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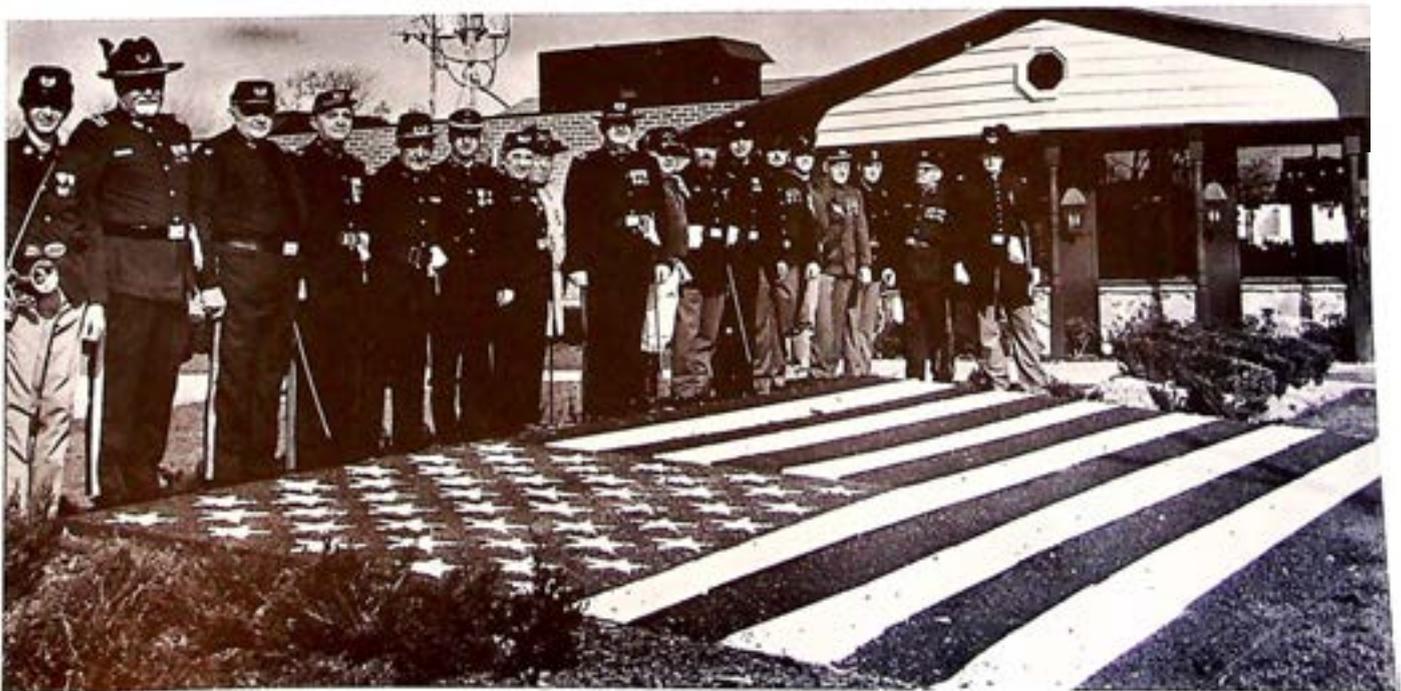
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REMEMBRANCE DAY AT GETTYSBURG - 1972



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REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM

The 14th Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance was conducted at the Visitors' Center Auditorium and at Comrade Albert Woolson's Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Saturday, November 18th, with a large number in attendance and with Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman presiding.

The day's activities began with a parade of reactivated units, both Union and Confederate.

All five Allied Orders of the G.A.R. were represented. Inspiring messages were given by Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum and Auxiliary National President Miss Viola Bremme; Ladies of the G.A.R. National President Mrs. Margaret Orr; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War National President Mrs. Harriette Gould; and by a representative of the Woman's Relief Corps National President Mrs. Josephine M. Kuba. The presiding officers of the five Allied Orders of Pennsylvania and visiting Department Commanders and Department Presidents were introduced.

Dr. (Col.) James L. Morrison, retired from the United States Army after twenty-four years' service in 1971 and presently on the staff of York College of Pennsylvania, York, Pa., delivered an interesting and informative message regarding Brigadier General Henry Heth of the Confederate Army.

Music was furnished by the 11th Vol. Inf. Fife and Drum Corps, SVR, of Gettysburg.

