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20TH ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY - GETTYSBURG - 1977



PLACE WREATHS HONORING GAR — State and national officials of the five organizations founded by the Grand Army of the Republic placed wreaths honoring the men who fought for the Union during the 20th annual Remembrance Day program Saturday at the GAR monument on the battlefield. Shown left to right front row are Kenneth T. Wheeler, Milford, N.H., commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros, New Bedford, Mass., national president of the SUV Auxiliary; Ms. Syrenia Chick, Berwick, Maine, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Koch, Ridley Park, national president of the Ladies of the GAR, and Mrs. Grace P. Broderick, past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

In the second row are the state officers; Theodore K. Dissinger, Manheim, commander SVR; Mrs. Rosanna G. Shaffer, S. Williamsport, Auxiliary president; Mrs. Myrtle Sundberg, Lake City, WRC president; Mrs. Bertha Bech, Burgettstown, Ladies of the GAR president and Mrs. Margaret Frantz, York, Senior Vice President of the DUV.

The uniformed group, a part of the parade, shows 1st Lt. Floyd Mackey, Commanding the 18th Penna. Vol. Cav., SVR, from Chambersburg, Penna. along with four of his troopers. Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Charles Bishop of Waynesboro, Penna., the delightful young lady in the foreground is unidentified.

P.C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey was Master of Ceremonies for the 20th Annual Remembrance Day Program held in the Visitors Center Auditorium at the battlefield of Gettysburg on November 20, 1976. The opening and closing prayers, as well as the Prayer of Tribute, were offered by the Rev. Dr. Robert A. MacAskill of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Other highlights of the program included music by the Lancaster Fencibles Fife and Drum Corps, the playing of Taps by Karl Frantz of Camp 33, York, Penna., the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the 11th Pa. Vol. Inf., SVR, Fife and Drum Corps and the firing of a Volley by Co. H, 7th Pa. Regt., 36th Inf., SVR.

There were brief remarks and greetings from: Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler; National President Minnie E. Madeiros of the Auxiliary; National President Syrenia Chick of the Woman's Relief Corps; National President Elizabeth B. Koch of the Ladies of the GAR, and Past National President Grace P. Broderick of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

The main address was given by Lt. Col. Francis X. Vossen, Professor of Military Science at Gettysburg College. Lt. Col. Vossen has held a number of Command and Staff positions since entering the Regular Army in 1956. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (with v device), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and several foreign decorations. Paying tribute to the men of both the North and the South during the course of his remarks, Col. Vossen stated the Military Leadership was responsible for the Union victory at Gettysburg. He noted that the enlisted man in the Union ranks was often between 16 and 19 years of age and that the mark of a good military leader is one who cares for and leads his men. In conclusion he remarked that "We have seen our nation advance for the many years since this battle was fought here. Our future is bright for we have a good heritage. The ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic have been carried down through the generations, through their children and to our grandchildren."

At the evening dinner, Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler presented the national SUVCW scholarship to Matthew D. Shannon, a student at Gettysburg College. This scholarship, funded thru the National Patriotic Instructor's GAR Memorial Fund, is awarded annually to an outstanding History student at Gettysburg College. Dr. Charles Glatfelter, professor of History at the College, introduced Mr. Shannon.

Approximately 200 persons attended the "Blue and Gray Dance" which followed the evening dinner and program. There were over 700 in attendance at the afternoon program at the Albert Woolson Statue. In addition to the formal programs in the afternoon and evening, the gathering was the occasion for several brief meetings by various National Committees, by the Council of Administration and by various units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

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Photos of the Remembrance Day events are by courtesy of the Gettysburg Times and are gratefully acknowledged.

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The photo above shows, from left to right, Matthew D. Shannon, history student at Gettysburg College and recipient of the National SUVCW Scholarship; Commander-in-Chief Wheeler who presented the Scholarship, and Dr. Charles Glatfelter, Professor of History at Gettysburg College, who presented Mr. Shannon. The photo to the left shows Lt. Col. Francis X. Vossen, Professor of Military Science at Gettysburg College who gave the address of Tribute at the Remembrance Day program



REPORT OF CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference was held on October 9 and 10 at the Holiday Inn in East Peoria, Illinois. In attendance were delegates from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The theme was "The Heritage of Our Bicentennial," and featured a talk by Grover R. Huff on the importance of the Northwest Territory to American history followed by a talk by Helen Huff on the importance of women in history.

At the banquet session, Dr. Oliver K. Zivney, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Danville, Ill., and Illinois Department Chaplain of The American Legion, spoke on the fate of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in an address entitled, "Putting Their Lives on the Line."

At the Sunday morning session much discussion ensued concerning ways of gaining membership for the Order. The Conference agreed to authorize a committee chaired by G. Edward Coltrin to compile a directory to aid non-members in learning where to obtain records on veterans of the Civil War so as to establish eligibility for membership. It was also agreed that the theme for the 1977 Conference will be, "The Contribution of Your State to the Civil War" with Thomas L. W. Johnson as moderator.

