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SOLDIER, GENERAL, PRESIDENT, VICTOR...

ULYSSES S. GRANT

In 1860, history was about to tap Ulysses S. Grant for a mighty big job. Grant's whole life trained him in the tough business of hanging on when all seemed black and hopeless. He never gave up and he never whined.

It was odd that he had ever become a professional soldier in the first place. He never liked army life. To his quiet, sensitive nature, war was an abomination.



Yet when war came, he went back into the service. Nobody paid much attention to him until he took Fort Donelson, with the whole garrison. Then suddenly he was famous. The public, weary of generals who fell back and made excuses, hung upon his every word.

Thus, the character molded under the buffets of earlier years revealed itself. In the red moment of sudden danger, when other men panicked, Grant was cooler than ever. The more desperate and confused the situation, the keener his concentrated energy. At such times he thought fast, straight and clear. And above all, said Lincoln, he FOUGHT. He applied common sense to the mechanics of war. Too many generals, he said, were always wondering what Napoleon would do.



After Appomattox they sent him to the White House as the 18th President. He had his troubles, both there and afterwards. But he met them all without flinching or side-stepping. When cancer put a term to his life, he was nearly penniless. In order to provide for his family and despite almost constant suffering, he wrote his memoirs, racing death to the last word. (The picture of Gen. Grant above was taken in July 1885 on the porch at Saratoga Springs, New York, while finishing his memoirs.)

In this, as in all things, Grant never admitted defeat, and at last he won, most gloriously. This is the human story behind the white tomb on New York's Riverside Drive. It is a story which should hearten and inspire every American when the way is hard and the night is long.



President Lincoln's Birth Observed . . .

AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL AND LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Impressive and stirring ceremonies commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln were conducted on February 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Washington Cathedral and on February 12 at noon at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. under the sponsorship of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. A similar observance has been held each year since 1922 when the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated by President Warren G. Harding.

Shown above is the SUVCW Color Guard (N. Y. Battalion, SVR, Capt. Richard Cuyler, P.D.C. of N. Y., Commanding) escorting Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum, National President of the Auxiliary Viola Bremme, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans Harriette Gould, and National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Margaret Orr.

The Color Guard carried the Colors of the Commandery-in-Chief, SUVCW, and led the procession of the church choir at the Sunday evening service at the Washington Cathedral and the Processional of Color Guards representing several groups at the Lincoln Memorial ceremony.

Seven hundred fifty persons attended the memorial service at the Washington Cathedral; the ceremonies the following day at the Lincoln Memorial were witnessed by

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES FOUNDER DIES

Dr. Douglas Sloane, 82, founder of the internationally-known Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, died in Peterborough, New Hampshire on December 21st.

Dr. Sloane established this peaceful place of worship, overlooking a wide expanse of nature's beauty in the New Hampshire mountains, in memory of his son, Sanderson Sloane, who was killed in action during World War II. Dr. Sloane regularly sponsored an ecumenical program beginning in 1945 to bring people of all faiths to the unique outdoor Cathedral to worship together. Over fifty-seven denominations from all parts of the world have shared in these services aimed at better understanding of all faiths.

This unusual place of worship is of particular interest to members of the National Organizations of the Sons and Auxiliary because it is there, annually, on Memorial Day, at a memorial service attended by representatives of numerous veteran and other organizations from throughout the country, that the Commander-in-Chief and the National President, or their representatives, place wreaths in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A public memorial service for Dr. Sloane will be held at the Cathedral on June 3rd.

an unusually small audience because of extremely cold temperatures.

The wreath of the President of the United States was placed by Mrs. Anne Armstrong, Counsellor and personal representative of President Nixon. Commander-in-Chief Yocum, escorted by Maj. Elton P. Koch, SVR, placed a wreath on behalf of our National Organization, as did National President Bremme and the other National Presidents on behalf of their organizations. Flags of all fifty states were carried by men of the Combined Armed Forces.

The annual Loyal Legion Historical Journal Award was presented to Calvin C. Kinzer, a student at Oklahoma State University, for an original paper entitled "Negro Troops in the Union Army." Mr. Kinzer is a National Member-at-Large of the Sons of Union Veterans and a member of the SVR (5 M D in the 4th U. S. Cavalry).

