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## Remember Day Ceremony



For the 24th year approximately 1,000 descendants of the men who fought the Civil War gathered in Gettysburg Saturday, November 15, 1980 to pay tribute to the men who gave their lives that this country might live. The five Allied heads were gathered in front of the statue of Comrad Albert Woolson at Zeigler's grove on the battlefield, in order to lay wreaths and take part in the services which honor the memory of these great men. Comrad Woolson of Duluth, Minn. was the last sur-

vivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died at the age of 102 on August 2, 1956. Past Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch served as master of ceremonies at the dedication ceremonies and General Chester S. Shriver SVR was in command of the parade. G. Henry Roth, editor of the Gettysburg Times was the keynote speaker for the ceremonies held in the Cyclorama on the battlefield with the music being presented by the Lancaster Fencibles.



**General Orders No. 2  
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*Facing the New Year.*

We pledge ourselves  
To follow through the coming year  
The light which God gives us;  
The light of Truth, wherever it may lead;  
The light of Freedom; revealing new oppor-  
tunities for individual development and  
social service;  
The light of Faith, opening new visions  
of the better world to be;  
The light of Love, daily binding brother to  
brother and man to God in ever closer  
bonds of friendship and affection.  
Guided by this light,  
We shall go forward to the work of another  
year with steadfastness and confidence.

1. As the bells ringing in the new year become silent, we the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stand at the threshold of our Centennial Year filled with anticipation for the celebration of our one hundredth birthday. With the new year comes our annual invitation to support the Centennial Fund. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Harry E. Gibbons is accepting donations. This fund will make possible some events that will be treasured memories in the future years. Please be generous and make this year's contribution outstanding.

2. As Commander-in-Chief, I extend to all members of the Allied Family sincere wishes that the year of 1981 brings forth a promise of good health, happiness, and an ever-widening circle of friends.

3. I am indeed pleased to announce that two new provisional camps have been instituted; one in New York and one in Virginia. That is good news. Let's keep enlisting new members so that our Centennial year will become a banner year for new members. Since my term of office started I have appointed Robert L. McCandless of Lincoln, Nebraska a National Aide and also awarded him the Certificate of Merit for securing numerous new members. All brothers who secure three new members will be appointed National Aide and authorized to wear the National Ribbon. Any brother who enlists five new members will be awarded a Certificate of Merit.

4. The 24th Annual Remembrance Day Program at Gettysburg on November 15, 1980 was again an excellent and inspiring event. Although the day was cold, cloudy, and rainy I was impressed with the entire program. The National Organization wishes to thank everyone who had any part in the program. It was an outstanding endeavor. I was delighted to greet the four National Presidents who were with us to honor the dear Boys in Blue. May our paths cross many times during my term of office.

5. The National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with much pride and pleasure again presented the Annual Scholarship Award to Miss Gayl Kunttu, Senior Class president at Gettysburg

College. Miss Kunttu was introduced by Dr. Robert L. Bloom, a professor in the History Department at the college. Miss Kunttu was the first young lady to receive the award and a native of Keene, New Hampshire the home town of the Commander-in-Chief, Richard E. Wyman, who made the award. The award was made at the 50th Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of South Central Pennsylvania held in the Holiday Inn in Gettysburg. As the Commander-in-Chief, I wish to extend my sincere and humble thanks to the committee for an evening that will be a treasured memory for me. The Military Ball that followed was a gala event and most colorful sight with all the colorful gowns patterned after gowns of the Civil War Era worn by the ladies in attendance. Again thanks for a well planned activity.

6. Again I wish to remind members that the ten cent raise in per capita tax per quarter goes into effect on January 1, 1981 and will be payable to the National Organization with the March 31, 1981 Quarterly Report. Please keep that in mind as our National Organization faces rising costs also.

7. On September 27th I was tendered a testimonial banquet at the Ramada Inn in Keene, New Hampshire. It was an occasion I'll always remember and to all the brothers and sisters of New Hampshire who worked to make this such a success I say thanks from the bottom of heart, and to all those loyal friends and members who travelled from California, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire and made a special effort to be with me that night I say thank you with love.

8. On October 18, 1980 I traveled to Portland, Maine to honor National President, Eleanor P. Lowe, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at a testimonial dinner held in the Holiday Inn. On October 25, 1980 I attended a testimonial dinner at the Yankee Drummer Motor Inn in Auburn, Massachusetts honoring Lelia M. Turner, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Auxiliary for their kind invitations and for the courtesies extend to me and my party. To these loyal and dear sisters I say that "since I have no gold to give, and love alone must make amends, my only prayer is while I live - God make me worthy of my friends."