Officers elected for 1976-77 are Donald Kelly, Commander; Betty King, Senior Vice Commander; Robert M. Graham, Junior Vice Commander; George L. Cashman, Secretary; Ellinore K. Johnson, Treasurer; Cyril Gumbinger, Patriotic Instructor; Grover R. Huff, Chaplain; and J. B. Johnson, Guide.

Bro. Coltrin, Dept. Commander Graham, and Dept. President Florence Forbey together with all members of the host department provided gracious hospitality to all in attendance. Madison, Wisconsin, will be the site of the 1977 Conference.



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1. This is the beginning of a new year, and I hope that all members and their families had a happy and joyous holiday season. Now that we are embarked upon a new year, let us all resolve to carry out the duties of our various offices to the best of our abilities.
2. All Department and Camp Secretaries are to send a copy of their charter to the National Secretary. This was to have been done by December 31, 1976. It is my hope that we have accomplished this project 100% before the end of my year.
3. Due to the fact that no Department has presented a firm invitation for the 1978 Encampment, the Council of Administration met in Gettysburg and decided to implement the plan proposed two years ago and appoint a Convention Planner. P. C. in C. Chester S. Shriver has been appointed to this position. To replace Brother Shriver on the Encampment Site Committee, I appoint P. C. in C. William W. Haskell of Massachusetts.
4. The National Patriotic Instructor, Charles A. Brady, Jr., has a quota of \$1,500 to reach. Please help him all you can as this money is used to support various worthwhile programs on the National level. Checks should be made payable to the National Organization, SUVCW and be mailed to Brother Brady.
5. Please do not forget the Senior Vice Commander's Fund. The money solicited will go into the One Hundredth Anniversary Fund which will be used to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National Organization in 1981.
6. If any Department Secretaries did not advise of their Encampment dates in time for inclusion in this issue of THE BANNER, will they please advise me of these dates. I must arrange my itinerary for the year and it is my desire to attend all Encampments.
7. The one ingredient necessary to keep our Camps, Departments and National Organization strong is new members. The National Junior Vice Commander and all Department Junior Vice Commanders make up the membership committee. Please make a big effort to get as many new members as you possibly can. The Department Commander of Iowa has 22 new members lined up to start a new Camp. I initiated a new member into my Camp on November 18, 1976. I have just signed the Charter for a new Camp in Indiana. It's hard work, but it can be done. Let's try to garner the largest number of new members in our history. Remember, three new members makes the Brother responsible a National Aide.
8. I had the honor of attending the Remembrance Day Program at Gettysburg. I was honored to be the first Commander-in-Chief to march at the head of the annual parade, the largest in their history. There were many men in Gray marching beside the boys in Blue - it was a sight to behold. The committee is to be commended for the wonderful job they did, and I would especially like to thank them for all the courtesies shown to me. I was also privileged to attend the Remembrance Day in Holyoke, Mass. and Manchester, N. H.
9. Please remember the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln with appropriate programs. I will be at the Lincoln Memorial Services in Washington, D.C. on February 12 and will attend the Lincoln Day dinner in Philadelphia that evening.
10. In New Hampshire there is an organization known as the New Hampshire Veteran's Association. Founded by the Grand Army of the Republic 101 years ago, it is now made up of veterans of all wars. The Sons of Union Veterans are members and the Ladies of the G.A.R. belong to the Auxiliary to the Association. Having lost their large meeting hall to snow and wind, we are in the process of setting up a building fund to construct a

museum, library and meeting hall. If any person would like to contribute to this fund in the name of an ancestor, it would be greatly appreciated. You may send donations to me and I will turn them over to the Treasurer.

11. I wish to thank all the members of the Sons and auxiliary who helped to make my recent testimonial an outstanding affair. I was pleased with the delegations from ten States and with the attendance of Governor Meldrom Thompson, Senator Al Rock and Governor's Councillors Bernard Streeter and Lou D'Allisandro.
12. To those who have lost loved ones, I extend my deepest sympathy; to those that are ill, I pray for a fast recovery to good health.

KENNETH T. WHEELER
Commander-in-Chief

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A final review of legislation pending before the 94th Congress reveals the following activity since the publication of our last Report.

On October 11, President Ford signed into law PL 94-479 which posthumously awarded the six-star rank of General of the Armies to George Washington, an honor which the 5th Congress had intended to bestow in 1799 but did not do so due to the untimely death of our First President in December of that year. Some congressmen and others had criticized the present Congress for spending valuable time on the matter, but the sponsor of the measure, Rep. Mario Biaggi, put it this way: "It is most appropriate in our Bicentennial year to pay special tribute to those Americans who made it possible for us to be in this great country . . . I agree that honoring Washington in this way is not an earth-shattering activity for Congress. However, the entire Bicentennial celebration is made up of a series of gestures, small in themselves, which together create a spirit of patriotism that has been something very special this year."

