



America's Most Highly Decorated Soldier Dies

Lt. Col. Matt Urban, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and America's most highly decorated combat soldier, passed away March 4, 1995, after a brief illness. He was 75. Lt. Col. Urban was an Honorary Member of the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Department of Michigan. Many will recall that Lt. Col. Urban was the keynote speaker of the Campfire Program at the 1988 National Encampment.

During the Second World War, Lt. Col. Urban was part of the Ninth Infantry Division, serving for 20 months in front line action as part of 6 major battle campaigns. He led troops in North Africa, Sicily, Belgium, France and Germany. During this time period, Lt. Col. Urban was wounded 7 times, and received individual and unit military honors from the United States, France and Belgium.

Lt. Col. Urban was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1979, for several actions during the period 14 June to 3 September 1944 - 35 years after the nomination paperwork had been misfiled. The citation states that "...Lieutenant Colonel (then Captain) Urban's personal leadership, limitless bravery, and repeated extraordinary exposure to enemy fire served as an inspiration to his entire battalion. His valorous and intrepid actions reflect the utmost credit on him and uphold the noble traditions of the United States Army." Lt. Col. Urban was also the recipient of the Silver Star with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and a "V" for valor, the Purple Heart with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, a Presidential Unit Citation, the Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt (France), the Four-



Lt. Col. Matt Urban

ragere (Belgium), and several other military and civilian honors.

After the Second World War, Lt. Col. Urban was a contributing editor for *Liberty Magazine*. He also served as the Director of Recreation in Port Huron, Monroe and Holland, Michigan, where hundreds of young people received the benefit of his leadership and guidance over the years.

Lt. Col. Urban's experiences were related in his autobiography, *The Matt Urban Story: The Hero We Nearly Forgot*. Services were held in Holland, Michigan, with interment following in Arlington National Cemetery. Lt. Col. Urban spoke with pride of his membership in our Order and enjoyed meeting and greeting Brothers at functions and reunions. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, and daughter, Jennifer, and will be sadly missed by the many Brothers throughout our Order who knew him well.

Past C-in-C William Haskell Passes Away

It is with a great sense of sadness that the BANNER announces the loss of Past Commander-in-Chief William W. Haskell on March 28th, 1995. He was 89 years old.

William Haskell joined the SUVCW in 1926 in Hingham, Massachusetts at Camp 12. In 1933 he transferred to the Captain R. B. Grover Camp No. 17 in Brockton. Five years later, in 1938, he was elected Commander of the Camp. At the Massachusetts Department Encampment of 1944 Haskell became Department Commander.

At the 86th National Encampment of the SUVCW of 1967 in Chicago William Haskell was elected Commander-in-Chief. After his term ended Brother Haskell remained very active in the affairs of his Camp, the Department of Massachusetts, and served on several National Committees. He is survived by his wife Esther, daughter, Barbara Higgins of Brookline, MA, and three granddaughters.

Brother Haskell stated in his first General Orders as Commander-in-Chief that his motto was "Action not Words". To the end Brother Haskell lived up to that motto.



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"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Soldiers and Sailors who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"

General Order No. 11
Series 1868

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic
Washington, D.C. May 5, 1868

I. The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, in our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion. What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well, as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us.

Let us then at this time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude - the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By the Command of
General John A. Logan
Commander-in-Chief,
Grand Army of the Republic

John Alexander Logan was born in Murphysboro, Illinois, on February 9, 1826. He studied at Shiloh College, and was graduated from the law school of Louisville University. He continued his law studies in the office of his uncle, Lt. Governor Alexander M. Jenkins. Admitted to the bar, Logan began his practice in 1852. He served in several local offices and was elected to the Illinois legislature. In 1858 Logan was elected to Congress as a Douglas democrat. He made a reputation as a spread-eagle orator, and was thought to have Southern sympathies. In fact, he opposed the idea of war as a way to resolve the problems facing the country.

During the first battle of Bull Run, Logan left his seat in Congress and went to the scene of the battle. He picked up a rifle from a wounded soldier and fell in with the first unit he saw - the 2nd Michigan Infantry. He was conspicuous on the field in frock coat and tall silk hat.

Logan had served as a Lieutenant in the Mexican War, and now that the issue was joined he supported Lincoln's efforts to save the Union. He left Congress at the end of the term in August, 1861 and returned to Illinois to raise the 31st Infantry, serving as Colonel of the regiment. Promoted rapidly, he became a Major General November 26, 1862.

His military record was distinguished and he was ranked as the "most able" of the volunteer, or "political" generals by the major field commanders. He was wounded several times in battle.

In 1866 he was returned to Congress but came back as a Republican and with a new agenda. The war had changed his view on many things. He had supported the reconstruction program visualized by President Lincoln and worked to implement those proposals. He supported the seating of black congressmen elected from some of the Southern states.

He became one of the leading voices promoting benefits for the veterans of the war, particularly those who had been disabled. He fought for pension programs and insisted on equal rates for black veterans. He helped establish benefit programs to support the widows and orphans of men who died in the war.

Logan became the foremost supporter of rights for the newly freed blacks, particularly the need to educate them so that they would be able to compete for jobs. He supported the use of troops at polling places to enforce the voting rights laws.

Logan entered the Senate in 1871 and continued his efforts for veterans and blacks. He was an early supporter of woman's suffrage, programs to aid the Indians of the West, and opposed the Indian Wars.

He was the Vice Presidential nominee on the ticket with James G. Blaine in 1884. They lost to Grover Cleveland. He was considered a leading candidate for the presidential nomination in 1888.

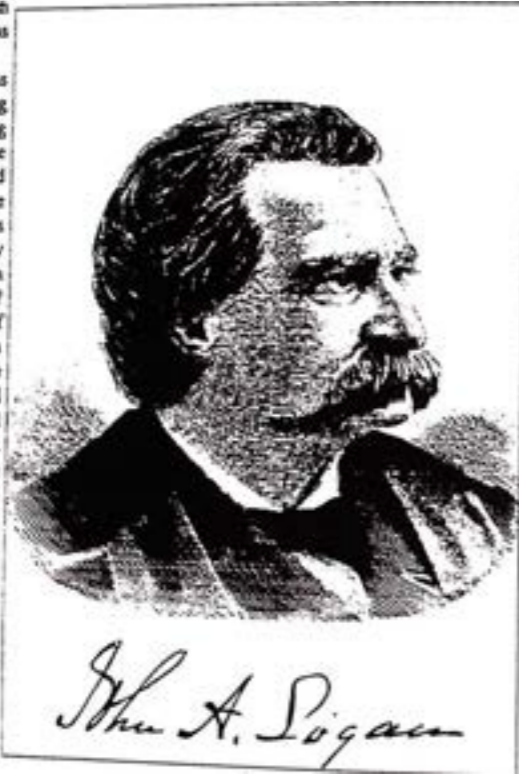
General Logan was the second Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and served three consecutive terms in this office. He was the only one to serve three terms in the history of this organization.

