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Pictured, from left, are: Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, Mrs. Marion Combs, Nat'l Pres., Aux to SUVCW, Mrs. Lois Didier, Nat'l Pres., W.R.C., Mrs. Anna Dinnison, Nat'l Pres., Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Henrietta Y. Bodge, Nat'l Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Gooding H. Dugan, Commander, Pa. Dept, SUVCW, Miss Mary E. Seitz, Pres., Pa. Dept, Aux to SUVCW, Mrs. Jane Babe, Pres., Pa. Dept., W.R.C., Mrs. Erma Stark, Pres., Pa. Dept, Daughters of Union Veterans, and Mrs. Mary S. Ratchford, Pa. Dept., Ladies of the G.A.R.

Gettysburg, Penna. November 19, 1977

Pictured at right are elements of the annual Remembrance Day Parade. Over 500 men and women, in Civil War uniforms or Civil War Period Dress, participated including representatives from the S.V.R., the Army of Northern Virginia, the Nat'l Civil War Reenactment Assoc. and the 1st North-South Brigade, SCSA.



All Remembrance Day pictures are by courtesy of the Gettysburg Times and are gratefully acknowledged.

21st ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS WELL ATTENDED AND SUCCESSFUL

With the weather being as cooperative as late fall in Pennsylvania can hope to be (a clear, chilly day with a brisk 10 MPH wind) the events surrounding the 21st Annual Remembrance Day and the 47th Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of the Department of Pennsylvania, both held on November 19, 1977, in Gettysburg, were marked with outstanding success.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock was Master of Ceremonies for the Remembrance Day events while Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark was Toastmaster for the banquet. The National heads of all five Allied Orders and the Pennsylvania Department heads of all five Allied Orders were in attendance. Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby represented our National Organization while the National Presidents present were: Marion Combs of the Auxiliary; Lois Didier of the Women's Relief Corps; Anna Dinnison of the Daughters of Union Veterans and Henrietta Y. Bodge of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Pennsylvania Department Commander Goodling H. Dugan headed the Sons delegation from the host state and he was joined by the following Pennsylvania Department Presidents: Mary E. Seitz of the Auxiliary; June Babe of the Women's Relief Corps; Erma Stark of the Daughters of Union Veterans and Mary S. Ratchford of the Ladies of the G.A.R. In all, 604 uniformed troops of various Civil War re-activated units were registered and participated in the military activities of the day.

Events started at 2:30 p.m. with a Parade, the largest ever held at this event, which terminated in front of the Albert Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove on the battlefield. Woolson, it will be remembered, was the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic and lived in Duluth, Minn. He died at the age of 109 on Aug. 2, 1956 and his statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield was built as memorial to all the men who comprised the Grand Army of the Republic.

At the Woolson Statue the program was observed by approximately 400 visitors, many tourist. After a wreath laying ceremony (see picture on front page) a Volley was fired by members of Company H, 7th Penna. Regt., 36th Inf., SVR, with 1/Sgt Barry Kluck Commanding. The assembly then moved into The Visitors Center where the program continued with Civil War music, the Pledge of Allegiance, opening prayers by National Chaplain Richard C. Schlenker and an address by Prof. Frederic S. Klein, Emeritus Professor of American History, Franklin and Marshall College. Professor Klein is also an Associate Editor of the Civil War Times Illustrated and is Secretary of the National Historical Society. In his remarks, Prof. Klein noted the earlier Parade in which both northern and southern units took part and compared this spirit of friendship with the period of healing which had followed the Civil War. Events such as these, over the years, he said was a "resolve to Lincoln's words that 'these men shall not have died in vain'" He further noted that the Remembrance Day service was "neither a mourning nor a celebration, but rather a tribute to the courage of the men who died for our freedom."

The afternoon's events then concluded with greetings from the five National Heads present, led by Commander-in-Chief Beilby, musical selections, introductions of honored guests and the closing prayer by National Chaplain Schlenker.

The evening banquet was highlighted by the presentation of the annual Scholarship. Clifford Eyler, a student at Gettysburg College and a native of the Town of Gettysburg, received this year's Scholarship.

In his remarks following the presentation, Mr. Eyler noted that his initial interest in history came not only from living at the Gettysburg battlefield but also because his parents took him on tours of Antietam and other nearby Civil War battlefields.

A Military Blue-Gray Ball followed the dinner in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn at Gettysburg. A total of 250 uniformed troops and their ladies, many in Civil War period dress, attended.

