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NATIONAL HEADS OF ALL ALLIED ORDERS JOIN IN HONORING G.A.R. AT 23rd ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY

Pictured above are Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch, in his S.V.R. uniform, along with the National President Nellie H. Hawley of the Auxiliary (next to C.-in-C. Koch) and the National Presidents of the remaining Allied Orders. The five Allied Heads were gathered in front of the statue of Comrad Albert Woolson at Zeigler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield last November 17th in order to lay wreaths and take part in the services which honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Conrad Woolson of Duluth, Minn. was the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died at the age of 109 on August 2, 1956. His statue commemorates all of the men of G.A.R. and of all those who wore the Union uniforms during 1861-1865. The annual Remembrance Day event saw another beautiful November weekend and a record attendance of an estimated 1,700 at the wreath laying services. Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. was Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon program at the Woolson Monument. P.C.-in-C. Combs also served as Master of Ceremonies at the Program of Tributes held in the Visitors Center at the battlefield immediately following the wreath laying services. The Rev. Dr. Robert A. MacAskill, Pastor of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, gave the address of Tribute and the Lancaster Fencibles Fifes and Drums provided Civil War Era music for both afternoon events. Greetings were received from all five National Heads as well as the Department Heads of all five Allied Orders in the Department of Pennsylvania.

MONITOR EFFORTS CONTINUE

The year 1979 was a critical one for the Monitor Recovery and Research Foundation and for those devoted individuals who have worked many years to locate the Monitor on the ocean floor off North Carolina and to raise that noble ship so that it might be permanently enshrined. During the year, the government has decided against trying to raise the Civil War ironclad because of its extremely fragile condition. A series of dives to the wreck over a number of weeks yielded evidence that the ship has deteriorated seriously after 117 years under water and may have suffered further damage from depth charges dropped during World War II. However in Norfolk the Foundation and its founder, marine impresario John G. Newton, scoff at the idea that salvaging the Monitor might be impossible and with little encouragement from Federal or State officials cling to the notion that the skeleton of the Civil War vessel will someday grace Norfolk's downtown waterfront. In the meantime divers continue to reclaim many important artifacts from the sunken ship. Archeologists have made almost daily dives to the 172 foot ship since the current series began. They have been methodical in vacuuming away the sand and locating the treasures which went to the bottom with the famous ironclad that stormy night of December 31, 1862.

We will continue to report progress on this important and vital Civil War project as news is received. In the appointments announced in Commander-in-Chief Koch's General Order printed in the last issue, you will note that PDC John B. Davis has been reappointed Chairman of the SUVCW's standing committee on this project. From past articles in The Banner you will recall that Brother Davis is responsible for keeping us well informed on this issue as well as for a renewal of SUVCW activity in the Norfolk area.



