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PHOTO BY BROTHER CHRISTOPHER G. KNIGHT

Mrs. Daisy Anderson, one of two surviving widows of a Union veteran of the Civil War and her escorts salute the Stars and Stripes during ceremonies in Gettysburg, July 1. At left is Past Commander in Chief David Medert, Mrs. Anderson's escort and co-organizer of the event. From right Brother Andy Waskie, as Maj. Gen. George Meade; Brother Mike Riley, as Maj. Gen. John F. Reynolds; SVR Colonel Bud Atkinson, PCinC, and Penna. Dept. Commander Glenn Knight, as Commander William Reynolds, USN. The location is Gen. Lee's headquarters where Mrs. Anderson had just met Mrs. Alberta Martin, the sole surviving Confederate widow.

## Last CW Widows meet at Gettysburg

Two of the three surviving widows of Civil War soldiers met for breakfast July 1 at General Robert E. Lee's headquarters in Gettysburg.

Ninety five year old Daisy Anderson, widow of former slave Robert Anderson, entered the stone building along

Chambersburg Road and found Alberta Martin, the ninety one year old widow of Confederate veteran William Jasper Martin, waiting for her in the kitchen. It was the kitchen that Gen. Lee had used to plan the battle of Gettysburg.

With them were Past Commander in

Chief David Medert, escorting the Union widow, and Dr. Kenneth Chancey of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, escort for the Confederate widow. The two were co-chairmen of the historic meeting. Outside, in the growing heat of the morning sun, were a plethora of general officers, headed by Generals George G. Meade and Robert E. Lee, other assorted officers and ladies as well as a large contingent of the local, regional and national news media.

Twenty one year old Daisy Graham of Forest City, Ark. met and married the seventy nine year old Robert Anderson on

March 19, 1922. He had been born into second generation slavery on a plantation in Kentucky on March 1, 1843 and in November of 1864 he ran away and joined the 125th U. S. Colored Infantry. By the time his regiment was trained and ready for action the war ended, but he elected to serve the remainder of his three year enlistment. The bulk of his service was during the Indian Wars in the American West. Comrade Anderson died at the age of 87 on Nov. 30, 1930.

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## Agreement Clears Gen. Corfman, SVR Artillery Post Suggested

The purifying and life-giving rays of Summer sun have pushed aside the long Winter of discontent suffered by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Past Commander in Chief Charles Corfman and Commander in Chief Al Loomis have agreed to a resolution of the disagreement which began in Gettysburg last November.

Both parties to the dispute agreed to the following resolution:

1. Immediate lifting of Charles Corfman's suspension of membership and suspension as National Treasurer.
2. General Corfman will not further protest his replacement as SVR Commanding General.
3. General Corfman will retain his rank as General with assignment to National SVR Staff as Artillery Chief-of-Training.
4. Item 3 is contingent upon the National Encampment approving the changes to the SOP necessary to create the position of Artillery Chief-of-Training.
5. All charges are dropped effective immediately. All rulings, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the "Trial Commissioner" are hereby negated.

The agreement was brokered by Past Commander in Chief Elmer "Bud" Atkinson and Senior Vice Commander in Chief Richard Orr. Brother Orr commented that, "as with any good agreement, neither party was completely satisfied—but we did come up with an effective fraternal solution." A

resolution requesting the establishment of the necessary position in the SVR was passed by the 117th Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania in Reading on June 28. That resolution will allow the discussion necessary for the creation of the position referred to in Item 3. "General Corfman has indicated that, if it is the pleasure of the National Encampment not to establish the position he will accept the decision of his brothers and transfer to the Cadre," reported Orr.

The agreement ends a dispute which began Nov. 17 when the National Military Affairs Committee voted to remove General Corfman as Commanding Officer of the SVR and the decision was upheld by CinC Loomis. This set off a firestorm of charges, counter-charges, department resolutions and even some un-fraternal correspondence. "We are all hopeful that the resolution of this issue in a fraternal and genteel manner will mark the return to civility within the Order," mused PCinC Atkinson.

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## Widows continued

Daisy now lives in Denver Colo. where she survives on Social Security and the income from her book, *From Slavery to Affluence*, the memoirs of Robert Anderson.

At age twenty one, Mrs. Alberta Stewart Farrow was already a widow when she met and married William Jasper Martin who had been born on Dec. 28, 1845 in Macon County, Georgia. He served with Company K, 4th Alabama Infantry, CSA, enlisting on May 26, 1864. Pvt. Martin was present at the siege of Petersburg. On July 7, 1932 he became ill while attending a United Confederate Veterans meeting in Montgomery, returned home and died.

After their initial meeting they went outside where the honored ladies and the assembled mass participated in ceremonies raising the American flag and the Confederate battle flag. The ladies and their escorts—Medert resplendent in his Grand Army of the Republic uniform—mounted a surry and joined the procession escorting the remains of an unknown Civil War soldier to his final resting place in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. Since the allegiance of the soldier remains shrouded in history, each of the widows placed a single rose upon the casket of this fallen warrior.

Following a SUVCW-sponsored luncheon at the Dobbin House, the official contingent proceeded to the Bloody Angle where the representatives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans—Medert and Chancey—reenacted the "handshake across the wall". The day was fittingly capped when the two, of three remaining links to the Civil War, also took hands at the same spot. Their resolution was to meet again, but this time without all the fanfare so they can just sit and talk.

The hands across the wall ceremony was last done in 1938 by the veterans themselves. Medert and Chancey, representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sons of Confederate Veterans pledged their organizations to work together in honoring the sacrifices of their ancestors.

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*"... always to observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and to do all in my power to persuade others to do the same; ..."*

### FROM THE OATH THAT YOU SWORE WHEN YOU BECAME A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

The day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day is May 30. Some years ago the Congress of the United States decided that people would spend more money (and pay more taxes) if holidays were all on Mondays and they changed Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. Many of us never accepted that legal perversion and have continued to observe May 30 as Memorial Day.

We have riled editorially and oratorically about the injustice of moving Memorial Day to perpetual Mondayness—but we have really done little to correct it. Veterans organizations were incensed when the same fate was foisted upon Veteran's Day by moving it from the tradition 11/11 at 11:11 to a politically correct Monday. But they did something about it—they fought, and yelled, and screamed, and demanded, and lobbied and finally succeeded in returning it to November 11.

Despite our relative inaction, Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has introduced Senate Bill 116 which is titled, "A bill to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day." It was read twice and sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee where it now sits awaiting action. Unless we do something to get action on this bill it will probably just sit there and die at the end of the sessions.

Write or call your Senator and ask them to co-sponsor S.116. Write or call your Congressman and ask them to introduce a companion bill in the House of Representatives. There is a list of the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in this edition of *The Banner*—write or call them and ask them to act favorably on S.116 and pass it on to the Senate floor for a vote. And while you are at it, tell them that you expect them to vote for the bill when the opportunity presents itself.

We have been given a golden opportunity. Let's take advantage of it.

The members of that committee are: Republicans Orrin G. Hatch, Utah, Chairman; Strom Thurmond, South Carolina; Charles Grassley, Iowa; Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania; Fred Thompson, Tennessee; Jon Kyl, Arizona; Mike DeWine, Ohio; John Ashcroft, Missouri; Spencer Abraham, Michigan and Jeff Sessions, Alabama. Also, Democrats Patrick J. Leahy, Vermont; Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts; Joseph R. Biden Jr., Delaware; Herb Kohl, Wisconsin; Dianne Feinstein, California; Russel D. Feingold, Wisconsin; Richard Durbin, Illinois and Robert Torricelli, New Jersey.

