



**SPECIAL REPORT . . .  
 "FRIENDS OF GRANT'S TOMB"  
 NEED ASSISTANCE**

On April 27, 1897, Grant's Tomb, the final resting place of Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant who had later served his Nation as President and who had died on July 23, 1885, was dedicated. Of classical lines and constructed of white granite, the structure designed by Mr. John H. Duncan was a towering 150 feet in height and had cost \$600,000. Such a sum, in those days, was unbelievable especially since it had been raised by public subscription. Not even the Statue of Liberty had cost more. An estimated one million Americans crowded the site at 123rd Street and Riverside Park in New York City to see the Grand Army of the Republic, regular U.S. Army units and President William McKinley pay their respects. The spectacular monument had been built by the Grant Monument Association who was to continue its faithful stewardship of the monument year after year. From 500,000 to 600,000 visitors a year poured into the monument before the turn of the Century when the population of the United States was much smaller than it is today. The tomb required police guards around the clock to protect it from overly zealous souvenir hunters. Over time and in the course of two World Wars in the first half of this Century, visitations fell off at the Tomb. Fewer people remembered the Civil War or its heroes. Finally, in 1959, the tomb was turned over to the National Park Service and was officially renamed the GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL MEMORIAL. The Park Service quickly provided much needed improvements to the heating, plumbing, electrical systems, etc.

But with the new management of Grant's Tomb was to come unwelcome changes. Early in the 1970's the administration of the National Park Services which had responsibility for the Tomb and other historic sites in the New York City area, apparently decided that these were "dreary old buildings in need of livening up". Without any sense of history or tradition and certainly without any concern for the intent and purpose of the Tomb nor the wishes of those subscribers who paid for it, the National Park Service

sponsored a community art project. A small artists' group, Cityarts Workshop, co-sponsored the project and supplied Mr. Pedro Silva who, in 1972, became the artist charged with "livening up" Grant's Tomb.

Pictured above is but a single example of the results. A three year project which costs the taxpayers (no outpouring of public subscriptions paid for this work) \$50,000 resulted in three sides of the tomb being surrounded by approximately 350 feet of hideous, blob-like, garishly colored mosaic benches. These are covered with nudes, taxi cabs, images of Mickey Mouse and a thousand and one other unbelievable sights. Views of the tomb from the east, west and north are totally dominated by these horrors. The north, or rear, stair approach is flanked on either side by ten feet high abstract portraits.

The National Park Service apparently did not officially endorse this action by its local Superintendent and in fact it might be argued that the modifications are in violation of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which prohibits alterations to historic sites. However, the pro-bench and artist groups are vocal in their endorsement of these modifications, and they care nothing whatsoever about the history or intent of the structure they have used to express their artwork. They have placed the National Park Service under significant pressure to not remove their creations. In response several groups began to pressure for the removal of the benches, etc. with letters to the National Park Service. A new group, Friends of Grant's Tomb, was formed with active support of various Civil War Round Tables and other interested persons.

**YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.** Please write to the Honorable Cecil Andrus, Secretary of the Interior, in support of the restoration of this monument to its original condition and intent. Published below is a sample letter which you may use, but regardless of the form of your letter . . . Please Write. Also published below is a petition being circulated under the name of GRANT (Grandly Renovate A National Tomb). I am sure they would be grateful for an outpouring of signatures, literally from Coast to Coast, which they can also present to Secretary Andrus. The Cause is not lost and it is not hopeless, we have reason to believe there are many within the National Park Service who can and do agree with us. What is needed is a massive demonstration for our friends and supporters so that they and the administration of the Park Service, can know the real wishes of the majority of Americans. On this specific issue and on the general topic of preservation of our heritage, we are honor bound to speak.

**SAMPLE LETTER**

Please use this letter or one modeled after it and send it to the Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Cecil Andrus. Send a copy of it to your two Senators and urge them to speak with the Secretary.

Hon. Cecil Andrus  
 Secretary of the Interior  
 Interior Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Andrus:

I am writing to add my voice to those advocating the removal of the mosaic benches at Grant's Tomb. To be blunt, the benches are totally out of place in their present location.



(This part of the letter is optional)

Grant's Tomb is the final resting place of the man who led the Union armies to victory during the Civil War, and who twice served as president of the United States. His Tomb is a national memorial and deserving of the respect traditionally given such sites throughout the country. I find it hard to believe that the Park Service permitted one of its officials to install the benches in the first place. But I find it still harder to understand why the Park Service allows the benches to remain.

Surely works of "art" such as the benches have their place in the world - in children's parks or Coney Island. But do they belong around the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument or Grant's Tomb? The answer is clearly no, they do not.

(finish the letter with)

I urge you to direct the Park Service to remove the benches and restore this great national memorial to its proper appearance. Let us show that we truly honor the memory of our great national figures.

Sincerely yours,

To: Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior, Interior Building, Washington, D.C. 20240

Because memorials should be constructed and maintained in a manner compatible with the object they intend to honor; and Because the Ulysses S. Grant memorial fails to meet this test in that it is surrounded by gaudy mosaic benches inappropriate to his memory, the art figures and objects representing nothing he might have encountered during his lifetime; and Because his remains are entitled to the greatest respect and honor possible in view of his preeminent accomplishments in preserving the Federal Union in several capacities; and Because alternative measures can be taken to enhance dignity at his gravesite or to extoll the esthetic qualities of art - We, the undersigned, do hereby attest our belief that the mosaic benches should be removed from the premises of the shrine known as the Ulysses S. Grant National Memorial in New York City:

Table with 3 columns: SIGNATURE, NAME (Print), ADDRESS. Multiple blank rows for entries.

