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The Spirit of '76 in 1961

On the Fourth of July, 1961, as the Nation celebrates the 185th birthday of American independence, there are some prophets of doom and apostles of gloom who predict the annihilation of freedom in a world dominated by the Soviet Union.

We do not subscribe to this defeatist prophecy.

It is our belief that the Spirit of 1776 that inspired heroic decisions at Independence Hall has not tarnished with the passage of time but continues to shine brightly in the hearts of most Americans.

If the pessimists had prevailed in the American colonies in the late decades of the 18th century there would have been no Declaration of Independence and no Fourth of July observance today.

The fundamental question confronting the American people in 1961 is essentially the same as it was in 1776. It is whether the country shall be free or subservient to a foreign despot.

We believe earnestly that courage in the face of adversity is no less characteristic of this Nation now than then.

Freedom will not be sacrificed on an altar of appeasement as long as men stand ready to pledge their lives and their fortunes in the defense of justice—as was done by the Signers of the Declaration of Independence with full knowledge of the risks involved.

It is as dangerous to lack confidence in one's own

If the prophets of doom would keep their shoulders to the wheel they would have no time to wring their hands in despair.

The grand new flag of 50 stars symbolizes American progress through democratic process. It gives comfort to free men everywhere and hope to the oppressed who yearn for freedom.

This will be the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave—but not a moment longer.



strength as it is to underestimate an enemy. Americans in this age of the hydrogen bomb and the intercontinental missile have good reason to be concerned about the rise of Soviet power but should be thankful for the wealth of material and spiritual resources which enables this country to fulfill responsibilities of world leadership in the cause of peace.

An important need in this Nation today, it seems to us, is a better understanding of the difference between confidence and complacency. America can be confident of its ability to meet any threat to national security without being complacent about the seriousness of the Communist peril. It should be possible to make necessary adjustments in U. S. policies of defense and diplomacy without losing faith in the basic soundness of the national purpose.

The Civil War Centennial and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The First Civil War Centennial Encampment — 1961

To clear the air, this is not an attempt to justify either the Civil War Centennial or The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They exist; ergo, there is a need for them.

The Centennial would not be so thoroughly organized on every level of activity—national, state, and local (by decree of Congress, State Legislatures, and Town and City governments)—if there had not been a tremendous demand.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would not have lasted eighty years as a national organization if the possession of the Blood of the Union had not been a matter for the justifiable pride that has endeavored to keep ever before us all the examples of Courage in War and Fidelity in Peace that was the Grand Army of the Republic.

WE ARE—Therefore we have reason for being!

We are agreed. The Past is fixed—and cannot be changed. The Present is influenced by both the Past and what is to come—by the forces we started in motion yesterday and by the Hopes we are aiming at for tomorrow. The Future can be determined by both the Past and the Present—by drawing upon the lessons learned from Yesterday's experiences and making our conscious choice Today of the actions that will make us what we want to be Tomorrow.

The Civil War Centennial is the greatest opportunity the Sons of Union Veterans has ever had—or ever will have! We are at a Fork in the Road. We are faced on the one hand with an easy, comfortable downgrade—and on the other, by a suddenly steep, rocky (but infinitely exciting) mountain path.

There is no mystery about the two destinations, even though there is a deep fog at the end of the broad highway (or is it smoke?). At the summit of the hard road upward, we may not be able to make out the exact details—but there is a most delightful radiance over everything up there.

We will decide upon the road we take, not as a body, but as the sum total of the choices we make as individual members—and the nature of each choice will be a definition of the character of he who made it.

This is written to the individual Son of a Union Veteran who reads it—not to any specific Camp or Department, nor to the Order as a whole.

This is to ask YOU to make the choice for YOURSELF, as to the course YOU will take during the Centennial Years—STARTING NOW. Whatever you decide to WANT, want it hard enough to take the mental and physical effort to move in that direction.

When you see something you can do—serve on a committee, sew costumes or uniforms, run a party, march in a parade, learn a part in a play, etc.—DO IT!

Insist that your Camp and Auxiliary plan commemorative

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exercises—in conjunction with other groups where necessary—alone if possible and feasible.

Demand that your Department give less time to internal affairs and more time to expanding Centennial activities for the general public—because it is only from the general public, at this particular time, that we will gain the membership we must have.

This is as much a Call to Arms as was issued by President Abraham Lincoln 100 years ago—not in the physical aspects of killing and destruction, but in the martialing of patriotic fervor and the principles of Brotherhood and Democracy we can exemplify so well.

Let us live up to our heritage! Here is our chance to indeed "tell the story, now that the Boys in Blue are gone."

NOW IS THE TIME! This is why we're organized! This is why we are! There is no other honorable choice. To do nothing is to make a choice—the wrong one.

TAKE YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES!

ERNEST G. WELLS,
Chairman, SUVCW National
Civil War Centennial Committee.

Women in the Civil War

In this Centennial year thousands of words are being written about the Civil War but relatively little about the part women played in drawing it to a conclusion. President Lincoln recognized that if it were not for the women on both sides the Nation might not have endured.

In the following words he paid American womanhood the highest possible compliment. Of them he said, "I am not accustomed to the use of the language of eulogy . . . I have never studied the art of paying compliments to women . . . but I must say, that of all that has been said by orators and poets since the creation of the world, in praise of women, were applied to the women of America, it would not do them justice for their conduct during the war."