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In another action related to the observance of the Bicentennial, on October 19, the President signed PL 94-556 which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to "study the feasibility of" and to make recommendations for honoring Alaska and Hawaii at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. As the last two States to be admitted to the Union, the names of Alaska and Hawaii have not been inscribed on the Memorial as have the names of the other 48 States. In the debate in the House, a question was raised as to the space available for additional names. For that reason the measure was amended to require the Department of the Interior to make a study and submit a plan for the most suitable means of including the 49th and 50th States on the Memorial.

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Under terms of legislation signed by the President on October 12 (PL 94-483), the American Legion has been accorded the honor of placing its Freedom Bell on federal property in the District of Columbia to be designated by the National Park Service. The Freedom Bell was an integral part of the displays aboard the Freedom Train during the past two years.

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Other measures of note dealing with such subjects as restoration of May 30 as Memorial Day, expansion of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, provision to honor a soldier from the Revolutionary War at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, and the establishment of George Washington's boyhood home as a National Historic Site languished in congressional committees and must start the process anew in the 95th Congress which will convene in January 1977. Individuals interested in these and other measures should be in touch with their Senators and Representatives early next year to insure that they receive the attention necessary for enactment into law.

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FOOTNOTE - A total of 24,283 measures were introduced in the 94th Congress but for the record figure, one must go back many years. In the 61st Congress (1909 - 1911), 44,363 measures were dropped into the hopper. The 94th Congress did succeed in enacting 588 Public laws.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Chairman

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1977

A memorial ceremony marking the 112th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted 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 luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. John W. Cox, Superintendent of Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, will be the luncheon speaker. A shuttle bus will provide transportation free of charge between the Tomb and the hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or a Department or Unit Auxiliary President, and 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 or Camps. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and that (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It is imperative that the number of luncheon reservations desired be specified. To insure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details NOT LATER THAN MARCH 25 to -

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

Wreaths may be sent to the Tomb for delivery not later than 9:30 A.M., Friday, April 15, 1977. Instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois.



Pictured above is the diZerega family. From left to right they are: Augustus VI, Edward, Mrs. diZerega, Augustus V, Gere and Paul. Mr. diZerega V is a member of Curtis-Warner Camp #64, a Camp-at-Large in Kansas City. He is also a member of MOLLUS and a Past President of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. While the family clan was gathered recently for the wedding of the youngest son, they found time to initiate all four sons into Curtis-Warner Camp on the same night. A proud night for the diZerega family and for Curtis-Warner Camp. Also, a fortunate night for the SUVCW.

1977 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Department	Location	Dates	Headquarters
Calif. & Pacific	Long Beach, Calif.	April 15 - 17	Golden Sails Inn
Colo. & Wyo.	Manitou Springs, Colo.	June 4 - 6	City Hall, Manitou Springs
Connecticut	Hartford	May 7 - 8	Shoreham Three Motor Lodge
Illinois	To be announced		
Indiana	Indianapolis	To be announced	
Iowa	Des Moines	June 2 - 4	Kirkwood Hotel
Maine	Portland	June 16 - 19	Eastlaud Motor Motel
Maryland	Wilmington	April 30 - May 1	Holiday Inn - North
Massachusetts	Chicopee	April 15 - 17	Highpoint Motor Inn
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 12 - 14	Pantlind Hotel
New Hampshire	Concord	April 22 - 23	New Hampshire Highway Hotel
New Jersey	Avon	June 16 - 18	Buckingham Hotel
New York	Buffalo	June 12 - 15	Sheraton Hotel
Ohio	Alliance	June 24 - 26	Mt. Union College
Oregon & Wash.	Portland	May 15 - 17	Mallory Motor Hotel
Pennsylvania	Monroeville	June 19 - 22	Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
Rhode Island	Cranston	April 2	Cranston Hilton
Vermont	Warren	June 16 - 18	Pitcher Inn
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 4	Holiday Inn - Midtown

95th ENCAMPMENT APPROVED CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS CHANGES

The following amendments to the C & R were presented by the Committee of Constitution and Regulations and were approved at the 95th Encampment in Columbus last August.

CHAPTER III

Article VII Committees

Section 1. The regular committees of the National Organization shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Legislation, Military Affairs, Membership, Americanization and Education, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Remembrance Day, Fraternal Relations, and Encampment Site.

Section 2. Special committees may be created by action of a National Encampment and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined.

Section 3. The regular national committees shall consist of five members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as chairman and the junior vice commanders of all Departments and Camps-at-Large, and except the Encampment Site Committee which shall consist of three members. All shall be in good standing in their respective Departments and Camps.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Legislation to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed either in the Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief at the session following its appointment.

CHAPTER III

Article IV Officers

Section 3. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers and national committees, and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate.