A STORY OF A TRUE PATRIOT

George J. Hassinger was not what one might call "a joiner". At age 76, blind and bed ridden, he did join H. C. Berry Camp #89 of Niagra County, New York. In fact, he became a life member. We are

only the second organization George had ever joined in his lifetime; years ago he was a Boy Scout. On December 20, 1977, Brother George passed away, a living son of a Civil War veteran whose father had very quietly played a significant role in the events surrounding the death of President Abraham Lincoln. It seems that the men of the Hassinger family were not given to joining groups nor talking much about themselves. George's father was Sgt. Philip Hassinger who, between September 24, 1861, and September 21, 1865, served in a number of New York state fighting units. His service record shows numerous actions from battles to skirmishes. What it does not show is that Sgt. Philip Hassinger was the man who carried the mortally wounded body of President Lincoln from Ford's Theatre to the Peterson House on April 14, 1865. He was also in the party that accompanied the President's remains to the White House where he stood guard on April 17-19, 1865. However, the service records of Company E, 16th New York Volunteer Cavalry, (to which he was then assigned) do reflect the fact that on April 22-26, 1865 Sgt. Hassinger was part of a detail which searched for the assassins of President Lincoln and that he was a member of the detail which cornered John Wilkes Booth and David Herold in a barn, wounded Booth and captured both. Brother George Hassinger was indeed the son of a very outstanding Civil War veteran and while he, like his father, did not join until very late in life, the members of H. C. Berry Camp #89 did pay fitting respects at a well planned and extensive Memorial Service. As a footnote, five of Brother George's nephews who were at the funeral discovered their heritage from our Memorial Service and all five are now candidates for membership.

EFFORTS TO RAISE USS MONITOR WILL CONTINUE NEXT SUMMER

On a Wednesday in mid-July of 1977 a diver with a sophisticated stereo camera became the first human being to board the sunken Civil War ironclad Monitor since the famous Union gunboat went down in a storm off the coast of North Carolina in 1862. While it was known when, how and why the Monitor went to the bottom, it was not known precisely where off of the North Carolina shore the ship had come to rest. The Monitor was, for decades, the object of search. Finally a team led by John G. Newton, Duke University Marine Laboratory, and manned by outstanding marine experts, set out in August of 1973 aboard Duke University's 117 foot research vessel *Eastward*. Their object was to find a 172 foot long vessel with a 41 1/2 foot beam, somewhere in 96 square miles of ocean floor. Using the latest of scientific devices, they succeeded. Efforts to raise the Monitor have now been suspended until the summer of 1978. Mr. Newton, who is Director of the Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation, notes that "the weather window for operations off Cape Hatteras is generally limited to the summer months."

One of the many projects that is filling the winter months is an effort to contact descendants of the men who served on The Monitor, and hopefully to add any information about them possible. A list of known Monitor Officers and Men will be published in the April issue, space permitting. Anyone knowing of descendants of the crew or possessing information about crew members are asked to contact the Foundation. The Monitor's roster provided the personal information on crew members and researchers hope to contact descendants in an attempt to learn more. "We are so close to these men," Director Newton says of the Monitor's crewmen. "We know them very well. We know their height, weight, where they were born and the color of their hair and eyes." The task is monumental and Newton doesn't know if he will live to see the Monitor raised and enshrined. He has stated, "It's a huge undertaking. It's going to cost millions of dollars and decades to accomplish. You're going to have to have the whole nation involved." The Monitor site has already been named a national marine sanctuary, with a \$50,000 fine for tampering with it. Funds for the project have come from private donations, non-profit marine research foundations and the National Geographic Society. Naturally such a project requires a large amount of funds and contributions are being solicited from those who are willing to become a part of the "Monitor Rescue Team." Anyone so inclined can contact: The Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation, P. O. Box 1862, Beaufort, N. C. 28516.

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1. It is now 1978, a new year. The holidays are over. I sincerely hope each and everyone of you members and your families had a very happy holiday season. Let us all resolve to make 1978 a banner year in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. If any Camp Secretary or Department Secretary has not sent a copy of their Charter to our National Secretary I strongly urge you to do so at once, so our Charter files can be 100% complete.
3. The 1978 Encampment of the S.U.V.C.W., Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R. will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 13-17 1978. Headquarters will be at the Pantlind Hotel. I urge all members who can possibly do so to attend. The Committee is working hard to make this an outstanding Encampment.
4. With great reluctance I have accepted the resignation of Past Commander-in-Chief Jack C. Yocum as National Chief of Staff. Due to personal and health reasons he felt he should resign. I have appointed Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark, 20 Gray St., Staten Island N.Y. 10304. as the new National Chief of Staff. He has graciously accepted.
5. The National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr. has a quota of \$1700.00 to reach. He can only attain this quota by the help and cooperation of every member, Camp and Department throughout the National Organization. This fund as you know is raised to finance the National Patriotic programs promulgated by our Order. Please make checks payable to the National Organization S.U.V.C.W. and mail to Brother Charles A. Brady Jr.
6. I hope that all Departments will have their dates and locations of their Department Encampments in this issue of the Banner. If for any reason this information is not included in this issue, I would greatly appreciate it if I were notified of said information as soon as possible so I can efficiently plan my itinerary. National President Marion E. Combs and I are going to try to make all of our visits together.
7. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. B. Johnson is Chairman of our National Membership Committee and all Junior Vice Department Commanders are on said Committee. With the help of all you Brothers, we can obtain a net gain in membership this year, the same as last year.
Any member obtaining at least 3 new members are automatically appointed as National Aides. Please let me hear from any of you Brothers who qualify.
I want to congratulate one member in particular. He is Brother James Marley, a member of Camp #9 of Boston, Mass. He joined our Order in April 1977 and has already recruited 17 new members. How many Brothers can top this?
8. Don't forget our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Centennial Fund. This is a low key appeal but every dollar or so helps. Send all contributions to Richard Greenwalt.
9. I had the privilege of attending the Remembrance Day Commemoration at Gettysburg on November 19th. I also had the honor of marching along side of General Shriver at the head of the parade. It really was quite a thrill. It was one of the largest turnouts in the history of Remembrance Day Activities, both in the number of those attending the ceremony and later the dinner and Ball, but also the number of people watching the parade in Gettysburg. It was a clear cold Day but the Sun shone brightly. I wish to express my thanks