Grandly Renovate A National Tomb Post Office Box 1015 Melrose Park, Illinois 60160

URGENT INFLATIONARY BULLETIN

The National Secretary-Treasurer has announced certain selected price increases which are effective April 1, 1980. These increases are made necessary by the constant increased cost to the National Organization for such supplies as well as the considerably higher cost of mailing bulk materials via third class mail. The new prices are:

- Membership Badges \$10.00
Assoc., Membership Badges 10.00
Department Commander's Badge 15.00
War Medals 15.00
Past Department Commander Badge 45.00\*\*
Past Camp Commander Badge 8.00
Tie Tack (Tac Back) 3.00

\*\*NOTICE: Prices for the silver Past Department Commander's Badge are subject to change without notice in the event of continued increases in the cost of silver.

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION ON THE 9th WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY

A member-at-large from Thayer, Missouri, who is disabled and unable to travel extensively in order to do research, has asked his Brothers in the SUVCW for help in gathering information on the 9th West Virginia Infantry. Both his Great-Grandfather, Sgt. Aaron M. Wetzel and his Great Uncle, Capt. William B. Wetzel fought and died with the unit. The Brothers had served since early in 1864. Anyone with information to assist in this research on the 9th West Virginia Infantry should contact: Gary L. Wetzel, Rt. 1, Box 100, Thayer, MO 65791. Many thanks.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE CENTENIAL CLUB?

Already over fifty New Englanders, Ohioans, and New Jerseyites have contributed over \$200.00 to the Centennial Fund of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Each contributor has received a card designating them as members of the Centennial Club. Now that you have made your contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor, please send your donation to the Centennial Fund which is being collected by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman. Make checks payable to National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver. Let's have all regions and areas represented with donations to this fund. Your membership card to the Centennial Club will be mailed as soon as your donation is received.

Richard E. Wyman Sr.-Vice C. in C., SUVCW 51 Beech Street Keene, NH 03431

OLD RECORDS

Old Grand Army records are to be found in varied and unusual places. Some in the possession of SUVCW camp and department officers, others in rapidly disappearing GAR halls and many in individual homes.

Wouldn't it be nice if they were all in one location where they would be repaired, catalogued, stored systematically and most of all be readily available to the historian or genealogist?

Such an offer has been made by the U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. 17013. The Institute Director, Col. Donald P. Shaw has contacted Maryland Department Commander Schlenker regarding the possibility of creating such a collection. The Institute currently has 300,000 books, 30,000 bound volumes, 8700 boxes of manuscripts and thousands of photographs. In addition to GAR records they would be interested in keeping outdated SUVCW papers, correspondence, annual reports, proceedings, periodicals, etc. as is being done for other military hereditary societies. This appears to be a wonderful opportunity to save for posterity a valuable and scattered collection which could easily disappear in time.

Anyone interested in pursuing this matter may contact either Maryland Department Commander Richard C. Schlenker, 4112 Heathfield Road, Rockville, MD 20853 or Colonel Donald P. Shaw, Director, U.S. Army Military Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013.



General Order No. 3 Series 1979-80 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 204 East Sellers Avenue Ridley Park, PA 19078 Phone: Business (215) 521-2622 Home (215) 521-1328

- 1. Membership has been the keyword in my remarks at meetings and dinners. Increasing membership is our means of survival and our survival will keep alive the memory and ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.
2. It was my privilege, in January to appoint five new National Aides from the Department of Indiana. Brothers Ronald Gill and Harold Vail received Certificates of Merit for securing five new members. Brothers Leroy Bowman, William Guinee and Mark Vail recruited three new members. All brothers have received their National Ribbons. The Department of Indiana has proven it can be done.
March 1st Brother Richard C. Schlenker, Commander of the Maryland-Deleware Department, was awarded a certificate of Merit and a National Ribbon for recruiting ten new members. Brother Schlenker has been appointed a National Aide.
I congratulated these Brothers for their wonderful accomplishments on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans. I encourage each member to continue to recruit new members.
3. February 11th, your Commander-in-Chief traveled with Nellie Hawley National President of the Auxiliary to Richmond, Va. We were met there by Nancy Conaway, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. We met with David M. Yowell, Director of Sales, of the John Marshall Hotel. We discussed our needs for the National Encampment, to be held August 15th-19th 1980.
Mr. Yowell was quite interested in us and I feel our needs will be met. Headquarters for the Sons will be established on the Fifth floor. Any member wishing a room on the fifth floor must fill out a reservation card and mail it in an envelope addressed to Mr. David M. Yowell, Director of Sales. Reservation cards should be available at the time of this publication.
4. It was my honor to represent our Organization at several Lincoln Banquets. I placed our wreath at the Lincoln Memorial, in Washington D.C. on February 12th commemorating the 171st anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.
My sincere thanks to the Lancaster Fencibles, under the command of 1st Sgt. Carl W. Hulshart, Penna. Brigade S.V.R. The Fencibles carried the Commander-in-Chief's colors and were part of the Color Guard. Twelve year old William Kelly was wreath bearer for the Commander-in-Chief. Robert Kelly and Denis Colbert were also wreath bearers, all are members of the Fencibles.
5. I regret that I was unable to attend the Central Regional Conference in October. My best wishes to the Officers for the coming year.
6. The Legislative Report is just one of the interesting articles that appear in the Banner. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of Thomas L. W. Johnson, Legislative Chairman. If you, the readers and members have interesting news items, the Editor would appreciate receiving them. Let each of us submit material from our individual Camps and Departments.
7. The 24th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held Tuesday April 15th at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. April 27th the 158th birthday of President Ulysess S. Grant will be remembered with a service at Grant's Tomb, the National Memorial at 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City, New York at 1:30 p.m. The Committees will appreciate your participation by your attendance as well as your patronage.