CHAPTER IV

Section 2

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Effective 1 January 1977, to be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, a brother shall be a member in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Members of the ladies organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic may affiliate with subordinate units, and be identified as members of the **SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE NURSE CORPS**, with uniform, dress and duty conforming to that of the period of the Civil War. Members of the **SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE NURSE CORPS** shall NOT pay dues, file forms or have rank structure.

NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER PLANS RETIREMENT - IS HONORED BY UNION COUNTY (N. J.) BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

William W. Vanderhoof, PDC of New Jersey and National Graves Registration Officer, is planning retirement from his post as Supervisor of Veterans Interment for Union County, New Jersey. On July 22, 1976 the Board of Freeholders adopted a Resolution of gratitude and appreciation which sited Brother Vanderhoof for his activities in the County, his many activities with veteran's organizations and his high standards of citizenship and patriotism.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R. TO HONOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT KOCH

Elizabeth B. Koch, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. will be honored at a testimonial Dinner sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department, Ladies of the G. A. R. and by Captain George K. Crozer Circle. The testimonial dinner and reception will be held on Saturday, March 5, 1977 at the Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Penna. Interested persons should contact Sara Carol Scott, 8 Forrest Avenue, Ridley Park, Pa. 19078 prior to February 22, 1977.

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 - Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

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:

From John Charles Engel, Sr., Dimondale, Michigan
 In memory of Edwin D. Butler, Co. E,
 25th Reg., Michigan Infantry \$10.00

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

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

- Under age 60 \$150.00
- Age 60 to 69 \$125.00
- Age 70 and over \$100.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within one year. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1976 will be \$6.00.

Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization. The number of Life Members to date is eighty-eight. The following list of Life Memberships is printed for the general interest of the readers of THE BANNER:

NO.	NAME	DATE PURCHASED
* 1	U. S. Grant, III	8/25/55
* 2	Howard E. Waite	1/14/56
* 3	Richard W. Bauer	9/12/56
* 4	Albert C. Lambert	12/25/56
* 5	Fred E. Howe	6/22/57
* 6	Charles P. Weldin	8/20/57
* 7	Richard F. Locke	8/20/57
* 8	Edward N. Barnard	8/20/57
* 9	Earl F. Riggs	12/21/57
*10	William M. Coffin	12/27/57
*11	Frederick K. Davis	1/6/58
*12	Edgar L. Tenney	1/29/59
13	Dr. Levi J. Snow	8/27/59
14	Philip K. Conley	8/27/59
*15	Edward W. Higley	9/8/61
16	Thomas Lockhart Wilson	3/25/63
17	Chester S. Shriver	8/22/63
18	William F. Bruckel	4/20/63
19	Benjamin F. Edge	4/9/64
20	Joseph S. Rippey	8/19/65
21	James Y. Ledwith	10/15/66
22	Harry Furman	10/20/66
23	Marvin W. Reed	6/17/67
24	William A. Davis	11/17/67
*25	Stanley Cline Barker	6/30/69
26	Thomas E. Hoffman	12/1/70
27	Raymond Nichols	3/20/71
28	Norman R. Furman	8/30/71
29	George L. Cashman	9/10/71
30	Grover C. Scott	1/1/72
31	Richard L. Greenwalt	1/1/72
32	Warfield W. Dorsey	1/22/72
33	Aylmer Mead Gifford	3/20/72
34	Chauncey A. Geer	4/1/72
35	Edgar M. Eshelman, Jr.	4/12/72
36	Edward B. Beale	7/4/72
*37	Kenneth S. Swift	9/1/72
*38	Martin R. Battey	9/1/72
39	Carl Latham	12/10/72
40	Robert C. Wolz	12/10/72
41	G. Edward Coltrin	12/10/73
42	Col. Joseph S. Coulter, USA, Ret.	3/21/74
43	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	6/21/74
44	L. Kaye Hyde	6/21/74
45	Harry E. Gibbons, Sr.	6/24/74
46	George N. Lovatt	7/1/74
47	Emmett G. Riley	7/1/74
48	Ralph Shadel, Jr.	8/20/74
49	Alfred J. Durocher, Sr.	8/20/74
50	Cecil M. Baer	9/1/74
51	William G. Shannon	9/27/74
52	Kenneth Ekstrand	10/1/74
53	William C. Rule	10/13/74
53A	Rev. Dr. Raymond H. Lieber	11/8/74
*54	Lawrence J. Cavanaugh	11/15/74
55	Allen B. Howland	11/15/74
56	Gilman W. Harrington	11/15/74
57	Miles E. Harrington	11/15/74
58	Herbert F. Howe	11/15/74
59	Charles Q. Creager	4/1/75
60	John H. Stark	8/13/75
61	Robert J. Wolz	8/13/75
62	James Herlinger	9/1/75
63	Fred W. Herlinger	9/1/75
64	Harry S. Stutzman	9/1/75
65	George F. Roberts, Sr.	9/1/75
66	Galen Ritchie	9/1/75
67	Robert McKay	9/1/75
68	Jack Quinby	9/1/75
69	Paul Furst	9/1/75
70	John Will	9/1/75
71	Vincent Edmunds	9/1/75
72	Thomas Kloss	9/1/75
73	Anthony Emmerich	9/1/75
74	Frederic Emmerich	9/1/75
75	Oscar Zinn	9/1/75
76	George Kroepke	10/27/75
77	Charles H. Small	12/15/75
78	Ben H. Lebo	12/20/75
79	Thomas L. W. Johnson	12/20/75
80	Frank C. Bellinger	12/22/75
81	Thomas Clifton Etter, Jr.	12/22/75
82	David C. Laing	12/29/75
83	Lemuel Holmes	12/29/75
84	David Holmes	12/29/75
85	Jerry L. Wolford	12/31/75
86	Thomas W. Graham	7/1/76
87	Lester M. Clark	8/9/76

