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William Simpson

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 102nd National Encampment held in Portland, Maine, August 14th to 18th, 1983.

Brother Simpson is a Life Member and his eligibility to our Organization is twofold. His paternal great-grandfather, James Simpson served in Co. M 22nd Pa. Calvary for 2 years.

His maternal great-grandfather Mahlon Crawford served in 186th Reg. P.V.I. for 3 years.

Brother Simpson joined Gen. George C. Meade Camp No. 16 in 1968 and served all Camp Offices and was elected Pa. Department Commander in 1974 and again in 1975. After holding many Dept. Offices, he is currently serving on the Military Affairs Committee. Our Commander-in-Chief has held appointed and elective offices in our National organization, Council of Administration, Military Affairs Committee and Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Simpson graduated from High

School in 1949 and served with the U.S. Marines in the Korean War. He is also a member of the V.F.W., American Legion and the Marine Corps League.

He is employed for 31 years by the Parish Division of Dana Corp. as an assembly line welder.

Portland, Maine Encampment

Our 102nd National Encampment was held at the beautiful Holiday Inn-Downtown, on August 14 thru the 18th. Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker presiding.

At 3 p.m. on August 14 the Sons Chaplain John J. Junge and Aux. Chaplain Hilda Junge conducted a joint memorial service in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and deceased officers & members of our organizations. The tribute to the GAR was given by PCC Joseph Rippey and Memorial tributes were presented as follows: to Mildred Webster by PNP Edna Lambert, to Gladys Sallman by PNP Florence Forbey, to Edith Paulding by PNP Edith Snyder, to Lelia Turner by PNP Minnie Madeiros, to John Yocum by PCC Chester Shriver, to Ursula Shepardson by PDP Wilma Murphy, to George Cashman by PCC Richard Greenwalt. Remembrance of all Past Commanders-in-Chief was presented by PCC Fred Combs and the tribute in memory of all Past National Presidents was given by PNP Marion Combs. Deceased officers & members of the Sons by PCC Kenneth Wheeler and deceased Auxiliary Sisters by PNP Nellie Hawley. Brother John Junge added greatly to the service with two solos, "In the Gardens" and "the Old Rugged Cross".

The Grand Army Campfire program as revived by their descendants began with a Band Concert by the 195th Maine Army Natl. Guard Band. The Sons of Veterans Reserve presented & retired our Colors. Greetings were offered by Commander Schlenker, Aux. Natl. President Schlenker, and LGAR Natl. President Lois Reffner.

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Mary Jane Simpson

Mary Jane was elected National President at the 97th National Encampment, Tuesday, August 16, 1983, held in Portland, Maine.

Belonging to Auxiliary No. 6 in Reading, Pa. she served as Department President 1975-76.

She receives her eligibility through her great-grandfather Richard Stoudt who served in Co. B 3rd Penna, Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War.

Mary Jane is a retired Bell Telephone Operator, retiring after 30 years of service. She is a member of St. Lukes Lutheran Church, also a member of Unit 12 Gregg Post, American Legion.

Thanks...

Dorris & Richard Schlenker extend their most sincere appreciation to those who demonstrated such great fraternal love during their year as Natl. President & Commander-in-Chief. The honors & courtesies extended to them personally and the offices they represented are hereby acknowledged with heartfelt thanks.



GENERAL ORDERS # 1
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1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 102nd Annual National Encampment held in Portland, Maine, August 14th to 18th, 1983, command is hereby assumed with headquarters established at the above address.

2. Department of Maine is commended for the excellent arrangements and service given as hosts of the National Encampment.

3. Standing Committee appointments have been made and Chairman have been notified. All previous appointees are hereby relieved with a vote of thanks.

4. The Committee on Legislation will pursue efforts to return Memorial Day to May 30.

5. John B. Davis of Virginia Beach, Va. is reappointed Aide to act as liaison to USS Monitor national Advisory Committee.

6. Jerome L. Orton of Syracuse, N.Y. is appointed Aide to coordinate the writing of the History of the SUVCW.

7. As in past years each Brother securing three new members will be appointed National Aide and issued a National Ribbon for his badge to be worn through the next National Encampment. Those who recruit five new members will be awarded a Certificate of Merit.

