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1. As I approach the New Year of 1982 and the half-way of my term of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I write this No. 2 of the General Orders with mixed emotions. With the passing of our dedicated and devoted Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard E. Wyman, who had just finished his term, and had served our Beloved Order many long years, in many Camp, Department, and National Offices. We will miss Richard in more than I can ever express in words.

My most heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family and friends in our great loss of our brother.

2. To all Department Commanders and Secretaries! As in my first General Order; I must have the DATE and LOCATION of your Encampment, as I would like to attend as many as possible, some overlap dates, and it will be impossible to attend every one. Please get your Quarterly Reports in promptly.

3. The Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Gettysburg was very outstanding and will be remembered by all those attending, the Committee can be proud of the excellent planned program, all five Allied National Heads, with many Department Officers were in attendance, and were recognized and spoke in the Auditorium, Major Gen. Richard M. Scott, gave a very inspiring speech. I want to thank the Gettysburg Committee, from our National Organization for their untiring efforts and work to make the Program a huge success, also all the Troops, Officers of the S.V.R. with General Chester S. Shriver and Confederate Officers and Troops, that made that impressive and Memorable Day of Tribute to the C.A.R.

4. The National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was honored to present the Annual Scholarship Award to Timothy Anderson, a Senior Student, on the Dean's Honor List, with the Hartzell Award (for History Majors for Superior Performance) and many other talents in several other areas at the Gettysburg College in his past years at school. Dr. Gabor Boritt, Abraham Lincoln specialist at the College who has authored many articles and a book, on Lincoln and the Economics of the American Dream, and introduced Timothy Anderson, to whom I was highly honored and privileged to present the Annual Scholarship Award to this very outstanding student of Gettysburg College, from the SUVCW National Organization each year, and presented during the 51st Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of South Central Pennsylvania Association, held at the Holiday Inn, after the Remembrance Day Ceremony, and then followed by the Blue and Gray Ball by the Military Troops of the S.V.R. and Re-activated Confederate Troops which takes part in the Remembrance Day Parade and Activities.

5. I have sent National Aide Ribbons to members who have obtained three new members, and Certificates to Merit for five new members. Have you really tried to get one new member? A new Camp of thirty-three members has been installed in Port Allegheny, Pa. Also Camp No.

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Remembrance Day



Cold winds and snow in the air did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the 25th annual celebration of Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Penna. on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1981. This celebration is sponsored by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the orders allied to the Grand Army of the Republic and it is planned by Gettysburg Camp #112, Sons of Union Veterans. This event is held at Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. This year General Chester Shriver SVR served as general chairman for the event. PCC Joseph S. Rippey, New York served as Master of Ceremonies. Major General Richard M. Scott was the featured speaker. General Scott was born in Lancaster, Pa. and attended West Point Academy. He spent twenty eight years in active duty during which time he was stationed in Korea, Taiwan, Okinawa and Europe. He was a German prisoner of war in World War II. He served as mayor of Lancaster but resigned his duties to become Adjutant General of Pennsylvania.

Another highlight of the day was the evening banquet and program hosted by the Past Department Commanders and Presidents Association at which time PCC Elton P. Koch served as Master of Ceremonies. During the program the Sons of Union Veterans scholarship was presented to a student from Gettysburg College.

One of the biggest thrills of this entire celebration is the presence of the National heads of the five Allied Orders. It is such a heart warming experience to see and feel that unity does prevail in our order and that some day once again we can all be united.

Pictures of some of the days events are found elsewhere in this publication.

Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Since last report considerable activity has taken place in the three areas of responsibility assigned to this office.

Promotion: Letters of appeal for publicity were sent to more than 100 Civil War Round Tables and 30 Lincoln study groups across the nation. By press time inquiries had been received from Texas, Arizona, California, Illinois and Wisconsin.

First contributions to the Sr. Vice C-in-C's Fund were made by PCinC Richard Wyman and Robert A. Lawrence, both of New Hampshire. The fund was created by the 100th National Encampment to be used for promoting our organization.

Program: Two brochures have been prepared and are being distributed to departments and camps. "The Thriving Camp" and "The Failing Camp" are designed as program aids to improve camp life and member interest.

Policy: Committee embers have been supplied copies of the following earlier studies of our organization: School of Instruction (1922); Committee on Grandsons (1930); Three Year Plan (1953); New Hampshire Plan (1958) and Membership Survey (1969). Following examination of these studies and the responses to our letter of appeal for ideas, it is anticipated that the committee will/recommendations for/make constitution and by-law changes at the 101st National Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard C. Schlenker
 Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

CORRECTION:

In the last issue of the Banner the following name was misspelled. The editor apologizes.

