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Clark W. Mellor of Worcester, MA, joined Camp 25 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on May 29, 1942 in the Post 10 G.A.R. Bldg. Worcester, MA.

Brother Mellor claims his eligibility through his Grandfather Clark W. James who served as a pvt. in Co. K 21 ST. Regiment Conn, Inf. until the end of the War, and was Honorably Discharged June 10, 1865.

He has held every office in the camp except Secretary & Treasurer—first elected Camp Commander in 1951, and again in 1964 and still serving as the Camp Commander.

In the Dept. of Mass. he has served every office except Secretary & Treasurer. He also has served on several Committees, and has been chairman on many of them.

Elected Dept. Commander in 1959 and again in 1984, Mellor is currently serving on the Dept. Council.

On the National level he has served as Guide, Color bearer, Patriotic Instructor in 1962, Council of Administration for Two (2) years, Chief of Staff, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. On Aug. 17, 1988 at the 107th National Encampment, Brother Mellor was honored by being elected to the Office of Commander-in-Chief in Lansing, MI.

Brother Mellor is also: A 42 year member of Saint Bernard Church, a Sexton for 25 years, past Chairman of the Explorer Scout Post 52 of Saint Bernards for many years.

A 40 year member of Brookfield Post

530 V.F.W. and a past Post Commander.

Served in Regular Army from 1939 until 1945.

He and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) have one son, one daughter, and seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

He served in various positions in the Normac Machine and Mfg. Co., and retired in 1985 as a truck driver from that Company.



Malice Toward None

A synopsis of the 107th Annual National Encampment held at Lansing, MI August 14-17, 1988. 63 Delegates present, 19 not present, 82 registered.

Approved

Continue support of usual ceremonies and scholarship.

Amend Regulations to reflect present practice of CofA electing MAL Coordinator; outlining his duties and set dues structure for MALs.

Accept Nat'l. MALs from Depts when no local Camp exists.

Minimum two issues of Banner per year.

Change mandatory four Gen Orders per year by CinC.

Limit Dept CofA term to two years.

Set Nat. Enc reg. fee at \$8.00

Return Camp reg. fee to \$10.00

Amend C,R&R to reflect Sec and Treas as two offices.

Eliminate Genealogist duties for Historian.

Include Univ. of Pittsburg Scholarship info in next General Orders.

Establish office expense amount for Historian.

Support use of LDS Church microfilming to preserve Camp and Dept

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Catherine Stocking Zapatka of Newington, Connecticut, formerly from Middletown, Connecticut, was elected and installed as the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on August 17, 1988, at the 102nd National Encampment held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Currently a member of Auxiliary #20, East Hampton, CT, she has held several offices both in her auxiliary and in the Department of Connecticut Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For two years, 1978 and 1979 Sister Zapatka was Department President.

She also has served as National Patriotic Instructor, raising funds to promote our patriotic work, and as National Vice President.

Sister Zapatka is eligible for membership through her Great, Great Uncle Jebez Spencer.

Before retiring, she was employed at the Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #12, and a member of the Matabassett Grange, all of Middletown.

She transports eyes for the Eye Transplant Surgery for the Eye Bank in New Britain General Hospital throughout the State of Connecticut.

Her hobbies are knitting and sewing.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
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1. At this time I want to thank all the Brothers who elected me to this high office of Commander-in-Chief at the 107th National Encampment in Lansing, MI, also the Michigan Dept. especially the committee on planning such a wonderful encampment and the Bus Tour.

2. All correspondence addressed to this office should be sent to the above address. Financial reports and requisitions for supplies should be sent to the National Treasurer. Regular business should be addressed to the National Secretary.

3. Due to the increased cost which can not be avoided the cost of the National Encampment Registration Fee to \$8.00 is hereby noted. It is hoped the Brothers will cooperate in this small increase.

4. James O. Lee of Des Moines, IA., has been appointed the new Editor of the Banner effective Aug. 17, 1988. All Dept. Secretaries will see that an updated roster of the membership be sent to him as soon as possible so each person will be able receive their Banner. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

5. The policy of appointing members as National Aides for securing 3 or 4 new members is to be continued, and those securing 5 or more will receive a Certificate of Merit. Camp Secretaries are requested to forward their names to this office.