The women worked in the fields, drove the teams and kept the country supplied with food. Thousands of women on both sides went to the front and shared the hardships of camp life to nurse the wounded and comfort the dying. They established Soldier's Aid Societies, organized Relief Groups, collected funds, established First Aid Stations, held Fairs and raised money in every conceivable manner. They helped in field stations, mended uniforms, made clothes for children, knitted garments, made bandages, scraped lint and aided families left behind.

Due to the blockade of the South most necessities were lacking . . . Women did without and suffered in silence, they shared their meager supplies with the foot soldiers. Soap was unobtainable so they made their own. Paper, tea, coffee, salt, matches and leather were scarce. Transportation suffered due to inability to obtain replacements of worn parts caused by lack of iron.

Every man between ages of 17 and 50 was subject to military duty. Hundreds of freed slaves enlisted in the Northern armies, thus leaving Southern women to assume the duties of men. They raised and slaughtered cattle, cut wood and protected whole families from hardships too numerous to mention.

Money scarcity was the biggest problem. Quoting from a diary written by Mrs. Jefferson Davis, wife of the President of the South in the year 1864, shoes sold for \$150 a pair and flour rose to \$300 a barrel in Virginia.

Colored women gained the admiration of friends and foe alike by their sincere efforts to bring the war to a conclusion. They worked side by side with whites on both sides to help bind a torn Nation. In the words of Henry Grady, a Southern writer, "Never were the qualities of faithfulness and devotion more strikingly displayed by an enslaved race." Abraham Lincoln put an end to slavery in these United States, and by so doing ranked with Washington in affection of a grateful Nation.

EDITH SELLER,
Member of Auxiliary,
Redwood Empire Camp No. 25,
Santa Rosa, Cal.



Our Heritage

From the official proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic the following Resolutions are quoted, showing the official recognition of our organization, by the Parent Order, from our earliest history to the recent past.

From resolution adopted at the 15th Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, June 1881, we quote: "The Sons of Veterans are all that their name implies; that they are of the best blood of the land, and as such should be encouraged in following the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors."

From the report of the committee on the address of Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort, at the 17th Annual Encampment, July 1883: "Resolved, That we hail with pleasure all organizations having for their object the perpetuity of the principles which are dear to us, and we recognize in the Sons of Veterans of the U.S.A. one that is entitled to the support of all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Resolution adopted at the 22nd Annual Encampment, September, 1888: "Resolved, That this encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., and hereby give to that Order official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic and recommend that Comrades aid and encourage the institution of Camps of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A."

At the 23rd Annual Encampment, Milwaukee, Wis., August 26-28, 1889: "Resolved, By the 23rd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the Order of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., is hereby recognized, and we bid them 'Godspeed' in their noble and patriotic work, and recommend to all sons of ex-Union soldiers and sailors over the age of eighteen years that they unite with that Order, so as to be prepared to take up and carry on the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and the maintenance of the Federal Union, saved and preserved by their fathers."

At the 35th Annual Encampment, Cleveland, Ohio, 1901: "Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. be invited to hold the Annual Encampment of their Commandery-in-Chief at the same time and place fixed for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic."

At the 54th Annual Encampment, 1920: "Resolved, That the column of parade at such future Encampments include, First, an escort of uniformed Sons of Veterans not exceeding one hundred (100) in number."

At the 57th Annual Encampment, Milwaukee, Wis., 1923, the Committee on Rules and Regulations presented the following: "That so much of the Rules and Regulations as is necessary be amended to provide for the members of the organization of the Sons of Veterans meeting with the Post in regular session, without vote."

At the 61st Annual Encampment, Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 1927: "That in order that the Status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be more clearly indicated and determined in its relation with the Grand Army of the Republic, we have agreed upon and report for the consideration of this Encampment, the following resolution, to wit: "Resolved, That We, the Representatives of the 61st Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this third day of September, A. D. 1927, do hereby recognize the noble, generous and patriotic objects, aims and purposes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and believe that Organization to be worthy of the support and encouragement of all loyal people; and be it RESOLVED, That we cheerfully extend to the said Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a cordial welcome as an allied society of the Grand Army of the Republic and we bid this Organization of our Sons Godspeed in the noble work to which it is consecrated, and recommend all Departments, Posts and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to accept their services on all occasions when it is proper so to do, to the end that it may increase and prosper and teach to future generations of our Nation the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty."

At the 65th Annual Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa, September 14-17, 1931: "Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic established and have given proper observance to Memorial Day since 1868, we in National Encampment now assembled grant whatever right we have to maintain our memories and see that our graves are properly decorated on Memorial Day to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War, and protest against any other Organization usurping that right in any place where a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans exists. Unanimous vote of the Committee."

The Sons of Veterans as an Order, is unique and practically stands alone as a society of men formed and maintained primarily for honoring and aiding another entirely independent society. Its most practical purposes are to assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to honor the men who fought for the preservation of the National Union. Briefly, therefore, this Order is patriotic, charitable and educational.