The GAR experienced rapid growth under his leadership. In May of 1868 he issued General Order Number 11 establishing a day to commemorate the dead of the late war. Originally known as Decoration day, from the practice of placing flowers on the soldier's graves, it is now known as Memorial Day.

John A. Logan died in Washington, DC on December 26, 1886. He lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol, and his funeral service was conducted in the Senate Chambers. President Cleveland ordered the flags of the nation to half staff. The funeral procession was more than a mile long.

At the dedication of the Michigan Soldiers Home in Grand Rapids on December 30, 1886, Governor Alger, speaking to the 15,000 assembled dedicated his address to the "best friend of the veteran" Senator (formerly General) John Alexander Logan.

James T. Lyons, PDC



Lincoln Birthday Anniversary Ceremony

THE BANNER

National Patriotic Instructor's Memorial Day Message

As you all know Memorial Day is fast approaching. As your National Patriotic Instructor, I urge all Departments, Camps and individual Brothers to observe this all important event.

While we focus on the Union Soldiers who served from 1861-1865, we observe Memorial Day in honor of all those who served this country and especially in honor of all those who gave the supreme sacrifice for our nation's flag. As we honor the day, let us also teach others of its birth and history.

Memorial Day was created by the Grand Army of the Republic and General John Logan's Order #11. The responsibility of ensuring that that day be annually observed was given to the Sons by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a responsibility that we inherited. It is a privilege granted to us by the GAR that we exercise each year.

Here are some suggestions for observing the day. If you have a Veterans of Foreign Wars or an American Legion Post in your area, explain our organization to them. They are usually happy to put the Sons on their Memorial Day program. This has worked in my town for a number of years. Hold a Sons service at your local Civil War monument using the Sons Ritual book. Advertise the event in your local newspaper, radio station and city bulletin boards, etc. so that the public can become aware of the Order's presence in the community and its purpose in observing Memorial Day.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
Danny Wheeler
National Patriotic Instructor

Typical seemed to be the buzz-word in Washington D.C. on February 12, 1995. Temperatures were in the teens, swirling winds and snow covered ground greeted the faithful as they rallied at the Lincoln Memorial to honor the 16th President on the 186th anniversary of his birth.

The Color Bearers of our National Color Guard, the Lancaster Fencibles from York, PA., struggled as their flags stood out straight. Nearby our Honor Guard, the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry from Philadelphia, shivered as their weapons were inspected by National Park Service Rangers. Thankfully, the statuary chamber was wind free but seemed even colder with no sunlight entering. The band instruments froze so that only "To the Colors" and "Taps" could be sounded.

Commander-in-Chief Harrison and SUVCW Aux. President Margaret Atkinson placed the floral tributes of our Orders. Once again patriots from across America had completed their annual pilgrimage to honor the martyred President.

The Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, of which our Orders are members did their usual masterful job in organizing the event.

Richard C. Schlenker PC-in-C
Washington Representative

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1. I am pleased to announce that the Order now has a new editor of the *Banner*. Brother Gregory Hayes of Linden, Michigan was appointed by the Council of Administration as Editor of the *Banner* on February 7, 1995. In addition, I have appointed Brothers Paul Huff of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Danny Wheeler of Ithaca, New York, as National Aides to serve in the capacity as an Assistant Editor and Advertising Editor, respectively, for the *Banner*. With Brother Hayes appointment as *Banner* Editor, also comes a second appointment as Chair of the Special National Committee on *Banner* Printing and Distribution. The *Banner* is now being prepared almost entirely by computer. As a consequence, you are encouraged when and where possible to submit your articles to Brother Hayes on computer disk or e-mail. The *Banner* will also now begin to take advertisements. Guidelines for such advertisements are discussed in this issue of the *Banner*.

2. As a reminder, all address changes should be processed through your Camps and Departments and sent to National Secretary David Wallace. For those Brothers who have e-mail or fax capabilities, you may also send your correspondence through these vehicles (Brother Wallace has a new e-mail address: jimw120ovi@aol.com). Requisitions for supplies should be mailed directly to the National Quartermaster, PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson.

3. Also as a reminder, copies of the Order's two publications entitled, *Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers SUVCW* and *Job Descriptions for National Organization Officers and Standing Committees SUVCW*, are available through our National Quartermaster.

Neither of these publications happened to appear on the requisition sheet in the last issue of the *Banner*. They are, however, available, and I would strongly encourage all Camp, Department and National Officers to obtain a copy of each of these publications along with a copy of the Order's *Constitution and Regulations (C&R)*. You cannot fulfill your responsibilities if you do not know what you are suppose to do.

4. The National Organization has been heading into the computer world at a very fast pace. Currently, the entire membership mailing list and the creation and processing of *Banner* have been computerized. In addition, we have begun to place on computer disk our various historical inventories of records, and hopefully this year we should have in place the beginnings of a computerized national graves registration program. As a consequence of both our current and anticipated needs, I created last year the Special National Committee on Computer Software and Standardization to look at the some of the issues which could cause us some problems in the future in terms of compatibility of data base, word processing and financial software. The committee has since completed and presented its report. The following are the standards which were recommended by the committee and are now passed on to the membership.

Software Packages Recommendation

Data Base: Any data base program that can read and write dBase III format (Most commercial packages meet this requirement). The National Membership List Coordinator currently uses *R&R Report Writer* to maintain the membership list.

Word Processing: Any word processing program that can read and write ASCII format files (Most commercial packages meet this requirement).

Financial: No specific recommendation; however, noted that there are several good packages, including *Microsoft Money*, *Quicken*, *Peachtree* and *Managing Your Money*.

By meeting the above standards, Brothers should be able to exchange and update

information by way of computer disks; thereby saving both time and money and also helping to reduce errors.

5. It has been amazing the number of Brothers all over this country who have been writing me via e-mail and fax. It is almost as if the Order after 114 years is just now coming of age in terms of communications. I personally have found these communication vehicles to be invaluable and a tremendous time and money saver, not only to me as Commander-in-Chief but also to the Order. I would strongly encourage all Brothers to seriously consider these additional forms of communication at least as an adjunct to the more conventional forms of U.S. Mail and telephone.

6. The Order is going on-line probably sometime later this month. The Council of Administration has approved a trial period to establish a membership inquiry bulletin board on *America on Line*. The purpose of the bulletin board will be to provide information on the Order and an e-mail and regular mail contact to prospective members to write to for an application. I have appointed Brother Glen Knight (Senior Vice Commander, Pennsylvania Department, KA3KWM@aol.com) as a National Aide to work with *America on Line* to develop this program.

7. The deadline for submittal of biographical information for the SUVCW History Book will be extended until 30 April, 1995. After that date, the book goes to press. Therefore, I strongly encourage any Brother who has not yet forwarded his and his ancestor's biographies to Turner Publishing Company, to do so before the end of April. Specific information on how to complete and where to send your biographies may be found in the last issue of the *Banner* (Volume 99, Issue 1).