6. New Standing Committees have been appointed. The previous members who were not reappointed are discharged with thanks for their dedication and time spent on the various committees.

7. The Council of Administration has proposed a goal of \$2,000 for the National Patriotic Instructor Peter A. Dixon, with your help and support let's do our best to help him reach his goal. Also a special fund has been set up for the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief that is to be used to promote our Organization. All donations are tax deductible. Your contributions will be greatly

appreciated.
 8. This year is the 125th anniversary of President Lincoln's dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on Nov. 19, 1988. It is also the 32nd annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day. This day is one of the "highlights" of the various organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. Hope to see as many as possible there.

9. As your Commander-in-Chief I wish to extend to all Members of the Allied family my very best wishes for a most successful year. Also I want to extend my congratulations to: Mrs. Catherine Zapatka, National President of the Auxiliary to the S.U.V.C.W.; Mrs. Margaret Hills, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Thelma Pant, National President of the Womens Relief Corps.; and Mary E. Petry, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

10. The travel itinerary of the Commander-in-Chief will be planned to best serve the membership. If you wish a visit from the Commander-in-Chief at your Dept. Encampment, let me know as early as possible. I know there is already conflicting dates in the various states, so I will make the best possible arrangements that I can. I hope you will understand.

11. All information regarding the sick and any deaths that occur should be forwarded to this office so proper attention may be given.

12. I want to thank all the Brothers who will be serving on the various National Committees with your help we will have a prosperous year.

By Order of
 Clark W. Mellor
 Commander-in-Chief

NOTICE

The 58th Annual Dedication Day Dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn on Baltimore St. in Gettysburg, Pa. on Nov. 19th at 6:30 P.M.
 Send Reservations No Later Than Nov. 10 1988 To:
 George W. Long
 222 Lincoln St.
 Lancaster, PA 18603
 Price \$16.00 Per Person



THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Thomas L. W. Johnson

Proposal for Department of Veterans Affairs - A proposal to create a Cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs has been around for 35 years. But it is likely to become a reality in 1988 as the result of passage by the House of Representatives of H. R. 3421 and President Reagan's personal endorsement. The Senate is expected to take up similar legislation this spring. Proponents of the new Cabinet position cite a budget of \$27.6 billion and 240,000 employees and the 78 million Americans potentially eligible for veterans benefits as reasons for the new Department. They argue that those benefits are not and should not be considered as welfare payments. Rather, they represent a form of deferred compensation which a grateful nation has bestowed upon its veteran population. The creation of a Department of Veterans Affairs will help to preserve that important distinction.

Opponents of another Cabinet department label the proposal a potential "budget buster" which, in turn, stands to increase the size of the Federal bureaucracy. They maintain that the Department is not needed now because the Armed Forces is comprised of volunteers who are paid competitive wages and salaries which make some of the benefits offered by the Veterans Administration less vital to the well-being of ex-Service people. They would assign responsibility for veterans benefits to a bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Even some strong supporters of veterans benefits are concerned about raising the Veterans Administration to Cabinet status because that move will likely focus more of the attention to some of the services presently being administered by the VA.

Concern for Antietam Battlefield Site - Suburban sprawl and commercial development are threatening the Antietam Battlefield Site despite the fact that some 3,200 acres are protected within the boundaries of the Na-

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tional Park. Until now the lack of intense development in Western Maryland has helped to preserve an additional 4,000 acres surrounding the battle site so as to allow visitors to gain an appreciation of the terrain over which the bloody battle took place. Federal, state and local authorities are examining means by which the site can retain its existing characteristics and not become an island in a "sea" of commercialism.

Growth of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance - A total of 43 states have followed the lead of the Federal government in establishing a holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Most have designated the third Monday in January as the holiday but a few states have chosen his actual birthdate, January 15. The seven states that do not recognize the holiday are Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Wyoming. North Carolina voted to observe the holiday in alternate years. Texas and New Mexico observed the holiday for the first time in 1988.