The present organization is a combination of several independent organizations. To no one person can the honor be given of originating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In 1878, in the City of Philadelphia, Anna M. Ross Post No. 94 G.A.R. formed a G.A.R. Cadet Corps, composed of sons of Union Soldiers, Sailors or Marines. These "Cadet Corps" came to be designated as the Philadelphia or Eastern Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans. In New England a similar movement became known as the Earp Sons of Veterans, owing to the activity of Brother Edwin M. Earp, of Lynn, Mass. These were later allied to the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans. The Albany Sons of Veterans were known as the Post System in view of the fact that in the titles of the officers and form of organization it followed closely that of the G.A.R. The organization originating in Pittsburgh was known as the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. and was fathered and actively promoted by Maj. A. P. Davis of Pittsburgh, the first Camp (Davis Camp) being organized November 12, 1881. Dissensions in East Pennsylvania continued to grow and the success of the Sons of Veterans U.S.A. of Western Pennsylvania resulted in consolidation. Pursuant to orders issued by "Col. H. T. Rowley, Provisional Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans," the first annual session of the Commandery-in-Chief, U.S.A. was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 18, 1882. The sessions were held at the Headquarters of Davis Camp No. 1. At this Encampment a ritual, signs, grips, etc. were adopted and exemplified, and all factions eventually combined with this group. At the 42nd Annual Encampment held at Milwaukee, Wisc., September 1923 the name of the Order was officially changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Originally incorporated in the State of Illinois, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was granted a Congressional Charter in 1954, Public Law 605, 83rd Congress. Our Auxiliary, originally known as the Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1886 as a National Organization, but the very first Ladies' Aid Society was formed in Philadelphia in 1883.

Patriotic Instructor Reports Due

Department Patriotic Instructors are urged to send in reports promptly to National Patriotic Instructor Allen B. Howland, Box 105, Elmwood, Mass.

Departments, Camps, and Members are also requested to send their contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund to Bro. Howland without delay.

Special Railroad Car To Indianapolis

P.D.C. Henry Bowen of Massachusetts is organizing a special party to the National Encampment in Indianapolis.

The COST \$65.00 ROUND TRIP from BOSTON

ALL DAYLIGHT TIME

Leaving Friday, August 18

From Boston, So. Station	2:30 P. M.
Arrive New York Penn. Sta.	7:15 P. M.
Leave New York, Penn. Sta.	8:45 P. M.
Arrive Indianapolis Sat.	12:25 P. M.

Returning August 24

Leave Indianapolis	3:23 P. M.
Arrive New York Fri.	9:15 A. M.
Leave New York	11:00 A. M.
Arrive Boston	4:10 P. M.

This train also stops at Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia and Harrisburg. For information and rates, contact Henry S. Bowen, Jr., 8 Judson St., Beverly, Massachusetts,



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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

R.F.D. No. 1, Box 81,
Chester, Vermont

July 1, 1961

1. The 80th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is called to convene at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 20-24, 1961. Indianapolis is a city of deep sentimental significance to every member of our Order. It was here that our great parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, held its first National Encampment in 1866. The building where the "Boys in Blue" convened at that time still stands, with that historic event marked by a bronze plaque. This is one of the many points of interest that our delegates may visit during the National Encampment. It was in this city also, that the last meeting of the G.A.R. took place, when the final page of the history of a powerful organization of noble men was written and the book was closed.

2. A program of extraordinary interest and appeal has been planned for our National Encampment by the Encampment Committee. I can assure one and all that those who attend will experience thrills and pleasures that will be long remembered. The committee has arranged that the Membership Card of any of the Allied Orders will be a free pass to the museum in the Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

3. The following committees are appointed for the duration of the National Encampment:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—

Bertram Isaacs, Dept. Secy.-Treas., N. Y., Chairman
Charles York, P.D.C. Maine
Alton Sharp, P.D.C. New Jersey
Paul Selby, P.D.C. Ohio
Albert C. Lambert, Natl. Secy.-Treas.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE—

Ross Smith, Indiana, Chairman
Harold M. Drown, Mass.
Fred Pfeister, Ohio

4. I am pleased to cite the following further special awards as National Aides for securing 5 or more new members: Grover C. Scott, N. Y.; Eugene J. Smith, New York; O. G. McPherson, Dept. Commr. Penna.; Archie C. Aldrich, Dept. Secy.-Treas. Vermont; Alfred J. Durocher, Mass.; and George D. Butler, Mass., who is a 50 year member. I know that these Brothers feel a fine sense of satisfaction at having performed outstanding service for the good of our Order. I know that there are others who have earned this award. Please send me your certified application, so that I can send your award and National Ribbon.

5. This being my last General Order, I want to express my humble appreciation and gratitude to everyone in all the many places I have visited, for the honors accorded to my office, and the kindnesses bestowed upon me. I also want to thank all the members of my staff for their efforts in behalf of our Order. Their loyalty is its own reward. I believe that the records will show that we have had a good year.

In closing, I offer my congratulations to the National Presidents of our Allied Organizations for a closing year of out-

standing leadership. I feel that the friendliness and cooperation of National President Paulding of the Auxiliary; National President Kahl of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; National President Ginder of the W.R.C., and National President Hayes of the Daughters reflects the spirit of the organizations they represent. Their unfailing courtesy and cooperation has been most gratifying. For them and their Orders, I know that I express the thoughts of all loyal Sons when I wish them continuing success.

