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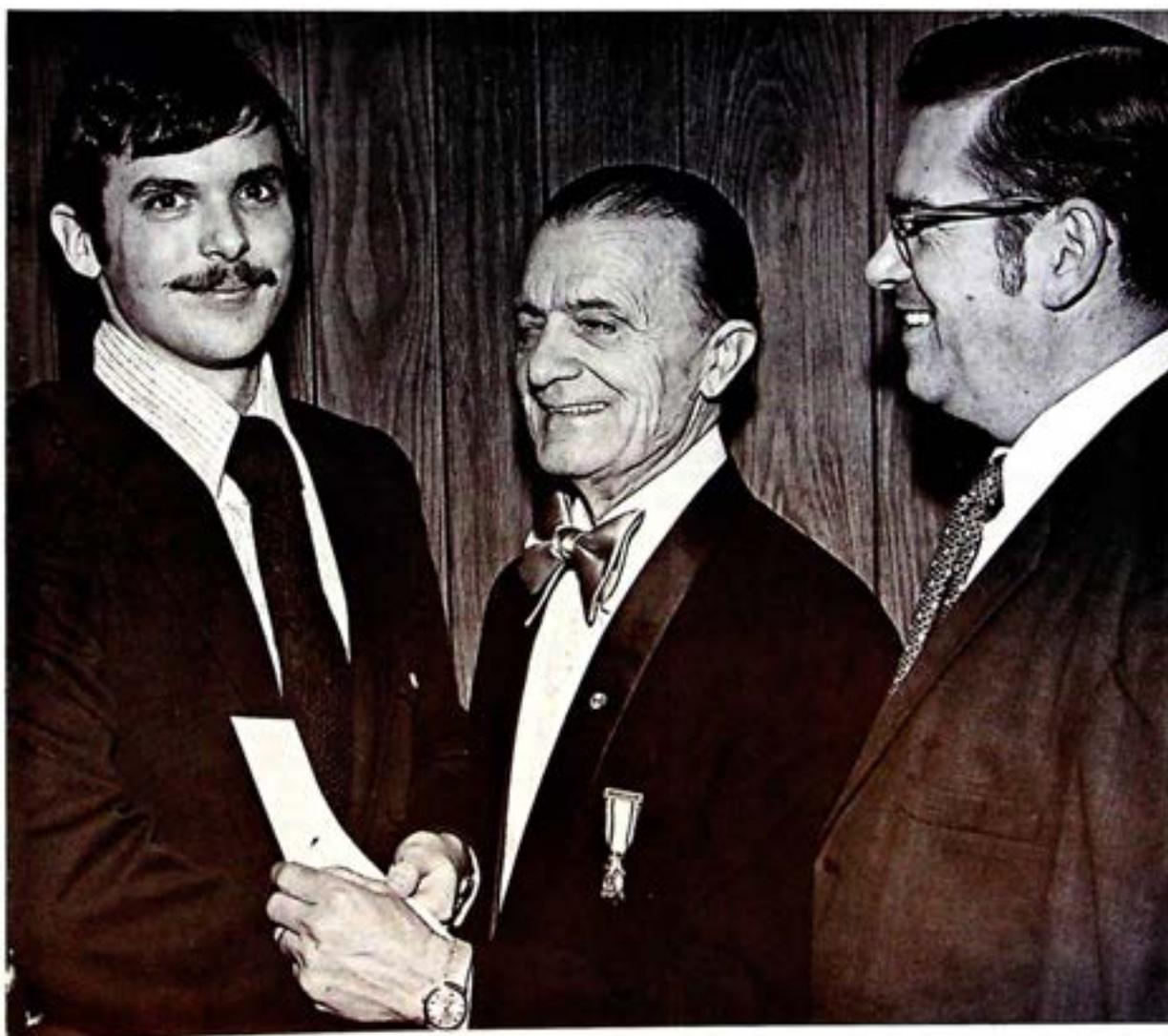
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GAR Memorial Scholarship Awarded



The annual scholarship of \$250 awarded by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic was presented to Grant C. Forsythe (left) of Muskegon, Michigan, a senior history student at Gettysburg College, by Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark (center) at the 44th Annual Dedication Day Banquet held at the Gettysburg Holiday Inn on November 16th, as Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (right), Professor of History at Gettysburg College, looks on. (See page two for more about banquet program.)

REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM HELD AT GETTYSBURG

Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was the Master of Ceremonies at the 18th Annual Remembrance Day Program held in the Visitors Center Auditorium on the Gettysburg Battlefield on November 16th. Maj. Norman Bowen, SVR, Chaplain NMD, gave the opening and closing prayers. The Fifes and Drums of the 11th Penna. Vol. Inf. Regt., SVR, under the direction of Fife Major, Sgt. Michael Sheads, provided the Civil War music for the program.