- 8. Richard E. Wyman, National Senior Vice Commander continues to search for members to join the Centennial Club. Your donations will help the 100th Anniversary to have a special meaning.
9. Donald Roberts, National Patriotic Instructor has been attending functions and working quite hard to raise money. He hopes to oversubscribe his quota. Let each of us do our part to help him attain his goal.
10. I appreciate the many letters I have received from Department Officers. I commend all Department Officers for their interest in our Order and for their efforts in planning and preparing for their Department Encampments.
11. One of the recommendations approved at our Encampment last August was to appoint two committees. One to investigate the ways and means (financial) to have our Constitution and Regulations printed. A second committee was for printing the Ritual. I have appointed one committee to investigate the possibility of printing both the Constitution and Regulations as well as the Ritual, and report their finding at the Encampment in Richmond. The Committee consists of: Chester S. Shriver, Pa.; Chairman; Richard O. Partington, Pa.; William Haskell, Mass.; Richard Wyman, N.H.; and Cleo Heald, N.H.
12. It was my privilege to witness the Olympic Torch Bearer as they passed through Ridley Park. We are proud of the men and women who participated in these events. Let us maintain the Patriotic enthusiasm generated by the Olympics, fly our National Emblem, be proud you are an American.
13. To our shut-ins, may you soon be returned to health. To those who have lost loved ones, May God comfort you in your grief.

Elton P. Koch Commander-in-Chief

OUR HERITAGE REMEMBERED

Each year in this issue your Editor strives to print some article or item to remind us all of the important Memorial Day Holiday and of the sacred obligations on that day which are a part of our heritage and our duty as Sons of Union Veterans. This year we are combining this reminder to every Brother of our Memorial Day obligations with a broader look at various critical dates which deserve our remembering and our respect. Re-printed below are excerpts from a 4th of July article by Brother James G. Dennis Marley, Patriotic Instructor of the Department of Massachusetts.

JULY 4 IMPORTANT DATE IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

With the annual observance of Independence Day, it has become customary to look back with pride at the events that led to the formation of our country, and indeed, it is altogether fitting and proper that we should do so. However, this week also marks the anniversary of two other momentous events - military episodes of the Civil War - which surely must be regarded as turning points in our history as a nation. These are the Battle of Gettysburg, which took place July 1-3, 1863, and the Confederate surrender of Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 4, 1863, after an intense 6 1/2 week siege by General Ulysses S. Grant.

In a sense, it is regrettable that the anniversaries of these three events coincide, for the long-standing observance of Independence Day has tended to eclipse the great significance of the victories won at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in the effort to save the Union.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG started at a time and in a place where neither opponent expected a major engagement. The borough of Gettysburg, located in southern Pennsylvania 35 miles southwest of Harrisburg, lay in a beautiful rolling country of fertile farms. Neither its location nor its geography was particularly notable from a military standpoint; yet this battle is generally regarded as the turning point of the Civil War.

Lee's bold assault into Northern territory was intended to take advantage of the defeatist sentiment that was gradually spreading through the loyal states, and through military

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successes further demoralize the Union side. Such success, it was hoped, would induce the European powers to give diplomatic recognition to the Confederacy, a long-sought objective of President Jefferson Davis and his cabinet.

Instead, within a matter of days, the dreams of the Confederacy were shattered. Gettysburg, rather than proving to be a decisive Southern victory, became "the high tide of the Confederacy." By July 4, the day after the final engagements of the battle, Lee began his retreat to Virginia.

DURING THE WINTER and early spring of 1863, the Union assault on the Battlements at Vicksburg began. Even after Grant assumed full and personal command, the Federal forces sustained nearly a half-dozen setbacks. Finally, not to be outdone, and showing some of that doggedness and resourcefulness that was to make him famous, General Grant decided on a bold move that succeeded beyond his wildest expectations. Beginning with a naval assault under Admiral David Farragut on April 16, followed by a skillfully planned land attack, Grant had, by May 18, completely surrounded the city and cut off its supply lines.

Despite the Union casualties of over 16,000, Grant's effort was a complete success: the Mississippi was open, the Confederacy divided; and combined with Meade's victory the day before at Gettysburg, the fall of the South was but a matter of time.

For all of us, Independence Day is surely one of the most significant patriotic observances in the long course of the year. And indeed, for each of us the historic appreciation of this day should be enriched by the knowledge that July 4 not only commemorates the birth of a nation but, equally, recalls the stirring events of 1863, which turned the tide in the struggle for its preservation.

MEMBERSHIP IN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

To all Jr. Vice Commanders: Departments and Camps

Do you want to keep America American? If you do, you are in agreement with the SUVCW and your Organization is increasing the Membership with your efforts. The Membership Contest is going well and with each member obtaining one new member it will succeed.

There are many interested in the Civil War and are just eager to join this Organization if only approached and handed an Application when they say "My Grandfather or Great Grandfather was in the Civil War."

