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Memorial Day 1983

"We note, with regret, the apparent indifference with which the people of our land greet this sacred day, and earnestly hope that the time is not far hence when a baptism of appreciation for the labors & sacrifices of the saviors of our Nation shall come upon every individual who lives under the Stars & Stripes.

Memorial Day has lost much of its influence & its power as a commemorating force is fast slipping away. Carelessness on the part of those who are naturally its defenders has had much to do in bringing about this state of affairs. However we can not afford to spend time speculating as to causes or casting reflections. We must deal with conditions as we find them. The question of movement, the problem to be solved is — How shall we gain lost ground? How shall we rescue the day from its perilous position in the mind of the American public?

This is a matter that should interest us. We are ordained leaders — ordained by the blood of our fathers — to awaken the dormant feeling of the land & to guide the Israel of American patriotism from the "House of Bondage" through the wilderness into the "land of loyalty." My brothers, we can't afford to fall short of this high calling and we must not. If you will continually remember what Memorial Day signifies; if you will labor to support your understanding & work out your convictions; if you will earnestly & actively consecrate yourselves to the support of the noble principles which Memorial Day commemorates, you will become powerful agents for giving thoughts on patriotism the place they deserve in the public mind; for winning for the memory of the defenders and preservers of our nation the homage that is due, and potent factors for the salvation of this holy day. There is no more decisive way of winning people to

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Lincoln Memorial

They called it the "Blizzard of '83" which hit the eastern seaboard from the Carolinas to Maine, dumping from one to three feet of snow, depending on where one lived.

It was the day before Lincoln's Birthday as the phone calls went to Washington, DC from New England, New York, Ohio, Penna. cancelling reservations and the journey to DC by National Officers, their representatives, parade units, etc. Several started out and became stranded.

However the pledge made in 1923 was kept. "There will be an observance of the Lincoln Memorial on February 12 each year, regardless of the day of the week or the weather."

The snow stopped falling about 11 p.m. on Friday the 11th and the Commander-in-Chief and National President shoveled for two hours to uncover their car and driveway from a two foot blanket of snow. During the night the snow plow made one pass thru their street, it being a snow emergency route.

As Saturday dawned bright and sunny they began their trek into DC following routes which had been plowed. It was almost ghostly as people were beginning to dig out. Fortunately our wreaths of tribute were obtained from the florist in the early stages of the snowfall as upon arrival at Lincoln Memorial they found no deliveries were made of other tributes. Those of President Reagan, the Interior Department and the Diplomatic Corps were likewise hand carried by the presenters. National Park Service personnel laboured all night and the Memorial area was in excellent condition by 10 a.m.

We are proud that our wreaths were the only organizational tributes presented in addition to the three official ones. The Joint Services Color Guard and Cordon were magnificent as always. A fine crowd of tourists and outdoorsmen was on hand.

President Lincoln was indeed remembered on the 174th anniversary of his birth.



GENERAL ORDERS #3
Series 1982-83
Commander-in-Chief
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"With Malice Toward None"

1. By now all Camps should have elected and installed officers for 1983. To these brothers, whether newly chosen or re-elected, we extend congratulations and best wishes for an active and productive year. The wholehearted support of your national officers is hereby pledged in hopes that active Camp programs will give witness in local communities that SUVCW is still an active and viable organization.
2. Important historic days of special meaning are nearly upon us. Appropriate ceremonies and programs should be planned commemorating the assassination of President Lincoln on April 15 and Memorial Day on May 30. It is important that we set the pace and give leadership to the proper observance of these days in our communities.
3. Springtime brings on Department Encampments in our order. The Commander-in-Chief will visit as many of these as is humanly possible. He has received and accepted many invitations. As usual, there are many direct conflicts and hard decisions had to be made. Be assured that no slights are intended and plans were made so as to attend the maximum number possible. Of special interest to him as he travels about will be Camp reports.