## Remembrance Day NOVEMBER 15, 1997

The 41st Annual Remembrance Day commemoration will be held in the borough of Gettysburg, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The parade will begin at 1 pm from the Gettysburg Recreation Field and will commence along Long Lane to the Albert Woolson Monument at Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. Please note the change in time for the start of the parade from previous years. At 1:45 pm ceremonies will be held at the Albert Woolson Monument with wreath laying by National and Department officers.

There will be a second change this year in that no program will be held in the Visitor's Center. The troops will march in a body after the ceremonies at the Woolson monument to the High Water Mark for the Confederate service, after which the troops will be dismissed. Pre-registration is required to participate in the parade. Registration forms can be acquired from Lt. Colonel David V. Medert, Adjutant General, SVR, 489 Caroline Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 (614) 773-7646. Email bat-teryi@bright.net.

At 9 pm, the National Civil War Ball will be held in the Eisenhower Conference Center ballroom. The price this year will be \$10 per person. Period dress encouraged. Music by the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Band with dances directed by an authentic dance-master. Tickets can be obtained by mail from 1016 Gorman Street, Phila. PA 192116-3719. Please make checks payable to National Civil War Ball.



### Guest Editorial

## My First Memorial Day

by Brother George Pair

Gettysburg Camp 112, Dept. of Pennsylvania

The recent observance of Memorial Day, which we are sworn to observe, meant more to me than ever before. In my 44 years this was the first time I personally participated in Memorial Day ceremonies. I have always had a great respect for our veterans. I am a veteran of Vietnam myself. I have never bothered to officially celebrate this honorable day.

I have been studying the Civil War for about five years now and it has become much more than a hobby. Thanks to my studies and visits to Gettysburg and Antietam and joining the SUVCW I have changed some of my ways. I am voting again, flying my flag, getting involved in educating the public and honoring our veterans. They are all my heroes.

My family history has become very important. Especially my Civil War ancestry. I live in Durango, Colo. and belong to

Gettysburg Camp 112, Department of Penna. I recently got my best friend Jerry Crawford into the SUVCW in the G. W. Anderson Camp 58, Department of Michigan. Together we have been working on grave registration in Southwest Colorado. On Memorial Day we helped place flags on graves and attended two ceremonies. At each I gave a speech and Jerry played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes with other members of his pipe band.

I had advertised the SUVCW participation in the local paper and TV station. We were also in Civil War uniforms. We did what we could being so far from our member camps. I hope all our members were able to participate in some way and follow General Logan's Order No. 11. I am proud to be a member of the SUVCW and will endeavor to keep it alive.

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 116**

To restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

### A BILL

To restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. RESTORATION OF TRADITIONAL DAY OF OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended in the item relating to Memorial Day by striking out "the last Monday in May," and inserting in lieu thereof "May 30."

(b) DISPLAY OF FLAG.—Section 2(d) of the joint resolution entitled "An Act to codify and emphasize existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America", approved June 22, 1942 (36 U.S.C. 174(d)), is amended by striking out "the last Monday in May," and inserting in lieu thereof "May 30."

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day as a day for prayer and ceremonies showing respect for American veterans of wars and other military conflicts.

# GENERAL ORDERS

General Orders # 5  
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National Headquarters  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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## Obituaries



Past National President Caroline E. Riddell, 84, died on June 2 after many years of suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. A lifelong resident of Philadelphia, she was the widow of Clarence Riddell, Past Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Caroline and Clarence presided as national heads of their Orders in 1976, the first couple in the history of the organizations to do it simultaneously.

She based her eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary through her grandfather Pvt. John Browne, U. S. Marines. Prior to her election to the office of national President, Sister Caroline had served as National Secretary and National Chief of Staff and continued to take an active part afterwards. Through the years she had also served in many department offices and had been treasurer of her local Auxiliary, Ann M. Ross 1. Her parents, siblings and numerous nieces and nephews were at some time or other involved in the activities of the two Orders. At the time of her death she had been a member for 69 years.

In addition to her activities in the Order, Caroline had served on the Board of Directors of the G.A.R. Civil War Museum in Philadelphia. She worked as an executive secretary for the Eastman Kodak Company for 50 years before retiring. She is survived by a brother, J. Edward Moeckel, a member of Anna M. Ross Camp 1 for 71 years, and a sister, Ida May Seip, and nieces and nephews including Past Commander in Chief Elmer "Bud" Atkinson. The funeral service of the Auxiliary was held with many Auxiliary and Camp 1 members present. The eulogy was delivered by Past commander in Chief Richard O. Partington, a lifelong friend.



Past National President Dorris Weidner Schlenker, 72, a Washington area resident since 1946, died June 21 at her home in Rockville, Md.

Sister Dorris served as a trustee of Wheaton Presbyterian Church and had been ordained as an elder and deacon. She was also a member of the church choir. Active in the Montgomery County Church Women United she helped establish a Meals on Wheels program in Wheaton and in 1997 received a 25-year service award for her work. She served as National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1982, the same year that her husband, Richard C. Schlenker, served as Commander in Chief. They were only the second couple in the history of the Orders to serve jointly.

She was also a Cub Scout den mother, as well as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader.

A native of Pennsylvania she settled in the Washington, D.C., area in 1946. After World War II she helped entertain service personnel in Veterans Administration hospitals in the United States and Iceland. She sang with the C&P Telephone Chorus in the 1950s.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Richard C. Schlenker; two sons, David of Derwood and Daniel of Gaithersburg, both in Maryland. There are four daughters, Dianne Irani of Rockville, Dawn Samen of Urbana, Dale Majewski of Layhill and Deborah Gerhart of Gaithersburg, all Maryland communities; and eight grandchildren.

Brother Schlenker and his family wish to thank the officers of the Auxiliary for the moving memorial service and the men of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for the cemetery honor guard.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is a response to John Braden's letter that appeared in the last issue of *The Banner*. Mr. Braden suggests that Gettysburg National Military Park might want to raise desperately needed funds for battlefield preservation by sponsoring reenactments on the battlefield itself.

This is an interesting but problematic idea. The current "ban of counterforce demonstrations" is not unique to Gettysburg National Military Park, but rather, it a service-wide policy for all National Parks. The policy reads: "Battle reenactments and/or demonstrations of all battle tactics that involve firing at opposing lines, taking of casualties, or any other form of simulated warfare are absolutely prohibited in all areas administered by the

National Park Service." When segments of the movie "Gettysburg" were filmed on park land, the NPS did not allow opposing lines. Indeed, the only battles to have occurred on the field lately, are when reenactment units arrive for the weekend to battle brush and debris, on voluntary work days through the park's Adopt a Position program.

Lastly, large scale reenactments may not be an ideal way to raise funds in any location. I wonder if the sponsors of the reenactments held nearby in Gettysburg, on private property, would agree that they are effective fundraisers?

Sincerely,  
Dr. John A. Latschar  
Superintendent  
Gettysburg National Military Park

1. The 116th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 7-10, 1997 at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Genessee Street, Utica NY 13502. The Joint Opening of the SUVCW and Auxiliary to SUVCW will take place at 4 pm on Thursday Aug. 7. All National Officers are requested to be present for the Joint Opening at that time. The pre-encampment meeting of the National Council of Administration will take place at 7pm on Thursday Aug 7 at 7pm. The first business session for the SUVCW will begin promptly at 9 am on Friday, Aug 8. I look forward to a large number of delegates being present and participating in this Encampment.

