



Twenty-Second Annual GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC Remembrance Day

On November 18, 1978 the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War sponsored the twenty-second annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day with ceremonies and wreath laying at the GAR Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the battlefield followed by a program of tributes at the Visitors Center Auditorium at the battlefield. The pictures at the left are compliments of the Gettysburg Times and are gratefully acknowledged.

Shown at the top left are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Court Judge John A. MacPhail who delivered the main address and Colonel Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C., who was Master of Ceremonies. Shown at bottom left General Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C., with part of the 800 troops who took part in full Civil War uniform.

Following the Remembrance Day events, the 48th annual banquet commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg was held. The banquet was highlighted by the annual awarding of the SUVCW Scholarship Award to Mr. Frederick Thorne of Gettysburg College and was concluded by a Blue-Gray ball. Full stories of all events are on the following pages.

TWELVE HUNDRED OBSERVE REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

An estimated 1200 persons were in attendance at Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield at 3:00 P.M. last November 18, 1978 when the 22nd Annual Remembrance Day events were held. Events were kicked-off with a parade which had originated at the Gettysburg Recreational Field at 2:30 P.M. and ended at the Albert Woolson Memorial where the wreath laying tributes were held. Over 800 men in Civil War Uniforms took part in the ceremonies. Their presence added both color and authenticity to a program designed to pay tribute to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Colonel Norman R. Furman, SVR (Ret), P. C. in C., was Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon's program. Following musical tributes from the Civil War era by the Lancaster Fencibles (SVR) Fifes and Drums, the prayer of tribute was offered by Dr. Robert A. MacAskill, Pastor of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. A total of six wreaths were placed at the foot of the Albert Woolson Monument by National Officers of the Allied Orders of the GAR, Mrs. Henry Ferris of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and officers of the Pennsylvania Departments, Allied Orders of the GAR. The wreath laying was followed by the firing of a volley by the Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, Captain Terry Daley, Commanding and the playing of Taps by Karl Frantz. The assembly then moved indoors at the Visitors Center for the remainder of the program.

The indoor program was highlighted with music from the Lancaster Fencibles and included remarks from Commander-in-



Chief Richard L. Greenwalt of the SUVCW, National President Florence H. Forbey of the Auxiliary to SUVCW, National President Darley Foster of the Woman's Relief Corps, National President Jane L. Riley of the Daughters of Union Veterans, National President Elinore Krohn of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and Immediate Past President General Mrs. Henry D. Ferris of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The main address of the afternoon was delivered by the Honorable John A. MacPhail, Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. Judge MacPhail served during World War II as a sergeant of field artillery, seeing action in the European theatre. Following the war he served his community for many years as a prominent attorney active in civil and church affairs. For more than a decade prior to his appointment to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, he was president judge of the Adams-Fulton county district court. Because his address was so enthusiastically received and because it's message was for all who honor the memory of the G.A.R., the entire address is reprinted below. Entitled "Too Tired To Cheer" this was Judge MacPhail's outstanding tribute to the G.A.R.:

In the last chapter of Bruce Catton's "Glory Road" he writes:

"A few days after Gettysburg, Meade issued a general order congratulating his troops on their victory, and the order was read in all the regiments at evening parade. The men were very matter of fact as they listened. In one regiment the colonel waived his hat and called for three cheers for General Meade, but the cheers were not forthcoming — not, as one of the men explained, because the men disliked Meade, but simply because they did not feel like cheering any more. These soldiers, he pointed out, with their lights and experiences, could not see the wisdom or the occasion for any such manifestation of enthusiasm; the army had matured, its business sense increased with age and hereafter it would wait and see before it tossed its caps in the air."

Of wars and battles we speak in terms of winners and losers, as though it were a competitive sport. But, as every veteran knows, in fact there are only survivors and the dead — those with the most survivors are "winners"; those with the most dead are the "losers." The real contest is not so much to win as to survive. Unlike the winners in competitive sports the survivors are often too tired to cheer too numb from fear to speak.

To say that war changes a man is the grossest of understatements. As our nation has faced challenge after challenge and has called upon the flower of its young man-hood to face that challenge, poets, authors and historians have tried to capture and picture what it is that calls forth the best these men have to offer. Catton writes — "The veterans did leave one correct impression: the notion that as young men they had been caught up by something ever so much larger than themselves."

On the occasion of the observance of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, on November 19, 1959, Carl Sandburg said in our National Cemetery "When we say a patriot is one who loves his country what kind of love do we mean? A love we can analyze or weigh or measure? Or is a patriot's love of country a thing invisible, a quality, a human shade and breath beyond all measurement or reckoning. These are questions as old as the time of man and the earliest tribes and nations."

The soldier who has stared at death, who has encountered and overcome obstacles his strength alone could not match, — from the frozen plateaus of Valley Forge to the burning heat of Cemetery Ridge, from the trenches in France to the fox-holes in Guadalcanal, from the hills on San Juan to the swamps of Vietnam — that soldier will never be the same man. Unfortunately for him, what he did and what he gave will never be caught in the perspective of history during his life-time.

