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1966 — G.A.R. CENTENNIAL YEAR

The Civil War Centennial is over. It offered an excellent opportunity to bring before the American public the story of the struggle to preserve our national unity a century ago — giving new understanding to the events which led up to that great conflagration, the conditions under which it was fought, and the colorful personalities involved. For the most part, that centennial was carried out under the direction of historians and avid Civil War buffs, who, while expertly informed concerning the era, did not necessarily have any family connection with the men who fought (and in many cases died) on those blood-stained battlefields which 100 years later have become such popular tourist attractions.

Now it is time for another centennial . . . one that belongs solely to the descendants of the famed “boys in blue.” This is our opportunity to tell the story of how the returning Civil War veterans banded together in a great society to aid the war widows and orphans, as well as their needy comrades, while guiding the destiny of a nation newly emerging as an international power, and educating the future generations to the true meaning of patriotism. How well we tell the story depends upon how enthusiastically the various Departments — and the local Camps and Auxiliaries — undertake this project. It could result in considerable publicity and an increase in membership if handled properly.



Illustrated is the proclamation issued by Governor Kerner of Illinois, declaring 1966 as “Grand Army of the Republic Centennial Year.” For details on the special commemorative events being planned, see page 2.

ILLINOIS SCENE OF TWO NOTEWORTHY EVENTS THIS SPRING

All Members of G.A.R. Allied Orders Invited to Attend

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Springfield, Ill. — April 15, 1966

The tenth consecutive memorial service commemorating the death of President Abraham Lincoln will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11:00 a.m., April 15, at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. Headquarters for the participating organizations will be the Hotel Leland in Springfield. George L. Cashman and Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairmen, are in charge of all arrangements for this event.

A chartered bus will transport participants from the Hotel Leland to the Tomb for the ceremony, and return them to the hotel afterward. Reservations for seats on the bus, for which there is no charge, should be made with Thomas L. W. Johnson, 165 Administration Building, 750 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

Edwin C. Bearss, Research Historian for the Vicksburg National Battlefield Park, will deliver the principal address at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon in the Hotel Leland, following the ceremony. The cost of the luncheon will be \$4.00. Reservations for the luncheon, accompanied by a check made payable to "Lincoln Luncheon," should be made with Bro. Johnson (see address above) at the earliest possible moment. Each check should cover the number of luncheon reservations requested. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

All Departments and their Auxiliaries are invited to send wreaths and/or representatives, conforming with the following procedure:

(A) In order to insure proper listing in the printed program, notify Bro. Johnson at the address given above of your intention — making sure he receives your letter NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 15.

(B) Even though a Department or Auxiliary is unable to have a representative present, a wreath will be welcome. To simplify matters, wreaths should be ordered through your local florist, with instructions that they be delivered to George L. Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill., no later than 9:00 a.m., on Friday, April 15.

REPORT ON COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CORBIN

W. Earl Corbin, Commander-in-Chief of SUVCW, was hospitalized in November due to a heart condition. A reception in his honor, which had been scheduled for December 4, was cancelled and will be planned for a later date. Anna L. Corbin, our Commander-in-Chief's wife, writes that he is much improved now, though still weak. Both wish to thank all who sent get-well wishes and Christmas greetings to them.

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

Decatur, Ill. — April 15-16, 1966

The 100th Anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. will be observed April 15 and 16 in Decatur, Ill., where the first post of that august society was formed. The dates were selected to coincide with our Order's annual exercises at the Lincoln Tomb, since the short distance between Springfield and Decatur will make it possible for those attending the one event to also attend the other.

The following list of planned events, and an invitation to participate in these, has been issued by the G.A.R. Centennial Committee of the Illinois Department, SUVCW:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1. Commemorative service at the grave of Major Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, "Father of the G.A.R.," late Friday afternoon, April 15 — Illinois Department, SUVCW.
2. Concert of Civil War music, Friday evening, April 15 — Decatur Municipal Band and Stephen Decatur High School Chorus. \$1.00 per person.
3. Ceremony in Greenwood Cemetery, Saturday morning, April 16 — 104th Illinois Volunteer Infantry (Reactivated).
4. Ceremony at original site of G.A.R. Post No. 1, including wreath-laying by all G.A.R. Allied Orders and other organizations, Saturday, April 16 — Illinois Department, SUVCW.
5. Re-enactment of the chartering of Post No. 1, in Decatur's Central Park, Saturday, April 16 — Illinois Department, SUVCW.
6. Torchlight parade, including representatives from all departments of the G.A.R. Allied Orders and all other descendants of G.A.R. members, terminating in Central Park where a patriotic address will be delivered by a prominent speaker, Saturday, April 16 — Decatur Association of Commerce and Illinois Department, SUVCW.
7. Banquet and program in Main Dining Room, Orlando Hotel, Saturday evening, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. — G.A.R. Allied Orders of Decatur and Decatur Civil War Round Table. Fowl, \$3.50 per person; Beef, \$4.00 per person.
8. 1866 Period Ball, for which uniforms, gowns or other clothing reminiscent of the Civil War era is suggested, in Orlando Hotel, Saturday evening, April 16, following banquet — Decatur Association of Commerce and Illinois Department, SUVCW. \$3.00 per couple.