THOMAS A. CHADWICK,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

80th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Indianapolis, Indiana—1961

Claypool Hotel

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:30 a. m.—Special Church Service, Indiana War Memorial, N. Meridian St.
1:00 p. m.—Registration, Mezzanine
1:30 p. m.—Practice Department Commanders for Memorial Service, Assembly Room
2:00 p. m.—Council of Administration meeting, Headquarters Room
3:00 p. m.—Joint Memorial Service, Assembly Room
7:30 p. m.—Camp Fire Program, Indiana War Memorial, N. Meridian St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 a. m.—Courtesy Breakfast for National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief, Florentine Room
8:30 a. m.—Registration, Mezzanine
9:30 a. m.—Joint Opening with Auxiliary, Assembly Room
10:15 a. m.—Business Session, Sky Room
1:30 p. m.—Business Session, Sky Room
5:30 p. m.—Past Commanders-in-Chief Banquet, Florentine Room
9:00 p. m.—Auxiliary Courtesy Hour (Sons Invited), Riley Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Sky Room
1:30 p. m.—Business Session, Sky Room
2:00 p. m.—Greetings Committees received, Sky Room
6:30 p. m.—Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary, Riley Room
9:00 p. m.—Reception for National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary, Riley Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Sky Room
1:30-4 p. m.—Tour (to be announced)
(Evening entertainment to be announced)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30 a. m.—Business Session—Election and installation of officers, Sky Room
2:30 p. m.—Council of Administration meeting, Headquarters Room



Department News



CALIFORNIA

At our Encampment in Riverside we voted to send The Banner to each and every member of our Department starting with 1962. Each member attending gave \$1.00 or more to the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association for purchase of land to be held in perpetuity forever as a memorial to honor all men who fought and gave their lives that this nation might be preserved.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary

75th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Indianapolis, Indiana—1961

Claypool Hotel

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:30 a. m.—Special Church Service, Indiana War Memorial, N. Meridian St.
1:00 p. m.—Registration, Mezzanine Floor
1:30 p. m.—Practice Department Presidents for Memorial Service, Assembly Room
2:00 p. m.—National Council Meeting, Headquarters Room
3:00 p. m.—Joint Memorial Service, Allied Orders, Assembly Room
4:30 p. m.—National Aides meet with Chief of Staff, Assembly Room
7:30 p. m.—Camp Fire Program, Allied Orders, Indiana War Memorial, N. Meridian St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 a. m.—Courtesy Breakfast for National Officers and Past National Presidents, Florentine Room
8:00 a. m.—Registration, Mezzanine Floor
9:30 a. m.—Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary, Assembly Room
10:15 a. m.—Business Session, Assembly Room
2-3 p. m.—Courtesy Tea (to be announced)
3:00 p. m.—Business Session, Assembly Room
5:30 p. m.—Past National Presidents Banquet, Florentine Room
8:00 p. m.—Program—Indiana Department, Assembly Room
9:00 p. m.—Courtesy Hour, Riley Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 a. m.—Breakfast of Department Presidents with National President, Florentine Room
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Assembly Room
1:30 p. m.—Business Session—First order of business to be nomination of officers, Assembly Room
3:00 p. m.—Greetings Committees received, Assembly Room
6:30 p. m.—Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary, Riley Room
9:00 p. m.—Reception for National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary, Riley Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 a. m.—Past Department Presidents Clubs breakfast
8-10 a. m.—Election of Officers, 8th Floor
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Assembly Room
12 Noon—Past Department President Association Luncheon
1:30-4 p. m.—Tour (to be announced)
7:30 p. m.—Program and presentation by National Patriotic Instructor, Assembly Room
8:30 p. m.—Exemplification of Ritual, Indiana Department, Assembly Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Assembly Room
1:00 p. m.—Installation of Officers, Assembly Room
4:00 p. m.—National Council Meeting, Headquarters Room

ILLINOIS

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES and the flagging of veterans' graves were actively promoted by camps of the Illinois Department at Springfield, Prophetstown, Belvidere, Aurora and Chicago, as well as by the State Camp. In Chicago, Dept. Comdr. Brady rode in the lead car of the parade down Michigan Boulevard, along with the G.A.R. Memorial Association's colors carried by members of SUVCW.

DURING FLAG DAY CEREMONIES at the Glenwood School for Boys, Glenwood, Ill., held June 11, the Illinois Department presented its first Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Award. This award, consisting of a plaque and a medal, was given to Cadet Lt. Tom Kuhn of the school's Lincoln Cottage. The presentation was made by Dept. Comdr. Brady, and preceded a competitive drill in which the R.O.T.C. units of all 13 of the school's cottages participated. The

department's award is being given annually to "an eleventh grade cadet officer who has shown the greatest interest in the school's military program and who will be an asset to the cadet battalion in the year ahead."

THE 79th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT of the Illinois Department convened June 16-17 at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay of Indianapolis, Ind., was the guest of the department for the encampment period. SUVCW held a reception honoring Bro. McConahay and the Auxiliary's National Press Correspondent Capitola Rehrmann. For the Family Banquet of the G.A.R. Allied Orders, traditionally held at the close of the encampment, the majority of the women wore gowns copied from original Civil War designs, to carry out the encampment's Civil War Centennial theme. During the encampment, SUVCW authorized the formation of the "Illinois Brigade" of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and approved a uniform which substitutes a dark blue shirt for the usual jacket used by other departments.