It will be for others to try to mold that perspective and to capture that spirit of times gone by. Many have done it well for the battle fought on this hallowed ground — some are still engaged in that task. If the past is indeed prologue, there are many books and articles yet to be written about the battle of Gettysburg.

While the Cattons and the Sandburgs have written much and well, other, lesser known persons have written from the heart about what happened here. A Gettysburg merchant and restaurateur wrote a book published in 1950 under the title, "The Spirit of Gettysburg."

In a chapter entitled "An Immigrant Speaks" Mr. N.A. Meligakes said, "I am more than 30 years overdue in keeping my appointment to return home. It was my bargain and promise to my mother, grandmother and uncle that if they would give their consent for my departure from Greece to America, I would return home in five years . . . Soon after my arrival in this country, the people I met and my fellow-workers accepted me as if they had known me a long time. They made me feel that here was where I belonged. No one objected to where I went or what I did . . . No one objected to what I read, to how little or how long I worked, or to my occupation. No one objected to the church I chose to attend. I was later given the privilege of casting my ballot for whomever I wished. And finally, I have never been in want for anything."

"These are all very good reasons for not keeping my promise to return home. Besides that, I have always felt that I had an unfinished task to partially repay my newly adopted country for all the material benefits and privileges I have enjoyed . . ."

"I have often wondered if I would have enjoyed all these privileges or even had the opportunity to enter America, if Lee had waited on the other side of the Potomac, or if he had tarried at the foot of South Mountain, or if he had pressed his advantage on the first day at Gettysburg. Did my new life in America depend on the gamble of Pickett's charge? Had Meade followed his schedule in pursuit toward the Susquehanna, would all this be mine?"

"What if the battle of Gettysburg had never been fought?"

"Then our history itself might not have meant the unity of this nation. Would Jefferson Davis have proclaimed "That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom" as did Lincoln at Gettysburg?"

Soldiers too tired to cheer their general would surely give grateful thanks from their eternal resting place in the bowels of the earth, to those like the immigrant who see and appreciate the importance of what they did.

As I began with a quotation from Bruce Catton, whose pen will write no more, I close with another from his description of those who fought here, "The old veterans . . . incredibly started something which we ourselves have got to finish. It was not only the biggest experience in their own lives; it was in a way the biggest experience in our life as a nation."

One cannot visit Gettysburg without being haunted by the immortal words of the gaunt Kentuckian, that we must be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; the never-ending, the ever challenging, the all important task of remembering what "they" did here.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GIVEN AT BANQUET FOLLOWING GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 48th annual Banquet sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of the Pennsylvania Department and commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg was held on Saturday, November 18, 1978 following the annual GAR Remembrance Day activities. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual SUVCW Scholarship Award to Mr. Frederick Thorne of Waterford, Connecticut, a junior at Gettysburg College. Mr. Thorne was nominated by the history department of the college. Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, chairman of the history department, in his introductory remarks said that Thorne was selected partly based on a course he recently completed on the Civil War and Reconstruction period. In accepting the award, Thorne explained his interest in the Civil War through his grandfather, Edwin B. Coddington, author of: "The Gettysburg Campaign: A Study In Command." Thorne also said he was a friend to William A. Frassanito, former Gettysburg College student and author of "Gettysburg: A Journey In Time" and a new book on Antietam. Thorne added that he had an ancestor at the battle of Gettysburg, Lt. Col. John Fraser, 140th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. A Blue-Gray ball followed the dinner and presentation which was attended by 200 persons with music provided by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the ball furnished a fitting closing for an extraordinary day.



General Order No. 2 Series 1978-79 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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1. I hope that all enjoyed a Happy Holiday Season and that among your resolutions for the New Year you included one pertaining to an effort to promote our organization.
2. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg on November 18, is a day of which each and every member may well be proud. The Military Luncheon of the S.V.R., the parade, the memorial at the G.A.R. Monument in Ziegler's Grove, the program in the Vistor's Center, the evening banquet and the Blue and Gray Ball were all well planned and many thanks to those who worked so hard to see that these programs would run so smoothly. The scholarship this year was presented to Frederick Thorne of Waterford, Connecticut. He is a student at Gettysburg College and was selected by the History Department for his interest and ability in the area of Civil War History.
3. It was wonderful to have all of the presiding officers of the G.A.R. Family present and also the Immediate Past President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.
4. It is my desire to visit as many Departments as possible during their Encampments. Department secretaries please send me the date and location of your Department Encampment so that I may arrange my itinerary.
5. Brothers, it is not too early to make plans to attend the National Encampment in Hartford, Connecticut, August 19-22. Plan to attend. We need your support.
6. While on the subject of support, please don't forget our National Patriotic Instructor, George Long. He needs our support to attain his goal of \$1700. This money is used for the various programs on the National Level such as Remembrance Day and the Ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois.
7. The 100th Anniversary of our organization will occur in 1981, and our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edwin Kramer, has the responsibility of collecting funds so that we may have a fitting observance.
8. Any Department interested in hosting the 1980, National Encampment please make the Encampment Site Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief, Frank M. Heacock, aware of your desire.
9. Each Brother who secures three or more members will become a National Aide and receive the National ribbon for his membership badge. Secretaries please advise so that all eligible may receive their awards.
10. I commend Past Department Commander John B. Davis for his efforts as the official representative of the National Organization regarding the raising of the Monitor. I re-appoint him to continue in this position.
11. Department Commanders please see to it that news of activities occurring within your Department reaches the Editor of the BANNER. If you have no one assigned to do this please appoint someone, or see to it that this is done yourself.
12. To any who have lost loved ones my deepest sympathy. To the ill and shut ins my prayers are that you might return to good health.