Reservations must be made in advance for the Concert, Banquet and Ball. Mail check (made payable to "Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War") to Chairman at address below. Indicate number of reservations desired for each event — and specify whether fowl or beef is desired for Banquet (see prices above). RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15! Room reservations may be made directly with the hotel, or the Chairman will send, upon request, a list of other recommended hotels and motels in the area.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- A. Allied Orders will set up booths representing various G.A.R. Posts and will register descendants of G.A.R. members — Orlando Hotel lobby.
- B. Displays of original G.A.R. equipment, papers, uniforms, and some of the effects of Major Stephenson — Wednesday, April 13 through Sunday, April 17.
- C. Store window displays of Civil War period items — Wednesday, April 13 through Sunday, April 17.
- D. State of Illinois Historymobile will be present.
- E. All those attending who have Civil War period clothing are urged to wear this to all events.

To date, the Illinois Department has secured the cooperation of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, the Macon County Historical Society, the Decatur Civil War Round Table, and the Decatur newspapers and radio and T.V. stations. Governor Kerner has proclaimed 1966 as G.A.R. Centennial Year. The Illinois Department wishes to extend, at this time, a sincere welcome to all Departments and all Orders to participate in this grand patriotic commemoration of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
ROLAND D. PERSENICO, Chairman
G.A.R. Centennial Committee
Illinois Department, SUVCW
Box 51A, U.S. Grant Highway
Addison, Illinois 60101

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WISCONSIN GOVERNOR BECOMES MEMBER OF OUR ORDER



PHOTO BY WM. WOLLIN STUDIO, MADISON, WIS.

During a special ceremony held in his office on December 8, Governor Warren P. Knowles of Wisconsin was taken into membership in Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Madison. At the same time, Governor Knowles presented his grandfather's cavalry saber to the State for display in the G.A.R. Hall, located in the Capitol.

Pictured admiring the saber are, left to right: Burton E. Kannenberg, Dept. Senior Vice Comdr.; R. A. Smith, Camp Comdr. and Dept. Junior Vice Comdr.; George A. Powers, Past Dept. Comdr.; Governor Knowles; Thomas L. W. Johnson, Dept. Comdr.; John R. Moses, Director of Veterans Affairs; Alan C. Hembel, Dept. Aide, and Tait A. Clifford, Dept. Council Member. All are members of Camp No. 2 except Hembel and Clifford, who are members of Camp No. 1, Milwaukee.

The first Warren P. Knowles, a Captain in Company G, 1th Wisconsin Cavalry, enlisted in 1861 and served throughout the Civil War, seeing service principally in Mississippi and Louisiana.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR RECEIVES CENTENNIAL COMMISSION AWARD



CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTO

Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois was presented with two awards by the National Civil War Centennial Commission following the culmination of the centennial observance. One of the framed citations was issued to the Illinois Civil War Centennial Commission, which he accepted on its behalf; the other was awarded to him personally for his support of the centennial. The presentation was made at the October meeting of the Chicago Civil War Round Table, and on hand to make it was Fred Schwengel, former Congressman and a member of the national commission. Citations were also issued to the U. S. Grant Association and to Ralph Newman, who had served as chairman of the Chicago Civil War Centennial Commission. A posthumous award was made to Adlai E. Stevenson, former ambassador to the United Nations, which was accepted by his son, Adlai III. Photographed during the awards ceremony were, left to right, Adlai Stevenson III, Fred Schwengel, Governor Kerner, John Brooks Davis (Illinois Dept. Comdr., SUVCW, and President of the Chicago Civil War Round Table), and Ralph Newman.

On the Subject of Patriotism

At the encampment in Richmond, Va., Commander-in-Chief Earl Corbin appointed me to the office of National Patriotic Instructor. I am very honored to serve as a member of the Corbin team.

As most of you know, the National Patriotic Instructor has a budget to meet, and, this being my first letter in THE BANNER, I am making an appeal for ALL Department Patriotic Instructors to contact their Camp Patriotic Instructors in my behalf. This is a task I cannot hope to do alone, so I am asking for the cooperation of all the members in our organization.

