

Remembrance Day



On Nov. 20th, all five Allied Orders of the G.A.R. were represented at the 14th Annual Remembrance Day Program at the G.A.R. Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. A larger than usual parade of reactivated units, both Union and Confederate, proceeded to the Visitors Center auditorium where Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr. presided. Inspiring messages were given by our Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman, as well as Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Agnes Davis; Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Edna McCready; W.R.C. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Harriet Walmsley; and Daughters of Union Veterans Natl. Pres. Mrs. Beryle Reese. All five Pennsylvania Department presiding officers were introduced as well as visiting Department Commanders and Department Presidents.

LTC Anthony Schneider, the Commanding Officer of the 214th Public Information Detachment was the principal speaker, who gave an inspiring tribute to the "soldiers" of the past and present.

Music was furnished by the Lancaster Fencibles Fife and Drum Corps. Following the program in the auditorium, the National and Department Presidents placed memorial wreaths at the Comrade Woolson Monument, where a rifle salute was fired by the 11th Pa. Vol. Inf. Co. A, SVR, and Taps were sounded by Sgt. Ivan E. Frantz Jr.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In the evening, the 41st Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Pres. Assoc. of Pennsylvania was held at the Holiday Inn, at which time our Annual Scholarship Award was presented by Commander-in-Chief Furman to Michael J. Birkner of Bergenfield, N. J. who is a Senior at Gettysburg College, majoring in American History. Present, representing the College was Dr. Charles H. Gladfelter. P.D.C. George Long of Penna. presided as Toastmaster.



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1. This is the beginning of a new year, and it is our hope that all of our members, and those of the Allied Orders, had a very enjoyable Holiday Season. For many years it has been a tradition to make new resolutions at this time of the year, so let us all resolve that we will work harder than ever to build up our membership, and appreciate the honor and privilege we have of being descended from those who fought to preserve our nation during the Civil War, 1861-65.

2. As the duties of Rev. Richard O. Partington prevent him from taking a more active part, the Chairmanship of the Committee on Americanism and Education has been taken over by P.D.C. Burton E. Kannenberg, Oconomowac, Wisc.

3. There has been a change in the address of my Personal Aide, P.D.C. Harold T. Beilby. It is now 830 Buttermilk Circle, Webster, New York, 14508.

4. It is the wish of your Commander-in-Chief to visit as many of your Annual Dept. Encampments as possible, so will Dept. Secretaries please let me know the place and date of your Conventions, so I can arrange my schedule accordingly. In case of conflicting dates, I would like to arrange for a meeting at some other time.

5. During my visit to the Central Regional Conference at Lafayette, Indiana, I was entertained royally by Aux. Dept. Pres. Velda Helton and her house guests, Lou and Hazel Moushey. These Regional Meetings were very interesting, and I hope to have the pleasure of attending them again.

6. At the New England Regional Meeting in Hartford, Conn., I had the pleasure of being made an honorary member of the New England Regional Association, and am looking forward to attending their next meeting in Portland, Maine.

7. The Remembrance Day ceremonies at Gettysburg will always live in my memory. In attendance were all five National and Department Heads of the Allied Orders. Most impressive was the participation of the uniformed troops, the Blue and the Gray, which were led by Gen. Shriver of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and Gen. Horn of the Army of Northern Virginia, who were my escorts. At the dinner of the Past Presidents and Past Commanders Assoc., I had the honor and privilege of presenting the Scholarship given by our organization to Michael J. Birkner, one of the most outstanding students I have ever met, of Gettysburg College. If he is an example of the younger generation, I have no fears for the future of our country.

8. Please remember that all brothers who secure five or more new members will be designated as National Aides, and authorized to wear the National Ribbon with their membership badge. Camp Secretaries, please inform me when any Brother becomes eligible for this award.

9. National Patriotic Instructor, J. E. Martie is working very hard to fulfill the duties of his office, and really deserves our support. He is planning something that should be of interest to all SVR units, and to all North-South Skirmish and re-activated units. We will hear more from him at a later date.

10. Our National Military Department, SVR is growing by leaps and bounds, and is becoming a very impressive parade unit. This is the showpiece of our Order, and all SVR units are urged to participate, as much as possible with local Patriotic and Veteran Organizations in all parades and ceremonies in their area.