General Order No. 2
Series 1979-80

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
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1. This is the beginning of a new year. There are only 12 months before we celebrate our Centennial Year. Have you contributed to the Centennial Fund? If not, why not do it today? Senior Vice Commander, Richard Wyman is accepting donations. Let us be generous in our giving, so that the 100th Anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans will have a special meaning. As Commander-in-Chief, I extend to each member of our Allied Family, best wishes for a happy, healthy and inspiring year.
2. During this new year we must increase our membership. I am pleased to announce the appointment of George Place of the Department of Massachusetts a National Aide. He has been awarded the National Ribbon. All Brothers who secure 3 new members will be appointed a National Aide and be authorized to wear the National Ribbon. A Brother who enlists 5 new members will receive a Certificate of Merit and be authorized to wear the National Ribbon.
3. The 23rd Annual Remembrance Day Program at Gettysburg on November 17th was again, very impressive. The Good Lord favored us with a bright, warm day. The National Organization commends the Committee as well as the Military Units for their outstanding efforts. We were fortunate to have the four National Presidents with us to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.
4. The National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was again honored to present the Annual Scholarship Award to Mr. David Offutt, a student interested in Civil War history at the Gettysburg College. Mr. Offutt was introduced by Dr. Charles H. Gladfelter, professor of history at the College. This award was presented during the 49th Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of South Central Pennsylvania, held in Gettysburg on November 17, 1979. The Commander-in-Chief, through the National Organization, wishes to thank the Committee for a most enjoyable evening. My thanks also to the committee sponsoring the Military Ball.
5. I apologize to Brother Joseph Rippey for my error in my first General Order, in the September issue of *The BANNER*. Joseph S. Rippey is a member of the Council and not William Simpson, as I had mistakenly submitted to the Editor of *The BANNER*.
6. The National Patriotic Instructor, Donald Roberts has a quota of \$1700.00 to raise. He can only realize this goal with the assistance and cooperation of every member. I am confident Brother Roberts can attain this goal and perhaps oversubscribe his quota as his predecessor did. LET'S DO IT AGAIN.
7. I was pleased to travel to St. Clairsville, Ohio., on November 3, to attend the Reception of the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Nancy Conaway, as well as to the Testimonial for Nellie Hawley, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, in Des Moines, Iowa, on November 10. My thanks to the Ladies and the Auxiliary for their kind invitations and the courtesies extended to me and the Organization I represent. It was an honor and a pleasure to be a part of these receptions. I was privileged to have a brief meeting with: Nellie Hawley, National President of the Auxiliary; Nancy Conaway, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army; Lois Jean Hiccox, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Marilyn Taylor, National President of the Women's Relief Corp. while in Gettysburg on November 17th. May we continue to enjoy this warm fellowship throughout our year of service.
8. To all Department Commanders and Secretaries—Please forward to this office as well as to the Editor of *The BANNER*, the dates and locations of your encampments. I will endeavor to attend as many as possible.

9. Remember all Patriotic Holidays, especially February 12th and 22nd. Plan appropriate programs for Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays. Attend the Dinners your Department may have planned to commemorate our former Presidents.
10. The miniature G.A.R. badge pin is now available at \$10.00 each.
11. Camp officers, your quarterly report must be mailed promptly, so the Department Secretary can compile his report for National Headquarters.
12. The 99th Annual Encampment will be held August 16-21, 1980, at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. More detailed information is included elsewhere in this issue.
13. To all those who are ill, shut in or have lost loved ones, May our Heavenly Father watch over and comfort each one of you.

Elton P. Koch
Commander-in-Chief



100th ANNIVERSARY
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR
SEPTEMBER 29, 1979

September 29, 1879, the first Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp was instituted in Philadelphia, known as Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, sponsored by Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G.A.R. That occasion was marked by a banquet held at D. F. McCallister's on September 29, 1979. Pictured above at the Anniversary Banquet are (from left to right) the senior Past Commander-in-Chief, C. LeRoy Stoudt, and the present Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch.

A few words of welcome were given by the Commander of Camp No. 1, J. Edward Atkinson, who then introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock. After singing the Star Spangled Banner, Salute to the Flag, and the invocation, we enjoyed a full course delicious Roast Sirloin of Beef dinner with all the trimmings.

A Sing-a-long was led by Larry Ferrari, a most popular organist of the Channel 6 Television in Philadelphia. He also played several selections of organ music during the evening. Unfortunately the Governor could not be with us.

The speaker of the evening was the Honorable Judge James T. McDermott, who gave a very inspiring talk and reminded us of how fortunate we are to have such a background and to be associated with such a fine organization and to be so active after all the years.

Herman A. Poehler gave a few remarks on the activities of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1. He was then presented with a plaque as being the oldest living active member of Camp No. 1.

Past Commander-in-Chief LeRoy Stoudt's remarks were on the Nostalgia of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which were most interesting. Remarks were then given by the National and Department Officers.

For the closing, P.C.-in-C. Frank Heacock recited the Lincoln's Gettysburg Address while Larry Ferrari played the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" very softly. All lights were out with the exception of the candles and a breeze kept the flag moving on the stage. Following this the entire assembly joined in singing "God Bless America" and the Pennsylvania Closing.

All in all a most enjoyable evening—good food—good music and singing—wonderful speeches and Fraternity.

JOIN THE MARCH ON RICHMOND!

Capital of The Confederacy — Heart of Civil War Historyland!