to the Committee for the many courtesies shown me while I was in Gettysburg. The Committee is certainly to be congratulated on doing a superb job.

10. Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays are coming up in February. All Camps should honor these two former Presidents of the United States by having a fitting patriotic service in the month of February. Our National Organization holds a Lincoln Memorial Service in Washington D.C. on February 12th and a Lincoln Day Dinner in Philadelphia the evening of February 11th. National Auxiliary President Marion and I are planning to attend both the Memorial Service and Dinner.
11. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of Camp #6 and Auxiliary #1 of Rochester N.Y. for the outstanding Testimonial Dinner and dance held in my honor on October 15, 1977 at the Americana Hotel in Rochester. There were 8 Departments represented and I certainly appreciate the fact that many of the Brothers and Sisters covered a great many miles to attend.
12. To those who have lost loved ones, I extend my personal deepest sympathy; To those who are ill, I pray for a speedy recovery and GOD Bless You ALL.

Harold T. Beilby
Commander-in-Chief.

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO 1977-78 ROSTER

Since publication of the October issue of *The Banner* we have received the following additions and corrections for the Roster:

Please Add:

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Charles A. Brady, Jr., P.O. Box 6165, Chicago, Ill. 60680

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

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OREGON — WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT

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Secy - Treas — name of Secretary and/or Treasurer still not received

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National Secretary

Mrs. Dorothy Forre, Bellwood, Nebraska 68624

National Treasurer

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National President

Mrs. Lois Didier, 157 Center Ave., Wheeling, Illinois 60090

National Secretary

Ms. Gertrude M. Edwards, Route 1, Box 110, Iroquois, S. D. 57353

National Treasurer

Ms. Leona M. Hood, 629 South 7th Street, Springfield, Ill. 62703

Also, please note the following address change:

COLORADO AND WYOMING Department Commander (and member of the Americanism and Education Committee) Brother Charles E. Sharrock, Sr.'s new address is: 357 1/4 South Perry, Denver, Colorado 80219

The above information was received too late for the regular Roster with the exception of the listings for Brothers Brady and Schlenker which were omitted thru error and for which the Editor apologizes.

NOW YOU KNOW . . . Daniel Frederick Bakeman was the only Revolutionary Army soldier who lived to see the end of the Civil War. He died in Freedom, New York in 1869.

By United Press International

96TH ENCAMPMENT APPROVED CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS CHANGES DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS MUST NOW VOTE!

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were approved by the required two-thirds vote of the members of the 96th National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa who were present and entitled to vote. They must now be submitted to each and every 1978 Department Encampment by the Department Secretary, where they will be voted upon. A majority of the Departments and Camps-at-Large must ratify these changes in order for them to become a part of the C. & R.:

ARTICLE III

Eligibility to Membership

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

ARTICLE VII

Membership

Section 3. Departments and Camps may establish Associates, provided that the number of Associate Members in any Camp shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of Associate Members in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Said Associates shall be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and shall not be eligible to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief.

NOTE: In accordance with provisions of Article IX of the Constitution of our National Organization, the above-adopted amended sections of the *Constitution* will become effective upon favorable action upon and ratification by not less than 50% of the Departments and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of the *Constitution*.

HONOR ROLL OF "LIVING SONS" CONTINUES TO GROW

Since the initial publication of the Honor Roll of men who are truly living sons of veterans of the Civil War in the July 1977 issue of *The Banner* twenty-seven men have been recognized. In addition there are six more names which have been reported to us and will be included in the next listing. We will wait until the April 1978 issue in the hopes of accumulating more names to add to these thirty-five. Anyone knowing of a living Son of a Union Veteran (not a grandson or other more distant descendent) should advise Albert W. Lambert, Editor, *The Banner*, P.O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540. Please give us the Name and the City and State of residence of the living Son, the name of his father (if known) and the name of his Camp. If he is not presently a member of the organization, this fact should be noted.

THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The Central Region Conference was held at Madison Wis., on October 1 and 2, with Betty King of Indiana presiding as Region Commander. This year's theme was, "The Contribution of Your State to the Conduct of the Civil War," and featured a panel composed of Orval and Betty King, George L. Cashman, Grover R.