Francis Reed Burtu who served as a Staff Sergeant in the 3rd US Veterans Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

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65 from Missouri, Comd'r. Jack Grothe, and Jimmy Woods, Sr. Vice Comd'r. are getting Awards. Don Roberts, Chief of Staff has received awards for new members. Frank Bellinger, Camp 89, N.Y. five new members, Membership is our life blood let's all work on getting one or more members in 1982.

6. Please support your G.A.R. Memorial Fund! Bro. Jim Marley is working for his 1882 goal of \$2000.00 set by our Nat'l. Council of Administration. See his appeal in The Banner.

7. February is the month to honor our two great Presidents, Washington and Lincoln, all Camps should observe these Patriots of our Beloved Organization and Country of which they fought and died for saving for us, the living. A patriot is one who really loves his country and therefore loves its people and land. One who has been ready and willing to offer and give his services to his country in times of peril or danger. Lincoln and Washington were this type of patriot. Observe these Holidays in their honor.

8. January 1982! Starts our 101st year of our Beloved Organization, let us Resolve that all members will pull together, in getting one or more new members so that in the next year January, we can double our Camps and our membership from the last year of our 100th Anniversary Year. Our Organization is one the move upwards NOT down. Patriotism is moving in the country and getting the public aroused, with more people interested in their lineage, we have the public inquiring about our Organization. Fly the Flag, Talk Patriotism. Write news Articles, Notices in Local papers on Meetings, Etc. Write me all your inquiries, Dick Schlenker, Sr. Vice Comdr. has done a wonderful job! He has Outlined program for Promotional ideas. Read your Banner!

9. To those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, my deepest sympathy and to those who are ill, my sincere wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

10. As your Commander-in-Chief, I hope each Member, Officer and all in the Allied Orders have had a Very Happy Holiday, and will have a Happy, Healthy and a better year than ever, may God Bless each one, and Guid you throughout the year of 1982.

Message From The National Patriotic Instructor

Dear Brothers and Friends of the Order:

I wish to express my thanks to Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons, Sr. for the confidence he has expressed by appointing me to serve as your National Patriotic Instructor for a second term. This is a great personal challenge, but I eagerly look forward to it as a new opportunity to support the great work of our National Organization in perpetuating the memory of "the Boys in Blue."

At the same time, I wish to express to the Wyman family my most sincere condolences on the tragic and untimely death of our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Richard E. Wyman. The forty-three years of service which Bro. Dick gave to our Order has left a lasting impression on all who had the honor to know and work with him. His intelligent and creative approach to leadership has enabled many new and fresh ideas to come to the fore. The memory of this outstanding Brother's diligence and dedication will be a great example to all of us who continue the work of the Order which was so near and dear to him. Requiescat in pace.

Brothers, last October each of you received with your Fall, 1981 issue of THE BANNER a green flier to be used when sending your contribution to the 1982 G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE. While many members of the Allied Orders have already donated, we still have far to go to reach our 1982 quota of \$2,000. Accordingly we are taking this opportunity to explain more fully the purpose of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND:

Q. WHAT IS THE G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND?

A. This national Fund was established many decades ago by the National Organization for the specific purpose of raising money to contribute to worthwhile civic, historical and patriotic projects, especially those which are under the direction of the S.U.V.C.W. on the national level. Our goal is to support endeavors which keep verdant the memory of the gallant men who struggled to preserve the Union in its hour of gravest peril the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865.

Q. HOW ARE DONATIONS TO THE G. A. R. FUND USED?

A. This fund finances many projects, including the following:

- 1.) The G. A. R. Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually.
- 2.) Commemorative services held annually at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.c. and at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill. on February 12 and April 15, respectively.

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SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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 90	\$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 three years. 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 1981 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of his name.

TO Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer
 P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, 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

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved. Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes * Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

National Patriotic Instructor Continued

3.) The G. A. R. Remembrance Day observance held at Gettysburg, PA on the third Saturday in November each year;

4.) The G. A. R. Campfire program;

5.) Recognition of individuals and businesses who fly the flag regularly. (The "Star Spangled Salute" Program.)

6.) Support of the Sons of Union Veterans' Reserve, the uniformed branch of the S. U. V. C. W.

These are put a few of the endeavors which benefit from your contribution. As our Order enters the second century of service, we look forward to continuing such civic-minded and patriotic endeavors — with YOUR HELP!

Q. HOW MUCH SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE TO THE G.A.R. FUND?

A. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Contributions of \$1.00 or more will be duly reported at the 101st Annual National Encampment to be held next August in Providence, R.I.