11. During the month of January, your Commander-in-Chief with Natl. Pres. Agnes Davis of our Auxiliary will be making official visits on the West Coast. Any correspondence at that time will be answered when we return.

12. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to those who represented me and the National Organization at functions that I was unable to attend, especially Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester Adshad, and Natl. Chaplain John B. Davis. To the rest of my officers and staff, thank you also for your assistance and support.

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

NORMAN R. FURMAN, Commander-in-Chief

TESTIMONIALS



Top picture taken at a Testimonial sponsored by the New York Department honoring Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman on Oct. 23rd at Trinkaus Manor, Oriskany. Over 100 members and friends joined in wishing him health and success in his office.

A feature was the presence of Sgt. Arthur Lougher, who served as Norman's communications Sergeant during World War II. The 148th Reg S.V.R. acted as escort, and posted the Colors.

Bottom picture was taken at a Testimonial honoring Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Agnes Davis on Sat. Nov. 13th.

The event sponsored by Appomattox Aux. 2 of Wilmington, Del. was held at the Holiday Inn.

POLICY CHANGE

At the Council of Administration meeting in Boston a change in format for The Banner was authorized in the interest of economy. In the future The Banner will be a six page paper using offset printing. P. C. in C. Lambert and P. C. in C. Combs will collaborate in 1972, and starting in 1973, the Editor will be P. C. in C. Fred Combs Jr.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF AGE

Yes, we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in the near future. Will you join with me and help in planning for it. By action taken at our Boston Encampment the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief was instructed to solicit funds for this purpose. After you have contributed to the National Patriotic G.A.R. Fund, I would appreciate hearing from you.

John C. Yocum, Sr. Vice C in C
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CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE was held in Lafayette, Inc. Oct. 9-10 with 44 in attendance from five Departments.

Robt. J. Wolz presided as Reg. Comdr. Discussion leaders for discussion on "Teaching American Heritage" were Tom Johnson of Wisc., Edith B. Nile, Nancy and Richard Greenwalt of Ohio. The 1972 meeting will be hosted by the Ill. Department.

New Officers include Ethel Wellman of Indiana as Commander, Betty F. Johnson of Wisc., as Secy., and Gladys Sallman of Illinois as Treasurer.

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THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Rep. Harold R. Collier of Illinois has introduced H. R. 7842, a bill that would restore observance of Memorial Day to May 30 and establish Veterans Day on the second Monday in November. The measure has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. Rep. Collier opposed the passage of the Monday Holiday Act in 1968.

A bill, S. 482, to establish a commission of 10 members to study the usage, customs, and laws relating to the U. S. Flag, has been introduced in the Senate by Senators Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island and John Tower of Texas. They believe it imperative that Congress consider recommendations for a Uniform Flag Code to clear up ambiguities they state exist under present law.

Flag desecration laws in two States were reviewed recently by appellate courts. In Texas, that state's Court of Criminal Appeals upheld a four-year prison term of a Dallas man, Garry Deeds, who was convicted of burning an American flag in a demonstration in a Dallas park in April 1970. Speaking for a unanimous court, Judge Wendell Odom held that the government has two reasons for protecting the flag from abuse: maintenance of public order and the preservation of the flag as a symbol of unity and national purpose. The court rejected the defense contention that the flag burning was an expression of free speech and a "theatrical production to demonstrate that this flag has been soiled by political policies in this country."

In Connecticut, two members of a three-judge federal court ruled that state's flag abuse law unconstitutional in a case involving a youth who wanted to wear a vest made from a flag. Chief Judge M. Joseph Blumenfeld ruled that the law as written violated the First Amendment in that it appeared to authorize lawmen "to prosecute First Amendment activity in the prohibition of which no valid state interest exists."

On Nov. 17, Pres. Nixon signed a \$21.3 billion military procurement bill but sharply criticized an amendment which urged him to establish a final date for the withdrawal of United States forces from Indochina, subject only to the release of American POW's and an accounting of those missing-in-action. The final wording of the amendment was a watered-down version, the result of a House-Senate conference committee. The President stated that he considered the amendment to have no binding force or effect upon his efforts to bring the war to a conclusion.

