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Johnston Elected to Top Auxiliary Post



A great, great granddaughter of two Civil War veterans who was literally born into the Order has taken over as National President of the Auxiliary

to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. **Jacquelyn W. Johnston** is the daughter of PCinC Kenneth T. Wheeler Sr. and Past National President Emma B. Wheeler.

At the age of six she attended the last Grand Army encampment in Indianapolis. Eight years later she joined Thomas M. Carr Auxiliary 7, Hillsboro, N.H. while attending the National Encampment in Detroit. She has twice served as department president.

The National President's maternal great, great grandfather was Cpl. John G. Yeaton of Epsom, N. H., Co. E, First Regiment, U. S. Volunteer Sharpshooters. On her father's side her great, great grandfather was ~~Edward Frederick Wheeler~~, born in Ashby, Mass. And killed at New Orleans, La., Aug. 6, 1863 while a member of Co. F, 16th Regiment, N.H. Volunteers.

She is married to Kemp L. Johnston and they have two sons: Army Capt. Kevin L. Johnston and Keith A. Johnston. Both are life members of the SUVCW.

Jackie is a graduate of Cushing Academy and Hickox Secretarial School and is currently employed as Administrative Assistant to the President of NPC Inc. She has earned the Certified Professional Secretaries rating.

Remembrance Day; Good, Bad, Ugly

Remembrance Day 1997 will be remembered triumphantly and angrily, depending on what you were paying attention to that day.

The program was somewhat shorter than previous years but still too long. Organizers have indicated that there will be no guest speaker in 1998.

For the first time ever, the body of troops moved to the Bloody Angle for a Confederate ceremony and a "hands across the wall" reenactment.

The committee for the National Civil War Ball handed over \$13,000 from three years of events to the Gettysburg National Military Park for improvements.

On the down side, the Borough of Gettysburg shortened the parade and moved it from the path taken by President Lincoln to some of the side streets. In addition, the borough charged a roughly \$500 fee to the organizers, the SVR. Local merchants were outraged and collected money to pay the fee. They also promised that if the borough again exacts tribute for this event, the merchants will cover the cost.

Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall Gutted by Preservationists

After two years of negotiating deed restrictions for the Corporal Skelly Post 9 G.A.R. Hall, Historic Gettysburg-Adams County and Gettysburg Camp 112 have ended discussions and the future is now uncertain.

The members of Corporal Skelly Post 9, in 1933, deeded their G.A.R. Hall, on East Middle Street, to Gettysburg Camp 112 for one dollar and certain considerations. Among those considerations were: "All the members of Corporal Skelly Post have full rights in and to the property and meeting room as long as any one is living." Another condition to the deed said: "The name of the building and the lot shall be known and called 'Corporal Skelly Post No. 9 Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania.'" and a third condition required that, "The front of the building and the large meeting or lodge room shall always remain as it now is, and no alterations or disfigurements made in or to the same." [Emphasis added]

With declining membership by 1988, Camp 112 found itself unable to properly maintain the building and an agreement was struck with Historic Gettysburg-Adams County to transfer ownership for \$10 and a number of considerations including all of those in the 1933 deed, replacing Camp 112 for Post 9 in the access rights.

Immediately following the signing of the deed, Tom Piper, then president of HG-AC was interviewed by the *Gettysburg Times* which reported, "The historical group intends to restore the building to its 1822 condition." There was no reference to the restrictions in the just signed deed.

Over the next seven years, HG-AC removed all of the Post's artifacts from its lodge room and placed them in a newly dug cellar. They removed a wall providing access directly to the front of the building and a balcony. They commissioned a local artist to paint murals on two walls depicting "historical" events in Gettysburg in primitive style. They removed the picture of Corporal Skelly from its place of honor and, in its place hung a painting of a Union position being overrun. And finally, they hung the modern flag of each of the belligerent states as well as the three national flags of the confederacy and the confederate battle flag.

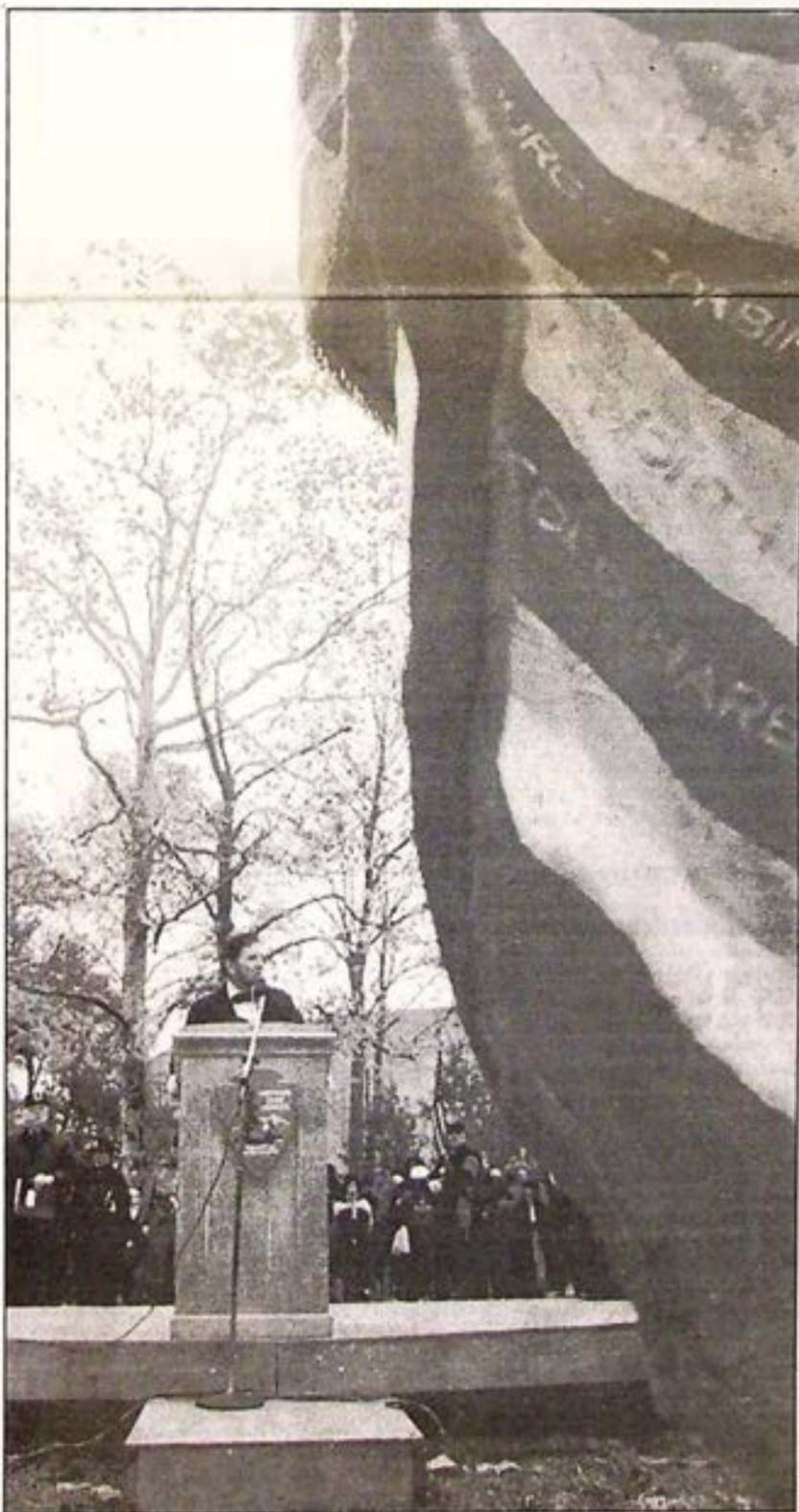
The camp's own antique chairs were used to provide "auditorium style" seating while the officers' stations and the altar were impressed to service such as holding books with donors names in them.

While these renovations were going on, members who disagreed with what HG-AC was doing were silenced by a camp leadership that was also active on the board of HG-AC. The camp was losing members partly because the offi-

cers of the camp were refusing applications, returning checks and even canceling meetings at the last minute to avoid having to initiate a new brother.

In October 1995, then Department Commander George Powell, acting on complaints from five men who were unable to join the camp, brought his department officers to a scheduled meet-

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Brother Jim Getty, well known for his dynamic portrayal of President Abe Lincoln, interprets the Gettysburg Address, Nov. 15 during Remembrance Day ceremonies.

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G.A.R. Hall continued

ing of the camp only to find the meeting cancelled. He called the meeting, inducted five new members and had them hold an election. Since that time the camp has grown to be one of the largest and most active in the Department of Pennsylvania.

The camp recently asked the Commander in Chief to take over negotiations or do whatever is best for the organization. Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr has stated, "We can not allow this desecration of the shrine of our ancestors to stand." "Our sacred oath to the men of the Grand Army of the Republic requires us to insist that the wishes of the 'boys in blue'—as stated in the signed and recorded deed—be upheld." He would not comment on the exact nature of future action but pledged that action would be taken.

On Visiting

"Reports of visiting committees." Everyone who has ever read the ritual of our Order has seen the phrase but few have understood why it is there.

Visiting committees are one of those many little things that our ancestors, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic gave to us in the form of our legacy. In the less hectic days of the waning 19th Century a post of Comrades would designate some of its members to visit a nearby post and report back at the next meeting.

The Visiting Committee was greeted warmly by the visited post and that post did its best to show them that they are the best post in the department, if not in the world. In the process each post benefited by the fraternal co-mingling of ideas.

It's not a difficult concept to grasp and we would suggest that, in these closing days of the 20th Century our camps should have an open invitation for any visitor or Visiting Committee to join them at their meetings.

At least within the departments, a direct exchange of ideas can do nothing but strengthen the Order. Every camp is different and every camp runs their meetings in a way that meets their need and that resolution of need to reality can be instructive to a visitor.

So the next time a camp commander says, "Are there any reports of visiting committees?" perhaps someone will stand up, salute, and say, "Yes commander". Wouldn't that be refreshing?

Summary of the Council of Administration Meeting

An informative Council of Administration meeting was held at Gettysburg, on Sunday, Nov. 16. Among the items brought before the council was notification from the Internal Revenue Service concerning incorrect camp Employer Identification Numbers. National must submit all EIN Numbers to the IRS. This is not a new policy as numbers have been submitted for years. This is reason why it is imperative to get this information to national as soon as possible.

Discussion were held on support for the new visitors center in Gettysburg. Support was given for Pennsylvania House Bills #1863 and #1853. Approval of the Civil War Memorial Assessment form was given. Approved a request by U.S. Grant Camp 68 for use of our logo for use for coffee mugs and return address labels.

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Saturday, March 7, 1998, at the Ramada in Sharon, Penna. The Meeting will start at 8 a.m.



Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr places the SUVCW wreath on the Albert Wolson Memorial during the Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg Nov. 15. He is assisted by his military aid, National Secretary David Hann.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

The National Infantryman's Association, a nonprofit organization which supports the United States Infantry Branch and the National Infantry Museum has a special request which we would like your organization to consider. We would like your special organization to consider placing a future monument on "Sacrifice Field" at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Sacrifice Field is adjacent to and part of the National Infantry Museum. Since 1959, the Museum has honored all U.S. Infantrymen, and contains a large collection of artifacts which reflect over two centuries of U.S. Infantry history. Sacrifice Field currently has four large monuments and more are planned in the near future. They range in cost from approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000. We would be honored if one of the future monuments were to be erected and dedicated to the U.S. Infantry Soldiers serving the Union during the Civil War.

