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Memorial Unveiled in Lafayette, Indiana



Some of the Officers present were, left to right: Mrs. Harry Beasey, co-chairman of the conference and mistress of ceremonies for the unveiling; Thomas J. Lock, III, Department Commander of Indiana and conference chairman; Mrs. S. W. Helton, Aux. Dept. Pres. of Indiana; National President Mrs. Anita Selby; and Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey. (Continued next page)

Lafayette Conference

A highlight of the Regional Conference held Oct. 12-13 at the Van Orman Fowler hotel in Lafayette, Ind. was the dedication of a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic at Soldiers Home, Sunday afternoon.

National and state officers from 12 states were present for the dedication ceremony for the memorial. Made of Bedford limestone, the memorial measures six by six feet and is inscribed between carved columns with: "In Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Grand Army recognizing the needs of their comrades did work untiringly and gave unstintingly of their resources to fulfill that need by the establishment of the Indiana State Soldiers Home in 1893."

Below the inscription is the names of the sponsoring organizations: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the G.A.R., Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans.

A parade preceded the dedication program with the Sons of Union Veterans in uniform and a Boy Scout troop bearing the official flags of the United States from 1846 to 1950.

Officers elected at the Conference include: Commander Thomas Johnson of Wisconsin; Sr. Vice Commander Mrs. Myron Goodermont of Illinois; Jr. Vice Commander Thomas J. Lock of Indiana; Chaplain Mrs. Dora Johnston of Michigan; Patriotic Instructor Wayne Boyer of Indiana; Secretary Mrs. Ellmore Konrad of Wisconsin; Treasurer Mrs. Gladys Sallman of Illinois; Legislative Chairman Mrs. Edith Nile of Ohio; and discussion chairman for 1964, George Powers of Wisconsin.

The principal speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening was Past Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant 3rd. Business sessions were held on Saturday and Sunday.

An End — And A Beginning

In one sudden, swift, awful convulsion of history, on November 22nd, the majesty and the burdens of the Presidency of the United States shifted from one man to another. The word from Dallas left a sense of numbing shock. There was disbelief—it just couldn't happen.

In the brief span of 30 minutes, incredibly, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was dead, in his 47th year, from an assassin's bullet—the youngest man ever elected President.

In just 98 minutes more, standing aboard the President's Air Force Jet with Mr. Kennedy's ashen widow at his side, Lyndon Baines Johnson recited the 34-word oath of office and became the 36th President of the U. S.

The tumble of events magnified the loss of the man who had infused the Presidency with a youthful, direct, and vigorous style unmatched since the days of Theodore Roosevelt.

It was a moment of frightening discontinuity. Yet it demonstrated once again the remarkable continuity of this oldest of constitutional republics. For the eighth time, a President had died in office—four of them at the hands of an assassin. But, just 128 minutes after Mr. Kennedy's death, the ritual act of succession had been performed, and the two Presidents were homeward bound together.

How can such things happen in this blessed land, this nation sired by genius and rendered supreme by technology. The thought springs stealthily to mind that the blame lies with the merchants of hate, the extremists of the left and/or right whose poisonous rant may have inspired a psychotic

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dupe to commit the ultimate outrage. The spokesmen of subversion have tried to sow the seeds of disunion.

But the martyrdom of our young President will have the opposite effect. Instead, the country will rally behind Lyndon Johnson.

John F. Kennedy gave his life in freedom's cause. Out of sorrow let us distil the truth in order that his sacrifice not be made in vain.

Ladies of the G. A. R. Memorial to the Grand Army

The National Organization, Ladies of the G.A.R. will erect a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, Illinois, which will house historical items. A plot of ground has been donated by the City of Springfield, located at the head of Monument Street, which leads directly to Oak Ridge Cemetery, and faces Lincoln's Tomb.

Bro. George Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb and P.D.C. of Illinois was instrumental in securing the land, as well as an architect who will donate his services.

Generous sums were contributed at the recent Miami Beach Convention, but much more help is needed. Members of the SUVCW, Camps, and Departments are invited to enter their names in the "Heritage Book" that is being assembled. Each person that contributes two dollars will have their name as well as their eligibility ancestor written in gold under the State in which they live. Donations can memorialize a member of your family, or some prominent citizen.

All contributions should be sent to P.N.P. Lara B. Frye, 1710 N.E. Madison, Peoria, Illinois. Be sure to give your name, address, and the name of your eligibility ancestor, or whoever you wish to honor.

