE or MAROON background in a multiply-repeating pattern. Over two-thirds of the original order have been sold, but we still have an ample supply of ties. However, we regret to announce that there will be NO REORDER OF THESE CLUB TIES. Accordingly, we recommend that you order now while our stock lasts!

Effective April 1, ties may be obtained from Brother Jim Marley (see address below) for \$7.75 each – an outstanding bargain! With mail orders, please include \$1.25 per tie for postage and handling. (Please make all such orders clearly by writing "TIES" on all checks.)

II. "GRAND ARMY HERITAGE" BUTTONS

As shown in the accompanying illustration these attractive 2 1/4" badges (blue on white background) are ideal for all members of the SUVCW and our Auxiliary. They are particularly suitable to be worn at private or public ceremonies on Memorial Day the Fourth of July, Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday or at exercises on Veterans' Day. These but-

tons bear the inscription: "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY – PRESERVE OUR GRAND ARMY HERITAGE". These emblems are available for only \$1.00. (For mail orders, please add \$0.30 per button.)

III. SUVCW DECALS

These attractive insignia are 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" in size. Displaying an excellent representation of the membership medallion of our Order in blue on a clear background, they are ideal for any glass surface: the side or rear window of your car or truck, your kitchen door or front storm door. Depicting two crossed cannons covered by the olive wreath of peace, atop which is perched the American Eagle, a symbol of vigilance, this emblem includes the superimposed letters "SUV" in a monogram, along with the motto of our Order and the year of chartering the inscription: "PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD – MDCCCLXXXI". These decals are available at \$0.50 each or two for \$1.00. (Minimum order: two decals, unless requested with another order. Kindly include \$0.25 minimum postage and handling charge for every 2 decals.)

IV. CHANCE BOOKS FOR ANNUAL N.P.I.'s "CHANCE-OFF" AT NATIONAL IN AUGUST. These chance books will be sent to all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, all present National and Department officers, and to all other interested members and friends of the Order. If you have not received books, contact Bro. Marley at the address below. Many valuable and useful prizes will once again be offered!

V. "IN MEMORIAM" – DONATIONS.

What better way to honor the memory of a Civil War ancestor, regiment or company than to contribute in their memory to the National G.A.R. Memorial Fund! In the past many have also thus commemorated departed Comrades of G.A.R. Posts, S.U.V. Camps, local ASUV Auxiliaries, etc., as well as grandparents, parents, siblings or children who have been summoned to their reward. As always your IN MEMORIAM contributions in any amount will be most gratefully accepted.

Lastly, I wish to remind all members of the Order that our "STAR-SPANGLED SALUTES" program is still in effect. If you know of an individual, business, church, school, fraternal, civic or patriotic organization which prominently displays the American Flag on a regular basis, you may recommend this person, institution or group for the "STAR-SPANGLED SALUTE" in recognition of their promotion of Americanism. In your letter, be sure to include the full name(s) of the nominee as you wish it to appear on the certificate, their address(es), community, and a brief description of why you have chosen this nominee. The person nominating should, of course, also include his or her full name, address, community, zip code and telephone. Please allow at least 4 weeks for processing of requests.

The National Patriotic Instructor is striving to help our entire National Organization continue the civic and patriotic work for which our Order has come to be well respected.....but we need YOUR help! Kindly send all donations to:

JAMES G. D. MARLEY
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, SUVCW
141 Weld Street
West Roxbury, MA 02131
Tel. (617) 325-7786

All contributions to the Fund are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes. Kindly make checks or money orders payable to:

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SUVCW

With sincere thanks for your continuing assistance in this, our joint endeavor, I remain,

Sincerely in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,
James G. D. Marley
National Patriotic Instructor

Honor Roll Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

In memory of Richard Leatheridge Hoxie, 1st Iowa Calvary, 1861-1866 from Lt. Col. Wilbur M. Hoxie, Milford, New Hampshire, residing in Reading, Massachusetts \$25.00

In memory of Francis A. Osgood, Co. F., 2nd Regt. R.I. Vol. Inf. and Co. A, 4th Regt. Mass. Vol. Hy Arty from Steven W. Cashman, member at large, Westbury, Mass. . \$12.00

In memory of George B. Vallandigham, Co. E., 125th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf. from Gordon B. Vallandigham \$10.00

In memory of George Shivery, Jr., Pvt. Co. D., 151st Pa. Vol. Inf. from Kenneth P. Thompson, Jr., Hollidaysburg, Penn. \$10.00

In memory of Isa P. Leightly, Cp. Co. F., 148th Pa. Vol. Inf. from Kenneth P. Thompson, Jr., Hollidaysburg, Penn. \$10.00

In memory of Charles Allen Brady, Jr., PDC III. Dept. from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. W. Johnson, Madison, Wisconsin \$10.00

Honor Roll Auxiliary To The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

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

From Bernice J. Woodford, Davenport, Iowa in memory of her husband Lawrence Henry Woodford, Camp No. 33, Davenport, Iowa \$25.00

From Dorris W. Schlenker, Rockville, Md. in memory of Flora D. Bates, Past National President \$10.00

Anyone desirous of having more information on the Honor Roll program should contact the National Treasurer Esther G. Peiper, P.O. Box 605, Carlisle, Penn. 17013.