9. To all Departments - Please send me the dates and locations of your coming encampments. I will try sincerely to attend as many as possible. The editor of the Banner would like that information also.

10. With the coming of February remember to honor Abraham Lincoln and George Washington with appropriate programs, services and dinners. These former great Americans deserve our loyal remembrance and respect.

11. The 100th National Encampment will be held August 9 - 13, 1981 at City Line Holiday Inn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. More information will be forthcoming.

12. Let's remember to make a generous contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Brother James G. D. Marley has a large quota to earn this year. The Council of Administration set his quota at \$2000.00 for this year. To realize his goal he needs the sincere and generous support of all who belong to our beloved organization.

13. To all members who have been ill or shut in I offer my sincere and personal best wishes for a complete recovery and hope that soon you are out among us again. To those who have suffered the loss of a dear one I pray that you may be embraced by the Heavenly Father who will offer you peace and comfort.

Richard E. Wyman  
Commander-in-Chief

## Life Member Dies

"It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing of Brother Howard A. Thompson, a National Member-at-Large and Life Member No. 113, in Anabel, Missouri on November 23, 1980. Brother Thompson, age 75, was the brother of another National Member-at-Large, Harry L. Thompson Lt. Col. USAF Retired, Life Member No. 103 of Clarence, Mo. Very proud, indeed, were and are these brothers of the record of their ancestor and their membership in the SUVCW."

## Council of Administration Report

The following actions were taken by the Council of Administrations during its meetings on August 17, 1980 and August 20, 1980 in Richmond, Virginia:

1. Appointed P. C. in C. Harold Beilby and Miles Harrington to the auditing committee.
2. Appointed Senior Vice Comm. Harry Gibbons, PCC Joseph Rippey, PCC Chester S. Shriver and PCC Fred H. Combs, Jr. to assist the budget committee.
3. Received the report of the Editor of the Banner and authorized the additional cost of \$200.00 to issue the July 1980 Banner due to the cost beyond the Budgeted amount. Also approved recommendations that the subscription rate of the Banner remain unchanged.
4. Report of the Coordinator for the Membership-at-large and presented a check in the amount of \$423.00 to the National Organization.
5. Approved the sum of \$300.00 from the 100th Anniversary Fund be used toward the special July 1981 issue of the Banner previously accepted as the Special "Centennial Issue."
6. Established the amount of \$300.00 to be used toward the GAR Campfire at the 100th Anniversary National Encampment from the GAR Fund.
7. A sympathy card in the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland by sent to his surviving daughter and family.
8. Approved a one page National Encampment Standard Survey Form to be distributed at the Department Encampments for the membership to use regarding their intentions of presence at the 1981 and future National Encampments to help the National Encampment Committee and host hotel in advance planning. Commander-in-Chief will also distribute forms on his travels.
9. Established the amount of \$6.00 for the intest payment on Lite Memberships payable January 1, 1981 to respective Camp Treasurers.
10. The goal for the National Patriotic Instructor for the fiscal year 1980-1981 be set at \$2,000.00.
11. Approved the appointment for PDC Thomas W. Graham (Ohio) as Editor of the Banner for the fiscal year 1980-1981.
12. Approved the acceptance of Provisional Camps.
13. Approved the increase of the membership per-capita tax from .55 per member per quarter to .65 per member per quarter effective with the April 1, 1981 Department Reports. The Jan.-Feb.-Mar.-1981 remains at .55 per member.

## Report of

### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

#### 100 Years Of The Sons Of Union Veterans!

As you stop to read this the time is marching on, and we THE SONS OF THE UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, have been organized 100 years, 1881 to 1981 and we all remember the words of LINCOLN at GETTYSBURG when he said,

"IT IS FOR US THE LIVING, RATHER, TO BE DEDICATED TO THE UNFINISHED WORK." The unfinished work and to carry on our Obligation, and Purposes of our

Beloved Organization, "To perpetuate the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic" if you read and should know the wording of our Obligation as stated on the Application and Promotional Leaflet.

This has been done for the past 100 years! Hard to believe, yet this year your Organization, and Members will have completed this number of years of Dedication, Loyalty, to "Perpetuate the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic." Memorial Day, Remembrance Day and Patriotism to keep America American.