8. On 12 February in Washington, D.C., I and the National Presidents of our Allied Orders attended and laid a wreath on behalf of each of our respective Orders in recognition of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Despite the cold weather, the ceremony was well attended. Our Sons of Veterans Reserve, headed up by PC-in-C General Charles Corfman, accounted for themselves admirably.

GENERAL ORDERS



9. Since the last issue the *Banner*, I have had the honor and privilege of conferring a Certificate of Merit to five individuals; none of whom are members of the Order. The recipients of the certificates were: Gail Seitz, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans (DUVCW) and four gentlemen (Robert Simpson, Terry Foenander, Barry Crompton and Roy Parker) from Australia. Sister Seitz was presented the certificate as a result of her very generous contribution of \$5,000 to establish a fund for the maintenance of the Samuel W. Grinnell Post #283 Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Sunfield, Michigan. This hall is currently home to the Helen M. Edwins Tent #30, DUVCW and the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW (my camp). The thoughtfulness of Sister Seitz is much appreciated. Certificates were also presented to the four men from Australia for their past, present and currently ongoing work in locating and marking the graves of American veterans buried in Australia. In terms of Union Civil War graves, they have located over 150 (see related article in this issue of the *Banner*).

During the same period, I have had the pleasure of conferring Certificates of Merit and National Aide status on the following Brothers for their membership recruitment activities: Douglas E. Smith, New York (3 new Members); Joseph Pucciarelli, New York (4 new Members); James Grismer, New York (12 new Members), Charles Sharrock, Colorado (4 new Members), Ellsworth W. Brown, Massachusetts (6 new members) and Jerome Orton, New York (5 new Members). Finally, I was very pleased to confer National Aide status on James W. Dark, Texas, for representing me at Edward Lea Camp #2 charter presentation ceremony.

10. Since becoming Commander-in-Chief, I have been made aware of several deaths. On behalf of the National Organization, I wish to express my sympathy to the families of the following late Brothers:

William W. Haskell, Past Commander in Chief - 1967 - 1968. (see obituary in this issue);

Matt Urban, Honorary Member of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan and most decorated veteran of World War II, (see obituary in this issue);

James T. Cunningham, Charter Member of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2,

Texas;

Frederick Jones, Member, Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan;

Dudley Pritchard, Member, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan;

Philip Johnston, Member, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan;

John Campbell, Real Son and Member, Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan;

John LaRue, PDC and Member, Robert Finch Camp #14, Department of Michigan; and

William M. Culin, Life Member and W.W.II, Korea and Vietnam Veteran.

11. In theory, when a GAR Post was disbanded, all records and property were to be transferred to the Department and when the Department disbanded, to the National Organization. A similar progression is suppose to take place in the SUVCW. In fact, this seldom ever happened. Today, GAR Post and many SUVCW Camp records are scattered all over this country in a variety of locations. In addition to records, many of these Posts and Camps had savings and/or checking accounts. This money usually ended up reverting to the eschates division or department within the state in which the Post or Camp was located. As the legal heir of the GAR, the SUVCW may lay claim to these monies. The National Organization has begun to make a concerted effort to locate and recover these funds. It has been decided by the Council of Administration that Departments should also actively explore the possibility of such funds in their respective state(s). The National Organization will initiate inquiries in those states without an existing Department. The National Secretary will be mailing information to all Departments which should help with your search. If you need additional assistance on to how to go about this, contact National Counselor James B. Pahl (445 Maple, Mason, MI 48854-1519).

12. In addition to the many new Camps which have been and are still being formed all over this country this year, come 13 May 1995 the National Organization should be also become larger by at least one new Department. National Secretary Dave

Wallace and I will be traveling to Texas to create the Department of the Southwest. The Department will be composed of two, possibly three, Camps in Texas and one Camp in Oklahoma. There is still a possibly for more Departments yet this year. The team of Dean Lamphere, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, and Richard Greene, National Camp and Department Organizer, are to be commended for all the work that they have done. Given the magnitude of the number of inquiries these Brothers process, I am hereby appointing Brother Edgar Dowd (Department of Michigan) as a National Aide to serve in the capacity as an assistant to the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. This year should be a banner-year (pardon the pun) in trms of new members, new camps and new departments.

13. The Oliver Tilden Camp #26 of New York City will be holding its annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant on 30 April at Grant's Tomb, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend due my attendance at the New Hampshire Department Encampment. I have, however, sent remarks to be presented on behalf of the National Organization. I would encourage as many Brothers as possible to attend this very important ceremony in order to bring attention to the neglect of this American memorial and symbol of purpose and resolve.

14. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's and the GAR Memorial Funds. Both funds are integral to the operation of the our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert (16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148). Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler (501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850). In both cases, checks should be made payable to the "National Organization - SUVCW". No donation is too small.

15. With the beginning of spring, we are all getting ready for our annual Department Encampments. It is at these Encampments where decisions are made as

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Civil War Veterans Buried in Australia

On any given day in the land 'down under' you are likely to find Roy Parker searching the cemeteries of his adopted homeland of Australia. What began as a chance circumstance has turned into a second career of research and devotion to find the Veterans from America.

Roy Parker was born in Bay Ridge - Brooklyn, New York in 1919. He was a pilot in the American Army Air Corps during World War II. At the rank of Captain he flew the B-26's, the "Silver machines" as he called them, on bombing missions in the Pacific theater.

After the war Parker returned to Australia in 1947. He became an airline pilot for a domestic carrier, retiring in 1984. Shortly before retirement the association with the Civil War began.

As historian of the local American Legion Post Parker was looking for a proper venue for a Memorial Day service sponsored by the Post. In a Waverley Cemetery in Sydney the venue found him - a memorial to three brothers who served in the Civil War, two from the 10th Massachusetts and one from the 170th New York. At that point he was hooked, and has spent the last 14 years on his quest.

Aiding him in the search is an band of friends, collectively called the American Civil War Research Group. The group of five hail from Queensland, Victoria and, of course, Roy Parker in New South Wales.

To date, 96 graves have been located. The list we will print contains 92 of those Veterans. Mr. Parker's newest find is also a first for him - an African American veteran buried in Australia. William Wise Bliny was born in Rhode Island and served as a cook in the Navy during the Civil War on both the USS Morse and the Wissahickon. Parker surmises that Bliny continued as a cook after the war on various ships and eventually hopped off in Australia. He is in the process of obtaining marker for the grave.