Following the program in the auditorium, the National and Department Presidents placed memorial wreaths at the Comrade Woolson Monument, and a rifle salute was fired by the New York Battalion, 2MD, SVR, Captain Richard Cuyler commanding. Taps were sounded by Karl J. Franz.

Rev. W. Lee Lawhead, Pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ, Gettysburg, gave the opening and closing prayers.

Prior to the Remembrance Day Parade, officers and unit commanders of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (shown in photo on page one) gathered at a luncheon meeting as guests of General Chester S. Shriver. General Henry C. Horn, Commanding the Army of Northern Virginia, CSA (standing next to General Shriver), attended also. The American flag shown in the photo is constructed of colored stone on the lawn of Elby's Restaurant in Gettysburg where the luncheon was held.

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY CLOSED TO BURIALS

Almost 109 years after President Abraham Lincoln dedicated it as a final resting place for Union dead, the national cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has been closed to burials for lack of available grave space.

According to Michael Strock, assistant chief of visitor services, all gravesites have been filled or reserved. More than 5,000 servicemen and their dependents are buried at Gettysburg. There were approximately 50 burials a month last year.

During the Kennedy administration, an executive order was issued prohibiting further use of the historic battlefield for graves. The cemetery itself consists of 17 acres donated to the Union by a farmer, plus three additional acres donated in 1967 by Bethlehem Steel. There are 979 unknown Civil War soldiers buried in the original section.

Most other national cemeteries are also closed or nearly full, including Arlington.



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED

At the 42nd Annual Dedication Day Dinner held in the Gettysburg Holiday Inn following the program conducted in Ziegler's Grove, J. Vincent Guss, Jr. (center above), an outstanding senior student at Gettysburg College in Political Science and History, was presented with the \$250 scholarship awarded annually by our National Organization. Shown above (left to right) are Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum, who made the presentation, Guss, and Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, Professor of History at Gettysburg College.

The master of ceremonies at the dinner, which was in commemoration of the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863, was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz. Mrs. Margaret Frantz, President of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association, gave the Address of Welcome. All present recited in unison the American's Creed and the Gettysburg Address. Karl Frantz entertained with trumpet selections. The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Robert A. MacAskill, Pastor of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

National and state heads of the Orders allied with the G.A.R., or representatives thereof, spoke briefly and extended greetings.

A feature of the evening following the dinner was the showing of a new and well-received film entitled "Three Days at Gettysburg."

ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Continuing to look ahead to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our National Organization, the Council of Administration has again authorized the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to solicit funds for a fund to be set aside for this purpose. After you have made your contribution to the National G.A.R. Memorial Fund (National Patriotic Instructor's Fund), you are urged to contribute to the 100th Anniversary Fund by sending a check or money order made out to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to:

Allen B. Howland
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
P. O. Box 105
Elmwood, Massachusetts 02337

A Person Can Leap From a Cliff, but He Doesn't Defy the Law of Gravity, He Illustrates It.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

When the 93rd Congress convenes early in January, new leadership will be in evidence on at least two committees that deal with matters of particular interest to our Order. The Judiciary Committee handles legislation dealing with holidays and celebrations. The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs has within its jurisdiction matters relating to military parks, battlefields, and national cemeteries.

In the House, Rep. Peter Rodino, Jr. of New Jersey will become the new chairman of the Judiciary Committee to succeed Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York who was defeated for renomination. The ranking member of the minority party will be Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan who succeeds Rep. William McCulloch of Ohio who is retiring. Subcommittee #4 which is charged specifically with matters relating to holidays and celebrations will continue to be chaired by Rep. Don Edwards of California. The ranking minority member of that unit is also a Californian, Rep. Charles Wiggins.

In the Senate, the leadership of the Judiciary Committee is expected to remain unchanged with Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi as chairman and Sen. Roman Hruska of Nebraska as the ranking minority member. Sen. Hruska also chairs the Subcommittee on Federal Charters, Holidays, and Celebrations. The only other member of that subcommittee is Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas.

With the election defeat of Rep. Wayne Aspinwall of Colorado, the chairmanship of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will be assumed by Rep. James Haley of Florida. Rep. John Saylor of Pennsylvania will continue as the ranking minority member. No changes in leadership are anticipated for the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation. Rep. Roy Taylor of North Carolina will continue as chairman and Rep. Joe Skubitz of Kansas as ranking minority member.