Less than 20 percent of the nation's private employers planned to give their employees a holiday. However, 13.3 percent of the collective bargaining agreements now include the holiday, an increase from 4.0 percent in 1983, the year the observance won approval from the Congress.

Respectfully Submitted

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
 Chairman

Malice Toward None

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records.
 Past Dept Cdrs may wear badge suspended from Dept ribbon and wear sash on formal occasions.
 Continue financial support of SVR, Lincoln Tomb, Wash. D.C., the Cathedral of Pines and Remembrance Day ceremonies.
 Support battlefield preservation, English as official language, separation of powers and reconstruction of Ft. Abraham Lincoln.
 Send roster of each Camp to Nat'l Treas by 1 Oct 1988 to meet IRS requirement.
 Send list of Life Members by Camp to Nat'l Treas by 1/1.

Budet Adopted for 1988-1989

RECEIPTS:

Per-capita tax assessment on 2,200 members at \$5.00 per member.	\$11,000.00
Registration fees from 75 delegates at \$8.00 each	600.00
Sale of supplies	3,000.00
Auxiliary gift	500.00
Income from permanent fund, savings and investments	\$3,400.00
New camp application fees and charter fees	100.00
Monthly earned interest on checking account	600.00
Uncommitted funds - membership at large	300.00
Returned unused funds for the Banner	2,542.00
Total	22,042.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's expenses	1,800.00
National Treasurer's expenses	900.00
National Secretary's expenses	900.00
Purchase of supplies	3,000.00
Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	1,100.00
Printing and mailing of proceedings, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987 and 1988	4,500.00
National Encampment expenses	250.00
Transcribing proceedings	500.00
The Banner	4,900.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel	400.00
Certified public accountant	3,592.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total	22,042.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE G.A.R. FUND

Student scholarship award	300.00
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony	70.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day Memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, S.V.R.	200.00
G.A.R. campfire program expense	400.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	50.00
Printing of forms for contributions	100.00
National Historian expense	50.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	2,095.00

The Committee: Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman
 Lowell V. Hammer

Appoint Comte of 3 to study need for Life Member Co-ordinator.
 Establish office expense for Fraternal Relations Comte.
 Eliminate reference to Constitutional Life Members in C,R&R as they no longer exist. (GAR members and Civil War Veterans).
 Referred to CofA question of Life Member privileges.
 Life Member may wear badge suspended from Nat'l Ribbon.
 Request Nat'l Rep and Dem Comtes to require Pledge to the Flag in public

schools.
 Invest \$5-6000 in high yield income fund.
 \$19,500 balanced budget for coming year.
 Accepted with regret the resignation of Nat'l Secretary Heacock effective 1 Jan 1989.

Tabled
 Extensive changes to Discipline Section of C,R&R.

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Lowell V. Hammer, MD to 1989;
Joseph S. Rippey, NY to 1990.

Appointed

By Commander-in-Chief:

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Historian: David B. Orr, PA
History Book: Keith G. Harrison, MI
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Elected

By Council of Administration:
MAL Co-ordinator: Richard D. Orr, PA
Banner Editor: James O. Lee, IA

Council of Administration:
Pre-encampment meeting Sun. 14 Aug. 1988.

Appointed encampment Audit and Budget Comtes.

Tabled question of Standing Budget Comte.

Accepted reports of Sec., Treas and MAL Co-ord.

Concurred with CinC action requesting registration of Banner Editor.

Received report and request of Banner Editor to be relieved 30 June 1988.

Elected James O. Lee (Iowa) Editor of the Banner.

Agreed to seat CA, IA, CO, RI delegates though no forms 49 had been received.

Agreed to reimburse Br. Reed for 1987 Enc. video exp.

Set NPI goal at \$2000.

Request PCinCs to oversee publishing of missing Encampment Proceedings.

Post-Encampment meeting Wed. 17 Aug 1988

Set Life Member fee to Camps at \$8.00.

Defined privileges of Life Members.

Revised letter to new Life Members.

Returned Application for CAL for proper signatures.

Received check for excess MAL funds.