As I sit here composing this letter, I am wondering what the men of the Grand Army of the Republic would have thought about the conditions existing in our great country today. Do you think that, were they living today, racial strife, crime, violence and fear of walking the streets would be on the march as it is at this moment? It seems to me they would have risen up in a body and demanded that concrete action be taken to make this a country in which we could live in safety.

We, the Sons of Union Veterans, must work hard to carry out the principles for which our forefathers fought. They were patriotic men, and it behooves us to show a little more patriotism in our everyday living. There are too many things being done today for purely political purposes rather than for the good of the country as a whole. This country was not founded on socialistic principles, but upon that of freedom for a man to do for himself the things needed to give him a good life. I am sorry to say that, today, our freedoms are being taken away from us one by one, so that individual initiative is lacking in a large share of our people. They are looking more and more toward the government to take care of them. There is only one way this can end, and we should all pray to God that this does not happen.

We have the means for straightening out the mess this country is in . . . by using our right to vote for men of honesty and integrity, that believe in the principles for which the Grand Army of the Republic fought.

KENNETH T. WHEELER
Natl. Patriotic Instructor



PHOTO BY LANE STUDIO, GETTYSBURG, PA.

DEDICATE BENCHES AT GETTYSBURG G.A.R. MONUMENT

Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg battlefield was the scene November 20 of an impressive dedication ceremony, when representatives of the G.A.R. Allied Orders gathered at the Woolson monument for the formal dedication of two stone benches. Mrs. Edith L. Snyder, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, made the presentation of one bench on behalf of the Auxiliary's national organization which had purchased it. The other bench was presented by Mrs. Dorothy L. Hilyard, Past National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW, who explained that this one had been purchased by the local auxiliary at Wilmington, Del., and was being dedicated to Miss Celeste D. Gentieu, also a Past National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW, for her long and outstanding service to the Order. A tribute to Miss Gentieu was given by Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Past Dept. Commander (Pennsylvania), who said in part: "Were it possible to have statesmen as devoted to the cause of peace and prosperity in the world as Miss Gentieu was to the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders, we would today have the millenium, a world with peace and prosperity for all." Miss Gentieu, who is 86, was unable to attend the dedicatory program because of illness.

Scheduled only to give welcoming remarks, C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief of SUVCW, found himself in the role of Master of Ceremonies when another Past Commander-in-Chief, Harold E. Arnold, was delayed by traffic and did not arrive until near the end of the ceremony. Dr. Howard S. Fox, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, gave the invocation and benediction, and P.D.C. Heacock read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Also included in the program were greetings from the G.A.R. Allied Orders, brought by the following national and department heads: W. Earl Corbin, Comdr.-in-Chief, and Clarence J. Riddell, Dept. Comdr. (Pa.), SUVCW; Mrs. Edith L. Snyder, Natl. Pres., and Mrs. Madge Fullerton, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), Aux. to SUVCW; Mrs. Alice F. Harwood, Natl. Pres., and Mrs. Edrie Renner, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), L. of G.A.R.; Mrs. Bess Kapp, Natl. Pres., and Miss Mary Jane Bannan, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), DUVCW; Mrs. Bessie Coughlin, Natl. Secty., and Mrs. Alverna Erdman, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), W.R.C.

In accepting the benches, which are described as *mahogany granite*, Kittridge A. Wing, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, said: "The benches add the final elegant touch to a most excellent monument. The Grand Army of the Republic marker, to my mind, is one of the three or four top pieces of the sculptor's skill on the battlefield. When the constant approach of tourists to the statue destroyed the grass, you conceived the idea of this patio, which is such an excellent idea we are considering something similar at other highly popular monuments on the field. The addition of these truly beautiful benches fittingly completes the monument. We of the Park Service are delighted with what you have done here."

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Chester S. Shriver, Natl. Secty.-Treas.

P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes.

The following contribution has been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

TRUMAN H. BUCKLIN, Co. B, 14th Maine Infantry
Courtesy of Charles H. Bucklin — Calif. \$10.00

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Presentation of Memorial to MacArthurs Made by Veterans of Foreign Wars

A memorial tablet honoring the late General Douglas MacArthur and his father, Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, as "heroic military leaders in the most critical periods of the history of the Republic" was presented to the MacArthur Memorial at Norfolk, Va., on this past November 11 (Veterans Day) by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The presentation was made during a ceremony held in the Monticello Hotel, to which the public was invited. Principal speaker was Andy Borg, Commander-in-Chief of the V.F.W. Mayor Roy Martin accepted the tablet on behalf of the MacArthur Memorial, and General Courtney Whitney (Ret.), longtime aide to General MacArthur, also spoke.