These people are very proud of this statement and will respond when handed the Application you should be carrying in your pocket.

If our beloved Organization is to thrive, it is up to each Member, Camp and Department to help on this Membership Drive. Be sure to send reports of new members and Brothers involved.

Yours in F.C.&L. Harry E. Gibbons, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW 554 LaSalle Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215

THE LEGISLAIVE REPORT

Perhaps it is a sign of the times but after half a century, the House of Representatives this year dispensed with the reading of George Washington's, "Farewell Address" on the anniversary of the first President's birth. The Senate maintained the tradition begun in 1929 with a reading of the address by Sen. Donald W. Stewart of Alabama. The House Leadership maintained that the customary reading failed to attract attendance on the part of House members and felt the gesture to be fruitless. Considering the state of affairs in our nation today, however, perhaps members of Congress would be well advised to give some attention to the content of that speech.

Recently enacted legislation in Illinois will require the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in Illinois' elementary schools. In the words of a sponsor of that measure, "having our youngsters begin their day with the pledge to the flag will help mold them into good citizens."

For the first time since 1971 when Wisconsin adopted the fourth Monday in May as the date for its observance of Memorial Day, no bills have been introduced in the Legislature to return the Badger State's commemoration to May 30. With the Senate and Assembly about to adjourn from the final general session for the year, it appears that a measure to return Memorial Day to May 30 must await the arrival of a newly elected Legislature in 1981.

A bill to reaffirm Civil War pension legislation was recently placed before Gov. John Dalton of Virginia as the result of action taken by the General Assembly to correct a mistake made two years ago when the state codes were undergoing revision. At that time the pension law for surviving widows and daughters of Confederate veterans in Virginia was inadvertently abolished in the belief that it was no longer needed. It was soon learned that two widows and more than 200 daughters were still collecting the benefits and provisions were made to permit the women to continue to receive their checks pending passage of new legislation. In South Carolina, the House of Representatives voted recently to raise the annual pension of the last surviving Confederate widow in the Palmetto State from \$200 to \$1,200.

On March 12, 1980, the U.S. Senate paid tribute to Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota, on the occasion of his completion of 35 consecutive years of service in the Upper Chamber. Sen. Young, who is 82 years old and expects to retire next January, is one of only two members who can date their service from the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington State preceded Young by a few months. Both serve on the powerful Appropriations Committee where Sen. Magnuson is the chairman and Sen. Young is the ranking member.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L.W. JOHNSON, Chairman

NATIONAL PRESIDENT HONORED

A Testimonial Dinner honoring the National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Nellie Hawley, was held at the Des Moines Hilton Inn on Saturday evening, November 20, 1979. A social hour preceded the dinner which started at 7:00 p.m. Department Chaplain Edna Untiedt offered the Invocation and the Master of Ceremonies was P.C. in C. John C. Yocum of Pennsylvania. The list of out-of-State visitors was headed by Commander-in-Chief Elton Koch and included a number of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents from various Departments. Official greetings were extended by Iowa Department President Eva Cote. Following the formal program the group enjoyed live entertainment and the evening closed with dancing. Punch and cookies were served during the final portions of the evening.

CORP. WEAVER CAMP NO. 295 of Hellertown, Pennsylvania and the

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT cordially invite you to attend a

DINNER AND RECEPTION

given in honor of

ELTON P. KOCH, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Saturday evening, July 12th, 1980

RAMADA INN 76 Industrial Highway (The Philadelphia International Airport) Essington, Pennsylvania 19029

REUNION: 1st Cavalry Division Association, Holiday Inn, Killeen, TX, July 31, August 1, 2, & 3, 1980. Contact 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Mann, Copperas Cove, TX 76522, 817-517-6537.

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of his name.

TO - Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treas. P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

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

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Company & Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

The following Honor Roll Contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- From Robert Sikes, Los Angeles, Calif. In Memory of: Capt. Henry H. Woolsey 5th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry ..... \$25.00
From Joseph G. Seck, Youngstown, Ohio In Memory of: Frank X. Seck, U.S. Grant Camp #5, Department of Ohio, SUVCW ..... \$10.00
Mrs. Rose H. Bogert, Trenton, New Jersey In Memory of: Russell H. Bogert, PDC, New Jersey Department, SUVCW ..... \$50.00
Morgan H. Streeter, Burlingame, Calif. In Memory of: Cpl. Wiley Streeter, Co. C, 104th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry . \$10.00
James Mason, Saltsburg, Penna. In Memory of: Cpl. James Mason, Co. E, 103rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry ..... \$10.00
Gerald J. Meehan, Belleville, Illinois In Memory of: Pvt. Peter Joffray, Co. B, 149th Illinois Volunteer Infantry ..... \$10.00
Hugh A. McRobert, Sebring, Florida In Memory of: Isaac T. McRobert, 2nd New York Volunteer Mounted Rifles ..... \$15.00
Walter B. Pearce, Ambler, Penna. In Memory of: Walter Frederick Pearce, Co. C, 33rd Regiment, U.S. Infantry ..... \$10.00
From James A. Spellman, Jr., Kansas City, Mo. In Memory of: James A. Spellman, Co. I, 138th Ohio National Guard ..... \$25.00
From James A. Spellman, Jr., Kansas City, Mo. In Memory of: Robert Spellman, Co. E, 5th Ohio Volunteers ..... \$25.00
From James A. Spellman, Jr., Kansas City, Mo. In Memory of: William Spellman, Co., E, 5th Ohio Volunteers ..... \$25.00
Norman P. Maine, Bristol, N.H. In Memory of: Sylvester Swett, Co. C, 12th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry ..... \$10.00
David G. Crombie, Tracy, Calif. In Memory of: Sgt. George Creamer Traxler, Co. A, 107th Rgiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers ..... \$10.00

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Since the January 1980 issue of THE BANNER we have received the following corrections, changes or notices pertaining to our Roster and the 1980 Department Encampment schedule:

ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

Department of Maine . . . Following the death last February 28th of Department Commander Percy Butler, the duties of Department Commander have been assumed by: R. Frank Calderwood, 5 Merrill Street, Portland, Maine 04101.

Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64 At Large . . . The Acting Secretary of this Camp is: Mr. Glen Whitaker, 253 E. Bridespur Drive, Kansas City, MO 64114.

Change of Address . . . Please note the new address for P.C. in C. Allen B. Howland is: P.O. Box 309, Middleboro, MA 02346.

1980 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS:

- Colorado & Wyoming . . . . . will be held June 7-9, 1980 at Foothills Lodge, Manitow Springs, Colorado
Iowa . . . . . will be held June 26-28, 1980 at Hotel Savory, Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa
Maine . . . . . will be held June 19-22, 1980 at Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Waterville, Maine
New Jersey . . . . . dates have been changed to June 19-21, 1980, still at Buckingham Hotel, Avon-By-The-Sea, N.J.

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows:

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

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within one year. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1979 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

The following Life Memberships have been received by the National Secretary since the last issue of THE BANNER.

- No. 114 Clarence Willard Franklin .... \$150.00
No. 115 Flex N. Weldon, Sr. .... \$150.00

HONOR ROLL OF LIVING SONS OF UNION VETERANS

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our Honor Roll of individuals who are living sons of a Veteran of the Union Forces during the American Civil War:

- Rev. Walter H. Canon, Willow Grove, PA (Ellis Camp #9, SUVCW)
Son of James Canon, Union Veteran
Guy Dally, Minneapolis, MN (Not a member of the SUVCW)
Son of John W. Dally, Union Veteran
William D. Finney, Santa Ana, Calif. (National Member-at-Large, SUVCW)
Son of David Alexandria Finney, Union Veteran
Marion C. Hays, North Hollywood, Calif. (National Member-at-Large, SUVCW)
Son of Franklin L. Hays, Union Veteran
Wilbur Van Tipton, Farmersburg, Indiana (Not a member of the SUVCW)
Son of John N. Tipton, Union Veteran

Anyone knowing of a living Son of a Union Veteran who has not yet been honored should advise: Albert W. Lambert, Editor, The Banner, P.O. Box 673, Naperville, IL 60540. Since July 1977 a total of 73 persons who are living sons of a Civil War Veteran have been honored.



**INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AUXILIARY MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

Just one year ago, in April 1979, the Auxiliary Membership-at-Large Program was launched with the publishing of an advertisement in the Civil War Times Illustrated. During the past year the names of twelve members-at-large have been published in The BANNER. The following ladies have become members since the last issue of The BANNER:

- Frances Irene Thomas of San Juan Bautista, California
- Dorothy F. McMonagle of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Clara Layne Potter of Grover, Colorado
- Clara E. (Potter) Larsen of Kimball, Nebraska
- Brenda (Sherman) Wing of Lynnwood, Washington

We are pleased to welcome these new members to our ranks.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War but who lives too far from a local Auxiliary is invited to join as a member-at-large. P.N.P. Marion E. Combs, P.O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648, who is Coordinator of this program, will be happy to mail information to those who request it. Requirements for this type of membership are the same as for membership in the Sons, with the exception that the wife of a member of the Sons may join the Auxiliary even though she is not a lineal descendant of a Union Civil War Soldier.

The Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor wishes to thank those who have so promptly and generously responded to this year's appeal for funds and prize donations. An excellent start has been made toward our goal.

It is hoped that those who plan to participate will not wait until the last minute to do so in order that proper crediting and bookkeeping may occur without the confusion of a rush.

Dorris W. Schlenker, NPI  
4112 Heathfield Road  
Rockville, Md. 20853

**AUXILIARY PROGRAMS**

Since the last issue of THE BANNER, the following Honor Roll contributions have been received:

- From Appomattox Auxiliary Past Presidents' Association In Memory of Alice B. Lucas, Past Department President Maryland-Delaware Department ..... \$10.00
- From Dorothy L. Hilyard, Past National President In Memory of her mother, Alice B. Lucas Past Department President Maryland-Delaware Department ..... \$10.00

Anyone desirous of participating in the Honor Roll or Life Membership programs is asked to refer to the January, 1980 issue of THE BANNER for more complete information; or to contact Miss M. Helen Loll, National Treasurer, 3601 N. Fifth Ave., #107, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

**DON'T FORGET RICHMOND**

The July issue of THE BANNER will contain advance details of the 1980 National Encampments to be held in Richmond, Virginia on August 16-21, 1980. The John Marshall Hotel is the headquarters for all three Encampments: the 99th for the Sons; the 94th for the Auxiliary; and the 94th for the Ladies of the GAR. You may contact the Hotel directly for reservations (please be sure to mention your Allied Orders affiliation). We have been advised that the following rates apply:

- Single Occupancy ..... \$31.00
  - Double/Twin Occupancy ..... \$37.00
  - Third Person ..... \$ 6.00
- (Parking is Free)

While we do not have any details as yet, nor any printed reservation cards, we have been advised that your Committees are hard at work. For the Sons, this is the final National Encampment before our Centennial Year and there is much work to be done. Many plans must be formulated and many

decisions must be reached. In this and every aspect of the National work of our Order the most important single ingredient is the active involvement of our many Brothers. It is your time and your skills and your devotion that make this organization continue to be great as it approaches its second century. We urge your continued active involvement . . . see you at Richmond!

**NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S MESSAGE**

This office holds an important key to many worthwhile patriotic events. It is the money maker of our National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Funds from the G.A.R. account help with expenses of Remembrance Day in November, the Lincoln Tomb expenses in Illinois, Cathedral of the Pines Memorial and National Military Department S.V.R.

Special days for our camps to observe local services would be Union Defender Day, February 12, commemorating the birth of Abraham Lincoln, Remembrance Day, Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address observed as Veterans Night in memory of Lincoln, and the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861-1865. Remember the proper observance of Memorial Day with appropriate exercises.

Once again a Star Spangled Salute certificate is available and will be mailed to those choosing to present these certificates, a good way to bring recognition to Patriotic business firms that fly our Country's Flag regularly.

A decal of the badge of our organization is also available, approximately 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" blue ink on clear plastic with adhesive for your home or auto. The Star Spangled Salute's are complimentary, the decals are a fund raiser for the National Patriotic Instructor and are 2 for \$1.00. In the January Banner you received the blue slip the G.A.R. Memorial Fund appeal, your support of this is greatly appreciated and your continued support will guarantee the continuation of the program for coming years.

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**Special from the Headquarters of the National Secretary-Treasurer**

1. Form 49 - Certificate of Election Reports were mailed to the Department Secretaries and Camp at Large Secretaries on April 1, 1980. This report *MUST* be completed immediately following the Department Encampments and forwarded to the National Secretary. These are important to advise the National Headquarters of the newly elected and appointed Department Officers, verify with the Editor of the BANNER for his mailing list and verification of Department Officers at the 99th Annual National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia. ZIP numbers to all addresses is mandatory.
2. Effective 1 April, the supply of our Orders *Ritual and Ceremony* booklets have been depleted with heavy orders during the winter months. These will *not* be replenished for requisition until action is taken at the 99th Annual National Encampment.
3. Department Secretaries are reminded to submit their 2nd Quarter Per-capita Tax and Membership reports, following the close of the fiscal year June 30th, to National Headquarters prior to *July 25th* to provide time for the CPA Audit and reports required at the 99th National Encampment.
4. The National Proceedings of the 98th National Encampment at Hartford, Connecticut held August 12-16, 1979, were mailed to each registered Delegate and Department Secretaries on January 12th, 1980. Any Officer and/or delegate who has not received his copy — notify the National Secretary.
5. All Resolutions forthcoming from the Department Encampments are requested to be mailed by the Department Secretary to the National Headquarters immediately following the close of the Department Encampment. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated

Your in F.C. & L.,

Chester S. Shriver,  
National Secretary-Treasurer



**Department News**



**CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC**

Civil War Widow Dies at 112 . . . Mrs. Hattie Lorena Lloyd Stone, who was believed to be the oldest native Californian, died last January at the age of 112. Mrs. Stone was the widow of Civil War Veteran Charles Stone. Mrs. Stone outlived her husband and all three of her children and is survived by a granddaughter and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. The world record for longevity, as noted in the Guinness Book of Records, is 113 years, 214 days.

**CONNECTICUT**

A Washington and Lincoln celebration was held in GAR Hall, Rockville, on Saturday, February 23, 1980. A buffet luncheon was served by Aux. #5 to Department members and guests. A cup auction and the program was enjoyed by all. Among those present were National Chaplain, Minnie Burkhardt, Dept. Pres. Catherine Stocking and Dept. Commander, George Schmidt.

**IOWA**

The Scholarship awarded each year by the National Organization, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was given this year to Miss Toni M. Ruth, a student nurse at Iowa Central Community College. National President Nellie Hawley who is from Fort Dodge, Iowa, made the Presentation at the College along with Department President Eva Cote and several local members.

The Iowa picnic held last fall at Iowa Falls was well attended and very enjoyable. Starting at noon with a Potluck Dinner, the event drew members from several parts of the State. Later last fall, in October, the Officers Dinner was held at the Holiday Inn at Fort Dodge with a noon hour buffet dinner. The Dinner, which honored the Department Commander and the Department President, drew attendance from every major area of the State.

**MAINE**

The Department is saddened by the death of Department Commander Percy Butler of Waterville. Commander Butler passed away on February 28, 1980 following a long illness. A retired machinist for the Maine Central Railroad, Commander Butler served our Order long and faithfully and will be missed by his Sisters and Brothers.

Brother R. Frank Calderwood has assumed the duties of Department Commander with headquarters at 5 Merrill Street, Portland, Maine 04101.

The 1980 annual Encampment has been scheduled for June 19-22, 1980 at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn in Waterville. At the first planning meeting, held at the Inn recently, Elthea Osborne was appointed Convention Chairman.

**MARYLAND**

National Auxiliary President Nellie Hawley visited our Department area while attending Lincoln Birthday activities in Washington, D.C. Her stay included a Loyal Legion banquet, Lincoln Memorial ceremonies, a luncheon followed by a whirlwind tour of the National Capital before her return trip to Iowa. She also had occasion to visit the National Encampment site in Richmond with C-in-C Koch and LGAR President Conaway.