Brief remarks were made and greetings extended by John H. Stark, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, PNP, representing Mrs. Catherine M. McCoy, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Miss Sabra S. Stoughton, PNP, representing Mrs. Ila Biller, National President, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Grace Broderick, PNP, representing Mrs. Winifred E. Brown, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Mary Noonan, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Introduced to those assembled were: William L. Simpson, Pennsylvania Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Sue Muzzelo, Pennsylvania Department President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Mina Hankin, Pennsylvania Department President, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Mildred Casteel, Pennsylvania Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Bertha Beech, Pennsylvania Department President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The main address was delivered by Dr. Robert L. Bloom, Ph.D., Professor of History, Gettysburg College. Dr. Bloom gave an interesting factual picture of "Johnny Yank", a typical Union soldier of the Civil War. "The more you study the men who fought on the Union side in the Civil War," said Dr. Bloom, "the greater becomes your admiration for them. Their history is one of many acts of great sacrifice and raw courage. They fought superbly."

Following the program in the Auditorium, the activities moved to the Comrade Albert Woolson Monument, the Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, in Ziegler's Grove. While the audience was gathering at the monument, appropriate music was provided by the Lancaster Fencibles Fifes and Drums. The Color Guard was "M" Company, Sons of Veterans Reserve of Northampton, Pennsylvania, CPT Clinton H. Simmons, Commanding.

The National and State heads of the Allied Organizations or their representatives placed wreaths at the Woolson Monument. Following the placement of the wreaths, the 71st N. J. Vol. Inf., SVR, Lt. Ronald Rozzi, Commanding, fired the Volley; Taps and Echo were sounded by Karl J. Frantz and MM3 Ivan E. Frantz, Jr. (U. S. Navy), respectively.

The afternoon's program was preceded by a parade by more than 400 men and women in Civil War era uniforms — the Union Blue and the Confederate Gray. This was the largest parade in the history of the Remembrance Day Programs.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY FUND

The Council of Administration has again authorized the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to solicit contributions for a fund to be set aside for the purpose of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our National Organization in 1981. After you have made your contribution to the National GAR 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:

Robert J. Wolz
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Box 163, Rt. 14
New Waterford, Ohio 44445

If all you know about teenagers is what you read in the papers, you'd better get out and meet a few of them.

Bill Vaughan
VFW Magazine

44th ANNUAL DEDICATION DAY BANQUET

Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoult was the Toastmaster at the 44th Annual Dedication Day Banquet held in Gettysburg, Penna. on November 16th. The banquet commemorated the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863. Ms. Esther Peiper, President of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of South Central Pennsylvania, sponsors of the dinner, gave the Address of Welcome. The Gettysburg Address was recited in unison by all present. The audience also participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of America. Rev. Jacob M. Myers of the Theological Seminary gave the Invocation and Benediction. 173 persons attended.

National and Department Heads of the five Organizations allied with the GAR or their representatives spoke briefly and extended greetings.

During the dinner, Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark inducted his grandson, John Myles Callaghan, into the membership of Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Following the dinner program, a reception sponsored by Gettysburg Camp 112 was held in honor of Commander-in-Chief Stark, a member and former Commander of the Camp.

**NINETEENTH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY
Springfield, Illinois
Tuesday, April 15, 1975**

A memorial ceremony commemorating the 110th 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, Robert M. Graham, and Wayne C. Temple, co-chairmen of the ceremony committee.

The State House Inn will be the site of the commemorative luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. The Honorable Harlington Wood, Jr., judge of the Federal District Court at Springfield, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon. A shuttle bus will provide transportation free of charge between the Tomb and the hotel. It is expected that the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Reactivated) of Springfield and other units attired in authentic Civil War period uniforms will be on hand to form an honor guard for the ceremony.

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

Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman
Oak Ridge Cemetery Office
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Tomb for delivery no later than 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 1975. Instruct your florist to deliver your wreath to the CURATOR, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois.

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1975 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	CITY	DATE	HOTEL
Calif. & Pacific	Santa Maria	April 18-20	Holiday Inn (1405 E. Main)
Colo. & Wyo.	Manitou Springs	June 1-3	City Hall
Connecticut	Hartford	May 3-4	Shoreham Three
Illinois	Springfield	June 6-7	St. Nicholas Hotel
Indiana	No Information to date		
Iowa	Des Moines	June 19-21	Kirkwood Hotel
Maine	Waterville	June 20-22	Fenway Motor Hotel
Maryland	Hagerstown	May 3-4	Holiday Inn (Route 40)
Massachusetts	Auburn	April 18-20	Yankee Drummer Inn and Motor House
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 8-10	Pantlind Hotel
Minnesota	No Information to date		
New Hampshire	Concord	April 25-26	N. H. Highway Hotel
New Jersey	Avon	June 12-14	Buckingham Hotel
New York	Syracuse	June 22-25	Hotel Syracuse
Ohio	Columbus	June 20-22	Fort Hayes Hotel
Ore. & Wash.	No Decision to date		
Pennsylvania	Lancaster	June 22-25	Hilton Inn
Rhode Island	Cranston	April 11-12	Colonial Hilton Motor Inn
Vermont	Warren	June 26-28	Pitcher Inn
Wisconsin	No Information to date		

**1975 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
AUGUST 10-14, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW**

The newly built and elaborate Flagship-Rochester Hotel on the banks of the Genesee River in the heart of downtown Rochester, New York will be the site of the 94th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the annual conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons and of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 10th to 14th, 1975. The committee has been working diligently to give you a most enjoyable time. Commencing on Sunday with the traditional Memorial Service and Campfire program, the business sessions will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Thursday a free day to provide time for sightseeing, trips and pleasure. Look for further information and details in the April issue of THE BANNER. In due time reservation cards will be available at all Department headquarters.