Life Memberships Auxiliary To The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Anne E. Willeke, National President, January 7, 1982 \$125.00

Esther G. Peiper, National Treasurer, February 17, 1982 \$125.00

Clipping from the "Washington Post" dated March 4, 1982 states that three (3) spouses of Civil War Veterans were still receiving compensation benefits as of the last month. Another 157 spouses and offspring are receiving pension benefits. This information made possible by John B. Umhau, Lincoln Cushing Camp No. 2, Kensington, Maryland.

The Legislative Report

There is concern that under the Reagan Administration budget proposals for fiscal year 1983, the National Archives and Records Service and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission will undergo major cuts in appropriations that could result in reductions of service to scholars and the general public. As a matter of fact, Congress has not yet approved a final 1982 appropriations bill for the Archives, but its work is being funded on a reduced basis under what is known as a "continuing resolution" which allows an agency to function despite the absence of a final budget figure."

For 1983 the President has requested \$85.3 million for the Archives which is a reduction from the \$88.7 million granted for fiscal year 1981. Some concern has been expressed that the \$85.3 million figure does not represent a firm commitment on the part of the Office of Management and Budget. For the Historical Publications and Records Commission, only \$200,000 has been proposed for 1983. An official of the American Historical Association has expressed concern about the attention given to the needs of the National Archives in view of the fact of its placement as an agency within the General Services Administration which is the "housekeeping" unit of the Federal government. The Archives is responsible for the examination and declassification of official files and making them available for inspection and study by scholars and the public.

The Historical Publications and Records Commission is responsible for promoting the collection, preservation and publication of historical records so as to make them more accessible for research and study. One of the projects for which it has provided funds is the publication over several years' time of the papers of the Founding Fathers of our nation, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and George Washington. Other projects of note include the publication of the papers of women leaders like Jane Addams and Susan B. Anthony, and black Americans like Frederick Douglass and Marcus Garvey. To replace Federal dollars, the Records Commission has appealed to large foundations in the hope that contributions will be forthcoming to keep several of the ongoing projects from being halted for lack of money.

A group of scholarly organizations has formed an umbrella organization known as the "Coalition to Save Our Documentary Heritage" with an eye toward lobbying Congress to increase appropriations for both the Archives and the Records Commission. The Coalition is seeking aid from genealogists and military research groups as it attempts to broaden its base of public support.

There is no questions but what the work conducted by the Archives and by the Records Commission is important in fostering the "public's right to know" and in preserving the documentary record for use by future generations. The work of an archivist does not usually capture the headlines and for that reason, valuable work may go unrecognized among members of the general public. Budget cuts can impede or curtail programs of long-standing. But if there is any logic to the effort on the part of President Reagan to reduce Federal expenditures as a means of bringing the rate of inflation under control and of eventually helping to reduce the Federal deficit, it appears that the Archives cannot expect to be immune from this process. No one wants to see the program which they support or with which they are associated experience a budget cut even though they may on principle support the idea of reduced spending. In the development of a budget proposal, it is important to remember the mission and "core activities" of an agency and attempt to provide the funds needed to nourish that effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman





Department News



Maryland Department News

The Sons 95th and the Auxiliary 90th Annual Department Encampments will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1982 at the Holiday Inn, Hagerstown, Md. The Auxiliary meets all day Saturday and Sunday until noon. The Sons meet Saturday afternoon. The traditional joint banquet is held Saturday evening. Our friends from other departments are always welcome to join us. Dinner reservations should be made in advance with Richard Schlenker. Overnight room reservations may be made directly with the hotel.

C-in-C Gibbons and NP Willeke were in Washington for the Lincoln Birthday ceremonies. Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary Officers had opportunity to meet them at a reception hosted by the Schlenkers.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp continues to grow having added Scott W. Stucky of Washington, D.C. as its newest member. Captain William V. Carnes was awarded the War Medal of our order in honor of his service to the nation during the war in Vietnam. The Camp and Auxiliary are most appreciative of the generous contributions made to the Patriotic Instructor's Fund by Willard and Mary Estridge. They gave our patriotic work a big boost.

