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## Andrew M. Johnson COMMANDER IN CHIEF 1998/1999

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Andrew Martin Johnson of Arlington, Virginia, Commander-in-Chief at the 117th National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on August 7, 1998. He is the 112th Commander-in-Chief elected by the Order since its beginning in 1881 as the Sons of Veterans and the seventh CinC from the Maryland Department. CinC Johnson is the third child of Clayton A. Johnson of Windom, Minnesota. The CinC was born in that city on August 19, 1935. He traces his Civil War roots through his mother, Emma P. Bennett Johnson, whose New Yorker family saw three sons serve in the war. Johnson's qualifying ancestor is great great uncle George Wesley Bennett, 111th New York Volunteer Infantry, who served with that regiment until twice wounded at Gettysburg.

The Commander-in-Chief is a graduate of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, MN. He came to the Washington, DC, area in July of 1960 as an Intern with the Army's Office of the Chief of Staff. ("Interns" were held in higher regard then.) Employed by the Army's Chief of Ordnance, he was mobilized for active duty during the Berlin Wall episode and spent the remainder of his working career as an Army Civilian or on Active Duty. Active duty included two tours in Viet Nam, 1967-

1969. He returned to logistics financial management duties at the Army Materiel Command in suburban Washington, DC, followed by four years with the Army's V Corps Headquarters and the US Theater Army Support Command in Germany. Returning from Germany in our bicentennial year, Johnson continued assignments with the AMC until retirement in 1989. Physical disabilities also brought about Colonel Johnson's retirement from the uniformed Army after 30 plus years of active and reserve duty.

His early life was spent on a small family farm in southern Minnesota. Although he was unaware of his Civil War heritage at that time, Civil War studies caught his attention at an early age. Soldiering also came naturally. When the Korean War began and the Minnesota National Guard division was activated, high schooler Johnson served with the Minnesota State Guard. He showed an early interest in hereditary organizations, joining the Society of the War of 1812 in 1960 and many others since as he researched and proved his American family heritage.

Chief among these organizations has been the SUVCW. He has served in all camp and department offices before being elected to a 3 year term on the national Council of Adminis-

tration. Since then, CinC Johnson has served as National Chief of Staff and both Junior and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Commissioned by our uniformed branch, the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), Johnson serves as the SVR Liaison to the War Office. Service in other veteran and patriotic organizations include tours as chapter and Society President in the Sons of the American Revolution; Deputy Governor General of the Sons of Colonial New England; Trustee at Our Savior Lutheran Church; Past Post Commander in the District of Columbia American Legion and American Legion National Security Commission Vice Chairman; plus Vice President of the Friends of Fort Ward, a restored Civil War fort in Alexandria, VA.

In addition to these heavy duties, he is an active member in: the New Arlington-Douglas Park Civic Association; London Square Home Owners' Assn.; the Sovereign Military Order of Knights Templar; VFW; 40/8; NRA; ROA; MOWW; MOFW; Order of the Carabao; Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Secretary and Treasurer of an Arlington Lions Club; and serves with the Meals on Wheels program in Arlington where he now lives.

### PCINC RUSSELL PASSES AWAY

Past Commander in Chief **Eugene E. Russell** died November 9, 1998. He was buried at Malden, Massachusetts.

A full obituary will appear in the next issue of the Banner.

Cards of sympathy have been sent by the National Chaplain and by CinC Andrew M. Johnson personally. Cards should be sent to: Mrs. Jennie Russell, Davenport Memorial Home, 70 Salem St., Malden, MA 02148.

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## Greetings

David Hann, PDC  
National Secretary

Greetings from the cluttered desk and sometimes the cluttered mind of the National Secretary. To say that this hasn't been a busy year would be an understatement! Rather than my normal complaining I would like to take this time to thank all the Department and Camp Secretaries that have kept me supplied with the information I've requested. I would like to thank the Brothers on the Council of Administration, especially Past Commander-in-Chief Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson, and Banner Editor Glenn B. Knight for all of their kindness and guidance. I would like to thank Past National Secretaries Jim Lyons, and Dave Wallace for their wisdom, and Dick Williams for all of his hard work. And last but not least I would like to thank all of our Brothers for their patience with me. You have demonstrated the F., C., & L., are not just letters but important words to live by.

The families of all national officers deserve special recognition for being ignored, putting up with our tantrums and our trips and allowing us to do our jobs. My family is very high on that recognition list and through this medium I send them a special thank you.

I hope that in the following years I will again be able to serve our order as National Secretary. See you in Harrisburg!!!

[Editor's note: David Hann was elected to a new three-year term as National Secretary at the National Encampment in Harrisburg.]



## Council Names Gettysburg Camp National Mailing Agent

The Council of Administration has named **Gettysburg Camp 112**, Department of Pennsylvania, as the Order's "National Mailing Agent." As such, the camp will maintain a post office box in Gettysburg for the use of the Order and will distribute mail sent to that address.

The Council of Administration will issue implementation guidelines in the near future, but until then, if you have a reason to use a national address, this is what it is:

National Organization  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War  
P.O. Box 3279  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

## Obituaries

It is with deep regret the death of **Gertrude Virginia Woolson Kobus** is reported. She was born Oct. 24, 1912 in Duluth, Minn., and died there on June 21. She was 85.

She belonged to Auxiliary 199 of Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Her father, Albert Woolson, was born Feb. 11, 1847 in Antwerp, N.Y. and served in the Civil War with a Minnesota Heavy Artillery unit.

Albert Woolson was the last official Union soldier and last member of the Grand Army of the Republic, dying on Aug. 2, 1956. Albert was a son of a Civil War veteran and an honorary Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Upon her death, only her sister, Frances Campbell, survives the family of 12 children of Albert Woolson. He was married to his first wife for 45 years and his second for 35 years.

Mrs. Kobus is survived by her daughter, Frances Hom and a grandson, Ryan Hom and many friends.

We pray the passing of time will ease her family sorrow.

Col. **Alan Nelson** died Aug. 17. He was the son of George Nelson, 2nd Vermont Volunteers. He was 80 and in 1938 was his father's official attendant at the 75th anniversary of Gettysburg. A WWII Army veteran he retired from the U.S. Navy. He was buried with full military honors in Statesville, N.C. He was a colonel in the SVR.

**Beulah Cope**, National Adjutant of the United Spanish War Veterans died recently.

She was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. She was their equivalent to Cora Gillis, national secretary of the G.A.R., who died in 1972.

Brother **Adam Jacob Bauer** passed to his eternal reward on Aug. 13. He died at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Ind. His grandfather was Bugler Gottlieb Frederick Bauer, "the old trooper," late of Co. B, 4th Kentucky Cavalry U.S. His father was Charles Emil Bauer, who married Minnie Hollander of Mirah Hill, Spencer, Ind.

He is survived by his wife Hazel Blondel Herod Bauer of Fredonia, Caldwell County, Kentucky, Brother Steven Bruce Bauer of the Department of Indiana, Francis May Bauer Link, Laure Beth Bauer Meyers; his two sisters, Catherine Bauer Alstadt, Rene Bauer, his two brothers Julius Ferdinand "Butch" Bauer and Charles Bauer preceded him in death.

**Marice Fraker**, age 83, died 20 October 1998 at Community Hospital South. He is the father of Douglas C. Fraker.

Mr. Fraker was Life Member #423, Ben Harrison Camp 356, Indianapolis, Indiana. He claimed his descent from Sergeant Thomas McIlvain, Co. I 79th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He had been a member of Ben Harrison Camp since 30 June 1995. He and his son had recently moved back to Franklin Indiana from Mulberry, Florida.

A memorial will be conducted at the next regular meeting of Ben Harrison Camp #356.

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# GENERAL ORDERS: Series 1997-1998

The following General Orders are those of Past Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr. These orders are published here in accordance with national policy - see page 16, paragraph 2. Many of these orders may still require your attention. However, due to the

lapse in time since the last issue (Vol. 102, No. 3), the action called for in some of these orders may have expired or be no longer relevant.

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 12 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. Formation of the Department of the Kentucky is hereby approved.
2. The Department of Kentucky shall be composed of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
3. All Camps headquartered within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall become the Department of Kentucky.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to extend my thanks for all your assistance and cooperation during the past year. It has been a distinct pleasure to serve with you. I sincerely hope that each of you has a productive and harmonious encampment.

7. Our condolences are extend to any bereaved Brother or Brother's family and our best wishes go to all who may be ill.
8. On to Harrisburg.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 13 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. Charles Kuhn PCC, Trial Commissioner appointed to secure testimony and documentation relative to the summary disciplinary action taken against present and former members of Gettysburg Camp 112, held a hearing on June 6, 1998.

2. Based upon the testimony and documentation presented to the Trial Commissioner a partial report was made to this office on June 7, 1998.

3. Contrary to the original information provided to this office, testimony given to the Trial Commissioner exonerated Abner Rainbow of all allegations. The testimony provided demonstrated that Abner Rainbow did, in fact, meet his obligations to the members of Camp 112, the SUVCW and the members of Corporal Skelly Post 9, G.A.R. Further, while serving as a member of the HGAC Building Committee, he resisted all attempts to modify the internal structure of the G.A.R. Hall and when his words went unheeded resigned out of frustration.

4. Therefore, any and all portions of General Order No. 9 Series 1997-1998 of March 31, 1998 pertaining to Abner Rainbow are hereby vacated. Specifically, Section 5.B of said General Order is vacated. The prohibition on reinstatement of Abner Rainbow to active membership is voided.

5. For any consternation, inconvenience, angst and pangs this process may have caused Abner Rainbow, I apologize.

6. It is regrettable that it was necessary to use the disciplinary process to ferret out the facts. Nevertheless, the system worked.

7. The Trial Commissioner has not submitted a report of findings pertaining to the other individuals associated with this case.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 14 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. The 117th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Aug. 5-9, 1998. Every department is encouraged to send its full compliment of delegates to the National Encampment. The National Encampment is the supreme authority of the Order. Any action by a National Encampment can only be changed by another National Encampment. This is the body which determines the direction we will follow for the coming year. If any Department does not know the number of delegates to which they are entitled, please contact the National Secretary.

2. All officers and committee chairmen are advised that their respective reports to the National Encampment should be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes unless prior arrangements have been made with this office. When possible, all reports should be submitted to the National Secretary on a 3.5 inch IBM compatible computer disc. The documents should be in Word Perfect 6.1 or less, MS Word 5.0 or less or an ASCII text file. Additionally, two copies of all committee reports must be presented in typed form and three copies of all officers' reports must be presented in typed form. All reports should be sent to the National Secretary prior to July 25, 1998.

3. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more new members: Lee Booton, Robert Kennedy, Brad McGowan, Dr. David G. Martin, Clark McCullough, Marty Weisman, Thomas R. Burke, Larry Waggoner, John Suttles, and Roger Beverage.

4. Brothers are reminded to support the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the National Headquarters Fund. Send all donations to the National Treasurer. Please be sure to indicate the fund to which you are donating. All contributions to the SUVCW are tax deductible (1941 IRS ruling).

5. As another year draws to a close, I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to those Brothers who have served on the National Staff this past year.

6. To Sister Jacqueline Johnston, National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Barbara Tyler, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sister Beverly Goodenough, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 and Sister Linda Bennet, National President of the

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 15 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. The following Camp charters have been issued:

- General Ambrose E. Burnside Camp 5 Department of Rhode Island with rank from June 2, 1997
- Daniel Chaplin 3 Department of Maine with rank from March 3, 1998
- William Jenkins 129 Department of Massachusetts with rank from March 1, 1997 (reactivation)
- General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp 2 Department of Ohio with rank from Jan. 16, 1998
- Westport Camp 64 Department of Missouri with rank from April 28, 1997
- John H. McNeil 62 Department of Missouri with rank from March 3, 1997
- General George Armstrong Custer Camp 17 Department of New Jersey with rank from Jan. 14, 1997
- Captain David L. Payne Camp 2 Department of the Southwest with rank from April 23, 1997
- Fort Anderson Department of Kentucky with rank from May 10, 1998

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 16 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. The following ruling has been issued in response to an inquiry from the Department of Michigan:

2. The question: Is a former member who was discharged as a member and subsequently plead guilty to embezzlement eligibility for reinstatement.