4. Departments are reminded to consider in their deliberations the constitutional amendments proposed by the 101st National Encampment. They are listed in the October 1982 Banner. Not less than 50% of the Departments must ratify the changes for them to become part of the Constitution.
5. The Banner Editor reports 429 copies returned as undeliverable because of wrong address. Surely Department and Camp mail must have been returned also. It is imperative that we know who and where our members are. Although we are all volunteers and often time is at a premium, it is expected that all Secretaries will keep headquarters current on address changes. The Post Office charges for these returns.
6. The Commander-in-Chief and National Auxiliary President presented our wreaths of tribute at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on February 12 despite the blizzard. President Lincoln is remembered each year on his birthday regardless of the weather.
7. National officers and committee chairmen are reminded that year end reports to the National Encampment are due in the Commander-in-Chief's office by July 15 to permit time for printing and assembling.
8. Commendations:
Dept. of Maryland for forming the New Army of the Potomac Camp in Fairfax, VA. Dept. of New Jersey for forming the new Col. Dewitt Clinton Baxter Camp in Millville. Brother Ernest G. Wells, PDC-Mass, for his continued publication and dissemination of Civil War history. Brother Jerome L. Orton, PDC-NY, for contacting real sons and daughters of Civil War veterans. Brother James

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BANNER

THE BANNER is published quarterly by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.—the only male organization recognized by and representing the Grand Army of the Republic. Founded in 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress as a non-profit patriotic historical society. SUVCW Members receive the *BANNER* at no additional charge. Subscriptions are welcome at \$3.00 per year and may be pro-rated. ALL subscriptions expire January First.

All Brothers, Sisters, Camps and Departments are urged to send in ready to print copy. PLEASE DO NOT SEND articles or photos that must be returned. For satisfactory reproduction, clear glossy black and white photographs are required.

Due to very limited space we reserve the customary editorial prerogative of condensing, omitting and rewriting that which circumstances justify.

Your editor welcomes your comments. It is our desire to publish a series of historical columns for future Banner issues and we need donations of Banners and Sons proceedings prior to 1965.

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EAST PALESTINE, OHIO 44413

PROMOTION

Many Camps still have public dinners, dances, etc. where the public is invited. Why not promote OUR membership at the same time. Now you can order extra copies of the Banner to distribute as a promotional tool. The cost is very low, but we must have your order in advance. To get July 1st issue we need your order approx. June 15th. Write Editor for details.

have our mailing list computerized in proper zip code order. If you are going to move, please send us a change of address with both old & new address AND indicate what Dept. you are affiliated with. Our national organization has never had a complete list of its members and we still don't, but you can help.

You should be receiving the Banner usually by the first of the month after its issued if not before. If you haven't received this April issue by May first drop me a card, please.

Also with this issue we have changed printers and have corrected the Vol. & issue numbers an error occurred in numbering issues last Spring. Sorry it took so long to correct.



Legislative Report

Thomas L. W. Johnson

Memorial Day and Monday Holiday Legislation — Nearly 15 years have passed since the enactment of the Uniform Holiday Act of 1968 which mandated a Monday observance of four federal holidays including Memorial Day. In that span of time only one substantive change has been made in the law. The Congress returned Veterans Day to its traditional date of November 11 after the vast majority of states had taken action to do so within their jurisdictions. No such groundswell has developed with respect to Memorial Day. In each Congress bills and resolutions have been introduced on the matter only to be buried in committee files. Your Legislative Committee accepts the challenge given it at the last National Encampment to work toward the return of Memorial Day to May 30 at the federal level but realizes that the odds for success are slim. As this is written, the 98th Congress has been at work for only a few weeks. As measures are introduced regarding the observance of Memorial Day, they will be reported to our membership with the expectation that individuals will be in contact with their Representatives and Senators to urge their consideration and passage.

Saving Historic Battlefield Sites — The perpetual struggle continues between preservationists and developers each seeking to influence the future of some of our battlefield sites. A recent instance involving the Kennesaw Mountain Natl Battlefield Park in Georgia was cited in a newsletter published by the Civil War Round Table Associates. The interests of visitors seeking mass recreational pursuits are not necessarily compatible with those who wish to tramp the battlefield sites and emplacements and is a cause for concern among those groups that are intent on passing on a part of our nation's heritage to future generations. Our membership is asked to be responsive to this need to preserve and enhance those reminders of the price paid for a free and undivided country. Once gone from our midst, they cannot be replaced.

Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. — One of the last actions of the 97th Congress was the passage in December 1982 of a resolution authorizing the erection of a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Capitol as a memorial to him. Dr. King will be the first black per-

son to be so honored in this manner. A number of states have designated Dr. King's birthday, January 15, either as a holiday or as a day of observance marked by special programs in the schools. Very recently, Wisconsin became the 20th state to set aside January 15 for this purpose. To date, congressional efforts to make January 15 a federal holiday have not met with success.

National Day of Prayer — A Presidential proclamation has declared May 5, 1983 to be a National Day of Prayer in an effort to "bring renewed respect for God." President Reagan said that the observance will provide "an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future."

New Membership Certificate

In red, white & blue
Available \$5.00
Chester Shriver, P.O. Box 24
Gettysburg, PA 17325

General Orders #3 Continued

Armstrong, Patriotic Instructor, Caywood Camp 146, Ovid NY, for his continued presentation of scholarly papers on Civil War topics. Brother Gordon R. Bury, National Patriotic Instructor, for making available to us recorded interviews with last Civil War veterans. Brother Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer for the seemingly endless hours of labor he contributes on behalf of our beloved order.

9. Let us all offer prayers of recovery for Brother William W. Vanderhoof, National Graves Registration Officer and Past National President Agnes D. Davis, both of whom were recent stroke victims.
- 10 All Department . . . Camp Charters are ordered draped for 30 days in memory of Past Commander in Chief Jack Yocum who passed away on Dec. 31, 1982.

By order of:
Richard C. Schlenker
Commander-in-Chief 1982-83

Attest:
Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

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our cause by demonstrating to them by our words and actions that we believe in and honor it."

We are reminded that those who forget their past are destined to relive it. Bro. John Zeiter, Natl. Chaplain, SUVCW wrote these words to us on May 1, 1900.

IRS Notice

ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND CAMP SECRETARIES

Please be reminded that instructions issued by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. require that, IN ADDITION TO THE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RECORDING ON YOUR IRS FORM 990 WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED IT FOR FILING, YOU MUST ALSO SHOW IN PART I, ITEM 18 (b), OUR NATIONAL GROUP EXEMPTION NUMBER WHICH IS (GEN) 0429.

Keep in mind that each Department Secretary and each Camp Secretary should have filed a Form 990 in accordance with the instructions found thereon WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD OR FISCAL YEAR OF THE CAMP OR DEPARTMENT*. Full compliance with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential and urgent in order to conform to the original tax exemption ruling of the IRS dated June 11, 1941 and to avoid any penalties.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in checking by the IRS and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

Ratification Vote Due

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted by a two-thirds vote as required and it is now in order to submit the same to the Departments for ratification before the 1983 Natl. Encampment:

Article VI Formation and Disbandment. Delete from Section 3, "to consist of five or more camps with a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred and fifty members." Thus causing it to read: Section 3: A Department may be formed by authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Add a new Section 4 reading: A Provisional Department may be created in states having 3 or more regular or Provisional Camps. The Commander-in-Chief may call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Department and election of Department Officers. After one year a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent Department status by the Commander-in-Chief. Sections 4 & 5 renumbered 5 & 6".

ARE YOU MISSING BANNERS

Are you missing issues of the Banner? Do you know a member who has moved?

The October Banner had a costly 429 returns for change of address, etc. With the Jan. issue we had only about 125, but many are marked not forwardable or moved left no address. Do you know anyone we lost?

The past & present Editor have one goal...for you our readers to get a timely quality Banner.

Once the Banner was edited AND published by one person, a Past Commander-in-Chief who was a professional printer. This was the old "newspaper" Banner of years ago. Then we tried paid subscriptions, but only a small percentage subscribed. About 15

years ago, we decided every Brother needed to know what was happening...since many did not attend regular Camp meetings. The Editor edited the news, sent it to a printer then sent it to the 25 department secretaries who either sent it out or sent it to the Camp Secretaries to forward. Too many delays!

Three years ago we decided to direct mail to you. Sounds easy? To mail first class cost 37¢ each or more. Bro. Graham mailed at Bulk Rate of 10.9¢ each we now have a non-profit bulk rate of 5.4¢ each. For this savings, The Post Office requires us to have "perfect addressess" and to bundle either by zip code or sectional center zip code all 3000 of you. Each return costs 25¢. We have paid to



Sisters please submit ready to print copy both for this column and for Department news to National Press Correspondent Mrs. Mary A. Centini, 316 South Mill St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603



In Memoriam
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
1959—Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 1983 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AUGUST 14-17, 1983 Holiday Inn, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine.