Members of the SUVCW were present from Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and the Lincoln-Cushing Camp of Washington, D. C.

Following the observance at the Lincoln Memorial, the annual luncheon, hosted by the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion, was held at the Army-Navy Club.

110th Gettysburg Battle Anniversary and . . .

FOURTH SVR NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Gettysburg, Penna. will be the scene of the 4th SVR National Encampment July 4-7, 1973. The event will be sanctioned by the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve, the Army of Northern Virginia and the National Re-Enactment Society; it will be sponsored by the Gettysburg Travel Council in cooperation with the Gettysburg Fire Department. The host unit will be the 11th Penna. Vol. Inf., Co. A, SVR, Lt. Schmitt, Commanding. Registration Fee is \$2.50.

Included on the tentative schedule are:

Wednesday, July 4 — "Battle of the Wheatfield"

Thursday, July 5 — Drill Competitions and Ladies Gown Judging Contest at the Gettysburg Firemen's Carnival

Friday, July 6 — Trail Hike on the Battlefield and Blue-Gray Ball at the American Legion Home

Saturday, July 7 — Parade in Downtown Gettysburg

Bivouac conditions will be excellent. Battle will be staged on land adjacent to the bivouac area on the Little Round Top Farm. Additional information can be obtained by writing to General Headquarters, SVR, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.

"There Is a Time to Mourn and a Time to Dance"
eccles. 3:4

MEMORIAL DAY

When General John A. Logan designated a day to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead, in 1868, the wounds of the Nation were still fresh. Reminders of the Civil War were everywhere. The empty sleeve and the artificial limb and the new head stones in the church yards all told of the price that a Civil War could exact of the loyal men of a nation.

Battalions of men in blue were still taking part in patriotic demonstrations, and, with the normal amount of exceptions, they knew why they had fought. They were proud that they had had a part in the struggle, and they were glad that the Nation had been preserved.

History has justified the wisdom of a Decoration Day, for it has established a tradition unique to the life of loyal Americans. It was to be a significant day, expressing the sentiment of a grateful Nation for the human sacrifice, which is the ultimate price of any war.

It also gave opportunity to teach the uninformed lessons in patriotism and respect for the ideals which gave birth to the brand of freedom which is peculiar to America. It helped to insure that freedom to all who live under the protection of American law.

The proper observance of the Day contributes to an establishment of a system of values without which a nation is doomed to self destruction.

Memorial Day stirs the cooling embers of our love for Country, and, year by year, inspires in youth and old age a rekindled fire of Patriotism. It creates an esprit de corps which makes America invincible in War, magnanimous in Victory and generous in Peace. Lose this Vision and the People Perish!

Memorial Day is even more important today, for when the Thin Blue Line vanished, other armies took their place and fought under the Dear Old Flag. Every one of these armies fought without hope of personal gain to free mankind from Tyranny and establish the right of a people to self government. These also deserve our homage. The Civil War dead lie buried somewhere in their native soil, but thousands of the other armies lie, many in unmarked graves, all over the World.

To loyal Americans, Memorial Day is a Sacred Day. Labor Day and Independence Day may lend themselves to gala occasions, but Memorial Day is "A time to mourn and not to dance." We feel a sense of shame for those who make Memorial Day nothing but a long festive week-end. Gettysburg was no three-day holiday, San Juan was no afternoon stroll, Belleau Wood was no nature trip, Pork Chop Hill was no picnic, and the Tet Offensive was no beach party. Let us observe Memorial Day as we should and urge others to do the same.

There are principles worth fighting for. Freedom is one of them. To be enjoyed, freedom must be defended. The only reason we have liberty is because we have always had men who were willing to preserve it for us. Nor can we forget that we have had the kind of women who could take the wrench of pain that death could bring, and still be proud of the men for whom they mourn. With eyes red with weeping and cheeks wet with the tears, they still hold their heads high, for their men did not call cowardice, conscience nor a cop-out, civil rights.

But we must do more than write articles about Memorial Day. We need a renewal of the sanctity of the Day, beginning at the grass roots. We must become personally involved in its observance.

No family having a veteran — living or dead — should be guilty of desecrating Memorial Day. Even if you are the only family in the neighborhood, remember you do not have to be popular, but dare to be right. The observance of Memorial Day should be veteran-centered and local wherever possible. The children should be taken to the observance and newly-made citizens should be urged to attend because one day they will vote, and they need to learn.