However, the G.A.R. Fund, and the Sons of Union Veterans as a whole, like many other patriotic organizations, have suffered considerably due to the adverse effects of inflation and the unfavorable economic conditions. In short, the problem — or rather the challenge — may be summarized as follows:

WE'RE NOT ONLY ASKING YOU TO GIVE MORE
WE'RE ASKING MORE OF YOU TO GIVE!!

If in the past you have contributed \$1.00, a donation of \$2.00 would greatly help us this year. If previously you have donated \$5.00, a contributed of \$7.50 or \$10.00 would be much appreciated in 1982. IF YOU HAVE NOT GIVEN PREVIOUSLY, WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION!!

Q. IS IT POSSIBLE TO PLEDGE A FIGURE NOW, AND DONATE IT IN MONTHLY OR BIMONTHLY INSTALLMENTS BETWEEN JANUARY AND JULY?

A. Yes, we will be happy to accept contributions on this basis. Any gift will be most welcome, whether donated all at once or divided into 2, 4 or 6 installments. If this is your intention, we would appreciate receiving all donations on or before August 5, 1982.

All contributions are deductible for purposes of Federal Income Tax. Please make checks or money orders payable to:

"NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, S. U. V. C. W."

Kindly send all donations to: James G. D. Marley
National Patriotic Instructor, S. U. V. C. W.
141 Weld Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132
(Tel: 617-325-7786)

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this worthy cause, I remain,

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity and
Loyalty,
James G. D. Marley, N.P.I.

S. U. V. C. W. Club Ties: An Update

Dear Brothers and Friends of the Order:

During 1981 many of you kindly ordered navy-blue or red Club Ties embroidered with the S. U. V. C. W. Crest. Receipt of these orders was delayed for the following reasons.

1. An unexpected delay at the factory of Weave Corp. in Pennsylvania in the length of time required for the design and weaving of the original order.

2. A defect was observed in the fabric from which the ties were to be made. This irregularity was discovered when the material arrived in Boston at the Gelles Neckwear Co., Inc., in early August.

3. This material was returned to the manufacturer for refinishing or reweaving, whichever was necessary. This decision by the National Patriotic Instructor, Bro. James Marley was approved by our late Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman and ratified by the 100th Annual National Encampment last August.

I am happy to report that the ties, in their finished form, arrived in Boston in late November. As of the second week of December ALL ORDERS HAVE BEEN MAILED VIA FIRST CLASS DELIVERY, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. If you placed an order you should have received it before Christmas.

If you have not received your ties as of January, please conduct me as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your generosity to the G. A. R. Fund and for your

The Legislative Report

Status of Memorial Day - The Ohio General Assembly has enacted legislation to return Memorial Day to May 30 in the Buckeye State. As a large, diversified state, Ohio's action may spur the Congress to consider measures it has before it.

As reported earlier, legislation has been introduced in both houses of Congress on the subject of Memorial Day. In our last report, we did not have the House bill numbers which are H.R. 1858, H. Jt. Rest. 178, and H.R. 3090. A companion bill in the Senate, S. 447 has gained four co-sponsors, Senators Barry Goldwater, Strom Thurmond, Alan Simpson and John Stennis.

Restoration of Grant's Tomb - The National Park Service has recommended that the General Grant National Memorial be restored to the appearance it enjoyed in the period 1929-59 before it came under federal jurisdiction. The report also recommended removal of the mosaic benches "at a future time when a site can be found acceptable to the sponsors and adequate funding can be programmed or made available." Other recommendations included a 24-hour surveillance system and the conservation and display of artifacts associated with the life of General Grant. The report stressed, however, that all of its recommendations are dependent on the necessary money being made available.

Removal of Veterans' Graves Abandoned - The VA has announced that it has officially cancelled a plan to remove bodies of unknown Civil War veterans buried in individual graves in National Cemeteries and place their remains in a common crypt. Dean Holt, a spokesman for the VA, stated that objections to the proposal came from "every state in the country." Plans are underway to open new cemeteries in 1983 in Quantico, Va., Indiantown Gap, Pa., and Custer, Mich., to meet the anticipated need into the 21st century.

Funds for Historical Publications To Be Reduced - In an economy move, the House of Representatives recently voted to reduce the appropriation for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission from \$3-million to \$1-million for the coming fiscal year. This action could curtail the collection, preservation and publication of the papers of many notable Americans. According to the sponsor of the budget-reducing measure, Rep. William E. Dannemeyer of Calif., the Commission's work would be confined to developing materials on our nation's Founding Fathers.