AUX LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift or bestowed honor. The fee is invested in our Permanent Fund and established as follows:

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

Welcome Life Membership
#15, Sarah C. Cherry, Auxiliary #50, Carlisle Pa. \$150.00

AUXILIARY HONOR ROLL

Contributions received since November 26, 1982.

From Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. W. Johnson in memory or Gladys B. Sallman, P.N.P., Illinois \$10.00

From National Auxiliary to SUVCW in memory of Edith M. Paulding, P.N.P., New York \$15.00

From National Auxiliary to SUVCW in memory of Gladys B. Sallman, P.N.P., Illinois \$15.00

From P.C.C. Fred H. and P.N.P. Marion E. Combs in memory of Lelia M. Turner, P.N.P., Massachusetts \$10.00

The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of Government upon vital questions is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the people will have ceased to be their own selves, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal.

HELP Wanted

Mrs. Melanie Petrosky, 6727 Parrish Ave., Hammond, Ind. 46323 is trying to do a college research project on her great grandfathers Civil War unit, the 23 Indiana Infantry. She is searching for copies of letters, diaries or photos and is willing to buy Xerox copies if you can help. This unit was part of the Army of the Tennessee under Gen. Lew Wallace at Shiloh and with Sherman's March to the Sea.

AUXILIARY ENDORSEMENT

The Dept. of Penna Auxiliary has endorsed & will place in nomination the name of PDP Mary Jane Simpson for the office of National President, 1983-84.

1883 being the year of our founding, the National Auxiliary will celebrate it's 100th Birthday in August at our National Encampment in Portland, Maine.

Chairlady for the 100th Birthday Fund is Mrs. Minnie Madeiros, P.N.P. 307 Tarklin Hill Road, New Bedford, Mass. 12745.

"The Lincoln Tradition"

By George Cashman,
Former Curator, Lincoln Tomb

Much of the written history of the early years of Lincoln's life has been based on folklore and tradition, and must be evaluated through simple logic, where no reliable evidence can be found. One of these stories concerns the type of dwelling provided by Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham, for his family upon their arrival in Indiana from Kentucky. Biographers, Hendon, Tarbell, Sandburg, and others, have claimed that the Lincoln family spent the first year in Indiana living in a half-faced camp. This type of shelter was constructed of poles and bark with brush thrown over the top, and with one side open to the elements, protected only by a brush fire in front which was kept burning day and night.

In the Fall of 1816 Thomas Lincoln made the journey from his Knob Creek cabin in Kentucky for the purpose of locating a new home in Indiana where he could be assured of the legality of the survey for the home that he would build. Staking his claim on Little Pigeon Creek, Spencer County, he returned to Kentucky and made preparations for moving his family to the site he had chosen for their new home. He arrived there sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, in the dead of the winter.

When they arrived at the Little Pigeon Creek site there were already eight families living within one mile of the place, and another six families, within a two mile radius. Austin and Davis Lincoln, sons of Hananiah Lincoln, a relative of Thomas Lincoln, were settled within six miles of the home site. Pioneer families were hospitable and it is logical to suppose that at least one of these near neighbors would furnish the Lincoln family with shelter for a short period. Harvest was over, and with time on their hands, it is again logical to suppose that these friendly people would pitch in and help Thomas Lincoln erect his cabin immediately. We have one record to show, that with a little help, a cabin of the size and type generally found at that period, could be erected and ready for occupancy in four days. Thomas Lincoln was a strong, hard-working, qualified carpenter with cabin buildig experience, and so we may safely assume tht the Lincoln family were living in their own cabin home within one week of their arrival at the Little Pigeon Creek. There is not a shred of reliable evidence which could be used to substantiate the claim of the Lincoln family living for even a day in a half-faced camp. It is another of the many fables woven around the life of Lincoln.


THE VIEW FROM HERE

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the Editor, and not necessarily the official position of the SUVCW.

The Sons have seen many growth cycles...Grand Army influence, prosperity, decline in membership immediately after the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, and during the late 1960s. Many were tied to anti-patriotic moods or interest in other veterans groups.

