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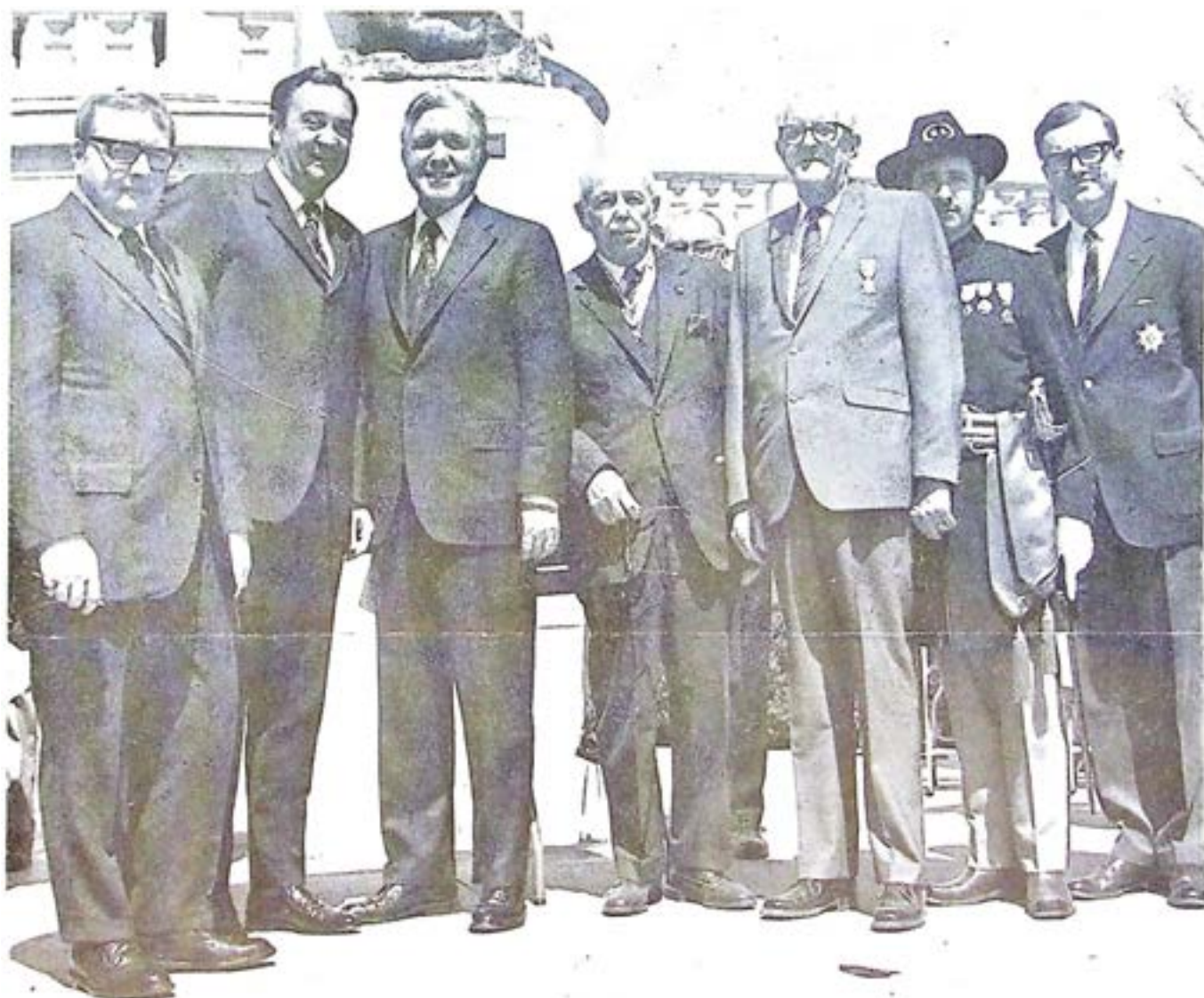
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LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY



Left to right: Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie of Illinois; Gov. Louie B. Nunn of Kentucky; Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb of Indiana; William C. Duval, USNR (Ret), P.C. in C. Mollus; George L. Cashman, Commander-in-chief, SUVCW; Dr. Julius Weiss, Illinois Dept. Commander SUVCW; and Thomas L. W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman. Story on page two.