Will you send \$1.00 or any amount you can to support your Organization in commemorating the past 100 years at the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - 100th Encampment in August 1981. The contribution is for the extra expenses for a great treat for ALL attending this ENCAMPMENT! Please make checks payable to Chester S. Shriver, National Sec'y - Treas. and SEND TO HARRY E. GIBBONS, NAT'L. Sr.C-in C., 554 LA SALLE AVE., BUFFALO, N.Y. 14215

A Received CENTENNIAL CLUB CARD WILL BE MAILED TO EACH CONTRIBUTOR AS A SPECIAL MEMBER WHO CONTRIBUTED FOR THE 100th ANNIVERSARY ENCAMPMENT. Thank you, and a HEALTHY-HAPPY NEW YEAR! May our 1981 be a better year and our Organization of Allied Orders grow bigger and memorialize the G.A.R.!

## Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Your delegates to the 99th National Encampment approved a resolution allowing for Provisional Camps to be organized with as few as five members with regular status granted when fifteen are obligated or at the end of two years.

New York and Maryland Departments are the first to institute new camps under the new rules. In October camps were formed in Osego, N.Y. and Virginia Beach, Va. Prospects are good for forming more camps in the near future.

Following the National Encampment, letters were sent to all Department Commanders and Secretaries requesting a listing of Camp officers in order that contact might be made regarding membership strength and recruiting plans. To date eleven of our nineteen Departments have responded as a result sixty-five Camps have been contacted for an exchange of information and ideas. It is hoped that Camps will share their successes that all may benefit. We must continue to grow if only to overcome attrition. Last year we recruited 334 members and lost 234 for net gain of 100. We organized 3 Camps and lost 2 for a gain of one. There are now 2662 of us in 157 Camps to spread the gospel of our organization and a like number in our Auxiliary.

Richard C. Schlenker  
Chmn., Membership Comte.

## Honor Roll

The following contributions to the Honor Roll have been received:

From Dorris W. Schlenker In Memory of Martha Daniels, PDP, Maryland-Delaware	\$5.00
From Caroline's 76ers In Memory of Lydia Browne, PDP, New Jersey	5.00
From Maryland-Delaware PDP Club In Memory of Martha Daniels, PDP, Maryland-Delaware	10.00

Contributions to the Honor Roll in the amount of \$10 or more may be made in memory of a member of the contributor's family, a friend, or the Civil War veteran from whom she is descended. All checks should be mailed to the National Treasurer, together with the name of the person to be honored. Life Membership and Honor Roll fees are place in the Permanent Fund of the National Organization.

## The following Honor Roll contributions have been received since the last issue of the Banner.

From Florence Rundlette, East Hampton, Connecticut in memory of PDC Lester J. Rundlette, Conn.	\$10.00
From P.C.C. and Mrs. William W. Haskell, Brockton, Mass. in memory of P.C.C. Allen B. Howland	\$10.00

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All items for publication must be received by the 15th day of December, March, June and September.

All members receive THE BANNER without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$2.00 a year. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year. Thomas W. Graham, 314 E. Main, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

## Scholarship Award Recipient



Pictured above are Miss Gail Kunttu, a senior history major at Gettysburg College accepting the check presented to her by the Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman at the 50th annual banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association held at the Gettysburg Holiday Inn on Saturday, November 15, 1980. The annual dinner was attended by persons from numerous departments and was followed by a blue gray ball.

## National Officers Auxiliary 1980-1981

**National President:**  
Mrs. Leila M. Turner, 42 Elderly Drive, Randolph, Massachusetts 02368

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**National Chaplain:**  
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## Libby prison, CSA Remembered

It wasn't the Hyatt nor the Hilton - it was Libby Prison, CSA. Nonetheless, it was the best of accommodations the Confederates had to offer their reluctant Federal guests during the 1861-1865.

In one of the unique events in recent history the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans joined in re-erecting and rededicating of the historic plaque which had been lost for decades. The plaque marked the original site of Libby Prison in Richmond, Va.

The large bronze marker had first been placed on an old building at 20th and Dock Streets in Richmond in 1911 by the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. But when the building was torn down in the early part on this century the marker found its way to the Lee House. There it lay unnoticed amongst a large collection of memorabilia of that tragic period of our history. It was just recently found by Dr. Campbell, director of the museum and was offered to the Sons of Confederacy.

