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New National Officers

For the 4th time in over one hundred years the SUVCW and Auxiliary, at the recent joint Encampment in Akron, Ohio, have chosen a husband and wife team as Commander-in-chief and National president, respectively. Married 54 years Jennie and Eugene Russell have two children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Brother Russell claims membership in the Sons from his grandfather, Sgt. David H. Cheever who served in the 17th Mass. which was stationed in Newbern, N.C. as one of the support groups for the Union Coastal Blockade. He has served his local Camps in various positions in Wakefield and Saugus, Ma.; was twice Mass. Department Commander; past secretary of the New England Regional Association; assistant curator of the Memorial Shrine and Museum of the GAR Allied Orders, Mass. Department, in the State House at Boston. On the national level was appointed three times as Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee and proceeded through the chairs of Jr. and Sr. Vice Commander.

He has been active in various local community affairs. A past District Chairman of

Boy Scouts, active in community fund-raising projects; present chairman of the Malden Republican City Committee; a long-time member of the Centre United Methodist Church, having served in numerous official positions there.

Educated at Malden High School and Harvard College. For 40 years operated his interior decorating contracting business. Hobbies included 3-D (stereo) photography and candlepin bowling.

Sister Jennie in her local Aux. 13, the oldest Aux. in Mass., served in several positions including the presidency. In the Mass. Department was Chief of Staff three times, Vice President and Department President chairman of the Friendly Relations Remembrance Day Banquet of the Allied Orders. On the National level, previously Chief of Staff and Council Member.

She has had an active community life in Malden since leaving her native New Hampshire. Interests included member of the Girl Scouts Council; fund-raising chairman for the Salvation Army and Red Feather campaigns; service to the Centre United Methodist Church, two terms as President of the United Methodist Women, Church Trustee, co-chairman of the Administrative Board, and work on the District level; now serving a second term as President of the Malden "Old and New," a Federated Women's Club; member of the Malden Hospital Ladies Aid with over 3000 hours of volunteer service to her credit. For relaxation: making and dressing porcelain dolls and other craft work.

Quaker Square National Encampment Held

Exciting — unusual — wonderful

These are but a few of the many words of praises offered at the conclusion of the 103rd National Encampment held at the Quaker Square Hilton in Akron, OH., Aug. 12th to the 16th.

The traditional Memorial Service dedicated to the memory of past officers and members was held Sunday afternoon with all the dignity and reverence the occasion demands.

The Grand Army Campfire harkened the memory of older members to the grand days of the Grand Army itself.

The Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps of the Third U.S. Infantry were flown in from Washington D.C. by the Dept. of Defense.

Brig. Gen. Stuart Boyd, Commander of the International Logistic Center, was President Reagan's official representative and gave a stirring patriotic speech.

Mr. Jay Ruoff, a noted Civil War authority gave a fine historical presentation "Ohio Invades Virginia; The child of the storm is born."

Business sessions were held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Commander in Chief Wm. Simpson presiding.

Monday night the Sons exemplification of the ritual was conducted using the 1898 ritual with a 16 member degree team in Union uniforms. A colorful reminder again of Grand Army days.

The following officers were elected at the final business session. Commander in Chief Eugene Russell, Sr. V. Comdr. Donald Roberts, Jr. V. Comdr. Gordon R. Bury, Council of Administration Joseph Rippey.

Appointments included: Patriotic Instr. Charles Corfman, Chaplain — Sherman Weaver, Historian — Jerry Orton, Graves Registration — Charles Sharrack, GAR Highway — Robt. McCandless, D.C. Representative — Richard Schlenker, Personal Aide — Miles Harrington, Natl. Aide, Monitor Committee — John Davis. A complete list of appointments will appear in a later Banner.

Due to budget considerations additional Encampment News and the Budget will appear in Winter and Spring Banners.



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"CALL TO GLORY"

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 103rd National Encampment held at Akron, Ohio, August 12-16, 1984, command is hereby assumed with headquarters established at the above address for personal communications. Regular business should be addressed to the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Box 24, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

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

3. Some Standing Committee appointments have been made and Chairmen have been notified. Suggestions from the Membership are requested for some positions not yet filled. All previous appointees are hereby relieved and a vote of thanks offered to those who expended time and energy for the good of the Order. There should be a smooth transfer of information from retiring officers to their successors.