Reorganization of the National Archives - Recently, a Senate panel held a hearing on S. 1421, a bill designed to separate the National Archives and Records Service from the control of the General Services Administration. Several professional historians and a former head of the National Archives testified in favor of the measure on grounds that

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consideration of these circumstances, I remain,

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

(Tel.: 617-325-7786)

James G. D. Marley
National Patriotic Instructor
141 Weld ST.
West Roxbury, MA 02132

P.S. TIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

To order please send \$7.50 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling to Bro. Marley at the above address. Ties are available in your choice of NAVY BLUE or DARK RED. Please make checks payable to:

"James G. D. Marley, National Patriotic Instructor, S. U. V. C. W." and clearly mark with the word "TIES". Please allow 3 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Auxiliary Membership-at-Large Welcomes Four New Members

As we welcome in the New Year, we also welcome into the Auxiliary Membership-at-Large program four new members, Melissa Catherine Ott of South Carolina, Imogene Cook of California, Vivian Rambo of Illinois and Cecile Alice Parrett of Washington.

Sister Rambo is a daughter of a Civil War veteran and her ancestors and descendants have served our great Country in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and Vietnam. Her grandparents' property in Kentucky was destroyed during the Civil War.

Report of the Washington Representative

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) has relinquished sponsorship of the annual observance of Lincoln's Birthday at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington which it began in 1923.

A meeting was held at the U.S. Capitol on November 23, 1981 to organize a committee of patriotic and hereditary societies to ensure the continuance of this ceremony.

The committee is known as the "Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee" and is composed of one official representative from each organization which contributes to the operating fund of the committee. The National Council of Administration of SUVCW met in Gettysburg on Remembrance Day, November 21 and among other items, approved the expenditures of \$50.00 for the work of the LBNCC and requested your Washington Representative to serve on the committee. He was later elected Treasurer of the Committee.

Non-contributing organizations will continue to be invited to participate in the annual ceremony but will have no voice in the planning or implementation of the program.

It is hoped that all member organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will want to be represented on the committee to protect our special interest in honoring President Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Schlenker

Washington Representative SUVCW

In Memoriam

The grim reaper death has entered our ranks and has called to that great encampment above Junior Past Commander in Chief Richard E. Wyman of Kenne, New Hampshire. Brother Wyman passed away Wednesday, November 18, 1981. He spent 32 years in the teaching profession as well as serving in the U.S. Army from 1942-46. He has served our organization well in all levels, local, department and national. To his mother, two brothers, and sister we extend our deepest sympathy and we can only say that his memory shall always be cherished and treasured amongst our membership.

Legislative Report Continued

the work and objectives of the National Archives are "incompatible" with the mission of the GSA which is responsible for maintaining government buildings. The present head of the National Archives opposed the bill on the basis that it represents poor policy to authorize another independent agency "at a time of constrained resources."

Legality of Paying Chaplains in Question - A group known as American Atheists is challenging on constitutional grounds the salaries paid to House and Senate chaplains who open the daily congressional sessions with prayer. A federal District Court judge has held that the group lacks legal standing to challenge the internal workings of the Congress, and his decision is being appealed. This is the third time that a taxpayers' suit has been brought on this matter, but there has never been a decision rendered on the merits of the issue of whether the practice of daily prayer, led by a member of the clergy, is a violation of the Constitution on the basis that the First Amendment requires strict separation of church and state.

Miscellaneous - We have been reliably informed that Rep. Paul Findley intended that his bill, H.R. 78, which would establish the birthday of Abraham Lincoln as a federal holiday, was to have specified February 12, rather than the first Monday in February as reported in the *Congressional Record*. (See July 1981 issue of *The Banner* for previous discussion.) Two other House bills on this subject have been introduced, H.R. 2119 and H.R. 2592.

In listing the members of the House Subcommittee on Population and Census in our last published report, we incorrectly identified Rep. James A. Courter as being a Californian; we should have shown him as being from New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

The Central Region Conference Report



Tom Johnson, PDC, was given a meritorious achievement award at the Central Region Conference in Peoria, Ill., on October 11, 1981. Johnson is a past commander of the Conference and has been the panel discussion leader and chairman of the nominating committee for a number of years.

The Central Region Conference was held on October 10 & 11, at Jumer's Lodge, Peoria, Ill., with Regional Commander Jane Graham of Ohio presiding. The theme for this year's meeting was, "Your Family History and the Civil War." Tom Johnson served as moderator and in the ensuing discussion, everyone present was given an opportunity to speak. Ideas relative to the Civil War period and genealogical searching were exchanged.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, Col. W. Paul LeGreco of Mason City, Ill., gave an illustrated talk on the Battle of Shiloh. Included in the presentation was a viewing of a diorama constructed by LeGreco to depict the Union and Confederate battle positions. Each of the hundreds of lead figures used was individually made and hand-painted for the display. Dressed in a blue military frock coat and slouch hat and sporting a full, black beard, the stocky frame of Col. LeGreco took on the likeness of Gen. U. S. Grant and added a touch of the dramatic to the performance.