The Maryland Department wreath was presented at the Lincoln Memorial by Commander and Past President Schlenker.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp in D.C. had election and installation of officers at the annual business meeting held February 23 at Ft. McNair Officers Club. The new officers are:

- Commander . . . . . Robert F. Dyer, M.D.
- Sr. Vice . . . . . Charles H. Acton
- Jr. Vice . . . . . Kenneth G. Petrie
- Sec./Treas. . . . . George H. Miller

The camp added 12 new members this past year.

Civil War historian Horace E. Jones was the guest speaker and his subject was Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's successor and the many parallels in their lives.

Several Marylanders attended the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in Philadelphia.

We are glad to be able to report improvement in the health problems of Brother Heacock and Sisters Gladys Grove and Mary Lucas.

Our organizer in Norfolk, John B. Davis, reports continued progress toward a new camp and participation in Virginia Beach patriotic ceremonies. Newest member there is Bill Powell.

Former member of the old Garfield Camp in Baltimore, William Gideon is back in harness once more lending Bob Harrison a big hand at forming a new camp there.

Maryland Department Encampment will be held May 24-25 at the Ramada Inn, New Castle, Del. Sons meet Saturday afternoon starting with luncheon. Aux. meets all day Saturday and Sunday morning. The traditional joint banquet is Saturday evening.

Sister Dorothy L. Hilyard, P.N.P., expresses her sincere thanks to the many friends in our Organization who remembered her with cards and calls on the death of her Mother, Alice B. Lucas.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

The Plymouth County Association held their annual Lincoln-Washington Program on Sunday, February 17, 1980. P.D.C. Miles Harrington was Master of Ceremonies. Department President Mary Willey presented the G.A.R. Memoriam to Mrs. Patricia Quintiliani of Sterling Junior High School and various readings were heard. Live entertainment featured Rayn Drop of the Rayn Drop Chapter, Sweet Adelines. Mr. Jesse Rosen of Brockton gave a special "Mr. Bones" selection which recalled the Minstrel Shows of earlier years. P.D.C. Eugene Russell showed movies of previous Massachusetts activities, refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had by all. Many thanks to Chairlady Minnie Madeiros and her outstanding committee.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 146 which meets at Eastern Nazarene College in Woolaston, were the recipients of an American flag presented to them by Auxiliary President Mary Willey of South Quincy.

The Massachusetts Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW, regretfully reports the death of two beloved Past Department Presidents — Sister Emma (Sue) Warren and Sister Viola Brunet. Both were well beloved and will be sadly missed.

**MICHIGAN**

The annual Department Encampment will be held at the Pick Motor Inn, Grand Rapids, on June 16, 1980. Plans are underway for a meaningful and successful meeting.

TAPS . . . We regret to report the death of a living son of a Union Veteran (The Banner, July 1977), Brother Frank X. Seck of Detroit. Brother Seck was a member of U.S. Grant Camp No. 5 of Detroit and was 93 when he passed away on January 23, 1980. He was the son of 1st Lt. Joseph G. Seck, Company E, 39th New York Infantry, a Civil War Veteran.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Dept. President Jessie Morgan and Dept. Vice President Doris Briggs met with Mrs. Helen John, Dept. V.A.V.S. Chairman and a volunteer for many years at the Veterans Hospital in Manchester, N.H.

Robert Gardiner, Director of Volunteer Services at the hospital was presented with a copy of the Auxiliary insignia by Mrs. John. He has a board in his office with patches or copies of insignias of all veterans organizations on it.

We were taken on a tour of the hospital where we met more volunteers, visited a neighbor in the nursing home, saw all the new buildings and saw what they are doing for our veterans.

**NEW JERSEY**

Because of circumstances beyond the control of the Department, the dates for the annual Department Encampment to be held at the Buckingham Hotel, Avon, N.J., have had to be changed FROM June 12, 13 and 14 TO JUNE 19, 20 and 21. Department officials are sorry for the inconvenience this change



may cause to some but hope that all will understand that we had no alternative because of the late date when the necessary change became known.

The spring dinner meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1980 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coach and Four Restaurant located at Exit #8 of the N.J. Turnpike in Hightstown, N.J. An interesting program on "The Battle of the Crater" will follow the dinner.

Members of Camps and Auxiliaries are reminded that Memorial Day is fast approaching and that plans should be completed to take part in this annual observance by placement of flags on graves of veterans of all wars and participation in other appropriate activities. This responsibility is a legacy left to us by the Grand Army of the Republic which we are honored to fulfill.

John J. Junge, Sr., P.D.C., Department Counselor, was Toastmaster at the Department's Annual Lincoln Dinner on March 8th. Sixty-two persons, including Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch, enjoyed a delicious dinner, talented entertainment provided by Monica McKnight, Harpist, and a most interesting and enlightening program on the U.S.S. Monitor — the Building, the Battle, the Loss and Rediscovery — presented by Mrs. Maria Templeton. (see *THE BANNER*, April 1979). Mrs. Templeton is the Research Specialist for The Monitor Foundation. It was a privilege and pleasure on this occasion also to honor P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton, present President of the N.J. Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW. P.N.P. Marion E. Combs presented Sister Clayton with a gift from her Auxiliary #18 of Trenton and brought the greetings from the National Auxiliary. Department Commander James F. Elliott was unable to attend because of illness.