Perhaps you have mementos, books, or other items you want kept for posterity. This would be gratefully accepted, and placed in glass cases or book cases.

The OPPORTUNITY for Prayer In Schools

Just how many times do you suppose we members of patriotic societies are asked, "Just what do you DO, anyway?" We proudly reply something like, "Well, we try to uphold the traditions of our founding fathers. We also seek to perpetuate in today's world the liberties which our forefathers and our sacrificing servicemen have fought for in yesterday's world."

The Supreme Court Decision No. 142, October Term, 1962 has forbidden Bible reading and prayers in our public schools. Will our Creator, our Refuge and our Strength miss these millions of voices?

Our country's liberties are based on the natural rights of men as expressed in The Declaration of Independence "... endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights ..." Our country's whole purpose and progress has been under God's protection and by His leave. The Declaration of Independence also mentions "nature's God" and addresses the "Supreme Judge" and proclaims a firm reliance in the protection of "Divine Providence." If we don't believe and proclaim this any more, AS A NATION, and act accordingly, have we kept faith with our fathers and our sons?

Until such time as the decision banning prayers in our schools will be resolved by some measure constitutional and acceptable to all men of good will, YOU can make your feelings known. You can help foster minutes of silence in conjunction with the usual customary opening exercises in your State. These minutes will give our children and their teachers the OPPORTUNITY to pray, if they wish to.

If you feel that minutes of silence should be specified during your State's school day, please clip this (your own letter will help, too) and mail to your school district, or to your Governor or to whomever you wish to inform how you feel about this issue.

Through minutes of silence, and in our times, YOU can help preserve and procure for the future "... the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity ..." So help us God.

(The New Jersey Department has prepared petitions covering this subject, and are distributing them to veteran and school organizations for support—copies of the petition are available upon request.)



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Sons of Union Veterans
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January 1, 1964

1. Membership growth and increased camp activity—those are currently the two most important areas for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We have good campaigns going in some areas for membership and new Camps, and this must progress to all areas served by our organization if we are to reach the goal we have set. I am calling upon every one of you to help in this operation. Our National Membership Committee and our Department officers are spearheading our drive, but membership and Camp organization is an all hands undertaking.

Camp activity is the lifeblood of any volunteer organization and we know from experience that the Camps that have a well integrated program are the ones that hold their members' interest and continue to grow. I would like Camp Commanders to hold regular meetings, set up good Camp programs and set up an affiliation program in their own areas. Our National officers will be happy to help in every way possible.

Affiliation and retention are the biggest problems that our Organization has to face today.

There are many eligible persons who need but the invitation to become affiliated with us. Upon learning of his credentials, present to him an application already filled out for his signature, and convince him then and there of the objects and benefits of our Organization.

Younger men require an appeal to the particular interests of their own age groups. Let them organize their own Camps and conduct their business in their own way, within the framework of our Constitution, Regulations and fundamental Rituals. What is more important, assist them to organize.

Some prospective new Camps are approaching the stage for charter presentations. I hope this will be rapid and widespread in the coming months. The importance and enthusiasm of the occasion suggests a chartering dinner for the new Camp attended by its members and their friends, with a key speaker.

The problem of retention concerns itself with good leadership by Camp officers. Contact must be maintained with all members, especially those for some reason unable to attend a scheduled meeting. An active part in the business and affairs of the Camp must be delegated to each member.

2. The Banner should be received and read by each of us. It is recommended that the cost of \$1.00 for the year subscription be taken with the annual Camp dues and forwarded by each Camp to the Editor, National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, New Jersey 08603.

3. I ask each of you that you support your Camp with prompt payment of dues, and your Department and National Patriotic Instructors with your contributions.

4. Camps and Departments are reminded of the necessity of filing quarterly reports promptly.

5. Additional committee appointment: Co-Chairman of the 1964 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, Thomas L. W. Johnson, 325 West Main Street, Madison 3, Wisconsin.

6. Your Commander-in-Chief would like to visit all Departments. Please write me when it will be convenient for me to be received, in order that I may arrange my itinerary. Department Commanders please notify me of the dates and place of your Department Encampment as soon as they are determined.

7. Forward all news pertaining to our Organization to the Editor of the Banner, and all information of interest to the respective committee chairmen.

8. May the new year, to each of you, be most happy and prosperous, and may the peace and joy of the Holiday Season remain with you always.