As I write this article, I have just watched the return of the prisoners, and I rejoice in their return, but I must agree with Frank McGee when he reminds us that there were 45,000 for whom there will be no home-coming. Fellow Americans, we simply dare not forget!

To Ralph Waldo Emerson we extend our thanks for a well-expressed Memorial theme:

A NATION'S STRENGTH

Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep.
Who dare while others fly —
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.
REV. ELMER H. FINGER, Member
Ferd V. Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, N. J.



General Order No. 11 Series 1868

By command of
Gen. John A. Logan
Commander-in-Chief,
Grand Army of the Republic

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

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

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

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

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



General Order No. 3

Series 1972-73

Headquarters
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
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32 E. Greenwood Avenue
Lansdowne, Penna. 19050
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NATIONAL G.A.R. FUND

National Patriotic Instructor Harry E. Gibbons solicits the assistance of each member, Camp and Department to help him reach this year's goal of \$1,200 for the National G.A.R. Fund. Your full cooperation is needed so that we may keep alive effectively the memory of the G.A.R. by the patriotic work we undertake as a national organization.

National projects financed from this fund each year include: the G.A.R. Scholarship of \$250; services at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. and the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois; placement of a wreath at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire on Memorial Day; G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg, Pa.; G.A.R. Camp Fire Program; and the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve.

By your contribution to this Fund, you will be making a worthwhile investment in the patriotic effort of our national body.

Please send contributions in the form of checks or money orders made out to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to:

HARRY E. GIBBONS
National Patriotic Instructor
554 LaSalle Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14215

PLANS PROGRESSING FOR NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Plan to attend the 92nd National Encampment to be held August 5-9 in Palm Springs, California with the Riviera Hotel and Country Club as headquarters.

Excellent reports made by the Encampment Committee to date indicate that much progress has been made and that an outstanding program is in the making. The Camp Fire will be held on Sunday evening. A very enjoyable evening of entertainment is being planned for Wednesday.

Hotel Rates Are:

Singles	\$10.00	Double-Doubles	\$16.00
Queens	\$16.00	Studio Suites	\$25.00
1 Bedroom Suite	\$35.00	2 Bedroom Suites	\$51.00

For a definite room reservation, a deposit for the first night is required.

Reservation cards may be obtained from each Department Headquarters.

PERMANENT FUND

To — Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

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

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

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

Name

Address

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

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- From Rev. Paul E. Dershem, Skippack, Pa. In memory of John Wesner, Co. D., 80th Pa. Reg., 7th Cavalry \$10.00
- From Frank X. Seck, P.C.C., U. S. Grant Camp 5, Detroit, Michigan
- In memory of 2nd Lt. Joseph G. Seck (Father), Co. E, N. Y. Vol. Inf. \$10.00

- The month of April marks the beginning of the 1973 Department Encampments. To the Department Commanders and their Staffs, who have served during this year, I express my sincere appreciation for all the effort put forth in furthering the continuation of our Order. To those who will soon assume this responsibility, I extend congratulations. Upon you will fall important responsibility for seeing to it that the objectives and purposes of the Organization are fulfilled and brought to the attention of prospective members. May you, with the support of the Camps and members of your respective Departments, take up the challenge with diligence and determination. The future of our Order will depend greatly upon your efforts and accomplishments, as has been the case with your predecessors.
- It is important for everyone to note that Memorial Day is fast approaching. One of our very important and meaningful obligations is to observe properly the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, and to encourage others to do the same. All Camps and members are urged to plan appropriate activities for this day so that the memory of all those loyal men and women who fought, served and died devotedly, unselfishly and nobly for our Nation in times of peril and military conflict will be honored with the utmost of sincerity and appreciation.
- Now that the Vietnam conflict is over and many of our boys are returning home, let us one and all join together and welcome them. Show them that we do care and that we do appreciate what they did for our Country. As we welcome home these brave and honorable veterans, I, as your Commander-in-Chief, pray that amnesty will not be granted to those who ran away to other countries so that they would not have to serve their country in armed conflict. This is AMERICA; everyone should be true, loyal and supportive when called upon.
- It is my hope that many of you are planning to be present at the National Encampment to be held at Palm Springs, California, August 5-9. Reports emanating from the Encampment Committee indicate that all who attend will find the week's meetings and activities interesting and rewarding.
- I am pleased to announce the appointment of Brothers Charles H. Small of Camp #33, York, Pa., William H. Hendley, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Claude Butcher of Oregon as National Aides. I extend my sincere commendation to these brothers. For having obtained three or more new members for our Order, they are entitled to wear a National ribbon during my administration.
- May I call your attention to another in a series of excellent reports submitted by National Legislative Chairman P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson of the Department of Wisconsin and found elsewhere in this issue of THE BANNER.
- I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Departments of California and Pacific, Oregon and Washington and Iowa for the wonderful courtesies shown to me on my recent trip to the West. Very special thanks go to Sister Bea Riggs, to Brothers Lew McKee and Louis Moushay and to Lt. Col. Claude Butcher and Capt. Ross, SVR.
- On behalf of the National Organization, may I express sincere sympathy to all bereaved Brothers and their families, Sisters of our Auxiliary and their families, and Members of our Allied Organizations who have suffered the loss of loved ones.