PLAN NOW TO JOIN YOUR FRIENDS NEXT AUGUST IN THE FLOWER CITY.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OFFICERS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Mrs. Winifred E. Brown, 232 New York, Wichita, Kansas 67214
NATIONAL SECRETARY
Mrs. Marguerite M. Lewis, 302 S. Hillside, Wichita, Kansas 67211

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS OFFICERS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Mrs. Ila Biller, 1705 Sixth N.E., Auburn, Washington 98002
NATIONAL SECRETARY
Mrs. Gertrude M. Edwards, Iroquois, South Dakota 57353

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

- Stand with anyone that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.
- If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.
- The severest justice may not always be the best policy.
- God selects his own instruments, and sometimes they are queer ones; for instance, He chose me to steer the ship through the great crisis.
- We know nothing of what will happen in the future, but by the analogy of past experience.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Organizations and interest groups that have a vested interest in favor of "floating holidays" that fall on Mondays have banded together to form the National Council for Monday Holidays. It is assumed that this group will act to lobby for uniformity of observance among the States of federally designated Monday holidays. Perhaps it will also attempt to expand the list of affected holidays.

Supporters of the House Committee on Internal Security were heartened by the vote taken in the House on October 2 to continue that committee as an independent entity. The vote was 246 to 164 in favor of HCIS. The future of HCIS was involved in a complex maneuver designed to "reform" the organization of the House of Representatives. The three reorganization plans advanced would have ended the life of HCIS as a standing unit. But it was agreed that the committee's fate would be considered as an issue separate from the total reorganization package. Rep. Ichord of Missouri, chairman of HCIS, reminded his colleagues that they should not be "misled by persistent misrepresentations of perennial opponents of the work of this committee." Responding to criticism that HCIS seldom sponsored major pieces of legislation, Ichord explained that the principal mission of the committee is investigative rather than legislative.

Although the margin of support favoring HCIS may appear large, a shift of only 42 votes on the roll-call would have reversed the outcome. The composition of the House in the 94th Congress is far different than it was in the Congress just ended. The next major test for HCIS would appear to be consideration of its annual appropriation request.

Members of old 93rd Congress received a "National Security Index" rating from the American Security Council, a private organization devoted to maintaining a strong national defense policy. Ten key issues each in the House and Senate were selected for analysis ranging from an authorization to build a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to an amendment to reduce the number of U. S. troops stationed overseas. In arriving at an index or score for each representative and senator, the Council compared individual votes cast with what it termed "prevailing public opinion." Although one can question how majority opinion was gauged, the National Security Index does reveal those members of Congress who consistently supported a strong defense posture.

Of the 100 members of the Senate, 41 senators received ratings of 80% or more and 36 tallied ratings of 0 to 20%. In the 435 member House, 208 representatives scored ratings of 80% or more and 75 representatives received scores in the range of 0 to 20%.

With the large number of voluntary retirements and election defeats, it is difficult to predict how defense-related issues will fare in the new 94th Congress.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM M. COFFIN

of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief 1924-25

Expired December 7, 1974

A devoted member has left us, but his good deeds will linger in our memories.



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- We have entered a New Year, and it is my hope that all members and their families, the Auxiliary and the other Allied Orders had a happy and enjoyable Holiday Season.
- The Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg on November 16th was very impressive. The Committee is to be commended highly for its outstanding work, including its arrangement for a beautiful day. At the 44th Annual Dedication Day Dinner, that evening, I was honored to present on behalf of our National Organization, the annual scholarship award to Mr. Grant C. Forsythe, a senior history major, with an excellent academic record at Gettysburg College. I then had the pleasure, with the assistance of P.C.C. Arthur Warman, to oblige my sixteen-year-old Grandson, John Myles Callaghan, into Gettysburg Camp #112. Another Grandson, David Scott, will become a member next year when he attains the age of fourteen. My thanks and deepest appreciation to Gettysburg Camp #112 for the Reception, their gift and all other courtesies extended to me that evening. I am grateful to all concerned, who travelled many miles to honor me.
- The G.A.R. knew of its eventual demise, for there were no replacements. We urgently need young blood to insure our pledge to the G. A. R. Why not see to it that your sons and grandsons will be available to take your place in our beloved Order. Now is the time; check the membership statistics.
- My compliments to Gen. Chester S. Shriver for the largest turnout of troops to honor a Commander-in-Chief in a Remembrance Day parade since its inception in 1956. I reviewed more than 400 men and women, in Civil War garb, as they marched through Gettysburg National Military Park. I was escorted through the lines of Blue and Gray by Gen. Shriver, S.V.R. Commanding and Lt. Gen. Henry Horn, Army of Northern Virginia, Commanding.
- Our National Patriotic Instructor, Bro. Clarence J. Riddell, has a designated quota of \$1,200 to reach and is working very hard to fulfill the duties of his Office. Why not show him that you as a Brother are interested in helping him attain his goal for this year and enclose your contribution to the National G.A.R. Fund today.
- It is my desire and hope to visit as many Department Encampments as may be possible. 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 Encampment in order that a schedule may be arranged. I would like to arrange, in case of conflicting dates, a meeting at some time, or to have a Representative of the National Organization present.
- All Brothers who secure three or more new Members will be designated a National Aide and authorized to wear the National Ribbon with their Membership Badge. Camp secretaries, please inform me when any Brother becomes eligible for this award.
- February 12, 1975, will mark the 166th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It is requested that all Camps plan to prepare appropriate observances that will pay a fitting tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Your Commander-in-Chief will attend the annual ceremony and the placing of a wreath, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday, at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, on February 12, 1975.
- During the month of March, I will be making visits on the West Coast. Any correspondence received during the dura-