Officers elected for 1981-82 are as follows:

Commander	William Reed, Ill.
Sr. Vice Commander	Rhoda Lemanski, Wis.
Jr. Vice Commander	Thomas Graham, Ohio
Secretary	Robert M. Graham, Ill.
Treasurer	Ellinore K. Johnson, Wis.
Patr. Instr.	Helen Huff, Wis.
Chaplain	Roy Smith, Ohio
Guide	Lillian Sutton, Ohio

The 1982 Conference will be held at Waukesha, Wis., and the theme will be a discussion of "The Confederacy."

Jane Graham and her staff of officers are to be congratulated on the conduct of a fine meeting. G. Edward Coltrin, Florence Forbey, and William Reed together with other members of the Illinois Department did an excellent job in providing a congenial setting and in sponsoring a stimulating and informative banquet program. Grover Huff, Ed Coltrin, and Bill Reed contributed personally owned items for a display of Civil War artifacts which supplemented and enriched the discussion theme. In attendance were delegates from the Departments of Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The highlight of each Central Regional Conference the past two years has been the presentation of the distinguished member award. This year the award went to Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin. Congratulations, Tom, no one is more deserving.

Honor Roll of Living Sons of Union Veterans

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our list of individuals who are living sons of Union Veterans of the Union Forces during the American Civil War:

Francis E. Malaney, Ticonderoga, New York, son of James A. Malaney, Co.C 1st Vt. Heavy Art later 11th Vt. Vol. Inf.

Walter Tribble, Sarasota Springs, New York son of Willoughby Tribble, Co.B 3th N.H. Inf.

Wallace W. Miller, McLean New York son of William Miller, Co.E 95th Ill.

John A. Baugh, Sr., Corinth, New York, son of George Phillip Baugh, 64th Ill. Inf.



DEPARTMENT NEWS



NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

On October 24th, 1981 the Department of Connecticut gave a Testimonial Dinner and Reception for the National President Ann E. Willeke. It was held at the Ramada Inn, East Windsor. There were a good number of Members and Friend in attendances. Dignitaries came from — Penn. - N.J. - N.Y. - Maine - N.H. and Mass. The Commander-in-Chief Gibbons and Dept. Pres. Elsa Gibbons of N.Y. were in attendance plus four P.C. in C.s and eight P.N.P.s. Representatives from the Woman's Relief Corps — the Ladies of the Grand Army and the Daughter's of Union Veterans were also present.

It was a very successful affairs and we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Auxiliaries have all been inspected and new Officers have been elected, and we are looking forward to a successful year.

On November 5th, East Hampton Auxiliary held a small gathering after their meeting Honoring the National President Ann E. Willeke and the Department President Mary Scofield.

NEW JERSEY NEWS

The annual observance honoring President Abraham Lincoln has been set for March 13, 1982 at 1:00 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant in Highstown. The speaker will be Dean Ackerman of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. His topic will be "Abraham Lincoln as Seen Through the Eyes of Grant and Sherman." Musical entertainment will also be a part of the program.

The spring meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 will be held at 6:00 p.m. April 24, 1982 in the Oak Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant. Following dinner and a short business meeting, the speaker will be Col. Anthony Leach, whose topic will be "Joshua L. Chamberlain, 28th Maine." A discussion period will conclude the evening.

A reception honoring Department President Thelma Ramaglia of West Orange was held in the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton, on November 7. Department Commander Charles Larkin and several members of his staff joined numerous officers and members of the Auxiliary, guests and friends who gathered to pay tribute to the Department President.

WISCONSIN NEWS

The Mid Year Meeting of the Department was held on November 8 at the Summit Town Hall near Oconomowoc with a large group in attendance. Dept. Commander Huff gave a detailed report on the plan of the City of Delafield to improve the Cushing Memorial Park site with a federal grant from LAWCON funds. He also indicated that the planned erection of a marker at the park to commemorate the SUVCW would be a part of the master plan. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation to Burton E. Kannenberg, PDC, of the "Grove R. Huff Achievement Award" to mark Kannenberg's many years of dedicated and valuable service to our Order. There was discussion of ways to enhance publicity releases. Concern was voiced for the fate of several small, historic sites which have been maintained by the State but may be closed as an economy measure. At noon, everyone enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared and served by members of the Dept. Auxiliary. In the afternoon, Bro. Edward Zinda and Don Ford offered some unique musical entertainment to top off the day.