GEORGE L. CASHMAN, curator of the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, was elected commander of the Illinois Department for the 1961-62 term, along with W. Glen Davis as Senior Vice Commander, and James L. High as Junior Vice Commander. The Auxiliary elected P.D.P. Bessie Goodermont to serve as department president for the 1961-62 term; Sister Goodermont is also a past Natl. Vice President of the Auxiliary.

CHICAGO Custer Aux. 30 held a reception and dinner on May 18 honoring Natl. Press Corr. Capitola Rehrmann. We were happy that Natl. Pres. Edith Paulding was able to be present, as she was unable to attend our Encampment.

INDIANA

In March the Department sponsored a Civil War Centennial dance in South Side Turners Hall, Indianapolis. The affair was a huge success and featured a Civil War theme with women costumed in 1861 garb and men dressed in uniforms of the Union Army. Folk type dances of the era as well as reels and waltzes highlighted the program. The Campfire Singers revived familiar tunes of the war years. Col. Roy Volstad, Dept. Commdr., and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay assisted in the arrangements along with Ray Hendricks of the Marion County Civil War Centennial War Commission.

On May 21st, Ben Harrison Camp 356, Indianapolis, conducted Memorial Day services on the plaza of the United States Naval Armory. Assisting were Auxiliary No. 10 and the Marion County Civil War Centennial Commission. A salute to the dead was fired from the Civil War weapons by the 19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, North-South Skirmish Assoc. Col. Roy L. Volstad of the Indiana National Guard and Department Commander, delivered the address. Others taking part included Rev. H. E. Vance, Leona Graham, Geo. V. Smith, Rev. L. Belcher, Ross Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Danna, James Spears and Richard Dart. The Richmond Camp furnished a color guard for the massing of colors.

SWORD PRESENTATION—P. D. C. Argus Ogborn, Richmond, was honored in ceremonies at the Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, during our Department Encampment. He was presented with a sword carried in the Civil War by Col. Oliver H. P. Carey of Marion. He was the father of Mrs. W. B. Dodds of Marion, who presented the sword to Mrs. Lela Shugart. Mrs. Shugart was anxious to place the sword in appreciative hands and to insure its preservation and chose to have it go to the Richmond community where Col. Carey began his Civil War military career, and at the same time to honor Bro. Ogborn, who has given 35 years of service to the Grand Army societies in their work to perpetuate the service of the union soldiers. Present at the presentation were Cecil McConahay, Indianapolis attorney and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief; Miss Edith Paulding, Natl. Pres. Aux.; as well as Col. Roy Volstad, Department Commander; Mrs. Hannah Kreisher, Aux. Dept. Pres., and their respective staffs of officers.

GOV. MATTHEW E. WELSH, Governor of Indiana has issued an official invitation for the National Encampment to meet in Indianapolis in August, saying "It is, most fitting that again the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic on this, the first year of the Centennial commemorating the Civil War, should meet in Indianapolis, to continue the patriotic ideals for which the Union Soldiers and Sailors fought."

MAYOR CHARLES H. BOSWELL, Mayor of Indianapolis writes "I take this opportunity to extend a cordial welcome to the membership, their families and their friends. Your organization is known for its patriotic efforts and its support of those programs which have resulted in this country's enjoying the high reputation that it now has. Only through the activities of those who understand the importance of patriotism can we protect the freedoms and liberties which all of us cherish."

IOWA

Seventy-one Iowa counties have announced their plans for observing the Civil War Centennial, as part of the nationwide celebration, Miss Amy Noll of Des Moines, a member of the Iowa Civil War Centennial Commission, told a joint meeting of the SUVCW and Aux. at a recent meeting in Des Moines. Other speakers included Jacob Kirchner, Dept. Chaplain, Verne Allen of Fort Dodge, Dept. Commander V. E. Jones of Waterloo, and Raymond Engle of Otho.

Officers present besides Commander Jones, included Claude Van Gundy, L. B. Jones, Roy Bennett, L. K. Boutin, Jacob Kirchner, Ed Whittman, Fred Hall and Sam Gwynn. Auxiliary Officers included President Frances Echelberger, Mrs. Geo. Webb, Mrs. Sam Gwynn and Mrs. Lena Limper. Also Miss Irma Wood, Mrs. Grace Hanson, and Mrs. Fred Hall.

Our 80th Annual Encampment was held June 16-17 in the Hotel Savery, Des Moines in association with our Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G.A.R., and the Daughters of Union Veterans. SUVCW deplored increasing communistic tendencies and adopted a five point program aimed at combatting it. A copy of the resolution was sent to Iowa members of Congress.

KANSAS

The Encampment at Newton has resulted in a new look in Kansas Department Officers. Four attorneys that were former members at large have become active in Department affairs resulting in the election of Loren L. Taylor as Department Commander, Donald C. Little as Counselor, Frank H. Thompson as Organizer and Richard F. Allen as Secretary. Other officers elected include A. P. Phillips, Sr. Vice Commander, Lester Bartlebaugh as Jr. Vice Commander, Byron A. Beery, as Assistant Department Secretary, Bert Strelay as Department Treasurer, Arthur Gordon as Chaplain, Frank Rennaker as Historian and D. C. Royston as Patriotic Instructor.