Today, Fort Benning is the only Infantry training post left in the U.S. Army. Every soldier who becomes an Infantryman must go through basic training and advanced individual training here. All Airborne and Ranger Schools are at Fort Benning, as is the Infantry Noncommissioned Officers Academy, and the only Officer Candidate School in the U.S. Army. All Infantry officers must attend the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Infantry Officer Advances Courses, as well as Battalion and Brigade pre-command courses at Fort Benning.

Fort Benning is also home to a brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Headquarters for the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the 3rd Ranger Battalion. Other units include the 11th Infantry Regiment and the 29th Infantry Regiment.

Our point is simply this, Fort Benning's Sacrifice Field would be an ideal place for your organization to erect a monument to the Infantrymen who served during the Civil War. It would serve to remind today's and tomorrow's Infantryman of those that have gone before them.

We hope your organization will favorably consider this request. We thank you for all that you do to promote the remembrance of those who gave so much for their nation.

Sincerely,
Kenneth C. Leuer
Major General, U.S. Army (Retired)
President, National Infantryman's Asso.

[Editor—This opportunity will be reviewed by the Council of Administration and if deemed appropriate will be brought to the National Encampment at Harrisburg, Penna. for consideration by the membership. Send comments to any member of the national Council of Administration.]

To the Editor:

In his response to "Patriot US", webmaster Glenn Knight allowed his apparent disdain of Civil War reenacting to cloud the truth.

To begin with, Brother Knight's dismissal of reenacting as "entertainment" ignores the obvious educational value of reenactments, and falsely assumes that an activity cannot be both entertaining and educational.

As for the Civil War veterans and reenactors, in his response to "Patriot US", webmaster Glenn Knight allowed his apparent disdain of Civil War reenacting to cloud the truth.

Evidently, the Civil War veterans themselves did not share brother Knight's view of reenacting.

Finally, if inaccurate criticism of reenacting is what visitors can expect from the SUVCW website, it's fair to ask whether that website is helping or hurting SUVCW recruiting efforts.

Yours truly,
Braden Taylor,
Fremont, MI

[Editor—I continue to believe in the entertainment value of reenacting and that it is educational. As a reenactor myself I recognize its value. But I must also reiterate that the functions of entertainment and education may be useful in practice but they must be secondary to our sacred obligation to keep green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The suggestion that we should re-fight the Civil War with paint balls still curdles my stomach.]

Dear Editor:

I am writing to inform you of the dates and place of the Ohio Department encampment. We will meet in conjunction with the Ohio Ladies of the G.A.R. the Ohio Dept. Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and the Ohio Women's Relief Corps at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio. We will begin on Friday, June 19, with campfire. The session opens on Saturday morning, June 20, with a joint opening ceremony with the Ohio Department of the Auxiliary. The meeting will close at noon on Sunday, June 21. We will be honored for the first time by having representation at our annual encampment from the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-61 (not to be confused with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War). If you list our encampment in *The Banner*, please list me as a contact person.

Perhaps you will list other department encampments with dates, places, and contact persons. The only other encampment we hear about is the one in Pennsylvania.

God save the Union
Keith D. Ashley, 'Commander, Dept. OH

[Editor—Department and regional encampments and meetings can be listed in *The Banner* by sending the information to the editor. We will attempt to run a calendar of events in the next edition and if it is successful we will continue it with each issue.]

National Secretary Asks for Information

David Hann, PDC
National Secretary

In the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, greetings from the cluttered desk of the National Secretary. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Just a reminder per capita tax will be due soon. I would first like to thank all of the Department and Camp Officers that sent me the information requested in Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr's General Order #3. However, there are still some Departments and Camps that have not furnished that information. Brothers I need this information so I can complete and Department and Camp directories. I will be honest Brothers to complete the one listed in *The Banner*, I had to pull information off the Web site, call various departments, and look through many of the form 49's, certificate of election. This wastes a lot of valuable time when I could be spending that time on other projects required by this office, or enjoying some time with my family. Please get this information in!

I know that there are a number of departments that are owed charters. I am trying to expedite this as quickly as possible. The problem is that we had and please note the word had, one person doing the charters. I am looking for volunteers who have very nice penmanship or who can do calligraphy to help with these charters. I can not begin to apologize for the delay and I understand your frustrations. I hope to have this resolved shortly and thank you for your patience.

In closing, please thank you for your comments, and your criticism, you're keeping me on my toes. I hope to have shortly some new forms that will make all of our work a little easier. Again if you have any questions, comments, or just want to say hello, please feel free to contact me. My address is 440 Clark Drive, Hammonton, NJ 08037, the phone number is (609) 567-7527, and the E mail address is COLELET@EROLS.COM, and for those that are wondering what that stands for it is in honor of Colonel Ellet my ancestor.

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Obituaries

Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic **Eugenia Reese** passed away on Oct. 30 at the age of 92. She is survived by her daughter, Gladys Morrison. She has been a member of the Ladies of the G.A.R. for more than 60 years. She was a member of the Major William McKinley Circle 18 in St. Louis, Mo. since 1934. She was twice circle president and served as department president three times. She was National President in 1987-88.



Brother **Ernest Thompson**, charter member of Wm. Colwill III Camp 56 Minnesota passed away on Dec. 4 at age 94.

William R. Mulholland, age 72, of Garfield Camp 4, Department of New Jersey, died Oct. 4, 1997. He was a native of the Trenton area, and served in

the army in World War II. He worked at the New Jersey Tax Bureau for 42 years prior to his retirement in 1984. Brother Mulholland was a member of Camp 4 for over 50 years, serving in a number of camp offices. He was also Treasurer of the Department of New Jersey for seven years, and served as Department Commander from 1990-1992. His integrity and devotion will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Gloria D. Mulholland, and two daughters, and also a cousin, Anne O. Clayton, who is a Past National Commander of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

Daniel J. Beckman, 58, Johnstown, Penna. died Oct. 24 at Lee Hospital. Born Oct. 7, 1939, in Johnstown, son of Daniel J. and Miriam (Wissinger) Beckman who preceded him in death and his wife Elizabeth J. (Evans) who died Aug. 23, 1996. He is survived by these children: Christine, wife of Edward Pavlosky, Johnstown; Teresa, wife of James Tracy, Lancaster; Matthew, at home; and four grandchildren.

He was an electronics technician of 35 years and served in the Army Reserve. A member of Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp 14 Dept. of Penns. and its associated SVR unit, Co. A, 54th Penna Volunteer Infantry.

In lieu of flowers his family asked that gifts be sent to Col. Campbell Camp 14, SUVCW, PO Box 82, Tire Hill PA 15959-0082 for the fund to erect a Civil War monument in Johnstown's Central Park.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5
SERIES 1997-1998

National Headquarters
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. It is with a heavy heart and personal sadness that I must inform your that Brother **Norman Furman**, Past Commander-in-Chief answered the last muster call on November 11, 1997.

2. All Camp and Department Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization at Brother Furman's funeral.

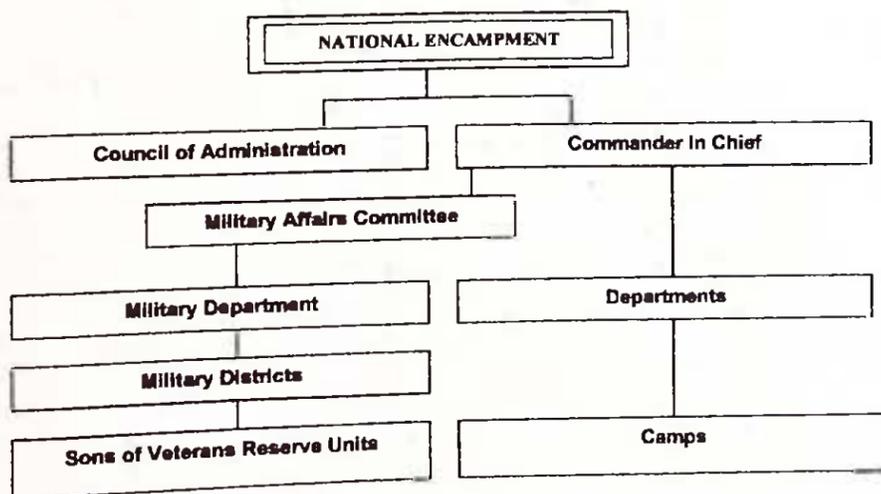
4. All Brothers are requested to extend any all assistance requested by Brother Furman's family.

5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Furman's family. We will miss him but we know he has gone to a better place and has found comfort and eternal peace in our Almighty Father.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
Natl. Secty.

Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



60 YEARS AGO! — There were 25 Departments, 748 Camps, and 23, 610 Brothers. New member fees were .50 cents, and per capita tax was 10 cents a quarter!

50 YEARS AGO! — There were 25 Departments, 554 Camps, and 13,724 Brothers. New members fees were still 50 cents and per capita tax was still 10 cents a quarter!

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6
SERIES 1997-1998

National Headquarters
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. On behalf of the National Organization, the National Officers and myself may each Brother and his family have a happy and joyous holiday season and may we each have a prosperous, productive and fraternal new year.

2. The 41st Annual Remembrance Day Activities were held Nov. 15, 1997 in Gettysburg, Penna. The event was well attended and the new format which included moving to the Angle as a group for the Confederate Ceremony was accomplished without difficulty. The net proceeds (\$13,000) from the National Civil War Ball for the past three years was presented to the National Park Service in memory of the G.A.R. This donation will be used to repair the historic fence surrounding the copse of trees. The Remembrance Day Committee is to be congratulated for a job well done.

3. Our sincerest appreciation is extend to the Gettysburg merchants who contributed the necessary funds to pay the permit fee which was imposed by the Borough of Gettysburg. They also made a sizeable contribution to the SVR and pledged to work with the Committee and the Borough to assure we are not subjected to the permit fee again and to return the parade route to its original path.

4. A special thank you to the Department of Pennsylvania for securing the surrey in which I and lone G.A.R. member portrayed by PCinC David Medert rode in the parade.

5. There seems to be some confusion over the relationship of the local units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and camps and departments. The SVR is the National Military Department. It has its own structure and has a status equivalent to any other department. Local SVR units are responsible to the SVR District Commander not to any SUVCW camp or department. The SVR is the ceremonial arm of the SUVCW and is to assist camps and departments to the extent possible with ceremonies and other activities. They must be requested to assist. Neither camps nor departments can order or otherwise compel SVR units to participate in their activities. Likewise, SVR units cannot compel camps or departments to participate in their activities. But let us not forget, we are all members of the same fraternal Order and should strive to cooperate with and support all components of the Order. See the organization chart which is published elsewhere in this issue of *The Banner*.

6. Requests for the G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship applications should be directed to this office. All applications received will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief. There is no requirement that an applicant be a member or relative of a member. Please keep in mind that we only award two scholarships and they are awarded on scholastic merit.

7. All appointed officers and committee chairmen are reminded that their next quarterly reports are due to the Chief-of-Staff by Feb. 15, 1998. All elected officers are reminded that their next quarterly report is due to this office by Feb. 15, 1998.

8. The resignation of David Wallace from the Per Capita Tax Committee was accepted effective Sept. 1, 1997.

9. James Frelein, DC (Maryland) is hereby appointed a National Aide and attached to the Legislative Affairs Committee effective Sept. 1, 1997.

10. Brother Nathan Harrison (Michigan) is hereby appointed a member of the Special Advisory committee to the Commander-in-Chief on Membership effective upon his 14th birthday (December 4, 1997).

