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Pfeiffer Camp celebrates 100th Anniversary

Not many Camps in our Order can celebrate a centennial - but the Theodore Pfeiffer Camp No. 60 of New Oxford, PA. recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of its' original charter dated May 11th, 1895.

The Camp still observes Memorial Day on May 30th, not the Monday holiday. So this year, after holding Memorial Day services at both New Oxford cemeteries and the town square, an anniversary dinner was held by the Camp. Invited guests included: Past C-in-C George Long, PA Past Department Commander Ivan Frantz, Sr., PA Dept. Sec-Treas. Ivan Frantz, Jr., and Mrs. Laura Goyt - a descendant of Theodore Pfeiffer.

Alan Loomis

The namesake of the Camp, Theodore Pfeiffer, was born in 1821. According to information from the National archives, at his time of enlistment, Sept. 1, 1864, he was 43 years old with brown hair and stood five feet five inches tall. He was mustered in at Camp Curtin as a private and bugler in Company C of the 202 Pennsylvania Infantry. One month later, on a train near White Plains, VA, he suffered gunshot wounds to the spine and died the next month, November 29th, 1864. From enlistment to death was exactly ninety days.



1918



1936



1995



TEXT OF ADDRESS BY
JOHN BRITTON WELLS III, GENEALOGIST-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
TO THE 114TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
COLUMBUS, OHIO
AUGUST 11, 1995

*Commander-in-Chief Harrison. Gentlemen of the Sons of Union Veterans. Honored Guests:

I bring you greetings and salutations from your BROTHER hereditary and historical organization: the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and its Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Norman Dasinger. He wanted desperately to be here as a gesture of our unity, a unity of PRIDE in our ancestors who fought and died for their individual interpretations of American freedom in the bloodiest and most important war in American history. However, two of Commander Dasinger's children will graduate from college tomorrow and he could not miss that event. I think he wanted to see for himself where all his money has gone.

I REQUESTED to be here on this important occasion as the representative of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, because Columbus, Ohio, is a VERY important part of my family's heritage. You see, my gt grandfather, my gt gt grandfather, and three of my gt gt uncles LIVED in Columbus, Ohio, some 132 years ago. Actually, they were in JAIL here,....as Confederate prisoners of war at Camp Chase. My great-great uncle is buried in the Camp Chase Cemetery. I'm sorry to say that Great Granddaddy COULD NOT recommend the accommodations there! It wasn't quite up to Radisson standards!

But, Gentlemen, today I stand before you with a sad heart. I am not at all comfortable with what has happened to the memory of MY ancestors in gray and YOUR ancestors in blue, especially in the past few decades. The soldiers of the War Between the States are NOT the same heroes to Americans they once were.

Today, the celebration of their holidays is relegated to quiet, often unpublicized, local observances. There are no school programs, no parades, no glowing newspaper articles—THEY'RE GONE, ... and with them have gone much of the honor and respect due our wonderful Northern and Southern AMERICAN heroes.

What happened?? Who are the dirty rotten scoundrels who allowed this awful state of affairs to evolve? Who is to blame?

I'm afraid the answer is very simple! WE DID IT!! We, the proud sons and daughters of those brave and selfless boys in blue and gray, ... WE have done them in.

WE have allowed the soldiers of the War Between the States to become modern day political mascots, political mascots of liberal revisionist historians AND right wing radical racist fringe groups. The Yanks and Rebs have become combatants in a 20th century ethnic and social war. Our ancestors are being represented as defenders of everything from affirmative action to assault weapons. In some circles the Sons of Union Veterans is considered to be little more than a dressed up Michigan militia while the Sons of Confederate Veterans is passed off as a group of sheetless Ku Klux Klansmen! Pardon me, gentlemen, but, this stereotyping is one large odoriferous accumulation of bovine excrement and it is an affront to our ancestors and to YOU and ME!

Now, it would be very easy for us to place the blame for this state of affairs at the feet of the racists and revisionists, but it's not that simple.

There are those within our organizations who ENCOURAGE such warped depictions of our ancestors. There are most certainly a few members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who literally wrap themselves in the Confederate battle flag to promote racial division AND hatred of anyone living north of the Ohio River. There are SUVCW members who relish in perpetuating the Southern redneck stereotype. And, these gentlemen have saddled our ancestors with all sorts of modern political opinions. I've encountered compatriots who claim WITH PASSION that their soldier ancestors were not only against gun control, but were anti-abortion as well.

Consider how strange it is that we attach all this baggage solely to the poor boys in blue and gray! I wonder how the veterans of the Spanish-American War felt about comprehensive health care? Did those World War I doughboys really favor a balanced budget amendment? Sounds absurd, doesn't it? Yet we continue to allow OUR ancestors to be used as political TOYS!

As a result of all this posturing, many descendants are choosing NOT to affiliate with either the SUVCW or the SCV. They are choosing NOT to declare publicly their pride in their Union and Confederate forebearers because they do not want to adopt all the garbage that goes with it.

Politicians avoid us, "SERIOUS" historians ignore us, and the general public considers us to be fanatics. "When are you all going to quit fighting the war?", is a common retort.

Brothers, it is PASSED THE TIME that we as descendants of Union and Confederate Americans returned to the reasons why the SUVCW and the SCV were founded in the first place: TO PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE THE BRAVERY, SACRIFICES, AND HEROISM of our ancestors and to pass on our PRIDE to our children and our children's children. We CANNOT afford to continue to demean our ancestors by politicizing them.

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A Portrait of our Leaders

David R. Medert was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 114th annual encampment at Columbus, Ohio, August 10-13, 1995.

Brother Medert is a native of Chillicothe, Ohio. He bases his eligibility in our organization on his great grandfather, Cpl. Jacob Medert who enlisted in Co. D, 106th OVI on August 15, 1862 and was honorably discharged June 29, 1865.

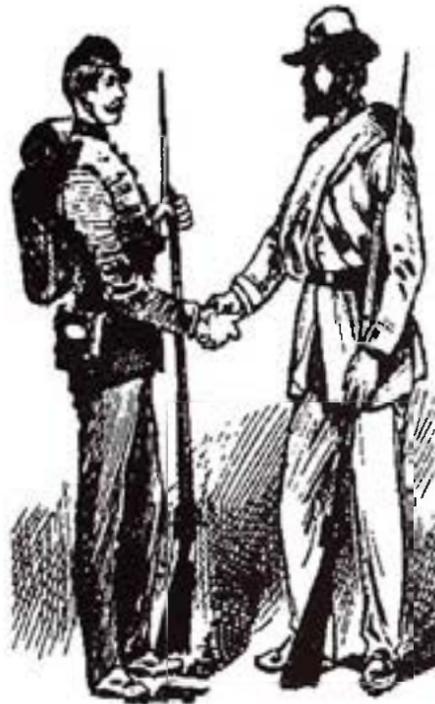
Brother Medert served in the 82nd Airborne Division and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and represents his ancestor, Major General Edward Hand of Lancaster, Pa.

He is one of two remaining charter members of the General Joshua Sill Chapter of the Chillicothe Civil War Roundtable which was founded in 1957 and is still active.

He is a member of the 1st families of Chillicothe, Ohio, The American Legion, a 32 degree Mason and founder and President of the Hand Family Association of Lancaster, Pa.