In the Senate, the Committee on the Interior is headed by Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington State. But with the defeat of Sen. Gordon Allott of Colorado, Sen. Paul Fannin of Arizona is expected to become the ranking minority member of that committee. Sen. Alan Bible of Nevada will continue to chair the Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation, and Sen. Clifford Hansen of Wyoming will continue as the ranking minority member.

Congressional observers consider changes in committee leadership to be important because the work of lawmaking is done largely thru the committee structure. The success of a bill in being reported to the floor for debate and vote may depend heavily on the attitude of a committee chairman or key member. The rules governing congressional seniority determine committee leadership.

At its National Convention in August, The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans' organization, passed a resolution asking Congress to restore Veterans Day to November 11 and Memorial Day to May 30. At present six states have either retained or restored Veterans Day to November 11. The states are Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

In September prior to adjournment, the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a measure to rename the Medal of Honor as the Congressional Medal of Honor. Created in 1862 as the nation's highest military award, it has been awarded by the President "in the name of the Congress." Over the years it has become popularly known as the Congressional Medal of Honor or simply the Congressional Medal.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Beginning January 1, 1973, the National Secretary-Treasurer will not mail receipts for payments of per capita tax and supplies. Cancelled checks will serve as the official receipts for these items. Receipts will be mailed, however, to Departments, Camps and individual members for Life Memberships, Honor Roll contributions and all other special contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Proceedings of the 91st National Encampment will be ready for distribution in January. Everyone registered at the Philadelphia Encampment will receive his copy from National Headquarters. Copies for Camps and Departments will be mailed in bulk to each Department Secretary for distribution.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER
Nat'l. Sec'y-Treas.
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY Springfield, Illinois Sunday, April 15, 1973

A memorial ceremony commemorating the 108th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11:00 A.M. on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman, Thomas L. W. Johnson, and Wayne C. Temple, co-chairmen.

The State House Inn will be the site of a commemorative luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. The cost of the luncheon will be \$4.50 per plate. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel.

Department Commanders and Department Auxiliary Presidents will receive invitations to participate in the ceremony in a mailing to be made about mid-February. Upon receipt, they are requested to pass along the information regarding reservations to their respective members.

GEORGE L. CASHMAN
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
WAYNE C. TEMPLE
Co-chairmen

PERMANENT FUND

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

To — Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

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

Name of Veteran
Company & Regiment
Enclosed fund (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from
Name
Address
(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes — Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- Life Membership — Kenneth Swift of Camp 207, Mount Vernon, Ohio (not previously reported)
- From Harold H. Gates, Chula Vista, Calif.
- In memory of Lt. Joseph G. Gates, 78th Regt., U.S.C.T. \$10.00
- From George W. Tarlson, Weirs Beach, New Hampshire
- In memory of George P. Tarlson, Co. D, 18th N.H. Vol. Inf. \$10.00
- From Thomas E. Hoffman, Mansfield, Ohio
- In memory of James Black, Co. A, 143rd Regt., Ohio Vol. Inf. \$10.00
- Life Memberships — Carl R. Latham, II of Philip Triem Camp, Salem, Ohio \$75.00
- Robert C. Wolz, of Philip Triem Camp, Salem, Ohio \$50.00

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW 1973 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, AUGUST 5-9 PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

The 92nd Annual Convention of our National Organization will be held in the fabulous Riviera Hotel and Country Club in Palm Springs, California, August 5-9. The 1973 Convention Committee is hard at work making plans for a convention that will be interesting and enjoyable for all who attend. Business meetings will be scheduled only for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., which will provide time for relaxation, enjoyment and pleasure. Further information and details will appear in the April issue of THE BANNER. In due time reservation cards will be available at all Department Headquarters. PLAN TO ATTEND—YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!