11. The resignation of Glenn B. Knight, DC as Web Master is hereby accepted effective upon the transfer of materials to his successor.

12. Keith G. Harrison, PCinC is hereby appointed Web Master effective upon the transfer of materials to him.

13. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more new members: Elmer F. Atkinson, Thomas Prince, Eric Schmincke.

14. Brothers are reminded to support the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the National Headquarters Fund.

15. Department Commanders, Department Secretaries, Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries addresses where they exist of new officers to the National Secretary. Also, you need to submit your EIN number. We must verify these with the IRS annually. When applying for or amending an EIN you must inform the IRS that you are a subordinate unit of the National Organization SUVCW and provide the Group Exemption Number (GEN) 0429. This number references the IRS exemption ruling and is not valid for exemption from any state or local sales taxes etc.

16. Very few Departments have complied with General Order No. 3. Department Commanders are reminded that the requested information must be provided to the National Secretary.

17. While there are no provisions in the Constitution and Regulations for the inclusion of fringe on Camp, Department, or National SUVCW flags and the United States Flag code is silent on the issue, there also is no prohibition on the use of such fringe. The decoration of flags with fringe is generally reserved for those flags which will, for the most part, be displayed indoors. Therefore, after consulting with the National Counselor, it is the ruling of this office that the use of gold fringe on the edges of Camp, Department and National flags and the National Colors is a permissible option for flags which will be generally displayed indoors. Further, if gold fringe is applied to the Camp, Department of National SUVCW flag, it must be applied to the accompanying National Colors. The application of fringe to station banners is likewise optional.

18. Departments are assigned service areas in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations. Departments are not free to annex adjoining states or camps in adjoining states. A petition for change in the service area must be submit by all concerned parties to the Commander in Chief. The Commander in Chief will evaluate the proposal and make a determination as to the efficacy of such request and either approve or deny the change.

19. Based on information which has come to my attention, a number of camps and departments are not functioning in a manner consistent with the Constitution and Regulations. All Department and Camp Officers are reminded to acquire copies of the Constitution and Regulations, Job Descriptions and Ritual. The later two items are part of the C&R by reference. Camp and Departments are required to adhere to the provisions of these documents. Additionally, no change to a Department By-Laws is effective until reviewed by the National Counselor and approved by the Commander in Chief. Likewise, amendments to Camp By-laws must be approved by the Department Commander.

20. The next Council of Administration meeting will convene on March 7, 1998 at the Ramada Inn, Sharron, Penna. The time is subject to change. The meeting is open to any Brother who wishes to attend. Members of the Council are reminded to submit agenda items to the National Secretary by Feb. 22, 1998. Any submissions from any Department, Camp, or Brother for consideration by the Council of Administration must be received by the National Secretary no later than Feb. 22, 1998.

21. On behalf of the National Organization our condolences are extended to Brother William McMaster PDC, National Personal Aide, on the loss of his mother. Our sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters who have lost a loved one, are ill, or suffering in any manner.

22. It has come to the attention of this office that Departments and Camps are creating and issuing a variety of medals and badges for a wide range of purposes. After consultation with the National Counselor, it has been determined that any badge or medal not specifically authorized by the National Encampment is improper. The use of the SUVCW name, crest, coat-of-arms, or any other reference to the SUVCW, a Department or Camp in connection to any of these badges or medals is a violation of the policy adopted by the National Encampment regarding the use of the organizations name, symbols, emblems, etc. and a violation of copyright and patent laws. The only exceptions to this policy are Department Encampment and National Encampment badges or medals, the replica Sons of Veterans (Philadelphia faction) badge and the replica A.P. Davis Funeral badge previously authorized for reproduction by the G.A.R. Museum and Davis * Camp. Any camp department or individual awarding, issuing or otherwise distributing any medal or badge associated in any manner with any SUVCW activity, camp or Department is hereby order to cease such distribution, issuance or awarding. The wearing of such medals or badges under the pretense that they are SUVCW badges or medals is hereby prohibited. This prohibition includes the unauthorized miniature War Medal produced by an individual Brother without authorization from the National Encampment.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
Natl. Secty.

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"Unionist" Back Issues Available

To raise funds for various projects, including the restoration of the Nathaniel Lyon G.A.R. Post 5 monument in Denison, Texas, Lone Star Camp 1, Department of the Southwest is making available past copies of *The Lone Star Unionist* for a \$10 donation for one year, and \$17.50 for both years of publication (post paid). Also copies of the text from Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms "Battles of the Late Civil War" section for \$10 post paid. This consists of a one paragraph synopsis of almost all the battles and skirmishes of the Civil War written by those who were there. The copyright on the book is 1886. The First Lone Star Infantry (Union) SVR unit will also share in the donations. Glen Zook, 410 Lawndale Dr., Richardson, TX 75080.

Real Sons Sought by SUVCW

Jerry Orton, PDC
Chairman, Real Sons Committee

If you know of any man or woman, who is real son or daughter of a Civil War Veteran, north or south, please let me know. I have certificates for them. I need to know their name, address, father's name and unit or ship served during the war.

I am trying to get all the names that belong to the auxiliary and Sons. There are a few here in New York state that have been dropped before the ruling that the auxiliary would take the ladies in as Life Members, so I am trying to get them located and re-instated.

As many of you know, Daisy Anderson, widow of Robert Ball Anderson, 125th USCT is alive and living in Denver, Colo. Last year I raised about \$350 for her birthday in December, maybe I will try again this year. Remember the G.A.R. said we were to help the widows and orphans.

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Plaque Lists All Vets in Vandalized Cemetery

The Sons of Union Veterans of Gettysburg Camp 112, Department of Pennsylvania, dedicated a plaque honoring 9 Veterans from 3 wars on Nov. 9 at the Pine Bank Cemetery near Gettysburg. This isolated cemetery located near Big Round Top, had long been neglected. Vandalism had resulted in the destruction of most of the markers in the cemetery. In 1996, the Camp decided to place a permanent marker recognizing Veterans from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War, and began the process of researching the cemetery and raising funds to erect a marker. Working with the Veterans Affairs Administration, the members of the Camp identified 9 Veterans interred at Pine Bank. The funds were raised, resulting in the bronze plaque being cast in July.

In attendance at the dedication ceremony, were Pennsylvania Department Commander Glenn Knight; President of the Pennsylvania Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Bev Knight and representatives of the Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of the American Revolution. The Gettysburg Blues of the SVR provided a Color Guard and fired a 21 gun salute in honor of the veterans. Camp Commander Charlie Kuhn gave a few brief remarks, with floral tributes provided by the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Daughters of 1812, & DAR. A reception was held at the Jack Skelly Post 9 G.A.R. Hall following the ceremony.

Gettysburg Battlefield Takes Giant Leap

Director Robert Stanton of the National Park Service (NPS) announced that Kinsley Equities, of York, Penn., in association with National Geographic Television, Destination Cinema, Gettysburg Tours, Inc., Zeidler Roberts Partnership, Inc., and John L. Adams and Company, have been selected as the potential cooperator for the development of a new Visitor Center and Museum complex for Gettysburg National Military Park. The NPS will enter into negotiations with Kinsley Equities, with the intent of establishing a new non-profit corporation for the design, construction, and operation of the facilities.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to make this announcement," said Stanton. "I want to stress that this decision is only the next step in a long process during which we will continue to seek public involvement through the park's General Management Plan (GMP). Public meetings and public review periods will continue so that we can gather consensus before negotiations are completed and agreements are signed."

Issues related to the Visitor Center and Museum project will now be folded into the park's GMP, which is currently underway.

Our purpose in pursuing these negotiations is to form a cooperative arrangement which will provide protection for our priceless collection of Civil War artifacts and archives, conserve the Cyclorama Painting, restore a significant portion of the hallowed ground of the Gettysburg Battlefield, and provide our visitors with a first-class educational experience in the new museum. Our interest is in preserving and protecting these significant historic resources for the benefit of future generations, added Stanton. "We look forward to entering into negotiations as soon as possible."

The decision is based on a recommendation by a team of NPS specialists in park partnerships who reviewed six proposals. The chairman of that panel, Michael Adlerstein, Associate Regional Director, NPS Northeast Region, said the panel made "a thorough, independent evaluation of the proposals."

"We were extremely impressed with the time and effort that went into all the proposals, and the high quality firms and individuals involved. We found that the Kinsley proposal best fits the park's management goals," said Adlerstein.

The site proposed for development of the new facilities lies within a 45-acre tract of privately owned land within the park boundary, at the intersection of Hunt and Baltimore Avenues. The Kinsley proposal includes a new National Park Service visitor center, museum, Cyclorama gallery, an Eastern National bookstore, as well as an orientation theater, a large format cinema, a National Geographic store, a tour center, park offices and archives, and other visitor amenities—all housed in one building. The film to be shown in the large format theater will be produced by National Geographic.

The new facilities would be owned by a non-profit corporation until the development debt is retired, at which time title to the land and buildings will be donated to the National Park Service.

The concept of a public/private cooperative arrangement to build a new museum at Gettysburg NMP was first announced in April 1995. In the fall of 1995 the NPS initiated a public scoping process to carefully determine park needs. That process included questionnaires, public meetings, public review, and resulted in a draft development concept plan (DCP) for Collections Storage, Visitor & Museum Facilities, published in April 1996. The DCP was the subject of additional public meetings and was opened for public review. The Request for Proposals was issued in December 1996.

In all, the NPS conducted seven public meetings to discuss the plans and gather comment. Three separate public review periods were established, totaling more than four and a half months for public comment. Following this announcement, there will be additional opportunities for public comment and review.

To participate in the public review or for more information about the planned project, contact Gettysburg National Military Park, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, telephone (717) 334-1124, ext. 452. Park plans will be posted on the world-wide web at www.nps.gov/gett/.



Members of the Pine Bank Cemetery Committee of the SUVCW, l to r: Keith MacGregor, John Price, & Charlie Kuhn.

Photo by: Glenn Knight

Dept. of Iowa Earns Preservation Honors

Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS), a national project to preserve our nation's public sculpture, has awarded The Save Iowa's Civil War Monument Foundation of West Branch, Iowa, a first-place SOS! Achievement Award.

The Save Iowa's Civil War Monument Foundation was awarded the \$1000 first-place prize in the category Preservation and Scholarship for its efforts to preserve and raise awareness about the condition of the Iowa Civil War Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Des Moines. The success of this project was due to the untiring efforts of Bradley S. McGowan from West Branch, Iowa, who never gave up on what was once called "a failed restoration effort."

The first-ever SOS! Achievement Awards recognize 17 outstanding sculpture preservation and awareness projects across the nation and presented cash prizes to each winner and honorable mention to help them further advance their sculpture preservation and maintenance goals. SOS! received 34 applications in four categories:

- Preservation and Scholarship Achievement Prize to a state or local agency
- Preservation and Scholarship Achievement Prize to a nonprofit organization
- Public Awareness Achievement Prize to a state or local agency
- Public Awareness Achievement Prize to a nonprofit organization

The prizes recognize agencies and organizations that have best demonstrated excellence and innovation in preservation or public awareness, thereby advancing the goal of SOS! 2000 to preserve 10,000 outdoor public sculptures for the new century. The general evaluation criteria were:

- Impact of the project on the community;
- scholarship;
- quality of the project or efforts;
- degree to which the project is unusual or pioneering, or serves as an example that influences others; and
- application of the prize, cash and honor, to further the preservation and scholarship about outdoor sculpture.

