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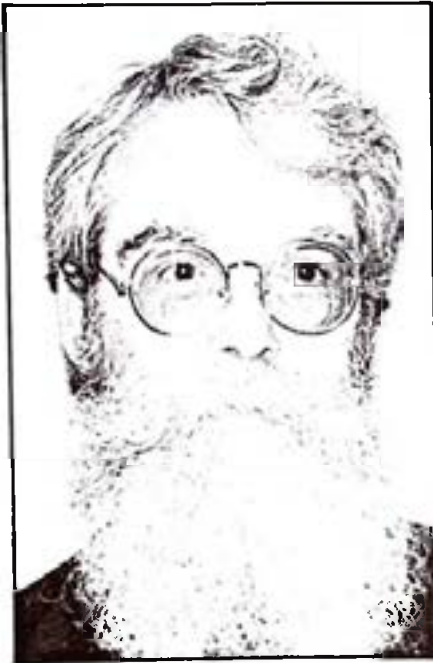
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Keith G. Harrison
C-in-C, SUVCW

Harrison chosen as Sons' C-in-C

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 13, 1994 — Keith G. Harrison of Holt, Mich., was elected commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the National Encampment here.

Brother Harrison represents the fourth Michiganian in the 113-year history of the Order and the first in the last 46 years to rise to the Order's highest office. The three other commanders-in-chief from Michigan were Perle L. Fouch, 1948; Orion W. Mackey, 1944; and Marvin E. Hall, 1892.

Commander-in-Chief Harrison has served the National Organization in several capacities, including Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Patriotic Instructor, Membership-at-Large Coordinator, and History Book Coordinator. He has also served as chair of the Program and Policy Committee and of the Membership Committee, and as a member of the 125th Anniversary Event Committee.

Within his native state of Michigan, C-

in-C Harrison has served as department commander for three years, senior vice commander for two years, and is now in his sixth term as department chief of staff. He is a member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 of Lansing-Sunfield, which he organized in 1983, and the U. S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit. Within the Lansing-Sunfield camp, he has served as camp organizer, camp commander, camp secretary, camp treasurer, and is currently serving his third term as camp historian. He is also currently serving a second term as camp treasurer for the Detroit camp. He has been a member of the Order since 1981 and a life member since 1986.

C-in-C Harrison traces his SUVCW eligibility back to 27 Michigan Union veterans, including one great great great grandfather (Capt. Joseph Harper, 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry), three great great grandfathers, nine great

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Atkinson leads Auxiliary to Sons

PHILADELPHIA — Margaret E. Atkinson is the new president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A national Auxiliary officer for many years, she is known to many Sons, especially because she is the wife of PC-in-C Bud Atkinson.

She also celebrated 50 years of membership in the Auxiliary, having joined Auxiliary No. 1 to Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, SUVCW, in Philadelphia in March 1944.

She has served all offices in her local Auxiliary, many offices in the Pennsylvania Department, including Department Chpllain, Chief of Staff, Vice President, and a term as Department President in 1989. On the national level, she has served as Color Guard, Assistant Guide, Guide (several times), Patriotic Instructor, and Secretary.

She was elected to the board of directors of the GAR Civil War Museum and Library in 1984, and has served as

secretary of the board since that time. She writes and distributes a museum newsletter three times a year, serves as a museum guide, presents historical talks to school children and community groups, and has developed a first-person impression of Anna M. Ross, a Civil War nurse for whom the Camp was named.

Active all her life in her church, she taught Sunday School for 30 years, directed vacation Bible schools, and was a member of church choirs for 52 years. In 1986, she was ordained an elder in the Presbyterian Church. And when her children were involved in Scouting, she served twice as den mother and was Neighborhood Chairman of Girl Scouts for several years.

Along with all that, although now retired, Margaret returned to work after her children were raised and became a



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1. I wish to express my appreciation to the delegates to the 113th National Encampment in Lansing, Mich., for electing me as Commander-in-Chief. I look forward to an exciting and productive year.

2. I wish also to express the gratitude of the National Organization to all the Michigan Department Brothers who again out-did themselves in hosting an excellent National Encampment.

3. All correspondence to this office should be sent to the above address. For those Brothers who have E-mail or fax capabilities, you may also send your correspondence through these media. Requisitions for supplies should be mailed directly to the National Quartermaster, PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson. Address changes should be processed through your camps and departments and sent to National Secretary David Wallace. Addresses for these brothers, as well as for 1994-1995 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 1994-95 have been made and are listed in this issue of *The Banner*. This year will be different from previous years in that I am requesting that each committee chair keep me and, therefore, the Order informed of his committee's activities and progress on a quarterly basis rather than waiting until the end of the year to report. Committee quarterly progress reports are due by the following dates: Nov. 19, 1994; Feb. 17, 1995; May 19, 1995; and at the National Encampment in August 1995. The last quarterly report should summarize the preceding quarters plus provide information specific to the last quarter.

5. All too often in the past, I have seen camps and departments founder for lack of consistent advice from the National Organization. Probably one of the most common problems which has occurred over the years has been a lack of consistent interpretations of the Order's *Constitution and Regulations* because of multiple Brothers providing their "opinions." The Order has a National Counselor and it is he who has this responsibility for the National Organization. I have requested that all interpretations prepared by the National

Counselor be summarized periodically in *The Banner* this year for the benefit of all Brothers.

6. In a related matter, the time has come also for Brothers within our Order to stop offering advice without first checking to see what is said about the issue in the Order's *Constitution and Regulations*. We can no longer depend on how something was done five, ten, or twenty years ago. Our *Constitution and Regulations* are constantly changing; so too should our application of them. I would strongly advise all National, Department, and Camp officers to obtain and read the most recent copy of the Order's *Constitution and Regulations*. This document may be obtained through the office of the National Quartermaster, PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson.

7. Proposed amendments to Articles III, V, and VII of the National Constitution were passed at the 112th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The proposed amendments were ratified by a sufficient number of Departments pursuant to the National Constitution and become effective with the publication of these General Orders. The specific changes to Articles III, V, and VII of the National Constitution are presented in this issue of *The Banner*.

8. Departments and Camps-at-Large are hereby ordered to submit a copy of their most recent set of by-laws to National Counselor James B. Pahl no later than Jan. 1, 1995. The by-laws will be reviewed for conformity to the most recent edition of the Order's *Constitution and Regulations*.

9. The 1993-94 National Committee on Program and Policy did not have an opportunity to finish its review of all of the Order's forms last year. As a consequence, I would request that the 1994-95 committee review the remaining forms. In particular, I would request that the committee look specifically at Forms 23 and 26 (Organizer's Report and Charter Application, respectively). The current process for establishing and chartering new camps is very cumbersome and requires adherence to many outdated and/or unnecessary procedures. I would request that the committee propose a simplified and streamlined process which would be consistent with the Order's *Constitution and Regulations*. A single new form consolidating the procedures with clear and concise instructions (possibly a checklist) would be preferred. I am requesting that recommendations regarding the Camp organization forms be submitted by Feb. 17, 1995.

10. Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund again this year. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund is used to

pay for recruitment advertising in national publications. This program has resulted, in part, in our Order's large membership increases in recent years. Donations should be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert, 16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148. Your checks should be made payable to: "National Organization, SUVCW."

11. Brothers are also urged to send donations to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler for the Order's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Fund. Monies from this fund help to pay for the Order's Patriotic programs which perpetuate the memory of the GAR. Donations may be sent to Brother Wheeler at 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. 14850. Again, your checks should be made payable to: "National Organization, SUVCW."

12. My itinerary for 1994 and 1995 has filled quickly. I would strongly encourage Departments who desire the presence of the Commander-in-Chief at their annual encampments to get their invitations in soon. For fairness reasons, I will book on a first-come, first-served basis.

13. 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: Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans and of the Civil War, and the Women's Relief Corps. I look forward to working this year with all four organizations on behalf of our Order.

14. As we begin what I hope will be a highly productive year, I wish to outline a vision which I would like to see our Order promote. As an Order we have always tried to emulate the GAR in many of our actions and deeds. Unfortunately, I feel that we have been emulating the declining rather than the productive years of the GAR. I would submit that this is the wrong way to remember the GAR. Most of us were not around when the GAR was in full bloom and so never had the opportunity to observe firsthand the vigor and vitality of that organization. Before the GAR ranks were filled with a few tired old veterans resigned to the fact that their organization was dying, the GAR was a large, highly visible, enthusiastic and energetic organization filled with young men with unconquerable dreams.