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Under a warm sun on a bright, spring-like day, wreath-bearers representing sixty-eight veterans, patriotic, and historical associations paid tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on April 15, the 106th anniversary of his death. The ceremony this year achieved a long sought goal when the governors of the three states in which Mr. Lincoln lived during his lifetime attended both the rites at the Tomb and the luncheon at the St. Nicholas Hotel. The host governor, Richard B. Ogilvie of Illinois, spoke briefly at the exercises and Governor Louie B. Nunn of Kentucky and Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb of Indiana addressed the gathering at the luncheon.

George L. Cashman relinquished his familiar role as presiding officer this year to assume his duties as commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. In that capacity he spoke at the Tomb and closed his remarks with Lincoln's immortal "Farewell to Springfield." CDR. William C. Duval, USNR (Ret), a past commander-in-chief of the Loyal Legion, represented his chief, Lenahan O'Connell. In the absence of Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Thomas L. W. Johnson, co-chairman with Bro. Cashman for several years, presided for the day.

The ceremony was enriched by the colorful presence of five uniformed units representing reactivated Civil War regiments. The host unit was the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry under the Command of Colonel Julius L. Weiss who is also the Illinois Department Commander of the SUVCW. Other units that participated were the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, the 9th Illinois Cavalry, the 12th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and the 1st Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Concordia Seminary Chapel Choir under the direction of Professor Daniel G. Reuning. The choir's selections were "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "America the Beautiful."

At the luncheon following the ceremony, 118 guests listened to a delightful and informative talk by James T. Hickey, curator of the Lincoln Collection of the Illinois State Historical Library. His topic was "Lincoln the Lawyer."

Among those present at the luncheon were Mrs. Marion Doughty, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Miss Bertha Loomis, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; Mrs. John S. King, president general of the National Society, Daughters of the Union, 1861-1865; and Major William M. Coffin, a past commander-in-chief of the SUVCW, who, with CDR. Duval, are the surviving members of the original group that conceived of this tribute in 1957. Mrs. Elinore L. Konrad, a past national president of the Auxiliary, represented Mrs. Eileen Coombs; and Mrs. Gladys N. High, a past national treasurer of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, represented Mrs. Sara Binder Moore. Charles A. Brady, Jr., representing the Illinois Commandery of the MOLLUS, announced that all luncheon guests would receive a volume on Civil War history as soon as it has been received from the printer. It is a pleasure to report that Mrs. Cashman was able to participate with her husband in the events of the day.

Departments of the SUVCW and Auxiliary represented by wreaths were Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the MOLLUS represented in similar fashion were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE L. CASHMAN

On the evening of Wednesday, April 14, the city of Springfield turned out to honor one of its adopted sons and fellow townsmen, George Cashman. Billed as a Civil War tribute banquet and testimonial to George L. Cashman, Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, the gala affair attracted a large number of Illinoisans and out-of-state guests. Featured as speakers on the program were Robert Dick Douglas of Greensboro, North Carolina, a great grandson of Stephen A. Douglas, and the Hon. Paul Simon, the Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, and a personal friend of George and Dorothy Cashman.

Following the reception the guests adjourned to the grand ballroom of the St. Nicholas Hotel where the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry presented the Colors. Entertainment during the evening included a moving rendition of songs familiar in the Civil War era and a dramatic presentation entitled "An Event at Ford's Theatre."

Bro. Cashman with his gracious wife, Dorothy, by his side, was the recipient of a long and impressive list of awards and recognition for a career during which this devoted couple literally "lived with Lincoln." Letters of congratulation came from President Richard Nixon and Senator Charles Percy of Illinois; the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution conferred its Silver Medal Good Citizen Award, the highest honor available to a non-member of the Society; Congressman Paul Findley, who represents the Springfield district in the House of Representatives, taped a message of congratulations and sent a personal letter of best wishes to his friends; the Mayor of Springfield proclaimed April 11-17 as "George L. Cashman Week;" the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., conferred its Good Citizen Award; the Copley Press awarded its "Ring of Truth" Good Citizen Award; and Mrs. Cashman received two lovely sprays of red roses during the memorable evening.

Under the sponsorship of the Sangamon County Historical Society, the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and the Springfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and planned as a tribute to one of that community's most respected but modest of men, the affair can best be termed a treasured memory for our Brother and Companion.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Oklahoma, South Dakota, and West Virginia have joined 45 other States in approving "Monday Holiday" legislation. Among the changes authorized, the three States have established Memorial Day on the last Monday in May and Veterans Day on the fourth Monday in October, except that in Oklahoma, Veterans Day will continue to be observed on the traditional date of November 11.

