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Number 1

## FIVE CRITICAL YEARS WITH LINCOLN



1861

There are thirty-three states in the Union: eighteen free and fifteen slave . First shot of the Civil War is fired in January, when the "Star of the West", on approaching Fort Sumter with supplies, is attacked by the batteries of Fort Moultrie and has to retire . Six other southern states secede . Kansas is admitted to the Union as the thirty-fourth state . Texas secedes . In February the Confederate Congress is organized in Alabama . A Peace Conference meets in Washington. Twenty-one states send delegates to try to avert war, but fail . Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as President of the Confederacy . In March Lincoln is inaugurated as the sixteenth President of the United States . In April Maj. Anderson evacuates Ft. Sumter because the Confederates open fire on it . Virginia secedes . Lincoln orders a blockade of Virginia and North Carolina, and calls for 75,000 volunteers . In May he calls for 500,000 more volunteers . over 700,000 respond . More states secede . Martial law is proclaimed . In June the western part of Virginia repudiates secession and proclaims itself a separate state . In July the Battle of Bull Run is won by the Confederates . The Federal Congress votes \$500,000,000 for conducting the war, and gives Lincoln full powers . In November two Confederate Commissioners, Mason and Slidell, are taken from an English ship. When England threatens war the two Commissioners are released . McClellan is appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Union forces.

1862

In January Lincoln calls Stanton to his cabinet as Secretary of War . In February Lincoln's son Willie dies at the White House . Grant captures Ft. Donelson and Ft. Henry . In March the ironclad "Monitor" repulses the Confederate battleship "Merrimac". John Ericsson designer and builder of the "Monitor" becomes a public hero . McClellan begins his Peninsular campaign . In April Farragut wins New Orleans after a desperate attack. The city is taken over by Union forces under Gen. Benj. F. Butler . Slavery is abolished in the District of Columbia . In May Union troops capture Norfolk and the Navy Yard burns . In June Gen. Robert E. Lee takes command of Confederate Armies . In July Lincoln calls for 300,000 more volunteers . In August Union forces defeated at second battle of Bull Run . Lincoln calls for militia volunteers to

serve for period of nine months . In September the Battle of Antietam marks the failure of Gen. Lee's first invasion of the North . In November Lincoln visits the Army of the Potomac . McClellan replaced by Burnside . In December Lee wins Battle of Fredericksburg Confederate forces under Gen. Bragg retreat at Murfreesboro.

1863

In January Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation takes effect . Gen. Hooker replaces Gen. Burnside as head of Army of Potomac . In February Congress establishes a national currency . Treaty drawn up between U. S. and Great Britain for suppression of African slave trade . In March the Draft Act passes, calling every able-bodied male in North to military service . In April Gen. Grant crosses the Mississippi below Vicksburg . In May Gen. Hooker's Federal Army defeated by Gen. Lee at Battle of Chancellorsville . In June the Confederate ship "Atlanta" captured by the ironclad "Weehawken" . W. Virginia enters Union as thirty-fifth state . In July the Draft Act violently opposed in N. Y. C., and wild rioting results . Washington threatened on outskirts by Confederate troops . . . Federal forces under Gen. Meade defeat Gen. Lee at Gettysburg . Grant and Sherman take Vicksburg . In August National Thanksgiving observed for Union victories . In September the Federals are defeated at Chickamauga . In October Lincoln calls for 300,000 more volunteers . In November Lincoln delivers his immortal address at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

1864

In January Ft. Fisher, No. Car. captured by Porter and Terry . In February Lincoln calls for 500,000 volunteers . In March Grant made Commander-in-Chief of Union forces . In April Gen. Sheridan made commander of cavalry in Army of the Potomac . In May enormous losses suffered by both sides in bloody battle of the Wilderness . Grant forces Lee to retire after the Battle of Spotsylvania . Nat'l Hawthorne dies at Plymouth, Mass. . In June siege of Petersburg begins . . Federal battleship "Kearsarge" sinks Confederate raider "Alabama" . In July Lincoln issues proclamation regarding reconstruction . Delaware placed under martial law . In August Sheridan takes command in Shenandoah Campaign . Gen. Farragut is victor at Mobile Bay . Gen. Hood replaces Gen. Jos. E. Johnston in defense of Atlanta . In September Sherman seizes Atlanta and razes the city . In October Sheridan turns his defeat into last-minute victory by his famous twenty-mile ride from Winchester to Cedar Creek, where he routs Gen. Early and wins entire Shenandoah Valley permanently for the Union . . (concluded on page six)



General Orders No. 1 Series 1952

HEADQUARTERS Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Office of the Commander-in-Chief 924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

January 2, 1952

SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The seventy-first National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Auxiliary will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., the week of August 24, 1952.