Dept. of Wisconsin News

The annual Washington-Lincoln-McKinley luncheon was held in Milwaukee on February 20. Major Burton E. Kannenberg, PDC was the featured speaker and presented several themes of interest to include information regarding the six survivors of the Revolutionary War still alive in 1864. Entertainment was provided by a trio consisting of George Nuoffer, Gilbert Hernke and Kannenberg who sang several "golden oldies" and then led the group in singing a group of songs familiar to the period of the Civil War. Honored guests were Grover R. Huff, Dept. Commander; Evelyn Jung, Dept. President; and Lilyan Behnke, Dept. President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Rhoda Lemanski of Auxiliary No. 4, Milwaukee, served as toastmistress for the luncheon.

Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP installed the officers of Auxiliary No. 5, Oconomowoc. Helen Huff is the new president and Marie Nielson continues as secretary-treasurer.

Richard A. Smith of Madison is engaged in an effort to thwart plans to terminate the life of the Veterans Memorial Council and turn over its duties to the Board of Veterans Affairs as proposed in "sunset legislation" being considered by the Wisconsin State Assembly. Smith has chaired the Veterans Memorial Council for many years.

Betty F. Johnson, PDP of Milwaukee, continues to be confined to her home.

Maine

Mary Johnston, Department President of Maine has been busy installing officers of the various auxiliaries. Word has been received of the one in Waterville where a silent auction was held by the National Aide.

Illinois

The Illinois Department will hold their encampment June 11-12, 1982 at Jumers Castle Inn at Galesburg. Business sessions will be held Saturday from 9-5 p.m. with the banquet at 7:00 p.m. Their featured speaker will be Dr. William Baker of Knox College.

New York

On February 13th the Utica Citizens Corp. celebrated its 174th annual dinner. Walter Cookenham of Camp No. 43 was appointed Commandant of the Cadet Corps. He is also serving on the Sesqui-centennial committee of this city. In November, in Oswego, the United States Postal Service issued a stamp in commemoration of the 150th birthday of Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. Also in November the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Purple Heart was honored with the first awarded to Gen. George Washington in Newburgh, New York. A noted newspaper journalist and PDC, Marshall Hope passed away in December. He wrote an article in the Oneida Daily Dispatch for over 20 years called "History Chips." The Empire Brigade and the New York Brigade SVR, will celebrate Memorial Day the first Sunday in May in Waterloo, New York, which is the birthplace of Memorial Day.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

In addition, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have provided for Associate Membership for interested individuals who are ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Such Associates enjoy full rights of membership except that they are ineligible for the office of National Commander-in-Chief. Memberships-at-Large are available for individuals who reside in areas where no Camp or Department of the SUVCW is available. For information contact:

Fred H. Combs, Jr.
P.O. Box 6193
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Department Officers Sons of Union Veterans

Vermont

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Camp-at-Large Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1
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Michigan

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Abe Lincoln Pops Up On State Signs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Abraham Lincoln's thoughts on hard work and self-reliance are set to appear on more than 200 California billboards, courtesy of a man who thinks Honest Abe's homilies just might save the country.

Bernard Richter, who runs several small businesses in Chico, 150 miles northeast of San Francisco, thinks the provocative billboards will spark a much-needed public debate.

About a dozen billboards have been put up near Chico, and Richter said Tuesday that he has commitments for 220 billboards up and down the state, if he can raise the money. Each billboard shows a dramatic portrait of Lincoln next to a short quote touting the virtues of free enterprise.

Richter has pulled 15 or 20 quotes from Lincoln's writings and speeches, such as, "Leave each man free to acquire property." "A government that lives by borrowing soon finds no one left to lend" and "The most trustworthy are those who toil up from poverty."

"When I picked these quotes I was trying to glorify hard work, acquisition; trying to cause a provocative discussion over whether Lincoln was right when he said these things," Richter said in a telephone interview.

At the bottom of the billboards, in small print, is an invitation to contact "Americans for the Restoration of the Republic," and the telephone number of Richter's answering service.

He has received about 70 calls so far as a result of the billboards around Chico, and most of the reaction has been positive, Richter said. But he has been surprised by some of the callers.

"What I get from the negative calls is 'Who's behind this?' I've had about four people ask if I'm connected with the Moral Majority," Richter said. "They think it's some sinister right-wing kook that's put them up. I don't consider myself an extremist."

Sons of Veterans Reserves

Lieutenant-Colonel Nelson Names His Staff

Newly appointed commander of the Second Military District, Lt. Charles Nelson, headquartered at Box 112, N. Main Street, Shiloh, New Jersey 08353, has named his staff officers. Deputy Commander is Major George Shadman; the Adjutant General is Major Harold Goodman; the Executive Officer is Captain Richard J. Miller. The remaining offices will remain vacant until further notice.

Sergeant Moore Is Now Captain Moore

Sergeant Edward Moore, commander of the 7th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, was elected to succeed Lt. Charles Nelson as New Jersey Brigade Commander. This was effective 21 November 1981. Sergeant Moore was promoted to Captain and Headquarters for the new commander will be 1239 Hancock Road, Tom's River, New Jersey 08753.