8. Members are reminded of the support needed by the National Patriotic Instructor for his Fund to continue our Patriotic work and the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund to continue the promotion of our Order.

9. Camps are now electing new Officers for the next year. Congratulations to those assuming new duties and we hope they may give the inspiring leadership needed for the betterment of the Order.

10. Information regarding the ill and bereaved should be forwarded to Headquarters in order that proper attention will be given to them.

11. The Commander-in-Chief's travel itinerary will be planned in order to serve the Organization the best way possible. Invitations should be made early in order that plans may be made.

12. The proposed amendment to our Constitution providing for the creation of PROVISIONAL Departments was adopted

last year and has been ratified by over 50% of our Depts. and is now in effect. The text appeared in the April 1983 Banner.

13. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg is when we remember the Grand Army of the Republic and pay homage to them. Many of us will gather there on November 19th. Those who cannot attend are urged to hold ceremonies in their Camps.

14. My sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to Sister Mary Jane Simpson, Auxiliary National President; Sister Ethel John, Ladies of the G.A.R. National President; Sister Agnes Brooks, Daughters of Union Veterans National President. May your tenure in office be most successful.

15. My congratulations to Bob Wolz, editor of the Banner who has been reappointed for the next year. Keep up the good work.

16. All Camp and Department Secretaries are requested to submit up-to-date membership rosters to National Secretary and the Banner Editor. We must have these for the new system of direct mailing of the Banner.

17. To all my elected and appointed Officers and Committees, my best wishes for a most successful year.

By Order of:

William L. Simpson

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Chester S. Shriver

National Secretary-Treasurer

SVR Honors Confederate Dead

On Sept. 11, 1983 a special memorial service was conducted in the Confederate Cemetery, Johnson's Island, Sandusky, Ohio under the sponsorship of the Ohio Dept. SUVCW.

The program was under the coordination of Sgt. Dan Stubbons, 19th Ohio SVR, Inc. and Philip Triem Camp 43. Memorial wreaths were placed by the Dept. heads of the Ohio GAR Orders led by Comdr. Ralph Shadel, SUVCW. Col. Terry B. Wells, Comdr., Lloyd Deall Camp 1392 Sons of Confederate Veterans and by the Ohio Dept., United Daughters of the Confederacy. Also participating was the Natl. President, Daughters of Union Veterans and the Ohio Dept. DUVCW. Johnathan Mayhew, Pa. Dept SUVCW & Mrs. Mayhew, Dept. President, Pa. LGAR brought greetings from

their department. Rev. Norman Bowen, LTC, SVR, served as Chaplain. SGT. MAJ. Robert Davis, 19th Ohio SVR was speaker telling a brief history of the Confederate Prison at Johnson's Island.

GAR FUND

Heritage

Lois J. Martinec

Bequeathed: To me...the finest heritage
From generations that have come before,
Who with their keys of courage
Bravely opened Freedom's door.

Choosing to walk their lives
On liberated ground,
They fought and sought through sacrifice
Dignity for all, most profound.

They found their greatest happiness
In new free choice of prayer;
Now my chosen place of worship
Rests soul-wise in my care.

They left Old Glory in my hands
To raise...keep flying high;
They instilled within my heart
Just where my duties lie.

They left a record of their time
On the logs of history,
Then entrusted with love and faith
America to me!

As you go about the business of your daily life, pause and take time to remember our forefathers who fought and died to give our country and freedom to us. Then please sit down and write a check, no matter how large or small, to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Make the check payable to Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer, but send it to me: Thomas W. Graham, 816 Weymouth Terrace, Hampton, Virginia 23666, for proper credit. When you think about the problems around the world, our donations are a meager way of saying thank you. Remember all money is used in the remembrance of the "BOYS IN BLUE". It's also tax deductible.

Camp Roster Information Requested

Each Department Secretary is requested to forward to the Banner the following: Name, Number & location of each Camp in your Dept. Status: Active or Inactive. Name of Commander and/or Secretary. Meeting night & time, if regular meetings are held. This will be compiled and a directory of all Camps in the U.S. printed.