If our Order is to fulfill what the GAR created it to fulfill, we must first change how we view ourselves as an Order. The SUVCW was created to be a perpetual organization, forever living on as successive generations of sons are born. It was intended to be vibrant, innovative,

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and, therefore, effective in its dealings. It was intended to be an organization which would emulate the GAR not during its waning years but during its height of influence. I therefore implore you to become active in your local communities and in your states. Get out and promote, on behalf of the SUVCW and the GAR, local Civil War-related or even non-Civil War-related community projects. Get involved in projects with our contemporary veterans' organizations. Promote the memory of the GAR and its members' deeds through our actions. With this kind of visibility and activity, we can and will succeed in keeping the significance and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic alive and, most importantly, in the eyes of the American public.

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great granduncles, and 14 cousins. The Michigan regiments represented by his antecedents include the 1st, 2nd, 11th, 12th, 15th, 19th, 27th and 28th Volunteer Infantry regiments; the 4th, 8th, 10th, and 11th Volunteer Cavalry regiments; and the 13th and 14th Michigan Batteries. The regiment with the greatest number of Keith's ancestors was the 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with two grandfathers, four uncles, and one cousin. The regiment went directly from Niles, Mich., to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., two weeks before the Battle of Shiloh. During that battle, several of his relatives were captured.

Brother Harrison currently serves in two positions in Michigan state government. He is the director of the Environmental Administration Division for the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, and he holds a gubernatorial appointment as the executive director of the Michigan Environmental Science Board.

He is a 1968 graduate of Cassopolis, Mich., High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree (1972) in fisheries and wildlife biology from Michigan State University and a master of arts degree (1974) in ecology from Western Michigan University. He is licensed as a registered sanitarian and as a registered environmental health specialist, and is nationally certified as an ecologist. His

15. Another area in which I would like to see our Order continue to excel is in the increased recruitment of younger members. For many years, our Order has been, literally, a retirement Order. This has changed during the last several years with the increase of younger members and the dropping of the average age of our membership. This kind of recruiting must be continued, for, as previously stated, this is a perpetual organization and must be constantly infused with younger members if it is going to remain viable.

16. The last major area of change I would like to see this year is an increased use of computers and electronic communications throughout our Order. It has really only been during the last three to four years that our Order has even begun to use computers to

assist it in its operation; however, we have made great strides in these few years. I intend this year to advocate for even greater use of such tools in the daily operation of the National Organization. I would strongly recommend that Departments and Camps begin to consider the same. Along these lines, I have appointed a limited-term special committee to develop guidelines to help ensure that we all remain compatible in terms of our software. I am requesting that this committee provide its recommendations by Feb. 17, 1995.

17. Finally, it is my hope that this year will be a highly productive year of even more progress and positive change for the Order. I look forward to working with all Camp, Department and National office-holders in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

By Order Of:
Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief

Keith Harrison chosen as SUVCW's Commander-in-Chief

professional research and work have resulted in more than 60 publications addressing a wide variety of environmental, environmental health, natural history, and resources management topics. He has been published in local, state, national, and international societal journals.

Brother Harrison has been a Civil War reenactor since 1982 and has risen through the ranks. He is a member and former captain of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, Inc., and a major, serving as chief of staff, with the nationally-recognized Cumberland Guard. Within the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), he holds the rank of major and serves as chief of infantry of the Third Military District and Commander of the Michigan Department, SUVCW-SVR Color Guard (30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry).

He has participated in more than 500 reenactments, parades and ceremonies since 1982, and has served innumerable times at reenactments as an infantry company commander, infantry battalion commander, and overall Union army commander. Major Harrison is knowledgeable and well-practiced in Hardee, Casey and Coupee, and is competent in 1861-1865 U. S. Army company, battalion, brigade and army-level



infantry drill and tactics. He participated in most of the 125th anniversary Civil War battle reenactments and is currently participating in many of the 130th anniversary reenactments. Major Harrison's years and reputation within the 7th Michigan and the Cumberland Guard have resulted in his being commemorated in song.

Brother Harrison belongs to several historical, patriotic, and civic organizations, including Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), in which he has been the commander of the Michigan Commandery since 1986; Sons of the Revolution; Society of the War of 1812; Society of Colonial Wars; Society of Mayflower Descendants; and Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He is also a Mason (Lodge No. 252 of Okemos, Mich.), and a member of the Civil War Masonic Association.

Brother Harrison has been married twice, his first marriage to Linda (Dodson) Harrison in 1976, which ended in divorce, and his second to Jean (Whitmer) Harrison in 1990. He has one son, Nathan Lewis Harrison, who is a "junior son" of the Order. His interest in history and genealogy peaked with the birth of his son, when he wrote and published a 350-page genealogy, *The Ancestry of Nathan Lewis Harrison*. The book documents his son's ancestry to the year 938 A.D. and identifies more than 150 families and 1,600 individuals who preceded him. A copy of the book was provided the Order in 1989.

M. Atkinson is Auxiliary president

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medical billing specialist. She was employed as manager of a regional billing office by a large nursing home chain in the Philadelphia area until four years ago.

She bases her Auxiliary membership on a paternal great grandfather, Cpl. Herman Poehler, who served in Co. A, 2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, from August 1862 through July 1865. She also had two maternal great grandfathers, a great great grandfather, and two great great uncles who served during the Civil War.

Margaret has been married for 45 years to Elmer Atkinson, better known as Bud, and they have two sons and a daughter. Their children have presented them with eight grandchildren, ranging in age from a year to 20 years in age. All three of the Atkinsons' children are members of Sons and Auxiliary — and three granddaughters who are of the required age have joined the Auxiliary.

Other of Margaret's ancestors have

been active in the Auxiliary. A great grandmother and two great great aunts were Charter members of Auxiliary No. 1. Her great grandfather, Cpl. Poehler, belonged to Post No. 94, GAR; grandfather Herman Poehler was a Charter member of Camp No. 1, and remained a member for almost 75 years. Her father, Herman Poehler, had been a member for 69 1/2 years at the time of his death.

Margaret's maternal ancestors also attended Camp and Auxiliary No. 1. Her grandmother Anna Shaffer was secretary of the Auxiliary for many years.

It would be difficult to top the love affair both Margaret and Bud have, quite literally, had with the Auxiliary and Sons: She says, "My husband and I met at a Memorial Day parade when I was 12 years old, became reacquainted at a Sons' Lincoln Day dinner when I was 18, and announced our engagement at an Appomattox Day dinner-dance in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1948."



Ercelle Speaks
NP, LGAR

Ercelle Speaks chosen by LGAR

BELOIT, Kansas — Ercelle Speaks is the new National President of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and brings to her position experience in many LGAR offices.

She joined Livermore Circle No. 66, LGAR, in Beloit on May 1, 1957, and has served as Circle Treasurer, President, Patriotic Instructor, and Chaplain. At Department level, she has served as Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Junior Vice President and Senior Vice President. She served as Department President in 1974-75, 1975-76, 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1992-93. At the National level, she has served as National Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, and Senior Vice President.

Her lineage stems from Leonidas Byron Davis. He enlisted on May 20, 1861, at Keokuk, Iowa, and was mustered into Co. F, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, as a corporal. He was wounded at Blue Mills, Mo., on Sept. 17, 1861, and was mustered out in April 1862. But after his wounds healed, he reenlisted, this time in Co. A, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, on May 20, 1864, and served until the end of the war.

died in 1958, and her second, Willis P. Gould, died in 1987. She has, she says, "two stepdaughters and one stepson, nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren," and considers herself "very, very fortunate to have them nearby and interested" in her many activities.

President 1981-1983. On the National level, she has served as Senior Aide, Chaplain, Chairman of the Southern Memorial Committee, Senior Vice President, and, currently as National President.

A retired teacher of business education, she received a bachelor of education degree from Plymouth, N. H., State College and a master of arts in business education from Columbia University in New York City. She had served New Hampshire schools for 36 years when she retired in 1978.

She is also a Golden Sheaf member — signifying 50 continuous years of membership — of Somersworth Grange No. 264, where she currently serves as Master. She is also treasurer of Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange and a member of the Education Committee of New Hampshire State Grange.

A charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Exeter, she is currently a member of the Club of Dover, N. H., and a past State President of BPW/NH. As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she is treasurer of the Gamma Chapter and also a past president of Beta Alpha State.

She resides in the family home, which is more than 100 years old. She is always busy sewing, knitting, or doing crafts. As a resident of Somersworth, she serves on the Board of Trustees of Forest Glade Cemetery.

Her first husband, Paul M. Keene,



Elsie M. Gould
NP, WRC

SOMERSWORTH, New Hampshire — Elsie M. Gould, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, is a native of Somersworth. She joined the Littlefield Woman's Relief Corps No. 57 in 1972 when her sister was the New Hampshire Department president.

She has held various Department offices, including serving as Department



Women's Relief Corps' convention overlapped the Sons encampment in Lansing. National officers and past officers, gathered around President Elsie Gould, who is just right of center, including: Marjorie Bennett, NJVP; Lois Didier, PNP (1978-79); Thelma Pant, PNP (1988-89), chair of the Finance Committee; Marilyn Taylor, PNP (1979-80); Lorraine Hebestreit, PNP (1984-85, 85-86); Marian Morgan, PNP (1989-90, 91-92), chair of the Board of Directors; Anne L. Gerlt, PNP (1991-92; 92-93), Counselor; and Lurene Wentworth, PNP (1982-83, 83-84), Secretary-Treasurer.



National officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic met at the same time SUVCW met: In back, more or less: Irene Looker, JVP; Lata Torrey, SVP, Elizabeth Koch, Secretary; front, from left, Evelyn Kwantz, Registrar; Ercelle Speaks, NP; Phyllis Houston, Counselor; Kathy Stiffler-Egan, Council of Administration; Jeanne McElhaney, Patriotic Instructor; Nancy Conaway, Editor of The Bugle Call; Kay Zalngo, Council of Administration; Janice Corfman, Treasurer; and Jennie Vertrees, chair of the Council of Administration.



Top photo, left: National officers of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gathered for a photo on the last day of the 113th National Encampment in Lansing, Mich. Back row, left to right: Gary Gibson, chair, History Committee; Peter Kane, Guard; James Pahl, Counselor; Terrence McKinch, Color Bearer; Bud Atkinson, National Quartermaster; (almost hidden) Richard Orr, Treasurer; Andrew Johnson, Council of Administration; Peter Dixon, Council of Administration; middle row, left to right: Richard Schlenker, Washington Representative; Gregg Mierka, Guide; Robert Grim, Council of Administration; David F. Wallace, Secretary; Alan Peterson, GAR Highway Officer; Danny Wheeler, Patriotic Instructor; Clark Mellor, Chief of Staff; Allen W. Moore, Council of Administration; seated, left to right: David R. Medert, SVC-in-C; Keith G. Harrison, C-in-C; and Allen R. Loomis, JVC-in-C.



Top photo, this page: Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison's wife Jean pins his C-in-C insignia to his lapel after he was installed at the 113th National Encampment. In the background, PC-in-Cs Lowell Hammer, who acted as installing officer, and outgoing C-in-C Allen W. Moore.



Bottom photo, left: Nine Past Commanders-in-Chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were able to attend the 113th National Encampment in Lansing in August 1994. Back row, left to right: Charles Corfman, 1989-90; Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson, 1992-93; Joseph Rippey, 1962-63; 1963-64; Richard Schlenker, 1982-83; Lowell Hammer, 1991-92; George Long, 1990-91; Clark Mellor, 1988-89; Richard Greenwalt, 1978-79; and Norman Furman, 1971-72.

PC-in-C Rippey was voted special Emeritus status, Council of Administration, and PC-in-C Furman was voted special Emeritus status, Chief of Staff, by the Encampment.



As one of his last acts as C-in-C, Allen W. Moore, right, presented the first Abraham Lincoln Award as Outstanding Camp in the Order to Gen. George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Department of Illinois. Holding the award is James Mueting, now commander of Custer Camp. At left is Department Commander Nicholas Kaup.



National Officers, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



National Officers, Daughters of Union Veterans



National Officers of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with new National President Margaret Atkinson in the center. Back row, more or less, left to right: Marguerite Plante, VP; Eileen Coombs, Treasurer; Martha Wilson, Press Correspondent; Orma Altland, National Members-at-Large Coordinator; Michelle Langley, Patriotic Instructor; Mary E. Willey, Chaplain; front row, again more or less, left to right: Esther Peiper, Director of Budget; Beatrice Greenwalt, Historian; Frances Murray, Secretary; Martha Johnson, Chief of Staff; Amanda Kroger, Personal Aide and full-time granddaughter to President Atkinson; Margaret Atkinson; Margaret Joy, Counselor No. 3; Dorris Schlenker, National Counselor and Washington Representative; Florence Spring, Counselor No. 1; and Betty Baker, Counselor No. 2.



Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV) met in Lansing during part of the SUVCW National Encampment. This photo of National Officers was taken after SUVCW had concluded its encampment. Back row, left to right: Dorothy Tyler, Council No. 5; Bessie L. Smith, Counselor; Roena Bayes, Council No. 4; Janeth Seyfang, Council No. 3; Rolene Robinson, Council No. 2; Dorothy Colantuono, Council No. 1; Anna Kinnison, Registrar; Lois Rinehart, Treasurer; front row, left to right: Gail Butterfield, Patriotic Instructor; Helen Meyer, Junior Vice President; Ruth Funk, President; Theda Cole, Senior Vice President; and Beverly Goodenough, Chaplain.

Representatives of all five Allied Orders held a meeting to discuss the possibility of a joint national encampment at a future date.



J. Douglas Park, PDC (Michigan), outgoing National Members-At-Large Coordinator, and general chairman of the 113th National Encampment, SUVCW, in Lansing, Mich., was selected to receive the first Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award by outgoing C-in-C Allen W. Moore. The award honors the "outstanding member of the year" and is selected by the commander-in-chief. The award was named by PC-in-C Moore after one of his Civil War ancestors.



James T. Lyons, left, who retired last August as National Secretary, was honored with a special award during Sons' National Encampment for his long years of service to the Order. The award was presented by Richard A. Williams, National Membership List Coordinator.



Aisles were none too wide for marching, but members of the Michigan SUVVCW-SVR Color Guard, with other volunteers, made a stirring and colorful entrance and posting of the colors just before the opening of the Friday night Campfire program at the 113th National Encampment.

Those attending the Campfire heard a remarkable speech by Ed Bearss, long-time historian of the National Park Service, whose topic was "Michigan in the War." Following the program, a rare "Custer Badge" and a GAR Department of Michigan Commander's medal were shown to those interested. Both medals belonged to Gen. James H. Kidd of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry, one of the four regiments in the Michigan Cavalry Brigade commanded by Gen. G. A. Custer.



McChesney family rededicates ancestor's grave

BEDFORD COUNTY, Pa. — On June 18, 1994, the grave of Cpl. John McChesney was rededicated in Hopewell (or Sunnyside) Cemetery in Bedford County.

Cpl. McChesney, born in 1839, served as a private in Co. I, 14th Pennsylvania Infantry, and became a corporal in Co. I, 55th Pennsylvania Infantry. He was wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor on June 3, 1864, and at the Battle of Petersburg on June 18, 1864. He was honorably discharged from service at Grant General Hospital, Willit's Point, New York, on Dec. 15, 1864.

Flagbearers for the ceremony were Sean P. McChesney of East Freedom and Matthew McChesney (both spellings are used) of State College. Both are great great grandsons of Cpl. McChesney. A clipping from the Morrison's Cove Herald adds:

Cpl. McChesney "died June 22, 1870, being survived by four children. The families of these children are spread out over Blair, Bedford and Centre counties, and in seven states. McChesney has over 480 descendants."

Approved changes to the Constitution, SUVVCW

The following changes to Articles III, V, and VII of the National Constitution were passed at the 112th National Encampment and ratified by a sufficient number of Departments, pursuant to the National Constitution. The become effective with the publication of General Orders No. 1, Series 1994-95, in this issue of *The Banner*. Please note these changes in your copy of the Order's *Constitution and Regulations*.

Article III Eligibility to Membership

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line of ages specified in Article VIII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of the United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

Note: this language replace[s] the entire Article III as it existed.

Article V Organization

Section 1. The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows:

Fifth. — Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become members-at-large attached to National Headquarters. Dues for such members shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) per annum more than the National per capita tax. Membership application fees for new members-at-large shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.