Richard L. Greenwalt
Commander-in-Chief

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST ANNOUNCED

As Membership Chairman it is my pleasure to announce a membership contest for the period of October 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. A 9 X 12 inch Service Award will be presented to all brothers who secure new members during that period. After June 30th 1979 brothers securing new members should write me with a list of the new members secured signed by the camp secretary. I will prepare the certificate, which is suitable for framing, and will forward it to the brothers. I plan a red star certificate for one new member; a white star certificate for two new members; a blue star certificate for three new members, and a gold star certificate for four or more new members. Brothers, remember that if each one of us secures one new member, our membership will double. Let's see if we can really do an outstanding job in membership and have Service Awards in all homes of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is my sincere wish to present many awards. Start now and may I hear from many of you after June 30, 1979.

RICHARDE E. WYMAN
Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief
51 Beech Street
Keene, N. H. 03431

REPORT OF CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The Central Region Conference was opened by Regional Commander Robert M. Graham on Saturday, October 7, at Waterloo, Iowa, with representatives from several Departments present. Black Hawk County Supervisor Lynn Cutler welcomed the group to Waterloo. Greetings were extended by Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt and Natl. Auxiliary President Florence Forbey. The theme for discussion was, "Personalities Prominent In Your State during the Civil War" with Thomas L. W. Johnson as moderator. Among the historical personalities discussed were Richard J. Oglesby and John A. Logan of Illinois; L. W. Billings of Iowa; Julia Dent Grant and George Armstrong Custer of Ohio; and Joseph E. Bailey, Cordelia Harvey and Alexander J. Randall of Wisconsin.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, the Hon. Evan L. Hultman, a former Attorney-General of Iowa, spoke on the need for both material strength and a national will to ensure our survival as a nation, and discussed battles in which the First Iowa Volunteer Infantry fought during the Civil War, to illustrate his theme.

At the closing session on Sunday morning, the group accepted an invitation from the Dept. of Ohio to meet in Mansfield in October of 1979, and agreed to continue with the same discussion theme begun this year. A resolution was passed urging that the observance of Memorial Day be perpetuated on May 30.

Officers elected for 1978-79 are as follows: Florence Forbey, Ill., Regional Commander; Grover R. Huff, Wis., Sr. Vice Commander; Ethel Jones, Iowa, Jr. Vice Commander; George L. Cashman, Ill., Secretary; Elinore K. Johnson, Wis., Treasurer; J. B. Johnson, Iowa, Patr. Instructor; Nancy J. Green, Ohio, Chaplain; and E. Marlene Carnduff, Ill., Guide.

The local arrangements committee including Alice Benzine, Velama Cleveland, Melvin Billings, Charles and Myrtle Lowe, and J. B. Johnson are to be commended for a job well done in hosting the Conference.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Expansion of Battlefield Sites — Following adjournment of the 95th Congress, Pres. Carter signed into law the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978. This measure provides \$1.2 billion for the expansion and improvement of our national park system to include funds for the expansion of battlefield sites at Antietam and Bull Run.

Restoration of Citizenship — Public Law 95-466 restores posthumously the citizenship of Jefferson Davis, the first and only

president of the Confederacy. Denied amnesty by Congress in the years following the Civil War, the measure restores Davis' citizenship retroactively to Christmas Day, 1868, and states that in accordance with the Constitution, "the legal disabilities placed upon Mr. Jefferson Davis are hereby removed." In signing the bill, Pres. Carter said that it "officially completes the long process of reconciliation that has reunited our people following the tragic conflict between the states." In 1976, Congress restored Gen. Robert E. Lee's citizenship.

Special Observances — Public Law 95-349 designates July 18, 1979 as POW/MIA Recognition Day throughout the nation. Public Law 95-347 designated October 7, 1979, as National Guard Day. This completes action on two measures we reported on previously.

Canal Controversy — Congressional opponents of the recently ratified Panama Canal treaties have fired the first salvo in an effort to block a \$10.9 million military construction project in the Canal Zone ordered by the Defense Department on an emergency basis as a step in carrying out treaty provisions. Rep. George Hansen of Idaho, author of amendments that would deny the use of funds to carry out treaty provisions without specific approval by Congress in each instance, vowed to bring the project to a halt, pending further Congressional action. Hansen's interpretation of restrictions on the use of defense appropriations has been challenged by Deputy Defense Secretary Charles Duncan who indicated that the Department was proceeding under "contingency construction authority" to provide needed facilities for the relocation of U.S. troops prior to October 1, 1979.