Legislative Report

Thomas L. W. Johnson

HOLIDAY LEGISLATION - Although the Congress has not acted upon measures to return Memorial Day to May 30, it has taken the first steps toward the creation of a new holiday to honor Martin Luther King. On August 2, 1983, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3706 which would designate the third Monday in January as a federal holiday in recognition of Dr. King who was born on January 15, 1929. The vote in the House in favor of the measure was 338 to 90. The bill now goes to the Senate. If it becomes law, a 10th federal holiday recognized by the Congress would be created to take effect in 1985. A number of states including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Michigan and Wisconsin now recognize Dr. King's birthday as a holiday. The passage and approval of this legislation would serve to create a unique honor for an American, a holiday named in recognition of a single individual. Even George Washington and Abraham Lincoln must share in the Presidents' Day observance in February.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN DESIGN OF FIFTY DOLLAR BILL - H.R. 1453 would place the portrait of Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark Gray, the first woman to be appointed as Treasurer of the United States, on the face of the fifty dollar bill, replacing the likeness of President Ulysses S. Grant. In the House, matters concerning currency and coinage are under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage which is chaired by Rep. Frank Annunzio (Ill.). Rep. Ron Paul (Texas) is the ranking minority member.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD SITES - Sites of major battles fought on American soil continue to come under pressure from the demands of a largely urbanized population inasmuch as many of the prominent sites are located in the East and Southeast, adjacent to heavily populated areas. In some instances, recreational interests and commercial developers have encroached on precious sites of which the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park near Marietta and Atlanta, Ga., is an example of one under

"The Lincoln Tradition"

The Late George Cashman, PC in C
Former Curator, Lincoln Tomb

Lincoln — Pro and Con

History has recorded Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address of March 4, 1865, one of the very great state papers of all time, on a par with the beautiful eulogy pronounced by him at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. The press throughout reported their reactions to it.

The Jersey City Times, on March 7, published the following tribute: "President Lincoln's inaugural address has, doubtless, ere this has been read by nearly all our readers — but too many copies of it cannot be printed or circulated, and it ought to be in all American homes as familiar household words. Rarely, if ever before, was it the good fortune of any ruler to state so much truth, of such momentous import, in so few and fitting words. The inaugural is honest, simple, unaffected, truthful, patriotic, reverent, great..... It will stand forever as an announcement, grand in its simplicity, and unflexible in its resolve, of the faith of the American people in the stability their free government, and the justice and invincibility of their cause. It will make thousands say, who have not hitherto said, "God Bless Abraham Lincoln."

The National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C. said the words of Lincoln...deserve to be printed in gold.

These are but samples of the laudatory sentiments expressed in hundreds of loyal

stress. The National Park Service is developing a management plan for the Park and officials familiar with that site want to see an emphasis on a return of the battle area to its 1864 appearance, the preservation of existing earthworks, and a limitation on the extent of picnic and recreational areas. In 1926, a national battlefield commission recommended that site for historic preservation with other uses destined for secondary treatment. In 1935, the Congress authorized the creation of a national military park at Kennesaw Mountain. In the House, the Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks oversees matters relating to historic sites. Rep. John F. Seiberling (Ohio) is its chairman and Rep. Don Young (Alaska) is the ranking minority member.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

newspapers here and in Europe.

But what of the loyal (?) opposition press, those papers which had consistently abused and villified Lincoln during his four years in the White House and before. Would they relent and publish an honest and unbiased appraisal of the speech? They would not. Villification of Lincoln was a way of life for them and they would see nothing good or commendable in anything Lincoln said or did.

On March 6, the Chicago Times had this to say, "We did not conceive it possible that even Mr. Lincoln could produce a paper so slipshod, so loose-jointed, so puerile, not alone in literary construction, but in its ideas, its sentiments, its grasp. He has outdone himself. He has literally come out the little end of his own horn. By the side of it, mediocrity is superb."