Brother Medert received an Associate Degree in Psychology at Ohio University. He served 28 years in the Ohio Highway Patrol where he was promoted through the ranks to Assistant District Commander. After retiring from the Patrol in 1980 he planted and operated an apple orchard for several years.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1988 and organized Camp William Dennison #125 the same year with 25 members. The Camp now has over 90 members.



He was Ohio Department Commander for two years at which time the number of Camps increased from 4 active and 4 dormant camps to 14 active camps. Ohio membership has increased from 150 in 1988 to our current 432.

Since joining the Sons in 1988 Brother Medert has brought about 150 new members into the Order.

Brother Medert holds the rank of Sgt. Major in the SVR and is Editor of the SVR newsletter THE GUIDON. Medert has 3 generations of his family in the Sons and the SVR.

He and his wife Patricia have been married for 46 years. Patricia is a historical author, archivist and President of a 5 building local Historical Society. They have 6 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Re-elected to a second term at the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, Margaret Atkinson brings her enthusiasm and hard work to the position of President of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Atkinson joined the Auxiliary in 1944 at the Anna Ross Camp No. 1 in Philadelphia. Since that time she has held positions at the department level in Pennsylvania including Chaplain, Chief-of-Staff, Vice President, and Department President. With the National Organization she served as Color Guard, Assistant Guide, Guide, Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, and now her second term as President.

Her ancestry in the Order is derived from Cpl. Herman Poehler, a paternal great-grandfather. Poehler served in the 2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery from 1862 to 1865. Additionally, she has two maternal great grandfathers, a great great grandfather, and two great uncles that saw service in the Civil War.

She has been married for over 45 years to Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, Past C-in-C of the SUVCW and currently serving in the position of Quartermaster. They have two sons and a daughter along with eight grandchildren.

Along with her activities in the Order, Mrs. Atkinson devotes much of her time to her Church. In 1986 she was ordained an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

A member of the board of directors of the GAR Museum and Library since 1984 she currently serves as Secretary to that organization. She also edits the museum newsletter and serves as a guide and speaker to the groups that tour the museum each year.



History Book Order Deadline Extended to October 31st, 1995

SUVCW History Book	Qty	Price	Total
Leather Edition (includes embossing)		\$89.00	
Deluxe Edition		\$49.95	
Embossing - \$5.00/book		\$5.00	
Additional word cost over 150		.15/word	
Protective plastic book cover		\$2.00	
Kentucky residents 6% sales tax		Tax	
Postage & Handling		\$5.00 1st book 2.50 ea. add.	
TOTAL			

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Paducah, KY 42002-3101

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GENERAL ORDERS

General Order No. 1
 Series 1995-1996
 Commander-in-Chief
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 Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
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 suvcw@bright.net (E-Mail)

1. I wish to express my deep appreciation to all the Brothers who elected me Commander-in-Chief at the 114th National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio on August 13th, 1995. It is a great privilege to hold this office and I gladly accept the challenge it presents.

2. Camp William Dennison #1 of the Ohio Department is to be congratulated for a job well done in planning and hosting the 114th National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio. The artifact displays were appreciated by all and the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the host camp was very apparent.

3. All correspondence to this office should be sent to the above address which also has E-Mail capability. All business correspondence is to be sent to the National Secretary, David Wallace with the following exceptions. Requisitions for supplies are to be sent to National Quartermaster Elmer Atkinson, PC-in-C, and quarterly reports from Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees are to be sent to the Chief of Staff Andrew Johnson. Addresses for these Brothers as well as for the 1995-96 elected and appointed Brothers to National Offices and Committees are listed in this issue of the Banner.

4. Standing and Special National Committee appointments for 1995-96 have been made and are listed in this issue of the Banner. The quarterly reporting by committee chairmen will continue. As previously stated these reports and correspondence from committee chairmen will be directed to the Chief of Staff. This office will be the liaison between the committees and the Commander-in-Chief. He will have the authority to follow up on the progress of the various committees. He will make his report to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration. Quarterly reports are due by the following dates: November 5, 1995, February 15, 1996, May 20, 1996 and two weeks prior to the next National Encampment. All previous appointees are hereby relieved unless listed in this issue of the Banner. Their work and dedication to the Order is greatly appreciated by all.

5. All Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. The money will be used to pay for recruitment advertising in various national periodicals. These advertisements have proven to be an invaluable recruiting tool. Contributions are to be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, 1310 Forest Park Ave., Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

6. The G.A.R. Memorial Fund finances patriotic programs that perpetuate the memory of the GAR. Contributions are to be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, David Turpin, 6510 Merle Hay Rd., Johnston, Iowa 50131.

7. Recruitment has always been my No. 1 priority and without a doubt it is the life blood of our Order. Not only do we grow in numbers but our financial base is increased as well. As in the past each Brother who secures three new members will be appointed as a National Aide and issued a National ribbon for his badge. Those who recruit five new members will receive a Certificate of Merit. There will be an additional two awards. A miniature GAR lapel pin will be awarded to the top recruiter in each Department for the period of August 1995 thru July 15, 1995. A minimum of seven (7) new members will be the base. There will also be one National award for the member who recruits the most members for the above dates. This award will be a walnut plaque with an engraved brass plate. It will be a permanent award and not a rotating award. All entries must pass through the Department Secretaries.

8. Any deaths, addresses or membership changes should be sent immediately to the National Membership Coordinator Richard A. Williams, 1917 Teel Ave., Lansing, MI 48910.

9. At present there is no instrument in place that furnishes information to our National Data Base for the following: members who are interested in chairing or serving on a department or national committee and fields of expertise of members that would qualify them for positions with the Order. A Member Data Form has been created and is printed in this issue of the Banner. Any Brother that wishes to advance within the Order should fill out the form and send it to

National through channels. This information will be placed in the National Data Base and can be called up for future use.

10. Any deaths or serious illness of a Brother should be immediately reported to this office. Deaths of Past Presidents of the Allied Orders should be reported to this Office so that proper letters of respect can be forwarded to the Order concerned. One of my goals is to maintain a close relationship with our Sisters in the Allied Orders. We are all working toward the same goals and must remain close.

11. All per capita tax and other quarterly reports are to be forwarded to the National Secretary on time.

12. Along with recruitment, communications should hold a high priority in our Order. It isn't cheap but it is necessary. The individual Camps are the most important segment of our Order and each individual member of a camp is important. Each and every member should be kept informed and contacted. Each of us wants to know that we are more than a name on a roster. Most all National Officers now have E-Mail capability. Communications among these Officers is the best that it ever has been due to this electronic communication. We must maintain and expand our communication technology. A special committee has been appointed to do just this.

13. During the current year the Commander-in-Chief has received over 20 requests for the Order's two one thousand dollar scholarships. We have reached the point where we must become more professional in the issuance of these scholarships. A scholarship form has been created and each applicant will fill out this form and attach supporting evidence to it. This request will then be turned over to a three member scholarship committee. The committee consists of educators from our Order who will review the requests and make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief as to who should receive the scholarships.