Note: Only the language in Subsection "Fifth" has been amended.

Article VII Membership

Section 1. Membership classes. There



shall be three (3) classes of membership.

(a) Members. Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

(b) Life Members. Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization. Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax and otherwise, enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(c) Honorary Membership. The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our order. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita tax, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to *The Banner*.

Section 2. Associates. There shall be one class of Associates. Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications



stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization. The number of Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new camp. The names of Associates may not appear on the Camp charter nor may Associates be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights[,] privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 4. Establishment of Associates by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates. Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates by amending its By-Laws, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp by-laws and establish Associates. Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department by-laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates.

Section 5. A member in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge, and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

Note: this language replaces the entire Article VII as it existed.

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an American poet — without any indication that permission to reprint had been given the editor of the newsletter. That, on its face, constitutes infringement of the poet's copyright — and poets have had enough time making a living without anyone appropriating their property.

Basically, copyright is granted for the life of the author or photographer — plus 50 years, during which the author's or photographer's heirs can continue to collect royalties. That's roughly comparable to leaving your children a 50-year bond on your death. You would not be amused if someone else clipped your children's coupons. A writer's children may not be amused that you simply hooked their parent's poem or story.

Many newspapers are also copyrighted on a daily basis. While this does not prevent dated clippings going into a scrapbook, it does prohibit making 10 or 15 copies of a newspaper clipping and mailing them to whomever you want. That is called infringement — but to be blunt it is a species of theft.

Therefore: if you are going to reprint

stories or photographs that have appeared elsewhere, you should get permission. I once knew a state prosecuting attorney who lost a reelection bid because he ended up in *federal* court for wholesale copying of a protected story, which he was using as campaign literature.

In short, copyright — the word itself or a C in a circle, © — shows the item is protected, even if you are the source of the story. While the copyright statute is enacted by Congress, provision for it is provided in the Constitution itself. Since Sons are sworn to uphold the Constitution, I see no reason not to respect copyright.

This does not prevent writing a fresh story. This does not prevent taking your own photograph of a person or event. Quotation in reviews and other works is permissible but even then the secondary writer often seeks permission, if the quotes are at all extensive.

The fundamental point is this: you may own a copy of a book or a story, on newsprint or on vellum, but you do not own rights to the story or book.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Inc. Budget

Fiscal Year 1995

	General Fund	GAR Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr. Vice Fund	Total Funds
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted
Revenues					
Per Capita Tax 3250 @ \$10.00	\$32,500.00				\$32,500.00
National Encampment Registration Fee	\$300.00				\$300.00
Sale of Supplies	\$12,000.00				\$12,000.00
Auxiliary Love Gift	\$250.00				\$250.00
New Camp Application Fees	\$100.00				\$100.00
Interest Income	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$2,000.00		\$3,200.00
New Member Registration Fee				\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
National Patriotic Instructor's Appeal		\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Life Membership Fees			\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Honor Roll Contributions			\$250.00		\$250.00
Banner Subscriptions	\$150.00				\$150.00
NMAL Donation		\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$150.00			\$500.00	\$650.00
Transfer of Funds	\$2,390.00	\$15,000.00			\$17,390.00
Revenues Collected	\$48,340.00	\$20,200.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,000.00	\$76,790.00
Reserve Funds	\$15,000.00				\$15,000.00
Total Revenues	\$63,340.00	\$20,200.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,000.00	\$91,790.00
Expenses					
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00
National Secretary Expenses	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
National Treasurer's Expenses	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
National Quartermaster's Expenses	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
COA per diem	\$1,600.00				\$1,600.00
Purchase of Supplies for Sale	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Offices Expenses	\$2,500.00		\$50.00	\$500.00	\$3,050.00
Printing of Proceedings 1882-85, 1987-94	\$7,000.00				\$7,000.00
National Encampment Expenses	\$500.00				\$500.00
Transcribing Proceedings	\$500.00				\$500.00
"The Banner"	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel	\$475.00				\$475.00
Audit 1992, 1993	\$1,750.00				\$1,750.00
Membership Drive				\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$2,000.00
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		\$75.00			\$75.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		\$400.00			\$400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day		\$300.00			\$300.00
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines		\$100.00			\$100.00
Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier		\$75.00			\$75.00
Jefferson Memorial		\$75.00			\$75.00
Congress of Patriotic Organizations		\$25.00			\$25.00
Special Projects	\$750.00				\$750.00
Sons of Veterans Reserve	\$500.00				\$500.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program		\$400.00			\$400.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	\$50.00				\$50.00
Military Affairs Committee	\$25.00		\$200.00		\$225.00
Patriotic Instructor's Appeal				\$50.00	\$50.00
National Historian Expenses	\$50.00				\$50.00
Publications Committee	\$40.00				\$40.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00		\$60.00		\$110.00
Life Member Payments		\$60.00			\$60.00
Bentonville Monument		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
G.A.R. Highway Book		\$75.00			\$75.00
Blue Coats in a Gray City			\$50.00		\$50.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$135.00		\$2,390.00		\$2,525.00
Transfer Funds	\$15,000.00				\$15,000.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$60,675.00	\$4,535.00	\$3,745.00	\$4,000.00	\$72,955.00
Net Gain (loss)	2665.00	\$15,665.00	\$505.00	\$0.00	\$18,835.00

About Copyright [©]

By R. C. Gregory
Banner Editor

IONIA, Mich. — The Council of Administration, SUVCW, after hearing complaints from me, suggested I make a summary of copyright to guide those who prepare newsletters and other mailings.

Copyright is to writing, photographs, movies and other media what a patent is to a new widget. Copyright means a photograph or a news story is owned and is protected. The Associated Press, for example, copyrights its daily production of stories; the rights to reprint or otherwise use its stories belongs to The AP, not to whomever can get to a copying machine first. Associated Press members — newspapers and radio and television stations — pay a fee to use its materials.

One recent newsletter, for example, contained *all* of a quite famous poem by

U. S. 12 now officially Iron Brigade Highway in four states

By David F. Wallace
National Secretary

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. — Three volleys sounded and "Taps" echoed in nearby woods at the conclusion of the dedication ceremony for the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway Marker in New Buffalo.

The dedication was a warm and breezy Oct. 9, 1994, a Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was the culmination of efforts of two Department of Michigan Sons — Kent Armstrong of Austin Blair Camp No. 7 and Michael Nye, Curtinius Guard Camp No. 17 — to have U. S. Highway 12 designated as "Iron Brigade Memorial Highway" in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Funding for the marker was provided by SUVCW, MOLLUS, and the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Inc., a reenactment unit.

The Iron Brigade, a well-known Civil War unit, was comprised of the 2nd, 6th, and 7th Wisconsin Infantry regiments, the 19th Indiana Infantry regiment, and the 24th Michigan Infantry regiment. The Iron Brigade received its name from Gen. George McClellan in September 1862 for its stand at South Mountain. It served in nearly all the major engagements of the Army of the Potomac.

Its casualties ranked among the highest of the war, with the 2nd Wisconsin suffering the greatest percentage of loss in the entire Union Army. At the conclusion of the war, members of the 24th Michigan Infantry escorted the body of President Lincoln to its final resting place in Springfield, Ill. This gave descendants, Sons, and others impetus for connecting these four states through the memorial designation of U. S. 12, which runs through all four.

Dignitaries attending the dedication and speaking included Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison; JVC-in-C Allen Loomis, the Hon. Michael Nye, member of the Michigan House of Representatives; Dept. of Michigan Commander William A. Brennan, and Lance Herdegen, noted Civil War author. Kent



Brothers Terrance McKinch, left, of Governor Crapo Camp No. 14, and Bill Lentz of Nash-Hodges Camp, No. 43, both of Michigan, stand beside the marker dedicating U.S. 12 as Iron Brigade Highway.

Armstrong, president of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment Inc., served as master of ceremonies. Several descendants of members of the Iron Brigade attended the ceremony, and two of them — Brian Coleman and Armstrong — unveiled the memorial marker.

Reenactment units were present, including the 19th Indiana Volunteer Regiment Inc., the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Inc., Sons of Veterans Color Guard (30th Michigan Volunteer

Infantry Regiment) of the Dept. of Michigan. Each unit fired a separate volley in a salute of honor, and Brother Brian Coleman closed the ceremonies with "Taps" in memory of the veterans of the Iron Brigade.