Starting in this issue and continuing, will be the list of these Veterans.

| Name | Organization | Born | Died | Cemetery |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Bell, George Washington | Co. B 64 IL Inf | 18 Oct 1838 VA | 7 July, 1907 | Core Hill Cem, NSW |
| Bennett, Michael | Co. H, 56 MA Inf | c. 1846 NS | 20 June, 1895 | Melb. Gen, Victoria |
| Bissell, Samuel S | USS Juniata | 10 Mar 1843 CT | 2 April, 1906 | Mt. Morgan, Qld |
| Bolles, Joseph W. | USS Waverly | c. 1844 MA | 8 April, 1930 | West End, Qld |
| Brady, Edward John | Co. B 12th NY Inf | c. 1830 Ireland | 17 October, 1914 | Waverley, NSW |
| Brennan, Michael | 155th NY Inf | c. 1830 Ireland | 28 December, 1916 | Yea, Victoria |
| Bristol, Charles | 2nd 15th CT Inf | 12 Mar 1840 CT | 22 July, 1932 | Numurka, Victoria |
| Brown, James | US Navy | 6 Oct 1833 Sco | 23 September, 1908 | Footscray, Victoria |
| Burridge, James | 33rd Batt NY L Art | 23 Mar 1847 Eng | 29 July, 1925 | W Terrance, SA |
| Campbell, James B | 6&10th NY Art | 30 Sept 1825 Sco | 30 March, 1905 | Booroondara, Vic |
| Campbell, John A | Co G, 19th IN | 23 Jan 1843 NY | 5 October, 1923 | Rookwood, NSW |
| Cardwell, William | Co B 3rd CT Inf | c. 1833 Ire | 7 July, 1874 | Mitta Mitta, Vic |
| Cresp, Josephin | 22nd MA Inf. USN | 26 Feb 1848 Fra | 27 February, 1922 | Berry Gen, SA |
| Cullen, Francis | 8th US Inf | 1837 Ire | 5 November 1885 | Belfast, Victoria |
| Cusack, Francis | Co A 11th NY Cav | c. 1843 Ire | 18 November, 1904 | Rookwood, NSW |
| Dingavin, William | Co A 3rd RI Inf | c. 1827 | 5 April, 1903 | Rookwood, NSW |
| Doyle, Murtha | 8th US Inf | 6 Jun 1836 Ire | 10 October, 1913 | Liverpool, NSW |
| Edwards, George | Co I 25th NY Cav | 3 Jan 1843 Eng | 8 August, 1939 | Northern Sub. NSW |
| Fincke, Frederick | US Navy | 8 Jan 1848 Ger | 29 September, 1893 | West Terrance, SA |
| Fairweather, George | Co A 4th ME | 1838 NB | 14 August, 1908 | Bowral, NSW |
| Flint, Frank | Co M 5 th NY Art | 22 Oct 1844 Eng | 7 April, 1933 | Cowra, NSW |
| Francis, Thomas | US Navy | 6 Jan 1839 NC | 5 December, 1927 | Gilgandra, NSW |
| Gammage, Charles | Co K 15th MA | 8 Dec 1829 Eng | 9 July, 1916 | Wonthaggi, Vic |
| Gorsuch, Charles | Co K 145th PA | 9 May 1837 Eng | 7 October, 1905 | Booroondara, Vic |
| Grogan, Michael | Co K 24th MA Inf | 1826 Ire | 26 July, 1907 | Rookwood, NSW |
| Hall, Karl | Co K 14th ME Inf | c. 1834 Ger | 17 September, 1906 | Rookwood, NSW |
| Hanna, John | USN "Memphis" | 8 Feb 1841 NY | 28 August, 1910 | St. Lukes, NSW |
| Hansen, Martin | Co H 88th IL | 27 Sep 1840 Den | 17 June, 1923 | Rookwood, NSW |
| Hazelman, Theo | USN "Ft. Jackson" | 14 Aug 1840 Lux | 21 June, 1934 | Kyabram, Victoria |

Mr. Parker would like to contact anyone that can add information to the names he has collected. He welcomes correspondence and inquiries at the address below:

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1995 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

The 1995 National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held jointly August 10th through the 13th at the:

Radisson Hotel Columbus North
4900 Sinclair Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229
(614)846-0300

Chairman of Arrangements, Charles W. Corfman, PC-in-C, has provided the following tentative schedule of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Auxiliary) for the 1995 National Encampment:

We anticipate having an updated schedule and additional registration information in the next issue of *The Banner*.

Wednesday, 9 August 1995

7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting and Registration - Auxiliary

Thursday 10 August 1995

- 7:00 a.m. - Department Presidents Breakfast with the National President - Auxiliary
- 8:00 a.m. - Rehearsal for Ritualistic Work - Auxiliary
- 9:00a.m. - Morning Session opens with gift-giving and exemplification of the Ritual - Auxiliary
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Club Meetings) - Auxiliary
- 1:00 p.m. - Business Session - Auxiliary
- 3:00p.m. - National Patriotic Instructor's Presentation - Auxiliary
- 4:00 p.m. - Joint Grand Opening
- 6:00 p.m. - PC-in-C's and Past President's Banquet
- 7:00 p.m. - Council of Administration Meeting - SUVCW

Friday 11 August 1995

- 8:00 a.m. - Registration - SUVCW and Auxiliary
- 9:00 a.m. - First Business Session - SUVCW and Auxiliary
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Club Meetings) - Auxiliary
- Noon - Recess - SUVCW
- 1:00 p.m. - Second Business Session - SUVCW
- 2:30 p.m. - Greetings Received
- 4:00 p.m. - Recess - Auxiliary
- 5:00 p.m. - Recess - SUVCW
- 7:00 p.m. - Band Concert
- 8:00 p.m. - Campfire Program

Saturday 12 August 1995-

- 7:00 a.m. - Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. - Registration - SUVCW and Auxiliary
- 8:30 a.m. - Business Session - SUVCW
- 9:00 a.m. - Business Session - Auxiliary
- Noon - Recess - SUVCW and Auxiliary
- 1:00 p.m. - Business Session -SUVCW
- 1:30 p.m. - Meeting of the Old and New Councils - Auxiliary
- 5:00 p.m. - Recess
- 6:30 p.m. - Joint Banquet -SUVCW, Auxiliary and LGAR
please note: Joint Open House to follow banquet

Sunday 13 August 1995

- 8:00 a.m. - Rehearsal for Joint Memorial Service
- 9:00 a.m. - Joint Memorial Service - SUVCW, Auxiliary and LGAR
- 10:00 a.m. - Business Session (if required) - SUVCW and Auxiliary
- Noon - Adjourn
- 1:00 p.m. - Council of Administration Meeting - SUVCW
(note: 10:30 am if no Business Session required)





News From National

Patriotic Writing Contest

It is a privilege to announce the second National Committee on Americanization and Education Patriotic Writing Contest. The topic for the contest is "Why the War of 1861-1865 is still important today." The deadline for submittal of all papers is June 30, 1995. The prize for the best paper is a \$100 Savings Bond. The prize has been generously donated by Brother Alymer Gifford of General George Custer Camp #1. All entries should be sent Danny Wheeler, Chair, Americanization & Education National Committee, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850

In F., C. & L.,
 Danny Wheeler, Chair
 National Committee on Americanization & Education

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

When ordering supplies or sending a check for payment of per capita tax or fees to the National Organization, please make your check payable to:
 National Organization - SUVCW.