Joseph S. Rippey,
Commander-in-Chief

TESTIMONIAL

The grand ballroom of the Powers Hotel in the City of Rochester, New York, was the scene on Saturday evening, November 9th, of the reception and testimonial dinner in honor of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans Joseph S. Rippey, and National President of the Auxiliary Anita Selby and their staffs, given by the Rochester Camps and Auxiliaries.

In attendance were national, department and Camp officers and members, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents, and a fine cross-section representation from many other Departments.

Principal speaker of the evening was Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver. New York Department Council Member Raymond W. Hightree was toastmaster, and Camp Commander Frederic L. Rogers made a presentation. The committee, with Past Department Commander Robert H. McMahon as chairman for the Sons, worked long and hard for an evening long to be remembered.

Bermuda in the Civil War

On a recent visit to Bermuda, Edna and Albert Lambert visited a small, charming and informal museum, at the corner of King's Square in St. Georges, which housed interesting objects from the days of the American Civil War. It was a Confederate Museum containing arms, prints, military buttons and coins, and a replica of the first Confederate printing press.

Major Norman Walker, chief political agent of the Confederate States of America in Bermuda, carried out his duties here. Bermuda and the Bahamas became important points for blockade runners during the Civil War.

The museum reveals many aspects of the war which ended slavery in America, and laid a foundation for a stronger United States of America.



(Ziegler Studio)

Shown are participants at 7th G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program held Nov. 16 at the Albert Woolson Monument in Ziegler Grove, Gettysburg, held under auspices of Gettysburg Camp 112, and Gettysburg Travel Council, and Orders Allied to the G.A.R.

Left to right: Mary Centeni, Aux. Dept. Pres.; Anita Selby, Aux. Natl. Pres.; Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief; Kathryn Nazrony, Ladies of the G.A.R. Dept. Pres.; Molly Mercer, Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres.; Maj. Gen. Thomas A. White, Penn. Natl. Guard. Speaker; Isabelle Smith, DUVCW Natl. Pres.; Jessie Johnson, W.R.C. Natl. Pres.; Mildred White, W.R.C. Dept. Pres.; Alexander Hartne, Penn. Jr. Vice Commander, MOLLUS; John H. Stark, Department Commander; Mary Jane Fisher, DUVCW Dept. Pres.

Note new Flag Stone Patio recently installed by the National Organization, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

THE BATTLE OF ATHENS

"Farthest North of the Civil War"

Athens, Clark County, Mo.

August 5, 1861

Civil War historians know nothing of the Battle of Athens—nor does the War Department itself. The War Department's archives contain not one document covering this sanguinary conflict. An official report, made by the Union victor, Col. David Moore, to his immediate superior, Col. W. H. Worthington, 5th Iowa, was either lost, destroyed or is still in hiding.

So writes Ben F. Dixon, 6008 Arosa St., San Diego 15, Calif., a member of Brig. Gen. Daniel McCoy Camp No. 27 of San Diego.

He has compiled a booklet containing fourteen contemporary reports, which has been published by the Iowa Historical Society.

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN CENTENNIAL

Plans are being made in Marietta, Georgia for the Centennial Memorial Commemoration of The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, which occurred on June 27, 1864. Activities are scheduled for the entire week, ending June 28, 1964. Many reactivated Confederate and Union troops are planning to participate. Ample motel accommodations are available; and, a bivouac area at Kennesaw Mountain will be designated for those who wish to camp out.

A skirmish (sham battle) will be staged on both the 26th and 27th of June. There will be a parade and a military ball. All commemorative units are requested to contact Col. John K. Williams, Adj-Gen. Kennesaw Mountain Centennial Troops, Cobb County Court House, Marietta, Georgia.

Official Gettysburg and Gettysburg Address Medals

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Gettysburg Centennial Commission has authorized two official Commemorative medals for the year 1963. Royalties from the sale of the medals has helped to defray the cost of the ceremonies at Gettysburg, July 1st through the 3rd, and those planned for November 19th.

Executive Designs, the developers and distributors of the medals, is pleased to offer these two medals to our members at special prices.

The medals were developed in 2½" bronze and silver and were sculptured by Mr. Philip Krackowski, one of this country's finest young artists.

The medals are available in pure .999 silver and bronze. Their prices are as follows:

	to SUVCW	normal retail prices
Bronze medallion:	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
.999 pure silver	23.00	30.00

Send check or money order to Executive Designs Inc., P. O. Box 226, Pemberton, N. J. Be sure to mention your membership in the SUVCW.