In explaining the reason this tribute had been planned for these two distinguished Americans, Commander Borg said that the V.F.W. had many reasons to feel close to both men. Genl. Douglas MacArthur was a life member of the V.F.W., and it was the long, detailed message he sent to that organization's 51st annual convention which precipitated his removal from command by President Truman during the Korean Conflict. His father, Genl. Arthur MacArthur, was commander-in-chief in 1906 of one of the early Spanish War Veteran's organizations which merged to form the Veterans of Foreign Wars, so that he is considered one of the founders of the V.F.W. (He had also been a commander-in-chief of the Civil War officers' society, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.)

Speaking reverently of Genl. Douglas MacArthur's eminent qualities, Comdr. Borg said:

"At this stormy stage of human history, in a time when some who call themselves Americans no longer believe in the execution of the responsibilities that their birthright requires—nor appreciate the principles that give them, and gave their immigrant forebears, freedom and opportunity—we are proud to rededicate ourselves, to reaffirm our faith in the lofty ideals of General MacArthur, to pay homage to his name, and to give thanks for his chivalrous military service. We hope that his personal motto and that of his beloved U. S. Military Academy — Duty, Honor, Country — will long remind us that men do not live by bread alone. No one knew better than the great General that a society wedded to material things, or lost to a sense of history and worthy tradition, may be perilously close to what is known in the vernacular as 'on the way out.'"

"We know that neither men nor nations can live in the past; that both pass down the inevitable road of time; that both leave records and milestones. It is our high honor to place at this revered sarcophagus a memorial, a remembrance, in order that future generations may know how deep a regard we had for his patriotism and his fame. He made worthy traditions that will never die. In the words of a French leader, we feel that 'to honor tradition is not to gather ashes, but to keep a flame burning.' And may that spiritual flame ever remind the hearts of Americans that freedom is our heritage, that freedom is not to be taken for granted, that to safeguard freedom is the responsibility of each citizen, and that freedom may require great sacrifice, even life itself. These were basic and fundamental directives in the credo of the great patriot we this day so proudly honor."

Immediately following the program in the hotel, Comdr. Borg proceeded to the MacArthur Memorial where he placed the memorial tablet and also placed a wreath at Genl. MacArthur's tomb. It is interesting to note that Genl. Douglas MacArthur—one of the most highly decorated men ever to have served in the American military forces—was the holder of the Medal of Honor, as was his father also. They are the only father and son to have received this award in the history of our nation.

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A Message from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Due to deaths, advanced age and infirmities, the Pennsylvania Department's membership in the Grand Army of the Republic declined from a high of 44,613 in 1889 to 3,809 in 1926. As of June 30, 1965, the membership of SUVCW's entire *National Organization* was 3,773—slightly below the membership of the G.A.R.'s Pennsylvania Department in 1926!

The Grand Army owed no apology for its eventual demise, but what is our excuse for a continual decline in membership? Are we going to wait until we pass the point of no return? Statistics are facts . . . and the fact remains that an individual membership drive by each department is imperative if we wish to ensure the continuity of our organization and our heritage. Definitely, there is no dearth of eligibles! It is up to YOU if we are to enjoy a reversed set of statistics, in honor of our heritage, by the time we meet at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Camp Commanders have been requested by the Commander-in-Chief to appoint a membership Committee. At a later date, I will contact each Department Commander and Department Secretary relative to membership. I would suggest that each department hold a class initiation at their annual convention.

JOHN H. STARK
Jr. Vice C-in-C.



Department News



CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

This department is proud to have four generations of one family currently holding membership in one of its camps, and wonders if any other department can match this record. The family is that of the late Philo L. Case, a drummer boy at the Battle of Shiloh; the camp is Daniel W. McCoy Camp 27, San Diego. The veteran's grandson, Leonard Case, is commander of the camp, and took pleasure in initiating on October 12 his uncle, Larnered B. Case (the veteran's son), his son, Wilbur Case (the veteran's great-grandson), and his grandson, Norman Case (the veteran's great-great-grandson). In Comdr. Case's possession is the snare drum his grandfather used while serving with the 2nd Iowa Infantry during the Civil War. It was passed on to him by his father, Sherman Case (the veteran's eldest son) who died in 1930 at the age of 99.



FOUR GENERATIONS OF DRUMMER BOYS' DESCENDANTS
Pictured, left to right, are Leonard Case, Larnered B. Case, Wilbur Case and Norman Case. The drum was that of their Civil War ancestor, Philo L. Case, who participated in the Battle of Shiloh.

COLORADO & WYOMING

There were 20 in attendance when members of Auxiliary 7, Colorado Springs, and SUVCW held a luncheon meeting recently with a delegation from Auxiliary 8, Denver. P.D.P. Eleanor R. Healy was elected and installed as Department Secretary.