Headquarters will be established at the Jefferson Hotel, where all meetings of both orders will be held. Attached to the Jefferson are the Hotel Boscobel and Hotel Monticello, both of which will be used to house our delegates.

Future issues of The Banner will give complete information as to your room reservations, hotel rates, etc. Please do not write the hotel for reservations, pending instructions which will appear in the March issue. Accommodations for all are assured.

INSTALLING OFFICERS REPORT

Installing Officers will immediately report to Dept. Headquarters on Form 22, if report has not already been made. This report shall be given prompt attention, so that Depts. can issue new Rosters.

BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCES

Camps are requested to observe the following days with appropriate exercises:

Pres. Wm. McKinley, Civil War Veteran and Statesman, January 29th.

Pres. Abraham Lincoln, Civil War President and great Emancipator, February 12th.

Pres. Geo. Washington, the Father of Our Country, February 22nd.

Pres. U. S. Grant, Outstanding General in American History, April 27th.

These are excellent opportunities for Camps to render a service to their members and their community.

The teaching of Civil War History-its cause and effect-and the honoring of such leaders is a challenge and opportunity that every Camp should accept.

QUARTERLY REPORTS-PER CAPITA TAX

Reports on Forms 37 and 38 shall be forwarded by Dept. Secretaries not later than Jan. 30, 1952, to Nat'l Sec'y A. C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J. Where Camps are re-instated, dropped, or disbanded, also use Report Form No. 35.

Depts. shall pay Per Capita Tax of fifteen (15¢) cents on each member reported in good standing and in addition, shall pay fifty (50¢) cents membership fee for every member admitted between Oct. 1, 1951 and Dec. 31, 1951 inclusive.

Camp Commanders, Secretaries, and Treasurers will see that their reports on Forms 27 and 28 with Per Capita Tax, are forwarded to their Dept. Headquarters im-

mediately at the close of each quarter.

PASSWORD

By action of the Seventieth Encampment at Columbus, the password has been eliminated. In place thereof, each member shall furnish a paid up membership card

OFFICIAL ROSTER

The Commandery-in-Chief Official Roster for 1951-52 has been supplied to all Depts. Dept. Commanders will see that each Dept. Officer receives a copy.

Additional appointments:

Committee on Survey of Order: Chairman, Wm. M. Coffin, P. C. in C., 3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio

Col. Fredric G. Bauer, 355 Crest Rd., Ridgewood, N. J. Albert DeHaven, 35 Berwick St., Sanford, Maine Wm. J. Schneider, 6306 Alamo Ave., Clayton 5, Mo.

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DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

As soon as possible, Dept. Commanders shall notify the Commander-in-Chief and the Nat'l Secy-Treas. of the date and place of their Dept. Encampments in order that these dates can be published in the March issue of The Banner.

SPECIAL AIDES

I hereby appoint the following special aide: Bro. H. W. Gillett, Camp 83, Huntington, Vt. for outstanding achievement in his Camp and great benefit to his Dept.

We will continue the appointment of Special Aides. Brothers securing five or more new members, also those giving outstanding service to the Order will be appointed. These special aides shall receive a Commandery-in-Chief ribbon to be worn during my term of office.

FORM 990, INCOME TAX REPORTS

Dept. and Camp Commanders and Secretaries:

Under date of Feb. 19, 1943, the Commissioner of Int. Rev., U. S. Treasury Dept., Washington, D. C. directed that "Annually beginning with your current accounting period, information returns on Form 990 must be filed with the Collector of Int. Revenue for the various Districts as long as exemption from the payment of Income Tax remains in force." This Form (990) may be obtained from the District Collectors and is required to be filed with them on or before the 15th day of the first month following the close of your annual accounting period. Note: In question on Form 990, "Have you been advised by bureau letter of your exemption?" the answer is "Yes--Date of letter, June 11, 1941, subsection 101, under which you are exempt, 8."