3. The Constitution states that anyone who has committed an "infamous" or "heinous crime" is not eligible for membership.

4. What constitutes "infamous and heinous crimes" is the crux of the matter. According to my dictionary the law definition of infamous is "convicted of a crime, as treason or a felony, that brings infamy." To the best of my knowledge, embezzlement is a felony in all jurisdictions within the United States. Based on the definition of "infamous" the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement regardless if he has served his sentence. He was convicted that ends his eligibility. There is no provision for an exception if any sentence imposed by a court has been served.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 17 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. A recommendation has been received from Glenn B. Knight, Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, that the charter of Corporal Weaver Camp 295, Hellertown, Pennsylvania, be revoked for failure to adhere to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Said camp having failed to hold meetings for several years; failed to hold election of officers for several years; consistently failed to respond to communications from the Department; routinely failed to pay per capita tax and file reports in a timely manner; and has no members residing within the area under the jurisdiction of the Department of Pennsylvania.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution Article VI Formation and Disbandment, Section 2. "The Commander-in-Chief upon the recommendation of the Department Commander shall have the power to revoke the charter of any camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order", the charter of Corporal Weaver Camp 295, Department of Pennsylvania, located in Hellertown, Pennsylvania is hereby revoked effective upon the notification of all know members of the camp and the issuance of transfer forms by the Department of Pennsylvania.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 18 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. In as much as the Constitution in Article V states "eligibles from states where no Department exists may become members-at-large attached to the National Headquarters" and we have been violating this provision of the Constitution for a number of years, the National Membership-at-large Coordinator is hereby ordered to transfer all National Members-at-large who reside within areas served by a Department to the respective Department. Departments are to make provisions for these members either by establishing a Department Member-at-large or attaching them to the nearest camp.

2. The transfers are to take place without disruption of membership for the Members-at-large. This is to be accomplished in a manner which will not cause the Member-at-large to resign their membership and should have no negative impact upon the members. The net effect should be only a change in the address to whom dues is mailed by the members and an enhanced opportunity to participate in the Order.

3. Only the following states are not served by a Department: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 19 National Headquarters SERIES 1997-1998 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. The report of the Trial Commissioner on the Gettysburg GAR Hall matter having been received the following change to General Order No. 9 Series 1997-1998 is hereby made.

A. The last sentence of Section 5.C "[Laverne Louey] shall be borne upon the rolls of the Order as having been dishonorably discharged" is altered to "He shall be borne upon the rolls of the Order as having been discharged for the Good of the Order."

2. The evidence gathered by the Trial Commissioner is to be provided to the National Counselor or a member of the legal staff designated by the National Counselor for review for the purpose of determining if there is sufficient evidence to file a criminal complaint with the Adams County District Attorney against Dr. Walter Powell for possible theft of property, unauthorized dispensing of funds, unauthorized transfer of camp property to one or more individuals and/or organizations.

3. The Pennsylvania Department Commander, at his discretion, may to inform The Adams County Historical Society that there is no evidence that Dr. Walter Powell had any authority to transfer any camp or G.A.R. Post records or the William Cashman letters to them. Dr. Powell expended \$800 of camp funds for the purchase of the Cashman letters and then promptly transferred them to the ACHS. There is no documented authorization to neither expend the funds nor transfer the collection to ACHS. That they are potentially in possession of stolen property and said property is to be returned to the SUVCW immediately. Similar notice, at the discretion of Department Commander Knight, may be sent to the Adams County Public Library which was the recipient of the G.A.R. Post 9 library courtesy of Dr. Powell without any documented authorization from the camp.

4. Evidence was presented that Brother William Little, PDC and Brother George Ollinger while representing Camp 112 on the G.A.R. Hall building restoration committee abrogated their responsibilities by failing to attend and participate in the committee meetings. The Trial Commissioner had noted this for the record and recommend minor action regarding Brother Little and no action regarding Brother Ollinger. In as much as they both committed the same acts of omission, the lack of responsible action is noted and no further action will be taken.

5. On behalf of the National Organization, I wish to thank Brother Charles Kuhn, Jr. Vice Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, for his service as Trial Commissioner and commend him for the manner in which he handled a very difficult and emotional task.

6. This Order closes all internal action pending against present and/or former member of the Order regarding the transfer of the Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall to HGAC and associated activities.

By Order of: Richard D. Orr Commander-in-Chief	Attested by: David Hann National Secretary
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This concludes the Series 1997-1998 General Orders of Past Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr.

The first of the Series 1998-1999 General Orders of Commander in Chief Andrew M. Johnson are on page 4 of this issue.

# GENERAL ORDERS

SERIES 1998-1999

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 SERIES 1998-1999

National Headquarters  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. Having been elected and installed Commander in Chief by the assembled delegates at the 117th National Encampment at Harrisburg, Penna. on Aug. 9, 1998, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander in Chief should be sent to the above address.

2. All business correspondence should be addressed to David Hann, National Secretary, 440 Clark Drive, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

3. All supply requisitions with payment should be sent to Elmer F. Atkinson, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St, Philadelphia, PA 19116.

4. All bills and requests for payment should be sent to the Hon. James B. Pahl, National Treasurer, 445 W Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1519.

5. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to Robert M. Petrovic, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 4729 Mehl Ave, St Louis, MO 63129-1626.

6. The confidence which my brothers have shown in me is greatly appreciated. I express my thanks to those who supported me and especially to the brothers of the Maryland Department. Special thanks also to the Department of Pennsylvania for hosting the encampment in true Pennsylvania style.

7. Our Order is truly founded on the principals of fraternity, charity and loyalty. Good men can and will disagree and those disagreements must be resolved. Once resolved, old issues should be laid away and we should all look to acting in fraternity, showing charity for the differences of others and loyalty to our nation and to the SUVCW.

I pledge to execute the duties of this office always looking to these words. I ask all brothers to do the same.

8. I expect to concentrate the efforts of the National Organization on our core programs; Graves Registration and marking, Civil War Monument registration and restoration, locating G.A.R. and SUV records, and Commemorative Events celebrating the deeds of the "Boys in Blue." Outstanding leaders have been appointed to head these programs at the national level. Each department and each camp needs to assure that their leadership is pro-active in these areas and, as much as possible, responsive to recommendations from national officers. I have asked the National Civil War Monuments Officer to take the lead in a consolidated national search for monuments, graves and G.A.R./SUV records. A critical element of this identification program is locating US Government donated gun tubes, often found as part of memorials; to assert our interest in their preservation in their existing locations.

9. The congratulations of the Commander in Chief and of the Order go to the following camps and individuals who received the awards indicated at the Harrisburg Encampment:

- Abraham Lincoln Award (Most Outstanding Camp) McLaughlin Camp 91, Department of Ohio
- Davis/Linder Award (Most New Brothers recruited by a Department), Department of Pennsylvania
- Comelius Whitehouse Award (Most Outstanding Brother), Kent Armstrong
- Marshall Hope Award (Best Newsletter), Yankee Cavalier of the Major General James A. Wilson Camp # 1, Department of Tennessee
- Major Stephenson Award (Most new Brothers recruited by a individual), Kent Armstrong
- Under 40 Award (Most members recruited under the age of 40) Department of Pennsylvania
- Grant Trophy (Largest percentage of growth by a Department) Department of New Jersey

10. Membership is growing but not at the rate that any of us would choose. Most recruitment begins at the camp level. I ask each brother to review the list of his relatives and friends for prospective members and to take action. Department Secretaries are advised that they are requested to certify to the National Secretary each member who recruits 3 or more new members. These brothers will be appointed as "National Aides for Recruitment" and are entitled to wear the national ribbon behind their membership badges as a symbol of their good work. We also have a Junior Program which should be used to capture the interest of youthful descendants of the "Boys in Blue". Departments should actively look for opportunities to form new camps. Our best source of new members seems to be those who will join as camp charter members. Our national advertising program generates a large number of inquiries but a relatively low level of recruitment. Many changes are being made to reinvigorate our advertising program. Each department must be ready to respond immediately to people who show an interest in membership. A delay in response is "an uncertain trumpet" to which few will respond. I will ask the Council of Administration to consider changes to the C&R which will permit new member intake into the Member at Large Department at a standard membership fee. These new members would be offered to the department in which they live with the standard membership fee paid to the accepting camp. This change would allow the National Recruiting Program to offer immediate membership at a known fee. It would do much to capture those who now inquire but fall away waiting for our somewhat lengthy enrollment process to take its course. I ask the support of department commanders in this attempt to solve one of our recruiting problems.

11. Only camps can retain members. Too many recruits are lost each year for a variety of reasons but chiefly, I believe, because their camp does not offer them interesting and perhaps challenging programs. The camp that meets once a year cannot recruit or retain members. A rich variety of activity will attract and retain members.

12. All commanders of departments through which the G.A.R. Highway passes are asked to assure that the Department G.A.R. Highway Officer communicates with the National G.A.R. Highway Officer providing copies of information concerning the Highway and its condition. The

G.A.R. Highway is a national monument which needs our constant oversight to assure that it continues to be adequately marked.

13. I have informed all Senators who have not yet sponsored the Flag Protection Amendment resolution in the US Senate of our flag protection resolution passed at Harrisburg. The Legislation Committee is also now looking at Grant's Tomb National Monument Act and at legislation designed to return Memorial Day to May 30. Committee chairman is James H Friedline, 7500 Durwood Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222-1332 and jhfmduv@gateway.net. I ask each department commander to make contact with Brother Friedline who will suggest how grassroots contacts can influence these important bills.

14. No activity fulfills our ceremonial responsibility better than the annual Remembrance Day held this year on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Gettysburg, Penna. The march will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the traditional Woolson Monument ceremony. Chairman for this committee is Elmer F Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719. I urge each department to have maximum representation in the parade and I ask that all Sons wear the membership badge on their outer clothing throughout the events of the day. There will be NO guest speaker this year in order to shorten the standing-in-ranks time.

15. Brothers are reminded that the Order has a number of funds to which tax-deductible contributions may be made; the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, National Patriotic Instructors Fund, Senior Vice Commander in Chief's Fund, the Permanent Fund and the General Fund. Look for a coupon notice in THE BANNER to make your contributions painless. I urge each brother to make a donation to one or all of the funds during the year.

16. My Commander in Chief's calendar is designed to best serve the Order. Please extend your invitations as early as possible to assist me in making my itinerary. I will attend as many department encampments and events as time and overlapping dates will permit.

17. THE BANNER is your newsletter and it best accomplishes its mission if camps, departments and individual brothers submit good articles to the Editor for publication. This issue of THE BANNER contains national policy approved by the Harrisburg Encampment. Look to it for guidance on how to write to get published. Please also note that individual problems concerning the newsletter should be addressed to the Publisher, Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850 or suvcwdw@clarityconnect.com.

18. Information about the ill and bereaved should be brought to the attention of myself or the National Secretary in order that proper attention may be given to the needs of the member or his family.

19. Department Commanders are asked to bring problems to my attention by phone or by email as soon as they appear on the horizon. Most problems are solved at the camp and the department levels. If there is a serious potential that the problem cannot be solved at those levels, I wish to know about it as it develops.

20. Appointments of national officers and committees have been made and are announced in this edition of THE BANNER. The Order thanks those brothers who take on national duties often in addition to heavy camp or department responsibilities. Those not appointed to a national committee but who would like to be considered may write or email the CinC for consideration.

21. It is with extreme regret that I announce the death of Mrs. Daisy Anderson, widow of Robert Ball Anderson, on Sept. 23, 1998 in Denver, Colo. We believe that Mrs. Anderson was the last widow of a U S Civil War veteran. My representative and the Centennial Camp 100 represented the Order.

22. The Council of Administration will meet on Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Eisenhower Inn at 8 a.m. All Council members are requested to attend. The exact location and time will be posted in that hotel. All Past Commanders in Chief and all sitting department commanders are invited to attend and observe the inner workings of your national administration.

23. My congratulations to camp and department elected and appointed officers. The future of the SUVCW is largely in your hands. I wish you the most productive and harmonious year and urge each of you to call upon the Divine Author of our faith for the wisdom, courage and capacity to perform your duties.