The dedication was observed by many travelers who stopped on their way into Michigan. Many observed the entire dedication, while others paused briefly. All who viewed the dedication seem to have left with a renewed understanding of the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

lent much color to the program." Gen. John F. Reynolds (Mike Riley) introduced his former cadet-student (GAC) and Capt. Tom.

trip just for the program at the monthly meeting of the Gen. George H. Thomas Camp No. 19, SUVCW, according to J. D. Jenkins, Thomas camp commander.

About half of the 70 attending were Civil War reenactors, J. D. said, and they were in uniform, plus one scout, "which

The program, J. D. said, was a year in the making between Steve and himself; they are longtime friends.

Michigan men impersonate Custer and brother in Pennsylvania

LANCASTER, Pa. — Steve Alexander and Paul Houser presented their first-person impressions of Gen. George A. Custer and Capt. Tom Custer before a packed house at the Lancaster County Historical Society on Oct. 10.

Steve and Paul journeyed to Lancaster from Jackson, Mich., a 1,200 mile round

Union loses at Bentonville, N.C.

RALEIGH, N. C. — Early in November 1994 the Confederates won the second battle of Bentonville, 6 to 5.

By a vote of the N. C. Historic Resources Commission, permission was denied to build a Union monument on the Bentonville, N. C., battlefield.

According to the Raleigh *Observer-Times*, the monument would have been the first of its kind on North Carolina state property.

The Battle of Bentonville, fought March 19, 20, and 21, 1865, was fought, primarily, between Gen. W. T. Sherman's right wing, two corps under Gen. Henry W. Slocum, and heavily-outnumbered forces under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. The Confederates did well but, on the 21st, facing nearly all of Sherman's forces, Gen. Johnston withdrew toward Smithfield.

In 1893, the Goldsboro Rifle History Club erected a monument to honor Confederates buried in a mass grave at Bentonville, the *Observer-Times* reported, and 100 years later the plan to honor the Union dead, fostered by the Cape Fear Living History Society, eventually stirred considerable controversy.

The Bentonville battlefield is one of few battlefields relatively undisturbed since the Civil War. In the 1993 report on Civil War battlefields, it was ranked sixth among 384 sites in need of federal protection and preservation. Bentonville may receive National Historical Landmark status.

Frank Powell, commander of North Carolina Sons of Confederate Veterans was opposed to a Union monument. He was quoted by the *Observer-Times* as saying, "Our problem was that a monument would have been seen by the public as a memorial and an honor to these soldiers, not to what they did on the battlefield, but the atrocities they committed."



Photo courtesy North Attleborough Free Press

Gilbert Bagley, kneeling, commander of Thomas H. Mann Camp No. 83, SUVCW, Department of Massachusetts, and other brothers and members of Co. I, 18th Massachusetts, restored and repainted GAR markers in the Plainville, Mass., Cemetery last summer. Others in the photo include Harry Morriseau, Frank Nigro, Royal Vician, Mark McBride, and Ed Smith. Charles Williams helped but is not pictured.

Massachusetts camp helps out cemetery

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, Mass. — Camp Thomas H. Mann No. 83, Department of Massachusetts, was busy during the summer improving GAR gravemarkers in the Plainville Cemetery.

Camp Commander Gilbert Bagley, who is also SVC of the Department, writes that Camp members and members of Co. I, 18th Massachusetts, a reenactment unit, repainted all markers

signifying graves of Civil War veterans in the cemetery.

"We have a responsibility to take care of the Civil War graves, in honoring the member of these soldiers," Bagley said. "We are doing this out of our love and admiration" for them.

The project was undertaken with the support of the cemetery committee.

Sons' Camps, Departments can order mailing labels

LANSING, Mich. — Mailing labels help simplify getting information to Department and Camp members — and SUVCW's National Membership List Coordinator may be able to help you.

Dick Williams, who prepared the national membership list when it was first computerized and who continues to keep it updated with address changes and other information, can make mailing labels available to Camps and Departments at nominal cost.

The following table will help you es-

timate cost:

No. / labels	Cost / label	Handling
1-100	\$0.025	\$1.50
101-400	\$0.020	\$3.00
401-800	\$0.0175	\$6.00
801-1200	\$0.0150	\$8.00
1201-2000	\$0.0125	\$10.00

If a Department has 215 members, then one set of mailing labels would cost \$7.30 (215 x 2¢ each = \$4.30 + \$3.00 handling).

Dick will bill for the labels at the time

you receive them.

If you have access to a computer and data base, or a helpful Brother has access, for \$3.00 you can receive the data base on a diskette and then you can print your own reports or labels.

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Mail call: from National President of Auxiliary to SUVCW

To the Sons:

As the newly-elected President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my pleasure to extend to the National Officers of our Sons our congratulations on your election to office. The entire organization is also to be highly commended for your recent phenomenal growth in membership, which I am certain was attained by a lot of hard work on the part of the members. Many new camps have or are being formed and felt it might be appropriate to introduce the new members of the Sons to the Auxiliary — its origin, its purposes, and its mode of operation.

Shortly after the Sons were founded, the need for an Auxiliary was recognized by the Sons and the first Ladies Aid Society was organized at Philadelphia in 1883 and recognized officially by the Sons in 1884 as their Auxiliary. As defined by the dictionary, auxiliary means a helper, assistant, or ally. The Auxiliary has been fulfilling that role for more than 100 years.

In 1886 plans were formulated for a national organization and the first National Encampment of the Auxiliary was held in Akron, Ohio, in 1887. In 1894 the name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary and eventually to its current name. Although holding separate meetings at National and Department Encampments, the Auxiliaries hold their encampments at the place and on the dates chosen by the Sons and their by-laws are patterned after those of the Sons. Our Rules of Order state the rules of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be the law to decide all questions of order not contained in our C. R. & R.

In brief, the objects of our Order as stated in our Constitution are to assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in all their principles and objects:

—To perpetuate the memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War;

—To inculcate true patriotism and love of country to all; and

—To oppose all influences that make for the impairment of our Constitutional Union.

The members of the Auxiliary are quite active in patriotic endeavors, participating in ceremonies, wreath presentations, Memorial Day services, parades, living history programs, and illustrated talks and first-person impressions of Civil War personalities. Charitable deeds are an important facet of Auxiliary life, with members visiting nursing homes, hospitals, driving the elderly and disabled, aiding Meals on Wheels, and other community char-

itable programs.

Some Auxiliaries meet separately from their Camps, while others hold joint programs, with camp and auxiliary taking a few minutes to conduct their separate agendas. Although most auxiliaries were originally instituted by a camp, in some instances the camp was disbanded but the auxiliary continued to function. In other places, the auxiliary has ceased to exist but the camp is active. When a group of women expresses a desire to form an auxiliary and there is no local camp with which to associate, the Department or National can form an auxiliary.

We invite any of the new camps, or older camps without an auxiliary, to consider organizing an auxiliary to assist with Sons' agenda. A provisional auxiliary may be initiated with five lineal members. Ten lineal members constitute a regular auxiliary. In addition to women with their own Civil War lineage, we accept the wives and

mothers of members of the Sons, thus affording and opportunity for families to attend functions of the Orders together.

The wives, mothers, and widows of Sons are eligible for all the privileges of full membership. Following the regulations of the Sons, we also accept associates up to one-third of the membership.

If anyone is interested in obtaining more information or needs auxiliary brochures or applications, please contact either the writer at 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19116, or National Secretary Frances Murray, 1284 Washington Street, Bath, Me. 04530-2848.

We share a common interest and a common heritage. My motto for this year is "Preserve the Past, Work for the Future." Let us do it together.

Yours in F., C., & L.,
Margaret E. Atkinson
National President
Auxiliary to SUVCW

Camp mourns death of Real Son

FLINT, Mich. — With the death of Brother John Campbell on July 16, 1994, Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, lost its only Real Son.

Brother Campbell was born March 7, 1907, the son of Pvt. John Campbell, who served in the 13th Battery, Michigan Light Artillery. Brother Campbell had a great uncle who served as a first lieutenant in Company D, 27th Michigan Infantry, 9th Army Corps.

From information sent by Gov. Crapo Camp:

"On April 17th, 1993, ... In a long-form ceremony, John Campbell was initiated" by Gov. Crapo Camp. Campbell, a resident of Frankenmuth, Mich., "only six when his father died in 1913, has many recollections of home life. One vivid memory ... was of many veterans coming to his father's home, reminiscing around the dining table. ...