The Badger State delegation to the Central Region Conference held in Peoria, Ill., in mid October was led by Commander Huff and Dept. Auxiliary President Evelyn Jung. Helen Huff, Rhoda Lemanski, and Ellinore and Tom Johnson completed the group.

Congratulations are in order for George Nuoffer, a member of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3. He was selected as the "Veteran of the Year in Milwaukee County" and honored at a luncheon held at the War Memorial on the Sunday before Veterans Day. We are proud to claim George as our Dept. Chaplain.

Members of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 said "hail and farewell" to Dr. Robert G. Carroon who left Wisconsin in September to assume a post as Director of the Litchfield Historical Society in Litchfield, Conn. He was very active in a number of lineage societies in Wisconsin and was an excellent "recruiter" for our Order.

Dept. Auxiliary Secretary Betty F. Johnson of Milwaukee is confined to her home as the result of a fall which she sustained in late summer. We look forward to her recovery.

MARYLAND

Department members participated in Veteran's Day ceremonies in Wilmington, Washington, Bethesda, Hagerstown, Alexandria and Virginia Beach.

The Department was represented at the testimonial dinners give for Commander-in-Chief Gibbons in New York and National Auxiliary President Willeke in Connecticut and at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

Recently reported on sick call were Auxiliary members Agnes Davis, Ada Grove and Elsie Schlenker.

Sons and Auxiliary in the District of Columbia reaffirmed their action of last year endorsing the Schlenkers for C-in-C and National President for 1982-83.

Newest member of Lincoln-Cushing Camp is LTC Stuart Williams of McClean, VA. This brings the camp membership to 61. Congratulations L-C on your continued growth.

The passing of our immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard E. Wyman of New Hampshire, brought great sadness to this department. He was our good friend.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

The regular Mid-term meeting of the Ill. Department was held on Nov. 14th at the Sheraton Motel in Galesburg. Twenty two members were in attendance. The speaker was Dr. Wm. Bowers of the University of Bradley in Peoria who spoke on the subject of Why The South Could Not Win and giving the historian five reason for this.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

On November 11th C-in-C Harry E. Gibbons, Sr., placed a wreath at the Remembrance Day celebration on Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls. He was accompanied in this event by Rodger Sckermer. This wreath laying commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans. A special birthday celebration was held in Lockport. It was well attended and proved to be a very worthwhile event. The Auxiliaries of Schenectady and Troy honored their Dept. President Elsa Gibbons with a dinner at the Golden Fox Restaurant...Services for the 160th Birthday of Gen. USS Grant will be held at the General Grant National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York City on Sunday, April 5th, 1982 at 1:00 P.M. (DST).

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MASSACHUETTS DEPARTMENT

The Mass. Department is busy planning for the national encampment to be held the week of August 15, 1982 at the Baltimore Plaza Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. At the time of editing the Mass Department camps and Auxiliaries were busy with Christmas Parties and dinners with many of their Past National and Past Department officers attending. A reception was held for Dept. President Sarah Fuller and Dept. Commander Irving Comee in Rockland. Guests were present from New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut and Florida.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Pennsylvania adds an addition camp to its total during the month of November at which time twenty-one new members were initiated and a camp was instituted in Port Allegheny. A total of thirty-three names appear on the camp charter. Junior Vice Commander in Chief George W. Long and Dept. Secretary Ivan Frantz represented the national organization and the Department at the ceremonies.

Meade Camp 10, Reading celebrated its 100th anniversary with a dinner-dance held in the Abraham Lincoln Motor Inn. Paul C. Kegerise, Commander welcomed the 116 people in attendance and PDC William L. Simpson served as toastmaster. PCC Leroy Stoudt presented a brief history of the camp after which he was pleasantly surprised to be presented with a pewter mug engraved in commemoration of his 60 years of active membership. C-in-C Harry E. Gibbons and his lovely wife were special guests. The evening was concluded with entertainment and dancing.