By Order of:  
Andrew M. Johnson  
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:  
David Hann  
National Secretary

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 SERIES 1998-1999

National Headquarters  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. It is with profound regret that I announce the death of Past Commander in Chief Eugene E. Russell on 9 November 1998.

2. PCC Russell served with distinction as Commander in Chief in 1984 from the Massachusetts Department. After 93 years of service to the nation and this Order, PCC Russell is buried in Malden, MA, on this date.

3. I charge all department commanders to drape department charters in his honor and to require that all camps do likewise for a period of 30 days from this date.

By Order of:  
Andrew M Johnson  
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:  
David Hann  
National Secretary

## Sons Say Goodbye to Daisy Anderson

*Perhaps the Civil War's closest living icon passes away.*



Daisy Anderson, left, visits with Confederate widow Alberta Martin at the Gettysburg Hands-Across-The-Wall Ceremony in 1997.

Brothers nationwide received the saddening news from an Associated Press article that appeared a few days after her death.

Daisy, 97, died September 18 at Amberwood Nursing Home, Denver, Colorado, where she had been a resident for some time.

After viewing September 30th and October 1st at Horan & McConaty Mortuary, Mrs. Anderson was cremated.

At midmorning, Saturday, October 3rd, family and friends – among them members of the SUVCW – gathered at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Denver to say their last farewells to Daisy.

Outside the church, shortly before the start of the ceremony, members of the 4th U.S. Artillery Quadrille Band, local re-enactors, played music of the Civil War period.

Before a gathering of nearly 100 guests, Mayor Web, Denver, made a few comments, followed by Mary Cox and Rita Williams, and others. Cox and Williams are Daisy's nieces and her only survivors. Each spoke of their recollections and fond memories of Daisy.

Brothers present included members of

**Centennial Camp 100** and others of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Among those from the Order were Charles Sharrock, National Graves Registration Committeeman, representing Commander in Chief Johnson. Brother Sharrock placed a wreath during the ceremony.

As the ceremony drew to an end, Dept. Commander Steve Turbot, PDC Douglas Wilson, Dept. Chaplain Charles Counts, PDC, and Camp 100 JVC Geoffrey Hunt formed a uniformed color guard, posting the colors beside Mrs. Anderson's urned remains, and offered a final salute. Each is a member of the 1st Colorado Vol. Inf. unit, SVR.

A reception followed, where visitors were greeted and warmly thanked by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Williams. On behalf of the Order as a whole, Camp and Dept. members expressed their deepest sympathy.

Daisy Anderson will be greatly missed by those who knew her and respected her.

*"May all the clouds  
you see have  
a silver lining."*

*Daisy Anderson  
1900-1998*

### TO BE INURNED AT ARLINGTON

Daisy Anderson's friends are trying to raise money to have her ashes and her husband's remains inurned at Arlington National Cemetery. Donations for this purpose can be made to the RB Anderson Inurnment Fund or to the Daisy Anderson Scholarship and Education Association (DASEA), care of First Bank of Cherry Creek, 100 St. Paul St., Denver, CO 80206.

### MEMOIRS OF ROBERT BALL ANDERSON

Daisy's book, "From Slavery to Affluence, The Memoirs of Robert Ball Anderson, Ex-Slave" is available for \$20 (plus \$1.70 postage) by sending a self-addressed 8x10 envelope to DASEA, P.O. Box 371023, Denver, CO 80237.

## Graves Registration

By Leo F. Kennedy  
National Graves Registration Officer

The National Graves Registration Program has been in place for a couple of years, and although we are only in the beginning stages, we are seeing progress towards our goal of locating the final resting places of all Union Civil War Veterans. There is a form that has been developed and it comes complete with an instruction sheet and an abbreviation list. A database has been constructed to hold all of the data taken in and there are many ways to get the data to the National Organization.

This is not an undertaking that we will see completed in a year, but if we all pitch in and provide grave information in our own areas and of our own families, we will make a positive difference. One of the keys to success in this project is the field work that needs to be done. We need to have the description of the grave site and stone or marker. We need the section, lot or location of the grave within the cemetery. Much of the field work can be completed as we flag the graves near Memorial Day. Simply taking the forms with you and writing down what is on the marker will add much.

There are already databases and listings of graves that have been worked on by Camps, Departments and individuals. The Official National Database is in Microsoft Access format and has the capabilities if importing many existing databases. If you have programs already, please forward them to the National Grave Registration Officer and the attempt to import them will be made. If you are just starting out, a copy of the Data Entry Version of the database can be sent to you. If using the database is not an option, the forms can be completed and mailed in. They will be added into the database, just not as fast or easily as with using the database.

Members are encouraged to send in their descendants information. We are looking for complete names, service history, dates of birth, death, enlistment and discharge, name and location of the cemetery, headstone description, G.A.R. Post, markers on the graves, and any other information you may have. The forms can be used for this. It is important to type or write clearly and complete the form as much as possible.

Forms and instruction sheets can be obtained from the Department Secretaries or the National Graves Registration Officer. Please copy them as often as needed. Copies of the Data Entry Version of the database may be obtained from the National Grave Reg. Officer. They can be sent on a disc or attached to an e-mail. Once you have entered the data, follow the instruction sheet and download the data on to a disc for return to the National through mail or e-mail.

We are already doing research with the data that is in the database. We are, and will continue to be able to help families locate missing pieces of their history, assist historians in research and provide listings to assist while flagging the cemeteries. Most importantly, we are following the duties of our Order by maintaining and documenting the memorials and perpetuating the memory of the Union soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the National GRO, Leo F. Kennedy, P.O. Box 820, Greenville, RI 02828, 401-949-1780, hdviking@aol.com.

## About Daisy Anderson

Daisy Graham was born December 14, 1900. She was one of eight siblings, the children of sharecroppers.

She met Robert Ball Anderson at a church picnic in Forrest City, Ark. After a brief, 30-day courtship, they were married. She was 21. He was 79. Either had been married prior.

The Andersons lived on their

2,000 acre ranch near Hemingford, Neb.

R.B. Anderson had been a slave of Revolutionary War veteran Robert Ball. At age 22, he ran off and joined the Union Army. He recounted years later that he never had the opportunity to see action as it was late in the war. After the war, Anderson was a Buffalo Soldier on the Western frontier.

R.B. Anderson died in an automobile accident in 1930, after just eight years of marriage.

Daisy Anderson was recognized by the Sons of Union Veterans during a special ceremony at Gettysburg, Penn., in July 1997. Since that time, members of Camp 100 and of the Dept. of CO&WY had visited her on her birthday and on Memorial Day.



## Sons of Veterans Reserve Report

By Captain Glen E. Zook  
National Public Information Officer

Many S.V.R. units participated in Memorial Day activities recognizing our forefathers devotion to the Union cause, as well as recognizing the veterans of all wars who are buried in cemeteries across our land. Among those participating were the following:

**Company C, 34th Illinois Infantry**, who marched in procession and played a significant role at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

**4th United States Light Artillery Battery B** who marched as part of the West Bend, Wisconsin, Memorial Day Parade.

**Cushing's Battery** not only organized a parade in Delafield, Wisconsin, but sponsored a program of patriotic speeches and music at the city park. The next day the battery presented a program on artillery at a nearby school.

The **Headquarters Company of the 4th Military District** was very active in observing Memorial Day by providing a color guard at the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Calvary Cemetery, attending ceremonies at Oshkosh, and marching in the parades at both West Bend and Delafield.

The **1st Lone Star Infantry**

(Union) provided a color guard at the McKinney, Texas, Memorial Day observance. Several members also participated in a re-enactment skirmish held immediately following the observance.

In addition to the Memorial Day activities, Sons of Veterans Reserve units have been active in programs honoring our Union ancestors.

Members of Company C, 34th Illinois Infantry and several allied and patriotic orders gathered at St. Louis; Calvary Cemetery for William T. Sherman's Birthday Ceremony. General Sherman's gravestone, surround by those of family members, is the only public monument to his memory in St. Louis. About 65 people attended the program, which included speakers, laying wreaths and flowers, a military salute and Taps. The salute, led by Corporal Gary Ulrich, was a first since 1994. Afterwards, those assembled proceeded to the gravesite of General Frost for SCV ceremony.

The S.U.V.C.W. Department of Illinois conducted a memorial service at the gravesite of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. Under sunny

skies, residents and dignitaries gathered at Petersburg, Illinois' historic Rose Hill Cemetery. S.V.R. members from Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin served as color bearers during a procession to the gravesite. Missouri Department Commander Steven Leicht and Wisconsin Department Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels assisted in the ceremonies as well.

Members of the 1st Lone Star Infantry (Union) have been assisting in living history programs in conjunction with several school districts in the Dallas / Fort Worth, Texas, area. In addition, members provided an honor guard for "President Lincoln" at an American Legion sponsored luncheon in Dallas on the day following Lincoln's birthday.

The James B. McPherson Camp #66 and its SVR unit **Company E of the 72nd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry** attended a dedication of a tombstone for Andrew Jackson Christy at Forest Hill Cemetery in Napoleon, Ohio, on June 27, 1998. Christy was private in Company D of the 14th Regiment OVI having enlisted at Defiance, Ohio, in October 1861 for two years. He re-enlisted in 1863 as a Veteran.

Andrew Christy was mustered out on July 11, 1865, at Louisville. Andrew was born September 9, 1842, in Wyandot County, Ohio, and died April 4, 1920, near Wauseon, Ohio. The principal speaker at the dedication was Harriet Brubaker, President of Tent 139 of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Four generations of descendents were gathered at the grave site when Company E provided the honor guard and fired a salute over the grave.

All S.V.R. units are encouraged to provide information on their unit's activities for inclusion in The Banner. Include any photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. that help publicize your activities. Please get this to your Military District Public Information Officer as soon as possible in order that the National PIO can include the information in the next edition of the national publication. District PIOs need to forward the information as soon as it is received.

Remember, these pages in The Banner are reserved for the Sons of Veterans Reserve. We need to keep the information coming so that the editor of The Banner will continue to allow us the space.

### From the Commanding Officer

Brigadier General David V. Medert  
Commanding Officer, SVR

First, I want to commend the Pennsylvania Department on putting on a fabulous National Encampment. As always, they made everyone feel welcome and went out of their way to ensure we had what we needed. We had 62 members and their families attend the SVR Breakfast and it was great to share ideas on the present and future of the Order.

My many thanks to Captain John Price and the Gettysburg Blues for serving as Provost Marshall and Provost Unit for the National Encampment. It was impressive to see uniformed men throughout the encampment. Their "hospitality suite" was truly hospitable. Thanks.

While at National, the Commandery approved the SVR Membership Badge, the Meritorious and Distinguished Service Medals, and the SVR Unit Citation. The SVR Membership Badge will be available from the S.U.V.C.W. Quartermaster sometime this fall. The medal is bronze for SVR members, silver for General Staff and gold for the Commanding Officer, is suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon, and may be worn on the SVR uniform or with civilian attire. More regarding

the SVR medals and ribbons will be disseminated by the District Commanders to their units.

Remembrance Day is just around the corner. We would like to see a good turnout from the SVR at this event. There will be a General Staff meeting on Friday evening to discuss events and projects. The SVR Breakfast will be at 8:00 at the Eisenhower Inn and then parade Commanders meeting at 10:00 in the same room. In order to shorten the length of the program and allow units to visit other sites on the battlefield, we will not have a speaker at Woolson's Memorial. All troops will form in front of Woolson's Memorial for a wreath laying and then we will proceed en masse to "The Wall" with our Confederate Cousins for their ceremony. Upon the conclusion of this ceremony, we will all participate in a "hands across the wall".

Now is the time to make plans for the 1999 National Encampment which will be held in Indianapolis on the second weekend in August. This is a commemorative event, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the last GAR encampment. The SVR is in charge of the parade and campfire for

the encampment. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. We can use your help.

We are in the process of writing an SVR history. Did you know that the SVR wore "olive green uniforms" and were considered a "reserve force" at one time? Did you know that we had over 5,000 members in the SVR alone during it's peak? We do not have much information regarding our formation and it's activities since 1903. Brothers Bob Wolz, Gordon Bury, and Bud Atkinson have been invaluable in providing us with information regarding our past. If any of you have records of the SVR or information regarding it's history, please let me know. If possible, I would like to photocopy them and use them to compile our history. If you know there was an SVR unit in your area, check the local veterans organizations and ask them if they have any information. Many reserve units and armories have information as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Gettysburg for Remembrance Day.