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Headquarters
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- 1. The beginning of a New Year is fast approaching and it is time to think of making new resolutions. Will you join with me in resolving to make the year 1973 one of the greatest years in membership growth for our beloved Order? We can do this if each of us firmly resolves to work at it and not allow ourselves to be discouraged by obstacles. We can do it if we try. Will you do your part?
2. It is my desire and hope to visit as many Department Encampments as may be feasible. Each Department Secretary who has not already done so is requested to notify me as soon as possible of the date and place of his Department's Encampment in order that I may arrange a schedule to take in as many of these as time will permit. In case of conflicting dates, I would like to arrange for a meeting at some other time or to have a representative of the National Organization present.
3. The Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg on November 18th was indeed a most outstanding event in the history of our Organization. The planning committee is to be commended for its outstanding work—even to the point of providing weather to everyone's liking. At the evening dinner, I was honored to present, on behalf of our National Organization, the annual scholarship award to Mr. J. Vincent Guss, Jr., a very outstanding history student at Gettysburg College. The SVR units are to be commended for their wonderful turnout and participation during and after the parade.
4. Our National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Harry Gibbons, is working very hard to fulfill the duties of his office and would like your help very much. Why not write to him today and enclose your contribution to the National G.A.R. Fund to show him that you are interested in helping him attain his goal for this year.
5. It is with great pride that I appoint Past Department Commander Edward E. Biering of Wisconsin as a Special Aide to the Commander-in-Chief. Brother Biering has been doing volunteer work at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Tomah, Wisconsin over a period of time; therefore, I designate him to be the representative of our Organization at this hospital.
6. Please remember that all brothers who secure three or more new members will be designated as National Aides and will be authorized to wear the National Ribbon with their membership badge. Camp Secretaries are requested to inform me when any brother becomes eligible for this award.
7. The National Military Department, SVR, is growing and is a most impressive parade unit. This is the showpiece of our Order. Therefore, all SVR units are urged to participate as much as possible with local Patriotic and Veterans Organizations in all parades and ceremonies in their areas.
8. I would like to convey to those who have represented me and the National Organization at functions that I was unable to attend my most sincere "thanks." By doing so, you have helped to make the going just a little easier. It is my earnest desire that when I cannot be present, my representative will be accorded all the courtesies due his office.
9. As we approach the month of January, your Commander-in-Chief and the National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Viola Bremme, will be looking forward to making official visits on the West Coast. Any correspondence received during the duration of that trip will be answered when we return.
10. To those who have lost loved ones, may I extend my deepest sympathy; to those who are ill, my prayers for a speedy recovery and return to good health.

JOHN C. YOCUM
Commander-in-Chief

CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

- 1957
Pg. 56 — Provides for creation of District of Columbia Repr., Authority, etc.
Pg. 56 — Provides for filling of Dept. Office due to vacancy
Pg. 57 — Provides for creation of Dept. Asst. Secy. or Asst. Secy. Treas.
Pg. 57 — Provides for safety catch on all badges
Pg. 57 — Establishes procedure for restoring rank to P.D.C.
Pg. 58 — Establishes procedure for filling vacancy by Camp Council
1958
Pg. 57 — Provides for election of Dept. Officers for fixed term with exception of Dept. Secy. Treas.
1961
Pg. 55 — Provides for creation of Military Affairs Committee
Pg. 60 — Provides for creation of Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee
1962
Pg. 77 — Provides for addition of numerals 70 & 75 for length of service
1963
Pg. 75 — Provides for Honorary Membership
1964
Pg. 53 — Honorary Membership confirmed by Depts.
1967
Pgs. 23-24 & 32 — Establishes regulations regarding distribution of The Banner to each member and the election of Banner Editor by Natl. Council of Administration
1969
Pg. 35 — Provides that associates shall not hold Natl. elective office, etc.
Pg. 37 — Provides for one delegate from each Dept. and one additional delegate for every 25 members or major fraction
Pg. 37 — Provides that Depts. may confer rank of P.D.C. on a Dept. Secy. or Treas. after 10 consecutive years of service
1971
Pg. 46 — Provides that War Medal can be presented when approved by Camp
Pg. 46 — Provides for creation of graduated Life Membership Fees according to age
1972
#1 — Requires that Dept. Commander must be a P.C.C. and that C. in C. must be a P.D.C.
#2 — The following were approved subject to ratification by 50% of Depts.
a — Eligibility reduced from 16 years of age to 14 years of age
b — Associates not to exceed 1/3 of the regular membership of any camp

1973 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Table with 4 columns: DEPARTMENT, CITY, DATE, HOTEL. Lists encampment details for various departments across the country, including dates and hotel names.

Absolute Freedom Means Absolute Folly.

The Lincoln Tradition . . .

NEW SALEM — THE TESTING GROUND

By
George L. Cashman,
Past Commander-in-Chief and Curator, Lincoln's Tomb

In the summer of 1831, there came to the infant pioneer village of New Salem, a tall, raw-boned, awkward and uneducated young man, a young man who was destined to write his name upon the pages of history among the world's great. To this youth of twenty-two years, New Salem was his first contact with community life.