* Deceased



Pictured above at the unveiling of the restored tomb of General Hancock are, from left to right, John Hansell, Montgomery County (Pa.) Historical Society, Dave Charles, Chairman of the Hancock Committee and Warren McQuiggan of Philadelphia Camp #200, SUVCW.

DEDICATION SERVICE HELD AT NEWLY RESTORED TOMB OF GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK

Philadelphia Camp #200, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held a dedication service at the newly restored tomb of Major General Winfield Scott Hancock on Sunday, October 24, 1976 at Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Although a light rain fell most of the day, over one hundred people were in attendance. Representatives from several military units and historical organizations were present, with many in full Civil War dress.

The General Hancock Tomb Restoration Fund started over two years ago after reports were received about vandalism to the tomb structure and surrounding area. At a cost of over five thousand dollars, which was raised from donations from all over the United States, the tomb is now restored and the grounds landscaped. An eight foot fence has been erected to help protect from further damage. Dave Charles, Jr., Chairman of the Hancock Committee, said "over half of the funds raised have come from our friends down South," "this shows the respect and admiration that General Hancock has attained both North and South." A plaque entitled, "HANCOCK THE SUPERB" was placed at the new heavy stone seal to the entrance of the tomb. The plaque gives special thanks to Mr. Eli Lilly, Honorary Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Royal Legion of the United States, the National Commandary of the Loyal Legion, the Historical Society of Montgomery County, the Sons of Union Veterans and "many other historical organizations and concerned Americans throughout the United States."

Major General Winfield Scott Hancock so distinguished himself during the Civil War that he earned the praises of all army commanders he served, from General George Gordon Meade to General U. S. Grant. He was cited by the U. S. Congress in 1864 for "gallant action at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia." He served as Military Commander of the Department East after the war and in 1880 he ran for President of the United States. He was narrowly defeated by James Garfield by a few thousand votes out of almost ten million cast. The General died in New York City in 1886 at the age of sixty two.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will maintain a standing committee at Philadelphia Camp #200 to provide a continuous watch on the tomb and grounds and provide for its perpetual care. Repairs of any damage will be made immediately when needed. The Hancock Committee is still accepting donations which will be placed in a special savings account and be used for this specific purpose. Memorial Day services will be held each year by Camp #200. Anyone desiring any additional information on the General Hancock project may contact Philadelphia Camp #200, The Hancock Committee, 4278-80 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124.

MARYLAND

Appomattox Camp #2 of Wilmington will hold their annual anniversary luncheon on March 26, 1977. Contact Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr., for information and reservations.

The Wilmington Memorial Day Committee is sponsoring an Americanization Dinner-Dance on February 19, 1977. Everyone is invited to join them at the Executive Inn in Wilmington. Contact Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr., for details.

The 16th annual meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp was held on December 3, 1976. Retiring Camp Commander Richard Schlenker had, as a final duty, the pleasure of inducting his two sons, David and Daniel, as members. In addition two Associate Members were inducted and a transfer membership was received. Guest Speaker of the evening was Mr. Charles J. Bauer, historian, author, lecturer and student of Lincoln history.

MICHIGAN

The Department is saddened by the recent death of P.D.C. James A. Davey. He served as Department Commander in 1950 and again in 1966 and was a loyal member of Thomas A. Davey Camp #8.

NEW JERSEY

Approximately fifteen members of the New Jersey Department of the Auxiliary and Sons attended the annual Remembrance and Dedication Day observances at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 20th.

Our New Jersey Lincoln Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 12th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. We look forward to our friends and members supporting us in the effort to keep this tradition of over 100 years alive.

The New Jersey State Camp Spring Dinner Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Brother James F. Elliott, Commander of Camp 100, has arranged for Captain Arthur V. Grant, Jr. to address the Camp on the general topic of the command relationships between Generals Meade and Grant.