- To those who have lost loved ones, may I extend my deepest sympathy; to those who are ill, my prayers for a return to good health.

JOHN H. STARK
Commander-in-Chief



A TRIBUTE

At the request of the Editor, I am grateful to have this opportunity to tell you of the unknown generosity and patriotic activities of a Grandson of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, who passed away recently in Burbank, California. I had the privilege of close friendship and association with him in various Civil War activities in the past sixteen years. The public knew him as Charley Weaver, a T.V. comedian who participated in more than 500 T.V. and stage shows in his lifetime. I knew him as Cliff Arquette (shown above with me in a photo taken in 1958), who had the same interests as I, in Civil War fields. I had planned on visiting with him in California this January. He was a former member of Gettysburg Camp #112, and I was pleased when his son Michael also let me sign him up for membership in the Sons at the same time. As Honorary Chairman, Cliff worked with a Gettysburg Committee, raising enough money to buy two very large tracts of Battlefield land, which was then deeded over to the U. S. Government to become an addition to the Gettysburg Battlefield. Memorial Day was remembered by Cliff annually, with a large check sent to Gettysburg Camp for Memorial Day expenses. The children of Gettysburg were remembered with an annual Christmas party, held at the Majestic Theatre. Cliff provided the presents. We formed a North-South skirmish outfit of 26 men, and named it in honor of Co. K — 1st Pennsylvania Reserves, the only Company from Gettysburg which fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. Few people know that not only was Cliff Arquette a fine actor, but also an expert in Civil War history, a good artist, a fine woodcarver and an accomplished musician. He played the piano and trumpet. Arquette's expertise on military history surfaced in 1959, when he opened a museum in General Howard's old Headquarters on the Battlefield in Gettysburg. It featured 12" models of soldiers depicting the history of military uniforms. Cliff spent 25 years researching the models and made the uniforms. A native of Toledo, Ohio, and proud of his Civil War heritage, he was mustered out September 23, 1974; but not forgotten.

John H. Stark
Commander-in-Chief



MRS. LINCOLN'S ULTIMATUM

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

It is not generally known that there was a time, because of the foolish arrogance of a few men, when it was doubtful that the mortal remains of Abraham Lincoln would remain in Springfield or be returned to Washington, D. C.

With the formation of the National Lincoln Monument Association, in May 1865, composed of fifteen prominent citizens of Springfield, plans were developed to erect the Lincoln Tomb on the Mather Block, where the present Capitol stands. Mrs. Lincoln had strong objection to that location and so informed the members of the Association. While it seems incredible, in view of Mrs. Lincoln's feelings, development of the plans for the Mather Block continued. Mrs. Lincoln was not informed of the Association's obdurate intentions.

In June, Mrs. Lincoln, learning from the newspapers that her expressed wishes were being ignored, wrote a letter to the Association in which she delivered an ultimatum. She stated, in positive language, that the memorial must be built in Oak Ridge Cemetery, or if failing to accede to her demand, the sacred remains would be returned to Washington, and be interred in the vault which had been prepared for George Washington under the dome of the National Capitol. She gave the members ten days in which they must assure her of their compliance to her wishes.

Upon receipt of the letter, the Association met and appointed two of the members to call upon Mrs. Lincoln in Chicago to try to induce her to change her mind. Failing in this, the members returned to Springfield. A meeting was called and a report of their failure was made. John Todd Stuart, a member of the Association and a cousin of Mrs. Lincoln's, presented a resolution which gave assent to the erection of the memorial in accordance with Mrs. Lincoln's desires.

A vote, which should have been a mere formality, was taken on the resolution. The result of the vote exhibited the implacable determination of seven members to persist in their original design. Seven voted against the resolution while the remaining eight members voted in favor. Thus, by one vote only, Abraham Lincoln's remains are today safely entombed in the beautiful memorial in Springfield. No one can deny that Mrs. Lincoln had the right of decision.

CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Central Regional Association Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio, October 19-20, with representatives present from the Departments of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin. A very inspirational meeting was held under the leadership of Marie Dorn, president of the Regional Association. Various phases of the life of Abraham Lincoln and ways to observe Memorial Day were discussed. Col. William B. Shimp, chief counsel of the Franklin County Prosecutor's office, senior legal officer of the Ohio National Guard, and an outstanding authority on the life of Abraham Lincoln, gave a very fine talk.