"John's father, as an artilleryman, participated in many engagements throughout the war. ... The elder Campbell was part of the guard that accompanied President Lincoln to Gettysburg for the dedication of the battleground. His father was also part of one of the search teams for John Wilkes Booth after the assassination.

"After the war his father was a Detroit police officer. He served with distinction for many years before retiring from the force to the Groveland Township area near Holly. He was also very active with

the Detroit GAR. ...

Brother John Campbell ... was a toolmaker for many years in southeast Michigan. He also served as a director-at-large for Michigan United Conservation Clubs. ... John joined the SUV for both the fellowship of other sons and to honor his father. ... At 87 Campbell maintains a full schedule of pursuits and interests. In addition to his SUV activities, John stays active with the Saginaw Hunt Club and enjoys spending time with his family, which includes four children, 13 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren."

Camp Commander David Wallace led a contingent of Brothers from both Gov. Crapo Camp and Russell Alger Camp at funeral services. At the Hadley Cemetery, near Holly, a bagpiper accompanied graveside services. The ritual "Burial Services for a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War" was conducted by members of Gov. Crapo Camp. Commander Wallace was assisted by "SVC L. Dean Lamphere, JVC Richard Greene, acting Patriotic Instructor Gregory Hayes, and Camp Chaplain Terry McKinch. At the conclusion McKinch led the Color Guard in firing an honor salute and followed that by playing 'Taps'."

Department of Michigan charters were draped in John Campbell's memory.

Ohio camp commits to Johnson's Island preservation

By Robert E. Grim
DC, Department of Ohio

SANDUSKY, Ohio — Members of James B. McPherson Camp No. 66, SUVCW, are committed to the preservation of the history and environs of Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay.

The island was chosen as a prison site for captured Confederates in 1861 because of its remoteness generally and also its accessibility to supplies in Sandusky. To southern men incarcerated there, many of whom saw snow and walked on ice for the first time, it was a formidable fortress. During the course of the war, nearly 12,000 prisoners of war were sent to Johnson's Island. They were guarded by the Hoffman Battalion.

Lt. Col. William Hoffman of the 8th U. S. Infantry was appointed commissary general of prisoners in the Department and he designed the prison. When completed, the prisoners' quarters comprised 13 two-story, barrack-type frame buildings, each known as a "block," facing each other. Each block was 120 feet by 28 feet and was designed to accommodate 250 men. Buildings for the garrison were located outside the prison yard.

The last prisoners left in the fall of 1865. Since then the island was farmed, hosted a dance pavilion and amusement park, and was acquired for limestone mining at the turn of the century. During the 1960s, lots around the island's perimeter were sold for weekend recreational use, and later a causeway was built to connect the island to Marblehead Peninsula.

Virtually all historically-significant features of the island, including two earthen forts, lie within the acreage that

is now undeveloped. If permitted, however, current development plans call for condos and marinas in this area. This would erase what remains of the historically-significant area.

Because Johnson's Island is listed on the 10-most endangered sites by the Ohio Preservation Alliance, the mem-

bers of Camp No. 66 have volunteered their efforts to help in preservation of the site. They will help the Johnson's Island Preservation Society. Called the most significant Civil War site in Ohio, Johnson's Island and the story of the men who served and were imprisoned there, will not be forgotten.



Photo courtesy Robert E. Grim

Standing at the gate to the Confederate Stockade Cemetery on Johnson's Island, Ohio, are four members of James B. McPherson Camp No. 66, Department of Ohio. From left, Robert M. Druckemiller, Roger Druckemiller, Robert William Hazel, and Duane R. Gettings. In the background, a statue of a Confederate officer keeps watch over 206 Confederate graves.

Tomb ceremony marks 130th Lincoln death anniversary

By Thomas L. W. Johnson
Co-Chair, Lincoln Tomb
Ceremony

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A memorial service to mark the 130th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

The Lincoln Plaza will be Sons headquarters hotel and the site of the luncheon following the rites at the tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

President Lincoln was shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, and died the following day. The coincidence of the death date will occur in 1995 and make this

ceremony all the more meaningful.

Members of SUVCW are urged to participate in this commemoration. If a Department, Camp, or Auxiliary wants to take part, please indicate by letter:

—1. Whether the unit will present a wreath; and

—2. The specific number of luncheon reservations you want.

At this time the price of the luncheon has not been determined.

To make reservations and assure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send a letter with full details *not later than Thursday, March 23,*

to:
Robert M. Graham, Co-Chair

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee

1320 North Osborne Avenue
Springfield, Ill. 62702

If you plan to attend the luncheon, it is imperative that the number of reservations and the names associated with them be conveyed to Robert M. Graham by the March 23 date. *Cancellations of luncheon reservations must be made known to Graham by Tuesday, April 11, at the latest.*

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9 a.m. Saturday, April 15. Please instruct your florist to have your wreath delivered c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

From the Mail bag:

More on Spencer firearms

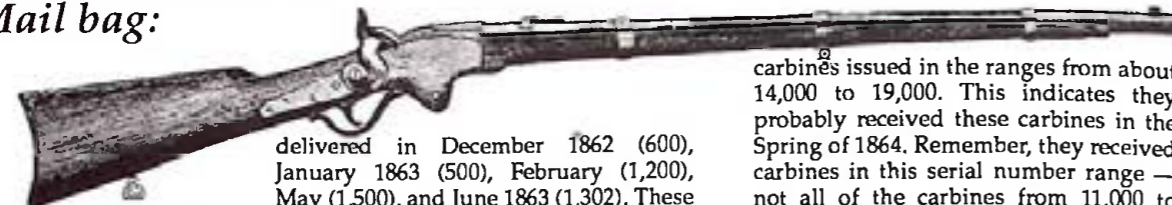
To the Editor:

Just a note concerning the Spencer carbines at the Battle of Gettysburg (Vol. 97, No. 5, *And, finally, about Spencer carbines at Gettysburg*):

I do not pretend to be an expert on this subject, but as a collector and student for more than 30 years, I do have some information that may bear on the question.

Sales and shipments of Spencer arms are fairly completely documented from a number of sources. When Spencer first approached the Ordnance Department, he had no factory and only a few essentially handmade demonstration guns. The first contracts actually received (Navy Department in June 1861, and Army in December 1861) called for the 30-inch barrel rifles. The Navy contract did not call for enough rifles (700) actually to pay to put them into production, and it was not until 1,000 were ordered by the Army that a company was formed and a factory procured.

First delivery of factory-made Spencers did not occur until December of 1862 when the Navy contract was delivered. Army rifles began to be



delivered in December 1862 (600), January 1863 (500), February (1,200), May (1,500), and June 1863 (1,302). These Army rifles were in the general serial number range of 1,000 to 11,000.

Some privately-ordered arms were also shipped, the most famous being the circa 1,400 ordered by Col. [John Thomas] Wilder for his mounted infantry, later nicknamed the Lightning Brigade.

It was not until June 1863 that orders were actually placed for Spencer carbines as opposed to rifles. At about the same time, 2,000 rifles were ordered by the State of Massachusetts. By the time the Massachusetts rifles were finished and the change-over to the carbine was finished, the first delivered carbines were in September of 1863. These were serial numbered starting at about 11,000.

The 9th Michigan Cavalry is known to have received Spencer Rifles in the serial number range of about 3,000 to 4,900 (NOT inclusive) and 6,600 to 6,800. The 10th Michigan Cavalry had some rifles in the range of 8,600 to 9,000.

Early deliveries of carbines went to the 3rd Michigan Cavalry in the range of 11,300 to 14,000. The 2nd Michigan Cavalry and 11th Michigan Cavalry had

carbines issued in the ranges from about 14,000 to 19,000. This indicates they probably received these carbines in the Spring of 1864. Remember, they received carbines in this serial number range — not all of the carbines from 11,000 to 14,000.

With the possible exception of a few either of the handmade prototypes (such as Sgt. Lombard's rifle used at Antietam), or a special order single item, no Spencer carbines existed prior to about September of 1863. This should put to rest any possibility of any use of carbines in quantity at Gettysburg.

Most issues of carbines began in early 1864 and of course continued as fast as possible throughout the war. Following the war, soldiers were generally allowed to buy the gun and accouterments they used, which accounts for many of the guns found in families of veterans.