## SVR GENERAL ORDERS

### GENERAL ORDER 1998-2

1. Effective 15 July 1998, Pvt. James T. Williams is commissioned Captain, having been appointed Chief of Staff of the 3rd Military District.
2. This appointment will expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

Kenneth D. Hershberger  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

### GENERAL ORDER 1998-3

1. Effective 15 July 1998, 1st Sgt. Gregg A. Mierka is commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, having been elected Commanding Officer of Battery A, 1st Regiment, Rhode Island Light Artillery in the 1st Military District.
2. This appointment is for a period of three years to expire on 14 July 2001 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

David V. Medert  
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Kenneth D. Hershberger  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

### GENERAL ORDER 1998-4

1. Effective 15 July 1998, Pvt. Peter N. Rotando is commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, having been elected Commanding Officer of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment Volunteer Infantry in the 1st Military District.
2. This appointment is for a period of three years to expire on 14 July 2001 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

David V. Medert  
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Kenneth D. Hershberger  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

### GENERAL ORDER 1998-5

1. Effective 15 July 1998, 1st Lt. Charles H. Horr is commissioned Captain, having been appointed Commanding Officer of Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery in the 3rd Military District.
2. This appointment is for a period of three years to expire on 14 July 2001 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

David V. Medert  
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Kenneth D. Hershberger  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

### GENERAL ORDER 1998-6

1. Effective 15 May 1998, Henry E. Shaw, Jr. is commissioned Major, having been appointed judge Advocate General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
2. This appointment will expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

David V. Medert  
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Commanding

Kenneth D. Hershberger  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

### GENERAL ORDER 1998-7

1. Effective 16 August 1998, SGM Richard P. Lufkin is commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, having been appointed Public Information Officer of the 1st Military District.
2. This appointment will expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

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Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

Kenneth D. Hershberger  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

### GENERAL ORDERS 1998-8

1. Effective 13 October 1998, Lt. Colonel Kenneth D. Hershberger, resigned his position as Adjutant General SVR, and request transfer to the Cadre. This resignation is at his request. The SVR thanks LTC Hershberger for his services to the Order.

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

Elmer F. Atkinson  
Chairman  
National Military Affairs Committee

### GENERAL ORDERS 1998-9

1. Effective 13 October 1998, Major Robert Grim, Commander 3rd Military District SVR, is appointed ADJUTANT GENERAL, SVR. Effective 30 October 1998, Major Robert Grim is commissioned LT. COLONEL, SVR.
2. This appointment will expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

Elmer F. Atkinson  
Chairman  
National Military Affairs Committee

### GENERAL ORDERS 1998-10

1. Effective 13 October 1998, Captain Howard T. Frost, Adjutant 3rd Military District SVR, is appointed Commander, 3rd Military District, SVR. Effective 30 October 1998, Captain Howard T. Frost is commissioned MAJOR, SVR.
2. This appointment will expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

Elmer F. Atkinson  
Chairman  
National Military Affairs Committee

## SPECIAL ORDERS

### SPECIAL ORDER 1998-03

1. Effective 10 August 1998, Captain Anthony Waskie is commissioned Major, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshall for the 42nd Remembrance Day weekend. This commission and appointment expires 22 November 1998.
2. The duty of Provost Marshall for the Remembrance Day, is to ensure order is maintained when the Commandery is in session. The Provost Marshall will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
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Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General



Remembrance Day 1997: Wreath laying at the Albert Woolson Memorial.

## Seven Shays Camp vs. Cedar Hill Cem.: Legal Action Averted

The threat of protracted legal action involving the sale of a Civil War artillery piece has been averted in an agreement between the cemetery which sold it and the heritage group that purports to own it.

Officials of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association of Fredericksburg, Penna. and Seven Shays Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War issued a joint statement to clear up the various concerns.

The cemetery, faced with potential vandalism, increasing maintenance costs and an offer from a dealer in Civil War arms spent more than a year determining the value of the 7 inch, 32 pound cannon manufactured in 1859 by the Tredegar Foundry in Virginia. During that same time they researched cemetery and local records to determine ownership of the tube. The results of the latter were inconclusive at best.

In fact, the cannon was located on a Grand Army of the Republic burial plot with a monument and graves of fallen G.A.R. comrades. Just before the G.A.R. ceased to exist in 1956 with the death of its last member, all of the property of the G.A.R. was transferred to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in a deed of trust, which is registered in Washington, D.C. "If we had known then what we know now," states Charles L. Strouphar, chairman of the Canon Committee of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, "we would not have sold the cannon." "It saddens us that we have inadvertently defiled the resting place of these honored veterans and we offer to

them our sincere apology."

Camp Commander Mark Buffemoyer notes, "We were astounded that the cannon disappeared and feared the worst, but in talking with our neighbors on the cemetery board we are satisfied that it was an honest error on their part." The Ethyl Corporation, the current owner of the restored Tredegar Foundry, eventually purchased the cannon. "It has gone home and will be displayed as an example of the foundry's good work for thousands to see," continued Buffemoyer, "I think the placement does honor to the men of the G.A.R."

Ethyl maintains the Tredegar site as a service for the National Park Service—they paid a record \$33,000 for the tube and trunions. Superintendent Cynthia MacLeod reported, "I am hopeful that next year the Richmond National Battlefield Park will be utilizing part of the Tredegar site for a visitor center. Perhaps by that time the canon will be an integral part of any visitor's experience to Tredegar."

Buffemoyer began the discussions which led to the historic agreement when he reported to local police that the canon had been stolen. Legal action to return the cannon was begun and Pennsylvania Department Commander Glenn B. Knight was contacted for assistance. Knight made contact with the cemetery company and negotiated the solution—without application to the legal process.

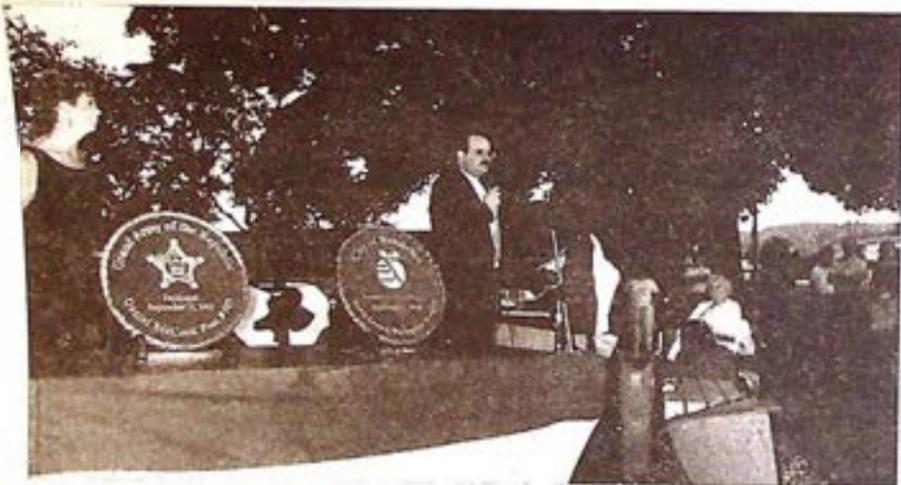
"When this sort of thing happens," said Knight,

"it is our obligation to make it right as the sons of those veterans and the legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic. This situation was unique in that the canon was 'returned home' and will be an honored example of the workmanship of the Tredegar Foundry." He notes that it is not altogether inconceivable that, had they been aware of the sale before hand, the SUVVCW may have approved of it—it is that unique a situation.

Seven Shays Camp, headquartered in nearby Lebanon, Penna., will be working with the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association to study the G.A.R., all metal "zinc" monument which was erected in 1885. They plan to work together to find funding for the evaluation and restoration of the unique obelisk. "We are very happy that, by talking to one another, we have been able to resolve this in a gentlemanly fashion," concluded Buffemoyer. [This quote could also be from an official of the cemetery board—your choice]

Richard D. Orr, Commander in Chief of the SUVVCW said, "We too are happy that we were able to work this out in such an agreeable manner, but we want to make sure that everyone understands we are not, in any way giving up our rights to redress as the heirs to the G.A.R. Return of the tube is generally our preference and we are and will be fighting those battles in the legal arena, where necessary."

## Washington Sons help rededicate GAR Monument



Museum Coordinator Kris Young looks on as Cmdr. Rod Fleck speaks to the crowd. The plaques commemorate the original 1915 GAR dedication and the rededication by the City of Wenatchee and the North Central Washington Museum. No. Central Wash. Museum photo

By Rod Fleck, CC  
Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1  
Washington State Camp-at-Large

Over five years ago, a military weapons dealer, Bruce Stiles, made what he thought was the ultimate discovery — a Model 1844 howitzer, cast in 1855 by the Cyrus Alger & Co. of Boston. This civil war era relic was sitting off in an obscure part of a Wenatchee, Washington, memorial park. The dealer made an offer to the Wenatchee City Council of \$35,000 to purchase the relic and "take it off their hands." Fortunately, both the City Council and the North Central Washington Museum said, "No."

That proved to be the catalyst for a major renovation project that would

culminate in the rededication of the GAR Memorial this past September.

The Cannon Enhancement Project was a high priority for the board of the North Central Washington Museum and its project coordinator, Ms. Kris Young. With the guidance of the Museum and Ms. Young, volunteers raised over \$12,000 toward the project — a project that would make the Cannon and the GAR a central feature of the city's Memorial Park.

Originally, the cannon was appropriated to the state of Washington as the result of Congressional action. It was one of 16 such "civil war" cannon released to the state's numerous GAR posts. Where the other cannon are today is one of the research projects that is being pursued by Ms. Young and

civil war enthusiasts in Washington.

The Daniel McCook Post of the GAR installed the cannon in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, originally dedicating it on September 11, 1915. Back then, when litigation attorneys were apparently fewer in number, the cannon was mounted to a concrete base with a stack of cannon balls to each side. Over the years the cannon balls became loose, and it was decided that they should be removed. The cannon also adapted to the imaginations and climbing abilities of Wenatchee's youth — as generation after generation climbed on top of the device.

Ms. Young, with an army of volunteers, began construction on a project earlier this year that would make the cannon a proper monument to the GAR and to the Civil War. A new concrete base was designed to hold the cannon in a level position, yet still allowed the adventuresome youngster the ability to climb up on it. Recessed into the base are two bronze plaques. One honors the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daniel McCook Post. The other commemorates the rededication of the cannon in 1998. A safety feature was also planned that included an octagon plaza surrounding the base containing a fall absorbing matting commonly found at modern play grounds. At the four cardinal points of the octagon are new benches that face the cannon allowing a person to sit and reflect on the days when it was a weapon of war, and not a child's adventure. Sitting off

from the plaza, Ms. Young ensured that the historical aspects of the cannon and the McCook Post of the GAR were not forgotten. A truly informative and wonderfully designed kiosk provides information about the cannon, the GAR post, and the rededication effort.

On 11 September 1998, 83 years to the day of the original, the volunteers held their rededication ceremony. The grandson of the GAR post chaplain provided the opening prayer, while Union and Confederacy re-enactors association looked on. Ms. Young, members of the City Council and the Museum Board all said a few words of thanks to the numerous volunteers that made the project a success. After making a brief statement, Camp Commander Rod Fleck, Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, asked for assistance in laying a memorial wreath before the cannon.

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Model 1844 32-lb. field howitzer rededicated in Wenatchee, Washington  
Photo by Richard Waldron

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DEPARTMENT of CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC:

**Camp 21 Graves Project/Scout Commendation**



Front left to right: Brother Al Haun, Senior Vice Commander Bob Lowe, Eagle Scout Jimmy Spillane, Camp Commander Gene Armistead.