The new Regional president for 1974-75 is the Illinois Department Commander J. Edward Coltrin; the next meeting of the Association will be held in Indiana.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.
— James R. Lowell

GRAVES OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS DEDICATED

The graves of 121 Civil War Soldiers were dedicated at 11 a.m. on November 9, 1974 in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery at the intersection of Delaware Avenue (Del. Rt. 52) & Adams Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Many of these men were wounded on the battlefield and brought to Wilmington during the war to a hospital at 9th and Tatnall Streets where they died of their wounds. These men were buried in the Soldiers Field of the First Presbyterian Church at 10th & Market Sts. Later, the Wilmington Free Library was constructed, and the graves were moved to the Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers Field in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery.

Also buried in the field were other veterans of the Union forces during the Civil War and members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The last burial took place in 1914. In the summer of 1970, the State of Delaware condemned a portion of the Grand Army of the Republic plot for the widening of Delaware Avenue to accommodate an on-off ramp for Interstate 95 (The Delaware Expressway). Through the efforts of various veterans groups and interested citizens, the State gave up its plan of a mass-grave and each body was exhumed, placed in a concrete vault, and re-buried individually further back in the Soldiers and Sailors Field. There were no services conducted at that time.

The dedication ceremony was held at the gravesites and was sponsored by the Wilmington-Brandywine Committee of Appomattox Camp #2, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The program was as follows: Welcome by W. A. Davis, Chairman of the Committee; Invocation by Chaplain (Major) William Hemphill, Jr., Delaware Army National Guard; Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by P. C. in C. John C. Yocum, S.U.V.C.W.; announcements & introduction of speakers by Mr. Davis; addresses by P.C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., S.U.V.C.W., and the main speaker, Mr. Garland Bloodsworth, Adjutant and State Service Officer, Department of Delaware, American Legion; a roll call of the veterans interred in the field by Mr. Davis; a moment of silence; the benediction by Chaplain Hemphill; and volleys by the firing squad of the Delaware Army National Guard.

A luncheon was held after the ceremony at the Holiday Inn, 4000 Concord Pike, Talleyville, Delaware. Both the ceremony and the luncheon were well attended by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the American Legion, and the general public.

In addition to Chairman William Davis, Rev. William Hemphill, Jr., P.C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., and Mr. Garland Bloodsworth, other members of the Wilmington-Brandywine Committee were Robert E. Townsend, Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Ruth Egan, P.D.C. Department of Delaware, American Legion; Mr. James T. Chandler, Jr., President, Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery; and Mrs. Agnes Davis, Past National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

On October 19th and 20th in Portland, Maine, one of the largest groups, ever, attended the fall meeting of the New England Regional Association. One of the highlights of the meeting was a presentation on the subject, "Maine in the Civil War" by the Maine Department Historian. PDP Frances L. Warner was hostess at the dinner. Past Regional Commander and Publicity Chairman William C. Rule reports that at the Sunday meeting, held jointly with the Auxiliary, a motion was adopted to observe the 40th Anniversary of the Association at a meeting of the Association to be held at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire, in July 1975. It was also voted to invite the Sons of Veterans Reserve to participate in the ceremony. Regional Commander Ned Durkee and Regional President Faith Gibbs appointed the following committee to plan for the observance:

SONS: Richard E. Wyman, Department Commander; Robert Lawrence; William C. Rule; Arthur Bartlett; and Earl O. Anderson.
AUXILIARY: Mrs. Iyla Bartlett, Chairperson; Jessie Morgan; Eva Wyman; and Faith Gibbs.

SOME PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT CIVIL WAR . . .

— According to the U. S. Census, the population of the United States in 1860 numbered 31,443,321 persons. Of these, approximately 23,000,000 were in the 22 Northern states and 9,000,000 in the 11 Southern states. Of the latter total, 3,500,000 were slaves.

— At one time or another, the Northern armies numbered 2,100,000 soldiers. The Southern armies were considerably smaller. The total dead on both sides was about 500,000.

— Of the 364,000 on the Union side who lost their lives, a third were killed or died of wounds and two-thirds died of disease.

— The chance of surviving a wound in Civil War days was 7 to 1; in the Korean War, 50 to 1.

— About 15 per cent of the wounded died in the Civil War; about 8 per cent in World War I; about 4 per cent in World War II; about 2 per cent in the Korean War.

— There were 6,000,000 cases of disease in the Federal armies, which meant that, on an average, every man was sick at least twice.

— The diseases most prevalent were dysentery, typhoid fever, malaria, pneumonia, arthritis, and the acute diseases of childhood, such as measles and malnutrition.