Captain Moore has chosen to remain commander of the 7th New Jersey Volunteers. Congratulations Captain Moore on your new responsibilities. We sincerely wish continued success for the New Jersey Brigade in their ability to produce good men and good units.

Approaching The New Season

As a new reenactment season approaches the S.V.R., each member must keep in mind that not only must we pursue our hobby of reenacting Civil War life style, but also that we are spreading the aims and ideas of the G.A.R. Each member of the S.V.R. when we put on our uniforms is a public relations officer for the national organization. People everywhere look at us and ask questions. When they approach us as individuals, we are the S.V.R. to them; we are the S.V.R.'s immediate representative. Let us keep in our minds our proud tradition. Like it or not, this heavy responsibility was part of our obligation when each of us signed our enlistment papers.

Upcoming Events

May 8-9, NEW MARKET, VIRGINIA. Pre-registration required. Limited to the first 500 union and 500 confederates. The S.V.R. has always played a big part in this event which gets bigger and better each year. Write New Market Battlefield, Box 1864, New Market, Va.

June 5-6, MONTOUR FALLS, NEW YORK. Hosted by the 161st New York. Hosted by the 161st New York Vols., S.V.R. This is the second year for this event. Free firewood, medals, unit streamers, certificates, hay, and separate camping for authentics. Write: Sgt. Al Tamberelli, Tichenor Road, Valois, N.Y. 14888.

July 3-6, PERRYVILLE, KENTUCKY. 12th Annual S.V.R. National Encampment. No registration fee. Modern and authentic camping. Powder for artillery. This is the first time that the S.V.R. has held their national encampment south of the Mason-Dixon line. It is a good opportunity for our eastern troops to meet our western troops. Plan to attend. Write: Col. James Brown, P.O. Box 2362, N. Canton, Ohio 44720.

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 or 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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HEADQUARTERS

National Secretary-Treasurer Information Bulletin

1. By action of the 100th Annual National Encampment, the Per-capita tax due the National Organization, SUVCW continues at 65¢ per member thru December 31st, 1981. Beginning January 1st, 1982 – Departments and Camps at Large, Per-Capita tax due to National Headquarters was established at \$1.00 per member - per quarter. Information letters have been mailed to the Department Commanders and Secretary plus Camps at Large.
2. **SUPPLIES/INFLATION CONTINUES:**
Effective October 1st, 1981:-
New SUVCW Rosette (still \$4.00 each)
Past Department Commanders Badge \$35.00 each
Miniature Badges 7.00 each
New Ritual and Ceremony Booklet 3.00 each
War Medal 18.00 each
Bronze Buttons 4.00 each
Lapel Button/Tie Tac (Polished) 3.00 each
3. The 1982 Supply Requisition forms WILL BE available at your National Headquarters upon request after January 1st, 1982.

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1. **Form 49 – Certification of Election** of Department Officers for 1982 as well as Camps at Large, were mailed to the Secretaries of the Departments and Camp at Large on April 1st. As soon as your department ends your 1982 Encampment, these are to be properly completed and returned to National Headquarters for use in the BANNER, National Headquarters records and Delegate listing for the 101st National Encampment.
2. **Department Secretaries:** Please follow the instructions in the completion of your Quarterly Per-capita tax and membership reports. When a Camp is organized, re-instated, dropped or suspended, **YOU MUST** note the full information on the Form 35-37-38.
3. Printed Proceedings of the 100th Annual National Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pa. in August 1981 – are now at the printers and will be distributed to National Officers, Departments and Delegates as soon as they are completed. The 99th National Encampment proceedings will then be submitted for printing and future distribution.
4. Hotel Reservation cards were mailed to National Officers and supplies to each Department and Camp at Large secretaries on April 1st. The rate for a single and/or double room is the same, i.e., \$44.00; hence the double rate has been crossed out.
5. Interest payments on Life Memberships were mailed out on January 1st, 1982. Several were returned marked – Deceased when no record was previously reported to the National Secretary. You can help maintain updated records if all Camp Secretaries or Department Secretaries will report the names of deceased Life Members immediately.
6. **UNBELIEVABLE** interest continues to attract request for membership requirements in our Order. Since January 1st, 1982 – 94 letters have been received from all parts of the United States, Alaska and England. Many came from "Action Line" information printed in Sunday newspapers in Philadelphia, Boston, Akron and San Jose. To date – 31 applications for membership has been forwarded to various Department and Camp secretaries plus the coordinator for Memberships at Large. Many others are pending plus two Camps are being formed.
7. Effective April 1st, 1982 – The telephone number to the National Headquarters at Gettysburg is (717) 225-3579.

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