NEW YORK

The Department was saddened by the death of P.D.C. Earl Terry of Interlaken, N. Y. last October. He was very active in Camp and Department affairs. Caywood Camp #146, his Camp, has established a scholarship fund in his memory.

P.D.P. Emma Hughes of Utica and P.D.C. Judson French of Batavia were joined in marriage on October 23, 1976. All of their friends in the Department and National organizations wish them much happiness in the years ahead.

Cook Camp #223 of Buffalo reports the death of an outstanding member, John Masen Patter. Brother Patter authored two books on Abraham Lincoln and was a lecturer at Niagara Community College.

Remembrance Day commemorations were held by Cook Camp #223 at Elmlawn Cemetery in Tonawanda on November 19, 1976.

On August 22, 1976 the Civil War Monument in Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, was rededicated. Past Camp Commander Frank C. Bellinger of Cook Camp #223 served as Chairman of the committee and the rededication was attended by uniformed artillery and infantry units. Salutes were fired by cannon by the 19th N. Y. Reg., Heavy Artillery, SVR, Lt. Jim Conkey, Commanding.

Berry Camp #93 of Niagara Falls is currently being reactivated and a membership drive is under way.

Nordquist Camp #64 of Mt. Vernon participated in Veteran's Day activities and a parade on November 11, 1976. Past Camp Commander Kenneth C. Schewartz gave a brief address at the event.

Two wreaths were placed in Memory of the G.A.R. at a ceremony at the Eternal Light in New York City which was attended by members of Camp #26 of New York City as well as several Department officers. One wreath was from the Camp and the other from the New York Department.

OHIO

A reception was held October 16, 1976 in honor of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt, Department President Esther Greek and National Press Correspondent Olive Boren by Camp #91 of Alliance.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 109th annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 12th, 1977 at VALLE'S, Roosevelt Blvd. and Grant Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$8.50 and reservations with remittance in full and names should be received by Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 So. Sycamore Street, Wilmington, DE 19805 prior to February 7th.

The annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Association, SUVCW and Auxiliary will be held at the Dewey Fire Hall, Hellertown, Pa., Saturday, February 26th, 1977. Tickets are \$7.50 and reservations are to be sent with remittance to Robert U. Werkheiser, 766 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055.

WISCONSIN

Dept. President Rhoda Lemanski and Dept. Commander Grover R. Huff were feted at a testimonial dinner on November 13 by members of Auxiliary No. 4 of Milwaukee. Among the guests present were two National officers, Charles A. Brady, Jr., and Florence Forbey, the National Patriotic Instructor of the SUVCW and Auxiliary respectively. The speaker of the evening was Thomas L. W. Johnson who took as his theme the title, "How to Express Patriotism." Musical selections associated with our country's heritage were provided by the 5th Wis. Vol. Regt. Ensemble of Milwaukee. Ellinore K. Johnson chaired an arrangements committee which included Mildred Biering, Louise Hernke, and Betty Johnson. Sister Ellinore graciously presided at the dinner and reception.

The following day, November 14, a Joint Mid-Year Meeting was held presided over by the Department heads, Grover Huff and Rhoda Lemanski. Reports were received concerning membership, legislation, VAVS activities, the Central Region Conference, and the National Encampment. A motion was passed to encourage the design and development of a National medal that would be suitable for presentation to ROTC cadets or others in a community worthy of special recognition by a Department, Camp, or Auxiliary. The U. S. Grant Cup and Harold E. Arnold Award given to the Department for outstanding membership gains during the past year were displayed and admired. The meeting was marked by enthusiasm, harmony, and an interest in the future of our Order.

CURTIS-WARNER CAMP NO. 64

Nominations of officers and the initiation of two new members were highlights of the quarterly meeting of Curtis-Warner Camp held on October 16, 1976. Initiated into membership were Leland R. Adams, Charter President of the Johnson County, Kansas, Genealogical Society and President of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies; and Robert O. Dickey who is also active in the Sons of the American Revolution, Kansas Huguenot Society and Scottish Rite.

NO NEWS NOT GOOD NEWS

Almost half of our Departments are missing from the DEPARTMENT NEWS column of this issue. Perhaps with the change in editorship there was some confusion regarding the submitting of news items. But when it comes to hearing quarterly from our Brothers and Sisters around the country, no news is definitely not good. Items of Camp or Auxiliary and Department activities should reach me by the 15th of March, June, September and December. The address is: P. O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540.

Albert W. Lambert, Editor

Definition of foreign aid: when the poor people of a rich nation send their money to the rich people of a poor nation.

Politicians are like ships. The more they're in a fog, the noisier they are.

Have you tried the great new congressional diet. You can eat all you want and still stay fat!

If our civilization is so great, how come we bolt our doors and windows at night while the jungle natives can still sleep safely in an open hut?

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NATIONAL G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND

As most members of the SUVCW are aware, the National Organization receives only a very small portion of the dues paid by members. Both local Camps and Department organizations are supported from this source of revenue, as well as financing THE BANNER for each member.