14. I have spent my entire adult life in a military atmosphere and have learned the value of "Chain of Command". The C & R

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National Organization
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Member Data Form

Date _____

NAME _____
 FIRST INITIAL LAST

CAMP AND NUMBER DEPARTMENT

CAMP AT LARGE AND NUMBER STATE

LINEAL ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBER

MEMBER AT LARGE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT

RETIRED OCCUPATION
 Y or N

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HOLDING OFFICES AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL?
 Y or N

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HOLDING OFFICES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL?
 Y or N

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING ON COMMITTEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL LEVEL?
 IF YES, STATE YOUR CHOICE
 Y or N

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BLOCKS IF YOU HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OF THE LISTED FIELDS.

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LEGAL TRAINING RESEARCH PUBLIC RELATIONS

DATA PROCESSING

OTHER FIELDS

COMMENTS:

We are looking for a few good Brothers interested in volunteering some time to assist in the completion of the following projects:

- Editing past Proceedings of National Encampments
- Department & Camp Charter Collection and Indexing
- Document Indexing
- Forms Review and Development

Access to computer with Word or Word Perfect word processing is required. Brothers who volunteer for a project will be appointed an Assistant to the National Secretary by the Commander-in-Chief for the 1995 - 1996 year. If you are interested in participating in one of these projects, please fill out the above MEMBER DATA FORM, and mail it to: National Secretary David F. Wallace at 7017 Granada Lane, Flint, MI 48532-3023 (810)835-2602 (voice), (313)995-9305 (fax), or JMW1200VI@aol.com (e-mail)



Address of John Britton Wells, III

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Secondly, we, YOU and I, must stop fighting the War Between the States. There are members of both organizations who HATE each other. They HATE each other! WHY?? Because our ancestors were military enemies over 130 years ago. That's a long time to hold a grudge!! There are members of the SCV who hate you because you live north of the Mason-Dixon Line! There are SUVCW members who dislike me SIMPLY because I speak with a Southern accent.

I confess readily that I LOVE the CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG. I cherish it because it was the flag of my ancestors ... and it continues as a symbol of my homeland, my culture, the funny way I talk ... my heritage. I will fight to preserve the public display of that flag with all of my being.

BUT, ... BUT, ... I also LOVE and cherish the UNION flag, the flag of the United States of America, MY COUNTRY! I served in Vietnam under that flag ... and the blood of my comrades, both Northern and Southern, soaked the soil of southeast Asia to keep that flag flying high. The best man at my wedding, who was my fraternity brother, my best friend, and a member of the SCV, lies buried in a Little Rock, Arkansas cemetery because HE defended the flag of the United States in Vietnam!

We must end this silly division between us and come together in order to fight the NEW War Between the States which is raging all around us. Who is OUR ENEMY?? All those historians, politicians, social activists, and extremists who would bend and twist the memory of our ancestors to fit their own selfish interests. Gentlemen, if we DO NOT FIGHT this war together ... well, just sit back, relax, and watch as our heritage continues to hemorrhage. ... as more and more descendants of Union and Confederate American heroes turn their backs on their special ancestry.

The basic question is: ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO SERVE YOURSELF - OR ARE YOU HERE TO PRESERVE SELFLESSLY AND ACCURATELY THE HONOR DUE YOUR ANCESTORS?

SONS OF UNION VETERANS, THANK YOU FOR INVITING THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS TO BE PART OF YOUR ENCAMPMENT. IT IS MY PRAYER THAT YOU LEAVE HERE WITH A RENEWED DEDICATION TO PERPETUATE THE PRIDE!"

(Editor's note: Immediately following the prolonged standing ovation given Mr. Wells by the Delegates to the Encampment, the following presentation was made by Mr. Wells to Commander-in-Chief Harrison)

"Commander Harrison, in honor of our common heritage as Americans, I would like to present you with a membership in the venerable Morgan's Men Association. The Morgan's Men Association is the oldest continuing veterans organization in the South, formed in 1868 by surviving Confederate cavalymen of Gen. John Hunt Morgan's famous command. You are presented this membership in honor of YOUR collateral ancestor PRIVATE JAMES BREWSTER, Co. K, Chenault's 11th Kentucky Cavalry, CSA, who served under Gen. John Hunt Morgan, and also lived here in Columbus in the later months of 1863 ... as a P.O.W. at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was on vacation near Buffington's Island when he was arrested for trying to swim the Ohio River!!!

In addition, I want you to have this book, entitled HANDS ACROSS THE WALL, accounts of the 50th and 75th reunions of the battle of Gettysburg. As the title indicates, the veterans themselves were able to join hands across the wall at Gettysburg. ... WHY CAN'T WE?"

A Visit From A Civil War Soldier



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

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

Brother Produces Video to Help Save Cedar Creek Battlefield

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

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

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

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

Preservation Enterprises
228 East Pearl Street
Butler, PA 16001



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114th ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 114th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were held August 9 - 14 at the Radisson Columbus North, Columbus, Ohio. The Sons had 114 delegates registered, with 109 in attendance. The business sessions and the interesting programs and displays were ably arranged by the Department of Ohio Host Committee, under the steady and dedicated direction of James E. Hilton, Department Commander, Chairman. Good fellowship, enjoyable entertainment and productive and substantive business sessions led to a successful Encampment.

The SUVCW and ASUVCW held a traditional joint opening program on Thursday the 10th. After expressions of greetings by Commander-in-Chief Harrison and National President Atkinson, the Auxiliary retired to their meeting room for their opening business session. The Sons opening business session was held on Friday morning.

The Past Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief Dinner was held early on Thursday evening. The Council of Administration also met on Thursday evening and again on Sunday morning. The summary of Council actions is contained within this edition of *The Banner*.

The traditional Campfire program was held on Friday evening with Clark W. Mellor, SUVCW Chief of Staff, acting as Master of Ceremonies. The Color Guard for the evening was provided by

the Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1, Department of Ohio. After the Posting of Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation were offered by National Patriotic Instructor SUVCW, Danny L. Wheeler, and National Chaplain ASUVCW, Mary E. Willey. Greetings were offered by several notables, including Commander-in-Chief Harrison, President Atkinson, and President Speaks. An interesting program on Camp Chase, located in Columbus, Ohio, was provided by Lois Neff, President of the Hilltop Historical Society. The camp, built in 1861 and named for former Ohio Governor, Salmon P. Chase, served as a training facility for Union troops and the confinement of Confederate prisoners of war. The benediction was provided by National Chaplain LGAR, Barbara Tyler. Music for the evening was provided by the Ohio State University Alumni Band which provided one of the highlights of the evening when Charles W. Corfman, Past Commander-in-Chief and loyal Buckeye alumnus, "dotted the eye" of the script OHIO, not with a quill, but a Sousaphone!

The Joint Chiefs of Staff Dinner was held on Saturday night, with good fellowship and an enjoyable meal enjoyed by all present. Pleasant conversation was supplemented with a selection of dinner music provided by the SUVCW's own "candle-light pianist", Keith D. Ashley, Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7, Department of Ohio. National President Speaks, National President Atkinson and Commander-in-Chief Harrison, extended their appreciation to their officers and staffs. The highlight for all of the evening was the Installation of the newly elected officers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Incoming Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert, selected the senior Past Commander-in-Chief, Joseph Rippey, to act as his Installing Officer. The evening concluded with a raffle drawing, many pictures, and expressions of Fraternity, Charity and

Loyalty among those present.