A REMINDER

Starting April 1, 1964, Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. will take over the duties of National Secretary-Treasurer.

Albert C. Lambert will continue as Editor of The Banner.

TRIBUTE



Approximately 125 members and friends gathered in the Ball Room of the Mansfield Leland Hotel in Mansfield, Ohio on October 26 to honor National President Mrs. Anita M. Selby.

Shown left to right are: Mrs. Capitola Rehman, Natl. Secy.; Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Mrs. Edith Nile, P.N.P. and National Counselor; Mrs. Selby; Mary Sprague, Personal Aide; and Mrs. Emma Wheeler, National Chief of Staff.

Chairlady of the evening was Mrs. Helen Matthews, Pres. of Aux. 100, who introduced the honored guests and visitors as well as an interesting program.

RESERVE THESE DATES

1964 National Encampment will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, August 16-20th with headquarters at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.

1965 National Encampment will be held in Richmond, Virginia, August 15-19th with headquarters at the John Marshall Hotel.

SCHOLARSHIP

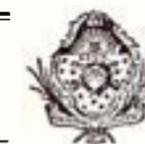


(Lane Studio)

Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey is shown presenting \$250.00 check to Dr. Charles H. Gladfelder, Dean of Gettysburg College at Dedication Day dinner program in Hotel Gettysburg, on November 16th.



Department News



ILLINOIS

On November 3, 1963, the General John A. Logan monument on Michigan Avenue, Chicago was rededicated following renovation of the lettering at the base, defaced by vandals over the years; the work was performed by the Chicago Park District after the mutilation had been brought to its attention by General George A. Custer Camp No. 1. The ceremony was highlighted by the presence of the Custer Camp color guard and a firing squad from the 104th Illinois Infantry (Reactivated). Wreaths were presented by Commander Myron E. Goodermont on behalf of the Illinois Department S.U.V.C.W. and by the Auxiliary, Ladies of the G.A.R., Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans, Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Dames of the Loyal Legion, Illinois and Chicago Civil War Centennial Commissions, Illinois State and Chicago Historical Societies, and Chicago Civil War Round Table. Following the exercises, Custer Camp and its Auxiliary No. 30 hosted a dinner and reception at the Conrad Hilton Hotel honoring Department Commander Goodermont, Auxiliary Department President Lovina Lorah, National Auxiliary Secretary Capitola Rehmann, and National S.U.V.C.W. Council Member James L. High.

The Department's Mid-Winter Encampment, an annual event, was held at the Oak Park Arms, Oak Park, Illinois on December 7. There was considerable discussion of an extremely worthwhile project which will help reverse the current nationwide trend toward tearing down historical buildings to make way for progress: the preservation of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall in Aurora, Illinois. The Department is to contribute to a fund being raised by a foundation set up to save and rehabilitate the landmark, which dates back to the 1870's when it was built by the city's G.A.R. post. Impetus is being given to the drive by patriotic and veterans groups with business firms and individuals assisting.

At a December 9 joint public installation, Custer Camp and its Auxiliary seated their newly chosen officers. The Commander Elect was the Retiring Commander, John Brooks Davis; the President Elect, Helen S. Brady, who took over from Retiring President Marie Doran. Installing officers were Department Commander Myron E. Goodermont and Department President Lovina Lorah. The Camp and the Department take pleasure in welcoming the following new members initiated at this well attended meeting: John K. Broezell, Richard C. Broezell, Eric Randall Swanson, Kurt M. Bergahn and George E. Androne.

INDIANA

The Lilly Drug Co. recently gave the Marion County Civil War Centennial Commission \$1,500.00 to use to re-equip a cast iron cannon and to equip enough men to man these guns. We now have two guns and two Companies. The Companies are known as the 18th Indiana Artillery and the 3rd Indiana Artillery. Ben Harrison Camp now meets in the World War Memorial Building. The Camp recently travelled to Corydon, Indiana to take part in the only historical reaction of the part Indiana played in the Civil War.

The North Central Regional Assoc. and Auxiliary will meet in Lafayette, Indiana, Oct. 12-13. A Memorial Monument to the G.A.R. will be dedicated on October 13 at the State Soldiers Home in Lafayette at 1:30 P.M.