2. Officers Reports—National Encampment reports from elected and appointed Officers plus Standing and Special National Committee Chairs should be typewritten on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper and submitted to new National Secretary Dave Hann at 440 Clark Drive, Hammonton, NJ 08037-1011 no later than Thursday, July 31, 1997. His email address is COLELLET@msn.com and his telephone number is (609) 567-7432. Three (3) copies should be submitted. A period of five (5) minutes will be afforded each National Officer and Committee Chair to present his report on the floor of the Encampment. In addition to the 3 paper copies of the reports, it would also be appreciated if a floppy disk with the report could be sent to the National Secretary.

3. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Past National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW Dorris Schlenker, wife of PC-in-C Richard Schlenker. Dorris had been suffering from an extended illness and I encourage all brothers to extend their sympathy to Brother Richard at this time. Please send your condolences to 4112 Heathfield Road, Rockville, Maryland 20853-2036. Additionally, Caroline E. Riddell, the widow of PC-in-C Clarence Riddell had been suffering the effects of Alzheimer's disease for many years. She is survived by a brother, J. Edward Moeckel, a sister, Ida May Seip and nieces and nephews including PC-in-C Elmer "Bud" Atkinson, all of Philadelphia. You can contact the family through Brother Bud at 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116. Clarence and Caroline were the first husband and wife team to head up the Sons and its Auxiliary at the same time and Richard and Dorris were the second.

4. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund and the Grand Army of the Republic G.A.R. Fund. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund are to be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. Donations to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund should be sent to Patriotic Instructor Edward Krieser 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46385-9069.

5. Department Encampments that I have attended since the publication of General Orders Number 4 include the following: Department of Tennessee at Pickwick Landing State Park near Savannah, Tennessee April 19; Department of Maryland April 26 at Baltimore; Department of Illinois in Heyworth, Ill. May 3; Department of Missouri, at Columbia, Mo. May 10; Department of Indiana June 7, 1997 in Kokomo, In.; the Department of Ohio June 14th and 15th in Alliance, Ohio; and the Department of Pennsylvania at Reading Penna. June 27th and 28th. I also plan to attend the annual visitation by the Department of Michigan to the Michigan Veterans Home in Grand Rapids, Aug 2.

6. I have been invited to attend and will bring greetings to the 102nd National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans on July 31 in Nashville, Tenn. Commander-in-Chief Peter W. Orlebeke of the SCV has accepted my invitation to attend our National Encampment and will bring greetings on Aug. 8 in Utica, NY

7. I wish to thank all Departments and Camps that sponsored functions I attended and to the Departments and Camps that I was unable to attend due to conflicts in my schedule. Knowing that I would be unable to attend all Department Encampments or other activities due to the sheer size of our growing organizations, I would encourage each Department, Camp, and individual member to contribute what time and talents that you are able to for the "good of the order." I would especially like to thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, PC-in-Cs Bud Atkinson, Clark Mellor, and Keith Harrison for representing me at Department Encampments and other functions that I was unable to attend. My apologies if I missed anyone. One very large thank you goes to Past C-in-C David Medert for his leadership in heading up the meeting of the Union and confederate widows at Gettysburg on July 1. This turned out to be a big undertaking and Dave did a superb job of working out the details.

8. National Encampment Committee assignments will be made at a later date with the announcement of the Committee assignments early in the 116th National Encampment.

9. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Departments, Camps, and above all the individual members for their hard work and dedication during my term in this high office. During the course of the year the total membership has reached and exceeded 5,000 members which indicates that the team spirit being developed within the order is bearing fruit. I look forward to the ensuing years and this dedication continuing and eventually increasing the membership to 10,000 followed by 15,000 and then 20,000. I firmly believe that this is an attainable goal, perhaps beyond our grasp at the moment, but eventually attainable.

10. As this will be my last General Order for the year, I would like to thank all the elected and appointed National Officers as well as the Chairmen and members of the Standing and Special National Committees for their dedicated and productive work this year. As Commander-in-Chief, I have been very cognizant of the role each member of the Administration played in furthering the goals of the SUVCW. Without this vital team effort, none of the accomplishments made during my or any administration is attainable. It is my hope that each member of the administrative team will continue to work in some capacity for the fulfillment of the goals that have been set for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:  
Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
David Hann  
National Secretary



Commander in chief Alan Loomis and National Auxiliary President Betty J. Baker Stand in the burial chamber of the Lincoln tomb during the 41st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill., April 15.

# GUIDON

Proposed

## SOP

### Standard Operating Procedures

To be voted on at the 116th National Encampment in Utica, N.Y. Not official until accepted by a vote of the encampment

HEADQUARTERS SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE  
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The following STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP), as established by the National Military Affairs Committee (NMAC) and approved by the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), shall govern the operation of the National Military Department (NMD), Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR).

#### Article I

### National Military Department

1. The NMD, SVR shall be composed of a National Headquarters and the following seven Military Districts:

- FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.
- SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC, and West Virginia.
- THIRD MILITARY DISTRICT: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.
- FOURTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.
- FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.
- SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.
- SEVENTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida.

2. The number and composition of the NMD, SVR Military Districts may be modified at the discretion of the NMAC.

#### NMAC Article II

### National Headquarters

1. The officer in charge of the NMD, SVR shall be known as the Commanding Officer, SVR. Pursuant to Section 6, Chapter IV of the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW, the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be appointed by the NMAC with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. The appointment shall be made for a period of not more than three (3) years and may be renewed for additional three (3) year terms subject to the same procedures used for the original appointment. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall serve at the pleasure of the majority of the NMAC and may be relieved by the NMAC subject to the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW.

2. The Commanding Officer, SVR shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the NMD, SVR. The rank of the Commanding Officer, SVR, and all National and District Headquarters Officers, shall be based upon the total membership of the SVR. In no case shall the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than that of Brigadier General. The rank of Commanding Officer shall be determined by the NMAC. All other ranks shall be determined by the commanding officer subject to the total membership of the SVR.

3. Current and past SVR Commanding Officers, National, District and Battalion Headquarters Officers, and Special Staff Officers holding ranks higher than permitted according to the SOP, may retain their current rank for the remaining period of their SVR appointment, adhere to the rank permissible under the SOP, transfer to the Cadre at their current rank, or retire from the SVR at their current rank.

4. All National, District, and Battalion Headquarters Officer and Special Staff Officer ranks shall be BREVET. Rank shall be a function of position held. Once the position is vacated, so too shall be the rank associated with that position. In such situations where a National, District or Battalion Headquarters or Special Staff officered position is vacated, the vacating individual shall be subject to the conditions provided for in, Article II, Section 4 of this SOP.

5. The Commanding Officer, SVR, may appoint a National Headquarters Staff. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The following table defines the MAXIMUM rank allowed for a position based on total SVR membership.

Position	Less than 500	More than 500
Commanding Officer	Colonel	Brigadier General
Deputy Commander	Lt. Colonel	Colonel
Chief of Staff	Lt. Colonel	Colonel
Adjutant General	Lt. Colonel	Colonel
Inspector General	Lt. Colonel	Colonel
Judge Advocate General	Captain	Major
DC Liaison Officer	Captain	Major
National Chaplain	1st Lieutenant	Captain
Public Inf. Officer	1st Lieutenant	Captain

6. The assignment to staff positions will be concurrent with the Commanding Officer, SVR, unless relieved of duty. Upon ending his tenure in a staff officer position, he may transfer back to his original unit, at a rank current with the structure of the unit, or transfer to the inactive Reserve at his present rank.

7. The Commanding Officer, SVR may, with the written approval of the NMAC, add positions to both National and District level Headquarters that he deems necessary to efficiently operate the SVR. Job descriptions shall accompany all new position requests.

8. The Commanding Officer, SVR may appoint a Special Staff to coordinate Civil War living history pageants, parades, ceremonies, training schools and/or re-enactments. Said appointments shall be announced by Special Orders. Members of the Special Staff shall have NO authority or responsibility on the National Headquarters Staff or in operation of the SVR.