SOS! awarded one first-place prize in each category and thirteen honorable mentions in all categories combined. Applications were reviewed by an outside panel of conservators, art historians, public art and preservation professionals and art edu-

cators. Panel members commented that choosing winners was a difficult task. SOS! was overwhelmed by the innovative awareness and preservation efforts of each applicant.

Sculpture preservation and public awareness achievements ranged from:

- the individual in West Branch, Iowa, whose efforts generated over \$200,000.00 to support treatment and maintenance of the Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument; to

- elementary and secondary schools which incorporated sculpture and preservation into their curriculum; to

- art institutions broadening their preservation responsibility to include local public artworks.

The SOS! project was created in 1989. In Phase I of the project, 6000 volunteers located and inventoried all publicly accessible outdoor sculpture in the United States. In Phase II, SOS! 2000, those volunteers and other citizens-students through seniors-are working to increase appreciation for their community's sculpture and preserve 10,000 public sculptures for the new century. For an up-to-date tally of preserved sculptures, see the SOS! Home Page at www.nic.org/sos/sos.html. For sculpture preservation and fundraising materials-booklets, planning guides and videotapes-call SOS! at (888) SOS-SCULP or (202) 625-1495.

SOS! is currently seeking applicants from your community for the SOS! Achievement Awards for scholarly research and professional condition assessments of public outdoor sculpture and the SOS! Workshop Awards for preservation-planning workshops in your area. Call SOS! at (888) 767-7285 or (202) 625-1495 for an application and more information.

It's an American tradition to decorate our towns and cities with outdoor sculpture, to raise monuments to remember those who came before us, to declare our values and our creative spirit. Time and progress, nature and vandals have taken their toll on America's outdoor sculpture. Poisons unknown a century ago-exhaust, acid precipitation-now erode our monuments. Save Iowa's Civil War Monument Foundation has worked diligently and successfully to preserve and foster awareness about these ills and how they affect the Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Des Moines, Iowa.

SOS! is jointly sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American Art and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property.

Dept. of Vermont to Aid Civil War Veterans Descendants

The Vermont Dept. approved a project to assist in building a database of Civil War Veterans burial sites on the internet. The VT SUVCW will be working with their national organization's Website and the Vermont in the Civil War Website to load the information about the Civil War Veterans.

Floyd Blodgett, Dept. Commander indicated many Vermonters know a family mem-

ber served in the Civil War, but over the past hundred and thirty years, have lost track of where that ancestor was buried. Department members took on the project to aid Vermonters in locating their ancestor and to help educate people about the history of Vermont during the Civil War.

For more information, contact Floyd Blodgett, R.D. 4, Box 3185, Montpelier.

In Support of Monument Preservation

Dear Brothers:

Several years ago, your representatives to the National Encampment voted to participate in a Nation wide effort by the Save Outdoor Sculptures Commission to identify all the Civil War Monuments with sculptures. The purpose was to determine the condition of each monument and any needed repairs. This past August, the delegates to the National Encampment voted to expand this project to cover all Civil War memorials and monuments not just those with sculptures.

The members of the National Civil War Memorials Committee have been hard at work since the Encampment. These Brothers are to be commended for their efforts. They have completed the design of the Civil War Memorial data form and begun work on a computer database to track the information.

Now it is time for the rest of us to do our part. This will not be an easy task nor will it be of short duration. With a goal of identifying ALL Civil War and GAR memorials and monuments, we have much work to do. Some of the information is readily available others will require us to be detectives to find the data.

The success of this project requires the participation of all Brothers. Each Department Commander has been sent a packet of materials including copies of the data form. It is expected that at least one copy of the form will be forwarded to each camp along with the quarterly report form. An explanation on how to complete the forms and where to send the form is included. Alternatively, the information can be entered directly into a database through the Orders website at <http://suvchw.org/monuments/>.

Each Member-at-Large will be provided with a copy of the information by the Membership-at-Large Coordinator and the Camps-at-Large will receive the information from the Asst. National Secretary for the Department-at-Large.

Single copies of the form are available from the Quartermaster free of charge when ordering other items. The form will be available in quantity for the cost of printing and shipping.

While the form is copyrighted, each department, camp and Brother is authorized to duplicate the forms in whatever quantity is necessary to complete the task.

We are dedicated to keeping alive the memory of the G.A.R. Memorials and monuments are vital to this mission. Therein lies the reason for this project. Only when we know what, where, condition, and responsible party can we begin to active pursue the proper maintenance and preservation of these testaments to the valor, gallantry and sacrifices of our forefathers.

I urge each of you to actively participate in this project. The longer we delay, the more these precious memorials and monuments deteriorate or worse are dismantled.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Patriotic Instructor Offers Suggestions for All

Glen E. Zook
National Patriotic Instructor

Each, and every, SUVCW member is strongly encouraged to participate in celebrating our national holidays and days of remembrance. This can range from the simple display of the "Stars and Stripes" at our homes, to organized activities with local, regional, and national groups. Of course, all the better if that national group just happens to be the SUVCW. Days like Abraham Lincoln's birthday (Feb. 12), George Washington's birthday (Feb. 22), Thomas Jefferson's birthday (April 13), Concord and Lexington Day (April 19), Loyalty Day (May 1), VE day (May 8), Armed Forces Day (May 17), Bunker Hill Day (June 17), VJ Day (Sept. 2), Columbus Day (Oct. 12), and the Bill of Rights Day (Dec. 15) are all just as important as the more familiar holidays. Of course, we must also celebrate Flag Day (June 14), Independence Day (July 4), and Veterans' Day (Nov. 11) as well as those 2 days of special meaning to SUVCW members, Memorial Day (May 30) and Remembrance Day (Nov. 19).

Local members and camps are encouraged to seek out civic and governmental groups with who's assistance these, and other holidays and events, can be celebrated. Favorable publicity from such events can only help our organization to grow as interest in our activities is generated through our civic actions.

Members, camps, and departments are encouraged to seek out and participate in living history demonstrations at schools, libraries, shopping centers, and the like. Much interest can be generated in the public-at-large through such activities. In addition, in many locales around the country there are concentrated efforts to make history "politically correct" and not as it actually happened. It is the duty of every SUVCW member to educate the masses as to how things really were during the Civil War, and this includes the opinions of our Union ancestors as well as how they lived, and died, in the camps and on the battlefields of war.

Each and every member is strongly urged to support activities and legislation to prohibit the desecration of our national flag and the graves and memories of any United States veteran of any war, let alone the Civil War. Every member is encouraged to seek out, identify, and, if needed, repair or reconstruct monuments relating to the Civil War or the Grand Army of the Republic. Every member is urged to help identify the graves of Civil War veterans, and to seek replacement of the headstones if necessary. Every member must do his utmost to preserve any and all historical items from that period for generations yet to come. The list is endless!

Finally, each and every SUVCW member should, through his own activities and actions, demonstrate a supreme level of patriotism as a model for not only the youth of America, but all Americans as well.

Internet index

Help for commanders, secretaries, historians, members of council and camp organizers are just some of the items available on the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Internet Web Site. The following list cites the available document and the Internet address for that document. Please send all additions, corrections, changes, modifications and suggestions to the Webmaster, Keith Harrison, PCinC at yjnw42a@prodigy.com or, Webmaster@suvchw.org.

All addresses are preceded by <http://suvchw.org/>

- Index to the Website—[id.htm](#)
- Search the Website—[search/search.html](#)
- Membership Information—[member.htm](#)
- Quartermaster Store—[qm.htm](#)
- Change of Address Form—[changeadd.htm](#)
- General Orders of the CinC—[go/go.htm](#)
- National Policies of SUVCW—[npolicy.htm](#)
- Linked Departments—[depts.htm](#)
- Constitution & Regulations—[cr&r.htm](#)
- National Officers Job Descriptions—[jobs.htm](#)
- Dept. and Camp Job Descriptions—[jobs2.htm](#)
- CW Monuments Form—[Monuments/](#)
- Forming a New Camp—[formcamp.htm](#)
- General Logan's Order—[logan.htm](#)
- History of G.A.R.—[gar.htm](#)
- The American's Creed—[creed.htm](#)
- U. S. Flag Code—[flag.htm](#)
- MOLLUS—[mollus.htm](#)
- CW Museum & Library—[garmus.htm](#)

The site currently averages 1,900 "hits" per day and is one of the most active and respected sites on the Internet. It was selected by Readers Digest among the top 10%, of the 1 million plus sites, to be indexed on their "Look Smart" on-line index.

Legislative Update

Below is a summary of pending Federal legislation which the Committee on Legislation has determined are of interest to this Order. The Committee has not taken a formal position on any of these Bills. They will be providing recommendations in their second quarter report.

H.R. 157—Request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Brevet BG Strong Vincent for his actions in defense of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. Currently in the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 1668 and 1669—These Bills would authorize the reburial of a Union (HR 1668) and a Confederate (HR 1669) veteran at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Currently in the Committee on Veteran's Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits. The Council of Administration previously took a stand in opposition to these Bills because they would lessen the importance of the current site of the Civil War Unknown which contains the remains of both Union and Confederate unknown and is the site of the G.A.R. Memorial Day Services at Arlington.

H.C.R. 147—Resolution seeking the issuance of a commemorative stamp to honor Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. Currently in the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

H.R. 2453—A Bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to issue commemorative coins in honor of the African-American Civil War Veterans. Proceeds from the coins would go to the African-American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation for the construction and maintenance of an African-American Civil War Memorial and the Gamet-Patterson Family Heritage Center (Visitor's Center).

H.R. 1085—Revises and codifies and enacts without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies and organizations as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies and Organizations." This bill specifically mentions the SUVCW. Last action—on the House Calendar on Oct. 21, 1997 (Calendar item #110).

H. R. 2346—Amend Title 18 to prohibit the desecration of Veterans Memorials. Currently in the Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Crime.

H.R. 546—Bill to rename General Grant National Memorial to Grant's Tomb National Monument In Committee on Resources Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. An Executive comment has been requested from the Park Service.

H.R. 1602—A Bill to restore the grave marker allowance for veterans for non-government headstones. In the Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits.

H.R. 2072—A Bill to restore the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. Assigned to Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Judiciary Committee. We have on numerous occasions taken a position of unequivocal support.

SB 116—A Bill to restore the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. Assigned to Committee on the Judiciary. We have on numerous occasions taken a position of unequivocal support.

SB 155—Companion bill to H.R. 546

S. Amendment to H.R. 2107—The sense of the Senate that the Federal government should make all efforts to preserve Civil War Battlefields and appropriate the necessary funds. Passed the Senate on Sept. 17, 1997.



The O. I. Spaulding monument in Mt. Rest Cemetery in St Johns, Mich. Was recently restored through the efforts of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp 58 of DeWitt and cemetery personnel. Pictured from left are SUVCW Camp Commander Kent Armstrong, SUVCW members Paul Root and Eric Martens, and cemetery employee Jonathan Gee and Cemetery Superintendent David Miller.

1998 Lincoln Birthday Activities in Washington, DC

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998 at 10 a.m., The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will sponsor a luncheon and tour of Lincoln Art in the Capitol. Dr. Donald R Kennon, Historian for the U. S. Capitol Historical Society will do a slide presentation followed by a walking tour of the Capitol where art work to the memory of Lincoln is on display. At Noon, the group will lunch in room S-115, one of the ornate Senate dining rooms. Menu is Chicken Breast Picatia for \$20. Those interested in these events should call or write Jerry Zillion, Treasurer of the Washington, DC Commandery of MOLLUS at 3318 Nicholas Ct, Ijamsville, MD 21754 before Feb 6.