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

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

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

7. The policy of appointing as National Aide and awarding a National Ribbon to be worn through the next National Encampment and Brother securing three new members will be continued. Also those who recruit five or more new members will receive a Certificate of Merit.

8. Please give full support to our new National Graves Registration Officer Charles E. Sharrock of Denver, Co., replacing the late William W. Vanderhoof who served commendably for many years.

9. Members are reminded of the support needed by the National Patriotic Instructor for his fund to continue our patriotic work and also by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for his fund to continue the promotion of our Order.

10. Camps are now electing new officers. Congratulations to those assuming new duties and may their efforts result in inspiring leadership.

11. (Should there be any information for the Membership about any important action of the Encampment?)

12. Information regarding the ill and bereaved should be forwarded to Headquarters that proper attention will be given.

13. Departments and Camps-at-Large are reminded that quarterly reports and remittances are due in the National Secretary-Treasurer's office at the end of December, March, June, and September.

14. The Commander-in-Chief's travel itinerary will be planned to best serve the total organization. Invitations should be extended as early as possible.

15. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg is when we remember the Grand Army of the Republic and pay homage to them. Many of us will gather there on November 17, 1984. Those who cannot attend are urged to hold ceremonies in their Camps.

16. Bob Walz, whose editorial efforts should be praised, has promised to get out an October "Banner" on time. The Council of Administration will meet at Gettysburg to seek a solution to the burdensome distribution problems. To this end all Camps and Department are requested to submit up-to-date membership rosters. Also items should be submitted by Nov. 30 for a January "Banner".

17. Warm congratulations and pledges of close cooperation is extended to Sister Jennie B. Russell, Auxiliary National President; Sister Shirley Wool, Ladies of the Grand Army National President; Sister Kay Marie Hoecker, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Sister Lorraine Hebestreit, National President of the Women's Relief Corps. Best wishes for successful administrations.

18. To all my elected and appointed officers and committees my best wishes for a most successful year. A special plea — keep the lines of communication open. I extend my sincere thanks to all who made this high honor available to me. With your help and that of the Almighty, I will strive to advance the programs and objects of our Order to the best of my ability.

By Order of,

Eugene R. Russell
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New Banner Editor Named

Due to changing jobs and possible moving I have resigned as editor of The Banner. I wish to thank all my brothers and sisters for their help and support.

A new editor has been appointed to assume duties with the Winter issue. Please send articles, subscriptions, etc. to Robert Gregory, 610 E. Hamilton, Cherrill, N.Y. 13461.



Legislative Report

Thomas L. W. Johnson

Status of Memorial Day — It is apparent that the 98th Congress will adjourn this fall without giving committee consideration to proposals that would return the observance of Memorial Day to its time-honored date of May 30. In addition, the Senate's principal spokesman for marking holidays on their traditional dates, Senator Jennings Randolph of W. Va., is retiring at the end of this year. In the Senate debate on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill last October, he said "National holidays, understandably, honor special people and events. The Monday holidays have altered and cheapened the history, tradition, and commemoration that was intended by the establishment of these special days."

Commemorative Observances — Rep. G. William Whitehurst of Va. is concerned about the amount of time which the Congress consumes in considering passage of legislation designed to honor or recognize commemorative observances. He has introduced H.R. 4571, the National Observance Advisory Act, which would establish a commission known as the "President's Advisory Commission on National Observances" to be composed of 11 members: 2 from the House of Representatives, 2 from the Senate, and 7 public members appointed by the President. Its task would be to review all requests for national observances and to make recommendations for appropriate recognition to the President. In essence, according to Rep. Whitehurst, this would eliminate the need for the Congress to spend its time on requests of this type. His data indicates that last year, the Subcommittee on Census and Population considered 215 commemorative bills and resolutions of which only 27 actually became law. He estimated that on the average, it costs about \$1,800 to print and reprint copies of a bill that is not likely to receive more than token consideration, and that cost figure does not take into account the amount of staff time devoted to research and preparation of the bill or the time allocated by the Subcommittee for its review and recommendation. Other costs include letters to congressional colleagues to seek their support for individual measures and the recording of floor debate

and discussion in the **Congressional Record**. In the past, the Congress has been cool to proposals of this kind because many members of both houses like the privilege of introducing noncontroversial legislation to honor people or events. It should be noted that H.R. 4571 would in no way effect the establishment or designation of holidays; that authority remains exclusively in the hands of the Congress.