On Sunday, August 13th, an impressive Joint Memorial Service was conducted by members the three Allied Orders present. The Grand Army of the Republic and deceased Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents were remembered along with departed members of the Allied Orders. Musical selections, the lighting and extinguishing of candles, and the placing of flowers in memory of our departed Comrades, Sisters and Brothers provided a fitting tribute.

As mentioned previously, the Business Session for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was opened by Commander-in-Chief Harrison on Friday morning. Encampment appointments included: Brothers Robert Grim as Chaplain, Gregg Mierka as Guide, and Richard Smyser as Guard. Brothers George Powell, Forrest Altland and Richard Williams were appointed as the Committee on Credentials. The following Brothers were responsible as Chairman of the following Encampment Committees: Resolutions - Elmer F. Atkinson, PC-in-C. Rituals and Ceremonials - Richard Greenwalt, PC-in-C. Officer Reports - Gordon R. Bury II, PC-in-C. Constitution and Regulations - Richard D. Orr, PDC. Visitations were ably handled by Brothers Elmer F. Atkinson, PC-in-C, Gary L. Gibson, PDC, Glenn Knight, Charles W. Corfman, PC-in-C, David Turpin, DC, Edward Krieser, PDC, Charles Funck and Howard Streeter. Responses were handled by the adroit Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C, and tactful Gordon R. Bury II, PC-in-C.

Actions taken by the Encampment are included within this issue of The Banner.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS FROM THE 114TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Grant Trophy for largest percentage growth by a Department went to the Department of Maine with a 40% increase, with the Departments of Illinois and Indiana as first and second runners-up.

The New Members Under 40 Award was presented to the Department of Ohio with 44 new members under the age of 40 years. The Department of Pennsylvania and the Department of New York were first and second runners-up.

The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award for Most Outstanding Camp as selected by the Commander-in-Chief was presented to the Governor Crapo Camp No. 145, Department of Michigan. Commander-in-Chief Harrison cited the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp for bringing an increased awareness of the sacrifices made by the soldiers and sailors of the counties the Camp serves. He also recognized their development of an aggressive graves registration program which has led to the identification of several hundred local veteran's graves and the obtaining of headstones for those who were unmarked.

The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for the Most Outstanding Member as selected by the Commander-in-Chief was presented to Danial F.B. Lisarelli, Lt. Cdr. Edward W. Lea USN Camp No. 2, Department of the Southwest. Commander-in-Chief Harrison cited Brother Lisarelli's work in the Houston area in bringing the history of the Union Army in Texas from total obscurity to the forefront. In addition, Brother Lisarelli has been researching the history of the prison compound at Camp Groce near Hempsted, Texas.

As a result of his research, 220 Union prisoners who were lying in unmarked, lost graves have been located and most identified.

The Best Newsletter Award, as established by Past Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer, was presented to Michigan's Messenger, John R. Mann, Editor. In citing the newsletter for its award, Commander-in-Chief Harrison recognized that it has actively worked at perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and provided the Department membership with a variety of informative and informational articles regarding the GAR and the SUVCW.

During his term in Office, Commander-in-Chief Harrison designated the following Brothers as a National Aide and presented them with certificates to recognize their dedicated work in furthering the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic:

- Bradley McGowan, Iowa
- John A. Prime, Louisiana
- Kent Armstrong, Michigan
- Howard Streeter, Michigan
- Martin Ahlvin, Mississippi
- Philip Faller, Mississippi
- Stan Prater, Missouri
- Jan Ouhrabka, Rhode Island
- Aram Plante, Rhode Island
- James W. Dark, Texas
- Danial Lisarelli, Texas
- Howard Bartholf, Virginia

During the same period, Commander-in-Chief Harrison conferred National Aide status, accompanied by a certificate of recognition, to the following Brothers for their membership recruitment activities:

- Gene Armistead, California
- Charles Sharrock, Colorado
- David Turpin, Iowa
- Robert Linnell, Maine
- William Neal, Maryland
- Gilbert Bagley, Massachusetts
- Edward Brown, Massachusetts
- Edward Hayes, Massachusetts
- Douglass Knight, Massachusetts
- Edward Parks, Massachusetts
- Alan Peterson, Massachusetts
- Wendell Presbrey, Jr., Massachusetts
- Gary Gibson, Michigan
- Richard Greene, Michigan
- Dean Lamphere, Jr., Michigan

- Terrance L. McKinch, Michigan
- David F. Wallace, Michigan
- Donald Workman, Michigan
- Fred Morgenthaler II, Montana
- Robert Gregory, New York
- James Grismer, New York
- Jerome Orton, New York
- Joseph Pucciarelli, New York
- Douglas Smith, New York
- Danny Wheeler, New York
- Keith Ashley, Ohio
- David Medert, Ohio
- Eugene Carpenter, Rhode Island
- Brian Guiot, Rhode Island
- Donald Marcum, Rhode Island
- Richard Parmenter, Rhode Island
- Charles Yates, Tennessee
- David Allison, Texas
- Kenneth Nelson, Utah
- William R. Ward, Utah

In addition to the above mentioned Brothers, Commander-in-Chief Harrison also presented a Certificate of Merit to the following non-members for their service to our Order and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Post No. 61, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ithaca, New York for a donation of \$500 to the GAR Memorial Fund

Gail Seitz, Past National President, DUVCW, Detroit, Michigan for a donation of \$5,000 for the maintenance of Sunfield GAR Hall

Barry Crompton, Australia, for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Terry Foenander, Australia, for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Roy Parker, Australia for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Robert Simpson, Australia for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Citizens of Watrousville, Michigan, for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Jack and Marie Cole, Watrousville, Michigan, for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Jenelle Steele, Vernon, Michigan, for Union Civil War grave maintenance

Susan E. Wallace, Flint, Michigan, for the preparation of all Camp and Department Charters issued during 1994/1995.



Winning Essays as Selected by the Committee on Americanization and Education

Brothers Stephen A. Michaels and Calvin S. Grant submitted the winning essays as selected by the Committee on Americanization and Education. Both Brothers received an American Flag, which was presented at the National Encampment by Committee Chair, Danny L. Wheeler.

Contest #1

Why I am Proud to be a Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War

by
Stephen A. Michaels
C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1
Department of Wisconsin

When I became a member of the Sons, I felt a much greater kinship with my Civil War ancestor. Ideals that were part of my ancestor's life were made a greater passion in my life. The Order reawakened in me what it meant to be an American ... to make personal sacrifices, to defend an idea, and to expect little, if any, reward in return. Through patriotic programs and traditions patterned after Grand Army ritual, I came to better know, appreciate, and honor my ancestor.

As a Son, I have also come to know many in the Order who have volunteered time and talent in preserving the memory of Union soldiers. Their standards of generosity and professionalism continue to serve as prime examples. Their friendship and leadership are now valued.

For these reasons, and more, I am proud to be a Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

Contest #2

Why the War of 1861 - 1865 is Still Important Today

by
Calvin S. Grant
Sumner H. Needham Camp No. 21
Department of Massachusetts

The Civil War was the result of a conflict between two different economic systems - The Industrial North and the Agrarian South.

The industrial Revolution began in America after the Revolutionary War. Previous to that time the colonies traded agricultural crops, cotton, tobacco, rum and other wares to England who would provide manufactured goods in exchange. The British would not let the Colonies engage in manufacturing as it would interfere with the basis of their trade.