In Illinois the General Assembly has decided that Abraham Lincoln's birthday should be observed on February 12 after all. The measure, passed unanimously in both the Senate and House, apparently will repeal a portion of the 1969 statute which set the first Monday in February as the "official observance" of the Emancipator's birth in the "Land of Lincoln."

In the last week of March the U. S. Supreme Court affirmed on a tie vote of 4 to 4, the conviction of a New York City art dealer who challenged the constitutionality of the Empire State's flag desecration law. The Court's judgement was released in a brief, unsigned opinion. The tie vote had the effect of upholding the constitutionality of the law in question.

Stephen Radich, owner of a Madison art gallery, ran afoul of the law when he displayed for sale several anti Vietnam war sculptures which made use of American flags. One such display involved the flag wrapped around a sculpture of a male sex organ. The New York State courts labeled it as obscene and a violation of that State's flag abuse law. Radich claimed the protection of the First Amendment on the grounds that he was not attacking the flag itself but rather the aggressive acts committed in its name by our government in Southeast Asia. The Supreme Court refused to accept that contention and the conviction was upheld.

In consideration of recent threats from anti-war protest elements and the ever present possibility of sabotage, Rep. Richard Ichord of Missouri has re-introduced his bill to provide protection for essential industrial facilities and safeguards for vessels and waterfront facilities.

HR 14864 titled the Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act, would establish standards for employment

eligibility and a screening process for the hiring of new employees in installations covered by the measure. This proposal is similar to that passed by the House in 1970 only to die in the Senate Judiciary Committee at the close of the 91st Congress. Rep. Ichord, chairman of the House Committee on Internal Security, believes this measure to be vital to our defense effort.

In answer to Congressional critics of the defense appropriations bill, Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona recently appealed to the President to explain on nationwide television exactly where this country stands in relation to the Soviet Union on the matter of strategic arms. "Unless this is done," he said, "I can see the critics of the Pentagon and of the Nixon Administration succeeding in their efforts to make a political football out of the defense budget to the great and immediate peril of this nation's prestige and security."

Following is the complete roster of the newly formed Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. In addition to its chairman, Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana, the majority Democrats include Senators Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia, Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, Harold Hughes of Iowa, and Alan Cranston of California. Republican members are Senators Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Clifford Hansen of Wyoming, Marlow Cook of Kentucky, and Ted Stevens of Alaska.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS

Tactical Demonstration

Will be sponsored by the Beaver County Deputy Sheriffs Assoc., July 30 through August 1, at Brady Run Park, Beaver, Pennsylvania.

The battle will be directed by the 19th Ohio Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Inc.
Tentative Schedule:

- Fri., July 30 — Troop registration — informal Campfire.
 - Sat., July 31 — 8 a.m. Flag raising — all troops
 - 10:00 A.M. 1861 Manual of Arms and Drill competition
 - 2:00 P.M. Parade — all troops
 - 7:00 P.M. Grand Military Ball
 - Sun., Aug. 1, 8 A.M. Flag raising — all troops
 - 9:00 A.M. Church services
 - 2:00 P.M. Tactical Demonstration — Reenactment segment of the Battle of the Wilderness
 - 3:00 P.M. Retreat
- Registration should be made to Capt. Jerry L. Wolford, SVR, 157 W. 12th., Salem, Ohio 4460.

To—Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

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

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Name

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

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In memory of Henry S. Ent, 6th U.S. Cavalry \$10.00



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JULY 1, 1971

1. As this is my final General Order, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the honors accorded, and for the spirit in which my wife and I have been received wherever we have gone. It has been a most rewarding year for me, and while I have not succeeded in accomplishing all that I had planned, mostly to the demands of my job and the continuing disability of my wife, I trust that I have merited your confidence. It has been a real pleasure to have served in my elected capacity. To the various committees and members of my staff, my sincere appreciation for all of your efforts in behalf of our Order.

2. To the newly elected officers of the Departments, I extend my best wishes for success in all of your efforts in the perpetuation of our common heritage. May your term of office end on a note of great accomplishment and personal satisfaction.

3. The 90th National Encampment will convene at Boston, Massachusetts, on Sunday, August 15 through Thursday, August 19, 1971. Our headquarters will be at the famous and historic Parker House. Additional information concerning the many activities planned for this Encampment will be found elsewhere in this issue. It would be a source of great pleasure to greet every member of our Order at Boston. Please make every effort to be present, your officers will appreciate a large attendance.