As the President was signing the procurement bill, the House passed a \$71 billion defense money measure. In so doing, every attempt to reduce the appropriation or add an "end the war" amendment was beaten back on roll-call votes. On Nov. 23 the Senate by a vote of 80 to 5 passed the defense appropriation bill. Anti-war Senators did not try for passage of another Vietnam pullout amendment, but minor differences in the amounts of money approved by the two houses will have to be agreed upon in a conference committee. The Senate did reject a proposal by Sen. Mike Mansfield to cut U.S. troop strength in Europe from 310,000 to 250,000 by June 15 of this year. The vote on that amendment was 54 to 39.

On Sept. 21, the Senate by a vote of 55 to 30 passed and sent to the President a measure extending the military draft for two years. As passed, the bill contained a mild version of the Mansfield end-the-war amendment.

Thomas L. W. Johnson
Chairman



Springfield Rifled Musket, M.L.

The Springfield rifle musket became the basic weapon of the Federal infantry. With 84 interchangeable parts, the musket cost \$14.93.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1972

A memorial ceremony commemorating the 107th anniversary of Pres. Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Royal Legion of the U. S. at 11 A.M. on Apr. 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. In charge of arrangements are Thomas L. W. Johnson and Wayne C. Temple, Co-Chairmen.

The governors of the three "Lincoln States," Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb of Indiana, Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie of Illinois, and Gov-Elect Wendell Ford of Kentucky, are being invited to participate in the ceremonies and are expected to do so.

The State House Inn will be the site of a commemorative luncheon immediately following the rites at the Tomb. The cost of the luncheon will be \$4.50 per plate. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel.

Dept. Commanders and Aux. Dept. Presidents will receive invitations to participate in the ceremony in a mailing to be made about mid-February. Upon receipt, they are requested to pass along the information regarding reservations to their respective members.

Thomas L. W. Johnson
Wayne C. Temple
Co-Chairmen

1970 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Dent.	City	Date	Hotel
Calif. & Pac	Fresno	Apr 14-16	Towne & Country
Colo. & Wyo.	Manitou Sprgs	June 4-6	City Hall
Connecticut	Hartford	May 6-7	Shoreham 3
Illinois	Springfield	June 2-3	St Nicholas
Indiana			
Iowa	Des Moines	June 15-17	Kirkwood
Maine	Portland		
Maryland	Wilmington Del	May 5-6	Holiday Inn
Massachusetts		Apr. 14-16	
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 11-13	Pantlind
Minnesota		June meeting	of Camp No. 8
New Hampshire	Concord	Apr. 21-22	New Hampshire
New Jersey	Avon	June 9-10	Avon Inn
New York	Rochester	June 19-22	Flagship
Ohio	Alliance	June 23-25	Mt Union College
Ore. & Wash.	Portland	May 21-23	Mallory
Pennsylvania	Bedford	June 18-21	Ft. Bedford Inn
Rhode Island	Providence	Apr. 7-8	Biltmore
Vermont	Warren	June 22-24	
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 17	War Memorial Center



Enfield Rifle, M.L.

The Enfield rifle musket, manufactured in England, was the best of the foreign small arms used in the war. It was a favorite weapon of the Confederates.



Belgian Rifle, M.L.

Of uneven caliber and crooked barrels, the Belgian muskets purchased by the Federal Government were called "European stovepipes" by disgusted Union soldiers.



Department
News



CONNECTICUT On Oct. 7 Dept. Pres. Mary Buchanan inspected Aux 20, East Hampton. Aux 2 New Haven was inspected Oct 9 by Florence Rundlette, with many Department Officers present. Connecticut members furnished entertainment at the Regional meeting held Oct 16-17 in Hartford. PDP Florence Cowdrey Atwood passed away on Oct. 19. PDC C. Brown Newton died on Oct. 19. "Brownie" was currently serving as Dept. Secy-Treas.