In an unheralded but significant step to safeguard individual liberties, the date of September 14, 1978, marked the official termination of four "national emergency proclamations" issued by three Presidents over the past 45 years. Under Public Law 94-412, signed by then Pres. Ford in September, 1976, the extraordinary powers of the Chief Executive as authorized by Congress for each of the national emergencies, were slated to expire in two years. In addition, should the need to proclaim a national emergency arise in the future, the new law gives Congress express authority to review conditions at six month intervals so as not to prolong unduly the possible use of wide ranging powers.

Plans are being made to introduce legislation in the new 96th Congress to restore the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. In the last Congress, bills on this subject were not accorded a hearing by the Subcommittee on Census and Population of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. At the state level, Illinois will join the list of states that have gone along with the federally prescribed fourth Monday in May as the date for Memorial Day. For the past several years, Illinois continued to observe May 30 as its official Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON,
Chairman

THE "STARBOARD WATCH", WHAT WAS ITS FATE . . . ?

The Starboard Watch was an organization of the survivors of the ill fates USS Monitor. Its fate and that of its extremely valuable records is unknown. In 1906 Monitor survivor Francis (Frank) Barister Butts was a member of both the Starboard Watch and the Bucklin Post No. 20, G.A.R. Butts was from East Providence, R.I. but was living in Cleveland, Ohio, when he died. He is the last known contact of the Monitor survivors organization.

The Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 1861, Suite 320, Old Royster Building, 201 Granby Street Mall, Norfolk, Va. 23501 has been seeking to contact descendants of the USS Monitor's shipwrights and crew. They also seek to contact any descendants of the veterans of Companies A, B, C or D of the 99th Infantry Regiment, New York Volunteers. These units were known as the "First Union Coast Guard" and as soldiers were assigned to the USS Congress and fought the Merrimack from that ship.

If any members of the SUVCW or our Auxiliary, any of our Allied Orders of any of our many friends and readers can help, please contact James A. Miller, Jr. at the Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation. The address is above in this article.

AUXILIARY ESTABLISHES HONOR ROLL FUND, LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE PROGRAMS

The 92nd National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War concurred with the recommendations of its presiding National President, Marion E. Combs, and established three new programs to help insure the financial future of the Organization. No member is obligated to contribute or participate in these programs, but any member who desires to participate may do so.

HONOR ROLL FUND

Contributions in the amount of \$10 or more may be made in memory of a member of the contributor's family, a friend, or the Civil War Veteran from whom she is descended. Checks should be made payable to the national Treasurer, Auxiliary to SUVCW, and mailed to Sister Combs with the following information:

To: Marion E. Combs, P.N.P. Aux, to SUVCW
P.O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

Enclosed find \$_____ (\$10.00 or more) donation to the Honor Roll Fund from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

in memory of:

Name of Person to be Honored: _____

Relationship to Donor _____

Honors and/or accomplishments _____

or:

Name of Veteran _____

Company & Regiment _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

A life membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The cost per age category are as follows:

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

Checks should be made payable to the National Treasurer, Auxiliary to SUVCW, and sent to Sister Combs along with the name and age of the life member and the name and number of her auxiliary. The name and address of the auxiliary treasurer should also be included.

Dues must be paid by the life member for one year after the purchase of her life membership. After that period of time, the accrued interest will be mailed each January 1st to the life member's auxiliary as her dues payment for that year. Life membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of the National Organization.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

Membership-at-Large is now available to interested women over fourteen years of age who are interested in our Organization and who are descended from a Union Veteran of the Civil War or who are married to a member of the Sons. Further information can be obtained by writing to Marion E. Combs at the address above.

1979 GAR MEMORIAL FUND APPEAL

With this issue, which will reach most of our members and subscribers sometime in late January or early February, we are enclosing a final reminder to give. We know that Christmas is over and the long winter is started. However, if we may, we would like a moment of your time and your heart. Once a year you are asked to

support the G. A. R. Memorial Fund. Although it is only one of many appeals, both from within our organization and from without, it is, in fact, the only fund raising drive of the National Organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is our one and only annual appeal for the monies with which to continue our work of patriotism and with which to help keep alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. In later issues we will recount, again, the various worthy projects supported by this Fund. You, my Brothers, know most of them quite well. So please take care of the bright little flyer you will find enclosed with this issue. It is the method by which you can forward your donation, large or small, and make your contribution to the memory of the G.A.R. and to the work of patriotism which we, the sons and heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, are pledged to continue.

HONOR ROLL LIVING SONS OF UNION VETERANS

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our Honor Roll of individuals who are living sons of a veteran of the Union forces during the American Civil War:

Percy C. James, St. Louis, Mo.
(John A. Havis Camp 35, SUVCW)
Son of Sgt. Henry B. James, Union Veteran

George C. Clouse, Orting, Washington
(Not presently a member of the SUVCW)
Son of John Clouse, Union Veteran

Theodore Jungermang, Gemoma, Nebraska
(SUVCW affiliation unknown)
Son of Christian Jungermang, Union Veteran

John W. Nichols, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
(SUVCW affiliation unknown)
Son of Sgt. John R. Nichols, Union Veteran

Isaac Nichols
(SUVCW affiliation unknown)
Son of Sgt. John R. Nichols, Union Veteran

Edward W. Williams, Freeport, Ill.
(Camp No. 1, SUVCW)
Son of Henry Williams, Union Veteran

Persons qualifying for this Honor Roll or who may know of someone who is qualified are urged to contact the Editor of The Banner, Albert W. Lambert, P. O. Box 673, Naperville, IL 60540. Please advise the name and address of the person to be listed, his SUVCW affiliation, if any, and the name and unit of his Father who served in the Union Forces during the American Civil War.