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 Commander Gene Armistead, assisted by Brother Al Haun and Senior Vice Commander Bob Lowe, presented the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Commendation to Jimmy Spillane of San Diego's Troop 226. The presentation was part of a ceremony held July 19 at the G.A.R. plot of San Diego's historic Mt. Hope Cemetery. Spillane's Eagle Project - sponsored by Camp 21 - was to record graves information on Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery. The project located the final resting place of over 650 Union and 45 Confederate veterans. Results of the survey have been published at camp expense and made available to both local research and genealogical libraries, and to San Diego area organizations focused on the Civil War.

**Auxiliary Installs Betty J. Baker National President**



Betty J. Baker was installed as National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW on August 8, 1998, at the National Encampment. Betty was previously the National President in 1996-1997. She is the second generation of her family to obtain this high office, following in the footsteps of her mother, PNP Beatrice Terry Greenwait.

Sister Betty's eligibility is through her Great Great Grandfather (maternal) Henry Reihemer, who served in the 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. From the paternal side, her Great Grandfather Hiram Stout served in Co. E of the 148th New York Volunteers and later re-enlisted into Battery C of the 1st New York Light Artillery.

At 14, Betty joined D.G. Caywood Auxiliary No. 72 of Ovid, New York. She has devoted 39 years to the Auxiliary by repeatedly holding every office on the local and state level. In 1977 Betty was elected Department President of New York.

On the National level, she has served as National President, National Vice President (twice), Chief of Staff (twice), Chaplain, National Council (three times), Guide, Assistant Guide, and Color Guard.

Besides being dedicated to the advancement of the Auxiliary, Betty is active with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, her church and Girl Scouts. In Interlaken, New York, she is the owner/operator of Terry's Drive In.

National President Betty has three married daughters, two of which are members of the Auxiliary. They have given her four grandchildren. One of her granddaughter's recently became a member of the Auxiliary, making five generations of Betty's family belonging to the order.

**S.U.V.C.W. & G.A.R. MOUSE PADS FOR SALE**

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**Associates Must Pay Per Capita**

A rumor that Associates do not pay the national per capita tax seems to be circulating. This is erroneous.

Associates are required to pay the same fees and the same per capita tax as a member. Specifically, the \$10 minimum application fee required in the Constitution and Regulations, which includes the \$5 national new member fee, camp dues, department per capita tax and national per capita tax. There are no provisions in the C&R which allow a camp to charge an Associate less dues, etc., than a member. Only Juniors, Life Members and National Honorary Members are excused from paying the national per capita tax. Each department must determine if these Brothers are excused from the department per capita tax or other fees.

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> VOL. 103 • NO. 2 Winter/Feb. Edition deadline Jan. 31 mailed by Feb. 21	117th National Encampment Veterans Day Remembrance Day
> VOL. 103 • NO. 3 Spring/May Edition deadline April 15 mailed by May 6	Lincoln's Birthday Armed Forces Day Memorial Day prep
> VOL. 103 • NO. 4 Summer/Aug. Edition deadline June 30 mailed by July 21	Memorial Day Independence Day 118th National Encampment prep

**Stats . . .**

Members: 5,700	Camps: 190
Departments: 26	
<b>118th National Encampment:</b> Indianapolis, Indiana, August 20-22, 1999 50th Anniversary of the last National Encampment of the G.A.R.	
Source: National Secretary	

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Illinois

On Sat. May 2, 1998, the Department of Illinois held its annual encampment at the G.A.R. Post 20 Memorial Hall in downtown Aurora, Ill. A new slate of officers were nominated and installed for 1998-99. The officers installed are as follows: Dennis Kelly, Commander; Byrd Shepherd, Sr. Vice Commander; Jay Schollmeyer, Jr. Vice Commander; Willis Mog, Secretary; Charles Willman, Treasurer; Department Council - David Bailey, Ron Clark, Nick Kaup.

### New Jersey

An informative and very productive Encampment was held recently by the New Jersey Department. The Department is involved in a number of projects to preserve our Civil War history here in the Garden State. Among these projects are the restoration and preservation of New Jersey Battle flags. The Department is in the process of raising money for a display case to house some of the restored flags to be located at the new State Archives building. The cost is between \$6,000 and \$10,000 per case. Another project of great importance is the cataloging of all Civil War and G.A.R. monuments throughout the state. The Department plans to contact each Municipality to inquire about monuments in their area, and is asking all Camps to get out and record all monuments and to document the monuments with photographs.

Our Department is working with New Jersey legislators on protection of these monuments. The Department approved two resolutions to be brought up at National. The first to support the National Flag Amendment, the second to host a National Encampment.

The newest Camp in our Department, **George Armstrong Custer Camp 17**, received their Charter at the Encampment. The Charter was presented to Camp Senior Vice Commander Clark McCullough by Department

Commander Michael Horgan and National Secretary David K. Hann. The Department was honored to have a number of guests in attendance, including Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson, representing Commander-in-Chief Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, Pennsylvania Department Commander and Editor of the Banner Glenn Knight, and Past Massachusetts Department Commander Al Peterson. The following officers will guide our Department for the another year, Commander Michael Horgan, Senior Vice, Barry Clark, Junior Vice Clark McCullough, Secretary David K. Hann PDC, Treasurer Dr. David G. Martin PDC.

At our banquet a number of awards were given including the Combs/Lambert Award for the Camp that recruits the most new Brothers in a year, went to **Lincoln Camp 100**. The Kearny award for the Brother that recruits the most new Brothers in a year, went to Dr. David G. Martin PDC. The highlight of the evening was the annual Good Citizenship award that went to **Kyle Mays** an Eagle Scout. Mr. Mays undertook the restoration of graves at the AME church in Voorhees which included a number of veterans from the United States Colored Troops.

On Saturday May 16 Brothers from the **Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp**, Dept. of NJ, along with Compatriots from Private Meredith Pool Camp 1505, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and members of the 16th Virginia Cavalry, held services at Finns Point National Cemetery near Salem, N. J. Finns Point National Cemetery contains the remain of 136 Union and 2,436 Confederate soldiers who died at nearby Fort Delaware. On May 25 Past Camp Commander and present National Secretary David K. Hann was one of the invited guests to speak at the annual Memorial Day services in Hammonton. In his speech he reminded everyone that Memorial Day was a sacred holiday and should be returned to the 30th of May. Keeping true to that word, on May 30 Brothers from the Camp along with the Ladies of Leach Circle 58 Ladies of the G.A.R., took part in Memorial Day services at the D. A. Russell Post 68 G.A.R. monument, in Greenmount Cemetery in Hammonton.

We have recently learned that one of our Brothers, Harold Delhagen, is in Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia awaiting a heart transplant. We all wish Brother Harold a speedy recovery.

**Lyon Camp 10**, Dept. of N.J., Commander Buzz Smithcors and Secretary Bob Wilhelm have been planning a Camp Web page for about six months. We had gathered all of the information and pictures, we just needed to have them placed into the web and linked to the Sons of Union Veterans Webpage. Our newest Brother, Bill Cole, (of N. Cape May), afforded us this opportunity, because he happens to be a Webmaster, and was able to do all the technical work for us.

Our Web page consists of a cover page, and brief Biography of General Nathaniel Lyon. Also include in our Web Page is an events calendar, a history of Lyon Post 10, G.A.R., a listing of Lyon Camp Officers and a history of Lyon Camp 10 (old Baxter Camp 72). Also included are photographs of the Lyon Post 10 G.A.R. Monument (located in center city Vineland) and a group image of Lyon Post 10 Members taken on Memorial Day, 1895. You will also be able to find a listing of all the New Jersey Grand Army of the Republic Posts-all 119 of them.

We plan to add a quarterly information section on Lyon Post Artifacts (with Pictures), that are currently on display in the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society. There will also be excerpts from the minute books and G.A.R. Encampment information.

Please visit us! The address is: <http://users.jerseycap.com/cole/suvcw/index.htm>

### Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania made no changes to its list of officers for 1998-99 at its 118th Annual Department Encampment, June 26-28 at West Middlesex, PA. Glenn B. Knight of Lititz remains department commander, while Charles Young of Philadelphia and Charles Kuhn of Gettysburg continue in the senior and junior vice commander positions, respectively. Department Secretary / Treasurer Lester "Al" Kern of Carlisle begins a new three-year term. PDC Ivan Frantz Jr. of York retains the one-year

seat on the Department Council while Eric Schmincke of Philadelphia begins a second two-year term on council. PDC George L. Powell continues in his term on Council.

Eleven of the department's 24 camps were represented.

Department Commander Knight proposed that the National Encampment consider changing the regulations of the Order to allow department commanders to request that the Commander in Chief revoke camp charters for a wider range of failures. The question was forwarded to the National Encampment.

An amendment to the department by-laws that would eliminate the fund raising responsibilities of the Patriotic Instructor was agreed upon. It will be voted on at the mid-year meeting of the department scheduled for Oct. 31 at the VFW Hall in Carlisle, Penna.

Yearly dues for the department's at-large camp, **Memorial Camp 300** were increased to \$20, per-capita tax was increased to \$15 yearly and a fine of \$25 to each camp that does not have a representative at the 1999 department encampment was enacted.

The encampment also urged support of Rep. Harry Readshaw's efforts to preserve the 111 monuments to Pennsylvania units at Gettysburg and adopted a position in favor of the new visitor's center at Gettysburg National Military Park. Also approved was an outstanding service award to be given annually to up to two brothers by the department commander with the concurrence of the Department Council.

A department "uniform" consisting of a McClellan style kepi with a yellow metal wreath containing in the center a white or yellow metal numeral of the camp or the letters "SUV" was also approved. The kepi is to be worn with appropriate civilian attire.

In a final action, the department endorsed Past Department Commander George L. Powell for the position of Junior Vice Commander in Chief in 1999.

Contributions from the department's G.A.R. Fund will be made to Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp 33, York; Gettysburg National Military Park and the Frigate USS Constellation. Ruhl Camp will receive \$150 to help re-mark the grave of Pvt. Jacob Horlebein. \$500

will go to Gettysburg NMP for restoration of Pennsylvania monuments as part of the Readshaw initiative. The department will have a bronze plaque attached to the USS Constellation for its \$1,000 gift which must be ratified at the mid-year meeting.

The 119th Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania will be held June 25-27 at the Days Inn in Lancaster while the 120th Encampment, in 2000, will be at the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg.

### Tennessee

Members of **Memphis Camp 1** voted to formally change the name of their camp to **Sultana Camp 1** at their October 26 meeting. The change became effective November 9.

There were several reasons for the change. The Sultana disaster, April 1865, was climaxed shortly after leaving Memphis with tremendous loss of life of American servicemen; veterans on board had served faithfully in the nation's service for an extended period, much of it as prisoners of war at Andersonville and Cahaba; minimal recognition has been given to Sultana for over 130 years; no other camp has selected Sultana to honor its memory.

Camp 1 has chosen to feature Sultana at its Memorial Day ceremony for the past three years. Members are proud to remember those aboard Sultana on its final voyage and, with others, seek to keep alive the events memory.

### Vermont

The 113th annual encampment of the Dept. of VT was held May 23 in Rutland, VT, and hosted by Commander James Proctor and **Ripley Camp 4**. By all accounts, it was one of the most successful encampments in years. Professor Paul Anderson from Middlebury College spoke to the encampment on the Battle of Gettysburg.

On Sept. 20, the **William Scott Camp 302** of Barre held a charter ceremony. Dept. Commander Richard Reed presented the charter to Camp Commander Daniel Witcher and members. Barton newspaper publisher Paul Lefebvre gave a talk on William Scott's role during the Civil War.

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Department brothers and sisters were saddened to learn of the death of John A. Reed, long time member of **H.E.K. Hall Camp 28**, Chelsea. Brother Reed was a valued member for over 60 years, holding offices at both camp and department levels. He was 81.

Camp Commander Floyd Blodgett, Camp 28, is recovering from an auto accident, and Camp 28/Dept. Sec./Treas. Merlin Doyle is recovering from heart surgery.

The Dept. of VT continues to grow, even after receiving the General U.S. Grant membership trophy last year.

**At Large**

**Washington State**

Memorial Day 1998 saw **Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1** participating in two separate ceremonies. Members, including Camp Commander Rod Fleck, attended services in Port Angeles. The camp was among some 20 veterans and related organizations as they laid wreaths in honor of those who served and died. Over 25% of the turn-of-the-century population of Port Angeles was Union veterans and their families. Clallam County, of which Port Angeles is county seat, currently has the largest per capita veterans population in Washington.