CONNECTICUT

We were saddened by the passing of Sister Anna W. Willeke of Rockville, October 11, following a heart attack. A charter member of Alden Skinner Auxiliary, and a member of our organization for 49 years, Sister Anna was a faithful and hard worker in both the local auxiliary and the department, and we will miss her. Our love and sympathy goes out to her daughters, Ann Willeke and Mary Buchanan.

ILLINOIS

Acting upon the request contained in one of the resolutions passed at the Department Encampment in June, 1965, Governor Otto Kerner has proclaimed 1966 as "G.A.R. Centennial Year in Illinois."

Dept. Comdr. John Brooks Davis is now President of the Chicago Civil War Round Table, and P.D.C. George L. Cashman is President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table.

At a meeting of the G.A.R. Allied Orders Encampment Committee in July, plans were drawn up for holding our 1966 Department Encampment in Decatur, where the Grand Army of the Republic was founded a century earlier.

Bro. Kurt M. Berghahn and P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr. were representatives of the department at the Sons of the Revolution's September 12 Constitution Week Ceremony in Nathan Hale Court of the Chicago Tribune Tower.

Dept. Comdr. John Brooks Davis and Dept. Pres. Gertrude Smith were guests of honor at an October 24 luncheon sponsored by Genl. Geo. A. Custer Camp 1 and its Auxiliary 30 at the Oak Park Arms Hotel. Out-of-town visitors included: Comdr.-in-Chief W. Earl Corbin; Betty Johnson, Secty. of the Central Region; Raeona Black, Dept. Pres. of the Wisconsin Auxiliary, and her husband Herman Black. Entertainment was provided by the Grandmothers Club of Chicago. Congratulations to Co-Chairmen Helen Crean and Roderick Van Trump, Sr. on arranging an enjoyable afternoon.

The department's Mid-Winter Meeting took place on November 13 at the Holiday Inn, Aurora.

At a public installation held on December 13 in G.A.R. Memorial Hall, Chicago Public Library, Custer Camp and its Auxiliary inducted their newly elected officers, among whom were Roderick Van Trump, Sr., Comdr., and his wife Kathryn Van Trump, Pres.

The department extends cordial greetings to its new members — William H. Baxter, Sr., William R. Pagels and David W. Mendenhall of Camp 1, and H. Hoyt Thompson of Camp 61-65.

TAPS — Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Bro. Frank W. Bering of Custer Camp, who had been living in Palm Springs, Calif., in late years.

ERRATUM: In the preceding issue of THE BANNER, it was reported that P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr. had been elected Commander-in-Chief of M.O.L.L.U.S. The correct title of his new office in that Order is Chancellor-in-Chief.

IOWA

An inspection meeting was held November 13 at Memorial Hall in Waterloo. Sister Grace E. Hansen is the Auxiliary Department Inspector. At a dinner which followed the meeting, Dept. Comdr. J. B. Johnson, Dept. Pres. Myrtle Caldwell and National Auxiliary Chaplain Lila Mae Keller were honored guests. The dinner program included selections by a trio from West High School, reading of the Gettysburg Address by Bro. Vinton Jones, and piano solos by Miss Nancy Jones. Approximately 50 members of SUVCW and the Auxiliary attended.

Sister Hansen had also inspected Auxiliary 8, Des Moines, on October 23. Following that meeting, members of Grenville M. Dodge Camp 75 had joined with the auxiliary in a dinner and reception honoring department officers. 59 attended this event.

MASSACHUSETTS

The department presented an American flag to Essex Aggie, resulting in much favorable publicity for the Order, after the Legislative Committee on Counties had turned down the school's request for an appropriation of \$7 to purchase the flag.

A reception for Dept. Comdr. James K. Cheney was held in October, with 13 Past Department Commanders and 11 Past Department Presidents attending. Leslie Covey, Dept. Patriotic Instructor, and Clara O. Powers, P.D.P. of DUVCW, headed the arrangements. National officers present were: Alice F. Harwood, Natl. Pres., L. of G.A.R.; Harold M. Drown, Natl. Council Member, SUVCW, and Minnie E. Maderios, Natl. Council Member, Aux. to SUVCW.

These same national officers, along with Hazell Willard, Natl. Chaplain of W.R.C., were guests also at the Friendly Relations Committee's 45th Anniversary observance, which was held in Dorchester. The Woman's Relief Corps headed the program this year, with P.D.P. Mae Chaisson serving as chairman. P.D.C. John L. Day presented a charm bracelet to Exec. Secty. Mary V. Darcy at this time. Attached to the bracelet were miniature seals of the G.A.R. Allied Orders.