JOHN C. YOCUM
Commander-in-Chief

We are honored to be your host for
THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, AUG. 5 TO 9

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Located at the base of the majestic 10,000-foot San Jacinto Mountains, the Riviera Hotel sits within a 43-acre oasis in the vast sun-drenched Coachella Valley. The original fame of Palm Springs was as an idyllic playground for multi-millionaires and movie stars. Today, Palm Springs has a new dimension, larger and more expansive than any image heretofore imagined.

Palm Springs, California 92262

P. O. Box 1746



Loyalty to Our Nation Portrayed . . .

FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
TO VIETNAM

Seven continuous generations of his family have voluntarily served in the armed forces of the United States during periods when it was at war, writes Spencer Leonard, a member of the Sons of Union Veterans living in Portland, Oregon.

Brother Leonard is rightfully proud of the following exceptional record of loyal service to our Nation:

Amos Leonard served three enlistments (about seven years) under Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Amos' son, also named Amos Leonard, fought during the entire War of 1812.

Newton E. Leonard, Amos' son, was a veteran of both the Mexican War and the Civil War. He was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness, having attained the rank of Captain.

Newton's son, Lafayette R. Leonard, fought in the Nez Perce Indian Conflict.

Lafayette's son, Spencer Leonard, was in the Army during all of World War I.

Spencer's son, Kenneth Leonard, is a World War II Marine Corps veteran, and

Kenneth's son, Martin L. Leonard, served in the Vietnam Conflict and upon his discharge joined the Oregon National Guard in which he is now a member of the Band.

THE CONSTITUTION CAN BE BOILED DOWN TO TWO OR THREE WORDS—DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

ANNUAL SUVCW MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Springfield, Illinois
Sunday, April 15, 1973

The seventeenth consecutive memorial ceremony commemorating the death of President Abraham Lincoln will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11:00 a.m. on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman, P. C. C.; Thomas L. W. Johnson, Past Commander of the Department of Wisconsin; and Wayne C. Temple, Co-Chairman; assisted by James Blackman, Past Commander of the Department of Illinois.

Governors Wendell Ford, Kentucky; Otis L. Bowen, Indiana; and Daniel Walker, Illinois, Chief Executives of the three states most closely associated with the life of Abraham Lincoln, have been invited as special guests.

Wreaths will be placed by Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and National President Viola L. Bremme of the Auxiliary to the Sons and by representatives of many veterans and patriotic organizations.

Cmdr. William C. Duval, USNR (ret.), of Cincinnati, Ohio, a past commander-in-chief of the Loyal Legion will represent that Organization.

Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio, artist, lecturer and Lincoln authority, will deliver an illustrated address at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon at the State House Inn in Springfield.

The 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry (reactivated) of Springfield, attired in colorful and authentic Civil War uniforms, will serve as honor guard for the Governors and act as escorts for the wreath-bearers.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Although the Nixon administration has proposed a record defense budget of \$81.1 billion, more than half of the funds requested would be spent for personnel costs of the new all-volunteer Army. Fifty-six per cent of the budget is earmarked for pay, housing, medical care, education, and other services for military personnel. Despite the record dollar amount, the Defense Department has emphasized that it represents the lowest percentage of the overall federal budget since 1950. The budget calls for the stabilization of the U. S. strategic missile forces, but reduces the number of strategic bomber squadrons from 30 to 28. The Defense Department states that this reduction represents the retirement of two squadrons that have reached the end of their structural life.