The Industrial Revolution provided work for a great many people in a great many industries and trades. As a result, the Northern farmers were lured away from the land to go to work in the factories. Those who had kept slaves had freed them as the need was no longer there. The South contended that their unique crops, cotton and tobacco, required vast plantations and numerous resident workers. The best source of workers, of course, were the Black slaves, and they intended to keep them as they had for some 200 years.

Abraham Lincoln ran for the Presidency on the platform that slavery should be abolished in the United States. His opponent, Stephen Douglas, preferred to let the separate States decide for themselves whether to permit slavery or not. The issue split the powerful Democratic Party and each faction ran its own candidate for President. As a result of the split vote, Abraham Lincoln won the election. South Carolina immediately seceded from the Union and ten others followed soon after.

The Federal troops stationed at Fort Moultrie in South Carolina, moved to Fort Sumter in the Harbor. The South considered this a threat and opened fire on a supply ship and the Fort itself, resulting in the Fort's surrender. The North and South proceeded to arm their people and the first major engagement was the Battle of Bull Run, a victory for the South. From then on it was all-out war until finally coming to an end in 1865 with the surrender of the South.

Although the Union would be preserved, the residents of the Southern States were forbidden to vote since they had participated in a rebellion. The period of Reconstruction was disastrous to the South for many years. The Slaves, who were freed by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, took advantage of their new-found freedom and took over civil offices in the South and further degraded the economic system there due to their inexperience in government affairs. This situation would change in 1870 by the ratification of the XVth Amendment, reinstating the right to vote for citizens regardless of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude. It did not say "regardless of sex", so women did not get the right to vote in America until the ratification of the XIXth Amendment in 1920.



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gives us the proper direction to handle our business and other types of problems. I would expect all Brothers, Camps and Departments to adhere to the direction given us in the C & R

15. All requests for the Commander-in-Chief to appear at Department encampments and other functions should be forwarded as soon as possible so that a proper itinerary can be formulated.

16. On behalf of the Order, I would like to extend congratulations to all the new Presidents of the four other Allied orders of the GAR: The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps. We must all work together. Each of our Orders is just as important as the others. We are all Brothers and Sisters working toward the same goals.

17. The Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies at Gettysburg are designed as a means of remembering the Grand Army of the Republic and paying homage to it. Members are encouraged to attend this event on November 18, 1995.

18. All members of the Council of Administration are advised there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:00AM, Sunday, November 19, 1995 in Gettysburg at the headquarters hotel.

19. Our Order is growing by leaps and bounds. We are growing in membership and technology. We are exploring new ways of doing things. We must always keep in mind the purpose for which our Order was created and strive to carry it out on a daily basis. In this period of our country's history there are persons and groups who would like to

place our nation's history on the back burner. It is up to us and our Allied Orders to keep our heritage bright and shining and not permit it to be tampered with. Good luck to all officers and committees. The esprit de corps is excellent within our Order and we will continue to go forward on all fronts.

20. Each Department Commander is to submit the name of a Brother of their Department to be appointed a National Aide for regional reporting. It would be the responsibility of this Brother to submit news for his Department to the Editor of The Banner. This news to include: outstanding work by Camps and Brothers of that Department, news of Allied Orders, scheduled events that will be occurring in his area of reporting and other items that may be of interest to the Order.

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary



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Why is that War still important to us today? In the first place, we are able to enjoy a government of the combined United States and an integration of a great many people into a common society which never would have happened prior to the Civil War. The mind-set of the colonists was that it was a predominately White Protestant America and no one else mattered - Indians, Blacks, Asians, Mexicans, Spaniards, South Americans or any other religion.

We have come a long way since the days before the Civil War in our ability to resolve a great many problems, Ethnic, Economic, Suffrage, Education and Civil Rights. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights would finally apply to everyone in the country and not to selective people as it originally had been interpreted.

The people on both sides who fought the Civil War did so with the firm belief that their cause was right. In those days and under those unique circumstances involved with their way of life, it is reasonable to assume that there was justification on both sides. However, the theory of justice and freedom for all would have to prevail in the long run anyway or else we could not hope to have achieved the position of esteem that we hold in this world today.

Although the Civil War divided our people and caused a great many casualties, it would, in the end, bring our people together and, in the process, strengthen the Legislative, Administrative and Judicial branches of our chosen government so that the redress for grievances are more appropriately addressed in Congress and not on the Battlefield! The Revolutionary War had set us adrift from English rule, but the Civil War molded a Nation and made us who we are today: "ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE, WITH FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

	General Fund	GAR Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr. Vice C-in-C Fund	Heald Fund	National Hdqtrs. Fund
TOTAL REVENUES	\$104,132.68	\$19,504.52	\$7,550.00	\$6,100.00	\$5,004.52	\$27,882.68
TOTAL COST OF SALES	\$ 21,500.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES:	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C-in-C's Expenses	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nat'l Secretary's Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nat'l Treasurer's Expenses	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C of A Per Diem	2,750.00	0.00	775.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Office Expenses	500.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	1,750.00	0.00	50.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Postage & Express Mail	700.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Electronic Mail	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing of Proceedings	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nat'l Encampment Expense	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
"The Banner"	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PC-in-C's Jewel	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1995 Audit	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transcribing Proceedings	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accountant Fee	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchased Services	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Officer's Bond	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sons of Veterans Reserve	40.00	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nat'l Encampment Committee	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Microfilming Records	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Tomb Ceremony	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GAR Remembrance Day	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial - Cathedral of the Pines	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tomb of Unknown CW Soldiers	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jefferson Memorial	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Congress of Patriotic Organizations	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Projects	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GAR Campfire Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patriotic Instructor's Appeal	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Member Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Drive - Advertising	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of History Books	37,382.68	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	5,004.52	0.00
Transfer Funds	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bad Debt Reserve						
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$97,747.68	\$3,635.00	\$4,135.00	\$6,100.00	\$5,004.52	0.00
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES	\$6,385.00	\$15,869.52	\$3,415.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,882.68

Due to size and space constraints, the approved budget is presented in abbreviated form. The Expense categories have been shown by individual category, while the Revenue and Cost of Sales categories have been displayed only as Totals. Revenues and Cost of Sales are broken down further than is displayed (PLEASE NOTE: Cost of Sales is included in TOTAL EXPENSES). A copy of the approved budget with all categories displayed can be obtained from the National Treasurer, Charles W. Cortman, PC-in-C.



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BY THE 114TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AUGUST 11 - 13, 1995, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Encampment adopted the following Resolution of Respect Upon the Death of Brother William W. Haskell, Past Commander-in-Chief, to be presented to Brother Haskell's widow by a Brother of the Department of Massachusetts:

Inasmuch as Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, in His Divine Love and Mercy, has called from this earthly fellowship into Eternal Rest, our Beloved Brother HASKELL on Tuesday, March 28, 1995, at the age of 89 years, and a member of our Order for 69 years, by right of descent from Henry W. Furbush, Company G, First Maine Volunteer Cavalry, and

WHEREAS: Brother HASKELL was born in the state of Massachusetts in 1906; was initiated into Camp No. 12 in Hingham, Massachusetts in 1926; transferred to the Capt. H. B. Grover Camp No. 17 in Brockton in 1933; was elected Camp Commander in 1938; was elected Department Commander in 1944; served long years as Department Secretary beginning in 1962; was an officer in the Sons of Veterans Reserve; member of the National Council of Administration; elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1966 and Commander-in-Chief in 1967 at the 86th National Encampment held in Chicago, Illinois. His service to Camp, Department and National continued until recently. His love of sports was reflected in his service as a baseball umpire for over forty years.