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 1979 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

The following Life Memberships have been recorded by the National Secretary since the last issue of THE BANNER.

No. 102 Randolph H. Hammer	.....	\$100.00
No. 103 Harry L. Thompson	.....	\$100.00
No. 104 Charles F. Kane	.....	\$150.00

GRANT'S TOMB WILL BE SITE OF SERVICES TO HONOR 157TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF CIVIL WAR GENERAL

The General U.S. Grant Birthday Committee is a standing committee of the New York Departments of both the Sons and Auxiliary. It is charged with the annual service to commemorate

the Birthday of the man who led the Union's military forces to victory and later became President of the United States. The 157th Birthday of General U.S. Grant will be commemorated on Sunday, April 29, 1979 at the National Memorial (Grant's Tomb), 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City, at 1:30 P.M.

Following the services, visitors may take their cars or "M5" Bus southbound to 5th Avenue and 43rd Street, then two blocks to the right to Rosoff's at 147 West 43rd Street.

A Cocktail Hour will be held from 3:30 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. with complimentary Canapes and a cash bar. This will be followed by a Dinner and Reception. The price is \$10.00 for dinner, gratuities and parking. Reservation may be made before April 14, 1979 with the Chairlady of the event, Miss Mary E. Hudson, 45-14 39th Place, Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104. Please include your payment with the reservation. The dinner and reception will also be occasion to honor New York Department Commander Donald Roberts and New York Department President Hilda Canan. All members, friends and interested parties are invited to join in the affairs.

The program will include Patrons and Memorials, to help defray the costs of the wreaths, firing squad, printing, etc. A Patron or Memorial (showing name and title or rank) is \$2.00; an organization may be listed showing name and city or town for \$3.00; and a special three line box is available for greetings or memorials for \$5.00. Please make all payments before April 2, 1979 (due to printer's schedule) with Brother Chester E. Hudson, 2460 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235.

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1979

A memorial ceremony marking the 114th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on April 14, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman, Cyril Gumbinger, Thomas L. W. Johnson, and Edward G. Pree, co-chairman 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 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 or as an individual member of our Order, this is your invitation to participate in this meaningful ceremony. Individual invitations are not routinely sent to Departments or Camps and their Auxiliaries. 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 26* to —

Mr. Cyril Gumbinger, Co-chairman
P. O. Box 84
San Jose, Illinois 62682

Wreaths may be sent to the Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Sunday, April 14, 1979. Instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

FLAG BURNING CEREMONY CONDUCTED

Officers and Brothers of D. G. Caywood Camp #146 of Ovid, New York, assisted by the Sisters of their Auxiliary #72, sponsored the 1st Annual Flag Burning Ceremony last November 12, 1978. The Camp, which has approximately 70 members, gathered together the roughly 550 flags that had marked the veterans' graves from a week prior to Memorial Day through the summer months. The objective was a fitting disposal of the worn American flags as a final tribute to the men whose graves they had marked.

Members of the 75th New York Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Caywood's "Camp Guard", were the color guard and honor guard for the event. Pack 5 of the Cub Scouts of America participated in the event as part of the camp's "Public Participation Program."

Present for the first of what is to become an annual event were many National, Department, and Auxiliary officers. Included were: Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman; National Auxiliary Chief-of-Staff Betty Baker; New York Department Commander Donald Roberts; Past Department Commander and present Department Inspector Edson Baker; Department Patriotic Instructor Royce Roberts; and Department Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor Isabelle Roberts.

Camp Commander Earl Ballard, aided Department Commander Donald Roberts and Auxiliary #72 President Kathy Vrooman, solemnly placed the first flag in the fires, opening the ceremony. Following a prayer by camp chaplain E. K. Ballard, the remaining flags were placed into the fires. As the last flags were burning, members of the Camp Guard fired a gun salute, followed by a playing of "Taps" by bugler John Hallett of the Empire Fifers, SVR.

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, Pennsylvania 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 _____

(Donation, 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 19654)

The following Honor Roll contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER.