MAINE

The 79th annual convention was held in Portland with our Auxiliary and Allied Orders June 9-10. We had as guests Commander-in-Chief Thomas Chadwick, National Chaplain Arthur Ballou and Past Department Commanders from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Walter B. James of Bath was elected Department Commander. The officers picnic and conference for the coming year will be held at Campbell's Shores, West Gray.

MARYLAND

On February 22nd a meeting was held in the Executive Room of the Hotel Willard, Washington, D. C., at which time it was voted to merge Lincoln Camp No. 2 and Cushing Camp No. 30. The new Camp known as Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 elected the following officers: Commander Harry T. Chapin, Sr. Vice Commander Arthur R. Glenum, Secy. Joseph F. Simmermon, and Treas. Doren D. Vest. Following the meeting all partook of delightful refreshments furnished by Gen. Grant. Charter members in addition to the above were Robert J. McCarthy, Horace J. Phelps, Col. Michael Casey, John E. Palsgrove Sr., Dale M. Eicholtz, Gen. Amos A. Fries, Michael F. Calnan, Robert Lincoln Beckwith, Theodore C. Howe, Col. Geo. McKee Gaither, William L. Irvin, Col. Jennings B. Wilson, John D. Rhodes, and Judge Edw. A. Tamm.

MASSACHUSETTS

NEWBURYPORT—Gen. Greeley Camp 109 held impressive ceremonies in nine cemeteries on Memorial Day, and also participated in an elaborate parade. Wm. Randolph Cohen, Jr. Vice Commdr. of Chas. Russell Lowell Camp 9 of Roxbury

took part in the exercises with the Newburyport Camp, whose Commander Charles Teague Jr. took active leadership along with Bobby Teague, Bill Richardson and Clyde Richardson. ROXBURY—Wm. Randolph Cohen of Chas. Russell Camp No. 9 reports that he is arranging for the Camp and Aux. to visit the Navy Destroyer U.S.S. Davis during June. Commander James C. Linville, the Executive Officer of the Ship has extended every courtesy.

NEW BEDFORD—The boulder-plaque erected in Grand Army Memorial Park, which marks the eastern terminus of the G.A.R. Highway was decorated May 7. Barbara D. Brown was mistress of ceremonies and Natl. Patr. Instr. Howland the guest speaker. Also participating were Mary C. Sampson, Chester W. Adshhead, Bessie T. Drown, William O. Fuller, Harold M. Drown and Millard F. Brown.

BOSTON—Bay State Camp and Bowditch Camp, Dorchester, combined for the annual memorial ceremonies in and about Boston, terminating at Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Boston Common. Richard F. Lufkin and Robert L. Wood, Commanders, conducted exercises with Roy C. Call serving as Officer of the Day. Frank T. Pedonti, graves registration commissioner for the City of Boston participated in various cemeteries. Edwin J. Lennon, P.D.C. introduced Harold M. Drown, who placed a wreath in memory of the G.A.R. It was the 70th anniversary of a Grand Army Encampment held in Boston in 1891, when Bro. Drown's father was Commander of Dahlgren Post.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ASSOC. recently elected Chester W. Adshhead and Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros as presidents of the SUVCW and Aux. A recent meeting of the group was a testimonial to Natl. Patr. Instr. Howland, when a substantial fund was raised and presented to him.

MUNROE AUX. 2 of Hanson recently tendered a reception to Dept. Pres. Mary C. Sampson at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School, with Mrs. Viola Fuller as general chairman. The date was the 185th anniversary of the Bunker Hill Battle. An impressive trooping of colors was led by P.D.C. William Rule and Natl. Patr. Instr. Allen B. Howland. The Department President was escorted by her son, Bernard. Special guests were her mother, Mrs. Blanche F. Crocker, Evan Crocker, Edw. L. Bresette. Officers of the SUVCW and Aux. were introduced and members of the President's family were introduced. Among the 200 present were a score of present and past national and department officers.

MICHIGAN

Brother A. C. Marvin of Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada, who is a member of Camp No. 7 of Michigan sends in an interesting newspaper article describing how a speeding locomotive in Canada gave the first sign that the Civil War had started in the United States. This was a wood-burning locomotive, its stack belching smoke, roaring through Southwestern Ontario on a record breaking run on an otherwise quiet Sunday in late April, 1861. The passengers—midwestern Americans enroute from Chicago to Washington rode in a single car attached to the special. Included in the group was Gen. James H. Lane of Kansas, enroute to Washington. Memorial Day in the village of St. Williams and Port Rowan, Canada, was well observed this year. Civil War veterans graves were decorated with crossed American and Canadian flags, with the cooperation of Canadian Legion Post 379.

DETROIT Camp No. 4 participated in Memorial Day programs and held their annual July 3rd meeting in the Veterans Memorial Building to view the Detroit municipal fireworks display.