I hope this has been of some interest. For further details, I refer you to the fine work *Spencer Repeating Firearms* by Roy M. Marcot, Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, Texas, 1983. A second edition has since been published but I do not know the publisher.

Sincerely,
Gary M. Cunningham
Parkersburg, W. V.
Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125,
Department of Ohio

Backward glance: military structure and SUVCW

By Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C Washington Representative

Washington, D. C. — The early published proceedings of The Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. (later Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) reveal that our Order was military in nature, with officers bearing military rank. The Commander-in-Chief was a General, Commandery officers and Division (later Department) Commanders were Colonels and Camp officers were Captains, First and Second Lieutenants.

National Encampments soon became an embarrassment with so many pseudo-officers in the presence of many veteran Sons and GAR officers who had genuine rank, so that in 1891 the military structure was abandoned. At that time Sons of Veterans Guard was established for those who wished to participate in uniform, strict regulations having been created.

Many such units and uniformed Camps volunteered for federal service during the Spanish-American War, and served with distinction.

Again, after the war, disenchantment with a nationally sponsored military

feature set in, and the SV Guards were abandoned.

Agitation for some sort of military organization continued and in 1903 the Sons of Veterans Reserve was created. Encampments being held at the same time and place as the GAR, the SVR was usually asked to furnish a military escort for the Grand Parade. The highest ranking SVR officer present would be appointed Chief of Staff for the occasion.

Organized and trained SVR units and Camps volunteered for federal service in World War One.

In 1922, supervision of the SVR was remanded to Department command where it remained for about forty years. The SVR flourished in several states, notably Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio.

With the advent of the Civil War Centennial in 1961-1965, it was felt that our organization should make special effort toward special commemorations. One way was to have a unified uniformed body.

The 79th National Encampment, held in August 1960 at Springfield, Ill., approved and newly-elected Commander-

in-Chief Chadwick appointed a Centennial Military Affairs Committee to "investigate the uniforms and operations of all units of the SVR under the authority of the several Departments ... to determine the need for any further standardization" and to "investigate all avenues of usefulness in connection with the coming Centennial and recommend any augmentation or changes."

The 80th Encampment approved the annual appointment of a National Military Affairs Committee and for Departments to have a similar committee to work with the NMAC.

The 81st Encampment approved the creation of a National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, divided into three Military Districts, and the appointment of District Commanders by NMAC.

Upon this foundation, the National Military Affairs Committee, as appointed annually by the Commander-in-Chief, continues oversight of the Sons of Veterans Reserve on behalf of Sons of Unions of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Army of James Sons in movie

RICHMOND, Va. — Three members of Army of the James Camp No. 1864, headquartered in the former Capital of the Confederacy, were involved in the production of a made-for-television movie during the fall of 1994.

Howard E. Bartholf, camp commander, and Brothers George L. Fickett Jr. and Ryan E. Bartholf were involved in *Tad*, which is scheduled to be shown on the cable "Family Channel" next February.

Many of the movie's scenes were filmed in the Richmond area. The scenes in which the three Sons participate concern President Lincoln's visit to General Grant at City Point in 1865 and scenes in Alexandria, Va., in 1861.

Kris Kristofferson and Jane Curtin are cast as President and Mary Todd Lincoln. Tad, the Lincoln's son, is played by Bug Hall.



Photo courtesy Richard A. Williams

Helping Don Carlos Pace celebrate his 100th birthday were, back, Louis Cuyler, PCC, left, and William Brennan, DC; front row, left to right, state Rep. Michael Nye, who is also a Brother; Brother Pace, and C-in-C Keith G. Harrison.

Lot Smith camp formed in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Lot Smith Camp No. 1 of Salt Lake City, a camp at large, has recently been formed.

The officers are William R. Ward, commander; Kenneth C. Nelson, SVC; Val J. Halford, JVC; Ben L. Allen, Secretary-Treasurer; Gerald F. Mosley, chaplain; Peter S. Tichenor, historian; Craig L. Foster, Kenneth C. Nelson, and Grahame T. Smallwood Jr., camp council.

Other members include: Gregory L. Allen, Kevin S. Bell, Jeffrey T. Blaylock, Robert M. Bozendahl III, Lawrence A. Mills, Terry J. Moyer, Stephen D. Robinson, Andrew D. Ward, and Duncan S. Ward.

The address of the camp is P. O. Box 11592, Salt Lake City, Utah 84147-0592.

Michigan brother marks his 100th

MARSHALL, Mich. — Brother Don Carlos Pace of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 turned 100 years old on Aug. 19, 1994, and was honored with a birthday party at a regular camp meeting on Sept. 1.

Brother Pace joined Colegrove-Woodruff Camp in 1922, along with his father and brother. The camp met then

and meets now in Marshall's GAR Hall. Marshall is one of the very few entire communities entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Paces joined Sons of Union Veterans through Don's grandfather, Sgt. Isaac Grant of the 10th Michigan Cavalry. Sgt. Grant's McClellan saddle in on display at the GAR Hall Museum.

Tabor Camp receives charter on 1st anniversary

SALEM, N. H. — On the first anniversary of its first meeting, William Tabor Camp No. 162 formally received its camp charter at its regular meeting in Methuen, Mass., on Oct. 17.

The charter was formally presented by PDC Frank Tucker.

Camp Commander Douglass R. Knight reports that Tabor Camp now

has 30 members and has "initiated an average of two new members at every meeting this year."

Other activities of Tabor Camp, which serves the Merrimack Valley area, include participation in the Veterans' Day parade in Methuen and regular Civil War Book Drives to benefit libraries in its area.

National P. I. announces SUVCW essay contest

ITHACA, N. Y. — The National Committee on Americanism and Education announces an essay contest.

The theme of the contest is: *Why I am proud to be a Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, in 150 words or less.

The writer of the winning essay, according to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler, who is also chair of the National Committee on Americanism and Education, will be presented with

an all-weather U. S. flag at the 114th National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, in August 1995.

The flag will be presented to the winner, or a representative from his department, during a session of the encampment.

All essays are to be sent to:

Danny L. Wheeler
Chair, Americanism & Education
501 Willow Avenue

Ithaca, New York 14850.

After Brother Wheeler receives entries, he will send copies to other members of the committee, who are Howard E. Bartholf, Richmond, Va.; Donald Cheney, San Jose, Calif.; Nicholas Kaup, Wilmette, Ill.; and Robert Wiesian, Milwaukee, Wis.

Deadline for all essays is Jan. 31, 1995.

National Counselor gives on-off podium flag etiquette

By James Pahl
National Counselor

MASON, Mich. — At the 113th National Encampment of our Order, some controversy arose during Saturday's joint banquet as to the proper display of the U. S. flag. It was determined there was not enough room on the podium for the flags to be displayed, so they were set down from the podium and onto the floor of the dining room.

A few brothers objected to this placement. They stated that when the flags are removed from a podium, they should be reversed and the U. S. flag placed in the position of honor to the right of the audience. I checked with our hostess, who agreed, and the flags were then moved. Several ladies in the room objected to this change. Others were consulted and a decision was made to leave the flags as they were.

The U. S. flag was to the speaker's left, on the floor in front of the podium, with the flag of the Commander-in-Chief to the right of the speaker, also on the floor

and in front of the podium. Several ladies and other brothers of our Order objected, so I decided to research this issue and report my findings.

I consulted the U. S. Flag Code, as found in Vol. 36 of the U. S. Code. Section 175 concerns the position and manner of display of the flag of the U. S. The first thing I learned is that the Flag Code is only advisory in nature and one cannot be criminally prosecuted for violation of any provision of the Flag Code. Within Section 175, section (k) reads:

"(k) When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold of position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or

speaker or to the right of the audience."

I looked further to see in what circumstances the display should be reversed, as suggested by several Brothers. I found:

"But when the flag is displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium elsewhere than in the chancel or on the platform, it shall be placed in the position of honor at the right of the congregation or audience as they face the chancel or platform. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the congregation or audience as they face the chancel or platform."

The only problem is this language was deleted from the Flag Code by Act of Congress on July 7, 1976.