The New York World expressed its hate for Lincoln in this manner, "It is with a blush of shame and wounded pride, as American citizens, that we lay before our readers the inaugural addresses of President Lincoln and Vice President Johnson. But we cannot hide the dishonor done to the country we love by withholding these documents from publication. They, therefore must go forth to the country, such as they are."

Ironically, these same papers, which had denounced him with merciless hostility, wrote columns of lavish eulogy at his death.

Fort Sumter Flags

A "Save the Flags of Fort Sumter Committee" was begun with the goal of rising \$300,000 to restore & preserve the three historic flags which flew at Ft. Sumter at the beginning of the Civil War. They include the immense 18x24 ft. garrison flag flying at the start of the bombardment in April 1861, a smaller U.S. storm flag and a South Carolina Palmetto Guard flag first raised by Confederate forces. Any tax deductible donation (even \$1.00) is welcomed. Make checks payable to "Save the Flags of Fort Sumter, NPCA. Mail to Save the Flags of Fort Sumter Committee, Natl. Parks & Conservation Assn., 11701 Eighteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. The Sons & Aux have representatives on this committee. Gen. Wm. Westmoreland is general chairman.

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Does anyone know where the tapes & records of GAR interviews are today?

1983 National Encampment

Our Centennial Encampment held in Portland, Maine was a huge success and will long live as a happy memory to those attending. 118 voting members & 28 guests were present. The Natl. Patriotic Instructor raised \$2329.27 with the Chief of Staff raising \$2112.50. Both very commendable amounts.

New Life Membership Payment Plan

The National Auxiliary has adopted the plan to make life memberships even easier. Now you may pay 1/3 down with the balance to be paid within 3 years or payment may be in full as in the past. The Fees remain the same. Life membership goes into effect only after the full fee has been paid. Each year interest is paid to the Aux. Treasurer in lieu of the life members dues. The fee is invested in our Permanent Fund and established as follows:

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

Thank you...

As Natl. Chief of Staff 1982-83, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the joint opening, courtesy hour and helped set up the banquet. Your generous contributions to the Aux. Chief of Staff Fund were greatly appreciated and I'm sure the Schlenkers were grateful for your efforts. Thank you. Jane A. Graham

The Sons of Union Veterans Federal Employer Identification number is 21-0624080. The IRS requires this number to comply with some banking forms exempt from interest withholding.

Special U.S. Flags Available

U.S. News & World Report offers the following: If you want a U.S. Flag that has flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C., you can order one from your Senator or Congressman. Send a check or money order with a note saying who the flag is for. Prices: 3x5 nylon \$6.86; 3x5 cotton \$7.62; 4x6 nylon \$9.73; 5x8 nylon \$15.93; 5x8 cotton \$16.05. Please allow about four weeks for delivery.

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Encampment

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David Dexter presented an informative program on Vice President Hannibal Hamlin.

A new feature this Sunday evening was a joint Memory Banquet with all three Allied Orders participating. The hope was expressed that this might become a new annual tradition.

On Monday morning, the joint opening of the Sons & Auxiliary was held under the direction of Chiefs-of-Staff Norman Furman & Jane Graham. At 10:30 the first session of Sons business opened in full ritualistic form. Reports of all national officers and committees were presented reviewing accomplishments of the past year with many suggestions for the new year as we start our 103rd year. At 7:30 Monday night the exemplification of our ritual was conducted with the following new Brothers initiated: Craig B. Murray, Reid J. Murray, Jay S. Hoar, Frederick O. Smith, Benjamin Butler, Charles W. Morey, and William Every.

Commander in Chief Schlenkers report showed continuing love & dedication to our Order. Secretary Chester Shriver continued to show a rare dedication beyond the call of duty in spite of the increased demands of National Headquarters. Life membership purchases totaled \$1425.00 with Honor Roll contributions of \$216.00. Both amounts being new record highs. New members exceeded losses by 7 and 4 new Camps were chartered. USS Monitor Camp #1, Md. Dept. was granted permanent status.

The Budget Committee chaired by PCC Rippey presented a balanced Budget of \$23,458.00 which was approved as read.

The final report of the Credential Committee listed 92 registered delegates, 24 not present and 68 voting & present.