The appropriation process is a long road at best. The cessation of hostilities in Vietnam will have an impact on total spending for defense needs, but it is too early to set a dollar figure. In addition, the present incapacitation of Sen. John Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, could have an adverse effect on the military budget. By the time the measure reaches the Senate, it is hoped that Sen. Stennis will have returned to his desk.

On February 20 the House of Representatives voted 286 to 72 to extend the life of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission by agreeing to appropriate \$3,359,000 for the work of the Commission thru June 30 of this year. The House is also considering a measure that would reorganize the Commission after that date in response to hearings completed by the Judiciary Committee last year.

The new chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee is Rep. William Jennings Bryan Dorn of South Carolina. He became chairman when Rep. Olin Teague of Texas stepped down to become chairman of the Science and Astronautics Committee.

The issue of "Monday holidays" refuses to be laid to rest. In Wisconsin one house of the Legislature has passed a measure that would return Veterans Day in that State to November 11. As passed, the bill would also restore its designation as Armistice Day.

In the Michigan Legislature a similar measure to return Veterans Day to November 11 has been introduced.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

Resolve to display our National Emblem on Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14) and on all national holidays with pride and with appreciation for our precious heritage of liberty and freedom and the opportunity that is ours to live, work and worship in a great democracy. May our actions each day of the year reflect the rich tradition and symbolic meaning of the Stars and Stripes.

In the midst of a time of turmoil when a minority of our people seem bent on the creation of an atmosphere of turmoil, lawlessness, lack of respect for our Constitution and expectancy of liberty without responsibility, may the frequent display of our Flag reinforce our love of country and our respect and lasting gratitude for those who made the ultimate sacrifice that we might be free — FREE to worship God in our own way, FREE to stand for what is right, FREE to oppose what we believe is wrong, FREE to choose who will govern us, and FREE to enjoy privileges denied to citizens of many countries of the world.

The great events of our Nation's past and present and its hopes for the future are woven into the threads of our Flag. It is the symbol of national unity; it represents the spirit of devotion to country and to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded.

While it waves from staffs for all to see, may it inspire not only us but others to a greater knowledge of these realities and a greater sense of appreciation for a glorious heritage.



4TH U. S. CAVALRY, SVR

The 4th U. S. Cavalry, reactivated, incorporated in 1969 in Oklahoma now has over 40 members. They have appeared in three full length movies, acted as the official representatives of the United States to the International Parachute Jumping Teams, participated and competed in the U. S. Mounted Olympics and are in the process of building a permanent military Fort for the use of the Cavalry. They appeared in the Inauguration Parade in Washington last January.

Originally affiliated with the U. S. Cavalry Rider's Association, they attended the SVR National Encampment at Fort Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind., after which they became affiliated as a unit of SVR. Commanding Officer of the 4th Cavalry, Maj. John H. Jeffries (shown above) is now the Commander of the 5th Military District, SVR.

This enthusiastic group of horse soldiers is actively recruiting members for both the SVR and SUVCW in Oklahoma, which state boasts over 82 Civil War battle sites, of which 24 are maintained.

INVITATION

2nd Annual Day of Commemoration
of the original

Memorial Day — 5 May 1866
to be held at

Waterloo, New York

The Birthplace of Memorial Day

on its

107th Anniversary

5 May 1973

Services at the Cemetery — 9:30 a.m., Parade of Participating Units at 11:00 a.m., Day Dress Promenade at 3:00 p.m. at LaFayette Park. Chicken Bar-B-Q by V.F.W. Post #6433, open to the public. Blue and Grey Ball, music by Stan Sell and his orchestra at V.F.W. Home, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Camping facilities available. For further information, contact Pvt. C. E. Bruzee, Gen. Chmn., 97 Washington Street, Waterloo, N. Y. 13165, or 2/Lt. Charles A. Doane, 19 Wycliffe Road, Waterloo, N. Y. 13165.