There an idea was born for its re-erection and rededication and October 4, 1980 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans held ceremonies unveiling the new Monument. General Chester S. Shriver SVR served as a representative and speaker for the Sons of Union Veterans. A direct descendant of the owner of the old warehouse which became Libby Prison, Mr. Luther Libby unveiled the old historic marker.



## The Legislative Report

**Appearance of Grant's Tomb** — The controversial mosaic benches built on the site of U.S. Grant's Tomb on New York's Riverside Drive may be removed. Duane Pearson, superintendent of Manhattan sites for the National Park Service, and a member of task force studying the issue, said recently that the panel hopes to have a recommendation ready in December for consideration by the Park Service's regional director in Boston. One possible outcome will be a plan to preserve the benches but remove them to another location. They were constructed in 1973 by community volunteers in an effort to involve neighborhood groups in the project and reduce graffiti at the Tomb. But the "Art Work" is considered by many to be totally inappropriate for use in a memorial erected to one of our nation's Civil War heroes and President of the United States.

On October 10, 1980, President Carter signed into law P.L. 96-428 which authorizes the establishment of the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia. Included are 23.5 acres surrounding Dr. King's birthplace which will be used to preserve the neighborhood as he knew it during his formative years.

The Park and Recreation Act of 1980 is still awaiting final action by the Senate before adjournment of the 96th Congress. The House version, H.R. 3, passed that body on May 20, 1980. The Senate's bill, S. 2363, passed the Upper Chamber on June 5, and was amended and passed by the House on June 17. It is this amended version that once more must be considered by the Senate. The bills would create or enlarge several historic parks and sites, many of them relating to the Civil War period.



## DEPARTMENT NEWS



### Massachusetts

National President Leila Turner was honored by the Mass. Department at a reception at the Yankee Drummer Motor Inn in Auburn. It was well attended by many National Past, President Officers and a special thanks to PNP Minnie Maderios who served as chairman.

A reception was held for the Department President Gertrude Hobart in Brockton and also a reception was held for the Department Commander George Place.

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic met in the State House. These meetings are held in the Memorial Shrine. This is a fitting Memorial and if you plan to be in Boston the visit to the Memorial Room would be a most rewarding experience. We in Massachusetts are most indebted to PDC Ernest Wells for his vision and hard work in establishing the shrine.

### Ohio

On Nov. 1, 1980 there was a dedication of the monument and surrounding area in Alliance, which commemorates the fact that Mr. Lincoln stopped in Alliance and gave a short talk on his journey to Washington for his inauguration.

The monument is constructed of field stone that was brought from the Lincoln farm in Kentucky.

The campaign to revamp the area surrounding the monument was chaired by the Commander of the Alliance American Legion Post. Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Greenwall, and his wife Bea represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary wearing their civil war uniforms and period dress.

House supporters of S. 450, a bill to remove federal court jurisdiction in all cases involving school prayers, are making a last attempt to have the Judiciary Committee discharged from responsibility for the measure and force a vote on the House floor prior to final adjournment of the present Congress. The bill passed the Senate in April of 1979. The nation's religious leadership is split on the wisdom of enacting such legislation. Supporters of the bill believe that state courts would look more favorably on state laws designed to permit voluntary prayers in public schools. Opponents abhor any attempt to legislate on the matter and fear that state enacted measures would tend toward intolerance of minority religious beliefs. Lawyers are divided over the issue of the advisability of limiting the jurisdiction of the federal courts in this fashion.

When the 97th Congress convenes in January 1981, the Senate will be without a member who will have served continuously in that body since the presidential years of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington State became a member of the Senate on December 15, 1944, and was the President Pro Tempore at the time of his defeat at the polls in November 1980. Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota was first appointed to his seat on March 12, 1945, and decided to retire at the close of his present term.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
Chairman

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### New Jersey

Department President Florence Spring accompanied by Dept. press Correspondent Elizabeth Sharp and a small delegation of the Sons attended the 50th Anniversary Banquet and Dedication Day ceremonies held in Gettysburg in Nov.

In November, Aux. 7 honored Sister Ruth Davenport on the occasion of her 65th anniversary as a member. The good wishes of the New Jersey Department are extended to her for her faithfulness and dedication to our organization.

A reception honoring the Department President and Department Commander will be held at the Coach and Four Restaurant in Highstown, N.J. on Saturday, March 28, 1981.