Huff, J.B. Johnson, and Tom Johnson as moderator. At the banquet on Saturday evening, Dennis K. McDaniel, Director of Wisconsin Veterans Museums, spoke on the topic, "Memorials and Museums." To complement the Conference theme, Grover Huff, Dept. Commander of Wisconsin, displayed an array of Civil War artifacts in a most attractive and professional manner which added another valuable dimension to the discussions.

At the closing session on Sunday morning, Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and National President Marion Combs both gave inspiring messages; there was discussion of concerns common to the group; and the passage of resolutions relating to Memorial Day, the Panama Canal, gun control, and the status of the curator's position at the Lincoln Tomb. It was decided that next year's theme will be, "Personalities from Your State in the Civil War."

We were especially pleased by the large number of delegates and National Officers present this year. The Departments of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin were represented from the Central Region. In addition to Commander-in-Chief Beilby and National President Combs, Jr. Vice Commander J. B. Johnson, National Secy-Treas. Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr., and National Council of Administration Member Florence Forbey were also present and took an active role in the deliberations.

Officers elected by the Conference for 1977-78 are as follows: Regional Commander - Robert M. Graham, Ill.; Sr. Vice Commander - Florence Forbey, Ill.; Jr. Vice Commander - Grover R. Huff, Wis.; Secretary - George L. Cashman, Ill.; Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson, Wis.; Patriotic Instr. - J. B. Johnson, Iowa; Chaplain - Rhoda Lemanski, Wis.; and Guide - Orval King, Indiana.

Ellinore K. Johnson and Thomas L. W. Johnson were given a rousing vote of thanks for their efforts as co-chairmen of the Local Arrangements Committee. Assisting in this endeavor were R. A. Smith, Commander of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Madison, as well as other members of the Dept. of Wisconsin, SUVCW and Auxiliary.

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1978

A memorial ceremony marking the 113th 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. A program on military music will be presented by Edward G. Pree, Springfield attorney, under the title of, "Excerpts from U.S. Military Bands." A shuttle bus will provide transportation free of charge between the Tomb and the hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or as a Department or Unit Auxiliary President, 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., Saturday, April 15, 1978. Instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois.

Why do politicians constantly cry for a code of ethics? Don't they know that they were sworn into office with their hand resting on one?

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Panama Canal — Debate on the treaties involving the Panama Canal is expected to be high on the Senate's agenda early in 1978. Without attempting to review in detail the arguments pro and con on the question of ratification since they have been well covered by the news media, one speculates about the value and permanency of a set of treaties negotiated with a country not known for its political stability and which is presently governed by a virtual dictator. The ratification of the treaties in their present form could prove to be a source of embarrassment to our country in years to come. Before the debate is concluded — and it is apt to be protracted — it is hoped that supporters and critics alike will come to grips with and face squarely the specific provisions and language of the treaties so that there will be no doubt about what is at stake and what will be expected of both the United States and Panama. Your chairman believes that many questions remain unresolved and deserve full consideration before a vote is taken. The burden of proof rests with the treaty proponents to demonstrate that passage would be in the best interests of our nation. To date, that case appears not to have been made.

Restoration of Internal Security Panel — House Resolution No. 48, sponsored by Reps. John Ashbrook of Ohio and Larry McDonald of Georgia, would restore the House Internal Security Committee as a permanent investigatory panel of the House of Representatives. As of early November, 167 Members of Congress had agreed to co-sponsor that Resolution. This is encouraging but for practical purposes, it is probably going to take at least a bare majority of 218 Members to get the measure out of the Rules Committee which has jurisdiction over it.

Loss of Sen. McClellan — The recent death of Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas at the age of 81 could cloud the future of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee which was folded into McClellan's Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures earlier this year. At this writing it is unknown who will succeed the late Senator as chairman of that panel, but it is thought that his successor may not be as friendly to the aims and work undertaken on behalf of internal security.

Renaming of Mt. McKinley — There is a move afoot to rename North America's highest mountain peak which has been known for more than three quarters of a century as Mt. McKinley in honor of our 25th President, William McKinley. A hearing on the matter has been held recently before the Board of Geographic Names, which represents a group of federal agencies ranging from the Postal Service to the CIA. Several groups in Alaska want the mountain peak named "Denali," a Tanana Indian term meaning, "The Great One." Rep. Ralph Regula of Ohio, who represents McKinley's home area, argued strongly against any change on grounds that such action could be considered an insult to the memory of the Ohioan and the heritage he represented. This position is supported by the entire Congressional delegation from the Buckeye State. William McKinley was the last of several Union veterans to serve as President.