1980 ENCAMPMENT SITE SELECTED

P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman of the Encampment Site Committee, recently announced that the committee has selected The John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, as the Headquarters for the 99th Annual Encampment of the Sons, the 94th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary and the 94th Annual National Convention of the Ladies of the G.A.R. The Encampments will meet from August 16, 1980, through August 21, 1980. While full details and Encampment schedules will follow at a later time, we are advised that the following rates will apply:

Single Occupancy	\$31.00
Double/Twin Occupancy	\$37.00
Third Person	\$ 6.00
(Parking is Free)	

Most of our members will recall that The John Marshall Hotel was the site of our Encampment August 15-19, 1965, which officially closed our observance of the Civil War Centennial. We are returning fourteen years later with fond memories of Richmond's warmth and hospitality. There will be much to plan and much to do at this, the last Encampment before the 100th Anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

DON'T MISS:

VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL CENTER — The war from Manassas to Appomattox, presented through films, electric maps, original weapons and equipment.

PETERSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK — A short drive from Richmond. See the famous "Crater" blown in Confederate lines . . . the "Dictator," mightiest of Civil War siege guns.

WHITE HOUSE OF THE CONFEDERACY — Home of Jefferson Davis. One of the world's largest collections of Confederate mementoes.

RICHMOND NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK — Site of the famous Seven Days' Battles. Drama is told through narrative markers, original fortifications, weapons.

BATTLE ABBEY — Civil War relics, weapons, equipment, paintings.

The John Marshall

Richmond, Va.

YOUR HOST - NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, AUGUST 16-21



SUVCW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD HIGHLIGHTS ANNUAL BANQUET FOLLOWING REMEMBRANCE DAY

Pictured above are Mr. David M. Offut (on left) and Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch at the 50th Annual Banquet commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. C.-in-C. Koch is presenting Mr. Offut with the annual SUVCW Scholarship. Mr. Offut, a senior at Gettysburg College and a History Major, was selected by the College History Department for this scholarship because of his particular achievements in the study of Civil War and Reconstruction periods in our history. The annual dinner was attended by 189 persons and was followed by an outstanding Blue-Grey Dance. The evening's activities provided a very fitting close to the annual Remembrance Day events at Gettysburg.

AUXILIARY PROGRAMS REPORT LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life Memberships can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. Cost for each age category is as follows:

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

The following life memberships have been received since the last report:

#5 Nancy Greenwalt Green.....	\$150.00
#6 Ramona Greenwalt.....	\$150.00
#7 Dorothy G. Schafer	\$125.00
#8 Viola L. Bremme	\$100.00

HONOR ROLL FUND

Contributions in the amount of \$10.00 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.

At the national encampment held in Hartford in August, 1979, the delegates voted that these two programs should be turned over to the National Treasurer.

All checks for life membership should be payable to the National Treasurer, Miss M. Helen Loll, and mailed to her at:

3601 N. Fifth Ave., #107
Phoenix, AZ 85013

Be sure to include the name and age of the life member; the name and number of her auxiliary; and the name and address of her auxiliary treasurer. Dues must be paid for one year after the purchase of the life membership. After that period, interest at \$6 per year will be mailed each January 1 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.

All checks for the Honor Roll Fund should also be mailed to the National Treasurer as shown above. Checks should be accompanied by the name of the person to be honored.



S.V.R. NEWS

By

GEORGE SHADMAN

NATIONAL MEETING IN GETTYSBURG

Pictured above is the annual SVR meeting held at Howard Johnson's in the Shrine Room at 10:00 a.m. on November 17, 1979. The 15th New Jersey Volunteers presented the colors commemorating the occasion. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain Norm Bowns offered a Blessing.

Lt. Col. Charles Lilienthal opened the meeting with a very appropriate statement: "Remembrance Day is 'OUR DAY,' all of ours, no matter what reenactment army you belong to."

Present for the meeting were representatives from five Civil War reenactment organizations including the SVR, North/South Brigade, NCWRA, ANV, and the GAR.

Lt. Col. Lilienthal reviewed General Order #5-series 1979 which stated: 1) Lt. Col. Thomas O'Dea was transferred from the inactive roster to active duty to serve as Executive Officer, SVR with the rank of Colonel; 2) Captain Richard Greenwalt was transferred from the inactive roster to active duty, serving as Quartermaster General with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; 3) Major Harrington was relieved as commander of the First Military District and transferred in grade to the inactive roster. Major Hoskell is temporarily assigned as acting commander of that district until a permanent assignment is announced.