- From Col Donald A. Seibert, USA, Ret., Fayetteville, N.C.
In Memory of Albert Miller, Independent Battery A,
Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. \$25.00
- From John R. Stamm, Kewanna, Indiana
In Memory of John H. Stamm, Co. B, 87th Regiment,
Indiana Volunteers. \$20.00

1979 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT & LOCATION	DATES	HEADQUARTERS
California & Pacific Fresno, Calif.	April 27-29	Santa Rita Lodge
Colorado & Wyoming Manitou Springs, Colo.	June 3-4	Manitou Springs City Hall
Connecticut Hartford, Conn.	May 5-6	Holiday Inn
Illinois Decatur, Ill.	June 30	Holiday Inn
Indiana Indianapolis, Ind.	June 9-10	To be announced
Iowa Des Moines, Iowa	June 14-16	Hotel Kirkwood
Maine Waterville, Maine	June 14-17	Howard Johnson Motor Inn
Maryland Hagerstown, Md.	April 28-29	Venice Motel
Massachusetts Springfield, Mass.	April 20-22	Stonehaven Motor Inn

Michigan Grand Rapids, Mich.	June 17-19	Pantlind Hotel
New Hampshire Concord, N. H.	April 27-28	Ramada Inn
New Jersey Avon-By-The-Sea, NJ	June 14-16	Buckingham Hotel
New York New York Olean, N. Y.	June 24-27	Castle Inn
Ohio Alliance, Ohio	June 22-24	Mount Union College
Oregon & Washington Eugene, Oregon	March 17-18	Eugene Memorial Building Motel: The Timbers
Pennsylvania Harrisburg, Pa.	June 17-20	Holiday Inn Towne
Rhode Island Warwick, R. I.	April 7	Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
Vermont Warren, Vt.	June 21-23	Warren Elementary School
Wisconsin Milwaukee, Wisc.	June 2	Holiday Inn - South Airport

SECOND ANNUAL OHIO CIVIL WAR RELIC AND COLLECTORS SHOW SCHEDULED

The 2nd annual Ohio show will be held from 9:00 A.M. thru 6:00 P.M. on April 28, 1979 and from 9:00 A.M. thru 4:00 P.M. on April 29, 1979. The site is the Ashland National Guard Armory, located on East Main Street (US-250) in Ashland, Ohio. Persons unfamiliar with the area should use Exit 186 from I-71.

There will be 60 tables available. An eight foot table rents for \$7.00 for one day or \$12.00 for both days. Table set-up will be permitted from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Friday, April 27, 1979 however there will be no security that night. Security on Saturday night will be furnished by the Ohio National Guard. Admission is \$1.00 per adult, parking is free and lists of Motel nearby are available on request. For tables or information contact Don Williams, 1083 Oak Hill Circle, Ashland, Ohio 44805 (419/289-3120) or John Solinger, P. O. Box 248, Crestline, Ohio 44827 (419/683-1091).



INDIANA "STEPPING STONE" PRESENTED TO TENNESSEE AND PLACED ON DISPLAY

Efforts of the Tennessee Monument Commission to erect a monument on the battlefield at Gettysburg, reported in several past issues of The Banner from April 1977 onward, achieved a boost when the Indiana Division of that Committee, headed by Brother William H. Hendley of the Indiana Department, SUVCW, succeeded in presenting their State's Stepping Stone to the State of Tennessee. The stepping stone is pictured above. The committee appointed by Governor Bowen to represent this State at these various affairs included representatives of several patriotic organizations. The Sons of Union Veterans are represented by Indiana Department Commander Harry Hauff, PDC Ivan D. Lancaster and PDC H. Ray Worth.

CORRECTIONS—1978-79 ROSTER

The 1978-79 Roster published in the last issue (page 5) contained an incorrect address for Edward E. Biering, Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Department. Brother Biering's address should read:

335A East Rosedale Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisc. 53207

The Roster also indicated PDC Charles E. Sharrock, Sr. as Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. The Department Commander of the Colorado & Wyoming Department for the term 1978-79 is:

Eugene Hartle
1418 East 14th
Pueblo, Colo. 81001

WITH SINCEREST APPRECIATION

On behalf of my wife, Margaret, as well as myself I would like to use this media to express appreciation to all of the Departments, individual members and friends who, during my year as your Commander-in-Chief, extended to us countless courtesies. For these courtesies and the sincerity of everyone whom we met, as well as for the countless gifts we received, we are truly grateful. It was a very inspiring and educational year thanks to all of the members and friends of our wonderful organization.

Harold T. Beilby, P.C. in C.

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Department News



CALIFORNIA

We deeply regret we must report the death of Past Department Commander Coby F. Wilcox. A brief Memorial Service was held on Thursday, September 7, 1978. A native of Joplin, Missouri Brother Wilcox had lived for many years in California, he was retired from Metro Goldwyn Mayer. Until his passing, Brother Wilcox served as Secretary-Treasurer of General W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 in Los Angeles. His loyal service and sincere dedication to our Order will be long remembered and sincerely missed. To his widow, Mrs. Miriam Wilcox, and his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy upon the loss of our good friend and brother.

ILLINOIS

The Bismark Hotel in Chicago was the site, last November 11, 1978, of the noon Testimonial Luncheon in honor of our Sister, Mrs. Florence H. Forbey, National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW. Department Commander Cyril Gumbinger served as Toastmaster and National Chaplain P.D.P. Ethel Jones offered the invocation. In addition to Illinois Department Officers and friends, we were honored to entertain P.N.P. Bea Riggs of California and P.N.P. Emma Wheeler of New Hampshire, both of whom traveled to Chicago for the event. Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt

of Ohio was in attendance as well as Eleanor Krohn, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and Miss Jane Riley, National President of the Daughters of U.V.C.W. The Woman's Relief Corp was represented by immediate Past National President Lois M. Didier. Following the reception and luncheon, the group heard greetings from the various National and Department officers and saw an excellent presentation, "Westward Go Our Dreams" by John and Kitty Kohout.