Honor Roll Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

In memory of Sherman S. Streeter, Pvt. Co. "C" 104th N.Y. from Morgan Holmes Streeter, California \$10.00

In memory of Harrison H. Streeter, Pvt. Co. F-33rd N.Y. from Morgan Holmes Streeter, California..... \$10.00

In memory of John Greaves, 18th Reg. 7th Penna Cavalry from James P. Greaves, Pennsylvania \$10.00

In memory of PCC Allen Howland, Massachuetttes from C. Mayer, Massachuetttes..... \$10.00

From PCC Fred H. Combs and PNP Marion Combs in memory of PCC Richard E. Wyman \$10.00

From George E. Place, Connecticut in memory of PCC Richard E. Wyman \$5.00

From Richard and Doris Schlenker, Delaware in memory of PCC Richard E. Wyman \$10.00

Honor Roll Auxiliary To The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

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

From Dorris and Richard Schlenker \$10.00
In memory of Richard E. Wyman, Past Commander-in-Chief

From Department of Connecticut \$10.00
In memory of Eva K. Lauback, Past Department President

From Department of Connecticut \$10.00
In memory of Chauncey A. Greer, Past Department Commander

Anyone desirous of having more information on the Honor Roll program should contact the National Treasurer Esther G. Peiper, P.O. Box 605, Carlisle, Penna 17013

26th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Springfield, Illinois Thursday, April 15, 1982

A memorial ceremony marking the 117th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on April 15, 1982, 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. Press.

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 headquarters 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 assure 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 27 to -*

Mr. Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee
1320 North Osborne Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Thursday, April 15, 1982. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o CURATOR, The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

Pennsylvania Sons Honored

One hundred and sixty three years of devoted service in the order was celebrated on November 20, 1981 at Gettysburg Camp 112. Four of its members were presented with certificates of merit with the presentation made by Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons, Sr. assisted by Pa. Dept. Commander Warren C. Hayes, Jr.

The Certificates of merit was given to Dr. Joseph Riley, Arthur Warman, John Stark, and G. Henry Roth. The citations were for "devotion to duty, untiring efforts and many years of service in contribution to community, camp, Department of Pennsylvania and the national organization SUVCW."

One of these gentlemen, Arthur Warman has been an active member for 61 years with 41 years as Treasurer of this camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver introduced the recipient; and Commander William J. Little presided. The camp session was followed by an old fashioned bean soup supper served by Marie C. Little.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Cathedral of the Pines Foundation, we extend to all the members of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War our sincere and deep sympathy in the loss of your Commander-in-Chief, Richard E. Wyman.

Over the years, Mr. Wyman has represented your organization on many occasions at the Cathedral and we shall miss his friendly and cooperative manner. Be assured he will always be remembered here and have a special place in the annals of the Cathedral.

With kind regards,
Sincerely,
Gilbert A. Chadwick
Executive Director

Dear Brother Shriver:
The family of the late Richard Wyman wish to thank the National Organization for the lovely flowers in memory of Richard.

In F.C. & L.
Eva Wyman
& Family

General Grant Finds An Orderly

by Darius Pierce

(As told by his Grand-daughter Mrs. Hortense Pierce Sargent of Washington, D.C.)

After my term of service as a soldier expired (Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry), and I was again a private citizen, I returned to the scene of war at City Point, Virginia, where I was employed in the Commissary Department as a clerk, from August until December, 1864. It was there that this incident occurred.

Soon after the Army of General Grant (after its six days of fighting in the wilderness) covered the James River and took up its position in front of Petersburg, City Point was made the base of supplies for the Armies of the Potomac, and the Army of the James.

The wharf farthest up the river was used by the Commissary Department and was but a short distance from General Grant's headquarters. The next wharf below as the Quarter Master's Department and below that was the Ordnance Department. At the latter in June an explosion took place in which several lives were lost, and many more were injured. Since smoking might have been a cause of the explosion, General Grant issued an order that no smoking be allowed on that wharf, but this order did not apply to the other two wharves.

On the first day that I was on duty at the Commissary wharf, engaged in loading a car with hardtack, a man dressed in the uniform of a private soldier, with nothing to show he was an officer, passed me and took a seat on a barrel and remained there for an hour quietly enjoying his cigar.

After he left, a fellow clerk asked me if I knew who he was. I replied that I did not. He informed that it was General Grant. The next day when he came down to enjoy his after dinner cigar, I gave him a salute, which he returned (which he was always sure to do).

Some days after, while he was sitting there, one of those sudden cloudburst, common in the South, drenched him before he could get back to his quarters. The next morning I piled up boxes of hardtack forming an alcove, spreading canvas over the top, thus sheltering its occupant from both the rain and the sun. When he came down I called his attention to it. He thanked me and gave me a cigar (the first one, but not the last) and from that time until I left City Point for the Army of the James, I met him almost daily. He always had a good word for me, as well as a cigar.