It was announced by General Shriver that Andrew Brunett, famous for his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, has pledged his total support to all Civil War units. The General also stated that patriotism across the United States is upswinging and Civil War Reenactment groups are playing a vital role in this area. New geographical areas are opening up continuously and are welcoming organizations such as the SVR.

Col. O'Dea was introduced. He will be serving also as Training Officer for the SVR. The Colonel spoke of the need to strive for authenticity in the SVR. "We must dress the part . . . commanders in the SVR must start instigating this." He also stated that regardless of some outside opinions, the SVR is not dragging their feet concerning reenactments. O'Dea also listed some of the qualifications needed in being a unit commander in the SVR and concluded with a promise of " . . . a good working program in the SVR in the near future."

Major William Warne, retired from the SVR was presented with a Letter of Commendation by General Shriver for serving as a "highly respected officer and leader in the SVR."

Major Harlod Goodman presented Sgt. Carl McCann of the 19th New York Heavy Artillery with a commission to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

General Shriver announced that the 10th Annual SVR National Encampment would be held at Port Huron, Michigan, hosted by the 10th Michigan Regiment (which boasts a membership of 182 members). The event will be held July 4, 5, 6, 1980, and the Battle of Buzzards Roost will be reenacted. More information will follow.

S.U.V. Commander-in-Chief Koch extended his best wishes to the SVR, calling the SVR "The show-piece of the S.U.V."

Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, Colonel John Stark was introduced and he offered his very best wishes for a successful upcoming year for the SVR.

Captain Simmons of the Key Stone Brigade was presented with a 50 year badge for a half a century of service in the S.U.V.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Col. Bowen.

SVR IN THE MOVIES?

Captain Robert McCandless commanding officer of the 2nd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, SVR would like to hear from any members of the SVR (especially cavalry) who would like to be an "extra" in the movie *CHEYENNE* being filmed near Grand Island, Nebraska, in October, 1980. They need 25 mounted riders for the Indian period of 1878. Some infantry will also be needed. Troops accepted will be paid \$25.00 per day plus food and lodging. If you are interested, contact Captain McCandless, 3300 South 46th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68406.

NOTE: Send your SVR news to George Shadman, SVR News, 29 Carlton Road, Waterloo, New York 13165.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and Best Wishes are in order for P.C.-in-C. C. LeRoy Stoudt and P.N.P. Irene Murphy, both from the Pennsylvania Department. Roy and Irene were married on Sunday, December 30, 1979, at the Lutheran Church in Oakland, California. The ceremony was followed by a Champagne Brunch and on Sunday, January 13, 1980, there will be a post-wedding dinner and reception for approximately one hundred close family and friends.

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

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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 received by the National Secretary since the last issue of THE BANNER.

No. 113 Howard A. Thompson \$100.00

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 1954)

The following Honor Roll Contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

From Rex Edwin Haecker, Circleville, Ohio
In Memory of: Isaac Shelby Ludwig, Co. F, 90th
Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry \$15.00

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

To: All Jr-Vice Department Commanders
All Officers at the Camp, Department and
National Levels
All Members

From: Harry E. Gibbons, Jr., Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief,
SUVCW

What are you doing to help increase membership in your organization? As your Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief one of my duties is to head the annual Membership Drive, to promote increased membership and to collect and consolidate a report at the end of this year. This is more than just urging Jr-Vice Department Commanders to report to me so that I can, in turn, report to the National Encampment. This is THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT TASK WE CAN UNDERTAKE THIS YEAR. Will each one of our members cooperate by forming a brand new habit? Carry an Application and the Promotional Leaflet around with you as a normal habit. One can never predict when one will encounter a prospect who appears interested in us and what we stand for. It has happened to every one of us from time to time. If we have our literature with us and are willing to take a minute and talk about our order, the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the principles for which we stand . . . and if we can follow-up by handing an interested person the promotional leaflet, we can increase our Membership. There is no doubt that this approach works, that I know. What is needed is more people to use it. I extend sincere Best Wishes to all members and their families, to our Auxiliary and to the Allied Orders who make up the G.A.R. Family, for an enjoyable Holiday Season. My Hope and Prayers for each will follow in all their endeavors in the coming year and in their work and accomplishments for the good of our organization.