WHEREAS it is most appropriate to here record and express our sincere regret and sorrow caused by the Death of our Beloved Brother HASKELL, a resident of Brockton, Massachusetts, and to express our profound sympathy with condolences to a; who mourn his passing, his surviving wife Esther, his daughter Barbara Higgins of Brookline, Massachusetts, and three granddaughters, to whom the Great Healer, a Merciful God, Our Father, will provide their consolation; with this thought also; that their sorrow and loss are also those of our Order so that our consolation may be joined:

WE DO HEREBY RESOLVE: That this, our resolution, be spread upon the Proceedings of this Encampment, in memory of and as a tribute to our departed Brother WILLIAM W. HASKELL in honor of his good life and to signify our affirmation that Brother HASKELL has but preceded us from this temporary and imperfect fraternity to the All-Perfect, Celestial and Eternal Encampment above where the Divine Grand Commander-in-Chief eternally presides.

Done this date: 11 August 1995.

The Encampment took the following actions regarding recommendations included in National Officer Reports:

- 1. The Encampment concurred with the continued computerization of the Order's inventory of records.
2. The Encampment concurred with the continuation of the Order's 1994/1995 Special national Committees with the exceptions of the Computer Software Standardization and Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation Committees which finished their tasks in March and July 1995 respectively.
3. The Encampment concurred with the creation of a Special (not Standing) National Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment PLANNING Committee, to be created for a period of 6 years for the purpose of overseeing all special activities for the 50th anniversary of the closing

of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Committee would present its final report at the year 2000 National Encampment.

4. The Encampment concurred with the creation of a Special (not Standing) National Committee on Communications Technology to ensure coordination and the most efficient and advantageous use by the Order of modern electronic communications modalities.

5. The Encampment concurred with the purchase of a lap-top or desk top computer for use by the Order, subject to budget constraints and concurrence by the Council of Administration.

6. The Encampment concurred with providing financial support for commercial electronic mail service for Brothers holding the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and The Banner Managing Editor, who do not already subscribe to a such service, subject to budget constraints and concurrence of the Council of Administration (approximate annual maximum cost \$900).

7. The Encampment concurred with the implementation of an "800" telephone number for recruiting purposes.

8. The Encampment concurred with implementing the indexing of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order by the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

9. The Encampment concurred with continuing to print the names and telephone numbers of Department Commanders, Department Junior Vice Commanders and Department Secretaries annually in The Banner.

10. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to update the Rituals of the Order.

11. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to study the practicability and benefits of establishing a National Membership Number for all Brothers of the Order.

12. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to establish a Special (not Standing) National Headquarters Staffing Committee to examine the issue and explore the options involved in the maintenance of a National Headquarters staff.

13. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to establish a Special (not Standing) National Scholarship Committee to assist the Commander-in-Chief in determining recipients for the SUVCW Scholarship.

14. The Encampment approved a motion to accept the recommendation that the title of "National Personal Aide" be changed to "National Aide de Camp".

15. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to adapt recruiting information to be sent to prospective members to a "cyberspace" format so that it can be transmitted by electronic mail.

16. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to assign the National Standing Membership Committee the project of determining ways to improve retention of Brothers within the Order.

17. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to include information regarding the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War within specific SUVCW advertisements.

18. The Encampment concurred with the recommendations to transfer \$12,214.03 in short term investments and \$15,168.65 in general funds to the National Headquarters Fund.

19. The Encampment approved a motion to accept the recommendation to transfer \$10,000.00 in reserve general funds to the GAR Fund.

20. The Encampment approved a motion to accept the recommendation to relieve the National Patriotic Instructor of all fund raising responsibilities so that he may concentrate all his efforts on inculcating patriotism among the Brothers and among the American people.

21. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the position of National Quartermaster contained in Article V, Section 5 of the Regulations be changed from a non-voting member of the Council of Administration to a voting member.

22. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that a special award be given to the Oliver Tilden Camp, Department of New York, for the work of its Brothers in conducting the annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant National monument in New York City.

23. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation for the National Organization to contribute \$75.00 annually to the Oliver Tilden Camp, Department of New York, for the purchase and placement of a wreath in the name of the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" at the annual commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant's birthday.

24. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue a Special (not Standing) National Committee composed of three (3) Brothers knowledgeable in actuarial matters to study the current Life Member fee structure and to make any recommendations for changes necessary to place the fee structure on a sound basis.

25. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the National Patriotic Instructor's Pledge Form be included in every issue of The Banner published.

26. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to establish a Special (not Standing) National Committee to find an appropriate storage facility for the records of the Order, and that every attempt be made to conduct an inventory of the records of the Order housed at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA.

27. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to purchase several copies of the History Book being published by Turner Publishers to be presented to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Library of Congress, the Commandery-in-Chief, and others that the Council of Administration deems appropriate.

28. The Encampment approved a motion to allow the position of GAR Highway Officer within the



Departments and Camps-at-Large to serve an optional term of two (2) years as opposed to a one (1) year term.

29. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that Department Secretaries include address changes and termination's by individuals within their respective Departments in the Secretary's Report filed quarterly with the National Secretary.

30. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to mail The Banner at the 2nd Class Rate offered by the US Postal Service.

31. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to provide the National M-A-L Coordinator with an additional 75 copies per printing for distribution to new Members-At-Large.

32. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to recognize the best article contributed to The Banner annually, as determined by The Banner Printing and Distribution Committee, by award recognition at the National Encampment.

33. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to establish a SUVCW "Home Page" on the Internet to provide membership information and history, to encourage Departments and Camps to create their own "Home Page" which can be linked to the National "Home Page", and to provide articles on communications to The Banner.

The Encampment took the following actions regarding recommendations included in National Standing and Special Committee Reports:

1. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation for support of Senate Bill 77 (S. 77) to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30, and urge similar legislation be enacted at the State level.

2. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation of support for Senate Bill 305 (S. 305) and House of Representatives Bill 763 (HR 763), the Shenandoah National Battlefields Partnership Act, as a means of preserving the Civil War heritage of the area in need of that attention.

3. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation of support for House of Representatives Bill 1548 (HR 1548) relating to the boundaries of the Stones River National Battlefield Site.

4. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to urge significant additional funding for the continued renovation and long-term maintenance and protection of the tomb of our 18th President, Ulysses S. Grant.

5. The Encampment approved a motion referring the changes presented in the National Graves Registration Program Description to the National Standing Committee on Program and Policy for review and to update the National Officer Job Descriptions.

6. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to extend an invitation to the Sons of Confederate Veterans to unite in a joint memorial activity to commemorate the last Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic during 1999, including the establishment of a Special (not Standing) National Committee to coordinate such activities.

7. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to petition the Congress of the United States to issue one or more commemorative coins in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the last Encampment of the Grand

Army of the Republic and the last Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, and to request a re-release of the stamps issued for the last national meetings of the GAR and UCV.

8. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue the Special (not Standing) National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters including the possibility of adding members from the other Allied Orders.

9. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to add the position of Assistant Editors of The Banner to Chapter III, Article IV, Section 3 of the Regulations.

10. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation changing the reporting requirement of the National Secretary to the Council of Administration in Article V, Section 3 of the Regulations from monthly to quarterly.

11. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation changing the quarterly financial reporting requirement responsibility to the Council of Administration in Article V, Section 4 from the National Secretary to the National Treasurer.

12. The Encampment approved a motion to accept the recommendation that the financial statements of the Order be prepared on an accrual basis.

13. The Encampment approved a motion allowing a Camp the option to drop a Brother in arrears in payment of his dues after three (3) months.

14. Deleted

15. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that an appropriation in the amount of \$400.00 for the continued support of the 1996 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

16. The Encampment concurred with a resolution introduced by the Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3, and endorsed by the Department of Michigan, requesting the United States government to reproduce and make available for purchase by descendants of Civil War veterans, the Civil War Service Medal. The net profit of this medal should be no more than \$10.00, such profit to be dedicated toward deficit reduction.

17. The Encampment referred a resolution introduced by the Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3, and endorsed by the Department of Michigan, to allow members of the United States Armed Forces to wear the medals and badges of American military Hereditary Societies, to the National Counselor for review and report at a later date.

18. The Encampment concurred with a resolution, introduced by the Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 and endorsed by the Department of Ohio, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose "Goals 2000" as an inadequate study of U.S. history and an unconstitutional role of the national government.

19. The Encampment concurred with a resolution, introduced by the Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 and endorsed as amended by the Department of Ohio, that the National Organization consider more funding for states hosting National Encampments.

20. The Encampment approved a motion to allow the Council of Administration to review the cost structure and distribution of current forms required to be filed with the National Organization by the Camps and Departments.

21. The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War draft letters expressing its sincere

appreciation for the efforts of the Encampment Site Committee, the Host Committee for the Encampment, and the Hostesses and Hotel.

The Encampment took the following actions regarding items of New Business introduced on the floor:

1. The Encampment approved a motion amending the Regulations, Chapter V, Article III to define the dates of a war or military conflict, and insert same into the Regulations, as those defined by the Congress of the United States.

2. The Encampment adopted a resolution of support for the efforts of the Brothers of the Department of Ohio for their efforts to preserve the Xenia School.

3. The Encampment approved a motion establishing a Pre-Registration program for the 1996 National Encampment with the following fee structure: \$7.00 fee if pre-registered prior to July 31, 1996, and \$10.00 after July 31, 1996.

4. The Encampment approved a motion to request the National Quartermaster to obtain and offer for sale to the Camps a "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meet here..." sign that can be posted at the entrance to cities, villages and townships.

5. The Encampment approved a resolution reaffirming the abiding faith and trust of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the Constitution of the United States of America as the seminal document of our way of life; and that we profess our continuing love and respect for the flag of our nation, the National Ensign, the Stars and Stripes, "Old Glory".

6. The Encampment approved a motion to adopt the 1995/1996 Budget as presented by the National Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. David F. Wallace National Secretary



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Irene G. Looker Elected National President of LGAR

Irene G. Looker, Washington Court House Circle No. 25, Department of Ohio, was elected as the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at the 108th National Encampment of the LGAR held in Columbus, Ohio, August 10 - 14, 1995. Her Grandfather, Pvt. Henry Ernest Schomburg, served in Company I, 140th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and with Company D, 5th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. A very active member at all levels of the Order, President Looker was initiated into her Circle in April 1987. Since then, she has served as Circle President, Department President, and, at the National level, on the Council of Administration, and as Junior Vice President. Besides her affiliation with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, President Looker is also a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 - 1865, and is currently the Regent of the Washington Court House Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

President Looker has always led a very active life being the mother of ten boys! Of her eight surviving sons, she is proud to note that they are all members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. One son, Robert E. Grim, is currently a member of the National Council of Administration, SUVCW, and a Past Department Commander. Seven of President Looker's sons saw service in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict or in the Southeast Asian Conflict.

Married to Raymond M. Grim in 1930, she and her husband owned and operated a nursing home until his death in 1965. She then operated a cake baking business until 1980 when she underwent by-pass surgery. President Looker estimates that she baked and decorated over 2,000 wedding cakes during that time period! In 1980, she married Delbert Looker, who passed away in 1982.

A member of the United Methodist Church since 1927, President Looker has served as a Sunday School Teacher and in many church offices over the years. In addition, she is active in the American Association of Retired Persons, served as a member of the Bloomington, Ohio, Village Council, is the Past President of the Fayette County, Ohio, Republican Women's Club, and is a member of several genealogical societies. In 1994, President Looker was recognized for her civic and patriotic involvement by her induction into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame!



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Congratulations to our Sisters of the Allied Orders who were elected to serve as the head of their Order:

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Your Brothers from the SUVCW extend our Best Wishes for a prosperous and successful term in office!



Sherman Battles Again for Bentonville

Sherman was on the loose again in the South this summer in the person of Frederick Sherman Cauldwell. The great-great-grandson of General William T. Sherman, Brother Cauldwell combined a working vacation with fund raising and working for the preservation of the Bentonville Battlefield.

During a phone interview, Brother Cauldwell said, "Basically, what we've been doing is selling copies of Gen. Sherman's calling card, a replica of one he used from just after the Civil War... We've raised about \$300 so far..."

Brother Cauldwell and his wife, Karen, have been on a far reaching Sherman tour. The Massachusetts couple have traveled through upper New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Georgia. They were in Savannah, Georgia, when we talked, and planned to be in North Carolina the following week. Brother Cauldwell hoped to present the funds to the Bentonville Battlefield Historic Association in September.

On March 19 - 21, 1865, General Sherman, with 60,000 Union troops, engaged General Joe Johnston and the 25,000 Confederate troops under his command, at Bentonville. This would be the last major battle of the Civil War fought in North Carolina.

Brother Cauldwell said, "From what I understand, Bentonville is a very small park right now, less than 10 acres. Hopefully, this will help purchase some of the farmland and trenches that still exist so that it can be turned into a nice park to recognize both the Confederate and Union people that had met there." Despite some animosity toward Gen. Sherman in the South, Brother Cauldwell found the people cordial. He found this true while photographing

Gen. Johnston's statue at a busy intersection in Dalton, Georgia. Brother Cauldwell said, "I'm standing out in the middle of the street trying to get a picture and this guy says - "You like Joe Johnston? Let me hold traffic for you while you're taking the picture."

Brother Cauldwell's awareness in General Sherman came relatively early in life, but he credits his wife, Karen, for his current interest. Born in Seattle, Washington, Brother Cauldwell describes himself as a Navy "brat". He was aware of his famous roots growing up, but little was made of it. When his father died several years ago, it fell on Brother Cauldwell to sort through the house. Brother Cauldwell said, "In the process of doing that, we found a pant load of Sherman memorabilia...family pictures, letters, locks of hair, some jewelry...That peaked my interest." Brother Cauldwell credited his wife for his interest in his famous ancestor, "She prodded me into getting it organized...and into doing some reading so I could become as knowledgeable as she was becoming!"