9. Provision is hereby made for the establishment of a Headquarters Company to administer the Membership-at-Large for those not having enough to form a unit. The Headquarters Company shall be organized according to the SOP.

10. Provision is hereby made for a Headquarters Cadre within the Headquarters Company to accommodate SVR members no longer wishing to remain active. Cadre members may, at all times, participate in SVR formations and other events in the proper uniform pursuant to Article VI of this SOP and represent the organization. The Cadre shall be administered by the Headquarters Company Staff. Cadre members carry no authority with their rank. Transfers to the Cadre may be made at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, SVR.

#### Article III

### District Headquarters

1. The Commander in charge of a Military District shall be known as the District Commander. The District organization shall consist of a District Headquarters and assigned SVR units within its geographical boundaries as defined in Article I of this SOP. The Commanding Officer, SVR shall appoint all District Commanders who shall serve at his pleasure. The period of such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer, SVR.

2. The District Commander shall be responsible to the Commanding Officer, SVR for planning, policy making, evaluation, inspection and military and administrative direction of all personnel and units within his district.

3. The District Commander may appoint a District Staff. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the District Commander. The period of all such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the District Commander. The following table defines the MAXIMUM rank allowed per designated District

Position	Under 250	Over 250
District Commander	Major	Lt. Colonel
District Adjutant General	Captain	Major
District Chief of Staff	Captain	Major
District Inspector General	Captain	Major
District Chaplain	2nd Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant
District Public Information Officer	2nd Lieut	1st Lieut

position based upon the total District SVR membership.  
4. If the District SVR membership falls below two (2) battalions or five (5) companies, the District Headquarters staff shall be dissolved by the Commanding Officer, SVR and the remaining SVR units in said District shall then report to the Adjutant General, SVR.

#### Article IV

### Battalion Headquarters

1. The BATTALION may be formed when three (3) or more companies within a District petition the Commanding Officer, SVR through the District Headquarters to be considered as a Battalion. The minimum number of companies comprising a Battalion shall be three (3) and the maximum shall be ten (10). The minimum number of men to form a Battalion shall be ninety (90) enlisted men. The Battalion Commander shall be elected by the votes of the Company Commanders that compose said Battalion. If the Battalion falls below sixty (60) men, the Battalion Headquarters shall be dissolved by the District Commander.

2. The Battalion Commander may hold the rank of Major

Position	Rank
Battalion Adjutant	1st Lieutenant
Battalion Chief of Staff	Captain
Battalion Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major
Battalion Information NCO	Sergeant

and may appoint the following Staff with respective ranks.

#### Article V

### Company Headquarters

1. The company shall be the basic unit of the SVR. The officer or NCO in charge shall be known as the Company Commander. The minimum number of soldiers to constitute a Company shall be eleven (11). A Company Commander shall be elected to serve for a one (1) year term and may be reelected for subsequent one year terms. Said election shall be directed by the Battalion Commander, his designate, or next higher authority.

2. Rank distribution shall be dependent upon the number of men on the rolls.

Companies shall be organized as follows:	
6 to 11 enlisted men:	1st Sergeant
11 to 15 enlisted men:	1st Sergeant, 2 corporals
16 to 20 enlisted men:	2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, 2 corporals
21 to 30 enlisted men:	1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, 2 sergeants, 4 corporals
31 to 40 enlisted men:	1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, 1 sergeant, 3 corporals
41 and up enlisted men:	Captain, 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, 4 sergeants, and one corporal for every 8 enlisted men

3. Minor deviation from the above minimums provided for in Section 2 of this Article shall be permissible with the approval of the District Commander. The unit commander shall be responsible for all administration and reporting aspects of his unit. There shall be discretion used when promoting individuals, keeping in mind that rank yields responsibility and each officer and NCO should have a specific function or duty within the company to warrant the rank. Units shall annually review and adjust their rank structure accordingly at the beginning of each new year in order to remain in general compliance with Section 2 of this Article.

4. Company grade officers and NCO's are strongly encouraged to study the revised U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 or 1863 and, in respect to the branch of the SVR they belong, one or more of the following books and/or instructions.

- INFANTRY: School of the Soldier, Hardee's Tactics, Casey's Tactics, and Copees Tactics.
  - ARTILLERY: "Field Artillery Tactics" by Captain Wm. H. French, Captain Wm. F. Barry and Captain H. J. Hunt
  - CAVALRY: RESERVED
  - BAND/FIELD MUSIC: RESERVED
5. Company Commanders shall be selected by a majority vote of the men in the Company. Company Commanders shall be responsible to the next highest authority within the District.

## Article VI

### Correlated Branches

1. Organization and command structure of Troops of Cavalry and Batteries of Artillery shall coincide with Article V, Company Headquarters, of this SOP. Said units shall be officered with the minimum number of officers consistent with the number of enlisted personnel.
2. Field Music units or Military Bands may be organized on the same basis as the Company unit.

## Article VII

### Uniform and Equipment

1. The uniform and equipment of the SVR shall be patterned from that of the U.S. Army uniforms of 1861-1865. Material of the uniform shall be wool. The color and style of the uniform, trim and accouterments shall conform to the REVISED U.S. ARMY REGULATIONS OF 1861 or 1863, as possible to that of the Civil War era. Exceptions to the above shall include the following: a. The dark blue kepi or bummer, with the metal or fabric SUV emblem and wreath, may be worn as headgear. b. The SVR collar device along with the correct SUVCW medals may be worn on the uniform. c. The wearing of SUVCW and other medals shall not be inconsistent with that provided for within the National Regulations of the SUVCW, article 7 section 1 paragraph d. The SUVCW crest or SV buttons may be used on the uniform.
2. SVR Infantry, cavalry and artillery weapons should be reproductions of Civil War era and military design, and shall be appropriate for the branch of service and rank represented. Exceptions to the above shall include NCO and officer swords which may be Sons of Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans or Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) swords.

## Article VII

### Artillery Regulations

Rank Distribution shall be in accordance with Article V section 2 of this SOP with the following minor deviations:

1. If the units artillery pieces belong to individuals, one corporal will be assigned to each piece (usually the owner of the piece)
2. Officers and Sergeants shall be assigned as Battery Commander and section Leaders.
3. If the unit has more than five (5) pieces, it may have a Captain as Battery Commander, and 1st Lt., 2nd Lieutenant, and Sergeant as Section Leaders.
4. Safety Officers (which may be enlisted member) are encouraged with batteries

## Article IX

### Cavalry Regulations

(Reserved)

## Article X

### Awards, Decorations, Devices and Insignia

1. Authority to award Decorations shall vest in the Commanding Officer, SVR. Information regarding such awards will be supplied as necessary.
2. A commissioned or enlisted SVR member may be retired at his request after an accredited service of ten (10) years of SVR Active duty. Requests shall be made (through proper channels) in writing to the Commanding Officer, SVR. The Commanding Officer, SVR shall cause to be issued a Certificate of Retirement in such cases.
3. Provision is hereby made for the SVR collar devices and SUVCW membership badge SVR devices.
4. Provision is hereby made for the following insignia:



## Article XI

### General Provisions

1. It shall be the policy of the SVR to strive, where possible, for a minimum amount of red tape and regulations. Military regulations, as may be deemed to be absolutely necessary for the efficient operation of the SVR, shall be established by the Commanding Officer, SVR and shall not be in conflict with Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW. While it shall not be the policy to demand drastic or unreasonable requirements which may become burdensome to individual SVR members or units, adherence to this SOP shall be expected.
2. All Senior Grade Commissions (Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel) shall be subject to approval by the NMAC.
3. All SVR members shall belong to and maintain their membership in the SUVCW. If a SVR member lets his SUVCW membership expire, he shall be automatically expelled from the SVR until he again becomes a SUVCW member.
4. This SOP supersedes all previous SOPs. Copies of this SOP may be obtained through the Office of The Adjutant General, SVR. Permission is hereby granted to copy this SOP.