Harry E. Gibbons, Jr.
Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

**TENNESSEE MONUMENT
COMMISSION LEADER HONORED**

Brother William H. Hendley of Indianapolis, Indiana has long been active in the efforts of the Tennessee Monument Commission to erect a final Monument at the Battlefield of Gettysburg honoring the Sons of that State who fought and died during the Battle of Gettysburg. Previous issues of *The BANNER* have recounted the progress of his programs well as the successful drive to present the State of Tennessee with an official Indiana Stepping Stone Memorial to be placed at the monument.

Brother Hendley has now officially stepped down as Chairman of the Indiana Division of the Tennessee Monument Commission and has been replaced by Mrs. Melanie T. Petroskey of Hammond, Indiana. Upon his leaving that post he was honored by an official commendation from the Governor of the State of Indiana, Otis R. Bowen, M.D., and by having bestowed on him the title of Honorary Lieutenant Governor by appointment and commission of Lieutenant Governor Robert D. Orr.

**CALIFORNIAN OFFERS RESEARCH HELP
FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

The Rev. Don Van Winkle is a Minister in the Los Angeles area and is an active Civil War buff who belongs to a number of Civil War related organizations including the SUVCW. He is active in the Civil War Association of America, Inc. which is a non-profit educational and historical association registered in California whose main activity is to perform mock Civil War Battles at "Fort Tejon" between Los Angeles and Bakersfield. Fort Tejon was a military depot in the 1850's and 1860's. Brother Van Winkle enjoys the military rank of Major and Chaplain-General in this organization.

As a result of his many Civil War related activities, Brother Van Winkle has developed a new interest . . . digging into family histories and researching Civil War heritages for California area people who feel they might be descendant from a Civil War Veteran but have lost contacts with their family heritage. In recent months his research has been responsible for three men establishing their rights to SUVCW membership as well as a similar service for two Sons of Confederate Veterans candidates. Brother Van Winkle has relatives on both sides and is also a S.C.V. member.

If you know anyone who suspects he might be a descendant of a Union Veteran and entitled to membership but now lives on the West Coast and does not know how to go about establishing eligibility, Brother Van Winkle has generously offered his assistance. Contact:

Rev. Major Don Van Winkle
212 East Maple Street — C
Glendale, CA 91205

Other Brothers who would be willing to volunteer similar assistance in the various parts of the country should contact the Editor of the Banner and we will be most pleased to print your offer.

There is a house on our street where the American Flag is flown daily, as weather permits.

It looks rather lonely. Not many flags fly today. The bi-centennial spirit has faded. The question is often posed, "What holiday is it?" The usual response given, "Just another great American day."

The house, of course, is ours.

As a member of our special interest group, does the flag fly at your house? If not, why don't you put it out tomorrow on your way to the mail box as you send your contribution to the Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor.

Dorris W. Schlenker, NPI
4112 Heathfield Road
Rockville, MD 20853

**TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1980**

A memorial ceremony marking the 115th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on April 15, 1980, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman, Robert M. Graham, Thomas L. W. Johnson, and Edward G. Pree, 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 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 the luncheon reservations desired be specified. To ensure 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 Saturday, March 29* to:

Mr. Robert M. Graham,
Co-chairman
Oak Ridge Cemetery Office
1441 Monument Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 15, 1980. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

CENTENNIAL CLUB

Just a reminder that all are invited to join the Centennial Club. Just make a donation to the Centennial Fund and I'll see that you get your membership card. Make checks payable to National Secretary-Treasurer, Chester S. Shriver and send with your name and address to me. Your membership card will be mailed upon receipt of your donation.

Richard E. Wyman
Sr-Vice Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
51 Beech Street
Keene, NH 03431

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The House of Representatives on December 5, approved a bill to commemorate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the third Sunday in January by a vote of 207 to 191.

The Michigan House of Representatives passed a measure to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 in the Wolverine State.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd has announced that floor debate on the SALT II Treaty will not begin until Congress returns from its Christmas recess in January.

In a drama reminiscent of "The Perils of Pauline," the Senate and House enacted legislation to implement the Panama Canal Treaty less than a week before the Panamanians were scheduled to assume jurisdiction over what had been the Canal Zone.