The Committee on Credentials will consist of the following:

Harry Gibbons, P.D.C. New York, Chairman
Kenneth Wheeler, P.D.C. New Hampshire
Arthur Ballou, P.D.C. Vermont
Clarence Riddell, P.D.C. Pennsylvania
Herman Black, P.D.C. Wisconsin

It is requested that all National Officers have their reports prepared and ready for submission to the Committee on Officers Reports at the first session of the Encampment. The personnel of committees will be announced at the start of the first session on Monday. Your Encampment Committee has worked hard and diligently to make the 90th Encampment one of the best. The members deserve our sincere thanks for their conscientious efforts in providing the climate for our pleasure and a successful encampment.

4. To all Departments, Camps and Brothers who have not yet responded to the request of National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Robert Wolz, for donations to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, you are encouraged to do so promptly. The goal for this fund is set at \$1200, and that sum is urgently needed to provide for and maintain our various patriotic activities. It will be a proud moment for Brother Bob when he will announce having reached this goal, and perhaps surpassed it. We can all help no matter how large or how small our donations must be.

5. The story of our 15th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be found elsewhere in this issue. A long time ambition of the cochairmen of this commemoration has finally been achieved with the presence of the Governors of the three Lincoln states, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, participating in the exercises.

6. An event took place on the night of April 14, which must be recorded as the highlight of my life. On that night our C-in-C was honored at a banquet held in Springfield, sponsored by the Sangamon County Historical Society, the Springfield Civil War Round Table and the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He was presented with several awards and a congratulatory letter from President Richard Nixon.

7. One of the pleasurable duties of this office is to award the title, National Aide, to worthy Brothers who have by their energy and determination, recruited five or more new members into our Order. This award has been made to Commander C. S. Merydith, Department of Oregon and Washington, who has signed at least six new members into his camp. Named also as a National Aide, is Brother James Halberstadt of Decatur, Indiana, who organized and enlisted twenty-six new members into Morgan Raid Camp No. 4, Decatur, Indiana. Brother Halberstadt also began an organizational campaign which resulted in that Camp having an Auxiliary. I have just been informed of the formation of a new Camp in Portland, Oregon. Rudolph S. Hummel Camp No. 2 was formed with 18 new members. Congratulations to George P. Harriman the Organizer and to Department Commander Merydith and Dept. Secy-Treas. Lew McKee for their assistance.

My sincere appreciation is extended to each of these fine Brothers. These are examples of what can be accomplished with energy and desire.

8. Since this is my last written word, I would express my sincere appreciation to Sister Eileen Coombs, National President of the Auxiliary, to Miss Bertha Loomis, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to Marion Doughty, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and to Helen W. Johnson, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Their many courtesies and spirit of good-fellowship has made my year pleasurable and satisfying. Their respective organizations are most fortunate in having the leadership of such fine and dedicated officers. It is my hope that each of them will enjoy an Encampment successful, harmonious, constructive, and all they could hope it to be.

9. In the few years that may be left to me, I shall look back upon this year with the greatest of pleasure and appreciation, a never to be forgotten experience. To borrow words from Abraham Lincoln, I have no greater ambition as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow-men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem. I hope that I have perhaps done that.

GEORGE L. CASHMAN
Commander-in-Chief

90th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Boston, Mass. (The Parker House)

August 15-19, 1971

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, August 15

Morning worship — Church of your choice

1:00 P.M. Registration (Room to be announced)

1:15 P.M. National Council Meeting — Headquarters Room

2:00 P.M. Meeting of all Department Commanders or Representatives with National Chaplains in Ball Room.

3:00 P.M. Joint Memorial Services — Ball Room — Roof

4:30 P.M. Meeting of all National Officers and all Department Commanders with Chief of Staff in Ball Room

7:30 P.M. Allied Orders — Band Concert — Camp Fire — in Ball Room

MONDAY, August 16

9:30 A.M. Joint Opening with Auxiliary in Ball Room

10:30 A.M. Business Meeting — Old Boston Room

11:30 A.M. Recess for Lunch

6:00 P.M. Banquet of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents. Room to be announced.