PERMANENT HONOR ROLL FUND

The following addition to this fund has been received and the money deposited in a special savings account: Harry S. Goodwin \$10.00--in memory of his father-- Benjamin F. Goodwin, Co. A 17th Penna. Vol.

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

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To-Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the PERMANENT HONOR ROLL.

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.)

National Secretary's Consolidated Report Quarter ending September 30, 1951

Table with columns: In Good Standing June 30, 1951, Camps, Members, GAIN, LOSS, Disbanded, Death, Honorable Discharge, Transfer, Suspension, Dropped, In Good Standing Sept. 30, 1951, Camps, Members.

National Treasurer's Consolidated Report Quarter ending September 30, 1951

Table with columns: General Fund, G. A. R. Fund, Legislative Committee, U. S. Bonds, Permanent Hon. Rl. Fd., Bal. 6-30-1951, Receipts, Disbursements, Bal. 9-30-1951, Deficit.

### Grand Army of the Republic National Highway

Now that the State of Nevada has legally adopted the name of No. 6 Highway to conform with all the other States and is the last state to do so, we must turn our attention to other phases of this project and proceed to work out plans for our future procedure and ways and means to carry the work forward to the completion of this great undertaking.

We would not take up this great task without first pausing in a moment of silent memory to the late Brothers, John Spielmen and J. Mansfield Clark, for the most important part they have played in the development of the Highway thus far, and to make honorable mention of Past Commander-in-Chief, William L. Anderson, who first called the possibilities of such a highway to the attention of the Sons of Union Veterans in 1936 and became the first Committee Chairman. Also Dr. Ralph R. Barrett and the many others who have so willingly given of their time and means to push the project forward to where we are today, with all States in the unbroken chain from Long Beach, California to the tip of Cape Cod, over 3,000 miles away.

The committee this year will consist of the Department Commanders of all the 14 States the highway crosses, and Vernon E. Cheney of Oakland, California, serving as Committee Chairman.

There still remains the task of having Highway markers erected in some States while in some it is only partly done and in others this part of the project has been finished.

We should make this one of our first objectives and complete the installing of appropriate highway signs wherever it has not been done and work to the end that the entire highway will be adequately marked with proper signs showing the name "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway" from coast to coast.

Also, we have the work of beautifying the land adjacent to the highway by planting trees and shrubbery and landscaping wherever conditions will permit it. Perhaps in some localities picnic grounds, drinking fountains and many other improvements can be worked out to add to the beauty, and lend comfort to those who travel this highway in the years to come. These are things each Department can sponsor and, no doubt, in many cases our Towns, Cities, Counties and States will assist us in doing these things. The property owners adjacent to the highway will, no doubt, in many cases, cooperate also.

Each Department should feel a personal responsibility in these matters and pick out certain parts of this work each year, or perhaps make it one of your Department projects for the year, and see to it that some important things are accomplished each year in every Department. If this is done, we will eventually bring about an accomplishment that will be one of the outstanding Memorials to the Grand Army and perhaps the greatest advertising feature the Sons of Union Veterans will ever have.

Another feature of our project will be the placing of Historical markers in the way of monuments and plaques at proper locations to indicate where important events in history took place. These to be a perpetual history and source of knowledge to all who read them. In every case the name of the Sons of Union Veterans

of the Civil War should appear on them. This part of our work will, no doubt, require a lot of research and investigating which should prove very interesting to all those who do it and will render a worthwhile service to the future generations.

Your Committee will start immediately to collect all possible records, correspondence, statistics, maps, photographs and kodak pictures, historical facts pertaining to the progress of this project from the beginning up to this time, and any other information anyone can furnish. We want the history of the project in each state telling us when it was started and important events during the time the task of getting it ratified by each state was going on; when it was ratified by each state; the story of the dedications which have been held. Also the names of our members, as well as of other individuals who did the important things to get the recognition of this Highway accomplished in the several states.