- 1) Sharing in the fraternal experience that our ancestors in Blue did is often times at the top of my list.
- 2) Participating in Camp events like Memorial Day observance, Grave Marker Rededicating, Meetings and Encampments.
- 3) Communications which have meaning closer to home.

If you are interested in finding out what Camps are organizing or have been formed, please contact the National Camp and Department Organizer - Richard Greene at (517)843-5967 or myself. Also, any Brother with MAL news, worthy events, articles and photographs, should submit these items to the MAL office so that they can be forwarded to *The Banner*.

Finally, thank you for your support and understanding.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
 L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

FROM THE M-A-L COORDINATOR

Brothers, I pray that all is well with you and yours. I must begin by apologizing for the tardiness of my correspondence with you and hope that you can bear with me during the next month as I endeavor to get caught up with all the various requests made of this office. I have just recently moved and have many items yet to unpack. My new address, as noted in "Updates", is:

36602 Park Place Drive
 Sterling Heights, MI 48310
 (810)939-2058

E-Mail: ArtieBuddy@aol.com

I have requested that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a National Aide to assist in the processing of Transfer Cards, and then moving on to some of the other areas like new members and inquiries. I am pleased to report that the Commander-in-Chief has appointed Brother Ed Dowd, Department of Michigan, to assist this office. This should greatly speed up processing these critical requirements of the Order.

As an opportunity for all MAL Members, please consider joining one of the new or existing Camps-At-Large or the Department which is forming. The benefits to you in participating at the Camp level are:

UPDATES

Address changes and updates for National and Department Officers and National Camps-At-Large:

National Secretary: new E-Mail Address is: JMW1200VI@aol.com

The *BANNER* Managing Editor: new home phone number is (810)735-9283

National Membership-At-Large Coordinator: new home address and phone number:

36602 Park Place Drive
 Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310
 (810) 939-2058

(please note: E-Mail remains unchanged: ArtieBuddy@aol.com)

Please direct updates and changes to the National Secretary.

UNKNOWN UNION SOLDIER ID PROJECT UNDERWAY

Florence, SC - Your help is requested in assisting in the identification of 3,000 unknown Union soldiers buried in the National Cemetery located in Florence, South Carolina. The Old Darlington District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society has undertaken the identification project. If you are aware of a Union soldier buried at the National Cemetery in Florence, have information regarding a Union soldier that may have died in the area, or want additional information regarding the project, please contact:

Cemetery Committee
 Old Darlington District, S.C.G.S.
 P.O. Box 175
 Hartsville, SC 29551

Your assistance is appreciated.



SUMMARY OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

These summaries of Council of Administration actions are provided in order to keep the membership abreast of the administration of our Order between National Encampments.

Meeting Held 20 November 1994 at Gettysburg, PA

The Editor of the *BANNER* was directed to prepare and publish the post-National Encampment issue of the *BANNER* by 1 December 1994, and to prepare and publish the Winter issue of the *BANNER* by 31 January 1995. The Commander-in-Chief was authorized to immediately remove the Editor in the event of failure to publish on either date.

A Special Subcommittee of the Council of Administration was formed to solicit interest among the membership for the position of Managing Editor of the *BANNER*, and to seek bids regarding the commercial production of the *BANNER*.

The Council of Administration was authorized to meet when necessary without requiring its members to meet in a single location.

The Council of Administration authorized that the standard published size of all Official Proceedings of National Encampments be established as 5 1/2" by 8 1/2". In addition, the maximum number of copies to be printed for past Proceedings for the following years will not exceed 150: 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

The "Cleon Heald Memorial Fund" was established to receive a bequest from the estate of the late Past Commander-in-Chief. Funds to be deposited in a certificate of deposit.

The Recruiting Guide and the Job Descriptions will be provided as an executable file to Departments and Camps at no cost.

It was approved to solicit bids for the services of a professional photographer to photograph, in black and white and color, the painting of Major A.P. Davis located in the Soldier's & Sailor's Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, PA, for inclusion in the History Book being prepared by Turner Publishing. Copies would also be made available to the

membership once costs are established.

The National Secretary was directed to provide new Camp information to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on an on going basis to aid in the formation of new Auxiliaries.

A new form for the Membership Card was approved.

Complimentary copies of the Constitution and Regulations will be provided to each National Officer and each Department Commander and Department Secretary. These copies will be marked as the property of the National Organization and are to be passed on to the current officer's successor.

Special Meeting of the Council of Administration held by Conference Call 7 February 1995

The purpose of this special meeting was to appoint a new Editor for the *BANNER* and to review a request for a donation of funds for the "Blue Coats in a Gray City" program.

The Council of Administration authorized a staff for the *BANNER* and to utilize a commercial printing company in its production and publication. In addition, the Council of Administration altered the current policy of the Order to accept advertising from non-associated entities that is germane and of interest to our membership (the approval included a formula for calculating an estimated advertising price). The staff of the *BANNER* will consist of a Managing Editor, an Assistant Managing Editor, and an Advertising Editor. In addition, Department Commanders and National Camp-At-Large Commanders were authorized to appoint a Brother within their respective Department or Camp-At-Large to act as a Regional Reporter. The Council of Administration appointed Brother Gregory D. Hayes (Department of Michigan) as Managing Editor of the *BANNER*. The Commander-in-Chief appointed the following Brothers as National Aides with responsibilities commensurate to the positions of Assistant Managing Editor and Advertising Editor: Paul Huff (Department of Ohio) and Danny Wheeler (Department of New York). The positions of Assistant Managing Editor and Advertising Editor were referred to the C & R Committee for inclusion in the National Job Descriptions. The Council of Administration also approved the publication of the *BANNER* on the following schedule: March 30, June 30,

September 30 and January 30. The review of printing bids was tabled to allow the new Managing Editor the opportunity to review the proposals.

The Council of Administration declined a request for donation to the "Blue Coats in a Gray City" Program as the proposal, as presented, did not conform with the requirements for a donation from the GAR Memorial Fund.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
 David F. Wallace
 National Secretary

WELCOME NEW BROTHERS

During the Second Quarter of the 1994-95 year, 211 new Brothers joined our Order. The breakdown by Department is as follows:

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| California and Pacific | 10 |
| Colorado and Wyoming | 0 |
| Connecticut | 6 |
| Illinois | 2 |
| Indiana | 6 |
| Iowa | 3 |
| Maine | 3 |
| Maryland | 19 |
| Massachusetts | 17 |
| Michigan | 6 |
| New Hampshire | 4 |
| New Jersey | 5 |
| New York | 12 |
| Ohio | 11 |
| Pennsylvania | 53 |
| Rhode Island | 2 |
| Vermont | 0 |
| Wisconsin | 1 |
| Members-At-Large | 19 |
| Camps-At-Large | 32 |

Although I would like to list each new Brother's name, space doesn't allow. Instead, allow me to extend, on behalf of our Commander-in-Chief, a Brotherly welcome to all new Brothers in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty! Also, please note that our membership stands at 3,836 at the end of the Second Quarter. Five years ago, we were challenged to reach a goal of 4,000 members by the 1995 National Encampment.