Other members and officers of Camp 1 placed a wreath at the first ever Memorial Day ceremony at Washington's only national cemetery. Tahoma National Cemetery, located south of Seattle was established late in 1997. This marks the camp's first public participation in Memorial Day ceremonies since being chartered over five years ago. Plans are already being made for next year.

In August, Camp 1 responded to a proposal by the Seattle Parks Dept. to include the G.A.R. Cemetery on a list of sites to be recommend for an off-leash dog-walk area. Camp representatives met, for the first time, with members of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and Daughters of Union Veterans at the cemetery just prior to the meeting. Also there were officers of the DAR and SAR. The combined group proceeded to the meeting, were asked to sign various petitions, and were handed signs reading, "Save our Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery." The Parks Director opened the meeting by saying that the G.A.R. site was being removed from the list because of overwhelming response. After 15 minutes of applause and cheering, and cemetery supporters adjourned to the lobby, savoring their victory, exchanging addresses and making future plans.

**African-American Civil War Memorial Dedicated**

Beginning July 15, 1998, four days of studying and celebrating the role of the African-American in the Civil War was hosted by the African-American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation. Culminating in a parade and the unveiling of the "Spirit of Freedom" statue on Saturday, July 18th, the four days of events included three symposiums, a Freedom Gala Ball, a commemoration service at the Capitol, and a memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson presented a wreath on behalf of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the July 16th Arlington ceremony.

The unveiling ceremony on Saturday was attended by several thousand people, many of whom were descendants of US Colored Troops. The ceremony included performances by the United States Army Band, the Louisville Boys Choir, Soloist Michael Houston and the Children of Gospel of the Washington Performing Arts Society. The keynote speaker was Lieutenant General Joe Ballard, US Army.

Among the reenactors portraying the 54th Mass, 55th Mass, 1st Kansas and the 3rd USCT was Associate Albert El of the Anna M. Ross Camp of Philadelphia. Among the other SUCVW attendees was then SVCinC Johnson, accompanied by Camp Commander Kenneth Hershberger, Lincoln-Cushing 2 of Washington, D.C. and Camp Commander Peter Johnston, Garfield Camp 1 of Baltimore. SUCVW support for this project has included both monetary donations from many levels of the order



Re-enactors of the 3rd U.S.C.T. present Commander-in-Chief Johnson with a unit cap before of the *Spirit of Freedom* statue during its unveiling.

and individual efforts among the membership.

The African-American Civil War Memorial, located on the corner of Vermont Avenue and U Street, NW, Washington, D.C., is the only national monument to the African-American in the Civil War. The site was selected because descendants of Shaw and his unit settled in this neighborhood following the war. This area of Washington was renamed "Shaw" many years ago. The center piece of the memorial, a bronze statue named "Spirit of Freedom," sculpted by Ed Hamilton of Louisville, KY, portrays three Union African-American soldiers and one sailor standing in positions of

vigilance, guided by the 'spirit,' prepared to serve and defend their nation. The rear of the statue holds a scene of a young soldier leaving both his wife and children and his parents. The statue is partially encircled by a low granite wall that will hold plaques with the names of the 208,943 United States Colored Troops and their 7,000 white officers. The monument is scheduled for completion the Fall of 1998.

For more information, please contact the African-American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation, Inc., PO Box 73517, Washington, D.C. 20009, 1(888) 648-USCT or visit their website at [www.afroamcivilwar memorial.org](http://www.afroamcivilwar memorial.org).

**SUCVW Web Updates & Improvements**

On Jan. 1 of this year, PCinC Keith G. Harrison was appointed by PCinC Richard Orr as National Webmaster of the Sons World Wide Web page. The appointment was made at the request of a highly dedicated but then much overloaded Brother Glenn Knight, who was serving as Webmaster in addition to Chair of the National Committee on Communication Technology, National Signals Officer, Banner Editor and Pennsylvania Department Commander. Since January, PCinC Harrison has logged over 100 hours per month, updating, streamlining and expanding the national web site. The extra time has paid off with a per day visit increase from just over 2,000 hits per day in January to a current average high of 10,000 hits per day. Brother Harrison also serves as the National Webmaster for the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Some of the updates and improvements that have taken place on the SUCVW web page include: the availability of the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Policies, Sons of Veterans Standard Operating Procedures, updated National and Camp and Department Job Descriptions, complete National Proceedings for the years of 1984, 1988 and 1994, and General Orders and CinC National Encampment presentations back to CinC Allen Moore's. Three noteworthy new features include

a program to begin cataloging GAR and Civil War monuments nationally, a cooperative undertaking between the SUCVW and Brøderbund Software's Family Tree Maker to develop a large Civil War genealogical database and the availability of a new Announcement/Inquiry Forum page for use by the Order and the public. The site is affiliated also with two Internet rings, Civil War Heritage Ring and Civil War Circuit. The affiliations have also helped to increase the use of the site.

In addition to the site's excellent in house references to the histories of the GAR and the SUCVW, the site also provides top notch links to other World Wide Web sites dealing with the GAR, individual unit and general histories of the Civil War, genealogical links, and reenactment organization links. The Sons web page even provides a link to our Civil War cousins, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Currently anticipated new features for the future include the development of on-line Department reporting capabilities and the availability of additional downloadable National forms including the Order's membership application.

If you haven't visited the site yet, do so. If have been a recent visitor, visit the site again - its been updated. The Internet address is <http://sucvww.org>

## Policy Statement for The BANNER

### General

The BANNER is the designated "Official Journal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". It serves as the major source of information for and about the organization and the members of the SUVCW.

The only required item in any single issue of The BANNER will be the most current un-published General Orders of the Commander in Chief. The General Orders of the Commander in Chief shall be printed as presented to the editor without change, except that the editor may correct style, spelling and grammatical errors. The content of the General Orders shall in no way be altered.

The BANNER shall be printed in a format that allows for information to be transmitted to the membership in as timely a manner as possible within the constraints of the approved annual budget. Frequency of publication shall be as approved and funded by the COA with the advice of the editor. Type faces, layout and format of the publication shall be the sole province of the editor.

### Personnel

The staff of The BANNER shall consist of a publisher, editor and circulation manager and such other positions created by the Council of Administration (COA) and placed under the control of the editor.

**Publisher** - The publisher shall be the elected, sitting Senior Vice Commander in Chief who, during his term, shall carry the additional title of Publisher. The publisher shall ensure that an editor and circulation manager are assigned and that they are operating within the scope of their job descriptions and this policy. All questions concerning the duty performance of the editor or the circulation manager should be directed to the publisher. As a voting member of the COA he shall, with advice from the editor, propose inclusion of appropriate funding for The BANNER in each annual budget before presentation to the National Encampment for approval. The Publisher will each year and prior to the National Encampment, evaluate the editor and circulation manager and provide that evaluation to the COA for its information and review.

**Editor** - The editor is appointed by the Council of Administration. He serves as advisor to the publisher during COA meetings. The editor has the broadest authority over content, design and timing of The BANNER and is empowered to select, reject, edit, modify or re-write articles in accordance with his best professional judgement subject to the policy decisions of the COA and the publisher. The editor will conduct himself in the best interests of the Order and serves at the pleasure of the COA.

**Circulation Manager** - The person appointed National Membership List Coordinator, by the Commander in Chief, shall serve also as circulation manager of The BANNER. He shall be responsible for providing a mailing list or lists, as appropriate, to the editor as close to the publication date as possible. List or lists shall be dbIII format compatible and shall consist of all available elements as required by the U. S. Postal Service for Standard Mail service. All changes of address shall be directed to the circulation manager. He will be responsible for distribution of each edition of The BANNER by first class mail to members of the COA and to all Past CinCs. He shall handle the distribution of all out of country mailings of The BANNER at the time of bulk mailings. He will distribute complimentary copies of The BANNER to: Presidents and Secretaries of the Allied Orders plus the head of MOLLUS, DOLLUS, UDC, SCV, MOSB and the SUVCW National Secretary for record copy file. No copies will be distributed to Juniors nor will additional copies be distributed to dual members. The circulation manager is also responsible for non-member subscription mailing and renewal notices. The circulation manager serves at the pleasure of the Commander in Chief.

### Writing Guidelines

Since The BANNER currently has no writing staff, the editor can not take unit newsletters, raw data or previously published data and re-write it into an article suitable for The BANNER. All articles must be submitted in narrative form and must contain the who, what, where, when and how of newswriting. All persons will be completely identified and all names are assumed to be correctly spelled. The correct spelling of names is the responsibility of the submitter. When questions arise, the editor will refer to the original copy submission.

Unless previously arranged, all of the articles for publication shall be submitted to the editor at the address of the Editorial Offices as published in each copy of The BANNER. Submissions will not be accepted from third party vendors.

As The BANNER is a national publication it is helpful for the writer to identify the department to which the unit belongs when writing about unit activities. The military district of the SVR unit should also be identified.

Because most newspapers now copyright their editions The BANNER will not reprint articles or photographs which have appeared in other media without written permission from the copyright holder.

Photographs must be good quality color or black and white

photographs. The BANNER will not use electronic or xerographic reproductions or newspaper clippings. Subjects should be grouped together and their faces should be recognizable. As a general rule, single photographs with more than five subjects will not be used unless they are especially well done and add to the quality of the publication. All photographs shall have complete captions, including the complete identification of everyone in the photo.

Articles should be from 200 to 500 words in length. An absolute maximum of 1,000 words will apply. Articles exceeding that amount will be severely edited or rejected.

All articles and photographs become property of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Material may be returned, at the discretion of the editor, if he is provided with an appropriately sized, pre-addressed envelope with the correct amount of U.S. postage affixed.

The BANNER adheres to the primary journalistic principles of accuracy, brevity and clarity.

### Editorial Rules

Questions of editorial style shall be determined by the most recent edition of the Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Guide. Questions of style not covered in the preceding source as well as spelling and grammatical questions shall be determined by Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary. In addition, the following style conventions are established:

- G.A.R. - The abbreviation, on second and subsequent reference for Grand Army of the Republic.
- SUVCW - The abbreviation, on second and subsequent reference for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. SUV is generally not acceptable.
- Department reference - Departments shall be referred to as Department of Pennsylvania and on second and subsequent reference as Dept. of IL.
- Camp reference - Camps will be referred to by name and number along with the abbreviated name of the department (Missionary Ridge Camp 63, Dept. of TN). Note that The BANNER uses neither No. nor # before the camp number. Second and subsequent references to the camp in the same article can be any of the familiar forms (Anna M. Ross Camp or Camp 1).
- State reference - When used as part of an address (usually with a Zip Code following) the abbreviation of the state will be in conformance to Postal Service rules and will be the 2-digit abbreviation. All other abbreviations of states shall be in accordance with the AP Style Guide.

- Military rank - The AP Style guide rules shall apply. In the case of ranks no longer in use, they will be spelled out on first reference.

- Honors - Whenever possible, The BANNER prefers to use the SUVCW honors in conjunction with personal names. Those honors are:

- PCinC - Past Commander in Chief

- PDC - Past Department Commander

- PCC - Past Camp Commander

- Current honors - All sitting commanders should be referred to as such in the text of the article.

- Time and date - References to time and date shall conform to the rules in the AP Style Guide.

- The BANNER will use the forms a.m. and p.m. for morning and afternoon hours. There will be no military time used and dates will be in the form of

- Month (abbreviated where possible) Day. The year will be omitted if either the year prior, year next or current year.

- Zeros - Unnecessary zeros will be deleted. \$2.00 will become \$2 and 3:00 p.m. will become 3 p.m.

- Courtesy titles - The courtesy titles Mr., Mrs., Miss or Ms will be used on second or subsequent reference only and then with the last name only.

- The main editorial will be written by the Commander in Chief or the editor and shall bear no by-line.

- Guest editorials or reprints of editorials shall contain the by-line of the author to include unit or position which would give their editorial the necessary credence.

- The BANNER shall be "departmentalized" to assist the reader in finding items of interest within the publication. Those departments shall include:

1. Main news page - Generally page one with jumps, as necessary to page 2.

2. Editorial page - Page 2. This page shall also contain the masthead listing the staff, editorial address and the address to send address changes.