Before him lay the uncharted trail, an association of challenge in a climate of mutual aid, critical and tough in aspect, where opportunity demanded the best of a man, and an outward expression of that best. Abraham Lincoln met the challenge, he used the trail to good advantage. He discovered the importance of goals of achievement, and he would not be deterred. He learned that circumstances are not the masters, but the servants of man, that with a sound body, a stout heart and determination, there is no power on earth that he need fear.

Abraham Lincoln's six years at New Salem were decidedly the turning-point in his life. Here he struggled to eke out an existence by doing all sorts of things. His activities were many and varied. He clerked in a store, was a mill-hand, a wood-chopper, laborer, store-keeper, village postmaster, deputy surveyor and a politician, and with all he studied and read to improve his lot. After a day of labor, Lincoln might be found at the cooper-shop before the fireplace, studying by the light from the burning shavings, not only a few law books, but many of the classics as well. Whenever he absorbed a new point of law he would put it into practice by drawing up legal papers for his neighbors.

At New Salem Lincoln gained the friendship and the confidence of the people and assumed a position of leadership, not only in the community, but in the surrounding country as well. After a hard and bitter struggle against adversity he won local renown as a lawyer and as a Whig member of the Legislature.

New Salem was for Abraham Lincoln the testing ground. When he arrived there the village was a thriving infant; and after he left for the greener fields of Springfield, the village fell into a decline and rapidly deteriorated into oblivion.

From New Salem, Lincoln emerged as a thoughtful leader, inspiring confidence and the admiration of the people. Do you recall his words when at the age of twenty-three, the townspeople of the village made him their candidate for the Legislature? He said, "My greatest ambition is to be truly esteemed by my fellow-man by rendering myself worthy of their esteem." No one may doubt that he fulfilled that ambition.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

- Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find a way.
- Two men may honestly differ about a question and both be right.
- There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law.
- No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

President Lincoln had four brothers-in-law who served in the Confederate Army. At Lynchburg, Virginia, in June 1864, there were present on the field of battle ex-Vice President of the United States General John C. Breckinridge, C.S.A., and future Presidents Major William McKinley and General Rutherford B. Hayes, U.S.A. Other Union Generals who later became President were U. S. Grant, Chester A. Arthur, James A. Garfield and Benjamin Harrison. Confederate Generals Joseph E. Johnston and Samuel Cooper held high positions in the United States Army in 1861. Johnston was the Quartermaster General and Cooper the Adjutant General. Johnston in later years was a pallbearer at the funerals of General U. S. Grant, Admiral David D. Porter and William T. Sherman. He had faced all three in battle, and his death is said to have been brought on by pneumonia contracted at General Sherman's funeral.



NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Shown above is William C. Rule, Past Commander of the New England Regional Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, presenting a check in the amount of \$50, on behalf of the Association, to Fr. Robert F. Wagner of Holy Family Church, Holyoke, Massachusetts, for use for exceptional children. Observing the presentation is Alfred J. Durocher, Massachusetts Department Commander.

The New England Regional Association also presents a sword each year in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic to a cadet of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, who exhibits the highest qualities of military leadership. Cadet Dennis G. Beck of Magna, Utah was the 1972 recipient.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Table listing Past Commanders-in-Chief from 1861 to 1971, including names, states, and election years.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS			
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-11	Omaha Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 1-6	Milwaukee Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 21-28	Atlantic City New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach California
79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis Indiana
81st	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington D. C.
82nd	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach Florida
83rd	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence Rhode Island
84th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond Virginia
85th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids Michigan
86th	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago Illinois
87th	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington Delaware
88th	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis Missouri
89th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach Florida
90th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston Massachusetts
91st	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia Pennsylvania



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT HONORED PENNSYLVANIA DINNER AND RECEPTION

Representatives from several Departments of the Sons and Auxiliary joined with Pennsylvania on November 4 at a delightful testimonial dinner and reception honoring Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum and National President Viola L. Bremme at the Holiday Inn of Valley Forge, King of Prussia, Penna.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. served as Toastmaster. The invocation and benediction were given by Mrs. Marion Young, National Chaplain, Auxiliary, and Clarence J. Riddell, National Chaplain, Sons, respectively.