Harold M. Drown and Alice F. Harwood represented the State of Massachusetts and their respective national organizations at the reception given for William L. John, Dept. Comdr. of New Hampshire, in Manchester, N. H.

John Low Camp 6, Beverly, in conjunction with Auxiliary 25, presented John L. Hanners a 75-year membership pin at

the auxiliary's November 8 meeting. Bro. Hanners was 97 years old on November 6 and has been an active member of SUVCW for 77 years. At an age few attain (much less find enjoyable), this remarkable brother gets downtown every day, attends all meetings of the Beverly Senior Citizens Club in addition to their whist and bingo parties each week, and goes on all of the club's bus trips.

Willie Grout Camp 30, Worcester, held its installation November 8, with the National Chief-of-Staff as installing officer.

November 11, during dedication ceremonies for a War Memorial in Greenfield, Auxiliary 32 participated by presenting a State flag.

P.D.C. Alfred M. Bowen was general chairman and master of ceremonies for the traditional recognition of Dedication Day by the Pioneer Valley Assn. in War Memorial Auditorium, Holyoke. Among notable guests attending were: Alice F. Harwood, Natl. Pres., L. of G.A.R.; Harold M. Drown, Natl. Council Member, SUVCW; Kenneth T. Wheeler, Natl. Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW; P.N.P. Emma Wheeler, Aux. to SUVCW; Jessie G. Wells, Natl. Chief-of-Staff, Aux. to SUVCW; William W. Haskell, Comdr. of New England Regional Assn., and Maj. Allen B. Howland, Comdg. 10th Bat. Art., 1st Mil. Dist., S.V.R.

Dept. Comdr. Chesney has been laboring earnestly to preserve "Room 27 — State House" in its original state as a permanent memorial to the G.A.R. Though it had seemed for a while that this was a lost cause, the effort now appears to have achieved the desired results.

MICHIGAN

Camp 19 honored Dept. Comdr. James J. Johnston, Sr., at a reception November 11 which drew an attendance of nearly 100. The Mayor of Port Huron presented him with a key to the city, and offered to aid him or the Order whenever called upon.

NEW JERSEY

The department's annual Mid-Winter Meeting was held November 21 in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton. Officers reported on their activities and future plans were discussed. Camps are urged to submit their 1966 Good Citizenship Nomination to the Dept. Secty.-Treas. no later than March 31. The presentation will be made at the Department Encampment, to be held at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, Asbury Park, on June 10-11. At the conclusion of the Mid-Winter Meeting a buffet supper was served, courtesy of Dayton Auxiliary 5.

Abraham Lincoln Camp 11, the State Camp of New Jersey, holds two dinner meetings yearly. The October 30 dinner was held in Plainfield with a fine program. The spring meeting will be at Nassau Inn, Princeton, on April 23, at which the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic will be observed.

A dinner and program, under the direction of Dayton Camp 5 of Trenton, will be held February 12 at Nassau Inn, Princeton, to observe the 157th anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln. All members, their families and friends are welcome to attend.

NEW YORK

Diven Camp 77, Elmira, represented by P.D.C. Truman Vincent, assisted in Veterans Day exercises at Soldier's Monument, Wisner Park, November 11. The camp has gained four new members recently.

P.C.-in-C. Neil D. Cranmer is sponsoring formation of a new camp at Waverly, replacing former Camp 88 which disbanded years ago. Bro. George W. Case is circulating the petition for a charter.

Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp 6 and Auxiliary, Rochester, at the November meeting, heard a talk by P.C.-in-C. Joseph S. Rippey describing his travels while Commander-in-Chief, and viewed color slides of various events in which he had participated. Bro. Rippey has been made a "Kentucky Colonel" by Hon. Edw. Breathitt, Governor of Kentucky, for his efforts in cementing the fraternal relationship between the Sons of Confederate Veterans and SUVCW.

O'Rourke Camp 60 has scheduled its consolidation with Camp 6 for the meeting of January 24.

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PHOTO BY ROBINSON STUDIO, WAVERLY, N.Y.

Auxiliary members from the New York Department, pictured while attending the meeting of the Southern Tier Assn. held at Halsey Valley. The meeting had been preceded by a picnic lunch.

Auxiliary 1 held its first 1966 encampment fund-raising card party on November 29. Under the leadership of P.D.P. Marjorie Tagart and her staff, it was a highly successful and well-attended gathering.