In September, the House of Representatives turned down a proposal to require all 18 year olds to register for the military draft with registration to begin January 2, 1981.

On July 10, the Senate rejected a proposed Amendment to the Constitution which would have abolished the Electoral College and provided for the direct election of the President and Vice President.

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON Chairman

WITH SINCEREST APPRECIATION

To the many Sisters and Brothers who presented gifts to me at the last National Encampment in Hartford, Connecticut. I want to say how much I appreciate your gifts.

As I do not have addresses for a great many of our members, I am taking this way to send you a Thank You for your gifts.

Florence Forbey Past National President Auxiliary to SUVCW

1980 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Table with 3 columns: DEPARTMENT, Dates, Location. Lists encampments for various states including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon & Washington, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

REPORT OF CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The Central Region Conference was held at Mansfield, Ohio, on October 6 and 7, with delegates from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin in attendance.

We were pleased to hear a message from National President Nellie Hawley and regretted that Commander-in-Chief Elton Koch was unable to attend.

Officers elected for 1979-80 are as follows:

- Commander Grover R. Huff, Wisconsin
Sr. Vice Cdr Ethel Jones, Iowa
Jr. Vice Cdr Charles Lowe, Iowa
Secretary Robert M. Graham, Illinois
Treasurer Ellinore K. Johnson, Wisconsin
Patr. Instr. Betty King, Indiana
Chaplain Jane Graham, Ohio
Guide George Shadel, Ohio

The Dept. of Indiana issued an invitation for the 1980 Conference, and the theme will be, "My Family History As It Relates to the Civil War."

Ralph Shadel, PDC, and his committee and the Department of Ohio are to be congratulated on the arrangements made for the Conference and the Buckeye hospitality provided.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

After December 30, 1979, P.C.-in-C. Roy Stoudt's new address will be:

2025 Cleveland Avenue West Lawn, PA 19609

Please note this correction in your 1979-80 Rosters.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Try as we may, it would seem that corrections and/or changes to the Annual Roster will occur each year. Please note the following corrections and changes to the Roster as it was printed on Page 5 of the October 1979 issue of The BANNER:

- **** The name of William L. Simpson was listed under the Council of Administration in error.
**** The National Historian is Brother Charles E. Sharrock of Colorado.
**** Brother Robert C. Hunt has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Maine.
**** On Page 9 of the October 1979 issue we listed the Officers of the New England Regional Association.



Department News



CONNECTICUT

IN MEMORIAM . . . PDC LESTER J. RUNDLETTE. Brother Rundlette passed away on November 13, 1979. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Rundlette, one daughter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ILLINOIS

In the second paragraph of this column published last October, we reported the gift of \$150.00 presented as a Scholarship to Miss Susan Pygott of Decatur. This was inadvertently reported as coming from Auxiliary #200.

MAINE

Brothers and Sisters have continued active thru the fall season with a series of visitations and events which was led by the reception in honor of Commander Percy Butler and President Margaret Williams.

MARYLAND

Auxiliary Department President Louella Spencer made her official visit to Reno Auxiliary in Hagerstown on October 6th. The dinner meeting at the Venice Inn was very well attended.

The 1979-80 series of "First Friday" luncheons is under way in Washington, D.C. with Sons joining Loyal Legionnaires at Blackies House of Beef for traditional filet-mignon.

On October 28 Department Commander Schlenker addressed the members of Mussey Tent, DUVCW and guest on the origin of the allied orders of GAR at their 77th Anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C.

Our order was represented by department members at traditional Veterans Day observances throughout our five state area on November 11th.

We had good representation on the 23rd Remembrance Day at Gettysburg on November 17th. Commander Schlenker was guest Toastmaster that evening at the Pennsylvania Department 49th Dedication Day Banquet.

The Civil War Round Table in the District of Columbia is getting good support from Lincoln-Cushing Camp.

The department was saddened to learn of the passing of Auxiliary Past Department President Alice Lucas in Wilmington on November 24th. She served as President in 1955-56 and was a faithful member of Appomattox Auxiliary for many years.

Hospitalized members in November were Sister Ada Gladys Grove in Hagerstown and Brother Frank Heacock in Wilmington.