Among the more than 150 persons in attendance were many present and past National and Department officers, representatives of Allied Orders, and members of the families and friends of Commander-in-Chief Yocum and National President Bremme. Many letters and telegrams were received, and greetings were extended by representatives of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Woman's Relief Corps.

The dinner program concluded with the traditional "Pennsylvania Closing" and was followed by the reception and dancing.

CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Meeting in Chicago for the first time in several years and hosted by the Chicago Department, the Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, convened October 7-8 at the Bismarck Hotel. In the absence of Regional Commander, Ethel Wellman, Hazel Moushey, P.N.P., presided. Robert J. Wolz, Jr. moderated a panel discussion on the general topic, "Ways of Promoting New Membership." Panel members were Charles A. Brady, Jr., Thomas L. W. Johnson, Jane Greenwalt and Louis Moushey. The Conference attracted an excellent turnout of delegates from six Departments (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin) of the Sons and Auxiliary. At the dinner on Saturday evening, Miner Coburn of Camp 1 spoke on "Grant at Vicksburg." The chairman of local arrangements was Marie Doran. Richard Greenwalt of Ohio was elected Regional Commander and will preside at the 1973 Conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., October 13-14, 1973.

CORRECTION

The list of Department Commanders, which appeared in the October issue of the Banner, should have shown the Department Commander of Maine to be Lester D. Nadeau. Brother Nadeau was elected on June 11, 1972.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OFFICERS

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- NATIONAL SECRETARY**
Mrs. Mary L. Thompson, 5259 S. Merrilmae Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638

MORE ABOUT PHILADELPHIA ENCAMPMENT



CAMP FIRE PROGRAM
AUGUST 13, 1972 - 7:30 P.M.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Presiding)

1. Concert by Fourth Naval District Band
2. Sounding "To the Colors" by Ivan Frantz, Jr., SUVCW
3. Advance of Colors by S.V.R. Color Guard
4. Invocation by Past National Chaplain, Rev. Richard Partington
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. National Anthem by Fourth Naval District Band
7. Welcome by C. LeRoy Stoult, P.C. in C., General Chairman
8. Welcome from the Penna. Commonwealth by Hon. Joseph D. Shain, Past Judge Advocate, Veterans of Foreign Wars
9. Response by Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, P.N.P.
10. Selections by United States Steel Chorus
11. Greetings from Presiding Officers of Participating Organizations
12. Address by Rev. Elmer H. Finger, Associate Member, SUVCW
13. Benediction by Past National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington
14. Retirement of Colors by S.V.R. Color Guard and "Taps" by Ivan Frantz, Jr.

BUSINESS SESSION ACTION

At the 91st Encampment in Philadelphia, the following motion was made, seconded and carried:
"That the entire matter of selecting the Encampment Site Hotel for all National Encampments be left in the hands of the National Site Committee. This to include rates, concessions, complimentary rooms, etc."



MEMORIAL BELL AND GAVEL

Pictured above are the beautiful memorial bell and gavel which were purchased with money given to the National Organization, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by Brother James Blackman in memory of P.N.P. Eva Blackman of the Department of Illinois. Received officially by then National President Agnes Davis, the bell and gavel were used throughout the entire National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pa. in August, 1972.





Department News



IOWA

We sorrowfully report the death of Mrs. Pauline Herron, Past National Chief of Staff, which occurred in early November. Sister Herron's loyal participation in the affairs of the Auxiliary will be sorely missed, but her faithful service will be long remembered.

ILLINOIS

The Department's Mid-Term Meeting was held on November 11th at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago. At the joint banquet of the Sons and Auxiliary in the evening, John Satterlee of Camp 4 presented a program based on newspaper accounts of the 114th Illinois Infantry's formation and preparation for battle duty in the early years of the Civil War.

On December 11th Department Commander A. Hyland Tresselt served as Installing Officer at the joint public installation of officers of Camp 1 and Camp 61-65 (both of Chicago) in G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the City's public library building.

On September 24, 1972, in the Maywood Home for Soldiers' Widows in suburban Chicago, a newly-furnished bedroom was dedicated in memory of P.N.P. Eva B. Blackman by Gen. George A. Custer Auxiliary #30, to which Sister Blackman belonged for more than 50 years. Eva supported the activities of the Maywood Home loyally and with much interest for many years and visited it frequently prior to her death.