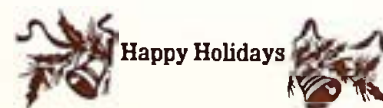
Past Commander-in-Chief, Fred H. Combs has been hospitalized recently but is now at home and recuperating. The department extends their wishes for a speedy recovery to Brother Fred.

Dr. David G. Martin a member of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100 in N.J. has been named to the Company of Military Historians. This is a company of Historians devoted to the study of information on American Military History.

Annual Observance honoring President Abraham Lincoln has been set for March 14, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant in Highstown. The spring meeting of Abraham Camp No. 100 will be held at 6:00 P.M. April 25, 1981 in the Oak Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant.

### Connecticut

At a meeting of the Past Department Presidents held in September in Portland, Conn. the matter of sponsorship was brought up for Ann Willeke for National President and it was voted to do this.



Ann has been a member of Alden Skinner Camp Auxiliary No. 5 of Rockville, Conn. for nearly fifty years. During these years she has served many offices in her own Auxiliary, as well as the Conn. Dept. and is a PDP. She has also held the office of National Vice President National Chief of Staff and is presently a member of National Council. We believe she would make a very good National President and therefore offer our endorsement.

Auxiliary No. 20 of East Hampton and Aux. No. 2 of New Haven entertained the Department Inspector in November. Auxiliary No. 5 will hold their inspection on December 12th also this will be their Christmas Party.

The Department President Mary Schofield was a guest at East Hampton and Rockville.

Nebraska

Three representatives from Nebraska were happy to be present at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Gettysburg in November. This trip was most enlightening to one of the members because a new insight was put into his lineage dating back to the great grandfather.

Wisconsin News

At the joint Mid year meeting held at Oconomowoc on November 9, a resolution was passed expressing strong support for the retention of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in its present location on the fourth floor of the Capital building at Madison where the Hall has been located since 1917. On another matter, Dept. Commander Huff appointed a committee to determine the feasibility of erecting a commemorative marker in Cushing Memorial Park at Delafield and instructed the panel to report at the June Encampment. It was agreed that in 1981, a program of entertainment would follow a shortened business session in an effort to attract a larger turnout for the Mid Year meeting. The Dept. Auxiliary served a delicious potluck dinner at noon which was enjoyed by everyone present.

A delegate comprised of Grove Huff, Ellinore and Tom Johnson attended the Central Region Conference held at Lafayette, Ind., in mid October. One of the highlights of that weekend was the presentation of a plaque to Sister Ellinore in recognition of her many years of unstinting service to the Conference. Everyone in the Badger state offers her their hearty congratulations on the attainment of this well deserved tribute.

Amni Hawks Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5 staged a display of Civil War artifacts and equipment at the Southgate Mall in South Milwaukee on October 18 and 19. Among those who worked hard for that event were Helen Huff, president of the local Auxiliary, and Burton E. Kannenberg, PDC.

Indiana

Argus E. Ogburn of Richmond was honored at a recent national conference of the Sons of Union veterans as one of the three living persons in the nation whose names appear on the national charter granted to the organization by the 83rd Congress in 1954.

Indiana hosted the Central Regional Congerence in Lafayette in Oct. with a good delegation from several surrounding states. A good time was had by all who attended.

Colorado-Wyoming

Individual members of the camp at Denver have been busy this year purchasing tomb stones for civil war veterans in these locality. This indeed is a tremendous way to show your dedication to those hallowed dead.

Maine

Fall fairs have been on the calendar in some auxiliaries in Maine. Memorial Hall in Oakland was the site of the fair and it was built by members of the five orders of the Grand Army Family after the end of the war. This building has been included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Maryland

Department Auxiliary President Marian Manlove was honored at a dinner and reception on Sept. 30 at the Romall Inn, Wilmington, Del.

Renno Auxiliary in Hagerstown hosted the annual visit of the Department President at the Holiday Inn on October 4.

The department added a new camp on October 17 with the institution of the USS Monitor Camp in Virginia Beach, Va. The organizing efforts of Member-at-Large Duane Baldwin and PNC John Davis brought this new unit about. A ceremony and dinner was held at the Little Creek Naval Station, Norfolk. Members of Sons of Confederate Veterans attended. Charter Camp Commander is Arthur Kent.

Department members attended testimonial dinners for the Pa. Dept. President and Commander. We were also represented at the DUVCW Anniversary Reception in Wash., D.C.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp in Wash., D.C. instituted an Auxiliary on Nov. 7, culminating two years of recruiting efforts. Charter President is Mary Estridge of Alexandria, Va.