A number of items of business were approved by the delegates including:

Seeking a new supplier for badges & insignia.

Appointing a committee to write an official Sons history.

Appointed a committee to consider a permanent National HQ with hired Executive Secretary. Required all Departments with Bylaws over 10 years old to review & update. Created the office of Natl. Genealogist. Continue the Natl. Membership at Large program.

Increased the funding for GAR Remembrance Day and Lincoln Tomb services.

A new committee was created to help the Natl. Patriotic Instructor in long range fund raising.

As you see a lot happens at National.

Constitution and Regulation Changes

PCC Joseph Rippey, Chm.,
C & R Committee

The following amendments to Regulations were adopted & are now part of our regulations:

Chapter I, directly under this, add the heading word "Camps".

Chapter III, Article IV OFFICERS, Section 9, Historian. Add an unnumbered new paragraph reading "The United States Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barricks, Pa. is designated the Official Repository for Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical material no longer in general use."

Chapter III, Article VI, FINANCES. Add: Section 6. There shall be established a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund to be used for the promotion of the Order."

Chapter V, GENERAL REGULATIONS, Article III, BADGES & DECORATIONS. Add: Section 9. A Past Commander-in-Chief may, at his discretion, on formal occasions, wear his Past Commander-in-Chief's insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the National Commandery colors." and following this "A Past Commander-in-Chief or sitting elected National Officer may at his discretion, on formal occasions, wear a three inch wide sash of the National Commandery colors, cross chest, right shoulder to left hip, under his formal jacket."

Chapter V, General Regulations, Article VIII, FLAG. Add: "The official flag of a Department shall be of red material, bearing a gold embroidered badge of the order no smaller than 8 x 11 inches centered and surrounded by gold lettering identifying the National Organization and the particular Department, overall flag size to be the same as the American Flag it will accompany." Following this, add: "The official flag of a Camp shall be of similar design except that the principal color shall be blue."

The proposed amendment to the Constitution regarding the creation of Provisional Departments has been ratified by over 50% of our Departments and is now in force.

Some members still need missing issues of the Banner. We have a limited number of back issues. PLEASE WRITE stating month & year missing and we will try to send them out to you.

Note our new address:
The Banner, Robert J. Wolz, Editor, 462 East Main, East Palestine, Ohio 44413

Grand Army Remembrance Day

GRAND ARMY REMEMBRANCE DAY was held on Saturday, November 19, 1983 the 120th anniversary of President Lincoln's dedication of the Gettysburg National Military Cemetery. Because of the observance the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and the Gettysburg Travel Council combined efforts with the Sons of Union Veterans to create an outstanding program. A recreation of President Lincoln's arrival via steam locomotive occurred at 11 a.m. Reactivated Union units moved to meet President Lincoln at the square in Gettysburg. On every corner Union soldiers gathered to participate in this solemn dedication program. At 1:15 p.m. the 27th Annual Services under the sponsorship of the Sons of Union Veterans were held at the Grand Army Monument in Zeigler's Grove near the cyclorama. As in the past all five Allied GAR Orders participated. Rev. Norman Bowman, LTC, SVR served as chaplain. Over 1000 reactivated participants, Union & Confederate, representing the Sons of Union & Sons of Confederate veterans participated in the 1983 "rededication" of the cemetery. President Lincoln would, indeed be proud to view one nation reunited today with friends & sons of former foes honoring his memory. The 53rd Annual Dedication Day Dinner was sponsored by the Central Penna. Past Comdrs. & Presidents of the SUV & Aux. The evening was finished with a gala Blue-Gray Ball at the Holiday Inn Ballroom.

One sad event must be noted, Past Commander-in-Chief SUVCW & former Comdr. of the Penna. Brigade, SVR, Elton Koch suffered a serious heart attack at the close of the dinner. Bro. Koch passed into the Camp Eternal the following day. The whole Allied Family express their love, thoughts and prayer to Sister Betty and her family.