Wherever possible, a copy of the bill that was passed by each State, in making the highway a possibility, should be a part of our records.

It is our desire to compile all this information and establish a permanent record that shall be preserved for all time to come and can be used by the committee from year to year and thereby make it possible for each Highway Committee to inform themselves of the past history and take up the work where the preceding committee left off.

The collecting of these records and establishing permanent files and the writing of the history of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway will, no doubt, be of historical value to our organization in future years and will always be a reference library of great value to us.

Much of the information and data we are asking for must necessarily come from our Departments, and the individuals who have been active in this work thus far, as very little, if anything, has been done along this line so far as compiling permanent records as a National Organization is concerned. So you are requested to cooperate with us just as far as you can, and send all information of every type including pictures with full information to Vernon E. Cheney, Chairman Grand Army Highway Committee, 4041 Altamont Avenue, Oakland 5, California.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,  
Vernon E. Cheney, Chairman

With this issue, we start a new policy regarding The Banner. Attempting to compare with the high standards set by Bro. Holbrook, we will, no doubt, find room for improvement with each issue. This shall be our intention, and the understanding and cooperation of the membership will make our job easier.

In addition to the Commander-in-Chief's message and General Orders, we shall include news from Departments, special features, and articles relative to Civil War history consistent with the space which we have available.

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### Enthusiasm Begets Accomplishment

Only three words--but how hard to fulfill. Five great men of that vast Army of the Civil War are left to create in the minds of every Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, that enthusiasm which meant so much to them.

By the time you receive this message your resolutions for the New Year will have been made. I hope you have included a pledge to place your name on the Honor Roll by securing five new members as your contribution to our Order--thereby fitting yourself to write "accomplishment" after your name.

Brothers, what will you do for your Order in the coming year? Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, let us remember with reverence our fathers and the sacrifices they made in the Civil War, and go out and kindle camp fires in every State and City, and keep the Camp fires we already have burning bright. We must work with renewed vigor to overcome our losses. We must develop backbone--not wishbone.

Keep our activities in the public eye, and it will bring rewards to our organization. Brother Harold Drown is doing a fine job in our National Publicity. Send your articles to aid him.

Let us look well into our school life. See that there is a thorough education in the principles and history of the United States of America.

Our flag is the emblem of liberty -- equal rights and national unity to every man, everywhere. I hope the day will speedily come when no other flag can be unfurled on these shores.

It gives me renewed hope in seeing the enthusiasm displayed in the Depts. and Camps I have visited. Nebraska has withdrawn their resolution presented at the National Encampment, and will hold their Dept. intact after I visited them.

The Dept. of Minnesota gave me a warm welcome at their mid-winter meeting at Minneapolis. I had the honor of presenting a fifty-year badge to Bro. Astrome. A wonderful letter was received by me from Comrade Woolson, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic which I shall always prize.

I attended the Banquet and Reception honoring Nat'l Auxiliary President Sister Phyllis Dean at Cambridge, Mass., and on the following day visited Camp 109 at Newburyport. Five candidates were initiated, and I presented ten members with twenty-five year silver bars for faithful service. Eden S. Glover gave the most impressive Flag Charge I have ever witnessed.

Due to the limited space available, I will not attempt to mention all official visitations. A few such visits, however, included the Nat'l Encampment of the Allied Orders, in Chicago, and several affairs in Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota, as well as the mid-winter meeting in Illinois. At the Central Region meeting held in Des Moines, a discussion of the activities and history of the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary was broadcast over radio station K. S. O. with Nat'l President Phyllis Dean, Regional Commander Theo. Mohr, Dept. Commander Homer Young, and myself, participating.

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief

**Appreciation**

I have no adequate words in which to express my appreciation and my gratitude to the Departments of Iowa--Sons and Auxiliary--for the wonderful Banquet and Reception given in my honor and in honor of National Auxiliary President Phyllis Dean. Many people who came late could not attend the Banquet but remained for the Reception. Several hundred were present, including National Officers, Department Officers, representatives of the Allied Orders, and representatives from the State of Iowa. I greatly appreciate Sister Phyllis Dean traveling all the way from Massachusetts to attend. The many beautiful gifts, and letters of congratulations will always be a source of pleasure to me.