David F. Wallace
 National Secretary



National News

(Continued from page 5)

GENERAL ORDERS

to what should be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at its Encampment in August. Various items such as proposed changes to the *Constitution* and/or *Regulations*, endorsements for Brothers to a variety of elected national offices, and proposals to the National Organization for consideration of special requests are presented each year. As a suggestion for consideration at your Department Encampments, thoroughly think out your proposed changes or requests: the clearer they are, the better chance they will be understood and possibly adopted by the National Organization. Also, and in particular for proposed C&R changes, look at the existing wording in the C&R first and then develop language using the least amount of wording change which will, if adopted, still result in what you want.

16. Camps are reminded that they should hold appropriate ceremonies on Memorial Day, 30 May. This is the date established by the GAR and General John A. Logan in his famous Order #11. The charge to ensure that appropriate ceremonies are held each year was officially given to the SUVCW by the GAR. This is a charge that in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty to GAR we should never neglect.

17. I hereby order that all Camp and Department Charters be draped for 30 days in memory of our departed Brothers and in respect for their survivors.

By Order Of:
Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief

Attest: David Wallace
National Secretary

New Membership Card Available

The Quartermaster now has in stock the new Membership card. The cards were designed by the Program and Policy Committee. Post Production and printing was done by Ed Krelser, PDC of Indiana. Below are instructions for filling the cards, courtesy of Brother Medert.

Membership Card Instructions

All of the captions for the membership card are self-explanatory with the possible exception of the bottom line. On the left side of the card the caption reads "Classification". This refers to the type of affiliation the individual has with the SUVCW, Member, Associate, or Junior. The "Authorized Camp Officer" caption will be signed by the Officer of the Camp charged with verifying the member whose name appears on the card. The cards are placed 8 to a sheet and each card is perforated.

When using a typewriter for filling the cards it is suggested that the 8 1/2 x 11 sheet be cut in half so a single strip of cards is used. When the strip is fed into the typewriter and rolled backwards, the perforations can catch and jam the machine. It is suggested your merely always roll forwards when typing the cards.

This problem will not occur when using them on a sheet feed printer with a computer.

David R. Medert, Chairman
Program and Policy Committee

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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| First Name | Last Name |
| Registration Date | |
| Camp Name | Department |
| Classification | Authorized Camp Officer |

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AUTHORIZES FORMATION OF NEW DEPARTMENT

Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison has authorized the formation of a new Department. This represents the first formation of a Department since the 1960's. A petition to form a new Department was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief by the following Camps: Jeremiah Smith No. 1 of Newalla, Oklahoma, Lone Star No. 1 of Arlington, Texas, and Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp No. 2 of Houston, Texas. The proposed name of the new Department is the "Department of the Southwest". Preparations are currently underway to hold a Department Installation and Encampment on 12 May 1995 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In addition, the formation of a new Camp in the Austin, Texas area has been authorized by the Commander-in-Chief and is anticipated to be "on line" by the time of the Department Installation. Commander-in-Chief Harrison is planning to attend the Encampment and conduct the installation. Brothers desiring to attend or in need of further information regarding this event should contact:

James Dark, PCC
1635 Pecan Park Drive
Arlington, TX 76012
(817) 274-5315

Remember the SUVCW in your Will

After you provide for your family and other matters, would you consider to include a memorial gift in your will to the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"? You can designate the way in which your gift should be used to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in the War of the Rebellion 1861 - 1865. Your memorial gift, which would be tax deductible, no matter how great or small would be used solely to preserve our SUVCW heritage.



Department News

Department of Massachusetts

William Tabor Camp No. 162

Douglass R. Knight, Camp Commander reports on a donation of books to the Kelly Library in Salem, New Hampshire on Washington's birthday. The Camp Chaplain, Dana Peterson, assisted Knight in the donation. The pair also donated an 1860's era newspaper to the library.

Department of Wisconsin

The 70th Annual Washington-Lincoln-McKinley luncheon was held on February 18th in Wauwatosa, sponsored by the C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 4 of Milwaukee. The principal speaker was Dept. Secretary Ronald M. Aronis who spoke on subject of little known facts relating to the Civil War and especially armament and weaponry. Greeting were extended by Department President Peggy Schaefer and by Secretary-Treasurer Robert W. Wiesian of Camp No. 1, Commander William H. Upham, Jr., of Camp No. 2, Commander George T. Nuoffer of Camp No. 3, and Ron Aronis for Camp No. 4. Elizabeth D. Upham, President of the Illinois Society of the Dames of the Loyal Legion brought the greeting from that group. Past National President Ellinore K. Johnson recited the "Gettysburg Address" as she has done for this program for many years. Past Dept. President Rhoda Lemanski served as Chairlady for the luncheon, and Department Commander Tom Johnson acted as toastmaster. In his greeting Commander Johnson noted that William Upham's father, William H. Upham, Sr., had begun his first year as Governor of Wisconsin precisely one hundred years ago.

C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1

The Camp met on February 1st and elected Stephan Michaels as Camp Commander, Dean Collins as SVC, Herman Black as JVC, Robert Wiesian as Secretary/Treasurer, and Dean Collins was also appointed Chaplain.

Department of Michigan

The Department Mid-Winter Conference held at Lansing 18 February was well attended. Fourteen of sixteen Camps in the Department were represented. The annual Washington/Lincoln Dinner was held in conjunction with the Sons of the Revolution following the conference.

Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53

New Officers were elected at the January 5th meeting of the Camp. They are: Commander Donald Workman, Bernard Webster as SVC, James Nedela as JVC, and Wayne Nash as Secretary/Treasurer.

Gov Crapo Camp No. 145

January saw the 2nd anniversary meeting and Officer installation meeting for the Flint Camp. Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison was in attendance to install the officers, and was interviewed by one of the area's TV stations. Also in attendance was PDC Douglas Park.

Department of Iowa

The 112th Annual Department Encampment will be held at the Best Western - Lite Village on April 7th & 8th. Commander-in-Chief Harrison will be in attendance. Also attending will be PC-in-C Clark Mellor, who is the Iowa Department Counselor.

Department of Connecticut

Alden Skinner Camp No. 45

At annual elections Robert Carroon was elected Camp Commander. Serving as his Officers for the term are: Guy Minor as SVC, John Lazzeri as JVC, Hank Cullinane as Secretary and Mark Depathy as Treasurer.

Department of Ohio

Mid-Winter Conference a Great Success

Ten of the fifteen Camps in the Ohio Department were represented at the annual Mid-Winter Conference held January 14th in Columbus, Ohio. Seven Camp Commanders were in attendance along with Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert and Brig. General Charles Corfman, Commander of the Veterans Reserve.