Tribute to "Star Spangled Banner" — From time to time critics of the "Star Spangled Banner" claim it is too difficult to sing and its lyrics are too outdated to serve as our National Anthem. In a recent "Letters to the Editor" column, we came across the following: "Do we really want to scrap good music because some guy munching a hot dog in the bleachers experiences some trouble in producing a mellifluous tone?" The letter compared the "Star Spangled Banner" with "America the Beautiful" and concluded, "The sentiments (of "America the Beautiful") are noble, to be sure, but it is the "Star Spangled Banner" that reminds us that freedom is best preserved when bravery is its guarantor." Well said indeed.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Chairman

NATIONAL G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND

All organizations such as ours exist and continue their respective work through the payment of voluntary dues and the support given to voluntary fund raising activities. No group is ever free

from several worthy causes that seem to compete for available donations, and certainly our Camp, Department and National organizations are no exception. As I enter into my second consecutive year as your major fund raiser on the National level (to my knowledge, an unprecedented honor) I must reflect on the growing need for our dollars in our various patriotic activities and the relatively stable or unchanging source to which I must turn in order to raise these dollars. Our goal this year has been set, by the Council of Administration, at \$1,700 or 13.3% more than last year. And yet the G.A.R. Memorial Fund is the one standing fund appeal at the National level and is the sole source of funds for many projects.

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 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

1978 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Department	Location	Dates	Headquarters
California & Pacific	Fresno, CA	April 14-16	Hyatt House
Colorado & Wyoming	Manitou Springs, Colo.	June 4-6	Manitou Springs City Hall
Connecticut	East Hartford	May 6-7	
Illinois	Peoria	June 16-17	
Indiana	Indianapolis	June 10	Howard Johnson's
Iowa	Des Moines	June 15-17	Kirkwood Hotel
Maine	Waterville	mid-June	Howard Johnson's
Maryland-Delaware	Alexandria, Va.	April 29-30	Old Towne Holiday Inn
Massachusetts	Chicopee Falls	April 28-30	Highpoint Motor Inn
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 19-21	Pantund Hotel
Missouri	St. Louis	May 11	Chipeson's Restaurant
New Hampshire		April 21-22	
New Jersey	Avon By-The-Sea	June 15-17	Buckingham Hotel
New York	Syracuse	June 25-28	Hotel Syracuse
Ohio		June 23-25	
Oregon & Washington	Seattle	mid-March (19 or 20 or 21)	
Pennsylvania	Williamsport	June 18-21	
Rhode Island	Warwick	April 8	Howard Johnson's
Vermont	Warren	June 22-24	
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 3	Holiday Inn - South (Airport)

If any of these dates or places are incorrect, please let the Commander-in-Chief and National President and Editor of the BANNER know immediately. It will be helpful to know the Headquarters Hotel or Motel, also.

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Albert W. Lambert, Editor, P.O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540

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-Treas.**
P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Penna. 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 Honor Roll contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- From Scott Paul Gitchell, Wellsboro, Pa.
 In Memory of Charles Albert Jones, Co. C, 1st Battalion,
 14th U.S. Infantry \$10.00
- From Mrs. Marie Duke Jackson, Chatham, N.J.
 In Memory of 1st Lt. Charles W. Duke,
 Co. K, 90th Pa. Inf \$10.00
- From Walter L. Jackson, Chatham, N.J.
 In Memory of Sgt. Andrew Jackson Varian,
 Co. H, 1st N.Y. Engrs. \$10.00
- From Kendall Kermit Strong, Indianola, Iowa
 In Memory of James Strong, Co. A, 175th Regt., N.Y. Inf. and 2nd
 Battery, Vermont Light Artillery \$10.00
- From Lois Zook Strong, Indianola, Iowa
 In Memory of Joseph Zook, Co. G, 209th Pa. Inf. \$10.00
- From Daniel P. George, Trenton, N.J.
 In Memory of Daniel McIntyre,
 Co. B, 23rd N.J. Inf. Regt. \$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 1978 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 ninety-eight. The following have been recorded since the last issue of THE BANNER.

NO.	NAME	DATE PURCHASED
96	Forest Altland	10/6/77
97	William C. Reed, Jr.	11/14/77

ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF GENERAL U.S. GRANT'S BIRTHDAY SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK CITY

Again this year, the monument to U.S. Grant, Civil War General and later President of the United States, will be the scene of the Annual Commemoration of his birthdate. The Gen. U.S. Grant

Birthday Committee, a standing committee of the Department of New York Camps and Auxiliaries, has announced that April 30, 1978 will be the date of the event. Following the services at the Grant Monument, there will be a cocktail hour, the Annual Dinner and a reception. Site for the dinner and reception will be ROSOFF'S RESTAURANT, 43rd Street & Broadway, New York City. The cocktail hour is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and the dinner is to start at 4:30 p.m. The price of \$9.50 per person includes dinner, gratuities and parking. Reservations may be made by contacting: Miss Mary E. Hudson, 45-14 39th Place, Sunnyside, New York 11104. Closing date for reservations is April 8, 1978. Albert A. Morey, Publicity Chairman for the Gen. U.S. Grant Birthday Committee and member of the New York Department Council, had extended a cordial invitation to members of the Allied Orders, other interested Patriotic organization members and the general public to join with the Sons in commemorating the birth date of the man who lead our Union Forces to victory in the Civil War and then went on to become Chief Executive of a grateful nation.