7:30 P.M. Exemplification of Ritual by Maine Department Auxiliary

8:30 P.M. Auxiliary Courtesy Hour — Ball Room

TUESDAY, August 17

9:30 A.M. Business Meeting — Old Boston Room

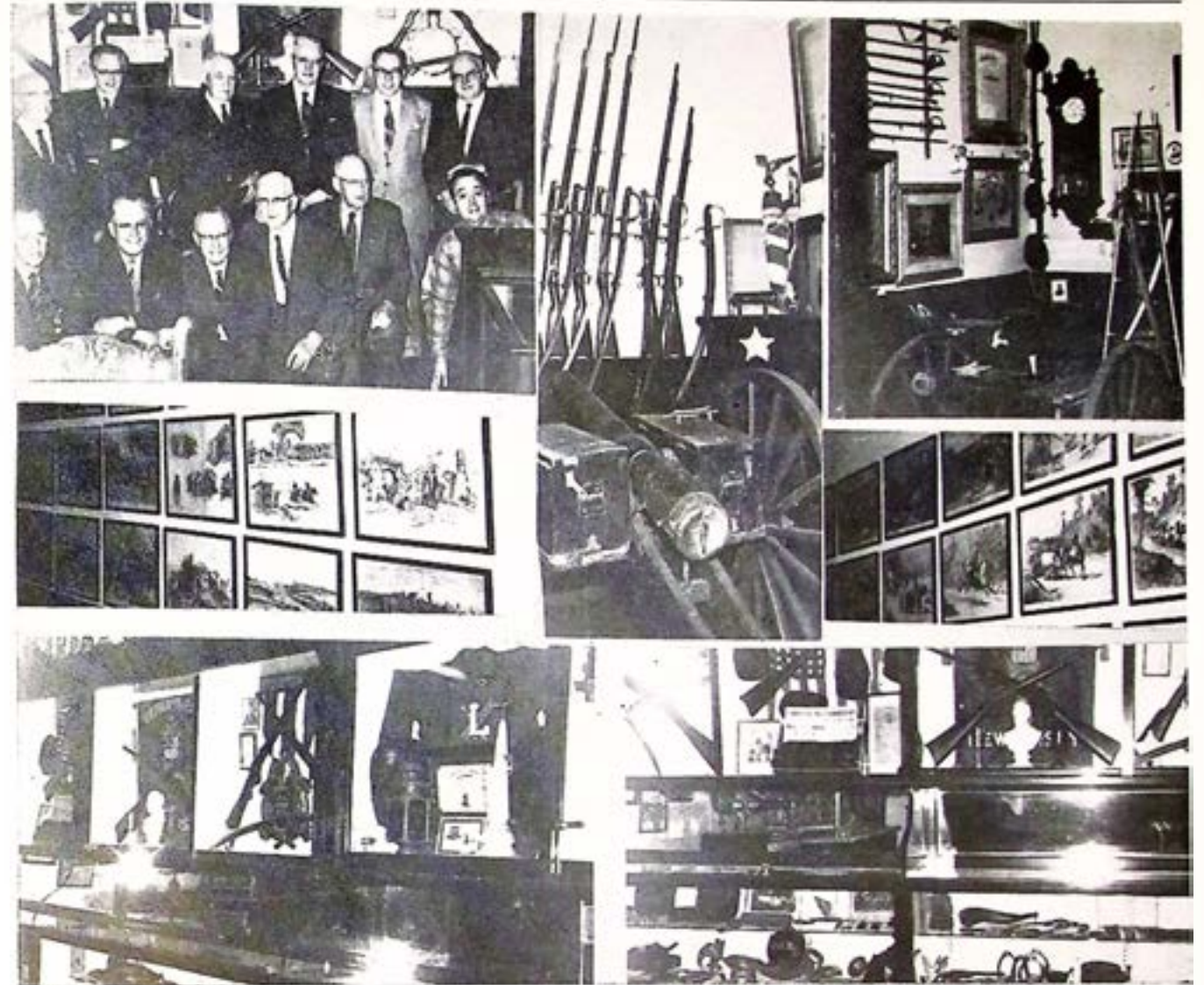
11:30 A.M. Recess for Lunch

2:00 P.M. Greeting Received

6:30 P.M. Banquet honoring National Officers of Sons and Auxiliary in Ball Room — Roof

9:00 P.M. Reception honoring National Officers of Sons and Auxiliary in Ball Room

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Pictured above are a group of N. J. State Camp 100 members that visited the new Civil War Museum located in the Trenton Fire Headquarters, Trenton, N. J., on April 24th. The display of Civil War Memorabilia shown above has become part of the Trenton Fireman's Museum, which is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of prominent citizens including three members of Garfield Camp No. 4.