The Sons 93rd and Auxiliary 86th Annual Department Encampments have been set for May 24th and 25th 1980 at the Ramada Inn in New Castle, Delaware.

New members of Lincoln-Cushing Camp in Washington, D.C. are Charles Decker of Silver Spring, David King of Rockville and Phillip Moore of Herndon, Va. Welcome to the Brotherhood.

MASSACHUSETTS

The annual Christmas Party hosted by Captain R. B. Grover Camp 17 and their Auxiliary was held on December 5th with an excellent turnout. Many thanks to St. Nick (alias Sister Esther Haskell).

The custom of honoring the Department Commander and the Department President was again observed by the Plymouth County Association at their September meeting. A delicious turkey dinner was served and the evening was highlighted by an exemplification of the Ritual by the Auxiliary.

The Friendly Relations Banquet was held this year on October 15, 1979 at the American Legion Headquarters in Somerville, Mass. The Committee, which includes representation from all five Allied Orders, was headed this year by P.D.P. Jennie Russell.

The Annual Fair of the Massachusetts Department was held in Rockland on November 3, 1979 and was a huge success in spite of wet weather. The event was also the occasion for a meeting of the Past Department Presidents Club.

A joint reception honoring Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Jr. and Department President Mary Willey was held in Rockland on September 30, 1979. The affair was sponsored by Bridgewater Camp No. 44, Camp No. 9 of Boston and Auxiliary No. 78 of Boston.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon last September, at Boscawen, N.H., a reception was held for Department President Jessie Morgan

of Auxiliary #18 Pennacook and Department Commander Russell Milnes of the W.W. Brown Camp #1 of Manchester.

Over one hundred members, friends and relatives were present to enjoy the fine program and beautiful buffet.

Iyla Bartlett as Mistress of Ceremonies, called upon various dignitaries to speak. These included; National Vice-President Eva Wyman of Keene; Richard Wyman, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of Keene; Past Commander-in-Chief Kenneth Wheeler of Milford and representatives from the G.A.R.; D.A.R.; and V.F.W.

A program of Patriotic songs accompanied by an electric piano was enjoyed by all.

NEW JERSEY

The Department's annual Lincoln Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 8, 1980 in the Blue Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant in Hightstown, just off Exit No. 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike, at 7 p.m. Maria Templeton, a resident of Ewing Township, N.J., will speak on the U.S.S. Monitor — the Building, the Battle, the Loss and Rediscovery.

The spring meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100 will be held on April 26, 1980 in the Oak Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant in Hightstown, starting at 6:00 p.m.

A good delegation of members of Camp No. 4, Trenton, participated in the annual Veterans Day ceremonies conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Council at the Soldiers' Plot, Greenwood Cemetery in Hamilton Township on November 11th.

A large delegation accompanied Department President Anne O. Clayton to the Dedication Day ceremonies at Gettysburg on November 17, 1979.

Sincere congratulations are extended to Past Department President Hilda Junge and Past Department Commander John Junge who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last September 8th.

The 79th annual Department Convention will be held at the Buckingham Hotel in Avon-By-The-Sea, New Jersey on June 12th to 14th, 1980.

NEW YORK

A reception was held last September 22nd at the Holiday Inn in Troy, New York, honoring Department Commander Harold Goodman and Department President Conchita Zdonick and their staffs. This affair was also the time for a special ceremony in which the New York Department, Sons and Auxiliary, paid special tribute and presented a Plaque to Mrs. Gambini, honoring her for her many years of service at Mt. McGregor Memorial. Mt. McGregor had been the cottage home of General and President Ulysses S. Grant.

The William B. Tibbitts Auxiliary No. 48 presented a Scholarship in memory of Past Department President Mildred C. Nistica of New York. The Scholarship was presented to Terri Ann Zdonick, a student at the University of Connecticut. Presentation of the Award was made by Department President Conchita Zdonick.

In a mock Civil War battle, the Sons of Veterans Reserve held an accurate reenactment of the Battle of Wilson Creek near Springfield, MO. The Gettysburg Address was delivered by Department Commander Harold Goodman.