IOWA

The annual picnic of the Iowa Department SUVCW and Aux was held in September at the Baptist Assembly grounds in Iowa Falls. Arrangements were in charge of the Iowa Falls Auxiliary, with Mrs. Grace Hansen, Chairman. The pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by the seventy persons who attended. After a short business meeting, a social time was enjoyed. Included among officers present were Dept. Pres. Ada M. Schwab of Cedar Rapids and Dept. Commr. J. B. Johnson of Waterloo. Members and friends were present from Iowa

Falls, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Iowa City, Humboldt, Fort Dodge, and Des Moines.

MASSACHUSETTS

Auxiliary 28 recently celebrated their 68th anniversary at G.A.R. Hall, Whitmore, when a turkey supper was served by their members. Following the supper, Geo. A. Custer Camp 11 with a degree team from Plymouth County initiated John F. Snow into the Camp. Louise Chamberlain, President of Aux. 28 introduced guests and officers, and P.D.P. Mary Freeman read a history of the Auxiliary.

Sister Viola Brunet, who has served as Department Secretary for many years was recently entertained by a group of friends from Auxiliary 127. There were 25 present, including members of Auxiliary 86.

John J. Micheson, Dept. Comdr. was feted at American Legion Hall in Chelsea, Nov. 16 with a dinner and reception; he being the fifth from Winthrop Camp or Aux. to have headed Department. John, hospitalized weeks before and after his election, has been valiant in his interest and enthusiasm. John B. Davis was chairman and Addison A. Quinn was M. C. Massachusetts Department Reserves made a fine impression on program. The Mayor and Mayor-elect were both present, and also Natl. Chief of Staff Emma Wheeler.

Henry F. Weiler, Senior Past Dept. Comdr. among the active group, passed on in November, after wearisome weeks in hospital and a rest home. "Harry," as best known, was untiring in promotional work in our Order. He was Department Secretary for a long period when our designation was "Division" and was Department Treasurer at the time of his death. He served as Division Commander in 1925, New England Regional Association head in 1945, was Pioneer, in organizing this group, and in formation of Bay State Camp, of which he was always the Secretary.

Mrs. Pearl Bowen, Aux. Dept. Pres. was honored by Tift Camp and Aux. of Springfield in G.A.R. Memorial Hall in September. Mrs. Emma Sue Warren was General Chairman. Mrs. Bowen is also a Past President and the present Treasurer of the Mass. Dept. W.R.C. with many from that body as guests. Dept. Comdr. Mitcheson and Mrs. Bowen's husband, "Al" who is Sr. Vice Dept. Comdr. were chief guests, with Mrs. Edna White, Dept. Pres. W.R.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold M. Drown, observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary in September and a large percentage of 150 guests in V.F.W. Hall, Stoughton, were members of our Order. P.D.C. William W. Haskell was chief sponsor. Bro. Drown has been a member nearly all of his married years, and Sister Drown, a large number of same.

Ellery H. Linnell, P.D.C. of Conn. and Mrs. Nathalie E. Brown, P. P. of Mass. were united in marriage this summer. They are making their home in Hamden, Conn. where Mrs. Linnell is entering the work of our Orders in her new surroundings, as she did in the Bay State for many years, in an enthusiastic and interested manner.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jack Carr, as he was known to hundreds of members of our Order and our Auxiliary organizations, passed away Wednesday, July 17th, following a heart attack suffered at the Headquarters of the New Hampshire Veteran's Association at The Weirs, New Hampshire, where he has been in charge for many years.

He was a native and life long resident of Hillsboro, N. H., and prominent in its civic and patriotic affairs. He was a member and Trustee of the Methodist Church and a 3rd Degree Mason.

Jack was a fifty year member of our Order, Secretary-Treasurer of his local Camp, a Past Department Commander of New Hampshire and Past President of the New England Regional Association. He has held the office of Department Secretary-Treasurer for many years.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, a sister, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jack had the unique ability of working harmoniously with people from all walks of life, and his passing is a loss to our Order, which only time can heal.

Funeral services, which were largely attended by members of our Allied Orders, relatives and friends, were held Sunday, July 21st from the Methodist Church with interment in Hillsboro.

Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief

Alfred J. Clark, P.D.C., 82 Prospect St., Manchester, New Hamp. has been elected to complete the unexpired term of Department Secretary-Treasurer.

P. C. in C. Cleon E. Heald has replaced Robert Ross as executive director of the New Hampshire Centennial Commission.

A very successful District Meeting was held in Hillsboro in October, with every Auxiliary in the Department represented.