Given this amendment, it is my opinion as National Counselor, and according to the Flag Code as it currently

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Ben Harrison camp donates station banners to museum

By Stephen T. Jackson, CC
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 of Indianapolis voted to donate its altar and commander's station banners to the President Benjamin Harrison Home located here. The banners had deteriorated from years of service and the conservator of the Indiana Museum of Art had recommended to PCC Olen Gowens that the camp cease using them.

The banners were retired from service and replaced by new ones, which had been beautifully duplicated by local seamstress Rema Maxwell. A ceremony was held during the September camp meeting to retire the old banners and install the new ones in service.

At the suggestion of PCC Richard Listenberger, the Harrison Home was asked about accepting the retired banners as a donation from the camp. On Oct. 15, 1994, Camp Commander Stephen Jackson gave the banners to Jennifer Capps, curator of the Harrison Home.

None of the current members knows the origin of the banners and so their history cannot be determined. The Ben Harrison Camp was chartered in June 1884 and since President Harrison lived in Indianapolis after he left office in 1893, it is possible that the former president could have visited Camp 356 during his remaining years.

The curator plans to display the banners in the home's museum. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are en-

couraged to visit the home, which located on North Delaware Street, when visiting Indianapolis. There you will be able to see a part of our history blended

with items from the life of Brig. Gen. Benjamin Harrison, 70th Indiana Regiment. He was one of six Union officers who later became president.



Photo courtesy Stephen Jackson

Stephen Jackson, commander Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, presents Jennifer Capps, curator of the President Benjamin Harrison Home, with the camp's altar banner. The commander's station banner is below the altar banner.



Gathered at Jackson, Mich., Aug. 27, 1994, for the initiation of Department of Michigan's first Juniors — and possibly the first in the nation — were: Front row, more

Crawford camp restores black sergeant's grave

KITTANNING, Pa. — Sunday, June 12, 1994, members of the John T. Crawford Camp No. 43 and members of the Sarah Crawford Auxiliary met to rededicate the grave of Sgt. Joseph Kelly. Kelly served in Co. F., 127th U. S. Colored Troops.

His grave was discovered in May 1993 by Richard R. Essenwein, commander of Camp No. 43, along with camp member Don Steven and local historian Bob Fiscus.

The grave "was discovered segregated on a hillside, covered with decades of underbrush in a previously unknown section of the cemetery." Members met in 1993 and cleaned the area around the grave. A new headstone was erected in September of 1993.

The gravesite has now been incorporated into the cemetery and has become one of the most popular stops on a guide tour of the historical cemetery.

or less, left to right: Howard Streeter, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp; William Brennan, DC; Brandon Brennan, Joshua Miller, Kim Shaw and Patrick Wallace, the four new Juniors; Gary Gibson, PDC; Gordon Bury, PC-in-C. In back, from left: Mel Kent, Gen. Custer Camp No. 1, Illinois; Max Miller, Austin Blair Camp; Keith G. Harrison, C-in-C;

Michigan SUVCW taps its first Juniors

JACKSON, Mich. — After National Encampment changed regulations and allowed Juniors (not junior members) in the organization, Department of Michigan lost no time in initiating its first four.

The regulation change allows Departments and Camps to determine if they do or do not want Juniors. If they do not, they must change regulations not to allow Juniors. Juniors must be at

least eight years of age and less than 14 years of age. After special camp meetings and other steps, Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison presided over a special initiation ceremony at the Cascades Civil War Muster on Aug. 27, 1994. The four Juniors initiated are Brandon Brennan, Joshua Miller, Patrick Wallace and Kim Shaw.

Needham camp activated in Massachusetts

LAWRENCE, Mass. — Sumner H. Needham Camp No. 21 of Lawrence, Mass., was reactivated in late summer 1994.

Camp officers are: John M. Murphy, commander; Ellsworth W. Brown, SVC;

John Judge Jr., JVC; and Kenneth W. Rea, secretary-treasurer. Other brothers include Edward F. Conley Jr. and Calvin Grant.

The camp's address is 442 S. Main, Andover, Mass.

Honor Rolls

WARWICK, R. I. — Eileen R. Coombs, National Treasurer, Auxiliary to SUVCW, sends the following list of Honor Roll contributions:

—In memory of Sue Muzzello, PDP, Pennsylvania. From Pennsylvania Auxiliary, \$10; from Esther Peiper, PNP, of Pennsylvania, \$10.

—In memory of Frances Ganley, PDP, New York Dept.; from N. Y. Dept., \$20; from N.Y. PDP & PDC Club, \$10; from Florence's Violets Club, \$10.

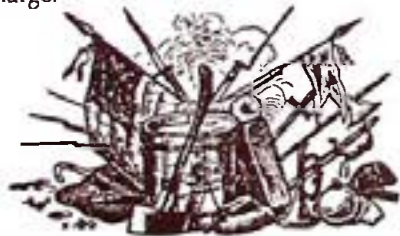
—In memory of Mildred Williams, PDP, N. J. Dept.; from Garfield Auxiliary, No. 18, N. J., \$10; from P.A.P. of Garfield Auxiliary No. 18, \$10; from Anne O. Clayton, PNP, N. J., \$15; from M. Helen Loll, PDP, N. J., \$15; from PDP Association, N. J., \$10; from Minnie's Whalers Club, \$10.

—In memory of Ethel Carver, PNP of Md.-Del.; from Ethel's First Ladies Club, \$10; from Fran's Fan Club, \$10; from Frances Murray, PNP, Maine, \$10.

—In memory of Alice Harwood, PDP, Mass. Dept.; from PC-in-C Eugene and PNP Jennie Russell, Mass., \$10.

—In memory of Raeona Black, PDP, Wis. Dept.; from Florence's Violets Club, \$10.

Also noted are two new life members, Emma Jean Ashley of Ohio, \$150; and Mary Jo Long, Penna., \$150; and a gift of \$10 from Cynthia Brown, member at large.



Oklahoma camp has three Real Sons

NEWALLA, Okla. — Jeremiah Smith Camp No. 1 of Newalla, only recently organized, has three Real Sons in its membership. They are:

—Jeremiah M. Ray Smith. His father was Jeremiah Smith, who served as a private in Co. G, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry.

—Paul A. Washam. His father was

Mathias Washam, Quartermaster Sgt., Capt. Fritts' Company, 9th Tennessee Volunteers.

—O. H. (Judd) Washam. His ancestor is also Mathias Washam.

Sons seeking more information may write to Timothy Williams, Camp Secretary, P. O. Box 269, Newalla, Okla. 74857-0269.

Lincoln collection to be dispersed

By J. Douglas Park, PDC
Department of Michigan

CHICAGO, Ill. — Henry Svoboda is known to many SUVCW members as a Chicago-area collector of Lincoln memorabilia.

His collection has been the focus of various newspaper stories during past years and his collection of memorabilia could be matched by few others.

The collection was started in 1912 by Henry's father and includes materials dating from the 1850s to the present. Included are books, busts and statues, coins and medals, commemorative plates, currency, framed pictures, novelty items, pamphlets and periodicals, paperweights, plaques, political campaign items, souvenir postcards, first-

day covers, unframed pictures and other items. A partial inventory fills 96 single-spaced pages.

This collection came to attention because Mr. Svoboda is in failing health and it is his desire to see his collection pass to a person or persons who appreciate its meaning. Svoboda's relationship with the family of Albert Lambert, a past National Secretary-Treasurer of Sons, led to the order being selected as the first organization to be notified of his intent.

Svoboda would like to see the collection pass in its entirety but will consider dispersing individual selections. If interested, members may write to Henry Svoboda, 8801 Stark Drive, Hinsdale, Ill. 60521; (708) 323-2227.

Opinion: On-off podium flag etiquette

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exists, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed to the right of speaker, whether it is on the podium or off.

I do offer my apologies to all who were offended by this debate. It seemed that no matter what was done that evening, someone was not satisfied. At one

time, the method of display finally used was proper, according to the Flag Code. It must be remembered that there was one supreme idea and thought everyone involved in this debate was concerned with — proper respect for the Flag of the United States of America. Through the concern of everyone present, I do believe the flag was properly honored.

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This fund finances many national projects, including the G.A.R. scholarship, the Lincoln Memorial and the Lincoln Tomb Services, the G.A.R. Remembrance Observance at Gettysburg, the G.A.R. Campfire Program, and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

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. May I count on you? Send \$10-\$15-\$25 or more. It is a wise investment for it pays dividends in patriotism.

Please send your check, payable to: National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and my annual report will record you as a shareholder.

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