Department News



CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

During their official visit to California in January, Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum and National President Miss Viola Bremme were the house guests of Beatrice S. Riggs, Past National President and current Department committee chairman for the National Encampment to be held in Palm Springs in August. Brother Yocum and Sister Bremme were honored with a box supper and reception in the Museum in Upland at which a program of music was presented by the Chaffey College Choir. The host and hostess for the reception were Department Sr. Vice Commander Chester J. Butler of Whittier and Department President Mrs. Edith Elder of Los Angeles. During their week's stay, the Commander-in-Chief and National President were taken on tours of the Los Angeles and West End areas and on trips to Palm Springs, Fresno and San Jose.

IOWA

Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum and National President Viola Bremme and her Personal Aide Ada Harrish were honored by the Sons and Auxiliary at a banquet given in their honor on January 26th at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines with fifty persons present, including Past Department officers and representatives of allied orders. Songs and music by the Blythe Family provided enjoyable entertainment.

MAINE

Department Vice-President Leona Butler installed officers of the Garfield and Waterville Auxiliaries. Officers of the J. Wesley Gilman Auxiliary were inducted into office by installing officer Junah Oliver, Past Department President. Installing staffs assisted in each ceremony.

MASSACHUSETTS

In the interim between the 91st Annual Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pa. last August and March 15, the Department was grieved by the passing of three Past Department Commanders — Leon H. Palmer, Harold M. Drown, and Louis E. Winchell, all loyal and dedicated Sons whose devoted service and inspiring leadership will long remain a fond memory.

NEW JERSEY



Dept. Pres. Mrs. Jean Kandrak & Dept. Commander John J. Junge

Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated with a dinner and program at Nassau Inn, Princeton, N. J. on February 10th. The entire program was arranged and conducted by members of Dayton Camp No. 5 with Police Chief Matt Maloney as Toastmaster. Former Police Chief Malcolm Joiner entertained at the piano with a selection of Stephen Foster melodies that were popular during and after the Civil War. Richard Hines presented an illustrated resume of Civil War uniforms and decorations that was unique and interesting. Slides of Springfield and New Salem taken by Kenneth Ekstrand and A. C. Lambert were shown.

A beautiful selection of Irish and English folk songs were played on a harp by Monica McKnight, daughter of Bob and Theresa McKnight. Invocation and benediction were given by Robert Gerke.

We were delighted to have three Past National Presidents and two Past Commanders in Chief in attendance. A large group of Past Department Presidents and Past Department Commanders were present along with members of Camps 4 and 5 and Auxiliaries 2, 5 and 18.

The New Jersey State Camp will hold its Spring Dinner Meeting at Nassau Inn, Princeton on Saturday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.

For a weekend of good fellowship and patriotic inspiration, come to the New Jersey State Convention at Beacon Manor Motel, Ft. Pleasant Beach, N. J., June 14-16. Our annual Good Citizen Award will be presented at this time.

NEW YORK

On February 12 Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223, Auxiliary 8, and Seneca Vocational High School's American History Club and Field Band jointly sponsored ceremonies on the portico of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Building in remembrance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Those assembled were addressed by Assemblyman John R. LaFolce who remarked that President Lincoln's formula for healing the divisions within the nation left from the Vietnam War.

Standing solemnly on the steps, participants recited the Gettysburg Address and sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic. A rifle salute was fired and taps were sounded. Following a closing prayer by Rev. Charles W. Hobbs, Chaplain at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, a wreath was placed on the Lincoln statue by Grove McClellan, retired executive director of Old Fort Niagara and a son of a G.A.R. veteran.

Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp and its Auxiliary also sponsored a Civil War Ball on December 4. James Buncy of Lockport commanded the honor guard and Commander Frank C. Bellinger led the Grand March under an arch of crossed Civil War swords, while escorting his eighty-seven-year-old mother, the oldest member of the Daughters of Union Veterans present. Men of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of Confederacy wearing blue and gray uniforms escorted ladies in ante-bellum gowns.

Celebrities who participated in the Grand March included Congressman Henry P. Smith, III; Congressman Jack Kemp; Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman; New York Department Commander Earl Terry and Mrs. Terry, New York Department President of the Auxiliary; Past Department Commander Harry Gibbons; and Mrs. Claire Talbott, President of the Area Gold Star Mothers.