The following open letter was read to those attending the Greater New York Past President's Club dinner on November 6:

TO OUR BOYS IN VIET NAM —
This is just to let you know that we are ONE HUNDRED PER CENT for and with you all in your service to our beloved country, and that we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. With showers of blessings and the very best of good wishes to you all from us all, we are

Sincerely yours in
American Patriotism,

Officers and Members of
ALLIED ORGANIZATION IN MEMORY OF THE G.A.R.
M. Agnes Berlinghoff, Pres.

Dept. Comdr. Norman R. Furman has made several visits to Glidden Camp in Rochester, and believes that its observance of the ritual, large attendance at meetings and interesting programs are the winning combination responsible for the camp's success. A membership drive will get under way the first of the year under the direction of Raymond Hightree, Dept. Senior Vice Comdr.

Grover C. Scott, Dept. Press Correspondent, will address the Buffalo Civil War Round Table on February 17 on the subject "Genl. Geo. H. Thomas." Comdr. Furman is President of the Buffalo Round Table.

Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City, has designated the Military Cadet Corps of New York as its "junior uniformed color guard," and has passed a resolution agreeing to sponsor some of that organization's activities which involve parades and patriotic events. Members of Tilden Camp, as well as representatives from U.S. Grant and Lafayette Camps, heard a talk on the activities and regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserves at the Camp's October 12 meeting. The speaker was Capt. John H. Stark, Public Info. Officer, 2nd Mil. Dist., S.V.R. A question-and-answer period followed.

TAPS: The department was saddened to learn of the recent passing of three members. Bro. Ira A. Lindenberg, charter member of Caywood Camp 146, Ovid, died following several weeks of illness. He was 92 and had been a member of SUVCW for 60 years. Bro. Charles C. Baker, also of Caywood Camp, died unexpectedly. He had been commander of the camp and was a member of its drill team.

Members of Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp 6 paid homage to one of Rochester's prominent citizens when the SUVCW funeral service was performed December 8 for Bro. John P. Culhane, a 50-year member. He had been cited as "Catholic Layman of the Year" in 1961. Sincere sympathy is extended to the survivors of these brothers.

OHIO

November 20 a room in the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel, Cleveland, was formally dedicated as the Abraham Lincoln Room. Judge Arthur Day, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas Court, served as speaker on this occasion, and Allen

Lowe, representing the hotel, accepted a portrait of President Lincoln which is to be hung in the newly dedicated room. Among those in attendance at the dedication were: Hlavaun Howard, Past Natl. Pres., DUVCW; Mrs. Gene Kirkland, Dept. Pres., DUVCW; Grace Tennis, Past Dept. Pres., Aux. to SUVCW; Olive Boren, Dept. Pres., Aux. to SUVCW; Pearle Barron, Pres., Auxiliary 46; John R. Decker, Jr. Vice Comdr., SUVCW, and Phillip Hayward, Comdr., Lookout Camp 446. This event served as a fitting close to the department's Civil War Centennial observance. Mrs. Irene Polito, Past Dept. Pres., Aux. to SUVCW, was primarily responsible for this, assisted by Mildred and Cecil Beels.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

The Oregon Blues Brigade, S.V.R., made up of members from Owen Summers Camp 4, Portland, participated in a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at Lake Oswego's largest shopping center, Lloyd Center. Uniformed units representing all wars since the Civil War also participated. A new camp is being organized in Lake Oswego by members of this S.V.R. unit.

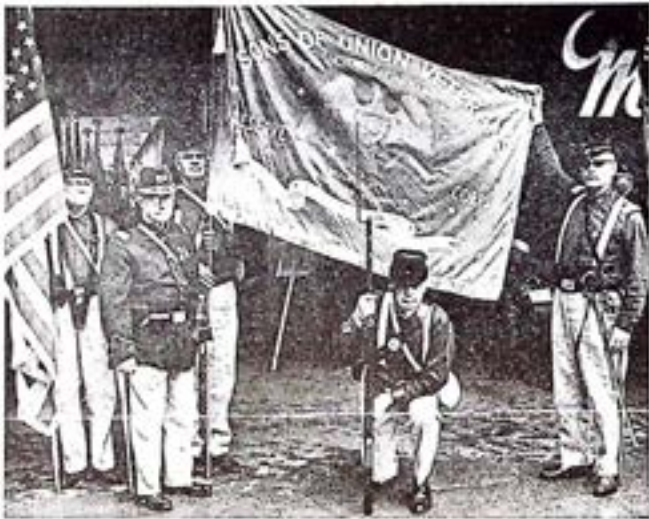


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Members of the Oregon Blues Brigade shown above are (left to right) Sgt. Robert E. O'Neal, Maj. C. R. Butcher, Pvt. Joe Crumley, Pvt. Dick Sundeleaf, and Lt. Neal A. Cooper.