## Article XII

### Standard Operating Procedures Approvals

Edward Kreiser, Member L. Dean Lamphere Jr., Member George L. Powell, Member Richard Willich, Member Lawrence L. McKinch, Chair  
National Military Affairs Committee The foregoing Standard Operating Procedures for the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve was APPROVED: August 1997 by the 116TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



## GENERAL ORDERS

### GENERAL ORDER 1997-5

1. Effective March 15, 1997, 2LT Charles H. Horr, Commander Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, is commissioned First Lieutenant, and reappointed Commander, Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. This commission is for three years.

David V. Medert  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
SVR Adjutant General

Keith G. Harrison  
Brig. General, SVR  
Commanding Officer

### General Order 1997-6

1. Effective March 15, 1997 SGT Harold A. Jordan, Adjutant Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery is commissioned Second Lieutenant, and reappointed Adjutant, Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. This commission is for three years.

David V. Medert  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

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Commanding Officer

## From the Adjutant General

by Lt. Col. David V. Medert SVR  
The Adjutant General

As the National Encampment approaches I would like to remind everyone to bring their uniforms with them to National. This will aid us in having an outstanding Campfire on Friday evening and also for the SVR Breakfast as well. Hope to see all of you there.

This may be abit early, however, it is a good time to get everyone thinking about it. Remembrance Day is not too far away. If you have never attended this event, it is worth coming to. For those of you that have, I'm certain that you will agree it is something you will attend each year. The schedule of events for Remembrance Day is:

Nov. 15, 1997, Gettysburg, Penna.

0800 SVR Breakfast  
1000 Parade Commanders meeting  
1200 Form parade at the Gettysburg High School  
1300 Parade steps off  
2100 Grand Military Ball Eisenhower Inn

If your unit is interested in marching in the parade, or if you are interested in attending the Grand Military Ball, please contact me.

In FC & L.

David V. Medert, Lt. Col. SVR, Adjutant General

## Penna. Legislator Hopes to Create Gettysburg Monuments Commission

Penna. State Representative Harry Readshaw announced recently that he will introduce legislation designed to provide a long-term solution to the problem of deterioration of monuments at Gettysburg, especially those from Pennsylvania.

Under his proposal, a panel would be formed to create a permanent mechanism to finance preservation of the 111 Pennsylvania monuments at the Gettysburg National Battlefield. The panel would establish a program to encourage individuals, groups and businesses to contribute to a monument trust fund. Reflecting a broad base of interests, it would include representatives of veterans' organizations, the Pennsylvania Tourism Council, state Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, the state Department of Community and Economic Development, the General Assembly and the National Park Service. "The approach would be comprehensive. Primarily, the panel would work to fund the trust, but it also would explore other forms of contributions," Readshaw said. "One of its first assignments would be to determine which monuments most need repair and develop a priority list for restoration.

"In addition to maintaining Pennsylvania's monuments and the ground around them, the panel would challenge other states, North and South, to establish similar programs for the Gettysburg monuments honoring their units that fought in the historic engagement."

Readshaw said there is particular concern about the Pennsylvania Memorial. The largest monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield, the domed memorial lists the names of all Pennsylvanians who fought at the battle and indicates those who were killed, wounded or missing in action. Extensive work was done to its exterior granite and bronze statues approximately 15 years ago, but water has seeped into the internal steel frame-

work, raising fears that if corrective measures are not taken in the next few years, the memorial may have to be closed to the public.

Virtually all the more than 1300 monuments at Gettysburg were built through the efforts of Civil War veterans and the states from which they came.

Readshaw will formally introduce the measure in September. In the meantime, he is encouraging the other members of the state House to co-sponsor the bill, which will be House Bill 1863. The Battle of Gettysburg occurred in 1863.

"We must not let the legacy of Gettysburg fade or stand idly by and let the icons of freedom at Gettysburg fall to rubble through shameful neglect," Readshaw said.

### Printing Schedule

- Fall Edition  
deadline Aug. 31  
mailed by Sept. 30
- Winter Edition  
deadline Dec. 15  
mailed by Jan. 15
- Spring Edition  
deadline March 31  
mailed by April 30
- Summer Edition  
deadline June 30  
mailed by July 31

### Stats ...

Members: 5,135  
Departments: 25  
Camps: 171

Future Encampments:  
1997 Utica, N.Y., Aug. 8-10  
1998 Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 7-9  
1999 Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20-22

## National Encampment Schedule

Thursday, August 7, 1997

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Registration  
 10:30 a.m. Rehearsal for Joint Opening ASUVCW  
 11:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Joint Memorial ASUVCW  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch (club meetings) ASUVCW  
 1:00 p.m. First Business Session  
 1:00 p.m. Council Meeting (headquarters) ASUVCW  
 4:00 p.m. Joint Opening  
 6:00 p.m. PCinCs and Past National President's Banquet  
 7:00 p.m. Council of Administration Meeting—SUV  
 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. ASUVCW Registration

Friday, August 8, 1997

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens  
 8:15 a.m. Joint Memorial  
 9:00 a.m. First Business Session—SUV  
 9:30 a.m. Business Session—ASUVCW  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch (Club meetings) ASUVCW  
 Noon Recess—SUV  
 1:00 p.m. Second Business Session—SUV and ASUVCW  
 3:00 p.m. Patriotic instructor's Presentation ASUVCW  
 4:30 p.m. Recess—ASUVCW  
 5:00 p.m. Recess—SUV  
 7:00 p.m. Campfire Program/Music/Speaker  
 8:30 p.m. Courtesy Hour (immediately following campfire)

Saturday, August 9, 1997

7:00 a.m. Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast  
 7:30 a.m. Department and National Presidents' Breakfast  
 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens  
 8:30 a.m. Registration—ASUVCW  
 8:30 a.m. Business Session—SUV  
 9:00 a.m. Business Session—ASUVCW  
 Noon Recess—SUV and ASUVCW  
 1:00 p.m. Business Session—SUV and ASUVCW  
 2:00 p.m. Election of Officers—ASUVCW  
 5:00 p.m. Adjournment Recess of Business Sessions  
 6:30 p.m. Allied Orders of the GAR Banquet—SUV, ASUVCW and LGAR

Joint Open Houses to follow Banquet

Sunday, August 10, 1997

9:00 a.m. Business Session (if required) ASUVCW  
 10:00 a.m. Business Session (if required)—SUV  
 10:00 a.m. Installation of Officers ASUVCW  
 11:00 a.m. Outgoing and Incoming Council of Administration Meeting—ASUVCW  
 Noon Adjourn  
 1:00 p.m. Council of Administration Meeting—SUV  
 (Note: 10:30 a.m. if no Business Session is required)



Two of only three living links to the Civil War chat during breakfast July 1 at Gettysburg. Daisy Anderson, left, widow of Union soldier Robert Anderson, and Alberta Martin, widow of confederate soldier William Jasper Martin, met for the first time at the SUVCV/SCV sponsored event. Later in the day they assisted in the reinterment of an unknown Civil War soldier at the National Cemetery and then participated in a reenactment of the "hands across the wall" at the bloody angle. (see page 1)

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA S.U.V.C.W.  
**GLENN B. KNIGHT**  
 DEPT. COMMANDER

### Name Tags

Ben Harrison Camp 356 Indianapolis, announces the availability again of name tags for all SUVCV members. The tag is made of hard plastic measuring 2x3 inches. A pin clasp makes for easy attachment. A choice of colors is now available.