The meeting was conducted by Ohio Department Commander Robert E. Grim, who is also a member of the National Council of Administration. Much of the meeting centered around planning for the National Encampment scheduled to be held in Columbus in August. The meeting also provided an opportunity for Camp Commanders to learn from each other and make plans for the Department Encampment scheduled for June in Alliance, Ohio.

James B. McPherson Camp No. 66

On October 14, 1994, Brothers of the Camp were privileged to place the first Historical Marker along Ohio State Rote 20, which is now designated the Major General James B. McPherson Highway. The highway bisects McPherson's home town of Clyde, Ohio.

McPherson was the highest ranking Officer killed during the Civil War. He was shot during the battle for Atlanta and died on July 22, 1864.



L to R: Robert Druckemiller, Eric Feeny, Tom Walters, Bob Gilmore, Duane Gettings



Department News

Department of Maryland

Annual Encampment

The 108th Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland will be held Saturday April 22nd at the Holiday Inn of Newark, Delaware.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2

Camp elections were held on December 3rd with the following results: Commander, Robert Bateman, SVC, James A. McCafferty, JVC and Secretary, Kenneth D. Hershberger, Treasurer, Peter A. Dixon.

Department of Illinois

General Phillip Sheridan Camp No. 2

The installation of the newest Camp in Illinois - The General Phillip Sheridan Camp No. 2 was held on January 22nd in Aurora at the historic G.A.R. Hall. Present for the ceremony were the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allan Loomis, Department of Illinois Commander Nick Kaup, Illinois Camp No. 1 Commander James Mueting. David C. Bailey is the Commander of the Sheridan Camp.

Department of New Hampshire

The Department Encampment will be held Saturday April 29th at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant in Nashua. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:00AM. Commander-in-Chief Harrison will be in attendance for the Encampment.

National Camps - At-Large

Lone Star Camp No. 1

Camp Officers for 1995 were installed at the January meeting. Camp Commander is David Allison, SVC is Sean Hughes, JVC is James Dark and Secretary/Treasurer is Josh Cochran.

The speaker for the February meeting is scheduled to be John C. Waugh, author of *The Class of 1846*. Waugh was formerly on the staff of The Christian Science Monitor and now resides in Pantego.

APPOMATTOX RE-ENACTMENT TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO AREA

Rosehill Cemetery is expecting as many as 500 re-enactors for an historic recreation of the climatic series of event that brought about a final conclusion to our Nation's only domestic war against itself. The largest peace-time assembly of cannon (fourteen from seven battery units) in Illinois history will be one of the attractions, combined with six cavalry regiments bringing more than thirty horses to this auspicious occasion. Infantry soldiers from six surrounding states will drill and encamp leading up to a battle on the grounds as Pickett, Lee, Gordon, and Ewell attempt to elude the ever-pressing Custer and Sheridan.

David Wendell
Historian/Archivist
Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum

Indiana Civil War Battle Flags Commission Seeks Authors

Brothers! The Indiana Civil War Battle Flags Commission would like to invite you to participate in the operation and publication of an exciting new book, *Indiana's Civil War Battle Flags*. Historians of and researchers on the Civil War from around Indiana and the Nation are invited to submit brief regimental histories to supplement the photographs in this new color-illustrated text on Indiana's Civil War battle flags. If you are interested in providing a short (2,500 words) article(s) for this book please indicate the units you would like to cover by writing to:

Dr. Gary E. Dolph
Indiana Department Commander
SUVCW
4500 Mayfield Drive
Kokomo, IN 46901

Participation in this project will be your chance to make a positive contribution to our understanding of the history of Indiana and its role in the Civil War. Help us memorialize the brave Hoosiers who fought in the Union Armies of 1861 - 1865. All work on the project will be strictly voluntary. None of the authors, the editor, or the members of the Indiana Civil War Battle Flags Commission will be paid for their work. Royalties will not be given. All proceeds from the sale of the text will go for preservation and upkeep of the battle flags which are housed in the Indiana War Memorial. Copyright for the book will be held by the Indiana War Memorial Commission and not a private individual.



A Visit From A Civil War Soldier



The acclaimed live first-person dramatic portrayal finally comes to video!

It's so real... so emotionally charged that you'll hang onto every word!

Ken Gancas, Author—The Gallant 78th

Brother Produces Video to Help Save Cedar Creek Battlefield

Imagine meeting a tired and weary Civil War soldier on a dusty road on his way home from the battle-fields of the South. What stories he could tell!

Davis Star Camp member Bill May of Butler, PA has brought this very unique and almost ghostly experience to thousands of thrilled individuals with his one man drama titled "A Visit From A Civil War Soldier". May portrays his own grandfather, Private Christian Hinchberger of the 78th Volunteer Infantry on his way home from Nashville, Tennessee. This first-person portrayal is based on Hinchberger's own diary and recollections.

The performance, which is now available on home video, has raised over \$15,000 for the preservation of the Cedar Creek Battlefield in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The video version of the performance will also benefit the saving of this pristine, yet endangered battlefield.

You may order a copy of "A Visit From A Civil War Soldier" for yourself or your Camp by sending \$19.95 + \$3.00 shipping/handling to:

Preservation Enterprises
228 East Pearl Street
Butler, PA 16001



- Elmer Atkinson, PC-in-C
- Anna M. Ross Camp #1
- David Wallace
- Joseph Long
- Fred Combs, Jr., PC-in-C
- S. Behringer
- Thomas L. W. Johnson
- Peter Dixon
- John Mann
- Richard Partington, PC-in-C
- Russell Gregory
- Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C
- Richard Greenwalt, PC-in-C
- Dean Lamphere
- Lincoln-Cushing Camp
- Forest Altland
- L. Mel Kent
- Michigan Department
- Richard Lee
- Centennial Camp 100
- Ohio Department
- Joseph Houchin
- Pennsylvania Department
- George E. Flagg - J.J. Wilke Charitable Trust
- Ed Krieser
- James Pahl
- Alan Loomis
- Jack Groth
- Ron Gill

- Danny Wheller
- Richard Greene
- Vaughn Rawsor
- Paul Hodges
- Steve Jackson
- Jim Hilton
- Dan Graves
- Elmer Bennett
- George W. Long, PC-in-C
- Kenneth Hersberger
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- Dr. David Martin
- Aram Plant
- Gregg Mierka
- Keith Hanson
- David Medert
- Andrew Johnson
- Colin Craig
- Barry P. Clark
- Clyde Hanyner, Sr.
- Charles M. Hopkins
- Tom Willmering
- Robert Petrovic
- Herbert Webb
- Gary Dolph
- Herman Black
- Alan E. Peterson
- John Cameron
- Kenneth Butterfield

- Peter F. Kane
- Dean Speaks
- George Powell
- Richard Lutkin
- Gary Gibson
- Clark W. Mellor, PC-in-C
- Robert Mierka
- Stan Prater
- Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C
- Charles Corfman, PC-in-C
- Dick Wailliams
- Mike Trowbridge
- Clavin Gardner
- James Greaves
- Ellis Adams
- Herman Black
- Charles A. Rodgers, Jr.
- David Turpin
- Calvin Gardner
- Paul B. Foster