Status of the National Archives

Both the House and the Senate have now passed their respective versions of a proposal that would separate the National Archives and Records Service from the General Services Administration and reestablish it as an independent agency. Supporters of H. R. 3987 or S. 905, including a number of professional historians, believe that giving the National Archives an identity apart from the G.S.A. will allow it to do a more comprehensive job of organizing and preserving records of the Federal Government free of political pressure and influence. The effect of this legislation would be to make the National Archives an agency in many respects similar to the Library of Congress or the Smithsonian Institution with the National Archivist becoming a Presidential appointee and subject to confirmation by the Senate for a 10 year term. Respectfully submitted, THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON Chairman

Sons Founder to be Honored

The 103rd National Encampment has voted to honor our founder, Major Augustus Plummer Davis. Major Davis was born May 10, 1835 and died May 21, 1899. He was a Civil War veteran active in both the GAR and Loyal Legion and used his influence in both to organize the Sons of Veterans, USA on Nov. 12, 1881 in Pittsburgh, Pa. The Pittsburgh Camp is still known as Davis * Camp. The only Camp in our order without a charter number. A bronze marker will be affixed to Major Davis' Mausoleum in Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh. A number of visitors tour this historic cemetery. The dedication is planned for Spring 1985 hopefully between May 10 and May 21. Details should be in the Spring Banner. Additional information can be obtained from Davis Camp, c/o David Orr, 153 Con-nied Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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After Appomattox

by Richard D. Hines,
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Many people visit the McLean House at Appomattox Court House where Gen. Lee surrendered 28,000 troops to Gen. Grant on April 9, 1865, but few visitors travel to the Bennett farmhouse near Durham Station, North Carolina, where Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered all Confederate soldiers from Carolina to the Rio Grande, a total of 39,000 troops, to Gen. William T. Sherman.

Gen. Johnston made the first overtures for peace when he sent Gen. Sherman a letter on April 13 asking that hostilities be suspended and that they meet to form a permanent peace.

The farmhouse of James Bennett was selected as it was about halfway between the opposing armies. They met there on April 17 for the first time, Mrs. Bennett taking her four children to an adjoining cabin. They met again the following day and reached an agreement with far more liberal terms than those given to Gen. Lee.

The terms were sent to Washington where they were rejected by Secretary of War Stanton as being too political in nature, as indeed they were. Gen. Grant visited Sherman at Raleigh informing him of the Government's position. Sherman met with Johnston a final time on April 26, 1865 and signed an agreement of military surrender on the same terms as Grant had given Lee.

Although this was not the final surrender of a Confederate army, Gen. Taylor of Alabama surrendering later on May 4 and Gen. Smith in New Orleans on May 26, it was the big surrender that ended all hopes for the Confederacy.

The original farmhouse burned down in the 1920s and left only the chimney standing. Around this an exact replica of the farm buildings was rebuilt. It stands today, a monument to two great generals who, sickened by years of war, realized the futility of further bloodshed and sought a lasting peace.

"The Lincoln Tradition"

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

From the earliest pages of world history the figure 7 has been called the number of perfection. As seen through the eyes of a numerologist the number 7 had an important influence on the life of Abraham Lincoln.

His name was Abraham Lincoln and we readily see that each name consists of 7 letters. He was born on Sunday, the 7th day of the week. He died at the age of 56 (eight times seven) having fallen victim to the assassin's bullet on April 14 (twice 7) 1865. He lived the first 7 years of his life in Kentucky; the next 14 (twice 7) in Indiana; 28 years (four times 7) in Illinois. Of these 28 years, 7 were spent in Decatur and New Salem, and the next 21 years (three times 7) his home was in Springfield. As a Congressman and as President he spent 7 years in Washington.

His paternal ancestry in America number 7 generations. At the age of 21 (three times 7) he attained his full stature. He was elected Captain of the 31st Illinois Militia on April 7, 1832. In 1837 he moved from New Salem to Springfield, and 28 years (four times 7) later, to the day, he died. He was appointed New Salem postmaster on May 7, 1833. He was elected to public office by the people 7 times. As a lawyer he appeared in 12 cases before the U.S. Circuit Court and won 7 of them.