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite 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 find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

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

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes — Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

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

Life Membership — Ralph Shadel, Jr., Camp No. 12, Ohio Dept. \$100.00

(NOT from Camp No. 43 as previously reported)

Life Membership — Alfred J. Durocher, Sr., Camp No. 60, Mass. Dept. \$50.00

Life Membership — Cecil M. Baer, Camp No. 50, N. Y. Dept. \$50.00

Life Membership — William H. Shannon, Camp No. 356, Ind. Dept. \$50.00

Life Membership — Kenneth Ekstrand, Camp No. 5, N. J. Dept. \$75.00

Life Membership — William C. Rule, Camp No. 60, Mass. Dept. \$75.00

Life Membership — Lawrence J. Cavanaugh, Camp No. 60, Mass. Dept. \$50.00

Life Membership — Allen B. Howland, Camp No. 50, Mass. Dept. \$75.00

Life Membership — Gilman W. Harrington, Camp No. 50, Mass. Dept. \$75.00

Life Membership — Miles E. Harrington, Camp No. 50, Mass. Dept. \$75.00

Life Membership — Herbert F. Howe, Camp No. 50, Mass. Dept. \$50.00

From Glen L. Whitaker, Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, In memory of Pvt. Jonathan Shinn (West Va. Troops) \$10.00



Department News



COLORADO AND WYOMING

Three new members were added to the membership of Colorado Springs Camp No. 5 in 1974. One of these members, William F. Woolsey of Colorado Springs, bases his eligibility on the Union Army service of both his grandfathers — William Homer Woolsey, who served in Company D, 7th Illinois Cavalry; and Benjamin F. Pope who saw service in Company B, 22nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

CONNECTICUT

Arthur G. Lyon, Jr., Commander of Alden Skinner Camp 45, praised the Town of Vernon, in an article published in the Hartford Courant in September, for the way in which the Civil War memorial building is kept up. The Camp meets in GAR Hall in the building which was erected in 1889 as a memorial to veterans of the Civil War. The entire building is being renovated by the Town, outside and in, for expanded Town offices; GAR Hall, however, will remain as it is. Commander Lyon said that the members of Skinner Camp are proud to meet in GAR Hall and to sit in the same chairs as the Civil War veterans did when they formed Burpee Post 71 many years ago.

ILLINOIS

A very constructive mid-winter Encampment of the Illinois Department was held on Saturday, November 9th, at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. Many plans were made for the coming year. Department Patriotic Instructor Lt. Col. Cyril Gumbinger, U. S. Army, Ret., spoke on the subject "Patriotism Today and the Civil War Times" at the evening dinner which was attended by approximately 75 persons. Department Commander Coltrin gave a short reading about a Union soldier who walked from Vicksburg, Mississippi to Washington, D. C. in 1871, carrying an American flag.

On October 27th, Mrs. Madeline Hoskins, Council Member of the Illinois Auxiliary who traveled about 300 miles to be present, presented an American Flag and a Papal Flag to the Chapel of Our Ladies of the Snow at Belleville, Illinois.

A joint installation of officers of Camps 1 and 61-65 for the ensuing year was held in Grand Army Hall, Chicago Public Library Building on December 9th.

INDIANA

On October 11, 1974 approximately 40 persons from the Allied Organizations, Grand Army of the Republic, took part in the annual visitation to the Indiana State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette. Among those representing the Indiana Department were Argus E. Ogborn, PDC and Elmer R. Meek, Department Patriotic Instructor. A tour of the grounds followed a noon meal.

The annual visitation to the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Knightstown took place on October 17, 1974. Among those attending were Wayne C. Klusman, Department Commander and Brothers Argus Ogborn, Elmer Meek, and Verlon Ballinger. Also attending were Brothers Thomas and Marion Tompkins, original Sons, whose father was an ambulance driver in the Civil War.

A tour of the grounds was followed by a noon meal at the Home's cafeteria. In the afternoon a program was presented by the Morton Memorial Robed Choir, and a variety review was presented by other children at the Home.

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 was the host for the Mid-Winter Meeting held at Indianapolis on November 9, 1974. Participating Camps included Wm. P. Benton Camp No. 28 from Centerville. A tour of the Ben Harrison meeting hall followed a business session. It was planned to have the 1975 Mid-Winter Meeting on a Sunday to increase participation.

IOWA

The annual picnic of the Sons and Auxiliaries was held in Iowa Falls on September 15th with Auxiliary No. 3 as host.

Thirty-one persons attended. After a delicious covered luncheon, election of officers for the coming year was held. Bernice Woodford was elected president and Lila Keller secretary. A program was presented by the Klossie Lassies — a kitchen band from Des Moines. The 1975 picnic will be held in Davenport.

Forty-nine members of the Sons and Auxiliary met for dinner at the Baker Cafeteria in Des Moines on October 26th to honor Department Commander Charles Lowe and Department President Ethel Jones. All Department officers of the Sons and all but one of the Department officers of the Auxiliary were present and were introduced by the Department Commander and Department President, respectively. A report of the National Encampment was given. Following brief talks by the officers, Randy Hunter and Cindy Potts of Des Moines entertained with musical readings beginning with "What It Means To Be a Son of a Union Veteran" and followed by "I'm Going Out Parading" and "The Flag Speaks"; Randy and Cindy also led the group in singing "America," "God Bless America" and "The Grand Old Flag." The entire program was an inspirational salute to our Flag and our Country. It was a fine evening of fellowship and inspiration.