3. General Orders page - Page 3. Reserved for the General Orders of the Commander in Chief.

4. Department News pages - May appear anywhere in the publication and include news from the field organization not selected as news or feature reportage.

5. THE GUIDON - Official publication of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Submissions accepted only from the Commanding General, Adjutant General and National Public Information Officer.

Obituary notices received from the National Chaplain will be published as space permits.

The announcement of the formation of new camps and departments will receive publication priority second only to General Orders of the Commander in Chief.

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**Advertising**

At present, no paid advertising is being accepted for The BANNER. If in the future it is determined to be advantageous to engage in commercial advertising, that will be the subject of a legal agreement between the Order and the provider.

Advertising of items for sale or events scheduled by units of the SUVCW may, from time to time be considered by the editor. Every effort will be made to accommodate those units but no guarantee is made as to the timing or placement of unpaid advertisements.

**Other**

The BANNER is not the first choice for distribution of blank forms to the membership. Blank forms are available from the Quartermaster. If blank forms are run, the editor may request cost reimbursement from the budget account of the program making the request.

Memorials to veteran ancestors are printed only in response to a contribution to the "Permanent Fund" established by the Order. Memorial recognition begins with the mailing of a check payable to the Permanent Fund, SUVCW to the National Treasurer who will then forward the memorial to the editor for publication.

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## IOWA CAMPS REFURBISH CANNONS

On Saturday, June 27th, four members of Grenville M. Dodge Camp 75 and two members of V.P. Twombly Camp No. 2 met at Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa, to paint two 8" mortars and one 20# Ordinance Rifle. These three pieces overlook the graves of Union soldiers buried in the cemetery's two GAR plots.

Apon assuming command in April, Dept. Commander Bradley S. McGowan issued orders to the department's three camps to adopt several projects for the coming year. Dodge Camp 75 chose to tackle the job of preserving the cannon and mortars at both Woodland and Glendale cemeteries. Commander McGowan contacted Vic Gavin at Gettysburg National Park. Mr. Gavin is with the maintenance department at the park. Proper procedures and considerations to be made in regards to the painting of iron cannon were duly noted. Commander McGowan then contacted Camp 75 Commander Lee Booten and

filled him in on the particulars. Brother Booten took the paint numbers supplied by the NPS to the Ankeny, Iowa, Sherwin Williams store where the store's manager graciously agreed to donate two gallons each of primer and black paint, as well as two gallons of thinner. The paint was special order and very expensive. The store manager also agreed to provide any future paint at a discounted price.

The City of Des Moines provided 1000 pounds of silica sand for the sandblasting. The Save Iowa's Civil War Monument Foundation supplied their recently purchased portable air compressor and sand blasting pot.

Commander McGowan is a foundation co-founder and serves as its president. His activities in the restoration of Iowa's Soldiers' and Sailors' in Des Moines have been nationally recognized. He has also received 40 hours of formal training in the area of monument preservation and restoration as presented

by the NPS. It is Commander McGowan's desire to expand even more the scope of services provided by the foundation. Plans are underway to add a power washer, as well as a cargo trailer to transport equipment in.

Guidlines set forth by the NPS were strictly adhered to. Particular attention paid to not disturbing the pedestals on which the three pieces sit. Following sandblasting, the pieces were primed and painted black. A full eight hours of hard work was involved in getting the job done.

Members participating included Leorn Stiers, Jim Hawk, PDC Merrill Anthony, Dodge Camp Commander Lee Booten, Mike Friedel, and Dept. Cmdr. Bradley S. McGowan. Barb McGowan, Brad's wife, served as official photographer for the project. A great sense of pride and accomplishment was felt by all who participated.

## Legal Action Taken to Save Memorial

In a October 11 phone call with the American Legion Department of Iowa 7th District Commander, SUVCW Department of Iowa Commander Brad McGowan was told that the *Legion Post in Griswold, Iowa*, had sold a 3" ordnance rifle which they believed to be the property of their Legion Post.

Cmdr. McGowan pointed out the fact that this was a known civil war memorial and asked how the Legion District Commander would feel if a memorial dedicated to the war in which he had served were to be sold. The reply was that he would not care, that memorials were sold all of the time.

It was then asked as to what legal authority they thought they had to commit such an act?

There was a loud 'click' — end of conversation.

Prior to this conversation, it had been rumored that such a deal was in the offing. Brother Dennis Sasse, a resident of Griswold, had stumbled onto this information when one of the Legion members let slip that the cannon may be sold.

The memorial in question was placed in the Griswold City Park by the Worthington Post, G.A.R., Griswold, Iowa, sometime in April or May of 1911.

An article that appeared in the *Griswold American* dated May 11, 1911, stated, "Arrangements are being made to have a suitable mounting made out of cement for a permanent place in the park and if

nothing happens a splendid time will be had Decoration Day when the Grand Army will dedicate the cannon as a monument to the unknown dead."

It seems that the cannon had been secured for the Post by the Honorable Walter I. Smith, a five term congressman from that district.

In 1920, the Worthington GAR post handed all of their property over to newly formed Post 508 of the American Legion. Commander McGowan has been read the minutes from the Aug. 1920 meeting in which a transfer of property took place between the GAR and the Legion. No specific reference was made as to the memorial which by then had set in the City Park for nine years.

It is the position of the Dept. of IA of the SUVCW that this cannon should be recognized as belonging to the City of Griswold.

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Following the phone call the alarm was raised via email to all of the Brothers within the department. Eventually, all pertinent information was forwarded to as many members as possible across the United States.

An avalanche of email and letters descended on everyone from the

National Commander of the American Legion and the Legion Department of Iowa Commander to the editors of no fewer than three large daily papers and to the local *Griswold American*. Sons and friends of Sons outraged by the action of the Griswold Post answered the call in much the same fashion as their ancestors had done some 137 years before.

What was believed to have been a meaningful dialog between Dept. Cmdr. MCGowan and the adjutant of the Legion post had led the SUVCW Dept. of IA to believe that the post was backing off from its original plan to sell the memorial.

A special meeting of Griswold Post 508, American Legion, was held Wed., Oct. 21, to decide the final fate of the memorial.

Prior to this meeting, the American Legion Dept. of Iowa Commander Louis C. Kirk had made his position quite clear to both the post commander and the post adjutant, quote, "...with such a heritage I would suggest American Legion Post 508 consider keeping the cannon in the Griswold community. Without consideration and apart from the good the money could do in your community, I feel the heritage of preserving the Civil War cannon is paramount. Future generations will thank you for maintaining the cannon for the citizens of Griswold." Cmdr. Kirk added at the end of his letter, "Whatever decision you reach, the American Legion Department of Iowa realizes it

is yours to make. However, it would be my sentiment to keep the cannon in town and maintain a proud tradition in Iowa." It should be noted that the Dept. of Iowa of the American Legion cannot mandate that Post 508 not sell the memorial. Commander Kirk makes that clear in his letter.

In a message left on the answering machine of Dept. Cmdr. McGowan on Oct. 22nd, the adjutant of Post 508 stated that the decision had been tabled for an additional 30 days.

Following this news Cmdr. McGowan decided to pursue legal action against the post to once and for all determine who has the legal authority in Griswold to do anything with the memorial. An attorney has been retained and legal action initiated.

It had been the hope of the Dept. of IA, SUVCW, that the citizens of Griswold would come forward and pick up the struggle, but this has not been the case.

More than \$600 had been raised for legal costs. Total costs are estimated to be close to \$2000. The *Save Iowa's Civil War Monument Foundation*, a tax exempt 501c3 organization, has agreed to raise funds and to work with the Dept. of IA of the SUVCW to right this wrong. The Dept. of IA is calling on all Brothers and friends to support this effort with their donations.

Tax deductible donations can be sent to Save the Monument, PO Box 306, West Branch, Iowa 52358.

## Camp Ford Project

During the Civil War, Camp Ford was a Union Prisoner-of-War camp located near Tyler, Texas. Little recognized until recently, the site, located at the present corner of US 271 and the Loop 323 Spur, has recently been acquired by the Smith County Historical Society. About 11 acres of land have been acquired, and plans call for the acquisition of several more acres. The land was purchased with a portion of a \$250,000 grant from the Federal Government.

In addition to the land purchase, a parking lot and a kiosk are being constructed. A kiosk will contain historical information, maps, etc.

Also, a number of walking trails are in various stages of construction.

The next stage of construction is now being planned. Included is the definite possibility of having a flag flying from each state which had a prisoner who was imprisoned at Camp Ford during the war. A possible source for these flags and flag poles is the respective state organizations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. If this is done, one or more plaques will be placed at the base of the poles which bear these flags. Flags will be lighted so they can be flown 24 hours a day. Of course, the flags will have to be of the 'all weather' variety.

The site has already undergone archeological study by Texas A & M University. According to Texas A & M, this is the premier archeological site now open in the State of Texas. The opening of an archeological museum on the

Camp Ford site is also a possibility, with artifacts dug from the area being a part of the exhibits.

The group responsible for the site is the Camp Ford Preservation Committee of the Smith County Historical Society. This committee is comprised of persons with a historical interest in the Tyler area. Included are members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. Tom McCall, a member of the SCV and the committee, has requested assistance from the SUVCW in both the planning and execution of the Camp Ford project.

Dept. SVC Glen Zook has unofficially committed the SUVCW to helping and will contact the Daughters of Union Veterans as well. This is a very good project for the camps of the Department of the Southwest, especially the three camps located in the State of Texas.

A historical marker has been in place for Camp Ford for quite some time, but the site was relatively unknown. The Smith County Historical Society wants to make the site known to not only those with interest in the Civil War, but to those who are interested in history in general. SUVCW participation will be of great help.

For flag and other information contact SVC Glen E. Zook, Dept. of the SW, at 410 Lawndale Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080, gzook@swbell.net

## SOS! Grant-in-Action

National Civil War Memorials Committee Chairman Kent Armstrong has "practiced what he preaches" by securing an SOS! Assessment Award to fund a professional condition assessment of the vandalized G.A.R. Monument at Wacousta, Michigan.

Dedicated in 1904 by the veterans of Joseph Mason Post No. 248, the life-size marble statue, atop the stone base, depicts a common infantry soldier in a stance of "Parade Rest." Vandals broke away the musket, which was found scattered in several pieces. However, the broken off hands have not been recovered.

The Save Outdoor Sculpture! Assessment Award covered the expenses for Mr. Andrzej Dajnowski, a conservator skilled in stone-work, to personally examine the sculpture, determine what could be done and the best way to do it, and to submit an estimate for the restoration work. Mr. Dajnowski's resume lists many projects done for the Smithsonian Institution and the City of Chicago's collection of outdoor sculpture. On April 4th, he traveled from Illinois for a first-hand look at the damaged statue. The carving and fitting of new hands, musket, other work to the overall sculpture is estimated to reach \$20,000.



On the scaffold (l. to r.) are Brother Armstrong and Mr. Dajnowski. Watertown Township Superintendent Ernest Rawson and Cemetery Supervisor Andy Case look on from below.

Photo by Linda Jones, Grand Ledge Independent

If there is a Civil War related sculpture near you in need of care, consider applying for an SOS! Assessment Award. For application details, contact Ms. Daria Gasparini, 1-800-422-4612.



This fine full-color postcard is available from James A. Garfield Camp 1, Dept. of Maryland.

The card is a faithful 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" reproduction of an original 1910 Memorial Day postcard.

Proceeds benefit the various memorial and preservation activities of the camp.

Each order of 20 cards is only \$5 plus \$1 postage - \$6 total.

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## Washington Sons help rededicate GAR Monument

Camp JVC, and SVR member, Ken Richmond, and Brother Richard Waldron, laid the fitting tribute to the memory of McCook Post members. For the three members in attendance, the six hour one-way drive was well worth the effort to be part of this historical event.

The ceremony concluded with the

firing of two artillery pieces by the reenactors. All those in attendance were awestruck by the sound and reverberations of the field pieces - both smaller than the one that was sitting center stage and quiet before the crowd.