Today we have seen a renewed interest in the Civil War, in family genealogy and in the GAR affiliated orders. Yur editor believes we must review our Order for maximum growth in membership. A few years ago, we realistically created "Provisional" Camps with 5 members that could grow into a larger Camp. Individual members could organize locally. Now we are asked to ratify a Constitutional Amendment with the same purpose. The creation of new Departments.

The present constitution requires a minimum 150 members to form a Dept. Fewer than 1/3 of our Departments can meet that requirement today. It is time to look ahead to plan to rebuild Camps and new Departments. The Department of Ohio held a Special Mid-Winter Meeting on March 19th for the expressed purpose of passing their ratification vote and urging all the other Depts. to also ratify this important amendment. We can see the hope for Departments in all 50 states and overseas, too.



In Memoriam
PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF
1972—John C. Youcm
George Cashman
Passed away March 28, 1983

SUVCW ENDORSEMENT
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New Civil War Discoveries

Florida's Forgotten Union Forts

With acts of succession US forts in the Southern states were taken over or abandoned with little or no struggle & only four remained in Federal hands after President Lincoln's inauguration on March 4, 1861.

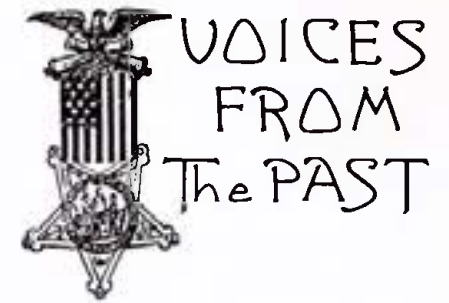
Ft. Sumter, SC was soon forced to surrender. Ft. Pickens in Pensacola, Fla. was reenforced & remained in Union control. Ft. Jefferson on Dry Tortugas is located 68 miles from Key West in the Gulf of Mexico & is accessible even today only by sea plane or boat. This became Dr. Mudd's famous prison home & while the exterior remains intact it largely needs restored.

But the real treasure has been overlooked for years in Key West. Until the Over seas Railway and now U.S. Route 1 joined the Florida Keys to the mainland, Key West was just a little island far from the rest of the US.

Fort Zachery Taylor was built in 1836 about 1000 feet off shore from Key West. During the Civil War it became the headquarters of the Atlantic & Gulf Blockade of the Confederacy and continued to be of importance until after the Spanish American War. During this century expansion of the Naval Station there filled the water & today Ft. Taylor is located within the confines of the U.S. Naval Base.

What makes Ft. Taylor important today? Because of its remote location its Civil War armaments & artifacts remain intact. No war surplus dealer wanted its scrap cannons after the War. During the Spanish American War the top two stories of the fort were blasted off as it was ruled too high a target & it lied forgotten. This fort has more artifacts & guns from the Civil War than all other Civil War forts put together. It is believed that over 250 guns will finally be recovered. Most wree the fort's own weapons, but others were brought in for disposal. So far the largest weapon recovered is a 50,000 pound Rodman Cannon capable of hurling a 15 inch, 480 pound cannonball for miles...and some of the more unusual finds include a Gatling Gun and a 7000 gallon a day desalinization plant that supplied the fort with fresh water. Ft. Taylor was designated a state park in 1976 and Howard English, a 68 year old retired

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Comdr-in-Chief Frederick Davis, 1952, might well be called a man ahead of his time. Today, oral history is gaining a much respected place in higher education, but in those days it must have been a novel idea to collect interviews with the last handful of Grand Army men and offer these to Camps for program use. Fred produced about 15 records & tapes. Albert Lambert as Natl. Secy. produced about 4 more. "Sounds of the GAR" offered by your Natl. Pat. Instr. Rick Bury is based upon Bro. Lamberts recordings.

Does anyone know where we could obtain copies of the above mentioned recordings? Rick Bury & I feel this is an important heritage worthy of preservation. If you, your Camp or your Dept. own any of these recordings would you allow us to make a copy?

If enough of the original recordings are found it is possible a new record might be produced that we all could use for our schools, libraries even our children & grandchildren. None can tell the story of the Boys in Blue better than these actual voices from the past.