MARYLAND

Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 6 suffered a dual loss in September. William J. Johnson, Sr., a Past Department Chaplain of the Maryland Department and a charter member of Shaw Camp, passed away; he was in his 93rd year. Approximately one week later, his daughter, PDP Catherine Winder, who had been seriously ill but was thought to be recovering, died. Shaw Auxiliary No. 12 conducted the ritualistic funeral service for Sister Winder in a very impressive manner.

The anniversary luncheon of Appomatox Camp No. 2 of Wilmington will be held at F.F.W. Hall, 313 Brandywine Boulevard, Bellefonte, Wilmington, Delaware, Saturday afternoon, March 15th, at 1:00. The cost will be \$4.00. Reservations with remittance should be sent to Frank Heacock, 421 So. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Delaware 19805, no later than March 8th.

PDC Eldridge Daniels, who was seriously wounded during a hold-up near his home in Wilmington, is gradually recovering and is recuperating at his home, 1229 Wilson Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

MASSACHUSETTS

The annual banquet of the Friendly Relations of the Massachusetts Department of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic was held Sunday, October 27th, in the American Legion Hall, Somerville, Massachusetts. Approximately 300 members and friends attended. Among the guests were Department Commander Leslie E. Covey, Jr., Department President Arlene Iervolino, and Violette Barnett, Department President, Ladies of the GAR; John C. Fleet, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps; and Marguerite Flynn, Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. National Chaplain of the Sons, William C. Rule, represented Commander-in-Chief John Stark.

The GAR Hall in Rockland was the scene on September 15th of an impressive reception in honor of Department Commander Covey and Department President Iervolino. Among those present were many relatives of Brother Covey and Sister Iervolino; many past and present national and department officers; and representatives of the Jewish War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Numerous gifts were presented and best wishes extended to the honored guests.

Veterans Day exercises were held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on October 28th at the Hall of Flags, in the State House in Boston under the direction of Charles N. Collatos, Commissioner of Veterans Services. Present at the well-attended public ceremonies were representatives of all the Armed Forces, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and all the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The GAR family was represented by the respective Department heads. Department Commander Covey and Department President Iervolino placed a wreath in honor of the Sons and Auxiliary. Lt. Governor Donald Dwight represented Governor Sargent.

MISSOURI (Auxiliary)

On September 12th Department President Helena Rau was given a luncheon by Wolff Auxiliary at the home of PNP Hazel Moushey. Following the luncheon, Sister Rau was accompanied by Department Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Pearl Robbins and Department Musician Mrs. Tillie Ouhrakka on a visit to Jefferson Barracks Hospital where sister Rau presented five Sight Saver books which had been purchased with contributions the Department made to the hospital. The Department President was also given a luncheon by Auxiliary No. 50 on September 14th.

NEW JERSEY

Headed by Department Commander Kenneth Ekstrand, we had sixteen members present at the annual Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg. Following the afternoon services, the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association held their annual Dedication Day dinner at the Holiday Inn, at which time our scholarship was awarded to a student of Gettysburg College. This was followed by an outstanding reception honoring Commander-in-Chief John Stark of Staten Island, New York.

Our New Jersey Lincoln Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 8th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Due to gasoline rationing last year, we were forced to cancel. Now we look forward to our friends and members supporting us to keep alive this tradition of over 100 years. Mr. John Lebengern, Coordinator of Social Studies at Pennsbury High School, will speak on Congressional Medal of Honor winners in the American Civil War.

The New Jersey State Camp spring dinner meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Brother James Elliott has been fortunate in securing Roger Semplak as our speaker. His topic will be "Civil War Cavalry Tactics." Mr. Semplak has a B. A. Degree from Monmouth College and is a member of the Company of Military Historians and a collector of weapons and documents of the Civil War. He also is Assistant Director of the Monmouth County Historical Association at Freehold.

A warm welcome is extended to Robert Gaylord Olsen-Asdall, Esq., of Sussex, England who has recently become a member of Dayton Camp No. 5. A native-born American, he is retired from the U. S. Air Force where he served with distinction for thirty years. His grandfather, John Thomas Kidd, served with Co. H, 100th Illinois. Mr. Olsen-Asdall is a private scholar with emphasis on Early American and Colonial History and genealogy.

NEW YORK

Department Commander Chester E. Hudson and Department President Gertrude Lowe were honored by large groups at dinners and receptions held in their honor in Albany, Utica and Rochester during the fall season.



On November 19th Cook Camp No. 223 and the 100th Eagle Regt., New York Volunteers sponsored the annual public reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on the 111th anniversary of its delivery by President Lincoln at the World's Largest Monument to a Speech (The Gettysburg Address) in Elm Lawn Cemetery in Tonawanda (see photo above). The public read from the monument.

On November 11th Frank Bellinger, Commander of Cook Camp No. 223, and President of the United Veterans Council of Tonawanda, led the 11 a.m. traditional Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Bascule Bridge in the center of the Erie Canal between Tonawanda and North Tonawanda. At the same time, members of Cook Camp No. 223 and descendants of American War Veterans placed a wreath in honor of Canadians who fought in the Civil War at the Clatoph during the Canadian Remembrance Day ceremonies in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Also, during the ceremonies an American Flag, which had flown over the U. S. Capitol Building in Washington, D. C., was presented. In return, the Central Canadian Veterans Association presented a Canadian Flag, which had flown over the Parliament Building in Ottawa, Canada.