MAINE



Maurice J. Warner

We were greatly saddened by the sudden passing on December 11th of Past Department Commander Maurice Warner as a result of an automobile accident. Brother Warner, a past Commander of the New England Regional Association, was this year serving his second term in that office.

Members of Garfield Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were hostesses at a well-attended gathering held in October in honor of Lester D. Nadeau, Department Commander. Officials from throughout the State representing the Sons and the Auxiliary, Ladies of the G.A.R., Daughters of Union Veterans, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, World War One Veterans, and the Canadian Legion and Auxiliary were on hand to pay tribute to Brother Nadeau.

MARYLAND

Lincoln Cushing Camp No. 2 reelected officers for another year at the annual dinner meeting held November 18, 1972, at the National Lawyers' Club, Washington, D. C. In an impressive ceremony at this meeting, Commander Richard Bender Abell initiated four new members and presented them with their badges.

MICHIGAN

We sorrowfully report that the Department of Michigan lost one of its most dedicated members when Past Department Commander Charles J. Schmuker of Grand Rapids passed away on November 22, 1972.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

One of two of the 1972 Granite State Awards for outstanding and exemplary public service was presented to P. C. in C. Cleon E. Heald on October 15, 1972, by Keene State College.

NEW JERSEY

We regret to announce the death of Past Department President Mrs. Genevieve Bolan on December 13th.

An unusual and exciting program is planned for the annual Lincoln Dinner to be sponsored by Dayton Camp No. 5 at Nassau Inn, Princeton on February 10th.

The Spring dinner meeting of the State Camp will be held on April 28th at Nassau Inn, Princeton.

June 14-16 are the dates for the N. J. Encampment to be held at the Beacon Manor Motel, Point Pleasant, N. J.

A group of New Jersey members are planning to fly to the National Encampment in Palm Springs, Calif. from Newark, including two nights at Las Vegas on the return trip. We will leave on Saturday, August 4th and return on Sunday, August 12th. For detailed information, write to A. C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603.

NEW YORK

At a public ceremony on November 19th in front of the Gettysburg Speech Monument in Elmlawn Cemetery, members of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223 of Tonawanda and Company D, 100th Regiment, New York Volunteers, S. V. R., assisted by area veterans groups, observed the 109th Anniversary of the delivery of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. A choral reading of the Address marked the event. During the ceremony a flag was placed on the grave of Viet Nam Veteran James Talbot, located in front of the Monument by his mother Mrs. Lois Talbot, Gold Star Mothers President. Also during the ceremony, Congressman Henry P. Smith, III, 40th District, New York and a member of Camp 223, was presented with the Lincoln Plaque Profile Award for his interest in the furtherance of the heritage of the Civil War Era, for his efforts in honoring those who fought for the Union cause, and for his work in behalf of veterans of recent wars.

OHIO

A well-attended reception honoring Department Commander Ralph Shadel, Jr. was held on November 10th at Memorial Hall in Mansfield.

Frank T. Bow, U. S. Congressman, 16th District, Ohio, for 22 years and a member of McClellan Camp 91 of Alliance, passed away on November 13th. Not having sought reelection, Congressman Bow would have begun service as Ambassador to Panama January 3rd. Services were held in Washington, D. C. and at West Lawn Cemetery, Canton. Congressman Bow's family has instituted a memorial fund at Mount Union College in Alliance, to assist students interested in political science.

We were bereaved by the death of Charles Bigley, Past Department Commander and until recently Department Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Bigley served the Sons loyally and faithfully.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Eight members of Owen Summers Camp 4, appearing in blue uniforms, were present at the Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance conducted by the Military Order of the World Wars in Portland, Ore. on November 12th. Col. Glenn A. Miller, Chief of Programs and Resources, Pentagon National Guard Program, spoke.

PENNSYLVANIA

Ruhl Camp #33 plans to involve its members and their families in joint meetings and activities in order to enable the families to become active as units.

WISCONSIN

The highlight of the joint mid-year meeting held on November 12th at Oconomowoc was the reactivation of Camp #4. Dormant for many years, the Camp will serve the Oconomowoc area. This represents a "first" for Wisconsin and is a tribute to the work of Department Commander Burton Kannenberg. Thomas L. W. Johnson officiated at the installation services. Early in 1973 it is expected that an Auxiliary to Camp #4 will be formed.

The group unanimously passed a resolution critical of the fact that Angela Davis, an avowed revolutionary, had been allowed to speak on the site of a state veterans' memorial at Madison.

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