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Favorable comments are still being heard regarding the interesting meetings, the enlightening address of Senator Ralph Regula, the enjoyable entertainment, the pleasant accommodations, and the courteous and thoughtful service and attention provided by personnel of Mount Union College, Alliance, on the occasion of the 1972 Department Encampments of the Sons, Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R. held at the College last June.

The 1973 Encampments will again be held at Mount Union College June 22-24.

At the annual Lincoln Banquet held February 12th, forty members of the Sons and Auxiliary enjoyed a bountiful dinner served by Edith Nile, P.N.P. and Dept. Secy. Margaret Gehret, P.D.P. The Superintendent of the West Branch School System presented an interesting talk on the life of Abraham Lincoln.

OREGON-WASHINGTON

We regret to announce the death on January 12, 1973, of Department Commander Charles Hansen, a veteran of World War I and a most loyal, active and interested Son of a Veteran. Brother Hansen has been succeeded as Department Commander by Bro. Ralph W. Marshall.

John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief, visited the Oregon-Washington Department in January. As part of a brief but intensive stay, he visited the Camps at Eugene and Portland. He was accompanied by Miss Viola L. Bremme, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and her sister and Personal Aide, Mrs. Ada Harnish.

After their arrival in Portland on January 21st, the visitors were honored at the Sheraton Motor Inn by a brief military

greeting, including the playing of several tunes of the Civil War by the FIFE AND DRUM CORPS of the Oregon Blues Brigade, under the direction of Chief Musician, Sgt. Donald Heermans. The visit to Eugene on the 22nd was highlighted by a well-attended luncheon meeting at the Veterans Hall, sponsored by the ladies of the Eugene Auxiliary. Sessions on January 23rd included a joint meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary in Portland, an inspection of the Oregon Blues Brigade Headquarters at Lake Oswego, the main office of the Sixth Military District, Sons of Union Veterans Reserve, Lt. Claude R. Butcher, Commanding, and a final banquet given by the Department and its Auxiliary in Portland with Department President, Mrs. Mary Baker of Seattle, presiding.

The Commander-in-Chief and National President were inducted into the "Mystic Order of the Rose" by Mrs. Helen Rilea Cover, of the Women's Advertising Club of Portland's Chamber of Commerce. Brother Yocum was also presented with a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Oregon Blues Brigade.

In recognition of his active work in acquiring new members for the National Organization of the Sons, Brother Claude Butcher was honored by being named a National Aide on Commander-in-Chief Yocum's staff.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 40th annual Appomatox Banquet, commemorating the close of the Civil War, will be held Saturday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Reading, under the auspices of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Tickets are \$6.00 each, including tax and gratuity. Reservations should be mailed to C. LeRoy Stoudt, 2540 Fairview Avenue, Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa. 19606, no later than April 1st.

RHODE ISLAND

Past Department Commander Dexter Coombs is recuperating from the effects of a severe stroke suffered on December 17. We join well-wishers from many areas of the country who sent more than two hundred "get well" cards in wishing Dexter a speedy recovery and a rapid return to good health. Dexter is most grateful for the kindness of his many friends and wants them to know that their thoughts and continued prayers are appreciated very much.

ABOUT AMNESTY

President Lincoln was not talking amnesty for deserters and draft dodgers. On the contrary, he had quite a few of them shot during the Civil War.

He proposed amnesty for soldiers of the Confederacy. They were good fighting men, those fellows from the South. Not many of them were deserting cowards. If the South had won the war, it likely would have given amnesty to Union soldiers.

But neither the Confederate nor Union heads were rolling out the red carpet for deserters from their two armies.

Albert C. Lambert

MORE ABOUT 1973 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Dept.	City	Date	Hotel
Iowa	Des Moines	June 22-23	Kirkwood Hotel
Maine	Portland	June 14-17	Eastland Motor Hotel
New York	Glens Falls	June 27-30	Queensbury Hotel
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 2	Ambassador Hotel
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FEDERAL CIVIL WAR EQUIPMENT

U. S. Infantry accoutrements: (1) cartridge box assembled with shoulder sling; (2) cartridge tins, cone wrench, wiper, ball screw, cartridges, and section of conical ball; (3) waist belt assembly with bayonet scabbard and cap box, showing cone pick and musket caps; (4) sling as assembled on the rifle-musket.