The MOLLUS and the DOLLUS will meet that same day at 1:30 in S-115 and S-120 for their annual meetings. Members and guests are welcome. At 7PM, MOLLUS sponsors the annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner at Ft McNair, 4th and P Streets, SW, Washington, DC. This annual black tie/white tie dinner begins with an open bar reception from 7 to 8 PM. The patriotic opening is at 8:15 followed by dinner in the Crystal Ballroom. Interested persons should also contact Treasurer Zillion by Feb 6 or call him at (301) 831-6447. Dinner is still only \$45 per person.

On Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, Feb. 12, the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee hosts the wreathlaying event at the Lincoln Memorial. Prelude music will be by the US Army Band with the Army Chorus presenting a rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic followed by a choral/narrative presentation of the Gettysburg Address. Wreaths are placed in the name of the President of the United States, the Interior Department, the Military District of Washington, MOLLUS, SUVCW and a host of other patriotic and hereditary societies. The public is invited to attend but are cautioned that there is little parking and warm clothing is a must.

Lincoln Birthday celebration is capped with the annual luncheon sponsored by the LBNCC at the Pier 7 Restaurant, 650 Water St, SW, Washington, DC.

Please make arrangements for the luncheon with Peter A. Dixon at 111 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314 or call (703) 549-7428 by Feb 6. Luncheon is \$16 with 3 hours of free garage parking at the restaurant.

Lincoln Death to be Commemorated

Members of our Order are invited to participate in a memorial service to mark the 133rd anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death to be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. Our headquarters will be the Lincoln Plaza 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. Steven K. Rogstad, secretary and editor of the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin, will speak at the luncheon.

If your department, camp or auxiliary wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath, and (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations.

To make reservations and assure a proper listing of your organization and name of your wreathbearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details before March 21 to:

Robert M. Graham,
Co-chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
Committee
1320 N. Osborne Ave.
Springfield IL 62702

Wreaths can be ordered from Springfield florists or your florist can have it delivered in care of The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. on April 15.

Oct. 25, 1997

C-in-C Response at Testimonial

By Richard D. Orr, Commander in Chief

I am asked why I joined the SUVCW, why I continue to be an active member. I suppose the curt answer would be "I was born into it". While not entirely true, in a certain context it is true. From a very early age my parents instilled a sense of duty to country and respect for and interest in who my ancestors were and what they did. I was made aware of the service of several ancestors during the Civil War and on occasion the stories of their exploits during and after the war of the rebellion were recounted.

What I did not know about was the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was purely by accident that I purchased a copy of Civil War Times Illustrated with a SUVCW advertisement in it. Shortly after responding to that advertisement my father and I joined Davis * Camp in Pittsburgh.

In retrospect the original reason I joined was very shallow. I had the hereditary eligibility and the documentation to demonstrate it. I knew nothing about the SUVCW beyond that.

But shortly, I discovered other reasons for staying and being an active member. I learned that the SUVCW is not the usual hereditary organization with the primary purpose of self perpetuation. The SUVCW is unique among all hereditary organizations. It is the only such entity dedicated to rendering service to and perpetuating the memory of another fraternal order—the Grand Army of the Republic. It has as its chief purpose preserving the knowledge of the sacrifices of the individual soldiers, sailors and Marines who fought to preserve the Union.

We are not about studying battle tactics. We are not about re-enacting. We are about preserving records of individuals and G.A.R. posts, documenting the heroics of individuals; maintaining, restoring and preserving grave sites, monuments and memorials; teaching the true history of the Civil War and inculcating patriotism. We study regiments, divisions and corps to understand what the individual combatant faced. We do all in our power to preserve the fields of valor upon which

the blood of our ancestors was spilled to keep the great experiment of democracy intact. While we abhor the atrocities of Andersonville and Libby prison, we acknowledge the inhumanity of Elmira, Johnston Island and Camp Delaware for to do otherwise would be less than truthful.

Over the past 17 years millions of other reasons for being a member of the SUVCW have come to be and they are by far the most important reasons. Each of them unique. These reasons are exemplified by Fred Morganthaller of Montana, Dan Kaup of Illinois, Pat Wallace of Michigan, and Nathan Harrison of Michigan. All members of the national staff who are less than 20 years of age. These reason can be found in Emily, Karen, Nathan, Jonathan, John, Mary, and Joseph and literally millions of their peers.

The heritage of the Civil War is an integral part of the fiber of this nation. Some historians argue it is the pivotal military conflict in the history of this country.

The heritage of the Civil War and those who waged that war is our individual heritages by birth. By birth it is our obligation to our ancestors to "keep green the memory" of the boys in blue and to teach the truthful history—good, bad and ugly—of their exploits. By choice it is a responsibility freely assumed when we pledged ourselves to the basic principles of the order as part of the membership oath. But we are only stewards of this heritage for a short period of time.

As descendants of Union veterans, as the legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic, as the lone voice empowered by the Grand Army of the Republic to speak on their behalf, our most important duty, paramount responsibility, supreme obligation is to preserve the memory of the sacrifices, devotion, heroics and the hardships endured by Billy Yank so that the truthful history free of revisionist history and political correctness may be passed on to future generations. For if we fail to do so, we deny, we cheat those generations of their rightful heritage.

From the Adjutant General

by Lt. Col. Kenneth D. Hershberger, SVR
The Adjutant General

The SVR Breakfast at Remembrance Day was a success, with 46 members and guests attending. BG David V. Medert presented the following awards at the breakfast:

Meritorious Service Medal to Col. Elmer F. Atkinson, "For exceptionally meritorious service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as Chairman, Remembrance Day Committee."

Exceptional Service Medals to BG Richard C. Schlenker, Lt. Col. Richard Greenwalt and 1Lt Forest Altland, "For exceptionally meritorious service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving with the National Military Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for over 25 years."

Certificates of Appreciation to Dorris Schlenker, Bea Greenwalt and Orma Altland, which read that each "...has earned grateful appreciation for her unselfish, faithful and devoted service during her husband's SVR career. Her unflinching support and understanding helped to make possible her husband's lasting contribution to the Sons of Veterans Reserve."

Letters of Appreciation to members of the Military Ball Committee Margaret Atkinson, Katherine Bateman, Janice Corfman, Dawn Hayner and Dorris Schlenker, "for [their] continued contributions to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Grand Military Ball held annually at Gettysburg."

Following the breakfast, the SVR formed in the ballroom and conducted a military ceremony transferring Command of two Military Districts. Maj. Robert Grim took over command of the 3rd Military District from retiring Lt. Col. Richard Greenwalt. Maj. James Grismer took command of the 2nd Military District from SVR Deputy Commander Col. Robert Bateman. The changes of command were formalized by the passing of the SVR National Flag between outgoing and incoming commanders. Two of the three retiring SVR members, BG Richard Schlenker and Lt. Col. Richard Greenwalt inspected the troops with BG David Medert.

BG Medert read and presented a certificate "The Guard" to each of the retirees. The ceremony ended with BG Schlenker and Lt. Col. Greenwalt passing through an honor guard made up of the members of the SVR.

Recent Commissions:

- Maj. James A. Grismer, Commander, 2nd MD
- Capt. Joseph A. Pucciarelli, District Adjutant, 2nd MD
- 1st Lt. Claude Whytack, Co. I, 9th NYM (83rd NYV), 2nd MD
- 2nd Lt. John A. Price II, Commander, The Gettysburg Blues, 2nd MD
- Maj. Robert E. Grim, Commander, 3rd MD
- Capt. Howard T. Frost, District Adjutant, 3rd MD
- Capt. Gregory D. Cox, District Inspector General, 3rd MD
- 1st Lt. Robert E. Morris, Commander, Co. C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf., 3rd MD
- 2nd Lt. Harrison S. Baker II, Public Information Officer, 3rd MD
- 2nd Lt. Ralph Sulser, District Chaplain, 3rd MD
- Capt. Stephen A. Michaels, Chief of Staff & Public Information Officer, 4th MD
- 1st Lt. Edward McDonald, District Adjutant, 4th MD
- 1st Lt. Ronald M. Aronis, Commander, Cushing's Battery, 4th MD
- 2nd Lt. Gary K. Gilbert, Commander, Co. C., 34th Illinois Vol. Inf., 4th MD

A copy of the new Standard Operating Procedure should be distributed to each SVR unit by Jan. 1. This represents a complete rewriting of the SOP and was approved by the National Encampment in Utica, NY, last August.

REMINDER: Semi-Annual Strength Reports are due with Annual Unit Applications to Brigade Headquarters by Feb. 1, 1998. This is also the time to pay annual dues, which are \$2 for enlisted men, \$3 for officers. By the time you read this, your District Commanders should have received and distributed the required forms for reporting purposes. We will send a supply of membership cards to the District Commanders for the coming year.

Third Military District Lists Staff

The Third Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) announces that on Sept. 1, 1997 the following appointments were made to the staff. Major Robert E. Grim is the Commanding Officer, Captain Howard T. Frost is the Adjutant, 2 Lt. Scott Baker is the Public Information Officer and 2 Lt. Ralph Sulser is the District Chaplain. The changes were brought about by the retirement of Lt. Colonel Richard L. Greenwalt, previous District Commander. Lt. Col. Greenwalt was honored at a retirement ceremony at the Annual SVR program held during Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, on Nov. 15, 1997.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER 1997-11

1. Effective 1 June 1997, Sgt. RONALD M. ARONIS is promoted to 1ST LIEUTENANT, having been elected COMMANDER of Cushing's Battery, 4th Military District.
2. This appointment is for a period of three years to expire on 31 May 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-12

- Effective 1 September 1997, Lt. Col. RICHARD GREENWALT is relieved of duty as COMMANDER, 3rd Military District, SVR, and is retired. His many years of service have been gratifying and rewarding.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-13

1. Effective 1 September 1997, Captain ROBERT E. GRIM is commissioned to the rank of MAJOR and assigned as COMMANDER, 3rd Military District, SVR.
2. This commission and assignment are for a period of 3 years to expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-14

- Effective 15 November 1997, Colonel ROBERT J. BATEMAN is relieved of duty as Commander, 2nd Military District, SVR, having been previously appointed DEPUTY COMMANDER of the SVR.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-15

1. Effective 15 November 1997, Captain JAMES A. GRISMER is commissioned to the rank of MAJOR and assigned as COMMANDER, 2nd Military District, SVR.
2. This commission and assignment are for a period of 3 years to expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-16

1. Effective 15 November 1997, the 7th Military District, SVR, is temporarily deactivated.
2. Effective 15 November 1997, Company B, 9th Kentucky Voluntary Infantry, is transferred from the 7th Military District to the 3rd Military District.
3. Both above actions are taken with the approval of the National Military Affairs Committee, meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on 14 November 1997.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

From the Commanding Officer

BG D.V. Medert
Commanding Officer



1. I hope all who attended the 41st annual Remembrance Day ceremony was as pleased with the event as I was. There were over 5,000 reenactors from the Union and Confederacy that marched in the parade and attended various ceremonies throughout the Gettysburg National Military Park. The time is now to begin making plans to attend next year.
2. While in Gettysburg, we held a General Staff meeting to discuss the SVR and ways we can improve it, recruiting, and communication. Those present were the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Military District Commanders, as well as the General Staff. This was the first time in many years we were all able to gather and formulate ideas on the direction we need to take. As a result of the meeting, we were able to make recommendations to the NMAC the same evening with the following items being approved:
 - a. The National Military Affairs Committee has authorized a Sons of Veterans Reserve Medal to be worn by all SVR members on their uniform.
 - b. The NMAC has also approved the awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal as either Silver or Gold Stars or Oak Clusters to be worn on the SVR medal when awarded by the Commanding Officer, SVR.
 - c. A Sons of Veterans Reserve Unit Citation ribbon was also approved by the NMAC. This ribbon will be awarded annually to all members of an SVR unit that actively promotes the SUVCW and the SVR.
3. Since these are changes to the SVR SOP, the National Encampment must vote on these issues in August 1998. If approved, we hope to have the SVR medal ready for purchase by next fall. More information regarding these awards and medals will be sent to the District Commanders for dissemination to their respective units.
4. It was brought to my attention that many SVR units as well as SUVCW Department Commanders feel the SVR in their area are under the control of the SUVCW Departments. This is not true. All SVR units are under the administrative and operational control of the Military District Commander to which they are assigned. The SVR is encouraged to work closely with the SUVCW Departments in planning ceremonies and events that require a uniform unit, however, control of the unit remains with the District Commander.
5. I would like to encourage all members to recruit at least one member in the next year. Our membership has risen from 604 in August to 622 in November. Not bad for three months.
6. In closing I want to thank BG Richard Schlenker, LTC Richard Greenwalt, and LT Forrest Altland for their many years of service to the SVR. We held a Change of Command and retirement ceremony for these men while in Gettysburg. They gave many good years of service to our Order and I wish them all the best.