On the 24th of September, 1864, occurred the incident that I was the only witness to, other than the two parties involved. About a week previous to the 24th, a company of colored recruits took the place of a company of white soldiers to do guard duty. On that day, General Grant was sitting in his alcove, dressed as he was the first time I saw him, when a colored boy of 16 or 17 years of age, seeing a soldier smoking (and having been on duty at the Ordnance Wharf a few days before, when he was ordered to see that no smoking took place, and had not been told that it did not apply to the Commissary Wharf), stepped up to the man and said, "No Smokin' on dis yere warf. Tro' dat seegar in de ribber." The General did so.

Ten minutes later when the guard returned he saw the General again smoking, stepped up to him and with a good hearty slap on his shoulder he said, "Didn' I tells you no smokin' on dis warf? Ef you don' drown adaf seegar in de ribber an' stop smokin' I'll take you to de Guard House." The General, without a word, sacrificed his second cigar to the waters of the James, rose from his seat, as he passed me he said, "That boy knows how to obey orders."

Later when the guard returned to where I was, I asked him if he knew who it was he had stopped smoking. He replied that he did not know who it was, and if he had not stopped smoking he would have taken him to the guard house. When I told him it was the General, the poor darkey showed that he did care, by the expression of fear that came over his face. He dropped his musket and sat down on a barrel, and, if I had not had a little whiskey in my canteen, he would have fainted from fright. I told him he need not worry, that General Grant only smoked the second cigar to see if he would enforce the order, and that the General was glad he did. (In the meantime, I informed him that smoking was permitted on that wharf.)

And I was right in what I told him, for within twenty minutes an orderly came to me with a note from the General asking me to find out the name, company and regiment of the guard. The next day Henry Prince, the sentry, was detailed as orderly for the General. He remained as such up to the close of the war, in the interim between the close of the war and the time when as President, Grant went into the White House, and remained with him during the eight years he was President.

After his Presidency, Grant made a trip around the world. Henry accompanied him as his private servant and remained with him after Grant made his residence in New York.

In 1876 at the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Concord and Lexington, I met General Grant and his orderly, shaking hands and recalling the incident at the wharf.

When the General was afflicted with a cancer of the throat, he retired to Mt. McGregor, near Syracuse, N.Y. where he died, Henry was his constant attendant day and night.

Just before his death, as Adjutant of Post 11, G.A.R. of Methuen, Mass., I made a motion at a Post meeting that a letter of sympathy be written to the General. Such a letter was written, copied on parchment by an expert penman, signed by the Commander John S. Tapley, and by myself as Adjutant and forwarded to Grant. In acknowledging the receipt of the letter to the Post, he enclosed a note of thanks to me, as he said in it that he was sure its conception could be traced to me. In closing his note home, he said that Henry had brought the letter to him, that he told Henry that my name was attached to it, adding that Henry wished to be remembered to me. His final sentence to me was, "Obedience to orders and a King Providence have given me a faithful servant for many years."

(The original manuscript telling this story is undated, but is in the handwriting of Darius Pierce, and was written in a letter to a member of his family a few years before his death.)

Sons of Veterans Reserves

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A. The following promotions, transfers and assignments are announced at The Headquarters of The Commanding General, S.V.R.

1. Richard E. Cuyler, LTC, SVR relieved of Command of Second Military District, SVR by his personal request, and transferred in grade as Aide-de-Camp on The Generals Staff effective 6 July 1981.

2. Charles E. Nelson, Major SVR, relieved of Command of New Jersey Brigade, 2MD, SVR, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assigned Command of Second Military District, SVR effective 1 September 1981.

3. Herbert W. Rounds, LTC, SVR relieved assignment as Aide-de-Camp on The Generals Staff and granted full honors of Retirement, effective 21 November 1981.

4. Harry Furman, LTC, SVR, relieved of assignment as Public Information Officer on The Generals Staff and granted full Retirement, effective 21 November 1981.

5. Robert L. McCandless, Maj, SVR, Commanding The Fifth Military District promoted to Lieutenant Colonel effective 21 November 1981.

6. John J. Jeffries, LTC, SVR relieved of Command of the Sixth Military District SVR, and granted full honors of Retirement, Effective 21 November 1981.

7. George Shadman, Major, SVR, with Primary duty as Commanding the First New York Brigade, assigned duty as The Public Information Officer on The Generals Staff, effective 21 November 1981.

B. All SVR Personnell will plan to attend the 25th G.A.R. Remembrance Day parade, ceremonies and activities on Saturday 21 November 1981 at Gettysburg, Pa. Information to be forthcoming by Information Bulletin, or noted in the BANNER (October 1981)

By Order of The Commanding Officer
Charles H. Lilienthal
LTC SVR
The Adjutant General

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