We rely, therefore, on volunteer contributions to special funds or one-time fund-raising drives, for the monies needed to finance our many activities. At the national level, the standing fund used for a number of annual activities is the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Each year, the National Patriotic Instructor is asked, in addition to his primary duties, to meet a quota set by the Council of Administration. This year the quota has been set at \$1,500.

This money, once raised, is committed to be spent on worthwhile national activities as determined by the Council of Administration. Included are such events as the National SUVCW Scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding history student at Gettysburg College (see report in this issue of THE BANNER), financial support for the Memorial Day Restoration Committee to promote return of Memorial Day to the May 30th date and many other projects too numerous to detail in this column.

Your contribution in the G.A.R. Memorial Fund is not an additional assessment to support the operation of the National Organization, it is a voluntary investment in the future of America. By helping this fund you will help to keep alive the memory of those Americans who fought and died for this Union and you will help to keep alive the sense of Patriotism which has always been the ultimate strength of this nation. Donations are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes -- Section 170, Code of 1954.

Your support is urgently needed if this good work is to continue. Please send donations to:

Charles A. Brady, Jr.
National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
P. O. Box 6165
Chicago, Illinois 60680

Checks should be made payable to:
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION,
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

THANKS AND BEST WISHES

The October 1976 issue of THE BANNER was P. C. in C. Fred Combs, Jr.'s final issue as Editor. In the four years that Fred was responsible for this publication, he maintained its high standards of quality and devoted countless hours of his time to assuring us a paper that was always timely and complete. My pledge for the future is to do all in my power to continue the fine tradition passed on to me by Fred and by his predecessors. We wish Fred much health and enjoyment in his semi-retirement (he still holds numerous jobs at the Camp, Department and National levels, including National Secretary-Treasurer). And we extend to him our heartfelt Thanks for his years of outstanding service to THE BANNER.

Editor

SEEK G.A.R. MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT FORT CHICKAMAUGA

Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma, is the last Horse Calvary Post remaining in the country. Open to the public, the Fort has numerous plaques and memorials from various organizations, including the Daughters of Union Veterans. There is a walkway in the Fort with bronze plaques commemorating every war fought in America and a place on this walkway has been reserved for a GAR Memorial plaque to commemorate the Civil War and the men who fought for the Union.

According to Fort Chickamauga Camp #1, SUVCW, there were eight-two separate battles fought during the Civil War on the soil of the Indian Territory which is now Oklahoma but only twenty-four of these sites bear any identification or markings. The Camp has formed the GAR Memorial Plaque Committee to raise the needed funds for erecting a GAR Memorial Plaque on the Fort Chickamauga site. Anyone who wishes to aid them in this project can send donations to: GAR Memorial Plaque Committee, Camp #1, SUVCW, Fort Chickamauga, Cookson, Oklahoma 74427.

COMMEMORATIVE SPOONS AVAILABLE

There are some of the Commemorative Spoons which were passed out at the National Encampment in Columbus last August still available if anyone is interested. Price is \$3.50 including postage. Contact Gordon R. Bury, RD 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio 44645.

BE IT RESOLVED

Brothers, this is the time in the year when we think about resolutions. Some we plan to keep and others that we merely talk about or feel would be good for others. Let us each resolve to strive to build the membership of our fine organization. You must believe it to be a good organization or you wouldn't belong. What induced you to join? Were your reasons important enough that other men might agree with them? When was the last time you talked with anybody regarding their joining the order? Have you talked with somebody who showed an interest, but who made no definite commitment? Did you follow up on these men? Have you discussed membership with members of your own family? Their lineage would prove no problem. Are you proud of your heritage? Surely many of them are, too. Perhaps some would be willing to join our ranks and assist us in perpetuating the memory of THE BOYS IN BLUE.

Please resolve that you will, as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, ask at least three men who you feel might be interested to join our fine patriotic organization. If we will spend a little time and effort, our membership rolls will increase, and we will be better able to fulfill our patriotic obligation.

RICHARD L. GREENWALT
Junior Vice Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

CENTENNIAL FUND APPEAL

In 1981 the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are going to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief each year has been asked to accept the added responsibility of raising money for a Centennial Fund which will be used to finance a fitting observance. My quota this year has been set at \$200.00.

This is intended as a low profile appeal and in no way is it intended to conflict with the National Patriotic Instructor's annual G.A.R. Memorial Fund appeal. Over the years between now and 1981 we hope that several modest appeals will result in an amount sufficient for our needs at that time. So I am asking every Brother to spare me a dollar or so at any time you feel that you can, in the hope that this fund will quietly grow until the quota for this year has been achieved.

HAROLD T. BEILBY
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
49 Stonehill Drive
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT MADEIROS HONORED AT DINNER-RECEPTION

Minnie E. Madeiros, National President of the Auxiliary, was honored at a testimonial dinner and reception held on November 13, 1976 at the Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, Mass. The affair was preceded by a social hour at which guests were greeted by Massachusetts Department Commander Miles Harrington and Department President Wilma Murphy.