He was admitted to the practice of law before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 7, 1849. He was elected to the Illinois Legislature for the fifth time (he resigned before taking his seat) on November 7,

1854. On August 21, (three times 7) 1858, Lincoln held the first of the 7 famous debates with Douglas. In Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address we count 700 words. He had 7 brothers-in-law who served the Southern Confederacy.

On November 19, 1863, Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address, a speech that divides itself into 7 parts.

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1985 Appeal For The G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND



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Our task to carry on the memory of the G.A.R. is great. This is your pledge to carry on their work -- your investment in our Order. No donation is too small. Can I count on you? Send \$1.-\$2.-\$5. or more. It is a wise investment for it pays dividends in patriotism. Please send your check to me (payable to National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and my annual report will record you as a shareholder. Charles Corfman, National Patriotic Instructor

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Department News

More than 130 inquiries about membership-at-large in our order have been answered this past year. Recruiting will be actively pursued in the days ahead.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs Report

Before our Centennial year of 1981 the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief headed the Centennial Club soliciting funds for our Centennial Encampment. Since that time the name has changed but is still assigned to the Sr. Vice C.-in-C. to collect money to be used in promotion of the Order. The Constitution and Regulation changes listed in the Autumn 1983 Banner Chapter 111 Article VI Finances Add: Section 6. There shall be established a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs fund to be used for promotion of The Order.

Any contributions to this fund will be gratefully received, checks should be made out to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War and mailed to me Donald L. Roberts, Sr. Vice Comm.-in-Chief, Box 11, 17 Stowell Ave., Candor, New York 13743. An appropriate receipt will be returned, similar to the Centennial receipt to all contributors of \$1.00 and more.

The Program and Policy Committee are looking for 1902 & 1903 Proceedings of The National Encampment, using the material to answer a question on the (change over) of our Organizational policy. Any help in obtaining these two years Proceedings will be appreciated, and returned after the required answer is obtained. We the committee are open for suggestions that will benefit our Order.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty Donald L. Roberts, Sr. Vice Comm.-in-Chief Chairman Program and Policy Committee Box 11, 17 Stowell Avenue Candor, New York 13743

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Dept. President Louise Herne represented the Badger State at the National Encampment held in Akron, Ohio.

LTC Burton E. Kannenberg is coordinating the annual observance of "Cushing Brothers Remembrance Day" to be held at Delafield on Saturday, October 6, with many veterans, patriotic and civic groups scheduled to take part in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Among the items of business completed at the Department Encampment was a resolution honoring Edward E. Biering for his many years of devoted service to the Department and his local Camp. In point of service, Bro. Biering is our senior member having been affiliated with the Order for more than 60 years. In relinquishing his duties as Dept. Secretary-Treasurer due to the state of his health, he can take pride in his record of accomplishment on behalf of our Order at all levels.

Other resolutions of genral interest passed at the Encampment advocated the return of Memorial Day to May 30; requested the National Park Service to refurbish and restore General U. S. Grant's tomb to its former condition; requested the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Commission to consider the approval of a commemorative stamp to honor the Civil War record of the Cushing brothers; and proclaimed Bro. Herman T. Black as the recipient of the "Good Guy Award" for 1984.

Maryland: Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary, Military Order of the Loyal Legion and Daughters of Union Veterans held services on Memorial Day, May 30 in Arlington Cemetery at the burial site of 2000 unknown dead from the battle of Bull Run. Fellowship at dinner was enjoyed by all at the Ft. Myer Officers Club following the ceremonies.

Saturday afternoon, June 23, Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary enjoyed fraternal fellowship poolside at the Schlenker residence in Rockville, MD. Business followed cocktails and a buffet luncheon. Dr. James L. Hatleberg and his son, John N. are the newst members of the Camp.

DC Commander Mollus elected PC in C Richard C. Schlenker as an Honorary Companion in July, further cementing the close relationship of our two orders in DC.

At the 97th Annual Department Encampment, R. Franklin Townsend of Wilmington, DE was elected Department Commander and Duane Baldwin of Virginia Beach, VA as Sr. Vice Department Commander. Sister Shirley Shockley was elected Auxiliary Department President.

Member-at-Large News:

36 new Members-at-Large were added to the rolls in the period between the 102nd and 103rd National Encampments.

Our group of Associates in Belgium now number 15. They are a group of reenactors called the "Brandy Station Volunteers". Maj. L. J. DeGrave of Leeuw, Belgium is our principal contact with the group.

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