A testimonial dinner was held for Department Commander Robert Townsend at the Bellfonte VFW Hall in Wilmington, Del. on November 20.

Veterans Day Ceremonies were supported by our department members in their respective communities as were Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg.

The Sons 94th and Aux. 87th Annual Department Encampments will be held on May 2-3, 1981 in Wilmington, Del. at the Sheraton Inn, 4727 Concord Pike. The Sons meet Saturday afternoon. The Auxiliary meets all day Saturday and Sunday morning. The traditional joint banquet is held Saturday evening.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4 Series.....1980 1 September 1980

1. The National Military Department, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE issues the above stated General Orders effecting the following Promotions, Transfers and Assignments:

a. MAJ. WILLIAM W. HASKELL, (Retired.) transferred to active duty and assigned permanent Command of the 1MD, SVR with headquarters at 109 Burkeside Ave., Brockton, Mass., effective 20 August 1980.

b. LTC JOHN H. JEFFRIES, relieved of Command of the 5MD, SVR - Headquartered at Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma, transferred in grade as The District Commander, 6 MD, SVR with Headquarter 2900 N.E. - 132nd Ave., Portland, Oregon 97320, effective 1 August 1980.

c. CPT ROBERT L. McCANDLESS, 5MD, SVR, promoted to MAJOR, SVR and assigned to Command the 5 MD, effective 1 August 1980. Headquarters of MAJ. McCandless is established at 3300 South 46th St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68506.

d. MAJ. FREDERICK L. HENLEY, relieved of Command as District Commander (6MD) and transferred for re-assignment in the 6MD Staff, effective 1 August 1980.

e. The Fourth U.S. Cavalry, 5MD, transferred to the 6MD under command of LTC Jeffries effective 1 August 1980.

f. MAJ. GEORGE E. SHADMAN, Chief of Safety and Regulations on the Special SVR Re-enactment Staff, granted personal request to be relieved of assignmen, effective 1 January 1980.

g. MAJ. WAYNE A. DENNIS, assigned Asst. Chief of Cavalry, SVR on the Special SVR Re-enactment Staff, effective 3 July 1980.

2. All S.V.R. personnel will respect the above named Officers in their respective assignments for their untiring efforts in past service and their continuation to fully and actively support the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The Central Region Conference Report

The Central Region Conference met at Lafayette, Ind., on October 18 and 19, under the leadership of Regional Commander Grover R. Huff, with delegates from the Depts. of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin in attendance. The Saturday afternoon session featured a roundtable discussion of "Your Family History and the Civil War," in which everyone present described the service record of their Civil War ancestor and related anctodes about that service. At the banquet in the evening, Thomas Krasean, a field representative for the Indiana Historical Society, spoke on the topic of "Correspondence From the Front." He used portions of letters written by Hoosier soldiers to their families back home to illustrate his points. The subject related very well to the theme of the Conference.

At the closing session on Sunday morning, awards of appreciation in the form of engraved plaques were presented to Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, and George L. Cashman, PC-in-C, for their many years of involvement and work in the business of the Central Region Conference. To many Central Region loyalists, Sister Ellinore has earned the title of "Mrs. Central Region." The awards were donated through the generosity of Bro. Grover Huff. The Dept. of Illinois extended an invitation to meet at Peoria in October of 1981. It was agreed that the discussion topic will be, "Civil War Personalities Prominent in Your State," a subject that will also feature a display of Civil War artifacts owned by members of the Order. Thomas L. W. Johnson will again serve as leader for the discussion period. Betty and Orval King and the members of their committee are to be congratulated for the Hoosier hospitality that was evident throughout the weekend. Officers elected for 1980-81 are as follows:

- Commander - Jane A. Graham, Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander - Charles Lowe, Iowa
Jr. Vice Commander - Nellie H. Hawley, Iowa
Secretary - Robert M. Graham, Illinois
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson, Wisconsin
Patriotic Instructor - Thomas A. Graham, Ohio
Chaplain - David Reed, Indiana
Guide - Betty L. King, Indiana

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

25th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Springfield, Illinois Wednesday, April 15, 1981

A memorial ceremony marking the 116th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on April 15, 1981, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. It is expected that the Griffen High School band of Springfield will take part in the ceremony. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman, Robert M. Graham, Thomas L. W. Johnson, and Edward G. Press.