The many rifles, hand guns, swords, pictures, drawings, charters, books, etc. handed down from Aaron Wilkes Post and Bayard Post, G.A.R. has been preserved by Garfield Camp No. 4, and is presently catalogued and displayed in a most attractive manner. This has become one of the finest and most valuable Civil War collections in the country, and is well worth visiting.

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WEDNESDAY, August 18

No Business Sessions

This is a free day to enjoy the many attractions in Boston. The main shopping district is one block from the Hotel.

Many fine tours are available. Henry Bowen will be in the Hotel Lobby to advise and to make reservations.

8:00 P.M. A thirty five piece Accordion Band will entertain for one hour in the Ball Room, to be followed by entertainment and dancing.

THURSDAY, August 19

9:30 A.M. Business Meeting — Installation of Officers in Old Boston Room

3:00 P.M. National Council meeting in Headquarters Room (Correction: Hotel parking fee will be \$2.50 daily)

I cast my independent vote for candidates who share my view,
And then discover, once they're in,
That they are independent too.

America is the only country in the world where you can go on the air and kid politicians and where politicians go on the air and kid the people.

Politician: What do you think of the two-party system?
Gay Blade: Great, but I sure feel lousy on Monday Morning.

A politician who had changed his views rather radically was congratulated by a colleague. "I'm glad you've seen the light," he said.

"I didn't see the light," came the reply. "I felt the heat."



Department News



CALIFORNIA

Elmer P. Price of 853 W. Duarte Rd., Apt. 28, Arcadia, Calif., 91006 is compiling a listing of the names and ages of all actual Sons of Union Veterans (not including grandsons etc.). All first generation "Sons" are requested to communicate with him.

CONNECTICUT

We were pleased to welcome several National and Department Officers from other Departments at our Encampment in New Britain, May 1-2, including Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs, and P.N.P. Florence Jansson. Highlights were the P.D.P. Luncheon, the Memorial Service, and the annual banquet honoring Dept. Pres. Nathalie Linnell, and Dept. Commander Chauncey Geer, and their officers. Dept. Patr. Instr. Ann Willeke, P.D.P., presented a check to the New Britain Fresh Air Fund. P.D.P. Mary Buchanan of Rockville was installed as our new Department President.

ILLINOIS

The 104th Illinois Vol. Inf. Reactivated participated with Veteran Camp No. 22 this year in the Loyalty Day parade in Elgin, Ill. Joining the SUVCW color guard and the 104th Illinois Vol. Inf. Reactivated in the Memorial Day parade in downtown Chicago on May 31 was another Civil War reactivated unit, the 114th Illinois Infantry, carrying the banner of Old Glory Camp No. 61-65. Grand Marshall for that parade was P.D.C. Charles H. Bournstine, who served this year as Commander of the G.A.R. Memorial Assn. of Cook County.

The annual encampments of the G.A.R. Allied Orders of Illinois were held June 4 and 5 at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. It was the 89th for SUVCW, with Dept. Comdr. Julius L. Weiss presiding, and the 84th for the Auxiliary, with Dept. Pres. Gertrude Smith presiding. P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr., was general chairman for the combined conventions; P.D.P. Helen S. Brady had charge of arrangements for the Auxiliary's convention. Comdr.-in-Chief George L. Cashman and Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs were guests of honor at the Sons-and-Auxiliary Fellowship Luncheon on June 4. Guest speaker at the G.A.R. Family Dinner on June 5 was Lincoln scholar Chester E. Gunn of Chicago Heights. "The Forum," a barbershop quartet, entertained with old-time melodies. Natl. Pres. Bertha Loomis of the Daughters of Union Veterans and Past Natl. Pres. Josie Kracht of the Ladies of the G.A.R. were guests of honor at this dinner. Elected as department commander of SUVCW for the new term was Earl F. Bartholomew and elected as department president of the Auxiliary was Marie Doran, both of Chicago.

Newly installed Dept. Comdr. Earl Bartholomew's first official duty was to present the department's G.A.R. Memorial Award on June 13 at the Flag Day ceremony held by Glenwood School for Boys in Glenwood, Ill. Recipient of the award was Cadet 1st Lt. Jeffrey McFarland. Dept. Pres. Marie Doran photographed the presentation.