NEW JERSEY

Dept. Commander William Wharton and Department President Mrs. Hilda Junge headed a delegation of 48 to the recent National Encampment in Miami Beach where all had a wonderful time. They entertained at a cocktail party on Thursday night before the Jersey Dinner and the entertainment sponsored by the New Jersey Department. George and Margaret Schroeder entertained the entire delegation on Saturday evening at the Encampment.

On Saturday evening, September 28th the Department Commander and Department President were guests of honor at a Testimonial Dinner sponsored by their Camp and Auxiliary at Washington Crossing Inn. A large attendance of members, friends, and families from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York were present.

The semi-annual dinner meeting of the New Jersey State Camp was held on Nov. 23 at the Palmer Motor Inn, Princeton. The mid-year meeting of the Department SUVCW was held on Dec. 8 in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton.

Nov. 19, the 100th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address was the occasion of installation of officers in Dayton Camp 5 of Trenton. On that day, a son was born to Albert and Irene Lambert, and the Camp voted young Robert into membership, effective on his 16th birthday.

NEW YORK

SCHENECTADY—The County Civil War Centennial observance was held in August, with the Sons of Union Veterans taking a prominent part. Brother Robert Wagoner, Commander of Albany Camp 154 was Grand Marshal of the parade, and also appeared on TV. Judge Wm. Campbell, also a Camp member was assistant. He also gave the address at the monument. Brother Wagoner was instrumental in getting the monument cleaned. Bands, floats, girls in old fashioned dresses, mock battles, and cannon fire added to the color and excitement.

P.N.P. Edith Paulding had the unpleasant experience of having her car stolen while attending the Encampment in Miami Beach. The car was checked in on Friday, Aug. 17, but when she called for it on Aug. 23rd, it had disappeared. As a result, Edith, Florence Parsons, and Florence's sister were compelled to stay in Miami Beach an additional week. The car was located on Aug. 30th, and they started home the following day.

On Nov. 16, Halsey Valley entertained the Camps and Auxiliaries from Ithaca, Ovid, Elmira and Waverly. Following dinner, the Halsey Valley Auxiliary performed the ritualistic work in perfect fashion. Five new members were initiated—Mrs. Effie Eastham and Mrs. Bessie Decatur from Aux. 7, Martha Tweillger, Mrs. John Van Aken, and Shirley Ecklor from Aux. 49. An outstanding group of officers were included in the large attendance.

Richard Cuyler of Ovid, Department Commander of New York, and Mildred Nestisco of Troy, Dept. Pres. Aux. and their staffs were honored at a reception and dinner at the Inter-laken American Legion home on Oct. 19, with eighty persons present. A large group of guests was headed by Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester. Guests were present from Niagara Falls, Rochester, Utica, Halsey Valley, Elmira, Ithaca, Binghamton, Albany, Watervliet, Troy, Schenectady, Candor, Owego, Willard, Ovid and Romulus.

OHIO

William F. Powers

To you, Dear Bill (which we all called you), we owe a kind, reverent, brotherly friendship, especially in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

You were always present, never wanting in the activities and when that great day came to preside at the 81st Department Encampment, you were there, although a wheel chair was necessary to get about. Even the slightest detail was

remembered, you having made calls at District Meetings, TV and radio programs, Memorial and other appearances. The Ohio Department assembled was most happy to have you present at your Encampment.

Surprised and stunned at your sudden death Tuesday, July 2, 1963, we remember your vital part in the affairs of the SUVCW, your highest degree of integrity, loyalty and leadership.

Faithful in Church activities, as well as patriotic and benevolent services, we write this loving tribute to a true friend, William F. Powers.

Clyde Vanlear and Sarah Jane Neff

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Walter H. Quist passed away on July 6. Brother Quist was first stricken with a partial stroke on May 10 and another on June 9, and still another on July 2. He was Department Commander of the Oregon and Washington Department at the time, but was unable to attend his Department Encampment. His good wife, Hester, showed him his Past Department Commanders Badge shortly before he died, and he seemed to understand and to be pleased.

Mrs. Spencer Leonard, active for many years in patriotic and veterans organizations died August 23. She had been ill less than a week, after suffering a stroke. At her death she was the President of the Department of Oregon and Washington, Auxiliary SUVCW and Department Secretary of the Ladies of the G.A.R. She was a Past National Secretary of the Ladies of the G.A.R. She leaves her husband, Spencer Leonard, two sons, a daughter, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

PENNSYLVANIA

November 16th saw elaborate and solemn homage in ceremonies both at the Woolson Monument on the Battlefield, and at the Hotel Gettysburg in the evening. Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick (Vermont) presided at the afternoon ceremonies in Ziegler's Grove. Rev. Fr. Joseph S. Kealy, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church pronounced the opening prayer, and Rev. John S. Bishop of St. James Lutheran Church the closing prayer. Music was furnished by the Gettysburg Senior High School Band, and Company G, 6th Infantry Battalion SVR provided the firing squad and bugler. An appropriate Pageant was given by Gettysburg Camp 112, with G. Henry Roth narrating.