IOWA

Department Commander Richard A. McCoy underwent eye surgery and was confined to his home for the past few months. Brother McCoy has asked that we express his appreciation for the many cards and phone calls. They have lightened his confinement and made him grateful for his many friends.

MAINE

Last November 6th the regular meeting of J. Wesley Gilman Camp and Auxiliary of Oakland and Garfield Auxiliary of Waterville was the setting for a surprise observance of the 62nd Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Rexford Oliver. The Olivers were married in Waterville on November 4, 1916. They had five daughters and two sons and now enjoy 38 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. Brother Oliver is currently Commander of Garfield Camp in Waterville and is a Past Department Commander. A retired employee of Scott Paper Company he is currently a mail carrier. Sister Oliver is a Past Department President.

Approximately 150 gathered at Memorial Hall on September 2, 1978 when J. Wesley Gilman Camp and Auxiliary hosted a reception for the Department Officers of the Sons and the Auxiliary. The formal reception was followed by entertainment. Past Commander-in-Chief Kenneth Wheeler headed a delegation of visitors from two nearby states. A letter from Oakland Town Manager Eric Meserve was read citing Department Commander Edmond Butler for his service to the town and announcing an award to be presented to him for volunteer work on various town projects.

Memorial Hall was the site on October 14, 1978, of the annual autumn Fair sponsored by the Sons and Auxiliary.

The inspection of T. W. Hyde Auxiliary No. 11 in Bath was also the occasion of a surprise birthday party for P.D.P. Lillian Tarrington of the Bath Auxiliary. Friends from Portland, Waterville and Oakland joined the event.

MARYLAND

The Order was represented at the rededication of Hull Memorial (GAR) Church in Lansdowne Md. on September 30 by Maryland Department Commander and President, Pennsylvania Department Commander and Aide and members of Appomattox Auxiliary.

Wilmington, Del. Auxiliaries and Camps spearheaded the Annual Americanization Day observance on October 21.

Department Commander and President attended the 76th Anniversary Reception of the DUVCW in Washington, D.C. on October 29.

The Department was represented at Gettysburg on Remembrance Day by the Commander and President, a P. C in C, a P.N.P. and members of Reno and Appomattox Auxiliaries.

Department President, Dorris Schlenker, made official visits to Reno Auxiliary in Hagerstown on October 7, Appomattox in Wilmington on November 8, and Shaw and Rector in Wilmington on December 9.

We regretfully report the passing of another member of Lincoln-Cushing Camp in Washington on November 9. Col. J. G. Seabourne was a most devoted Associate Member.

Maryland Department Encampment will be held on April 28-29 in Hagerstown, Maryland at the Venice Inn.

On October 7, 1978 Reno Post Auxiliary No. 10 hosted a dinner at the Venice Inn in Hagerstown for Department Commander Richard Schlenker and Department President Dorris Schlenker. In addition to many Department Officers and members, we were honored to welcome Past Commander-in-Chief Jack Yocum of Pennsylvania as well as Department Commander and Mrs. Ralph Peiper of Pennsylvania.

MASSACHUSETTS

Members of Camp #17, Brockton and Camp #50 of Rockland took part in two parades on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, in Rockland in the A.M. and in Brockton in the P.M. Major Gilman W. Harrington of the S.U.V.R. was Officer of the Day in both parades.

The 97th annual Encampment of the Sons and the 88th Department Encampment of the Auxiliary will be held April 20, 21, 22, 1979, at the Stonehaven Motor Inn, Springfield, Mass. A committee headed by P.D.C. Miles E. Harrington and P.N.P. Minnie Madeiros as Co-Chairman, Allen B. Howland, P.C.C. as Treasurer and Esther E. Haskell as Secretary are working hard to make the Encampment one of the best.

The Members of the Department and his many friends were saddened of the death of Past Department Commander Herbert L. Jackson on Sept. 6, 1978, Herb served as Department Commander in 1967, he will be missed by many.

A joint reception honoring Department Commander William R. Cohen and Department President Jennie B. Russell was held at the Grand Army Hall in Rockland. State Senator Joseph B. Walsh presented both Commander Cohen and President Russell with a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate. Commander Cohen was also honored with a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Sometime between August 21st and August 28th of last year, an antique cannon was stolen from the meeting hall of Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch Camp 30. A color photo is available upon request from Edward A. Coyne, Camp Historian, Box 361, Boston, J.P., Mass. 02130. The cannon should be obvious if the thief tries to sell or display it. It is a 200 pound deck or platform type cannon with black iron carriage, brass/bronze barrel and brackets and is a muzzle loader. The barrel is almost 30 inches in length and the muzzle diameter is six inches with a 1 3/8 bore. The Carriage is 12 inches high, 9 inches side and 26 inches long. A cannon such as this one was used primarily for signal or rescue work. While small enough to be carried away, it nevertheless should be very obvious if any attempt is made to use or publicly display it.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The following notice was received for this column:

I wish to thank all the Brothers and Sisters that have sent me cards wishing me a quick recovery from my recent heart attack. They were greatly appreciated and helped a great deal to pass the time away. Everything is coming along fine and should be as good as new in a few months.