VACATION PLANNING . . . UNIQUE BOOK WILL HELP YOU INCLUDE SIDE TRIPS TO CIVIL WAR HISTORIC SPOTS

From Brother Thomas L. Hollowak, a member-at-large, comes word of a rather unusual tour guide book. *A Tour Guide of the Civil War* by Alice H. Cromie could make the perfect traveling companion for a family on vacation who are truly interested in their Civil War heritage. As winter passes and warm weather returns to our part of the world (it sometimes seems that will never happen, but it will) countless families will travel vacation routes that cross and re-cross Civil War historic spots. Many are not familiar with any but the most famous of battle sites and yet very interesting and very important history was made between 1861 and 1865 from the upper Mid-West to Texas and from the east coast to the Indian Territories. This book may well be your key to many hours of enjoyable and informative vacation touring.

TENNESSEE MONUMENT EFFORTS CONTINUE

Efforts to erect a Tennessee Monument on the battlefield at Gettysburg (see April 1977 issue of *The Banner*) are continuing. The Indiana Division (or "Hoosier Division") is headed by William H. Hendley who is also a member of the Indiana Department, SUVCW. Indiana Governor Otis R. Bowen, M.D. is Chairman Ex-Officio. In a recent news release, Brother Hendley announced that the Tennessee State Building Commission has approved a "Stepping Stone" plan by which any State aiding in the efforts to erect this last State Monument at Gettysburg and raising a minimum of \$500.00 toward this Goal, will be allowed to place a Stepping Stone in the concrete walk-way which will approach the Monument. The Stepping Stone would be cut in the shape of the State it represents and may, if wished, be of any stone material unique or special to the donating state.

Over \$4,000 has been raised to date by the Hoosier Division, but Chairman Hendley has stressed that equally important are the donations of time to write letters. As the State of Tennessee approaches final consideration of the entire project, it is vital that the men reaching this decision be aware of the interest and dedication nation-wide in such matters as proper commemoration of our history. Your letters to Governor Ray Blanton, Executive Chamber, State Capital, Nashville, Tenn. 37219 would be greatly appreciated.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This season of the year is the traditional time for taking inventory in the business world. A sound practice indeed.

Would it not follow then that this would be a proper time for us to take personal inventory?

- Are you on speaking terms with God?
- Do you reach out and serve your fellow man?
- Are you true to yourself?

Why not take some time to develop your own personal checklist? Consider each item carefully. Then act!

Richard C. Schlenker, National Chaplain



Department News



COLORADO-WYOMING

Since our 1978 Department Encampment, June 4-6, at Manitou Springs City Hall, Manitou Springs Colo. 80829, will be our 50th Annual Encampment, we are of course referring to it as our Semi-Centennial Encampment, and the new Members taken in by June 5th as constituting our Semi-Centennial Class. These new Members will be Special Guests of the Department, including the Department Banquet, June 5, 6:30 P.M. We are inviting C-in-C. Beilby to be our Encampment Banquet Speaker.

INDIANA

Indiana Department Commander and Mrs. Orval King attended the annual visitations to the Lafayette Veterans Home and the Knightstown Childrens Home during the month of October. Also attending were Sons from various camps in the state as well as ladies from the Indiana SUVCW Auxiliary. These visitations are held annually in connection with "Grand Army Days."

The Department annual Mid-Winter meeting was held on Saturday, November 12, 1977 at Frankfort, Indiana. The host was the Frankfort SUVCW Auxiliary. Following the business session and noon meal a tour was taken of the Frankfort SUVCW meeting rooms, the only Camp in the state that still meets in the original courthouse location. All other state camps now meet in other facilities due to the need of local government for additional space.

The uniformed group of William P. Benton Camp #28 of Centerville, Indiana, appeared briefly at the CINEMA I in Richmond, Indiana, to help promote the first showing of the movie "The Lincoln Conspiracy." The group, the 69th Indiana Inf. reactivated appeared in Civil War dress. A patriotic medley was played and the group fired four salute volleys. The event took place on Saturday, October 8, 1977.

Indiana Department is sad to inform the Brothers of the death of Brother William G. Shannon of Ben Harrison Camp in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11, 1977. Brother Shannon would have been 90 years old on November 18th. He was a veteran of WW 1 and was a member of Post 38 as well as a member of the 40 and 8 at Indianapolis. Brother Shannon served Indiana Department as Department Commander in 1969 as well as 1972. He held the position of Honorary Counselor. Brother Shannon was a holder of the SUVCW Fifty Year Badge as well as being a life member. Brother Shannon will be missed by all Sons as well as the SUVCW Auxiliary.

IOWA

The Department of Iowa Auxiliary to SUVCW held their State Picnic on Sept. 11th at the Python Hall in Des Moines. After a delicious dinner, we moved upstairs for the business meeting and entertainment; 52 members and guests attended.

Waterloo held a Reception for Iowa National Officers in Memorial Hall, in Waterloo, on Oct. 9th. Officers honored were Mrs. Nellie Hawley, Nat. Patriotic Instructor; Aux. to SUVCW, J.B. Johnson, Junior Vice Commander, SUVCW, Mrs. Velma Cleveland, National Chaplain, Ladies of the G.A.R. About 45 attended. Cake, cookies and punch were served by the committee.