IOWA

The Iowa Auxiliary held a dinner and reception honoring Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs in the Hotel Kirkwood, Des Moines on May 21st. In charge of arrangements were Dept. Pres. Pauline Herron, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Mrs. Stella Winget, Mrs. Leve Hilliard and Mrs. Margaret B. Jones.

At our Annual Encampment held in Des Moines, June 3-5, Mrs. Pauline Herron of Lakewood was reelected as Department President.

The State of Iowa Annual Picnic was held in ideal weather in Iowa Falls, with thirty three present. Good food and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

MARYLAND

George H. Miller Jr., Fairfax, Va., attorney, was re-elected Department Commander of the Maryland Department at the Encampment held at the Holiday Inn, Hagerstown, Md., Apr.

30 - May 1st. Marion C. T. Townsend of Wilmington, Del. was re-elected as Dept. Secy-Treas.

Mrs. Edwina Macklin, of Hockessin, Del., was elected Department President of the Maryland-Delaware Auxiliary and Mrs. Anna B. Heacock of Wilmington, was elected Dept. Vice-Pres.

Aux. Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs accompanied by her husband Dexter were in attendance, as was P.N.P. Irene K. Murphy of Pennsylvania. Wilmington Del. was selected for the 1972 Dept. Encampment.

MASSACHUSETTS



P.D.C.

LEON

PALMER

Honored

Leon Palmer, age 100, shown above with P.D.C. John B. Davis was visited by a group of Past Dept. Commanders on June 5th at the Care Well Manor Nursing Home, Malden. Included in the group were John B. Davis, Addison A. Quinn, Herbert L. Jackson, Louis E. Winchell, Edwin J. Lennon, Millard F. Brown, Howard E. Waite, Wm. W. Haskell, Chester W. Adshed, Allen B. Howland, Charles W. Hooper, William S. Rule and Edward L. Bresette.

Leon is a 63 year member, the oldest in the Department. He served as Department Secretary for twenty-five years. Presently he is in good health, but handicapped due an arthritic condition. He still retains a keen interest in the Order and asked about many of his friends.

The party was a complete surprise to him. Among his gifts were cash, a robe, books, tobacco, pipe rack, and handkerchiefs. Mrs. Celia McCole the owner of the nursing home graciously furnished cake, coffee, and spirits.

At the Department Convention held Apr. 16-18 in Auburn, Alfred Deroucher was elected as Dept. Commander and Lillian Husser is the new Department President of the Auxiliary. Guests included Roy Stoudt, Harold Arnold, William Haskell, Anna Stoudt, Ethelyn Tucker, Ursula Shephardson, Emma Wheeler and Flora Bates.

Camp 30 and 61 were hosts at the Annual Memorial Services held at the Long Island Hospital, June 13.

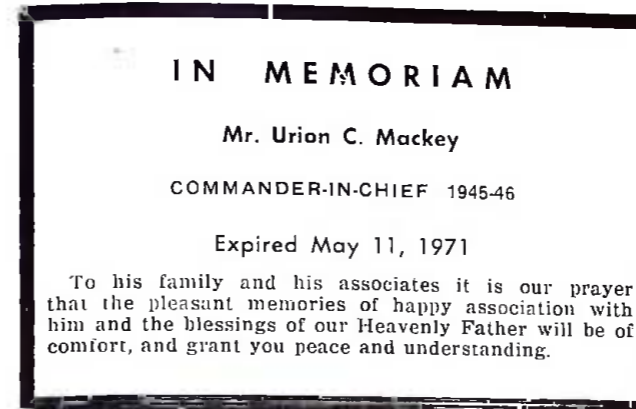
All Camps and Auxiliaries participated in Memorial Day exercises.

A birthday party will be held at Department Headquarters on July 25 for Maude Coburn of Abington Auxiliary, at which time she will be 100 years of age.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

On June 6, a large gathering of friends, relatives and members attended a reception honoring Dept. Pres. Earlene Roberts of Alton, and her staff, and Dept. Comdr. Leon Place of Penacook and his staff of officers. P.D.C. Robert Lawrence was chairman assisted by Irene Wentworth, Iyla Bartlett and Ethel Griffin. Eleven Past Dept. Presidents and ten Past Dept. Commanders were present, as well as members from Massachusetts Department.