Happy Birthday to All

1983 is, of course, the Centennial year of our National Auxiliary. It is also an important year to many of our Departments. The following SUV Depts. were chartered in 1983. Maine, April 10; Connecticut, May 15; Iowa, June 2; Missouri, June 2; New Jersey, June 14; Kansas, June 15; Illinois, July; New Hampshire, August; Vermont, October; New York, Nov. 6. Source: History of the Grand Army of the Republic by PCC Robert Beath 1888.



Department News

Maryland-Delaware: The 97th Dept. Encampment will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Wilmington, Dela. on April 28th.

Change of Address: Dept. Comdr. Frank M. Heacock, has moved to 200 Washington St., APT. 614, Wilmington, Dela. 19801

Massachusetts: A reception for Aux. President Alice Harwood & Dept. Comdr. Lewis Garney was held at Dept. HQ in Rockland on Oct. 2 with many in attendance. The annual Department Fair was held on Nov. 5 in Rockland under the direction of PDP Jennie Russell and was a big success.

We are very proud of our new natl. officers: PDP Dorothy Hammond as Aux. Natl. Press Correspondent, PDC Eugene Russell as Sr. Vice Comdr-in Chief, Dept. Comdr. Lewis Garney as Natl. Chaplain & PCC Wm. Haskell as Natl. Councilor.

New York: A reception & dinner for Dept. Comdr. Chas. Doane & Aux. President Linda Fields on Sept. 24 by Aux. 72 & McCann Camp 199 in Seneca Falls.

New York was well represented in Portland with over 25 members of the Allied Orders present for a most enjoyable convention. We challenge other Departments to turn out more for the Ohio Encampment in 1984.

Tibbitts Aux. 48, Troy, N.Y. presented their "Mildred Nistico Scholarship" to Janet Jackson of West Hepstead, N.Y.

Our sympathy is extended to Aux. 45 on the loss of Sister Helen M. Butler.

A speedy recovery wish for Irene Cleveland & Mattie St. Clair.

New Jersey: The New Jersey Dept. was proud to celebrate its 100th birthday with a party at the John Junge home. The beautiful booklet prepared for our centennial was most informative and a tribute to the Sons. Our best wishes to Fred & Marion Combs during their "retirement".

Ohio: The Ohio Dept. is extremely busy preparing one of the BEST national encampments for your enjoyment. The Quaker Square Hilton, Akron, Ohio has been selected as headquarters. Your rooms will be round as they are the grain storage silos of the former Quaker Oats Co. The hotel is filled with unusual antiques to see, 23 shops to spend your free time and money and several restaurants from hot dogs to gourmet dinners. More details in the Winter Banner. The Ohio Dept. is proud to sponsor a Confederate Memorial Service at Johnson's Island...details in this issue.

New Hampshire: PNP Emma Wheeler, PCC Kenneth Wheeler, Dept. President Martha Baldwin and Ida Cantwell attended the 120th anniversary of Lincoln's Dedication of the Gettysburg cemetery. This year a colorful parade of history occurred with all the Allied GAR Orders, the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Confederate troops and their hoop skirted ladies, the DAR, Boy Scouts, horse drawn vehicles and even a "Mr. Lincoln" on horseback.

Pennsylvania: Nov. 18th marked the 100th birthday of Gettysburg Camp # 112. 72 members and guests were in attendance with most Depts. in the Natl. organization attending. Wm. J. Little, Camp Comdr. gave a brief history of the Camp & Fred Pfeffer who joined the Camp in 1915 gave the Gettysburg Address. A birthday party complete with cake was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were provided by our Auxiliary # 27 and DUVCW Tent # 55. Remembrance Day activities reported in the issue were held on Nov. 19th.

28th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Springfield, Illinois
Saturday, April 14, 1984

A memorial ceremony to mark the 119th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. The State House Inn will be the site of the luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the headquarters hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or as a Department or Unit Auxiliary President or as an individual member of our Order, you are urged to participate in this commemoration. Individual invitations are not routinely sent to Departments or Camps and their Auxiliaries. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and that (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It is imperative that the number of luncheon reservations desired be specified. To assure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details not later than Friday, March 23 to:

Mr. Robert M. Graham, Co-Chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee
1320 North Osborne Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, 1984. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

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