Halsey Valley Camp No. 193 and their Auxiliary held a Dime-A-Dip Dinner last September. Civil War displays were presented for general viewing. Diven Camp No. 77 continued its long tradition of service in their participation in Memorial Day and related activities this year. Brothers of Diven Camp wish a speedy recovery to PDC Charles Bradshaw who has been hospitalized since last July at Veterans Hospital in Syracuse.

WELCOME TO McCANN CAMP NO. 199 of Seneca Falls, New York. Last September 23rd McCann camp was instituted as our newest Camp in the New York Department. Best of luck to Camp Commander Lysle D. McCann and the new Camp Officers.

D. G. Caywood Camp #146 and Auxiliary 72 held a reception for State Commander, Brother Harold Goodman and Auxiliary President Connie Zdonick on October 6. Guest speaker for the evening was Brother Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania.

D. G. Caywood Camp #146 held its 2nd Annual Flag Burying on November 10. Flags that the camp members had removed from graves of veterans at Ovid Area Cemeteries and flags brought by individuals for destruction were burned at this ceremony.

At Remembrance Day Services in Gettysburg, Pa., New York Dept. Commander Harold Goodman was escorted by the N. Y. Dept. S.U.V.C.W. On display in the Commander's room for the weekend were 3 original flags that were carried during the Battle of Gettysburg.

PENNSYLVANIA

Camp No. 112 (Gettysburg) was pleased to install three new members last November. In addition to these members, there are also seven new members of the S.V.R. who are to receive their obligation at a later date. The installation team included General Chester S. Shriver, P. C. in C.; Colonel John H. Stark, P. C. in C.; and various Brothers of Camp 112.

Sisters and friends of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1 celebrated their 90th Anniversary at D. F. McCallister's with an old-fashioned Birthday Party — hats, cake, etc. A most enjoyable evening was had and a delicious turkey dinner was served.

OHIO

At the recent monthly meeting of McLaughlin Camp #12 of Mansfield, Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War at the Memorial Bldg. in Mansfield, George Shadel of Lexington was elected Camp Commander for 1980. Commander Shadel is a 16-year-old Junior from Lexington High School and may well be the youngest Camp Commander in the United States. He is currently Ohio Department Senior Vice Commander of The Sons of Union Veterans. After his election, Commander Shadel was installed by his Department Commander, Thomas Graham of Alliance, Ohio. Also elected at this meeting were: Brian Armentrout as Senior Vice Commander; William Estridge as Junior Vice Commander; Thomas Hoffman, Patriotic Instructor; Ralph Shadel, Secretary; Forest Altland, Chaplain; Kenneth Dudley, Guide; Keith Metcalf, Color Bearer; Ralph Johns, Guard and Thomas Hoffman was re-elected as Treasurer. Members of Council are Paul Selby, Thomas Hoffman and Ralph Shadel.

WISCONSIN

The Mid Year meeting presided over by Dept. Commander Grover R. Huff and Dept. President Rhoda Lemanski was held on Sunday, November 4, at the Summit Town Hall near Oconomowoc. The highlight of the day was the presentation of a plaque to Dept. Secretary-Treasurer Edward E. Biering to mark more than 55 years of dedicated service to our Order at all levels. In his tribute to Bro. Biering, Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC, listed his service as a Past Dept. Commander, Secretary-Treasurer of both his Camp and the Department, a Past Commander of the Central Region Conference, and his faithful attendance at many National Encampments in years past, and said that the Department was fortunate to have man of his interest and ability still active in its affairs. The handsome plaque was fashioned by Commander Huff especially for the occasion.

Reports were given on the status of Camp Randall Memorial Park at Madison, Cushing Memorial Park at Delafield, and a program to restore Civil War battle flags located in the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the Capital. Ellinor K. Johnson, PNP, gave a report on legislative matters which sparked a discussion of the status of the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin. A motion was passed to request the U.S. Treasury Dept. to change the size of the coin to eliminate any possible confusion with existing coinage and particularly the quarter.

At noontime, members of the Auxiliary provided a delicious potluck luncheon that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Wisconsin delegation to the Central Region Conference held in Mansfield, Ohio, in early October was led by Grover Huff and Rhoda Lemanski and included Ellinore and Tom Johnson and Helen Huff. Grover Huff offered to design, make and donate a series of plaques that would be presented to individuals annually for outstanding service to the Central Region Conference. His proposal was accepted with enthusiasm.

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