MARYLAND Lincoln Cushing Camp 2 of Washington, D. C. installed officers at a dinner meeting on Dec. 4 at Almas Shrine Temple. Richard Bender Abell is the new Commander; James Roy Wachob, Vice Commander and Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. continues as Secy-Treas. Other guests included Dept. Commdr and Mrs. Geo. H. Miller; PDC and Mrs. Robt. McCarthy; PDC Arthur Glenum; Dept. Jr. Vice Commdr and Mrs. Doren D. Vest.

MASSACHUSETTS The Abington Scholarship Foundation is the recipient of a \$3,000. donation made in behalf of McPherson Post 93, G.A.R. The gift was made through the efforts of the late PDC Everett M. Atwood, ex-officio member of the GAR and their treasurer. It specifies that the interest and principal of the account be used by the ACSF to provide one or more scholarships a year in the name of the GAR to deserving Abington residents, insofar as possible to students who wish to further their education in the field of United States History.

NEW HAMPSHIRE P. C. in C. Cleon Heald, who is a New Hampshire State Representative received a standing ovation from that body recently for his "efforts toward establishment of the Glencliff Home for the Aged". The cemetery on the Glencliff grounds will hereafter be known as the "Hon. Cleon E. Heald Cemetery". The enabling resolution was adopted amid cheers.

NEW JERSEY Oct. 2nd at Nassau Inn, Princeton was the Testimonial Dinner honoring Dept. Commander Vanderhoof and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Gertrude Deckenback. We were delighted to welcome Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman, and Natl Council Member Marguerite Bonnell, representing her Natl. Pres.*****The annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by Dayton Camp 5 will be held Feb 12 in the Palmer Room of the Nassau Inn, Princeton. Mr. Russell Bush, noted Lincoln Lecturer from Philadelphia will be principal speaker.*****The Spring Dinner meeting of the State Camp will be held in the University Room, Nassau Inn, Princeton, on Apr. 22nd.

NEW YORK Dept. Commdr. Harry Furman has appointed Harold Beilby as chairman of the 1972 Dept. Encampment in Rochester.*****Bro. Rev. Howard D. Asbury of Grant Camp 20, Brooklyn, has been appointed Chairman of Grant's Birthday Committee for 1972 observance at Grant's Tomb in New York City.*****Cook Camp 223 and Co. D Eagle Regt. N.Y. Vol. held an impressive observance of the 108th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on Nov. 20 at the Gettysburg Address Monument in Elmlawn Cemetery, Tonawanda. Participants were Frank Bellinger and Guy Gane, also Mrs. Lois Talbot, Pres. of Chapter 40, Gold Star Mothers.

OHIO A joint reception for Dept. Pres. Jane Greenwalt and Dept. Commdr. Robt. J. Wolz was held in Alliance Oct. 2 with over 100 members and guests present. *****District No. 1 meeting Sons and Aux. was held in Salem. Following a casserole dinner, proposed amendments of the National and Department were discussed.*****Officers have been active attending installations at Salem, Alliance, and Minerva.*****P. C. in C. Earl Corbin is again confined to the Hartville Manor Nursing Home, Hartville, Ohio 44632.

PENNSYLVANIA The Penna. Dept. SUVCW has recently received a bequest of \$500.00 "In Memory of George Hamminger", a charter member of Brindle Camp. The gift was designated for the Dept. G.A.R. Memorial Endowment Fund and will be invested accordingly.

VERMONT "The Green Mountain Patriot" again lists the many and varied activities in Vermont. This complete and enjoyable publication is a fine example for other Departments to list their local activities.



Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman is shown placing a wreath at the World War I monument located in the center of Bascule Bridge over the Erie Barge Canal, which separates Tonawanda and N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

He was the honored guest at a luncheon held at Bedell's Candlelight Restaurant. The United Veterans Council of the Tonawandas along with Cook Camp 223 were sponsors. Frank C. Bellinger, Camp Sr Vice Comdr was Chairman.

WORLD CHANGE--The potential for really fundamental change is enormous. Russians suddenly are negotiating on things they wouldn't mention before. The Chinese are coming out of their shell. A new money system is being considered. In the United States the whole economic system is being revamped. Though regimentation and Government coercion must never become a way of life, there is need for Government to offset the power of big business and big labor.