Through the efforts of the Department of Ohio's Historian, Keith Ashley, Brother Cauldwell became a member of the SUVCW. He is currently a member of the A.A. Sherman Camp, Department of Massachusetts. Those attending the 114th National Encampment were fortunate to view Brother Cauldwell's display of unique "Sherman memorabilia", and speak with him.

Paul Huff
Assistant Editor

From the National Camp & Department Organizer

The past few months have seen phenomenal growth in our Order. With computerization, e-mail communication and much increased public awareness, we have made huge inroads in regions untouched before - the Deep South, the Southwest and the Pacific Northwest. Despite all this advancement, we are still sorely lacking in the most important individual of all - the LOCAL ORGANIZER! Organizing a Camp cannot be done from the National or even the Department level alone. It must be done at the Grass Roots level by men willing to step forward and volunteer to get it done. As National Camp and Department Organizer, I serve as the local organizer's "friend at National" to assist the with prepared materials, procedural information or just some plain old-fashioned encouragement.

Being a local organizer is not easy work. It requires leadership, drive and tenacity. Frankly, I cannot think of a single thing outside the realm of God or family that can bring so much personal satisfaction or sense of having made a difference.

This great influx of new membership in new areas will be remembered for a very long time. If you would like to be a part of it and are willing and able to take the step, please let me help you! Write me at:

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Finally, a great and hearty thanks to all the past and current organizers out there that have done a magnificent job at getting the job done!



Department News

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT GETTYSBURG

Department of California-Pacific

New Camp Organized

The Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 of Old San Diego County organized with 23 members recently. Brother Gene Armistead, Camp Commander, reports that the Camp covers the Civil War era boundaries of San Diego County. The Camp chose to name itself in honor of Sgt. William Pittenger, a Medal of Honor recipient for actions during the "Great Locomotive Chase" or Andrews Raid of 1862, who served with the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Following the war, Sgt. Pittenger became a prominent Methodist minister in San Diego County, and is buried in Fallbrook, CA. The Camp is eagerly undertaking the work of the Order in Southern California.

Members of the Camp are also participating in two worthy projects - the Odd Fellows Cemetery work day, and the other is collecting and recycling cardboard as a Camp fundraiser. The Camp is also providing volunteers to assist the St. Louis Genealogical Society in data entry for the Civil War Soldier System.

Michael Bub, a Brother of the Camp, returned to his East Prairie residence recently after working for six weeks in the new "Andersonville" movie being produced by Turner Pictures. Brother Bub portrayed one the Union prisoners of war confined in the prison. Also active in preservation, Brother Bub recently participated in the "March for Preservation" from Bird's Point to Bloomfield, the 1861 route followed by Union troops to capture Rebel forces. Marchers were raising money for the "Friends of the Stars and Stripes" preservation project.

The Office of the Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Brigadier General Charles W. Corfman, has released the following update regarding the 1995 Remembrance Day activities to be held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. All activities occur on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th unless otherwise noted:

Headquarters for all activities will be located at the Ramada Inn - Gettysburg. The Ramada is located on the Emmitsburg Pike, a few miles out of town.

There will be a SVR Breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn (location to be posted on the inside marquee). The cost per person has not been provided as of publication date. All SVR members are encouraged to attend.

Following the breakfast, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a Parade Briefing for all Unit Commanders. Attendance at this meeting is vital for all Unit Commanders.

All Units participating in the Parade will Form-Up at 1:30 p.m. at the Recreation Field as in previous years. Step-Off is planned for 2:00 p.m. when the Parade will move through town to the National Military Park to Ziegler's Grove for ceremonies to be conducted at the Albert Woolson/Grand Army of the Republic monument (estimated time: 2:45 to 3:00). The "Dedication Day Dinner" will be held at the Ramada Inn - Gettysburg at 6:00 p.m. The "SVR Grand Military Ball" will begin at 9:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn -Gettysburg. The cost per person is \$8.00. Tickets are available from: SVR Dance Committee, 9057 State Route 83, Holmesville, OH 44633. Please make all checks payable to: "SVR Dance Committee".

These are always well attended and impressive events. All Brothers and their families are encouraged to attend. Questions regarding activities should be directed to the Commanding General.

Camp-At-Large

McPherson Camp No. One

The James B. McPherson Camp No. 1 of Atlanta, Georgia, participated in the National Memorial Day Program at the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia on May 29th 1995. Several Brothers of the Camp were present to present a wreath in memory of the Union soldiers interred in the cemetery. This is the first time in the history of this event that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were represented. The Camp is planning a larger role in the ceremonies for next Memorial Day! The James B. McPherson Camp No. 1 recently organized as a National Camp-At-Large.

Gen. W.T. Sherman - Billy Yank Camp No. 65 of St. Louis, Missouri

Brothers of the Billy Yank Camp participated in a monument dedication at the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery on September 17th. The Sisters of the Julia Dent Grant Tent No. 16 erected the stone in memory of the Union soldiers buried in the old section of the cemetery. The Brothers of the Billy Yank Camp provided the Color Guard.

Department of Massachusetts

Thomas F. Mann Camp No. 83

Brothers of the Camp were very pleased with their Memorial Day program conducted with the Wood School in Plainville. The Camp sponsored an essay contest on the subject, "What Memorial Day was and What it Should Mean to me Today". The Camp awarded a savings bond to the top essay, and also books and periodicals to runners up. An assembly was held for the students and parents of the school, with Camp Commander, Gilbert Bagley presenting an address on the subject of Memorial Day. The students participated by presenting a program of songs and addresses. Later, Brothers of the Camp led a parade of school children through town carrying flowers which they spread on the graves of Civil War veterans. The program was so successful that the Camp was asked to carry on this "new" tradition next year! Box 2314, Naperville, IL 60567-2314

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It is with great pleasure that I have undertaken the duties of your National Patriotic Instructor! I see great possibilities and opportunities in the coming year in the area of instruction in patriotism to our fellow citizens.

I have always felt certain that members of this organization are patriotic and probably need little, if any, instruction in what we have all been commissioned to do as members. What I feel we all need is the encouragement and support to spread this knowledge and enthusiasm to others in our communities. We must remain active and visible in this pursuit in order to accomplish our goals.

Therefore, as part of the ongoing role of this office, I am establishing an award to be presented to people in our communities. With the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, the office of National Patriotic Instructor will issue a certificate to citizens who faithfully display our Nation's Flag, not only on national holidays, but throughout the year. Their extra effort should be acknowledged and recognized, not only by our organization, but also by the local media in your area. This presents an ideal opportunity for our organization to acquire some much needed publicity in addition to recognizing the efforts of citizens in our communities!

All requests for certificates should be sent directly to me and the reason for awarding the certificate should be included. This will allow me to compile a database of names of recipients along with the requesting Brother, Camp or Department. I will then forward the certificate to the requesting party and it will be their responsibility to present the award to the recipient. A brief note back as to how the presentation went would be most appreciated, and I could report this information in THE BANNER.

This would also be an ideal time to notify the local media and submit a press release as to the nature and availability of the award. This is not only added encouragement to the citizen receiving the award, but would also put our Order's name before the public.

As with all ventures that are undertaken by our Order, your participation will determine its success. Please contact me if you have questions, comments or suggestions. I eagerly anticipate your nominations!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
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