On Wednesday, February 12th at 10 a.m. the annual Lincoln Day Ceremony will be held in front of the statue of Lincoln at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Building, and in the evening the annual Lincoln Day dinner will be held at the Ansley Wilcox Mansion.

OHIO

Department President Ramona Greenwalt of Alliance is having a busy time visiting Auxiliaries. She attended the inspection of Unionport Auxiliary when PNP Edith Nile, Department Inspector, rated that Auxiliary as a fine group. She attended meetings at Frost and Salem; the Central Regional Meeting at Columbus; the reception for the Department President of the Ladies of the GAR, Mrs. Beatrice Walker; and the Veterans Day dinner in observance of the local D.A.V. accompanied by her Counselor, PDP Margaret Gehret.



Miss Greenwalt was honored by a dinner and reception given by Alliance Auxiliary. Approximately 80 members and guests attended. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Clinton Heacock, Superintendent of West Branch School (far right above) of which Ramona is head librarian. Also pictured above, from left to right, are Mrs. Walker, Department President of the Ladies of the GAR; Mr. Kenneth Swift, Department Commander of Ohio; and Department President Greenwalt. Many other dignitaries were present, and Ramona received many gifts.

Alliance Sons and Auxiliary members were saddened by the death on October 19 of Errett E. Nile, husband of PNP Edith Nile; and Miss Mary Austin, sister of PDC Robert Austin, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

OREGON-WASHINGTON

We regret to announce the death of Past Department Commander George P. Harrisman in November.

Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday, November 10th, at the First Methodist Church in Portland under the auspices of the Military Order of the World Wars — Portland Chapter. Owen Summers Camp No. 4, SUVCW, had in attendance about ten members in uniform and color bearers, the Oregon Blue Brigade, SVR, Lt. Cmdr. C. R. Butcher, Commanding.

By action of the Oregon Legislature, observance of Veterans Day has been returned to November 11th.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 107th Annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner, as originated by the Grand Army of the Republic and now sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans Club of Philadelphia, will be held at Valle's, 9100 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, on Saturday, February 15, 1975, at 6:30 p.m. *Everyone is cordially invited.* The cost is \$7.00 per person. Send reservations with remittance and all names to: Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 South Sycamore Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805. Reservations must be received by Brother Heacock *on or before February 8th.*

PNP Bess Kapp of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Gettysburg, passed away on November 8th at the age of 81. She was very active in the work of the Allied Orders of the GAR and did many favors for the Sons. She will be missed by all.

P.C. in C. Chester S. Shriver has been renamed to the Jeff Davis Casemate and Museum Board of Directors at Fort Monroe, Virginia, as the representative of the Sons of Union Veterans. The Sons' representative is elected annually by the Board under the auspices of the U. S. Army Continental Commands. Brother Shriver has also been named by Governor Shapp of Pennsylvania as a member of the State Armory Board for Gettysburg Army National Guard Headquarters as a representative of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WISCONSIN

In a ceremony on October 9, Ellinore L. Konrad, PNP, and Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC, were united in marriage. The couple is residing in Madison where Bro. Johnson is employed. Their address is 765 West Washington Avenue, Apt. 110, Madison, Wisconsin 53715.

A record crowd attended the Mid Year Meeting of the Department held on November 17 at the Summit Town Hall near Oconomowoc. Encouraging reports were made by several of the officers and committee chairmen for both the Sons and Auxiliary. Everyone enjoyed the delicious potluck dinner served at noon by members of the Auxiliary.

AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN PATRIOT

A crafty American diplomat single-handedly saved his country thousands of lives, millions of dollars, and years of anguish during the Civil War.

Yet very few people have ever heard of him.

In 1863, while the war was raging, John Bigelow was the American consul in Paris. On a September day a middle-aged Frenchman came to see him.

"I have a communication of utmost importance," the visitor said.

"In the French ports of Bordeaux and Nantes four of the biggest warships are being built for the Confederates.

"The ships will have heavy armor plate and rams. You know what would be the effect of such ships on your navy."

Bigelow knew well. Ironclad ramming vessels had just been introduced in the American war. Wooden warships were almost powerless against them. If the South could acquire an armored fleet, it would smash the North's blockade, prolong the war by years — and probably win.

For \$4,000 the Frenchman provided Bigelow with documents proving that Emperor Napoleon III had approved the operation. The South had promised him that, if it won, he could add Mexico to his empire.

The canny Bigelow addressed a fine letter to the American consul at Marseilles. It said: "American shipbuilders have been secretly making a large fleet of the newest armored ships and rams.

"Our fleet will raid the commerce of all nations dealing with the South."

Then he allowed the letter to be intercepted by French agents, who rushed it to the Emperor.

Napoleon read it. "These American devils have built up the strongest navy in the world," he exclaimed. "They will wreck our ships and our commerce."

Bigelow's ingenious fiction was completely successful. The four French ships were never delivered to the Confederacy.

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