FREEDOM--On the face of it, nothing should seem easier to do than to say that freedom is that we can do whatever we want to do, that we can print whatever we want to print, and that we can say whatever we want to say. But, it should not be difficult to see that such a freedom can only produce chaos in which all freedom is ultimately destroyed. True and constructive freedom is not the freedom to do anything, but the freedom from being compelled to do a great many things. The impatience with everything that is old and well proven has indeed reached alarming, epidemic proportions. The sickening rush for individual freedom has by and large produced only differences and divisions.

INNER PEACE--To many there is no feeling, no awareness, or no sense of God's presence. Many are praying for God's help, not knowing how to find it, because they are seeking it where it is not to be found--whereas it could be so easily realized by quiet, peaceful contemplation of the Master's great truth. "The Kingdom of God is within you."

Dear Fellow Countryman:

Actress Jane Fonda speaking: "I would think that if you understood what Communism was, you would hope, you would pray on your knees that we could someday become Communist."

Insanity? Yes...but two thousand students listening to Miss Fonda greeted her remarks with applause. One must ask how could any student embrace the most horrible tyranny of all recorded history as a way of life. Have they not been told the truth? What has gone wrong?

Most students enter college with a reverence and a profound faith in America. But while in school they are subjected to four years of propaganda from leftist professors who lecture on the glories of socialism and communism. In this hostile atmosphere, it is understandable that a student could lose perspective. He would forget that the United States has a great legacy of freedom, a Bill of Rights, a constitutional form of government.

Subjected to endless indoctrination about the evils of capitalism in America, students begin to search for answers. The radical professors are always there to fill the vacuum by substituting communism for freedom. The young impressionable students are too often unprepared to see this political slight of hand trick.

Professor Herbert Marcuse converted Angela Davis to Communism and today Tom Hayden (convicted felon, Chicago conspiracy trial) is promoting the revolution through a professorial post in California. Marcuse, Davis and Hayden have become heroes of not only the student left, but also of scores of professors who are disciples of the revolution.

During the past several years, student converts to Communism have organized into various revolutionary groups which have brought anarchy and chaos to our college campuses. The result has been the destruction of property, the harassment of objective professors, the disruption of classes--in short the attempted radicalization of our colleges and universities.

We must get the message out. High school and college students must hear the case for America and against Communism. We must give them the tools...books and magazines which make a case for limited constitutional government and individual freedom.

===== COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF =====

Elected	Name	Department	1922
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1927
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1928
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine	1928
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1930
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1931
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1932
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois	1933
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois	1934
1889	Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	1935
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1930
1891	Barrow S. Weeks	New York	1937
1892	Maxim E. Hall	Michigan	1938
1893	Joseph B. Macabee	Massachusetts	1939
1894	William E. Hundy	Ohio	1910
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	1911
1896	Jamae Lewis Hake	Pennsylvania	1942
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1943
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Ohio	1914
1899	A. W. Jones	Ohio	1914
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1945
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1947
1902	Frank Maylin	Indiana	1948
1903	Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1949
1904	William C. Durbin	Illinois	1951
1905	Harley V. Spearman	Ohio	1950
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1952
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	1953
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr	Maryland	1954
1909	George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	1955
1910	Fred E. Holton	Massachusetts	1956
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1957
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1958
1913	John B. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1959
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	1960
1916	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	1961
1918	William T. Church	Illinois	1962
1919	Fred T. J. Johnson	Maryland	1963
1920	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1964
1921	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1965
1922	Beltham A. Harrows	Nebraska	1966
1923	Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1967
1924	Frank Stillhouse	Indiana	1968
1925	Samuel B. Horn	Pennsylvania	1969
1926	Wm. M. Coon	Ohio	1970

Maryland	1922
Massachusetts	1925
Pennsylvania	1927
Calif. & Pacific	1928
New York	1928
Illinois	1930
Indiana	1931
Pennsylvania	1932
Ohio	1933
Massachusetts	1934
Illinois	1935
New York	1937
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California	1940
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Rhode Island	1960
Vermont	1961
New York	1962
Pennsylvania	1963
New York	1964
New York	1965
Ohio	1966
California	1967
Massachusetts	1968
Pennsylvania	1969
New Jersey	1970

ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING

THE BANNER

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