NEW JERSEY

We deeply regret the recent death of Past National President, Mrs. Stella Brooks Owen who passed away on May 13th at the age of 71. Stella joined Bloomfield Auxiliary No. 7 in 1908, became Department President in 1918 and National President in 1936. Her loyalty and guidance through the years have been an inspiration. She will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Memorial Day was observed by all New Jersey Camps and Auxiliaries. In Bloomfield, P.D.C. Robert E. McCloud was General Chairman of the Joint Memorial Committee, and Sister Emma McCloud the Treasurer. Gen. Logan's Order No. 11 was read by Percy C. Davenport. In Trenton Robert L. Gerke was Chairman of the Joint Memorial Com-

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 wel- come and will be preserved.)	
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1951)	

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

P.D.C. George N. Bell	\$10.00
(Courtesy New Jersey Department Past Dept. Commanders Assoc.)	
Past Commanders-in-Chiefs	
Joseph B. Maccabe	\$10.00
Charles E. Darling	10.00
Fred E. Bolton	10.00
Harry D. Sisson	10.00
(Courtesy Massachusetts Department)	

mittee, with Albert C. Lambert as Secretary, Frank A. L. Daubert as Treasurer, and Harrison Williams as Parade Marshall. We are pleased to report that we were successful in changing the mind of the Trenton Board of Education when they decided to keep schools open on Memorial Day.

Eugene F. Patton, Union City, is our new Department Commander and Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, Union City, the new Department President of our Auxiliary. We were pleased to have National Chaplain Arthur Ballou, of Vermont, represent the Commander-in-Chief. National Council Member, Miss Gertrude Murphy represented her National President.

NEW YORK

ELMIRA—Troop 30 Boy Scouts of America recently received a 50 star American flag in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Leroy D. Miller made the presentation. Mrs. Alfred H. Burchard, auxiliary president, gave a talk on the Flag. Mrs. Burchard has recently been reelected as President of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Paul Stamm as Secretary, and Mrs. Leslie More as Treasurer.

OVID—Auxiliary 72 sponsors Troop 58, Girl Scouts of America. The troop recently observed National Girl Scout Week with exhibits. The Auxiliary held a pancake and sausage supper at the American Legion home on February 18, and a rummage sale April 21-22. At the installation of officers held on April 18 a pot-luck supper was held. Department President Elsie Woodington installed the officers. Mrs. Emily Coleman is the new Auxiliary President.

MESSER ENDORSED — Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer of Albany has been endorsed by the New York Department at their recent Department Encampment to be a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief at the coming National Encampment to be held in Indianapolis.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Miss Edith M. Paulding, was guest of honor at a testimonial dinner held at Rosoff's in New York City on July 8th. Numerous officers, past officers and members joined in the tribute to the National President.

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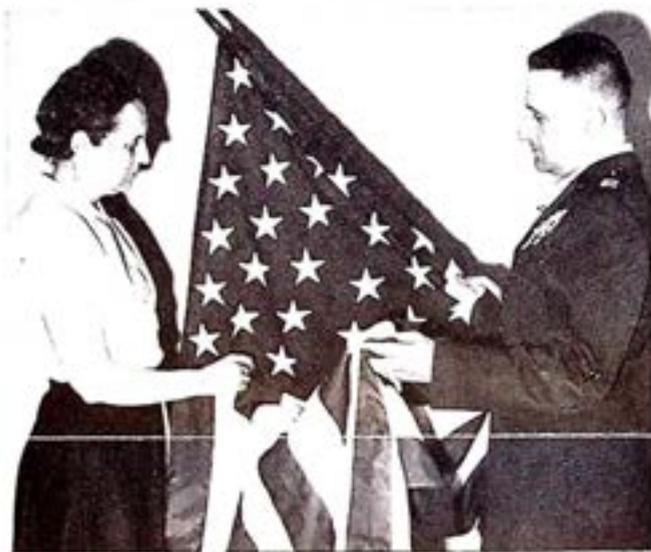
CINCINNATI—Members of Grant Camp were very active in the Memorial Day observance, both in downtown Cin-

cinnati and at Spring Grove Cemetery. Hamilton County Commissioner Louis J. Schneider, Jr., was the Grand Marshall of the parade; William M. Coffin the Officer of the Day; and Fred Karst was Color Bearer. Fred Pfeister was program chairman and Wm. Tod Conner was a member of the program committee. Sr. Vice Commander William C. Duval, a Past National Commander of the Loyal Legion made the principal address at the cemetery. We are sorry to announce the recent death of one of our 50 year members, William R. Collins, an attorney in Cincinnati and a son of a Union Colonel from Kentucky.

The Cincinnati Enquirer recently featured a column "20 years ago in Cincinnati" which describes the active part that Grant Camp took in a pilgrimage to Point Pleasant, to the home where General U. S. Grant was born. The trip was taken on the steamer Island Queen on April 27, 1941.

PENNSYLVANIA

As First Defenders Leave—100 Years Later



On Sunday, April 16 a ceremony was held in Reading commemorating the time the Ringgold Light Artillery, the nation's First Defenders left home—100 years ago. Reading and Hamburg national guardsmen joined ranks with Pottsville and Allentown guard troops for a Civil War Centennial Observance. A 34 star American Flag was used in the reenactment of the departure. Shown above is its presentation by Mrs. Annamae (Dolly) Berhalter to Capt. Gordon M. B. Livingston of the Marine Corps, chairman of the First Defenders Centennial Committee of Reading. When the group arrived at Harrisburg, a fine program was held with Past Commander-in-Chief John Runkle as Master of Ceremonies.