The Department Officers Reception was hosted by Auxiliary 8 of Des Moines, on Nov. 12th. The event was held at Bakers Cafeteria in Des Moines; 52 were in attendance.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, J.B. Johnson gave an interesting report of the Regional meeting held in Madison, Wis. Oct. 1-2, and said the 1978 meeting would be held in Waterloo, Iowa.

Commander McCoy displayed the beautiful plaque the Sons received for the most new members, 1976-77.

A film "The Land of Love" was shown. It began with Colonial times and showed the progress of this great land. It also brought out our love of Freedom, our hope and the spirit of the American people. This was an outstanding history of our Country. Everyone went home with feeling that the day had been spent fruitfully.

MAINE

Auxiliary Department President Belinda Burgess was honored at a reception hosted by Garfield Camp and Auxiliary of Waterville. The event was held on Saturday, September 10, 1977 with P.D.P. Harriet Ham as mistress of ceremonies. Other Department officers attending included Department President Louise Winslow of the Women's Relief Corps, Hazel Brooks of the Daughter of Union Veterans and Department Commander Clayton C. Verrill of the Sons. P.C. in C. Kenneth Wheeler, P.N.P. Emma Wheeler and New Hampshire Jr.-Vice Department Commander Howard Wheeler, all from Milford, New Hampshire, also attended.

MARYLAND

Auxiliary Department President Martha Daniels visited Reno Post in Hagerstown, Md. on October 3. A dinner meeting was held at the Holiday Inn. President Dorris Schlenker presided.

Camp and Post members participated in commemorative programs on Veterans Day in Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Del. and Hagerstown, Md.

Shaw Camp and Auxiliary hosted a testimonial luncheon for Department President Martha Daniels in Wilmington, Del. on October 13. National President Marion Combs brought greetings from the National Organization. Also attending were P.N.P.'s Agnes Davis, Dorothy Hilyard, P.C-in-C's Fred Combs and Jack Yocum.

All Department Camps and Posts were represented at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, Pa. on November 19.

P.C-in-C Frank Heacock served as Master of Ceremonies and National Chaplain Richard C. Schlenker led prayers. Both are from the Md. Dept.

Charles Acton of Lincoln-Cushing Camp commanded a unit of the 1st District of Columbia Regiment which participated in the parade. Also in evidence was that Regiment's new flag which was donated by the Md. Dept. Most attendees remained for the Dedication Day banquet which followed that evening. All came away with a deep sense of re-dedication and also the joy of renewed friendships.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, had the distinct honor of being the co-sponsors with the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service at the event held, October 28th, 1977 when 520 aliens became new citizens of the United States.

The event was held at the Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston, Mass. Department Commander Lew Garney represented the Massachusetts Department along with Brother Bill Haskell, Mass. Department Secretary.

Remarks by the presiding Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Honorable Walter J. Skinner, were very impressive. Recognition of the representatives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Family, was given by the presiding Judge, Walter J. Skinner.

Representing the Women's Relief Corp was their Department President, Ruth Messier, representing the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was the Past Department President Violet M. Barnett.

The guest speaker whose theme was on Americanism, was a new member of the Boston Camp, Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9, S.U.V.C.W. James G. D. Marley.

William Randolph Cohen, Senior Vice Dept. Commander lead the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Presentation of the Colors was by the Color Guard from the USS Constitution.

The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of the Commonwealth of Mass. gave a few brief remarks.

The annual Christmas Party of Grover Camp #17 was held featuring the exchange of gifts, an outstanding meal and good fellowship. Department Commander Louis Garney made an excellent Santa Claus and we were honored with a good attendance from the area.

A government employee received a document, initialed it and passed it on. The document promptly came back noted, "This document does not concern you. Please erase your initials and initial your erasure."

NEW HAMPSHIRE



P.N.P. Emma Wheeler, pictured above, was honored by the Milford (N.H.) Business and Professional Women's Club as the Clubs "Woman of The Year." The presentation was made at the fall meeting held last September. Pictured above, from left to right, are Mrs. Rosemary Zellner, Chairlady, Sister Emma and Mrs. Vivian Barry, President of the Club. The event, which was attended by the State President of the BPW Clubs, Natalie Potter, recognized Sister Emma's career as a schoolteacher, her current service with the General Court, her high office in the Auxiliary, and her service to the Milford Bicentennial Committee. She is also a national and state member of the Pomona Grange, an accomplished pianist, a past member of the Livermore Community Association board, past vice chairman of the Republican Town Committee and senior vice president of the N.H. Veterans Association Auxiliary.

The December meeting and Christmas Party of Spaulding Camp #38 was the occasion for the presentation of a flag to the Town of Milford. The flag, which was procured by Camp Commander Paul Wheeler from Congressman James Cleveland, was accepted by Charles Hayward, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

NEW JERSEY

A very successful testimonial dinner and reception was held for National President Marion Combs by the New Jersey Department on Saturday, November 5, 1977, at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, N.J. Representatives from neighboring Departments as well as family and personal friends of both Fred and Marion were in attendance. Dancing followed the dinner. Congratulations are in order for PNP Anne O. Clayton who headed the committee.