Brother Bury is donating tapes, Sounds of the GAR, to anyone contributing \$25.00 or more to the GAR Memorial Fund. Write him at Box 172 RD 1, Marshallville, Ohio 44645. Of course, any and all donations are welcome to obtain the goal of \$2000.00 for the GAR Memorial Fund.

Among all our colleges, the Electoral College is the only one where they choose their own masters.

GAR Collectors Wanted

Bro. Roger L. Heiple, Box 16, South Lyon, Mich 48178 has organized a group interested in GAR collecting. They are publishing a magazine dealing with GAR badges & artifacts which they issue quarterly. Please write Bro. Heiple directly. While we share common interest, this group is not officially connected with the SUVCW or the Allied Orders.



Department News

All Depts. are planning their respective Dept. Encampments. We urge all Brothers & Sisters to visit the Dept. where you reside. Contact the Dept. Secy. listed in the October Banner and enjoy the fellowship of our Order. You may not vote in the meetings, but every Brother & Sister is an invited guest upon presentation of your paid up dues card.

ILLINOIS: All Brothers & Sisters are invited to attend the National memorial services at Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery at 11 a.m. on April 15th.

MARYLAND + DELAWARE: The Maryland Dept. Sons & Aux. Encampments will be held on Sat. April 30th at the Ridisson Hotel, Wilmington.

The Army of the Potomac Camp charter was presented on March 18th at Fairfax, Va. with Comdr-in-Chief Schlenker presenting a program on the Sons.

Memorial Day in Wilmington will be observed on May 30th at 4 p.m. This is the 116th annual parade with more than 5000 participants. Frank Heacock is chairman, Ethel Carver, Aux., is the secretary. The later starting time has seen a much larger public participation Frank reports.

NEW JERSEY: The Spring Meeting of Abe Lincoln Camp #100, the state camp, will be held on April 30th at 6 p.m. at the Coach & Four Restaurant in Hightstown (just off NJ Turnpike exit #8. A short business meeting & program on Civil War weapons will follow dinner.

Congratulations to the newly initiated D.C. Baxter Camp #72 located in Millville, NJ. with 17 members and an average age of 25. Good Luck.

OHIO: A Special Mid Winter meeting was called on March 19th & action was taken to ratify the Constitutional Amendment creating Provisional Depts. Likewise all other Depts. are urged to carefully consider this important legislation. The Allied Orders met to work on plans for National 84. We cordially invite everyone to come to Ohio in 1984.

PENNA: The reception for Dept. Comdr. Wm. Little will be held at the Harnsworth House in Gettysburg over Memorial Day weekend. As usual a very large Memorial Day observance is planned at the Natl. Military Cemetery in Gettysburg...one of the largest in the Nation.

June 4th, Bradbury Camp #149 in Media, Pa. will observe their 100th birthday. Dinner will be at 7 p.m., cocktails at 6. Tickets are \$13.50 each and may be reserved through Gar E Heacock, 421 S. Sycamore, Wilmington, Dela 19805. Reservation deadline is May 28th, please.

WISCONSIN: The Annual Washington, Lincoln, McKinley Luncheon was held on Feb. 12 in Milwaukee with Circuit Judge Michael P. Sullivan speaking on safeguarding our individual liberties. Dept. Comdr. Grover Huff and Dept. Pres. Rhoda Lemanski were introduced. Genevieve Arndt, President of Washington circle, LGAR, presided.

MASSACHUSETTS: Several members of the Sons attending hearings at the Mass. State House on a bill proposed by Dept. Comdr. Frank Tucker creating an annual GAR Day on the anniversary of the founding of the Mass. Dept. GAR. It is hoped such a proclamation will cause some interest & publicity for our Order.

All Dept. Jr. Vice Commanders are asked to contact Jr. Vice Comdr. in Chief Eugene Russell, 3 Hudson St., Malden, Mass 02148 with a report of membership activity within their respective Dept.

CENTENNIAL CAMP #100, DENVER, COLO.: Pictured is Bro. Charles Sharrock with some of the 70 grave markers he has replaced in Riverside Cemetery, Denver. Brother Sharrock has also been named a Natl. Aide for recruiting new members. Congratulations on two outstanding projects.



SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE: All troops are urged to write at once to Maj. George Shadman, 29 Carlton Rd., Waterloo, New York 13165 for details & registration forms for the 13th Natl. SVR Encampment to be held June 30-July 4 in Branchport, NY.