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Philip H. Sheridan Camp, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the memory of one local Civil War veteran and area resident, Ransom Ostrander, may have faded away forever. His grave site in the Warrenville Cemetery had gone unmarked and unnoticed for years. The Philip H. Sheridan Camp rectified this with the dedication of Pvt. Ostrander's new headstone on a cold and wet dreary Saturday in October. Many local dignitaries and citizens were in attendance.

Jay Schollmeyer of Naperville, Ill. who chairs the group's cemetery projects noted: "This is the fifth replacement headstone we have placed in the Warrenville Cemetery during the past 12 months." Dennis Kelly of Wheaton, Ill., the group's Commander, stated: "Of the many Civil War heritage and restoration projects we do, those ensuring that the veterans who suffered and sacrificed to maintain our Union are remembered as we must." Schollmeyer added: "As we continue our work here, we are also initiating similar projects at other cemeteries in DuPage, Kane, and DeKalb Counties and in the Chicagoland area.

Ransom Hiram Ostrander was born on March 23, 1846 in Columbia County, Wis. At the time of his enlistment in 1864 he was only 18 and employed as a farmer in Whitewater, Wis. Ransom traveled to Janesville, Wisc. on Aug. 30 of that year and enlisted in Company H of the 13th Wisconsin Infantry.

When he joined his unit later that summer, he joined a group of seasoned veterans who had served ably in the western the-

ater since Oct. 1861. During his period with the Regiment, they were engaged primarily as railroad and depot guards in Alabama and Tennessee. Their major significant combat came when they helped repulse the Confederates at Decatur, Ala. during the latter's disastrous invasion of Tennessee late in 1864.

Ransom, along with the other one-year volunteers in the 13th, were mustered out of service on June 13, 1865 at Nashville, Tenn. The remainder of the regiment would see additional service on occupation duty in Louisiana and Texas until 1866.

Immediately after the war, Ransom returned to Whitewater where he married Mary Jane Bartholomew. In the early 1890's he relocated to the Western Chicago area, taking up residence in Batavia and Aurora. He subsequently moved to Iowa in 1897 and then back to Illinois, residing in West Chicago and later Winfield shortly after the turn of the century.

Ransom died from a heart attack on Jan. 5, 1926 in Chicago. At that time Mamie arranged to have his body moved to the Warrenville Cemetery for burial.

Massachusetts

The Department of Massachusetts has been in a roll with the infusion of new ideas and activities put forth by Commander Frank J. Tucker, serving his fourth term as department commander. Since taking office the department held special ceremonies blessing the new department flags, have moved executive board meetings to the Yankee Atomic Electric Company Office in Westborough, through the generous cooperation of SVC Fred Cauldwell (a direct descendant of General Sherman), have reinstated the annual Department Officers reception, to renew acquaintances with the New England counterparts, have started a Camp Officers training

school to teach newly elected officers, secretaries and treasurers how to properly carry out the duties of their office. Have begun proceedings to form two new Camps, and on Veterans Day, Commander Frank Tucker was chosen by the Mayor of Salem, Mass. and the Salem Allied Veterans Council to give the principle address at the local high school. Tucker also transferred his son Charles to New Hampshire to assist the department in efforts to bolster membership. As a result, Charles reorganized Camp 5 of Laconia, N.H., and was subsequently elected as Department Commander of New Hampshire. New England has the boast of having a father and son in the office of Commander in two New England States. In the further interests of the SUVCW, Charles Tucker has been elected Commander of the New England Regional Association, and his father Frank is the Regional secretary. For several years, The Massachusetts Department of the SUVCW have been honored to appear before thousands at the Bourne National Cemetery on Cape Cod to read General Logan's 11th General Order at the behest of other major veterans organizations. Commander Frank Tucker has usually given the recitation with the exception of one year when the order was read by Commander Greg Minola of Rhode Island. Massachusetts can also boast its first official Newspaper, *The Clarion Call*, a four-page publication, edited by JVC Bill Ryerson, a former photo journalist of the *Boston Globe*.

The Newspaper will be issued four times annually, and is already very popular amongst the membership.

Auxiliary 128 of the **Summer H. Needham Camp 21** of Lawrence, Mass. recently decided to take advantage of the S.O.S.! Program offered by the Smithsonian Institute, and recommended by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The experience has been most positive. The people at the Smithsonian have been extremely helpful, sending printed material to assist with the application process, providing lists and contacts with organizations for the hiring of a conservator, and following up with personal phone calls.

We are now in the middle of the process having mailed in our application, selected a conservator, and set up a tentative date for him to come to Lawrence to assess our Soldier's and Sailor's Monument which is in sad disrepair.

I am sure that as soon as we have a professional assessment in hand, the S.O.S.! people will direct us to organizations and trusts which will help with the financial aspects of the actual, repair and restoration.

Auxiliary 128 would like to commend the SUVCW for endorsing this program as well as assure those considering applying for an assessment grant, of the great assistance of the S.O.S.! professionals.

Maine

On Sunday, Sept. 21, 1997 at 1:30 PM, the first quarterly meeting of the Dept. of Maine Officers (open to all members) was convened at the American Legion Post 91 meeting hall in Yarmouth, Maine, with Commander Dennis Gray presiding. Attending were:

Sr. VC Roger Beverage, Jr. VC Paul Dionne, Sec./Treas. "Ken" Butterfield, Chaplain Robert Linnell, Web. John Clarke, Delegate to National Encampment Charles McGillicuddy

It had been proposed and accepted at the last Department Encampment in Waterville that we should initiate the practice of quarterly State Dept. officers meetings in order to create a more active, involved, and effective Department.

Among items discussed were: A dues—increase of about \$.50 was suggested. In accordance with Constitution & Bylaws, this issue will be delegated to the Counsel to determine an appropriate amount, if any, to increase dues, and bring it to the membership at the next Annual Encampment.

Possible participation in the Bangor Historical Society's "G.A.R. Days" observance & celebration to be held at Bass Park on Sat. Oct. 4. JVC Dionne is planning to exhibit his collection of G.A.R. and SUVCW artifacts and memorabilia there, and we are considering a Color Guard or similar presence there from various Camps. An Event at the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore Maine was discussed. Some thought was given to conducting a G.A.R. meeting in one of the victorian period halls, but the plan was abandoned when it became apparent that management at the center was hostile to "exclusive", "secretive", or other non-PC organizations.

Considerable discussion revolved about "Project Development". We recognize the need for specific, organized, and relevant projects to further the objects of the Order, serve and interact positively with our communities, and provide members with a sense of mission and pride of accomplishment. Not to mention providing public exposure and attracting new "Recruits"! Some areas we might look into include building a computer data-base from Adjutant General and other existing military reports; form Graves Registration Teams to converge on cemeteries, form a "picket line", and go through mapping & locating graves of CW Vets, paying particular attention to those graves in need of repair, marking, or maintenance. Another is to provide and advertise a "CW Ancestor Genealogy Team" to help descendants learn more about their Union Veteran Ancestor. An SUVCW brochure and application form just might turn up in the report we provide to the descendant, and donations, of course, would always be appreciated! There is already a form for soliciting information from members about special skills etc. they would be willing to exercise for the good of the Order;

we intend to follow up on a similar "personnel resource inventory" to see what we may have to work with.

Bro. McGillicuddy (our only Delegate from Maine who actually made it to Utica) reported on his experiences out there, and was impressed by the resurgence of vitality and strength apparent in the SUVCW.

Also discussed were uniforms and function of the "Veteran's Reserve", and what (if any) presence that might have in Maine. We also are considering the possibility of having the Year 2000 National Encampment here in Maine, and procedures we have to go through in order to be so honored and host such an event.

While looking into his family history and genealogy, Benjamin Smith, a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War **T.W. Hyde Camp 46**, Department of Maine, found the name Everett Llewelyn Smith, his Great Grand Uncle.

Everett had been a charter member, along with his brother Alden, of the T.W. Hyde Camp in 1896. Looking further into Everett's life, Benjamin discovered that he was a member of the Hyde Light Guard in Company C. Benjamin also found that Everett had been buried in an unmarked grave along side of his siblings. Being only thirty years old when he died of consumption, his family probably didn't have the money for a marker. Benjamin thought he deserved recognition, so he went out and purchased one.

One hundred years after his death, a marker was laid over Everett's grave. A dedication service was held on Oct. 18, 1997 at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Bath, Maine by the T.W. Hyde Camp 46 and Auxiliary 11. The service was attended by family and friends.

Everett and Alden's father, Llewelyn Smith, was a member of the 9th Maine volunteers of Company I. He died several years after the war of heart and lung complications due to being a prisoner of war. Donald, Benjamin's brother, is also a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War T.W. Hyde Camp 46.

[Editor's Note: The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for providing grave markers for all Civil War Veterans-Union and confederate. Contact your nearest VA office and ask for their assistance. You can cite the law which gives them the responsibility as Title 38 US Code, Section 2806 (a) (3).]

Missouri

Bryan Leicht was installed as a Junior Member into the **Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68** on Nov. 5. Bryan is the Son of Steven Leicht, National Chief of Staff and Missouri Department Commander. Bryan turned 8 on Oct. 26. He had been anxious to join the organization with his father for the past year Bryan's Great, Great, Great, Great Uncle John B. Bush served as 1st Lieutenant Co. L of the 54th Regiment of Militia.

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Three generations of one family make up the majority of the Color Guard of Pfeiffer Camp 60, New Oxford, Penna.. They chose to design a camp uniform of modern design with a Civil War touch. Shown, from left, are Craig, Brian, and Don Bütinger. Don, camp commander, is the elder member of the trio, followed by his son Craig and grandson Brian.

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September 26 the Sterling Price Camp 145, Sons of Confederate Veterans held their annual Birthday Dinner. SUVCW members attending were Missouri Department Commander Steven Leicht, Dept. Sec/Treas Bob Petrovic, Grant Camp Commander Bob Amsler, Past C-in-C Alan Loomis, and Dept. Commander Dean Speaks standing in for C-in-C Richard Orr.