The annual Lincoln Banquet has been scheduled for March 4, 1978 this year rather than the traditional February date. The unstable weather conditions common to the mid-Atlantic states in January and February have historically caused many to miss the event and it is hoped that the later date will improve the weather conditions. The spring meeting of Lincoln Camp #100 will be held on April 29, 1978 at Nassau Inn in Princeton.

NEW YORK

Plans are already being finalized for the annual Grant Tomb commemoration (see article elsewhere in this issue). Department Commander Cecil M. Baer was escorted to the remembrance day events in Gettysburg, Penna. by members of Caywood Camp #146 and members of the Empire Brigade, SVR.

Berry Camp #89 has remained active with a full schedule of patriotic events which included the placing of a wreath on November 11, 1977 at Cenotoph, Niagara Falls, Canada as guests of the Canadian Remembrance (Armistice Day) Committee.

A former mayor of the town of North Tonawanda and a leading business man in that area, John F. Kopezynski, has suggested a project to provide a statue of Abraham Lincoln outside of the public library and he has put his money where his mouth is. Stating that he believed that the qualities exemplified by Abraham Lincoln should be a focus of our attention and especially that of the youth in our communities, Mr. Kopezynski offered a personal donation of \$1,000 toward the cost of the statue.

OHIO

A reception held in honor of Department Commander Wilbur Haueter on November 26, 1977 in Salem was well attended. The annual G.A.R. picnic held last July was likewise well supported.

While many of our members who might have preferred to attend the National Encampment in Des Moines were not able to do so, several Brothers and Sisters did make it and saw Brother Richard Greenwalt honored by election to the office of Sr.-Vice Commander-in-Chief. A reception honoring Department President Judy Morgan of Frost Auxiliary #108 was well attended by Auxiliary and Sons members with 5 Past Department Presidents and several Past Department Commanders in attendance. Department Commander Wilbur Haueter and his wife attended as well.

PENNSYLVANIA

Camp #41 and its Auxiliary, of Sayre, hosted a Buffet dinner on November 12, 1977 which was followed by their regular meeting. Attendance included Department Commander Goodling Dugan, Auxiliary President Mary Seitz and several State-level officers.

The Theodore Pfeiffer Camp #60 has been active all year with many events of Memorial or Patriotic nature. One of these was the marking of the brief but bloody battle of Hanover. On June 30, 1863, forces of the Union and Confederate armies met on the square and the surrounding streets of the Borough of Hanover, Penna. The battle was brief but bloody, counting 200 dead in a few short encounters. Historians consider the Battle of Hanover one of the most unique in American history, though it was brief. Forces brought to bear there enabled the Union forces to win at Gettysburg a few days later. One of those killed was a Confederate from North Carolina fighting with General Jeb Stuart. His name was Isaac Peale and it is not known today whether his body was returned to his native State or lies in one of the many unmarked graves which remind us of that brief encounter. Pfeiffer Camp chose this year to honor Issac Peale, a man who died fighting for a belief and who could have had no way of knowing that the brief battle in the little Pennsylvania Borough of Hanover would set the stage for a decisive battle which would, in turn, settle the final outcome of that war.

Gettysburg Camp #112 has begun plans for the 100th anniversary Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department to be held at Gettysburg in 1981. The Camp is planning several events. Among the suggestions is that the camps meeting place be restored and opened to the public during the Encampment. Once a local Methodist Church, it served as a hospital during the battle at Gettysburg. The G.A.R. purchased the building when the church moved to new quarters and the SUVCW inherited it from them. It still serves as the meeting hall and contains many interesting relics. A committee has been formed to begin the work of repair and restoration.

PDC Charles H. Dern has asked that we extend, on his behalf, sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the get-well card signed for him by members of the Allied Orders who attended the Testimonial Dinner for Department Commander Dugan. He regrets that he could not attend but stated that receiving the card "made his day."

WISCONSIN

The Mid Year Joint Meeting of the Department was held at the Summit Town Hall near Oconomowoc on Sunday, November 6. Presiding were Grover R. Huff, Dept. Commander, and Rhoda Lemanski, Dept. President. Reports were given concerning the business of the National Encampment, Central Region Conference, and the activities of the various Camps and local Auxiliaries.

In the afternoon, Grover Huff displayed a series of slides depicting activities of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 and its Auxiliary as a means of illustrating how to recruit new members. This introduced a lively roundtable discussion of ways of attracting and keeping newly obligated members, particularly the younger ones.

At noon a delicious buffet luncheon was served by members of the Dept. Auxiliary. Many in attendance agreed that it was a most constructive and enjoyable meeting.

The leadership of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 remains in the family as the result of the Camp's annual election of officers. Edward Huff has succeeded his father, Grover Huff, as Camp Commander. The younger Huff had been serving as Secretary-Treasurer of Camp No. 3. Helen Huff was reelected as President of Auxiliary No. 5.

Government is like a baby — a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other end.