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief

**LEST WE FORGET**  
(Living members of the Grand Army of the Republic)



Israel Broadwords Samuels, Idaho Age 105	Wm. A. Magee 14313 1/2 Victory Road Van Nuys, Calif. Age 105
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### Nat'l Patriotic Instructor's Message

Dear Brothers:

Through the medium of this column I would like to bring to the attention of the brothers a most unique contribution of patriotic service and personal sacrifice that has been made for the greater protection of our country. Herbert A. Philbrick, a citizen of Mass. spent nine long years as an unpaid agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Red underground. He was one of the principal witnesses whose testimony helped convict the eleven national leaders of the Communist party--a conviction which has since been upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

The Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts set aside Tuesday, November 27, 1951 as Herbert A. Philbrick Day and accordingly His Excellency Paul A. Dever, Governor, issued a proclamation therefor.

Are there not others who can be of similar service to our beloved America--the America Dad gave you and I to keep alive and honorable at all times and in all things.

I ask each brother in this New Year to take a more active part in the affairs of their home town or city--state--and in National Government activities. Strive for the best interests of each group, not seeking personal gain but to serve your fellow man in the best and noblest tradition of the great service, through the years, of "The Boys in Blue".

Honesty and Truth must be returned to government at all levels--Town--County--State--Nation.

John W. Emery, National Patriotic Instructor

**NOW AVAILABLE**

As directed by the Encampment held in Columbus last August, a new pamphlet has been prepared which contains information relative to the order, and a condensed application blank.

They are convenient for mail distribution as well as use at banquets and social functions.

These will be supplied to Depts. in units of 100 only at \$1.50 per hundred. Camps can secure these folders from Depts. at \$2.00 per hundred. These folders will be known as Form 100.

### Five Critical Years (continued from page 1)

Nevada admitted as thirty-sixth state . In November Federal forces win Battle of Nashville.

1865

In January Lincoln issues proclamation concerning commerce with British North American Provinces adjoining U. S. . Francis P. Blair submits his report to Lincoln on peace negotiations with Jeff Davis, this report leads to calling of the Hampton Roads Conference. In February Lincoln attends the conference between Federals and Confederates at Hampton Roads . The Thirteenth Amendment, constitutionally prohibiting slavery, is adopted by Congress, but is not ratified by the states until December . In March Lincoln delivers his Second Innaugural Address . In April Richmond falls to Federal forces . Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House on the 9th . Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theatre on the 14th . He dies the next morning . John Wilkes Booth is shot in Garrett's tobacco barn near Bowling Green, Virginia, on the 26th . Andrew Johnson inaugurated as seventeenth President . In May Lincoln buried at "Oak Ridge" near his home in Illinois.

### Massachusetts

Way up in an "isolated" corner of the Bay State which touches corners of Maine and New Hampshire, is Newburyport, and seldom has it had a baptism in S. U. V. printers' ink. But on Nov. 4, C-in-C Bennett, National Pres. Phyllis Dean, State Comm. Smith and State Pres. Maybell Howard were all there for an initiation of five members to Greeley Camp 109, by most of the degree team which performed at the 69th Nat'l Encampment in Boston. It is doubtful if the four Top Officials of our Order ever before attended a function in a local unit at the same time. C-in-C Bennett presented a dozen merit bars for 25 years, plus, membership. He stated he would have come all the way from Des Moines for this affair alone.

More than 300 patrons in five Affiliates of the G. A. R. paid tribute to the Parent Body in Boston on Dec. 15, when the 30th annual gathering of "The Friendly Relations" group was held. The five units were symbolic of the five remaining Comrades, with none in New England. Nat'l Pres. Phyllis Dean was the key speaker. Harold M. Drown, Nat'l Publicity Sec'y gave a message for C-in-C Bennett. Dept. Comm. Herbert L. Smith was toastmaster and Mrs. Ella F. Long, Dept. Pres. W. R. C. when these functions were launched in 1921, was General Chairman.