The 33rd Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association was held in the evening, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the National Cemetery. P.D.C. Edwin K. Kramer acted as toastmaster, with Hon. Fred Schwengel, U. S. Congressman from Iowa as giving the address. Part of the program was carried over WGET-FM in Gettysburg, including an outstanding performance by the choir of the United Church of Christ.

Gettysburg Camp 112 hosted its membership to an old fashioned Bean Soup Supper on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Post Home in Gettysburg. Dept. Comdr. John H. Stark and other Department Officers were present. Aux. 27 served the dinner.

Dept. Patr. Instr. Frank Heacock Jr. has mailed banks for the G.A.R. Funds in the Dept. and looks forward to the co-operation of every Camp.

A testimonial dinner and reception for Mary F. Centini, Aux. Dept. Pres. was held at Odd Fellows Ballroom Oct. 5 with a large attendance. Mary Seitz was Chairlady and P.D.C. Frank Heacock Sr. the speaker. Dept. Comdr. John Stagk headed a large group of Department Officers.

A reception for Dept. Comdr. John H. Stark was held on Sat. Nov. 16 at the Gettysburg Hotel, immediately following the Dedication Day dinner. This was an outstanding and well attended event.

Sr. Vice Dept. Comdr. Clarence Riddell and wife, Caroline, Aux. P.D.P., were in an auto accident Aug. 9 which prevented their being at the National Encampment.

The 96th Annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner will be held at Beck's Restaurant on Feb. 8th.

RHODE ISLAND

The National Encampment committee is planning a trip and tour of the Quonset Air Base during the August Encampment in Providence. On the return they are planning a trip

to Rocky Point for one of the famous Rhode Island Clambakes or shore dinners.

The fall meeting of the New England Regional Association was held in Providence Oct. 19-20 when all New England Departments were represented. A feature of the evening was the induction into the SVR WACS of nine members. They were inducted by Col. Clarence Young of the Reserves, assisted by Capt. Flora Bates, Commanding Officer of the WACS.

A Christmas Party was sponsored by the Grand Army Family at the Veterans Hospital in December. The annual Lincoln Day dinner of the group will be held Feb. 8 with Laura I. Smith as chairman.

The Veterans Day Parade in Westerly was led by Leo Rider of the American Legion and Perley C. Wallace, Past Commander of Chapman Camp 6. The four division parade stopped for exercises at the World War 1 Memorial in Pawcatuck, then proceeded to Wilcox Park in Westerly for exercises. The 7th Bn. SVR under command of Major Dexter Combs assisted by Maj. Wm. Perry and Dept. Comm. Earl Hinz marched in the 2nd division with the Veteran Organizations. The Color Guard of the 7th Bn. SVR was commanded by Lt. Earl Hinz Jr.

Camp 6 and Aux. 11 celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address on Nov. 13 with a dinner at the China Village in Westerly.

VERMONT

Co. A, The Vermont Department's first unit to be organized in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and made up largely of Camp 91 members is very active. Nine uniformed members took part in the Centennial of the Battle of Gettysburg in July, and also took part in the dedication of a flag pole to the memory of P.D.C. Lewis E. Abbott in Peacham on July 13. They also took part in the Review at the New England Regional at the Weirs. Co. A is trained in weekly drills by Lt. Howard K. Reed, who is Commander of Camp 91.

Several members of the Brattleboro Camp and Aux. attended the Sept. 21 meeting of District 5 in Brandon. Alaric Nichols, assisted by Archie Aldrich presented a flag to the Forestdale School in memory of P.D.C. Walter J. Morse of Brandon.

Camp 4 of Rutland hosted Green Mountains State Camp 1 at their fall meeting on Nov. 9 at the Methodist Church on Chestnut Street.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us 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 their name.

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J. Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND. Name of Veteran _____ Company & Regiment _____ Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from _____ Name _____ Address _____ (Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.) (Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

In Memory of Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter \$10.00 Courtesy of Gertrude M. Sautter, P.N.P.