The State House Inn will be the site of the luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation free of charge between the tomb and the hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or as a Department or Unit Auxiliary President or as an individual member of our Order, this is your invitation to participate in this meaningful ceremony. Individual invitations are not routinely sent to Departments or Camps and their Auxiliaries. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and that (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It is imperative that the number of luncheon reservations desired to be specified. To ensure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details not later than Wednesday, March 25 to -

Mr. Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman Oak Ridge Cemetery Office 1441 Monument Avenue Springfield, Illinois 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 15, 1981. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

SUVCW Life Memberships

Life Memberships can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The cost per age category are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Age category and Cost. Under age 60: \$150.00; Age 60 to 69: \$125.00; Age 70 and over: \$100.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a life membership and the balance within one year. The interest on each Life membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1980 will be \$6.00. Life Membership Fees are placed in the Permanant Fund of our National Organization.

The following Life Memberships have been recorded by the National Secretary since the last issue of the Banner.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Cost. No. 119 Blondell T. Fenton: \$150.00

Auxiliary Programs Report Life Memberships

Life Memberships can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. Cost for each age category is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Age category and Cost. Under age 60: \$150.00; Age 60-69: 125.00; Age 70 and over: 100.00

Table with 3 columns: Received since last report, Life Member No., and Cost. Mary D. Baker: \$100.00

Checks for life membership should be payable to the National Treasurer, Miss M. Helen Loll and mailed to her at 3601 N. Fifth Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013. Be sure to include the name and age of the life member; the name and number of her auxiliary; and the name and address of her auxiliary treasurer. Dues must be paid for one year after the purchase of the life membership. After that period, interest at \$6 per year will be mailed each January 1 to the life member's auxiliary as her dues payment for that year.

Honor Roll of Living Sons of Union Veterans

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our list of individuals who are living Sons of Union Veterans of the Union Forces during the American Civil War:

Mr. Howard D. Smith, Syracuse, New York son of William Smith, 29th Connecticut Co. I

Mr. Julius Moss Carter, Whitney Point, New York son of Julius Carter, Sr., Co. F 43rd N.Y. Regiment

National Site Committee

The National Site Committee would appreciate receiving invitations from any Department wishing to host future Encampments.

Once the site committee receives the invitation and approves the invitation, it will be the sole responsibility of the host department to make all plans pertaining to the National Encampment.

The Pennsylvania Department will host the National Encampment in August 1981. An invitation has been received from the Massachusetts Department for the 1980s National Encampment.

## ***Auxiliary Member-at-Large is Author of Civil War Books***

Elizabeth Fritch of California, a member-at-large of the Auxiliary has recently had published a book pertaining to her ancestors during the period of the Civil War. The following synopsis includes information for those who may want to read the books.

RICHMOND, volume I. *THE FLAME* by Elizabeth Fritch - available Sept. 1980

RICHMOND, volume II. *THE FIRE* by Elizabeth Fritch - available Nov. 1980 both published by Zebra Books (paperback)

At the outset of the Civil War, the tragic death of her father leaves beautiful Melissa Armstrong alone. For her younger brother Jeremiah is in Pittsburgh, studying medicine. Following her father's last request, young Melissa packs up her belongings and leaves her peaceful home on the banks of the Ohio River in western Virginia for Richmond and the home of her uncle, Edward Armstrong.

After a nightmarish journey in rickety old wagon, Melissa reaches Richmond where she follows the course of the war. She falls in love with a dashing Confederate cavalryman of Jeb Stuart's staff and becomes involved with a Union spy and helps him obtain information until he is discovered and hanged. She continues on with her work for the Union, using her friendship with the Davis and Lee families while her cousin Andrew wears the gray and her brother serves with the Union Medical Corps.

The factual story of the Civil War comes alive on every page, as Melissa, her family and friends carry on the desperate struggle to survive during these troubled times. Suffer with her cousin Andrew through the starving siege of Vicksburg, join her lover Jackson as the cavalry fights at Gettysburg, follow her brother as the Federal army makes it devastating march through Georgia, sail the seas and island paradises with the Englishman George and the blockade runner owned

by Edward Armstrong, and overhear the shocking behavior of Mrs. Lincoln as she meets Mrs. Grant.

Relive the Civil War and share the lives of these people in the booming capital of the Confederacy which becomes the smoking ruins of its final evacuation. From the first shot at Fort Sumter to the last farewell at Appomattox, RICHMOND is a powerful novel.