Kenneth T. Wheeler, P.C. in C.

P.C. in C. Kenneth Wheeler and P.N.P. Emma Wheeler were both victors in the November 7, 1978, election making them one of the few husband-wife teams to be elected as Representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire.

Last September 17th approximately 100 members and guests gathered to Honor Department Commander Howard Wheeler and his staff. In addition to Department Officers, there were three Past Commanders-in-Chief present: William Haskell and Allen Howland of Massachusetts and Ken Wheeler of N.H. P.N.P. Emma Wheeler was Mistress of Ceremonies for the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by the Circle Singers of New Boston. Sister Emma Wheeler is accompanist for this group.

NEW JERSEY

The Department's annual Lincoln Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 10, 1979 at the Treadway Inn on Route No. 1, approximately two miles north of the I-295 interchange and four miles south of Princeton. This event will also mark the occasion for honoring Department Commander James F. Elliott and Department President Florence Jansson. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Reservations accompanied by checks for same (made out to the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW) should be mailed out to Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 98648 no later than March 1st.

The spring meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 will be held on April 28, 1979 at Nassau Inn, Princeton, starting at 6:00 P.M. Roger Semplak, recent recipient of a Master of Arts degree in History from Monmouth (NJ) College will speak on "Calvary During the Civil War."

NEW YORK

N. Y. Department Commander, Donald L. Roberts and Aux. Depart. President, Hilda Canan and Staffs were Honored Oct. 7th at Candor, by Camps 193, 99 and Aux. 11. Also at Waterloo, N. Y. Oct. 28th by Ovid Camp 146 and Aux. 72. Both functions were well attended. N. Y. was well represented at Comamnder-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt's Testimonial Dinner at Alliance, Ohio. Camp 223 in Buffalo attended Armistice Day Services Nov. 11 with Veterans Organizations at Soldier's Monument 74th Regiment Armory.

Members of D. G. Caywood Camp 146 SUV and Empire Brigade Sons of Veterans Reserve joined Forces to attend Veterans Day Services at Auburn N. Y. to Honor Robert F. Stryker, only member of Armed Forces to receive the Medal of Honor from Cayuga Co. and all Viet Nam Veterans from Auburn and Cayuga County. These Services were very special for this outstanding member.

H. C. Berry Camp No. 89 Niagara Falls N. Y., placed a wreath at the Cenataph at Nia. Falls Ontario, Canada for the 60th Anniversary of World War I Nov. 11th. Also Camp No. 89 observed the 115th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Speech Nov. 19th at Gettysburg, at the large Stone Monument with the Speech inscribed which is the largest one of its kind in the U. S.

The D. G. Caywood Camp Guard SUV of CW assisted by the Empire Brigade SVR escorted Dep't Comd'r. Donald L. Roberts, in the 22nd Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Services at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove Gettysburg Battelfield Commander Roberts was the guest of the SVR Empire Brigade which had sixty Uniformed Men in the Escort. N. Y. Dep't. had a large group along with the members of Camps in N. Y. which attended the Services and Dinner in the evening.

James Farley, of Camp 223 and Ass't. Principal of Riverside High School sponsored services with the H. S. Band and Vocal Chorus at the Abraham Lincoln Monument at the Buffalo, Erie Co. Historical Building, Nov. 20th, Mon. (as school was in session) A large scroll had the speech printed and a student dressed as Lincoln portrayed the part and led the large group in reciting the speech.

The "Star-Spangled Salute" Certificate award which our National Patriotic Instructor printed in the April BANNER proved to be a great value and publicized our Organization. Abraham Lincoln Camp of Rochester, N. Y., has issued eight Awards to Perkins Restaurants and other Companies.

On October 4, 1978, H. C. Berry Camp 89 inducted their youngest member. Fourteen year old Michael Scott McGurty of North Tonawanda, N. Y., was born March 15, 1964. Brother McGurty recently won a scholarship to a private High School based on his knowledge of the American Civil War.

The New York Department Convention will be held at the Castle Inn Motel on Route 17, Olean, New York, June 24 thru June 27, 1979.

WISCONSIN

The Department's Joint Mid Year Meeting was held on Novebmer 5 at Summit Town Hall, Oconomowoc, with a good sized gathering in attendance. Numerous reports concerning meetings attended and activities planned were given. A formal resolution was passed urging that better maintenance be given to several artillery field pieces located in Camp Randall Memorial Park on the University of Wisconsin campus at Madison. Concern was also expressed for the future of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall located in the Capitol Building as the Hall needs attention if the artifacts it contains are to be better displayed. Discussion ensued relative to the need to survey and inventory the number of Civil War memorials located in Wisconsin. The Department Auxiliary served a delicious and nourishing potluck luncheon at noon which was enjoyed by all. Two familiar figures, Edward E. Biering and Burton E. Kannenberg, were missing from this year's conclave due to the need to convalesce from recent bouts with surgery.

Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5, Oconomowoc, sponsored a display and demonstration of Civil War artifacts at a large shopping mall near Brookfield on the weekend of November 11 and 12.



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