As a result of this effort by Ms. Young and her Board, the Commander

in Chief Johnson has agreed that a special certificate of recognition be presented to the Museum. Ms. Young and her colleagues deserve every praise and honor our Order can confer, since their effort was driven by a deep respect for the past that was obvious from the remarkable nature of the project. Other

communities can learn from the "Wenatchee Model" as more and more of these items disappear every year.

Those wanting more information on the project can contact Ms. Kris Young at the North Central Washington Museum, 127 South Mission, Wenatchee, Washington 98801.

# USS CONSTELLATION LEAVES DRY-DOCK

On Friday, August 21, 1998, the USS Constellation was floated in her dry-dock near Fort McHenry, Baltimore. After 19 months of extensive restoration, the USS Constellation has been rehabilitated enough to float on her own and have the restorations completed out of dry dock. Closed to the public and her rigging removed in 1994, when the ship was brought into to dry dock in 1996 her condition was so debilitated there was concern she would break apart during the move from Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

At the launch ceremony, inclusive of speeches from local dignitaries and the Governor of Maryland, the Constellation looked nothing like the ship brought from the Harbor that had been represented as the 1797 frigate since the 1950's. With her rotten sides replaced, using a special laminating technique, and her portals restored (the portals had been cemented and covered to resemble the frigate), the ship was shining with fresh paint. With a shiny black coat, a white stripe along her gun deck, a bottom painted green to resemble her original copper sheeting, and gold decorations laced across her bow and stern, the USS Constellation was reclaiming her Civil War heritage.

As the last full sail ship built by the Navy, Constellation is the last surviving ship to have actively served in the Civil War. Built in the Gosport Navy Yards in Norfolk, she is the largest sloop-of-war built by the US Navy, displacing approximately 1400 tons of water and setting 20,000 square feet of sail.

Constellation's service includes slave trade interdiction off the coast of Africa from 1859 to 1861, including the first naval capture of the Civil War, two years of service in the Mediterranean attempting to capture

ship on her way to becoming a Union naval floating museum and memorial. In April 1998, the **James A. Garfield Camp 1** of Baltimore purchased a plank for the ship's restoration and participated in the "Shutter Plank" ceremony, marking the half way point of the restoration. At the August 21st ceremony three presentations were made from the SUVCW. PDC Ken Hershberger presented a \$250 donation from the Maryland Department for the purchase of a plank, Pennsylvania Department Commander Glenn Knight pledged a \$1000 donation as approved by the 1998 Pennsylvania Encampment, and Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson presented a \$1000 donation from the National Organization, SUVCW, as approved at the 1998 National SUVCW Annual Encampment.

The total cost of the restoration is estimated at nine million dollars, with only six million dollars raised, support is still needed to see this project to completion. The restoration remaining includes the interior of the ship, her spar deck, masts and rigging. The Constellation is scheduled to return to Baltimore's Inner Harbor in the summer of 1999. For more information on the USS Con-

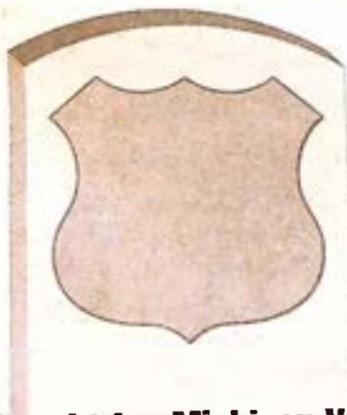
stellation restoration effort, contact the USS Constellation Foundation, Inc., Pier 1, 301 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3134 or call (410) 539-1797 or visit the website at [www.constellation.org](http://www.constellation.org)



Standing before the newly refloated *USS Constellation* are (l. to r.) PDC Ken Hershberger, Chaplain Ed Johnston, Garfield Camp 1 Cmdr. Peter Johnston, Foundation Chairperson Gail Shawe, PA Dept. Cmdr. Glenn Knight, Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson.

the Confederate raider Sumter, and brief service in Admiral Farragut's West Gulf Blockading Squadron.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has supported the restoration effort of the USS Constellation at many levels. Donations from individuals, Camps, Departments and National have helped this



## Unit Sought for Michigan Veteran

**Wa-bu-no Camp 53**, Department of Michigan, is in the process of securing grave markers for veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Camp 53 Brothers are asking readers for help in indentifying the unit and state of one of those buried there.

Henry Bailey Quantz (or Quance) was born in Canada on Sept. 7, probably 1838. He died July 12, 1912 in Mt. Pleasant. His father was Frederick Quantz.

It appears that Quantz did not serve in a Michigan unit, and is not the Henry Quance of the 18th Michigan Infantry, buried in Indiana.

Once the state and unit are determined, a gravestone marking his final resting place can be ordered.

Anyone with information or suggestions should contact Donald H. Workman, PO Box 235, 825 Gage Rd., Sanford, MI 48657.

## Plaque Recovered, Returned to Monument

Members of the Department of Wisconsin were instrumental in recovering a large bronze plaque stolen from the Cushing Brothers' monument in Delafield, WI, recently!

The 50 pound plaque, measuring approximately 18 inches by 5 feet, was stolen in early August and sold to a Milwaukee scrap yard for \$45. The thief told the scrap yard that the plaque had come off a bridge that was being demolished. Rather than recycle the plaque, the scrap dealer sold it to a Milwaukee antique dealer. Later that month, Jack and Scott Siefert, members of **Alonzo Cushing Camp 4**, spotted the plaque at an antique show in Illinois, but not before it had been sold to another party for \$800. Counter-offers from the Sieferters were refused.

Meanwhile, after learning of the theft, Sister Margaret Zerwekh of **Ammi Hawks Auxiliary 5**, and Brother Ron Aronis, Dept. of WI Secretary, alerted authorities and spoke to newspaper and television reporters about the crime. News of the deed spread throughout south-

eastern Wisconsin. Dean Collins, SVC of **C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1**, worked with other members of Milwaukee's police department to track down the missing plaque. Within days, the antique dealer retrieved the plaque from his customer and returned it to the Delafield Police Department.

Officials have now restored the plaque on the monument.

Ten years ago, thieves attempted to remove the same plaque and two companion plaques from the Cushing Brothers' monument, but were frightened away before they were successful.

The monument, which also bears the bronze likenesses of Howard, Alonzo and William Cushing, was erected shortly after the park was established on the Cushing homestead in 1915. Theron Wilber Haight, Wisconsin



(l. to r.) Allison, Danielle and Andrew Michaels, Ron Aronis, and Steve Michaels examine Cushing monument, less the stolen plaque. The 50 lb. plaque was later recovered.

G.A.R. Department Inspector and Mustering Officer, was instrumental in establishing the park and monument. Wisconsin's Grand Army and Allied Orders were responsible for planting memorial trees and maintaining the park during the 1920's and 1930's. Haight's words appear on the stolen plaque, "So long as such men can be produced in the Republic there is little danger of its decline and fall."

Only three months earlier, a large Memorial Day ceremony had been held at the foot of the Cushing monument.

## Real Sons and Daughters of Civil War Veterans

By Jerome Orton, Chairman  
National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

The following is a roster of known children of Civil War Veterans, North and South. Each has received a certificate from the Sons of Union Veterans

in the recent past. If you wish to write to any of these individuals, contact brother Jerome Orton, 213 Dixon Drive, Syracuse, NY 13219-2711, 315-488-4076,

ortonj@vax.cs.hscsyr.edu.

Most of these individuals have had newspaper articles printed about them.

**Francis Campbell**, MN. Father: Albert Woolson, Co. C, 1st MN L.A. Last Union veteran and last member of the GAR.

**Arlene Chambers**, CA. Father: Dr. Arthur Montgomery Pelton, Medical Cadet and 1866 graduate of U of Michigan Medical School at Ann Arbor.

**Rosewell Chaplain**, VT. Father: Roderick Chaplain, 10th VT.

**Dale Collier**, OH. Father: Harry Judd Collier, Co. F, 140th OH.

**Prince Victor DePolignac**, Republic of France. Father: Major General Camille Jules Armand Marie Victor DePolignac, the Prince DePolignac.

**Col. John W. Dinsmoor**, USAF (Ret), CO. Father: Samuel Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th OH. Father built the famous Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas.

**Herbert Duncan**, IA

**Desmond GI Dutcher**, NY. Father: Hiram Dutcher, 184th NY. A WWII and Vietnam veteran.

**Dale Farnsworth**, ME. Father: Albet J. Farnsworth, 2nd NH.

**Abraham Henkins**, MO. Father: Abraham Corwin Henkins, Co. H, Valentine's 44th Infantry, USA.

**Madison Gadberry**, TN. Father: Milton Gadberry, Co. H, 8th IA Cav.

**Melvina Keller**, OH. Father: George H. Summers, Co. A, 4th WI Vol.

**Gladys Keely**, PA. Father: Sgt. James Thompson, Co. H, 106th PA; Commander: George Meade Post GAR in Philadelphia, 1893.

**Margaret Gordon**, NY. Father: Thomas Gordon, 79th NY.

**Bertha J. Graf**, OH. Father: John Wethy, Co. B, 56th Ohio and USS Clara Dolson, USS Black Hawk and SS Nymph.

**Vera Harris**, RI. Father: Marzy (Matin) Van howland Lincoln, 14th RI H.A. This was RI's only Afro-American unit.

**John Hicks**, TN. Father: Thomas Hicks, Co. A, 72nd IN Vols.

**James A. Herlinger**, VA.

**John Hottenstein**, MO. Father: Lt. Justin Hottenstein, 20th IL.

**Robert Hottenstein**, OK. Father: Lt. Justin Hottenstein. These two brothers are also the grandsons of a Confederate Veteran.

**Cora Jackson**, DofC. Father: Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT.

**John Johnson**, DofC. Father: Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT.

**Thayne D. Labanta**, MI.

**A. "Jiggy" Lang**, WI. Father: John Augustus Lang, Co. F, 48th WI.

**Mrs. Sammie D. Mason**, AL. Father: 1Sgt. John Jackson Dawson, 110th USCT.

**Julius Muth**, TN. Father: George E. Munth, 41st NY.

**Lt. Col. Hugh McCormick**, USMC (Ret), VA. Father: William McCormick, 38th VA.

**Lillie Vertress Odom**, TN. Father: Rev. Peter Vertress, 6th KY CSA; Afro-American.

**Arnold Olsen**, MN. Father: Amund Olsen, Co. A, 15th WI.

**Hattie Naomi Pietri**, NY. Father: Ephriam Bemis, Co. D, 30th WI.

**Fordyce Philpot**, CA. Father: James Philpot, 103rd ME.

**Ora Pierce Powell**, KY. Father: Joel Pierce, Co. B, 21 KY.

**Horace Rumsey**, NY. Father: Horace Rumsey, Co. A, 148th NY.

**Eleda Scribner**, VT. Father: Dean Faucett, Co. E, 1st Vt.

**Adin Shonk**, MI.

**Emily Stevens**, NB. Father: Samuel B. Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th Ohio. Her father built the famous Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas.

**James Fitz Sullivan**, FL. Father: James P. Sullivan, Co. K, 6th WI. Past national commander of Seebees of America.

**Victor E. Tuller**, KS.

**Paul Washam**, OK.

**William and Frd Upham**, WI. Father: William Upham, Co. F, 2nd WI; Class of 1866 USMA at West Point.

**Grace B. Valentine**, VT. Father: John H. Barrett, Batt. G, 2nd MO L.A.

**Bertha Vertress Griffin**, TN. Father: Rev. Peter Vertress, 6th KY Inf. CSA; Afro-American.

**Paul Warner**, TX. Father: William C. Warner, Co. B, 9th IN; survivor of the Sultana.

**Robert Warner**, TX. Father: William C. Warner, Co. B, 9th IN; survivor of the Sultana.

**Caruth Smith Washington**, NV. Father: Andrew Smith, 55th MA. PDP Ladies of the GAR in NYS, 1971, and DUV member. May receive Congressional Medal of Honor denied her father in 1917 because of his race.

**Jack Elmer White**, Fl. Father: George White, Co. I, 50th OH and Sultana.

**Rev. Kenneth H. White**, NY. Father: Charles White, Co. G, 17th WV.

**Alice Zreen**, DofC. Father: Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT.