PENNSYLVANIA

Genl. E. O. C. Ord Camp held its annual Dedication Day banquet on November 20 at Hall-Reese Post 1420 (V.F.W.) in Mahanoy City, under the chairmanship of Past Comdr. George Rounds. For the evening's entertainment, Miss Josephine Ryan presented color slides and a taped narration on her trip to the Near East.

Reading Auxiliary 6 celebrated its 75th anniversary with a dinner at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel September 18. Many out-of-town guests were in attendance, and lovely door prizes were awarded. P.N.P. Anna Stoudt read a history of the organization, and P.C.-in-C. LeRoy Stoudt served as toastmaster.

A testimonial dinner and reception was held November 13 to honor Dept. Pres. Madge Fullerton, and was well attended by members of this state as well as a delegation from the neighboring state of Delaware. Among those present were: Clarence Riddell, Dept. Comdr., SUVCW; Alverna Erdman, Dept. Pres., W.R.C.; Edrie Renner, Dept. Pres., L. of G.A.R., and Mary Jane Bannan, Dept. Pres., DUVCW. The theme of the evening was "This is your life, Mrs. Fullerton," and Bro. John Yocum served as toastmaster. Rev. Richard Partington offered the opening prayer and benediction.

The 98th annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner is scheduled to be held February 12 at Beck's, located at Roosevelt Blvd. and Rising Sun Ave., in Philadelphia. The time is 6:00 p.m. P.D.C. Frank M. Heacock is chairman of this event and will

accept reservations until February 7.

TAPS: The department regrets to report the passing of P.D.C. Robert E. Delcamp on September 18. He was a member of Garfield Camp 34, Mt. Carmel.

RHODE ISLAND

Camp 6 and its Auxiliary 11 held their Annual President Lincoln Observance November 10 with a Dutch-treat supper at the China Village Restaurant in Westerly. There were 20 present, including P. C.-in-C. Harold E. Arnold. Following the supper, the group adjourned to the home of Harry Barber, Dept. Senior Vice Comdr., where a color movie concerning the Civil War, entitled "The Railroad Chase," was enjoyed.

Veterans Day, November 11, a four-division parade was held in Westerly. Nine men of Co. A, 7th Infantry Battalion, S.V.R., and five ladies of the W.A.C.S.V.R., under the command of Brigade Comdr. Dexter Coombs and Lt. Arline Coombs, lead the 2nd Division (or Veterans Division) with their colors and guards. Dept. Comdr. Perley C. Wallace, who is a member of the Westerly Veterans Board of Control, commended these uniformed units on their fine performance.

WISCONSIN

Natl. Counselor Ellinore L. Konrad flew to Troy, N. Y., the weekend of October 30 to attend the dinner and reception honoring Natl. Pres. Edith Snyder.

A dinner and reception honoring Dept. Pres. Raeona Black was held November 6 at the Ambassador Hotel in Milwaukee. 50 guests were present. Chairman Ellinore Konrad, Co-Chairman Betty Johnson, and their committee are to be commended for the arrangements and entertainment furnished. Special out-of-state guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rodrick Van Trump of the Illinois Dept.

The Dept. of Wisconsin held its Mid-Year Meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Milwaukee, jointly with the Auxiliary on November 7, under the leadership of Thomas L. W. Johnson, Dept. Comdr. Many interesting subjects were discussed. All in attendance felt the meeting constructive and returned to their camps and auxiliaries with informative reports.

NAMES in the NEWS

P.C.-in-C. CLEON E. HEALD (New Hampshire Dept.) was cited in the August-September "Bulletin," issued by the Masonic Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, as a striking example of the type of Masons who may be found "at work in the quarries of life serving their fellow man." It was noted in the Masonic publication that Bro. Heald had served with distinction as Executive Director of the New Hampshire Civil War Centennial Commission.

P.N.P. BEATRICE S. RIGGS (California & Pacific Dept.) was reported in the November 2 issue of the Ontario-Upland Daily Report to be one of "six outstanding women from the West End area to have made their first appearance in Who's Who of American Women."

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING

Massachusetts Department hosted the fall gathering of the New England Regional Association, held at Hotel Bradford, Boston. William W. Haskell, Comdr., and Mrs. Ruth Appleby, Aux. Pres., presided at the afternoon session. Various groups met for informal luncheons. National officers and other delegates gave a summary of what had occurred at the National Encampment in Richmond, Va.

THE EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO SAY . . .

he appreciates the many good wishes for his success expressed by subscribers to THE BANNER. He has appreciated also the cooperation of THE BANNER'S various correspondents, and hopes he may continue to merit their good will after they find some of their material has had to be condensed or omitted because of space limitations!