Master of Ceremonies was P. C. in C. William Haskel and P.N.P. Jessie Wells was chairlady of the affair. Following the dinner a reception line was formed. The evening concluded with dance music.

Guests included Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler, Brig. General William Molla, Adjutant General of the State of Massachusetts who represented the Governor, Mayor Alfred Velucci of Cambridge, National Officers from all five Allied Orders, Department officers from several New England and Mid Atlantic Departments and several past Commanders-in-Chief and past National Presidents. There were 120 in attendance at the affair.

1977 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DES MOINES, IOWA AUGUST 14 - 17, 1977

The 96th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the annual conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the Hotel Savory in Des Moines, Iowa on August 14 - 17, 1977. Mark your calendar and make your plans early. Those who attend are assured both the enjoyment of a fraternal gathering and the rewards of taking part in the work of worthwhile causes. The Encampment will open on Sunday, August 14th, with the traditional Memorial Service and Campfire program. Business sessions will run from Monday thru Wednesday.

P. D. C. Alton P. Koch of the Department of Pennsylvania will attempt to organize a group to fly to Des Moines from the Newark, N. J. airport. If sufficient numbers of our Allied Organizations join this effort, group air fares can be arranged. Newark airport was selected because of its central location for New England and Eastern Seaboard members. Those interested should contact Brother Koch at 204 East Sellers Avenue, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania 19078.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WHEELER HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

Pictured above are, bottom row, Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler and New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr. and, standing, National President Syrenia Chick of the Women's Relief Corps, National President Minnie E. Madeiros of the Auxiliary to SUVCW and National President Elizabeth Koch of the Ladies of the G.A.R. The picture was taken at the October 2, 1976 Testimonial Banquet for Commander-in-Chief Wheeler held at Chateau Restaurant in Manchester, N. H. Governor Thomson used the occasion to present citations to Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and to the three National Presidents. Approximately 200 people gathered for the affair. Governor Thomson was joined by Senator and Mrs. Al Rock and by Mrs. Bernard Streeter and Louis D'Allesandro, both Councillors to the Governor. There were numerous National and Department officers attending with representation from ten states. Mrs. Emma Wheeler was toastmistress for the evening. The affair was sponsored by J. W. Spaulding Camp #88, SUVCW, of Milford, N. H.

DECENDENTS MAY NOT WEAR FOREFATHER'S WAR MEDALS

From time to time, the National Organization receives inquiries from members who wish to wear the Civil War Campaign Medals of their grandfather or great grandfather. Although this subject has been discussed previously, Commander-in-Chief Wheeler recently sought a fresh opinion from his Congressman in Washington. The reply is from Colonel A. P. Hodges, Director of Personnel Administration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Colonel Hodges warns that Section 704, Title 18, United States Code prohibits such wearing and provides that violators "shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both." Colonel Hodges explained that decorations are awarded on a restricted individual basis to military personnel to recognize acts of heroism or outstanding service/achievement. They are not intended for wear by anyone other than the military person so recognized, and that next of kin of deceased military personnel can only display such awards but may not wear them. This rule applies to all military awards, including those made during the Civil War which now are in the possession of grandsons or great-grandsons.

GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION PLANNED

The 155th Birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War Hero and President, will be held on Sunday, April 24, 1977 at the General Grant National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City at 1:30 P.M. The formal program and services will be followed by a dinner and reception. The General U. S. Grant Memorial Committee is seeking financial help thru the sale of Boosters, Memorials and the Listing of Camps and Names of Veterans with record of rank and service. A Memorial giving full rank and organization is \$2.00 each and names in Memorial or the name of a member or friend (boosters) are \$1.00 each. A special three-line ad or Memorial is available for \$5.00. For full information contact P.D.C. Chester E. Hudson, 2460 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11235 before March 31, 1977.

MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee, has reported that Congressman George Goodling, 19th Congressional District of Pennsylvania (which includes the town of Gettysburg) has agreed to introduce a bill to return Memorial Day to May 30th. Congressman Goodling will seek co-sponsors for this legislation in an effort to introduce it as a non-partisan bill. Watch future issues of THE BANNER for progress reports and once this legislation is introduced, be sure to let your Senators and congressmen know where you stand on this issue.



Department News



ILLINOIS

The mid-term meeting was held on November 6, 1976 at the Continental Regency Hotel in Peoria, Illinois. The meeting session was interesting and very constructive. Colors were presented by the 114th Ill. Inf. (reactivated) whose membership are all members of the SUVCW as well. Sr. Vice Department Commander Cyril Gumbinger was the speaker at the dinner following the meeting, giving the history of Libby Prison from a tobacco warehouse to a prison for Union officers and finally its relocation and reconstruction in Chicago as a Civil War Museum.