- Camp: Blue with White Lettering \$5
- Department: Red with White Lettering \$5.25
- National: Gold with Black Lettering \$5.50

Please print or type the information desired to avoid errors. We will edit and abbreviate when needed. To help control our costs we request each camp place one order for all members desiring a tag. Orders will be processed in the order they are received.

We encourage all Sons to participate as the name tag will be of benefit at various functions. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located in the center of downtown Indianapolis and other camp projects. In addition, a Grand Army of the Republic sponsored landmark will get a new look for all to enjoy.

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Chuck Davis, commander of Gen. Wright Camp 22, Dept. of Calif. and Pacific, holds the State Assembly resolution honoring them for their preservation of the Civil War Memorial Grove. Joining him, from left, are Steve Von Bima, Department Commander Dan Bunnell and Robert Bundy.

### Preservation Success

## California Camp heads Restoration of Trees

by Brother Robert Bundy

On May 1, 1897, the Sacramento Circle of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic held a dedication ceremony for the Civil War Memorial Tree Grove. Designed as a living memorial to the veterans of the Civil War, the grove was made up of trees from Civil War battlefields. The Ladies of the G.A.R. brought in 42 trees and planted them just east of the California State Capitol in Capitol Park.

In April of 1996 Robert Bundy of General George Wright Camp 22, Department of California and Pacific began a research project to locate and identify trees still in the grove. Because of the passing years and because the original trees were planted too close together, only 11 of the original trees remained. The SUVCV then approached officials of the Capitol and asked permission to begin a project to replace some of the missing trees. The project was endorsed by the Capitol Parks Committee and work began. Several groups, including the SUVCV, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Elk Grove Civil War Roundtable along with private individuals donated the price of seedlings and 11 replacement trees were purchased from American Forests, a

company in Florida which grows seedlings taken from actual battlefield trees. These trees were planted around the original grove in November of 1996.

On May 1, 1997, a Memorial Grove Centennial Celebration was held at the grove in Capitol Park. A reenactment of the original program was held with several Civil War displays, a band playing music of the period and several veterans and historic groups. General George Wright Camp 22 was recognized for their work in researching and replacing trees in the grove. Camp Commander Chuck Davis accepted a resolution from the State Assembly thanking the group for their efforts. The State Capitol Museum presented the camp with a replica of the Civil War Memorial Grove Monument in honor of their work in preserving this living memorial to the veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans is currently working to obtain more trees which will be planted around the graves of Union Soldiers who are buried in the Grand Army of the Republic plot in Sacramento's Old City Cemetery. A Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Nov. 9 to dedicate Sacramento's newest living memorial.

### DAVID D. PORTER CAMP 116 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SUVCV ENCAMPMENT FUNDRAISER



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The Department of Indiana will be hosting the 1997 National Encampment in Indianapolis. This will be a special event as it is the 50th anniversary of the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1947 which was also held in Indianapolis. Members in Indiana are very proud to have this honor and look forward to hosting an Encampment to be remembered. The Department of Indiana is therefore offering as a fund raising effort for the encampment a baseball style cap and a patch depicting the badge of our order. Fill out the order form and send to the address below. Make check or money order payable to: David D. Porter Camp 116. Send orders to:  
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## Vermont

The Chambers of the Vermont House of Representatives were filled to capacity for Actor Jim Getty's performance as President Lincoln and Civil War music by the Constitution Brass. Lincoln was escorted into the house chambers by an honor guard of Vermont's Civil War Hemlocks.

The Vermont Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War set up a computer and SUVCW information display outside the chambers and offered Vermonters a chance for a review of their Civil War ancestors records. Department Commander Floyd Blodgett, using his computer and the *Revised Rosier of*

*Vermont Volunteers*, produced documents suitable for framing, which featured the Civil War Veteran's record. Commander Blodgett designed the document to give Vermonters written information about their Civil War ancestor, replacing the unsubstantiated or distorted stories passed down through the family. **William Scott Camp** Commander Thomas McKenna indicated the response was so strong for the informational documents that people were lined up four to five deep across the front of the entire table and stayed long after the performance was over. Theresa Doyle, Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor, and Louise Blodgett, Past Department President, assisted in the research efforts. This is the tenth time the Vermont Department has offered Civil War Reviews during the past year. The first review last March was featured on WCAX evening news.

Vermont Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

joined other members of Vermont's Civil War Council in presenting U.S. Senator James Jeffords with the "Full Duty Award" for his efforts in preserving Civil War Battlefields. The Event, held in St. Johnsbury, Vt., was attended by six different Civil War groups including the Vermont Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, The Vermont Civil War Hemlocks, Green Mountain Civil War Round Table, and Northeast Kingdom Round Table. Vermont Department Commander Floyd Blodgett, Camp Commanders Thomas McKenna and Richard Reed, and Auxiliary Past President Louise Blodgett were there to congratulate Senator Jeffords.

## Tennessee

Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, elected the following Department Officers at its 2nd

Annual Department Encampment: Department Commander, Edward J. Duffel, Clarksville; Senior Vice Department Commander, John E. Anderson, Selmer; Junior Vice Department Commander, Allen F. Smith, Cross Plains.

Members of the Department Council: Charles C. Yates, PDC, Germantown; Frank Harned, Chattanooga; and Trent D. Johnson, Laverne; Department Secretary/Treasurer, Larry J. Waggoner, Paducah.

In addition, Department Commander Duffel appointed the following Department positions: Chief of Staff, Craig S. Courtney, Cunningham; Patriotic Instructor, Rick Hoover, Franklin; Chaplain, Ronald C. Powell, Sr., Union City; Assistant Chaplain, Clyde Getman, Bartlett; Graves Registration Officer, Billy Darnell, Savannah; Communications & Technology Coordinator, Allen F. Smith, Cross Plains; Color Bearer, Andrew J. Duffel, Clarksville; Guide, John Taylor, Chattanooga; Guard, Ron

O'Dell, Savannah; Historian, George Dunlap, Memphis; New Camp Organizer/Camp-at-Large Coordinator, Charles C. Yates, Germantown.

The new Department Commander is a native of Millsboro, Del., and has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War since 1994. A past Camp Commander and Organization of the **Fort Doneison Camp No. 62** of Dover, Duffel served as the Senior Vice Department Commander prior to his election as Department Commander.

A longtime Civil War Reenactor, Duffel is a member of Company B, 9th Regiment of Infantry, Kentucky Volunteers (US) and Company G, 2nd Delaware volunteer Infantry.

Installing the 1997/1998 Department officers for Tennessee was the current Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Alan R. Loomis

## Preservation in Progress

# Mansfield Planning

by Brother Bradley A. Tilton

Commander, McLaughlin Camp 12, Dept. of Ohio

McLaughlin Camp 12, was formed in 1908 in Mansfield, Ohio, and has been in continuous existence ever since. We strive to perpetuate the memory of the men who fought the Civil War as well as all who have patriotically served our country in any war. One way we can do this is to erect, maintain, and preserve monuments honoring these people. We used to have such a monument in Mansfield.

On Nov. 10, 1881, the Richland County Soldiers' Monument was unveiled. It was given to Mansfield and Richland County by M.D. Harter, a local businessman, as an enduring memorial to the valor and services of the men who lost their lives fighting the battles of The Revolution, The War of 1812, The Mexican War, and The Great Rebellion.

The monument was of granite surmounted by a sculpture of a soldier standing at parade rest. This soldier guarded Mansfield's square for almost 100 years. But in the 1970's he was damaged and removed to make room to widen Park Avenue. The granite base still remains. McLaughlin Camp 12 would like to replace this sculpture.