Sons of Confederate Veterans C-in-C Peter Orlebeck was present at the dinner and gave a speech how the history of the civil war had been suppressed in the past and the struggles the SCV are having preserving their heritage.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander in Chief Peter W. Orlebeck presented the original Sons of Union Veterans Missouri Department Charter to Missouri Department Commander Steven Leicht.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Missouri Division Commander Oliver Sappington came across the charter in an antique shop in Illinois several years ago. We are very fortunate that Commander Sappington was very gracious to return this charter to the Department of Missouri.

Commander Sappington had commented during the presentation that this charter should not belong to an individual but to the organization it represents. Commander Sappington had decided to contact Commander Leicht and return the Charter to the Department of Missouri in the spirit of friendship between the two organizations. Since the Joint Memorial Day Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery the two organizations have been working together on a number of projects throughout the state. Commander Sappington wanted to show his appreciation to the members of the SUVCW by returning their charter.

New Hampshire

A 96-year-old Keene Civil War patriotic order was recently reactivated. The S. G. Griffin Camp 10, Department of New Hampshire, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was reinstated at ceremonies presided over by Richard Woodbury, Department of New Hampshire Commander, at the Historical Society of Cheshire County.

Following the induction of nine new members, David Proper was elected commander of the camp. Other officers chosen included: Hal Brown, senior vice commander; Robert Corrette, junior vice commander; and Alan Rumrill, secretary and treasurer. Also attending the meeting were members of the S. G. Griffin Auxiliary.

The Keene organization is named in honor of Brevet Major General Simon Griffin, born in Nelson, commander of the Sixth NH Volunteers, recruited in Cheshire County and mustered in at Keene in Nov. 1861, at what later became Wheelock

Park. Following the war, General Griffin made his home in Keene and was author of its history, published in 1904.

Members of the John W. Spaulding Camp and Auxiliary 38 of Milford, N.H. assembled in October at the Harborside Crestwood where Mary Spaulding made her official visit as Department President.

National President, Jacqueline Johnston and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wheeler reported on their travels in conjunction with the duties of her office. Along with 60 other delegates, she attended the Central Regional Conference in Milwaukee, Wisc.. A Civil War program on Abraham Lincoln was presented at that time.

They also attended a reception honoring Richard Orr of Pittsburgh, Commander-in-Chief in Cranberry, Penna.

Mrs. Johnstons more recent travels took her to Houston, Texas to dedicate a monument to Pvt. Roby of New Hampshire, and to Gettysburg, Penna for the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

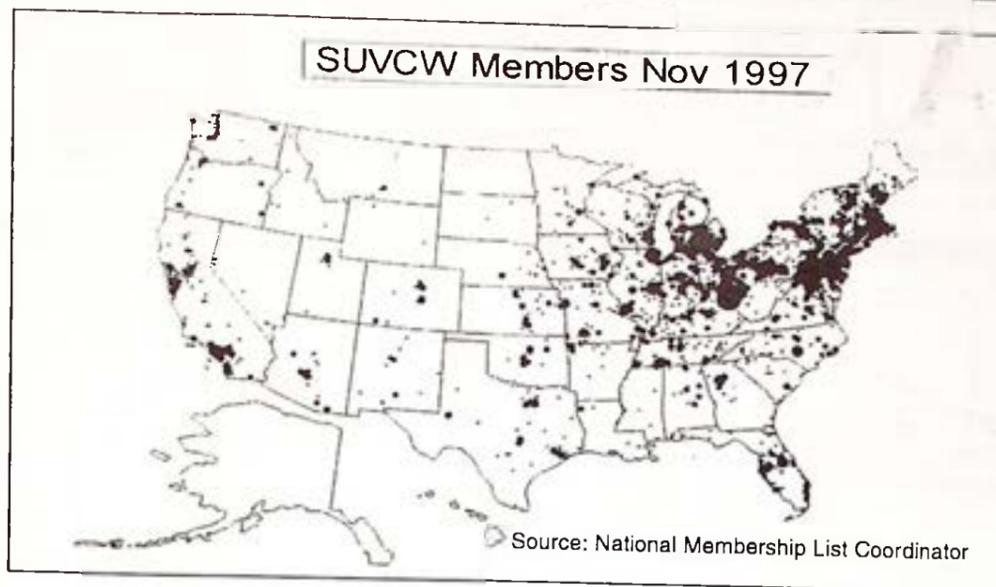
New Jersey

At the 114th Annual Encampment of the Department of New Jersey, held in Hightstown, the following officers were elected and installed. Commander Michael R. Horgan from Kendall Park, Senior Vice Commander Barry P. Clark from Hightstown, Junior Vice Commander Clark D. McCullough from Middletown, Secretary David K. Hann PDC from Hammonton, and Treasurer Dr. David G. Martin PDC from Hightstown. At the Encampment Banquet the Department honored Mrs. Carol Moore who has led a fight to have a Civil War statue that now sits in front of American Legion Post 115, returned to its rightful spot in Beverly National Cemetery. The monument was taken down years ago due to problems with a column support and was acquired by the local American Legion Post. Numerous groups have asked for the statue's return but the Legion will not budge. This monument guarded the graves of the Union soldiers buried at Beverly. For the past 4 years Mrs. Moore has mounted an effort to get this statue returned again guarding our "boys in blue." For more information please contact Carol Moore at 1029 Cooper Street, Edgewater Park, NJ 08010

One project that the Department has been actively working on is the cleanup of the 13th New Jersey's position on the Gettysburg Battlefield. The position was adopted two years ago under the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park's program "adopt a position." In the two years since undertaking this project a major amount of underbrush and growth has been removed from this area on Culp's Hill.

At the recent "Battle of Shiloh" reenactment held at the Monmouth Battlefield, the New Jersey Department had a recruiting station. With the great response received with this recruiting station it is intended that this will be present at future New Jersey events. Monmouth was the site of a Revolutionary battle and part of the battlefield later served as a training camp during the Civil War.

The Department was saddened by the recent death of Past Department Commander Bill



Mulholland. Brother Bill had been a long time member of our order and had served as Department Commander from 1990 to 1991, and had served as Department Treasurer. He will be missed by our Department.

The Brothers of Francine Camp 70, Department of New Jersey recently participated in a rededication ceremony at the grave of Brevet Brigadier General Herman Biggs buried in Greenmont Cemetery in Hammonton. General Biggs was a West Point graduate Class of 1856, and had served in the Quartermaster Corps. General Biggs moved to Hammonton in the 1870's and was a member of D.A. Russell Post 68 in Hammonton. Part of the day's activities included a relic display including many G.A.R. and SUVCW artifacts and replacing the General's GAR grave marker that had been damaged many years ago.

The Camp continues to participate in a number of activities to promote our order including the recent "Country Living Fair" at Batsto. This event draws over 10,000 people and the Camp was on hand with Brothers and Civil War re-enactors explaining the uniforms and weapons of the period.

Congratulations go out to Brother Paul Lader who had an article published in Gettysburg Magazine Volume 17 on the "7th New Jersey in the Gettysburg Campaign." The very informative article details the Regiment's action upon the Gettysburg battlefield including great depth in the mortal wounding of the 7th's Colonel and our Camp's namesake Colonel Louis R. Francine.

Pennsylvania

Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149, Media / West Chester, Penna. has just completed one of the most successful years on record, which culminated with their 3rd Annual December Dinner Party. The featured guest was noted Chester County historian, Paul Rodebaugh. Bradbury Camp was very active this year. They participated in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies and parades, participated in living history presentations with the 97th PA Infantry Reenactors out of Chester County, Participated in the Adopt A Position Program at Gettysburg National Military Park—109th PA Infantry, acquired a marching banner and Brother Richard Brooks donated an 1861 replica National Flag and staff, added four new members, sent representatives to the Department Encampment and

rewrote our by-laws. Sadly a Brother will be missed, Rest In Peace, Stephen Parsons Sr.

In November we reelected our officers to a second term. Our officers are, Camp Commander Andrew P. Lefko, Senior Vice Camp Commander—David Ward, Junior Vice Camp Commander Stephen Parsons, and Patriotic Instructor—Richard Brooks.

With the end of the April to October "Living History" season the John T. Crawford Camp 43, Department of Pennsylvania reports a banner year.

Camp sponsored events that have been well attended and received were: the parades at Freeport, Saxonburg, Cherry Tree, and Indiana, Penna and the "Living History" events at Freeport, Indiana, Kittanning, Nacona Heights, Apollo and Sarver.

Our dedication ceremonies at Slate Lick and Henderson Cemeteries, the War Veterans Memorial Wall in Kittanning and the placement of new tomb stones on three Civil War Veteran graves are a tribute to our dedication to remembering those veterans from that by-gone era.

The combined meeting with the Armstrong County Historical society, speeches by Mr. Jack Blair of Camp 43 on the PA 103rd, Dr. Rick Sauers on his book "Advance the Colors," Ronn Palm on photos of the Civil War, Mr. Richard Gillespie on Company F of the PA 78th, and Mr. Steve Paulovitch "Artist and Historian" all entertained and enlightened.

To promote interest in the Camp and the Civil War, a number of talks were given at area grade schools by Jack Blair and Dick Dougan. There were also activities outside the Camp including service offers to Gettysburg NPS, Stones River NPS, Ronn Palm's new museum at Gettysburg and attendance at the public relations event to

bring attention to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

Our auxiliary did notable duty in affecting a number of "fashion" shows, providing refreshments at meetings and "Living Histories," and aiding the Camp officers on procedures and money raising activities.

Our young members continue to grow and bring pride to our Camp: Aaron Hooks, Adam Hooks, Matt Hooks, Jason Krecota, Chris Krecota, Elizabeth Gancas, Michelle Jablonowski and April McFec.

Many of our members attended functions at Cedar Creek, Antietam, Gettysburg and Burton, OH. A great time was had by all who attended the "Youngwood Train Ride and Attack."

At our October meeting we elected our 1998 Officers and appointed committee chairmen.

Officers are:
Commander: Ron Gancas
Sec/Treas: Jack Blair
Sr. Vice Comm: Dick Dougan
Jr. Vice Comm: Al Stasiak
Recording Sec: Jon Yohe
Camp Council
Pat Collar
Dave Jablonowski
John Krecota

Officers were elected early in order to take advantage of the timing needed for our Re-enactors Insurance. However, officers will not be installed until January 1998.

For 1998, we are planning a four day trip to Stones River, Tullahoma and Chickamauga, a Dinner Meeting and Dinner Dance with a fashion show and uniform display. The camp will undertake the printing of civil war era books out of print and will plan and attend numerous events throughout the year.

Wes Ayre of the Gettysburg Living History Association donated \$500 to the Sons of

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Wes Ayre of the Gettysburg Living History Association, right, discusses his organization's \$500 contribution with Charlie Kuhn, Commander of Gettysburg Camp 112, Department of Pennsylvania.

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Union Veterans, **Gettysburg Camp 112** on August 10. In a ceremony, at the historic **Jack Skelly Post 9 G.A.R. Hall**, Mr. Ayre commended the Camp for their efforts towards historic preservation. The camp has a collection of artifacts which the camp inherited as legal heir to Post 9 property when the G.A.R. disbanded. The collection includes original artifacts from the Battle of Gettysburg, pictures and documents related to Adams County Civil War Veterans, 2 Civil War cannons, a ceremonial cannon, and a surgeons table. Gettysburg Camp 112 is raising funds to build display cases and properly preserve the collection so future generations can appreciate the Veterans contribution to the nation at large.

The funds donated were raised from proceeds of the Herr's Ridge Re-enactment held over July 4. The Gettysburg Living History Association is the sponsor of the event. This year, they will also be donating funds to Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, as well as other local charities.