In Memory of William D. Corbin, 139th Penn. Vol. Inf. \$10.00 Courtesy of W. Earl Corbin

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Chester S. Shriver, P. C. in C. \$100.00

**ANNUAL S. U. V. C. W.
MEMORIAL CEREMONY**
Springfield, Illinois
Wednesday, April 15, 1964

The annual memorial ceremony commemorating President Lincoln's death will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11 a.m. on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Leland, Springfield. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman and Thomas L. W. Johnson.

A chartered bus will leave the Hotel Leland for the cemetery at 10:45 a.m., returning to the hotel after the services. Reservations for seats on the bus, for which there is no charge, should be made in advance with Thomas L. W. Johnson, B-3 Bascom Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

At 12:30 p.m. a luncheon will be held at the Hotel Leland with Mr. Harry Page as the featured speaker. The cost of the luncheon will be approximately \$3.; checks should **not** be mailed (the fee will be collected at the door), but reservations should be made with Brother Johnson at the address shown above at the earliest possible moment.

All Departments and their Auxiliaries are invited to send wreaths and/or representatives, conforming with the following procedure:

(a) In order to insure proper listing in the printed program, notify Brother Johnson at the address shown above of your intention so that he will receive your letter **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.**

(b) Even though a Department or Auxiliary is unable to have a representative present, a wreath will be welcome. To simplify matters, wreaths should be ordered through your local florists with instructions that they be delivered to George L. Cashman, Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois no later than 9 A. M. on Wednesday, April 15.

Cooperation Requested

As most of our members know, I have been honored by Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey with the appointment to serve as your National Patriotic Instructor. I intend to fill the duties of the office in every way that I can.

I earnestly request the aid of our entire membership in meeting the contributions necessary to raise the funds to carry on the varied projects for which these moneys are used.

Each Camp is requested to have some patriotic program to honor the memory of the Grand Army, as well as to observe anniversaries and patriotic occasions.

All contributions to our Natl. G.A.R. Memorial Fund will be acknowledged. Please send contributions to Arthur L. Ballou, Natl. Patr. Instr., R. R. 1, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101.

INQUIRIES

During the National Encampment in Miami Beach, Mr. S. N. McKee gave an 8 mm. movie film to someone and now it cannot be located. The film is a movie of the activities at Gettysburg during the past July, which Mr. McKee has not even viewed himself. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this film is urged to contact Lt. Col. Lester A. Kern, at G.A.R. Hall, 32 S. Bedford St., Carlisle, Pa.

I am currently editing the Civil War letters of Albert Whitney of the 141st Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry

(1862-65) and writing a story of that Regiment along with the edited letters. Consequently I am very much interested in obtaining any information or copies of old photographs of the 141st or any of its members. If anyone is in possession of information or letters, which I could borrow or copy, please contact me.

Frank P. Deane
2003 Haviland Drive
Richmond, Virg. 23229

The following members of the Grand Army of the Republic founded the National Association of Letter Carriers at the 1889 Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisc.

W. H. Wood, Detroit, Mich.; A. F. Dahlman, Milwaukee, Wisc.; R. D. Fairbanks, San Francisco, Calif.; F. W. Campbell, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. J. Simmons, Chicago, Ill.; Ira O'Dell, Milwaukee, Wisc.; J. J. Goodwin, Providence, R. I.; and H. Cunmer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Any information on these Veterans would be appreciated by the undersigned, as I am attempting to write an article concerning them in the National Magazine of the Letter Carriers Association.

W. E. Pabst
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Lyndhurst, N. J.

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.

More About Florida



Left to right: Chester S. Shriver; United States Senator Spessard L. Holland; Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt; U. S. Grant 3rd, Maj-Gen U.S.A. Ret.

Senator Holland was the principal speaker at the Camp Fire. Everyone was most enthusiastic about his address, and many spoke of it as perhaps the best they remembered hearing. He explained problems and facts with skill and tact, without direct accusation or abuse of those who have created them.

In a letter to General Grant following the Encampment Senator Holland said "As the son of a Confederate veteran and the grandson of two others, all of whom received serious wounds during the time of their service, I, too, felt that it was an occasion when the actuality of our country's unity could shine out clear and strong. It was simply wonderful to be with you and your associates."

The anatomy of some men is extremely sensitive. Pat them on the back and their head swells.

A man too busy to take care of his health is like a mechanic too busy to take care of his tools.

A man going nowhere always gets there.