The original sculpture was made from an alloy of zinc, tin, lead, and antimony. When the sculpture was moved it fragmented into approximately 75 pieces and was deemed irreparable. McLaughlin Camp 12 has most of the broken pieces because Bro. Keith Metcalf rescued them just hours before they were to go to the dump. Paul Blanton, the welding instructor at Madison Comprehensive High School, has developed a method to weld pieces back together. The sculpture is now about 50% reassembled.

Once all of the pieces are together we will be using the talents of our sculptor, Michael G. Kraus of Creston, Ohio. Kraus will fashion the missing pieces in clay in place on the original sculpture, remove all the welding marks, then proceed to cast an exact duplicate in bronze.

Kraus was selected as our sculptor because he has the experience and understands the subject. He has just completed a sculpture of Colonel Strong Vincent, is portrayed in a heroic pose just before he was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. In addition, Kraus has been a living history enthusiast and Civil War reenactor since the mid 1960s.

We anticipate the welding will be done and Kraus can begin his work in September. The foundry work will begin in January 1998. The sculpture will be completed by the beginning of May 1998 and installed for re-dedication on Memorial Day.

So far, we have a broad range of support for our project. The City of Mansfield has approved a Community Development Block Grant. The Ohio Arts Council has approved a grant through the "Art in Public Places" program. The Richland County Joint Veterans Council has made a generous donation.

The estimated total project cost is \$35,000. At this time we have commitments for \$8000. We are accepting contributions to "The Soldiers' Monument Fund" from any organization, corporation or individual. We have been determined to be a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions can be sent to PO Box 7224, Mansfield, OH 44905.



This photo of the original sculpture was taken in the mid 1960s. The old Richland County Courthouse is in the background. It has since been replaced with a more modern courthouse.

## Milwaukee to Host Central Region Conference

The Central Region Conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., on Oct. 4 and 5. The conference hotel and program arrangements have been made with Milwaukee's Hospitality Inn.

The Conference program will begin Saturday morning with a tour of 15 Milwaukee Civil War sites, including a stop on the Underground Railroad, Lincoln's visit to Milwaukee and the National Soldiers' Home. Wisconsin members will be at several tour stops to provide information and first person interpretation. The tour will conclude with lunch at the historic Turner Restaurant, which was headquarters for the 1889 National G.A.R. Encampment. The Sons also held an open campfire program there during the encampment.

This year's conference seeks to accomplish two things: (a) present information on the Civil War in an interesting way and (b) develop skills that can be used in accomplish-

## Auxiliary Supports SUVCW Objectives, Encourages Wives Sisters to Join

By Sister Margaret Atkinson, PNP

The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has a long history of cooperation with the Sons and would like to continue that tradition by assisting new camps in the formation of an Auxiliary. It presents a perfect opportunity for families to share in the same interests and activities.

The Auxiliary accepts into membership lineal or collateral descendants, wives, mothers and adopted daughters of Sons and widows of men who had been members of the Sons. Five women over the age of twelve who meet the above requirements are needed for a provisional Auxiliary, ten are required for a regular Auxiliary.

Following the custom of the Sons, the Auxiliary also accepts Associates up to one third of the membership, however, they can not be included in the original five or ten when forming the Auxiliary and their names are not placed on the charter.

The members of the Auxiliary are comprised of a diverse group of women. Some participate in living history programs dressed in the garb of the Civil War; some plan and attend patriotic ceremonies; some do volunteer work in their community; some become active in offices of the organization and some support our goals and purposes through payment of their dues. Everyone is important to the strength of the Order.

If your wife or mother does not wish to join a specific auxiliary we also offer an opportunity to participate by joining our membership-at-large Auxiliary.

We want to honor our Civil War ancestors, both men and women, for their service to our nation and to educate our young people and make them aware of our rich heritage. Let us do it together.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Margaret E. Atkinson PNP, National Recruiter, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719; phone 215 673-1688 or email to marauxsuv@aol.com.

ing the Order's mission. This year, our theme is Problem Solving. After returning to the Hospitality Inn, presentations will be given on "The Problem-Solving Role of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery in the Civil War." Discussions on "Problem-Solving in Today's SUVCW" will follow, aided by the input of National staff officers.

The conference campfire program, including banquet and guest speaker will complete Saturday's program.

After Sunday's breakfast, the conference will conclude with committee reports, old and new business, and the election/installation of officers.

A Conference Packet, given to each participant upon their on-site registration, will contain materials on the tour, program topics, conference ritual and more. These will serve as a useful resource for members upon return to their home camps.

Rooms at the Hospitality Inn must be reserved by August 4th by calling 1-800-825-8466. Room rate is \$57 (single/double occupancy). Two swimming pools, a whirlpool and sauna, a game and fitness room are available.

For further information and registration information, contact Wisconsin Dept. SVC Stephen Michaels: (414) 425-4648.



**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**California & Pacific**

The 111th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held April 5 at Grover Beach, Calif. A highlight of the encampment was the presentation of a 50-year membership badge to Brother Don Cheney of San Jose. Resolutions passed by the encampment were one recommending 2-year terms of office for the Commander in Chief, the two Vice Commanders in Chief and the Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Also a resolution urging the reinstatement of PCinC Charles Corfman as head of the SVR. Department officers elected and installed included:

- Commander — Dan Bunnell of San Jose
- Vice Commander — Gene Armistead of Escondido
- Secretary/Treasurer — Chuck Davis of Elk Grove
- Council — Leroy Olson of Auburn, Don Pray of Carpinteria and Myron Roberts of Fullerton

Programs were presented by Ed Strobridge on the G.A.R. Camps of San Luis Obispo County and by Gene Armistead on the experiences of the people of the North River area of west Alabama who supported the Union cause.

Brothers of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 joined members of 7 other Civil War organizations to observe Memorial Day at San Diego's Mt. Hope Cemetery at the grave of a Confederate veteran on May 26. Over two-thirds of those attending wore period costumes or Union or Confederate uniforms to the services which are annually organized by Camp Commander Gene Armistead and rotate between gravesites of Union and Confederate veterans. Services always close with all those in attendance reciting together the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. The camp was also featured at Memorial Day services held in San Luis Obispo in the G.A.R. plot of the International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery. Associate Brother Ed Strobridge who has done much work in restoring the G.A.R. plot was one of the coordinators of the services.

**Tennessee**

On Memorial Day, Memphis Camp 1 and the Hetty M. McEwen Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans conducted a Memorial Day Service in memory of those Union soldiers lost during the sinking of the *Sultana*. Also participating was Helen Chandler, President of the Association of Sultana Descendants and Friends. Speaking was Jerry Potter, author of the bestseller, *The Sultana Tragedy: America's Greatest Maritime Disaster*.

On May 8, Farragut Camp 6 Commander, John Anderson, presented a Certificate of Recognition for Academic Excellence in the study of American Government as

well as a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond to Jeremy Heath White of the graduating class of Hardin County High School.

Members of Fort Donelson Camp 62 assisted the staff of Fort Donelson National battlefield on May 24 with the first-ever Battlefield Illumination. One candle was placed for each casualty of the Battle of Fort Donelson—4,324 in all. On Memorial Day, members of the camp along with members of the 9th Kentucky, U.S. (SVR), participated in the Annual Memorial Day service at Fort Donelson National Cemetery.

On June 7, members of Missionary Ridge Camp 63 participated in the Confederate Cemetery Rededication at historic Fort Wood Confederate Cemetery. Graves of two Federal soldiers, who died while prisoners of war, were rededicated during the ceremony. Robert Gordon Latham, son of Brother Carl Latham, has received the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate.