...and if your judgment you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer.

Senior Vice Commander Report

The Senior Vice Commander in Chief wishes to thank those Brothers who have sent their ideas to the Program & Policy Committee. Your ideas...your input...is very important to the Order. Several suggestions were made last year and pending action this year and some new promotional ideas are being considered. The purpose of these efforts is to create a strong organization that will be around to celebrate its Bicentennial in 2081. Please let me hear from you.

Also while it a low key appeal, please send your donations for the Senior Vice Comdrs fund to me.

William Simpson, 2025 Cleveland Ave., West Lawn, Pa. 19609. Phone 215-678-9095.



WE PRAY that YOU save us from ourselves.

The world that you have made for us, to live in peace, we have made into an armed camp. We live in fear of war to come.

We are afraid of "the terror that flies by night, and the arrow that flies by day, the pestilence that walks in darkness and the destruction that wastes at noon-day."

We have turned from you to go our selfish way. We have broken YOUR commandments and denied YOUR truth. We have left YOUR altars to serve the false gods of money and pleasure and power.

FORGIVE US AND HELP US

Now, darkness gathers around us and we are confused in all our counsels. Losing faith in you, we lose faith in ourselves.

Inspire us with wisdom, all of us of every color, race and creed, to use our wealth, our strength to help our brother, instead of destroying him.

Help us to do YOUR will as it is done in heaven and to be worthy of YOUR promise of peace on earth.

Fill us with new faith, new strength and new courage, that we may win the Battle for Peace.

Be swift to save us, dear God, before the darkness falls.

Edward W. Hinton

Where Do Your Natl. Dues Go?

The National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans collects \$4.00 per member Per year in per capita tax. Here is a copy of the Adopted Budget for 1983-84.

RECEIPTS:

Per capita tax on 2580 members at \$4.00 per member*	\$10,320.00
Registration Fee from 80 Natl. Encampment delegates \$5.00	400.00
Sale of supplies, badges, etc.	1,900.00
SUVCW Auxiliary Gift.	500.00
Interest on Permanent Fund investments	3,000.00
Interest on other savings accounts	2,200.00
Net income from Members at Large	220.00
Refund from 101st Natl. Encampment	100.00
New Camp application & Charter fees	150.00
Miscellaneous income	300.00
Allocated from Memorial Fund	4,962.00
TOTAL	\$24,052.00

*No Natl. per capita tax is collected on Life members

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses (travel, phone, etc.)	1,800.00
Natl. Secretary-Treasurer Expenses	1,200.00
Purchase of supplies	5,000.00
Headquarters printing, postage, telephone	1,600.00
Printing & Mailing Natl. Proceedings 1980	4,508.00
Printing & Mailing Natl. Proceedings 1982	4,508.00
National Encampment Expenses	145.00
Transcribing Natl. Proceedings	300.00
Printing the Banner-4 issues at \$1000.00 each	4,000.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge	396.00
CPA Audit (as required by law)	396.00
Fire & Extended coverage insurance	75.00
TOTAL	\$24,052.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GAR MEMORIAL FUND

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery Wreath (Feb. 12)	\$25.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (April 15)	400.00
GAR Remembrance Day (Nov. 20)	300.00
Memorial Day Wreath, Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
Natl. Military Dept. Sons of Veterans Reserve	150.00
Student Scholarship Award, Gettysburg, Pa College	300.00
GAR Campfire Expenses, Natl. Encampment	300.00
Fraternal Relations Committee postage	20.00
Contribution Forms printing	130.00
Lincoln Birthday Natl. Commemorative Committee dues	25.00
Membership Certificate printing	650.00
Other expenses	125.00
TOTAL	2,450.00
Allocated to General Fund	4,962.00

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Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift or bestowed honor. Payment may be in full or 1/3 down with the balance paid within 3 years. The fee is invested in our Permanent Fund and established as follows:

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New Civil War Discoveries Continued
 naval architect who rediscovered Ft. Taylor has been named curator. In Feb., 1983, President Reagan recommissioned the US Naval Base at Key West and Ft. Taylor is in a "Restricted Area" and not open to the public at this time. It is hoped that in the near future additional funds will make restoration of this important find possible and public access available so we can all learn from & view this Civil War treasure.

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