Ellis C.L. Adams
in memory of

- James W. Adams, Co. G 1st Md PHB Cav
- Calmar McClime, Co. K 1st Md PHB Cav
- James H. LeVan, Co. E 5th Pa Vol Inf
- Richard K. LeVan, Co. I 5th Pa Vol Inf

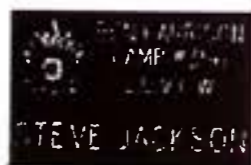


Calander of Events

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| April 8 | Iown Dept. Encampment | DesMoines, IA |
| April 8 | Rhode Island Dept. Encampment | Providence, RI |
| April 9 | Appomattox Day | |
| April 14 - 16 | Lincoln Ceremony | Springfield, IL |
| April 22 | Maryland Dept. Encampment | Newark, DE |
| April 29 | New Hampshire Dept. Encampment | |
| May 12 | Installation - Dept of Southwest | Arlington, TX |
| May 13 | Illinois Dept. Encampment | Bloomington, IL |
| May 29 | Memorial Day - Observed | |
| May 30 | Traditional Memorial Day | |
| June 10 | Michigan Dept Encampment | Lansing, MI |
| June 17 | Ohio Dept Encampment | Alliance, OH |

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Indianapolis, Indiana announces the availability of name tags for all SUVCW members. The tag is made of hard plastic measuring 2 x 3 inches. White leetering is etched into a medium blue surface and the result is a very attractive and durable name tag. A pin clasp on the back side makes for easy attachment. The price is \$5.00 each and includes shipping and handling. Proceeds from the sale will go to the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located in downtown Indianapolis and other Camp projects.

All orders should include the following: Camp name and number and the members name as they want it to appear. (see example below). Please type or print your information to avoid errors. To simplify the process and control our costs we request that each Camp and MAL organization place only one order ith a check for the full amount.



We encourage all Sons to participate as the name tag will be of benefit at various functions. In addition, a Grand Army sponsered landmark will get a new look for all to enjoy. Send check payable to Ben Harrison Camp, SUVCW, and send orders to Steve Jackson, Camp Commander 306 Edgeplace East Anderson, Indiana 46011

Passages

William W. Haskell
March 28, 1995
Commander-in-Chief, 1967 - 1968
See Cover Story

Lt. Colonel Matt Urban
March 4, 1995
Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17
Department of Michigan
See Cover Story

James Cune Cunningham
March 10, 1995
Edward Lea USN Camp No. 2
Camp-At-Large

Charter member of the Edward Lea Camp. Commander of the 13th US Infantry Regiment (re-enactment) Houston, Texas. Served as a Bowtsains Mate in the US Navy during Vietnam. Survived by Wife Vicky, parents James R. and Irene Cunningham, daughters Aimee and husband Todd Welch, Mindee and Kitee, sister Dee Ann and husband Kevin Anderson, grandsons Zachary and Zane Welch.

The Edward Lea Camp has set up a scholarship fund in Brother Cunningham's name. Donations may be sent to: Danial Lisarelli, Camp Commander 10601 Sabo Road 16 Houston Texas 77089

Frederick A. Jones
March 13, 1995
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145
Department of Michigan

Frederick Jones was one of the founders of the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry and an active member of the Gov. Crapo Camp in Flint, Michigan. He was retired from General Motors Corporation. Local Sons Brothers and members of the 2nd Michigan performed a final tribute at his burial with an Honor Guard, 21 gun salute and "Taps". He is survived by his wife, one daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren and nine great-grand children.



A note from the Editor

This begins my first "official" edition of *The Banner* as Editor. Our last issue, January, was my "unofficial" first and more of a large group effort than single editorship production.

You will notice that *The Banner* is changing - new layout, new features and new style. We want this publication to truly become "The Journal of the SUVCW", and rival any historical publication available. It will take time, but with your help, submissions and suggestions it will come.

One change that will begin next issue is advertising. The Council of Administration has directed that we begin accepting ads to help defray the cost of producing *The Banner* and allow us to expand it, both in size and frequency. Brother Danny Wheeler will be assisting in this so we know it will be successful. Also an Assistant Editor, Paul Huff, has signed on. He will bring past experience in publishing to our pages.

These two last issues (current and January) were produced entirely on computers using desktop publishing programs. This saves time and money and allows more flexible deadlines.

However, change does not mean a complete break from the past. The SUVCW and it's parent, the G.A.R. are founded on remembrance. Our history will be a significant part of this publication - The G.A.R. page 2, and a new feature opposite this column, From Our Pages. Also, as can be seen from the cover, this is the 99th year of publication for *The Banner*. Planning has started for our special 100th anniversary issue next year.

So...here is where we are, and that is where we are going. Please call, FAX, or E-Mail. This is our publication.

I am Gregory Hayes, and pleased to be the newest Editor of *The Banner*.

Post script:

Dad - I love you
This one is for you

From Our Pages January - 1953



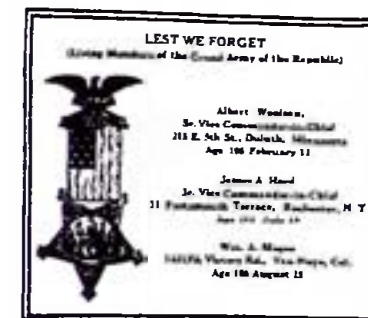
It is the middle of the winter of 1953. Dwight D. Eisenhower is about to be inaugurated President, succeeding Harry S. Truman. And the S.U.V.C.W is alive and well. From the January issue of that year:

Frederick K. Davis from Eugene, Oregon is the Commander-in-Chief. Albert Lambert is National Secretary/Treasurer. And, a name familiar to us all, U.S. Grant III is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Grant will be elected Commander-in-Chief in August of that year in Buffalo, New York at the Hotel Lafayette.

The cover of that issue contains "A Program for Our Order" by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant. A brief passage from his article is below.

"It is certainly incumbent upon us to cherish the memories of what our fathers did, and to see that their services to the country continue to be appreciated and not misrepresented or deprecated. But we also inherited an obligation to do our share in finding for the problems of our generation solutions that will preserve for coming generations the Union as our fathers left it to us."

U.S. Grant III
SVC-in-Chief



Gettysburg may be summer White House

Gettysburg now has a new historic landmark. Dwight D. Eisenhower who will become the 34th President in January, 1953 bought a 188 acre tract of land in Adams County when he returned from his crusade in Europe. The property sits just behind Seminary Ridge, from which Confederate General Pickett made his tragic charge into the Union guns on yonder Cemetery Ridge.

The President-elect is reported to be very attached to the farm, and it is logical for him to spend off-hours from the White House at this site only 80 miles away.

It is a coincidence that Vice-President Nixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nixon own a farm in adjacent York County, 20 miles from the Eisenhower farm.

Both the President and Vice-President could easily motor from the Nation's capital to their farms.



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