Theo. Pfeiffer Camp 60, Department of Pennsylvania, held their Annual Veterans Day Service Nov. 9 in the town circle. Starting at the veterans monument, Camp Commander Don Bittinger introduced Chaplain Dick Herman and wreath bearer, Former Army Cpl. John Slaybaugh. The World War II veteran reflected on his service in time of war. The ceremony then shifted to the other side of the circle to the Theo. Pfeiffer Memorial. A wreath was laid by ex-Machinist Mate 2 Donald E. Groft Sr. USN Taps, played by the camp commander, concluded the event.

Tennessee

The Department of Tennessee's newest camp, **Missionary Ridge Camp 63**, in conjunction with **N. B. Forrest Camp 3**, Sons of Confederate Veterans and **Patrick R. Cleburne Chapter** of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars rededicated the Confederate Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tenn. The service was opened with an 18 gun salute by Co. H, 37th Tennessee Infantry followed by remarks and greetings from SCV Camp Commander Robert M. Soule III, MOS&B Chapter Commander John S. Sims, SUVCW Past Department Commander Charles Yates and Jame H. Ogden III of the National Park Service.

Two Federal POWs, Lewis Miller and E. J. Winbroot, had markers erected in their memory. Missionary Ridge Camp 63 donated the American flag and pole.

An artillery salute from Carnes and Cheatham Batteries closed the service.

Vermont

The **William Y. W. Ripley Camp 4**, Department of Vermont of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its charter ceremony in the Meeting Center at the Rutland Regional Medical Center on Sunday, Nov. 2, 1997. After a hiatus of more than half a century, the Ripley Camp has reconvened in Rutland. At the ceremony, a charter from the National Order was

presented to the local camp. The featured speaker was Jack Anderson, moderator of the Green Mountain Civil War Roundtable. Elaine Purdy, president elect of the Rutland Historical Society, will speak on "Why Name the Camp for Ripley?"

The camp is named in honor of Lt. Col. William Young Warren Ripley. His family was prominent in early American history and particularly in Rutland where his father amassed a fortune by organizing the first marble company. Three Ripley sons went to war for the Union and two became heroes. William Ripley's brother was General Edward Hastings Ripley who was colonel of the 9th Vermont Volunteers and led the Federal troops into Richmond in 1865. William Y. W. Ripley was the first Vermonter to officially volunteer for the defense of the Union. He served in the First Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry at Big Bethel in 1861. He was commissioned to command the First U. S. Sharpshooters (Berdan's). At Malvern Hill, Colonel Ripley was severely wounded in the leg and narrowly escaped its amputation. He never recovered sufficiently to return to the war. Instead, he was active in recruiting and training the Vermont Home Guards. In 1893, Ripley was awarded the Medal of Honor for his gallantry at Malvern Hill. The citation reads:

At a critical moment brought up two regiments, which he led against the enemy himself, being severely wounded. William Ripley died in 1905 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Center Rutland.

The Ripley Camp meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Italian-American Club in Center Rutland

At Large

The **Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1** of North Carolina was organized initially by six members on Sept. 16, 1995, and its charter application was approved July 20, 1996. The name of Maj. Gen. Thomas Ruger was selected because of his military record in North Carolina. His Division of Schofield's XXIII Army Corps gave strong support to Union forces at the battle of Wise Fork near Kinston, N.C., in March, 1865. Ruger was later given the Command of the North Carolina Department, and from this he went on to become Superintendent of West Point. His name is included on the Wyse Fork memorial erected by the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War near Kinston. The Camp's organizational meeting was held at Goldsboro, N.C., to commemorate the coming together in Goldsboro of the Union Army forces under Sherman and Schofield after their arduous campaigns which were bringing the war to an end.

Although the membership of the camp is scattered throughout the state, those who are able come to the quarterly meetings which are held in locations having Civil War history. Projects have included participation in Memorial Day services as well as Veteran's Day parades. With some members having a Confederate heritage we have maintained a cordial "over the wall" relationship with SCV men. Locating and documenting Union graves is also an ongoing project.

From the original six members the Ruger Camp has grown to thirty-nine men, with a loss of only four. It is hoped that a North Carolina Department can be developed in due time.

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Philly Camp Honors Civil War Nurse, Dedicates Headstone

Historic Mt. Moriah Cemetery in southwest Philadelphia was the venue for a solemn ceremony on Saturday, June 7, 1997. A new headstone was dedicated over the grave of a famous Civil War nurse, Mary Brady. An Irish immigrant and wife of a prominent attorney in this part of her adopted city, she was a 40 year old mother of five with a deep concern for the sick and wounded soldiers who thronged Philadelphia at the outset of the war.

Together with some of her lady friends and with the help of her husband, she founded the Ladies Association for Soldier's Relief, dedicated to visiting the soldiers in the military hospitals of Philadelphia, especially Satterlee, and coordinated the distribution of supplies to the troops gathered from Ladies Aid Societies. The Ladies prepared Thanksgiving dinner in Nov., 1862 for over 1,800 patients at Satterlee.

Mrs. Brady decided it was necessary to visit the field hospitals and camps of the Army of the Potomac to personally oversee the distribution of the large amount of supplies her Association had accumulated. She and her companions would make four separate visits to the field from 1862 until 1864. During that time, Mary Brady made enormous efforts at great personal expense and aggravation as well as at the cost of her own personal health to effect the mission of mercy among the sick, wounded and needy of the army.

The war governor of Pennsylvania, Andrew G. Curtin himself sent official thanks to Mrs. Brady for her humanitarian work: *for what you have done and are doing on behalf of our sick and wounded soldiers, I desire personally to tender to you all my best thanks.*

Mrs. Brady and her companions visited the hospitals of Washington and Alexandria as well as the field hospitals at the front in Virginia, Maryland and at Gettysburg right after the battle.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

California & Pacific

In October, four members of **General George Wright Camp 22, Department of California and Pacific**, volunteered their time to clean the G.A.R. Monument in Sacramento's Old City Cemetery. Years of dirt and grime were removed during the three hour operation. The Camp will make this a yearly event in order to maintain the monument. The four G.A.R. plots in Old City Cemetery have been officially adopted by the camp and will be maintained.

On Nov. 9, the camp sponsored its second annual Civil War Sunday/Remembrance Day in Sacramento. Civil War Displays, cannon and musket firing demonstrations and cemetery tours were offered. A salute at the grave of General Wright opened the program with Bobbi Prentice, President of **Fort Sumter Chapter** of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, laying a wreath at the tomb. The 5th California Volunteer Infantry Band performed a concert of

Civil War Music. At 11 am, Camp Chaplain Russ Cayler opened the Memorial Service at the G.A.R. Monument. Jacque Bundy of the Daughters of Union Veterans introduced the speakers. Brother Dave Stevens gave the main address on California and the Civil War. Department Commander Dan Bunnell was on hand to give a brief history of the G.A.R.. The Daughters of the American Revolution presented a wreath at the monument. A cannon and rifle salute followed. The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy were the honored guests of the camp and were invited to give a salute to Confederate Gen. George Cosby at his gravesite in the cemetery.

Five Civil War trees were planted around the graves of Union Soldiers forming the nucleus of a new living Civil War Memorial in Old City Cemetery. A special cancellation commemorating the event was provided by the U.S. Postal Service.

Next years event, which will be held on Nov. 15, will be expanded to include the historic district of Old Sacramento and will be a commemoration of the 135th Anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

On President's Day weekend, Feb. 12-14, 1998, The Department



Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr and Past Commander in Chief David Medert lead the Remembrance Day parade in a carriage supplied by the Department of Pennsylvania. More than 5,000 Civil War reenactors stepped off for the annual Gettysburg event Nov. 15.

of California and Pacific will attend the Celebrate History! exposition in San Francisco. The expo will bring together groups from all areas of history and will include veterans, speakers, displays, exhibits and cultural events related to history. Proceeds go to Battlefield Preservation. The department is honored to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this event.

Florida

On Nov. 8, 1997 the members of 4 camps and members at large from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, **Department of Florida**, helped kick off a 20 unit parade through the streets of St. Cloud, Fla. The reason was a celebration of placing the beautiful two story Grand Army of the Republic Building erected in 1914 on the list of National Historic Places.

Leading the Sons of Union Veterans marching behind their banners, was eight year old drummer boy Patrick Alosco of Deerfield Beach, Fla. beating the cadence on his drum.

After arriving at the G. A. R. building's main entrance and on the outside steps the local Commandeer of the VFW, opened the ceremonies and introduced a much decorated Viet Nam Veteran and member of the St. Cloud Preservation Committee David McMichaels as master of ceremonies.

Many dignitaries were introduced along with the Commander of the **Lucis Mitchell Camp 4** Sons of Union Veterans of St. Cloud, Gary Guinan and Past Commander Ron Criswell, both of St. Cloud.

Also introduced was the owner of the building for the past ten years, Dr. Woodrow Everett and his wife Cherry who operate

activities of the Northeast Consortium for Engineering Education in offices on the second floor.

Curator Beverly Groshek was introduced. Mrs. Groshek is the person who made the discovery of a time capsule in 1996 that had been placed in a cornerstone of the building in 1914. It contained many interesting documents including the Charter of the original camp signed by 95 members. Those Union Civil War Veterans founded the town of St. Cloud and on one corner the camp had 900 members and was the 2nd largest in the nation. The last remaining member died in 1943 at age 102. The members of the Lucis Mitchell Camp 4 Sons of Union Veterans formed in 1996 will meet in this historic hall.

Following the singing of patriotic songs and the placement of a new time capsule containing among other things, the names of the new camps members, the public was invited to enter the building. Punch and cookies were provided by Dr. Everett and his wife. The public was invited to tour the building.

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General Douglas MacArthur once suggested that old soldiers never die, they just fade away. If not for the work of the Gen.

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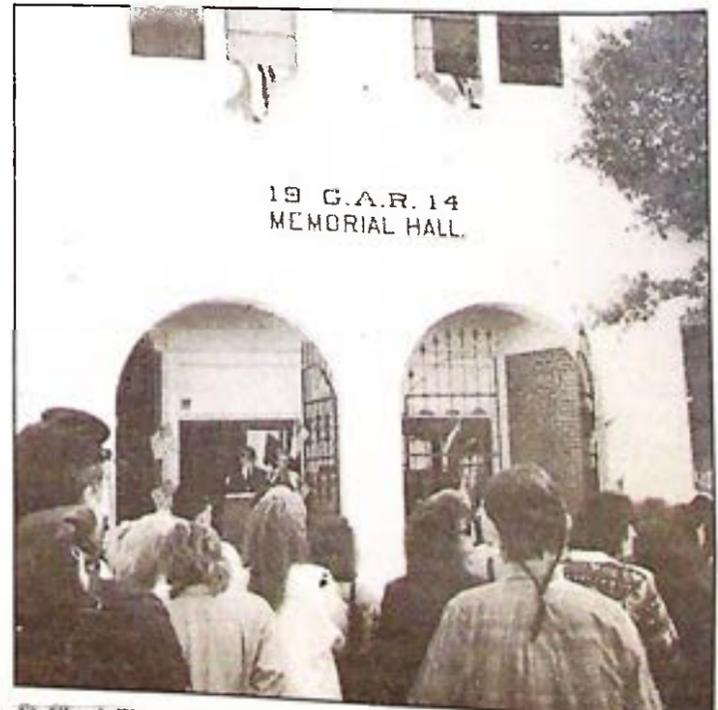
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