### New Jersey

The annual mid-year meeting of the Dept. was held in the rooms of Dayton Camp No. 5, in the War Memorial Bldg., Trenton, Sunday afternoon Nov. 25th. The meeting was well attended with eight Camps represented and thirty-five members present. Most Dept Officers were present, also 1 P. C. in C., 8 Past Dept. Commanders and 4 sitting Commanders. Several matters of importance were discussed and suggestions made principally on the coming Nat'l Encampment at Atlantic City. A short Dedication Day talk and a motion picture of Lincoln, shown by Dep. Jr. Vice Com. Fred H. Combs, Jr. After the meeting the delegation was entertained at dinner, served by the members of Camp 5 and their Aux. All agreed it was an afternoon well spent. The testimonial dinner honoring Dept. Comm. Simpson was well attended, as was the Dedication Day celebration in New Brunswick. Garfield Camp 4 will hold their annual Lincoln Banquet Feb. 8 at the Hotel Stacy-Trent.

### California

Douglas T. Story, G. A. R. Veteran 107 years old on November 24th. Many Nat'l and Past Nat'l Officers, as well as Dept. Officers and members attended his birthday party which he enjoyed. Gifts and birthday cakes were presented from the Depts, from Camps and Auxiliaries. Sister Charlotte Turner sang at Comrade Story's request.

Gen. Rosenerans Aux. and Camp held a reception for their Nat'l and Dept. Officers. There were many Dept. Officers present, including our Dept. Comm. and Dept. Pres. All were happy to see P. C. in C. Dr. Ralph R. Barrett after his long illness.

### Illinois

Our 21st Mid-winter Encampment was held Dec. 8th at Oak Park, Ill., with Comm. Geo. W. Lovering presiding. A good representation of Sons and Auxiliary was present, and enjoyed hearing an interesting talk by C. in C. Roy Bennett. By-laws were adopted, assuring the holding of our future Dept. Encampments with our Allied Group Members as suggested by the G. A. R. at their 80th Nat'l Encampment. The committee in charge will be rotated each year, with a Chairman and Co-Chairman. Inspection of Soldiers Widows Homes at Wilmington, Quincy, and Maywood, will be made during the first three months of 1952.

### New York

Howland Camp, of Beacon, recently elected Officers and will be installed jointly with the Aux. The Camp will sponsor a Lincoln Dinner on Feb. 12th, at which time P. C. in C. Neil Cranmer will be the principal speaker. Dept. Comm. Milton H. Armstrong has been invited to be Camp Installing Officer.

The joint public installation of Tilden Camp 26 of N. Y. C. and Tilden Aux. will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 30 at Vasa Temple, E. 149th St., Bronx, N. Y. Cecil M. Baer will be installed as Camp Commander and Julia Crowe as Aux. President. Dept. and Nat'l Officers, as well as representatives of local veteran, civic, and fraternal groups have accepted invitations to be present.

P. D. C. Leslie W. More of Owego installed the officers of Binghamton Camp recently. This affair was held in conjunction with the local Auxiliary at the American Legion Home.

Jacob H. Ten Eyck Camp combined a Dedication Day observance with a dinner and reception honoring Dept. Comm. Milton H. Armstrong of Newburgh and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Ethel Ferris of Ithaca, Saturday, Nov. 17th Past Dept. Comm. Chas. L. Messer was chairman of the committee in charge.

Chief Deputy Truman Vincent of Elmira installed the officers of Waverly Camp on Dec. 19 at the Albertson Memorial Bldg. A dinner was enjoyed.

Dept. Comm. Milton H. Armstrong attended a reception given by Julia Griffin Tent No. 58, Niagara Falls on Nov. 3rd in honor of Dept. Pres. A. Estelle Brown of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Gen. A. S. Diven Camp of Elmira held its annual election of officers Nov. 7 at the American Legion Home. The officers will be installed with Aux. No. 49 on Jan. 22 at the P. R. R., Y. M. C. A.

The G. A. R. Memorial Ass'n of Erie County composed of all our G. A. R. allied organizations gave a reception for allied Dept. Officers Dec. 1 at Lafayette Hotel.

Monday evening, Dec. 1, Cook Camp of Buffalo held its election and installation of officers. Willard B. Stephan was Installing Officer and Leonard M. Alexander installing guide. Harry E. Gibbons installed as Comm.