Received a donation of \$1,000 from PCinC Richard O. Partington.

Gave vote of thanks to MAL Coordinator Richard Orr.

Set next meeting for 20 Nov 1988, 9 am Gettysburg, PA.

Current Membership
2454 members, 133 Camps

Patriotic Instructor
Raised \$2311

Sr. Vice CinC Fund
Balance: \$1239

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Maryland: Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary in Washington, D.C. met on September 10 at the Ft. McNair Officers Club for a quarterly luncheon.

Area Members-at-Large, prospective members and loyal friends were in attendance also.

Col. Donald L. Perkins presented a talk on "Whatever Became of Old Whats-his-name?" telling of what happened to many of the distinguished leaders of the Civil War after hostilities ceased.

Brothers John Madert and Lee Stone were presented the War Medal of our order commemorating their service to our nation after the manner of their ancestors.

As always, the meeting was opened and closed in due form after the ritual of our order.

The Camp mourns the loss of Brother John Phillips Moore.

Ohio: The Senior Past Commander, Department of Ohio, W.W. Dorsey answered his final muster call on Aug. 14, 1988 at the age of 88.

Brother Dorsey was well known for his participation with The Fife and Drum Corps.

From his hometown of Mount Vernon, Ohio, he participated in countless parades and events, leading and directing the parades with the Fife and Drum Corps.

Most noteworthy was the Corps being a part of the funeral rites for the last of "The Boys In Blue" - the Funeral Rites for the Last Confederate Veteran - and the dedication of Freedom Acres at Valley Forge, PA to honor those who had been awarded the Medal of Honor.

Many will remember W.W. Dorsey and The Corps favoring us with Civil War Music at the Ohio National Encampments in Columbus and Akron, Ohio.

Ohio: Cont. On Saturday, July 30, 1988, a new Camp was instituted - William Dennison Camp #125, Albany, Ohio.

The name was chosen because the men who comprise the new Camp are primarily from a 5 county area, from which their ancestors were sent to Camp Dennison at Columbus for training.

The Camp number is significant because this year marks the 125th anniversary of The Battle of Buffington Island, a part of Morgan's Raid into Ohio.

The Camp was instituted, the Camp members were initiated, and installed during the 125th anniversary celebration sponsored by the Meigs County, Ohio, Pioneer and Historical Society, and the 16th O.V.I. Sons of Veterans Reserves.

It was held in a school adjacent to the Original Battlefields at Buffington Island. These ceremonies were done with the Members-at-Large Coordinator, Richard Orr; National Historian, David Orr; Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury II; and Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt representing the National Organization.

Pennsylvania: Schedule of Events: Saturday - November 19, 1988 - 125th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Re-enactment of President Lincoln's arrival 10:30 AM. Parade of Civil War troops 11 AM. Ceremonies at National Cemetery 12 Noon. Anniversary Band Concert 8 PM.

Wisconsin: Kenneth Zerwekh of Delafield, Wis., was made a member of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 during a ceremony at his home on August 21, 1988. Camp Commander George Nuoffer of Milwaukee gave him the Obligation and was assisted by Herb Schwarz, Waukesha, Chaplain, and Burton E. Kannenberg, Oconomowoc, Secretary. Bro. Zerwekh had two relatives in the Union Army: his great grandfather, Johann Jacob Zerwekh, and his grandfather, Herman A. Smyth. This ceremony was a part of a picnic for members of Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5 held on the grounds of the Zerwekh home. During the afternoon, Bradlee J. Fons, Pewaukee, spoke on his attendance at the Civil War Institute held at Gettysburg, PA., in July 1988.

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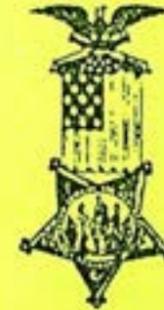
Christine Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Smith of Las Vegas and graduate of Valley High School Class 1985, has been selected to receive a Patriotic Scholarship awarded by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Christine's patriotic effort has been working as a counselor with youth in various homes for abused or problem children while attending college.

This is the first time a Nevada student has been awarded this scholarship.

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