### NEW YORK

State Commander Harold Goodman and State Chaplain E.K. Ballard went to Buffalo on February 12 where they took part in services held in the morning at Buffalo Historical Society hosted by Chaplain P.B. Cook Camp #223. In the afternoon, they attended services hosted by H.C. Berry Camp #89 at the Civil War Monument in Prospect Park in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A very nice Birthday Party for President Lincoln was hosted by National Pat. Inst. Donald Roberts, at Fraly's Park, Waverly, N.Y. Dancing and a Grand March were part of the evening events. Many of our Sons Camps across the state were represented and several of our State Camp members were there.

On March 8, Dept. Commander Harold Goodman traveled to Syracuse, N.Y., to the home of Bro. Larry Allen. Eight men were sworn into the State Camp. These men will eventually become members of Sniper Camp #66 when it is instituted.

In December 1979, several members of D.G. Caywood Camp #146, McCann Camp #199, Aux. #72 combined forces to do Christmas Carolling at the Seneca Falls Hospital, Taylor Brown Hospital in Waterloo, N.Y., and the Seneca Nursing Home also in Waterloo.

### OHIO

A Testimonial Dinner was held for Department Commander Thomas Graham of Alliance. P.C. in C. Richard Greenwalt served as Master of Ceremonies and a large delegation of Department and National Officers were in attendance including guests from our Allied Orders.

A Lincoln Banquet was hosted by Alliance members of the SUVCW at their new home at 314 East Main Street in Alliance. The event was well attended and worthwhile. Camp Commander Ralph Swogger was Master of Ceremonies.

McClellan Camp No. 91 in Alliance has been working hard on new membership and are proud of a total gain of seven new members which will leave the Camp larger this fiscal year in spite of the death of some of our older Brothers. Camp Officers are somewhat a family affair this year, Camp Commander Larry Swogger is the Son of Camp Chaplain Ralph Swogger and Camp Sr.-Vice Commander Jack Pickeral is the Father of Camp Jr.-Vice Commander Steven Pickeral.

Salem Camp No. 2 has purchased land on which they hope to build a permanent home at some future date. The Camp also contemplates holding a Memorial Service at the Confederate Cemetery on Johnson Island near Sandusky sometime around Memorial Day.

### PENNSYLVANIA

The 113th Annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia was also the occasion of a Joint Reception honoring Department Commander Frank M. Heacock,

Sr. and Department President Ada C. Harnish. Held February 9, 1980 at McCallisters in Philadelphia, the event was well attended.

The 100th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, will open with a Ceremonial Opening and Campfire at The Podium National Cemetery at Gettysburg. The event is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 1980. In the event of inclement weather, the Campfire will be held at the Holiday Inn which is also Encampment Headquarters.

As Memorial Day approaches we are again reminded of our sacred duty and trust. Many Camps, such as Pfeiffer Camp No. 60, hold numerous rites and services to commemorate not only Memorial Day but also Veterans Day, Armistice Day or local holidays. But the most central to our traditions as an Organization is Memorial Day and we remind all our Brothers and Sisters of our duties and privileges on this special day of remembering.

### WISCONSIN

The Washington-Lincoln-McKinley luncheon was held on Saturday, February 16, in Milwaukee. The program featured a delightfully informative talk by Fr. Charles C. Lynch, Jr., entitled, "The Other Nancy Hanks." Fr. Lynch, rector of St. James Episcopal Church of Milwaukee, and a member of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, is a descendant of the Hanks and Hall families that figured prominently in the early life of Abraham Lincoln. Honored guests for the occasion were Dept. Commander Grover R. Huff, Dept. Auxiliary President Rhoda Lemanski, and Lilyan Behnke, Dept. President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Greetings were also extended from the Daughters of Union Veterans and the newly reactivated Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, represented by Raena Black and Dr. Robert G. Carroon, respectively. The annual luncheon is sponsored by C. K. Pier Camp No. 1, and Auxiliary No. 4, of Milwaukee, and the Washington Circle of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Rhoda Lemanski was chairperson and served as toastmistress for the program.

A slate of officers headed by Camp Commander Darwin Price was installed by Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3, in ceremonies at Oconomowoc on January 20. The officers of Auxiliary No. 5, with Helen Huff as Auxiliary President were installed in a special ceremony on February 16. At the regular meeting of Auxiliary No. 4, on February 18, Dr. Carroon was a guest.

Thomas P. Curtis, an editorial cartoonist and artist for the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and a member of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, recently received an award from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., for a cartoon published in *The Sentinel* last Memorial Day, May 28, 1979, with the caption, "That Government of the People . . . Shall Not Perish From the Earth."

### FORT CHICAMAUGA CAMP NO. 21 AT LARGE

Camp 21 is saddened to report the death of one of our older but more enthusiastic members. Brother George E. Mason made his home in Tecumseh, Nebraska and was 80 when he died on February 22, 1980. He will be missed by his Brothers.

The magazine GEO is going to do a story on Fort Chicamauga in April. We anticipate that several of our members who serve in the 2nd Squadron will travel to Cookson, Oklahoma to be present for this event.

### TIDEWATER REPORT

Members of the SUVCW in the Tidewater Area will again participate in Memorial Day parades and services and will place a wreath. There are now seven members in the area with a uniformed color guard and Banner. They hope to take part in this summer's activities at Fort Monroe as well as the Memorial Day events and still look forward to development of a Tidewater Area Camp.

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