Department of Tennessee commander, Edward J. Duffel, recently paid his respects at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Ill. While in Springfield, he and his family paid a visit to the National Headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans, of which his wife and daughter are both members, and at the Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Department of Tennessee proudly announces a new camp, Missionary Ridge Camp 63, organized by Brother Frank B. Harned.

**Pennsylvania**

The Department of Pennsylvania held its 117th Annual Encampment June 26-28 at Reading and elected Glenn B. Knight of Lititz as its commander.

Charles Young of Philadelphia was elected senior vice commander and Charles Kuhn of New Oxford was elected junior vice commander. Carlisle's Al Kern will continue as department secretary/treasurer and William Lindberg from Scranton was named patriotic instructor.

**Indiana**



Orlando A. Somers Camp 1 of Kokomo, Ind., held a Memorial Day Ceremony at the old 100F (Estates of Serenity) Cemetery in Marion, Ind., on the G.A.R. plot. This ceremony commemorated the 86th anniversary of the dedication of the stone monument erected by the G.A.R. and the Woman's Relief Corps. Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis was the dedicatory speaker on May 30, 1911. Master of Ceremonies for this year's event was Past Commander in Chief Allen W. Moore, who also gave a tribute to the Civil War soldiers of Grant County. Calvin Bontrager sang the National Anthem and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Wreaths were laid at the monument by Marie Thomas of the WRC and D. Gary Dolph, SVC of Camp 1. General Logan's Memorial Day Order was read by Merrell Kenworthy, Camp Guard. Camp JVC J. William Mills read the "Gettysburg Address." Flowers were strewn on the graves of nearby Civil War veterans by Clarissa and Melissa McNally, who were in period dress. The service was concluded by a benediction given by Randy McNally followed by taps played by Keith Whitford. Serving as Color Guard for the ceremony was Brother Tom Cannon.

Outgoing Department Commander Ivan E. Frantz Jr., was elected to the department council as was Philadelphia's Eric Schmincke. Past Department Commander George L. Powell will continue as a member of council.

Other officers named were: Chief of Staff O. William Cady, Personal Aid PDC Joseph Long Jr., Counselor Stephen R. Gibble Esq., Chaplain Rev. Gene Stuckey, Historian PCinC Richard Schlenker, Graves Registration Officer Thomas Prince and Organizer PDC Ivan E. Frantz Jr. The Little-Lyman Award for recruiting the most members went to Anna M. Ross Camp 1, Philadelphia.

Keynoting the banquet was PCinC Richard O. Partington who spoke on his reminiscences of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sgt. Wallace Johnson, Co. G., 6th Pennsylvania Reserves rests eternally in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwood, Penna., and the spot now holds a marker which tells all that he is a recipient of the Medal of Honor. Andy Waskie, past commander of Anna M. Ross Camp 1, Philadelphia, and a member of the board of the Laurel Hill cemetery obtained the marker and planned the ceremony last fall.

He was assisted in the rededication ceremony by the 28th and 69th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry as well as the Mifflin Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the civilians of the Philadelphia Ladies Aid Society.

The action, which resulted in the award of the Medal of Honor, occurred on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg. As part of a volunteer unit of six men under Sgt. George Mears of Co. He participated in charging a cabin where rebel sharpshooters were picking off his unit—they captured a squad of the enemy, including their arms and equipment and freed their regiment of the menace. All six received, the Medal of Honor. Johnson survived wounds at Antietam and Spottsylvania to serve as commander of the Pennsylvania Reserves G.A.R. Post 191, Philadelphia. He died in 1911.



William Carl "Chip" Poulton, as his Great Uncle John Washington Poulton (Co. G, 176th Ohio Volunteer Infantry) who received the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America on June 24. "Chip" and his father, William S. Poulton, Jr., are both members of D. G. Caywood Camp 146.

**Maryland**

The 110th annual encampment of the Maryland Department met under the command of Kenneth D. Hershberger at the Holiday Inn, Towson, Md. on April 26. Meeting nearby were the ladies of the Maryland-Delaware Department of the Auxiliary. A sunny spring day brought a sunny disposition to both meetings as they opened according to ritual practice.

The Maryland Department also includes Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia Five of the seven camps were represented in the deliberations. Commander Hershberger proudly announced the formation of the Antietam Camp 3 at Frederick, Md. Brother Robert Trimmer, camp organizer was congratulated.

Officers elected for the coming year are: James H. Friedline, commander, Robert J. Bateman, SVC and Robert J. Eck, SVC. Brother Hershberger was elected the Department Council for the three year term. Friedline asked Junior Vice Commander in Chief Andrew M. Johnson to act as his installing officer Brother Johnson, who also serves as department secretary and treasure gave the new officer the oath of office.

Business was followed by the traditional banquet honoring the outgoing department commander and the president of the auxiliary. Also in attendance were Commander in Chief Al Loomis and Senior Vice commander in Chief Richard Orr.

**Wisconsin**

Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 hosted their annual President's Day luncheon recently. Members of eight area patriotic organizations attended. Represented were the 440th Support Group, USAFR; Sons of the American Revolution; Daughters of the American Revolution; Military Order of the Loyal Legion; the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table; Carroll College's Institute for Civil War Studies; Oak Creek Celebrations Committee; and the SVR's Cushing's Battery.

Also in attendance was SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, Auxiliary President Betty Baker, and Auxiliary Chief of Staff Michelle Langley.

The luncheon included a talk by Lance J. Herdegen, Civil War author, instructor, and round table

president. His remarks described five meetings between Abraham Lincoln and a member of Wisconsin's Iron Brigade.

The luncheon is an SUVCW tradition in Milwaukee, dating back at least 80 years.

**Illinois**

Members of the Illinois SUVCW held their annual ceremony marking the anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic on Sunday, April 13 in a two-part event in Petersburg and Decatur, Ill. They first gathered at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg at the gravesite of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, the founder of the G.A.R. for a memorial service.

Representing the SUVCW were SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis, SUVCW Auxiliary President Betty Baker, and Illinois Department Commander David C. Bailey, Sr., as well as many Illinois Camp Commanders. Local dignitaries making remarks included Petersburg Mayor Earl Pillsbury and Menard County Historical Society President Raymond Montgomery. Illinois SUVCW Chaplain Richard A. Haussmann provided the memorial service as well as a review of Dr. Stephenson's life. Other SUVCW dignitaries attending included Roger Shannon, Iowa Department Commander and Maj. Jack Grothe,



(l to r) IL SUVCW Commander, David Bailey, Sr.; SUVCW Auxiliary President Betty Baker; and SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis at the monument in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill., erected to the memory of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander of the Fourth Military District, SVR.

Immediately after the Petersburg event, the attendees reconvened at the Mason county Historical Society in Decatur. Decatur was the site of the formation of the first G.A.R. Post on April 6, 1866. Here the Illinois SUVCW honored the 12 men who were sworn in as the first G.A.R. members: J. T. Bishop, I. N. Coltrin, G. H. Dunning, M. F. Kanan, J. A. Nale, J. Prior, I. C. Pugh, C. Riebsame, J. W. Routh, B. F. Sibley, G. R. Steele, and A. Toland.

**Massachusetts**

Three Taunton, Mass., high school students received \$1,000 G.A.R. Memorial Scholarships in May from the General D. N. Couch Camp 26, Dept. of Michigan.

The awards were presented during three separate events by William B. Presbrey Jr., Camp Commander and Chaplain Robert M. Bettinson. Receiving the scholarships were: Kathleen George of Coyle and Cassidy High School, Joseph Founds of Taunton High School, and Tara Gammache of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School.