## **Gen. U.S. Grant Birthday Committee**

### **DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CAMPS AND AUXILIARIES**

#### **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Annual service to commemorate the 159th Birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant will be held for his birthday, Sunday, April 26, 1981 at the National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City, At 1:30 P.M. (Daylight Savings Time).

May we ask your help in obtaining Patrons and Memorial names for our printed program to help defray the cost of the wreaths, firing squad, etc. The prices are as follows:

Patrons or Memorials—showing title or rank—\$2.00 per name  
Organizations—name and number and city or town—\$3.00 each group.  
Special 3 lines boxes—greetings or memorials—\$5.00 each box.

These payments are to be sent to Bro. Chester E. Hudson, in charge, 2460 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235.  
Closing time—April 2, 1981—Printer needs time!

## **National Patriotic Instructor's Message — January, 1981**

### **I. NATIONAL G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND**

Brothers:

As we begin 1981, the Centenary Year of the Sons of Union Veterans, it is a fitting occasion for all members of our Order to recall with justifiable pride the heritage entrusted to us by the men who wore the Union Blue — and to be mindful of our obligation to pass on to our successors that which we so gratefully have received. As the legal and moral heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, the members of the SUVCW, from the local to the national level, strive throughout the year to fulfill this obligation and thereby stimulate in our fellow Americans a greater awareness of the Civil War.

Despite the broad range of projects under way at various levels, it is not generally well-known that the National Organization receives only a very small portion of the dues paid annually by members. Nevertheless, a number of programs and activities are conducted through National, all of which serve, in a variety of ways, to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thus, it is appropriate that, at the national level, the standing fund used for many of these annual civic and patriotic activities is known as the G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND.

In the course of his tenure the National Patriotic Instructor is asked to assume a number of duties, but few are as important as the fundraising effort entrusted to him by the Commander-in-Chief. The proceeds of this fund drive benefit the G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND, and thus help us underwrite the important endeavors it supports. (This includes the National SUVCW Scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding history student at Gettysburg College, which is reported in this issue of THE BANNER.)

Like every person, business and organization, the SUVCW has felt the economic pinch of recent years. After due analysis of our current expenses and needs the Council of Administration has asked the National Patriotic Instructor to meet a quota of \$2,000.00. Many members and friends of our Order have been generous in support of this fund in the past, and to them we extend our fraternal thanks.

Due to inflation and our current membership figures, the 1981 Appeal is more important than ever. And so, to meet this challenge, "WE'RE NOT ONLY ASKING MEMBERS TO GIVE MORE, WE'RE ASKING MORE MEMBERS TO GIVE." If you have contributed before, we ask your generosity once again. If you can afford a larger contribution than last time, this also will be appreciated. If you have not previously made

a donation to this worthy cause, we cordially invite you to participate — through your contribution — in our efforts to keep alive the Spirit of the Grand Army, which truly is the Spirit of America.

All donations are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes (Section 170, Code of 1954) and may be sent to:

James G. D. Marley  
National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW  
141 Weld Street  
West Roxbury, Mass. 02132

Checks or money orders should be made payable to: NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (Please be sure to include your Camp name and number, or other affiliation.)

NOTE TO ALL CAMPS: All Camp Commanders are asked to promote the G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND at meetings throughout the year. Camps will more than 50% of members contributing to the G. A. R. FUND will be recognized by a Special Citation from the National Patriotic Instructor.

### **II. STAR-SPANGLED SALUTE**

If you know of any individuals, businesses, churches or organizations which display the American Flag on a regular basis, why not recommend them for the National Patriotic Instructor's Star Spangled Salute! We are pleased to announce that this meaningful way of recognizing "patriotism in action" will continue through this year, as recommended by my esteemed predecessor, Bro. Donald Roberts. Please send all recommendations to the NPI (See address above.)

### **III. SONS OF UNION VETERANS TIES**

In commemoration of our Centenary Year and in response to numerous inquiries, we are pleased to announce that orders are now being accepted for "club ties" bearing the Sons of Union Veterans emblem. These ties, red and white on a blue background, will be available after March 15 from the National Patriotic Instructor at a cost of \$7.00. Checks may be sent to the above address and should be clearly marked "TIES," and made payable to: NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Respectfully in F.C. & L..  
James G. D. Marley  
National Patriotic Instructor