CARL P. GUTEKUNST—Past Dept. Commander and Sec. Treas. of the Death Benefit Association died on April 29 in Philadelphia. He had served for many years, and was an active member of Camp 200. His loss to his Camp, our Department and the National Organization will be deeply felt. Clarence J. Riddell, 3437 N. Howard St., Phila. 40, Pa., has been appointed to act as Secretary-Treasurer of the Death Benefit Association for the unexpired term.

AUXILIARY 140 recently held their 51st anniversary dinner. Mrs. Minnie Kresge, charter member and P.D.P. spoke of "Years of Service." Mrs. Virginia Ackerman, P.D.P. introduced the speaker. In addition to Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Mabel Baker is the only other living charter member of the Auxiliary, founded April 9, 1910. Mrs. Ackerman presented gifts to the two women. Mrs. Arabella Bauer, councilor of the Auxiliary and still active at the age of 94, was also honored with a gift.

HARRISBURG—Auxiliary 7 celebrated their 41st anniversary on March 27 in G.A.R. Hall with 35 members and guests present, including Dept. Pres. Daisy Haddock, and charter member Bertha Hemminger. Following the meeting a covered dish supper was served and a social hour enjoyed.

CARLISLE—Mrs. Kermit Wilson was hostess to members of Auxiliary 50 at a "galloping breakfast" at her home on April 11th. Entertainment was provided by the costumes showing what a busy housewife wears when she is caught at 7:30 in the morning with an unexpected invitation to breakfast. The Auxiliary held a covered dish supper recently in honor of Mrs. Daisy Haddock, Dept. Pres. A corsage and gift were presented to her by Mrs. Kermit Wilson, President of the Auxiliary. At the meeting several Junior Auxiliary members were initiated into the Senior Auxiliary. The Auxiliary voted contributions to the American Cancer Society and the Tri-County Fund for Crippled Children, as well as to each of the three GAR Homes. Mrs. Ardell Butterfield, a member for 29 years, was presented a 25 year service pin, and Mrs. John Ruggles, a charter member with 39 years of service was presented a gift. Twenty-five hats were entered in the "crazy hat" contest which followed the meeting, and each member modeled her own creation.

PITTSBURGH—Davis Star Camp and Camp No. 98 conducted Memorial Day services at Allegheny Cemetery for Hays Post 3 and Duquens Post 259 G.A.R.; at Woodlawn Cemetery for Shaw Post 206, G.A.R.; at St. Mary's Cemetery for Post 41, G.A.R., and at Minersville Cemetery for Post 157, G.A.R. Impressive ceremonies were held in each cemetery, with P.D.C. Wm. J. Blakeley as Master of Ceremonies at Minersville. Flowers were placed, rifle salutes were fired, and addresses given. Assisting were members of the Auxiliary, The Washington Infantry, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ladies of the G.A.R. and Daughters of Union Veterans.

GETTYSBURG—Memorial Day in Gettysburg was an outstanding event this year with Governor David L. Lawrence as the principal speaker in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. An estimated 12,000 persons lined the parade route. In the line of march were 500 officers and men of the Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., 1500 Gettysburg High School children, and 400 Boy Scouts. At the National Cemetery ritual, Chester S. Shriver represented the SUVCW along with representatives of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and U. S. Army Chaplains Corps. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was given by Attorney Donald M. Swope.

MAHANAY CITY—The statue of the bugler on the Civil War monument in the German Protestant Cemetery was carved from the photograph of a local soldier who participated in the "War of the Rebellion." In the year 1890, a group of local Civil War veterans and their ladies held a public meeting to inaugurate plans for the monument. This information was gleaned from records of Severn Post No. 110, G.A.R. and the personal records of Phaon H. Snyder.

READING—Memorial Day was observed traditionally in Reading with but one exception. The School Board decided to keep schools open "to make up for an extra day added to the Christmas New Year's vacation period." Meade Camp and P. C. in C. Roy Stoult has instituted a campaign through the State Board of Education to compel all school districts in Pennsylvania to close on Memorial Day in the future. They have the backing of The Greater Reading Post 179 Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as other Veteran groups.

MEDIA—Bradbury Camp 149 obligated four candidates at their June meeting and had two applications to act upon. Due to the illness of Camp Commander Jack Yocum, the meeting was transferred to his home.

PHILADELPHIA—Herman Poehler of Camp 200 was elected President of the Sons of Veterans Club of Phila. at a special meeting held in Harrisburg on June 18. The President who had been elected last March was unable to serve due to health.

51st DEPT. ENCAMPMENT was held in Harrisburg June 18-21 with P. C. in C. John Runkle as General Chairman. Reservoir Park was the scene of the official opening and G.A.R. Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, and also the rededication of the Dauphin County Civil War Monument which had been relocated. Much legislation was enacted including a petition to the State Legislature urging an Amendment to Section 1502 of the Penna. School Law to make Memorial Day, May 30th a mandatory legal holiday.

Freedom without obligation is anarchy; freedom with obligation is democracy.