MICHIGAN



P.D.C. Homer Savage, 3536 W. Leonard Road, Grand Rapids Mich. 49504 is the acting Department Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW JERSEY



Shown are William Vanderhoof of Plainfield, and Mrs. Gertrude Deckenback of Bloomfield. They were elected Dept. Commander and Dept. Pres. at our Avon Convention June 11-12. Beautiful spring weather added to the hospitable service at Avon Inn, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, made for a perfect weekend. In addition to Aux. Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs of Rhode Island, we welcomed out of state visitors: Frank and Ann Heacock and Agnes Davis from Delaware; Lou and Hazel Moushey from Missouri; Jack Yocum, Roy and Anna Stoudt, Irene Murphy, Clarence and Caroline Riddell, and Theresa Moeckel from Pennsylvania.

At the Friday night banquet our 1971 Good Citizen Award was presented to Mr. Samuel J. Taylor of Trenton by P.D.C. Walter Williams. Another highlight was the presentation of a \$150.00 check by Aux. Dept. Patr. Instr. Patricia Donahue to Dr. Joseph J. Kline, for use in the children's unit of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

A resolution concerning world and national affairs was adopted and ordered sent to the National Encampment in Boston for consideration.

NEW YORK

A very complimentary letter was received recently from Herschel Fox, Exec-Sec. of the New York County Council JVV regarding the Grant Memorial Services held April 25th at Grant's Tomb. Among other things he said "this was the best Memorial Service that I ever attended".

Editor's Note

Again this year services were held at Grant's Home in Mt. McGregor, where Nellie Halligan and John Kiernan had a fine program. A dinner was held following the services.

"Low Down News", edited by Helen Marie Butler contains a complete and interesting listing of local events, receptions, meetings and services.

Editor's Note

OHIO

Past Commander-in-Chief Earl Corbin is confined to the Hartville Manor Nursing Home, Hartville, Ohio 44632 and enjoys hearing from his friends and brothers.

Our June Encampment will again be held on the Mt. Union College Campus, Alliance, on June 25-27.

OREGON & WASHINGTON



Pictured are six Casterline brothers whose father stood guard while Gen. U. S. Grant and Gen. Robt. E. Lee wound up their differences. These men along with four others comprise a group of ten actual SONS that have been initiated recently.

Members of the Oregon Blues Fife and Drum Corps recently participated in a Testimonial Ceremony at the Portland Memorial Inc., at which time fourteen Union Veterans of the Civil War were honored by having their names placed on a bronze plaque at the base of the flag pole.

Bro. Spencer Leonard is presently a patient in Barnes Veterans Hospital, Vancouver, Washington.

At our Encampment in Eugene, May 16-18 a husband and wife were chosen as Dept. Commander and Dept. President. They were George P. Harriman Sr., and Zelma Harriman. Auxiliary officers were installed by Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs of Rhode Island.

All credit for organizing the Camp in Eugene goes to Brother Harriman with assistance from Clarence Merydith.

Owen Summers Camp 4 held G.A.R. Memorial Services on May 30th in the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland and received good coverage on TV Channel 2 news.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 38th Annual Appomattox Banquet of the G.A.R. Orders was held in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, on April 3rd with 165 members and friends present from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The toastmaster was former Mayor John F. Davis, who was introduced by P.N.P. Irene Murphy, the chairlady. Department Presidents were introduced from the Allied Orders. The program was concluded with a floor show.

Address change: Frank M. Heacock Sr., 421 S. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Delaware, 19805.

Dr. Arthur B. King of Athens was the featured speaker at a recent meeting of the 141st Vol. Inf. held at Emory Chapel near Waverly. Introduced by Capt. A. C. Goodrich, Dr. King prefaced his excellent talk on Civil War supplies with remarks explaining why the Civil War has maintained great interest for more than a hundred years. Following Dr. King's speech, Ray Ward of Waverly presented a book "By Antietam Creek" to the Emory Chapel. A new regimental flag was presented to the unit by Cpl. Gary Conrad as a gift from the Conrad family.

RHODE ISLAND

At the 83rd Dept. Encampment Apr. 9-10 in Providence, the Annual Memorial Service was held on Friday evening at which time many flags were presented to Boy Scout, Girl Scout troops and to other organizations. Saturday sessions were held in the Biltmore Hotel at which time many guests were introduced from other New England Departments. The annual dinner was held in the Garden Room. Among the guests were Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs, P.C. in C. Haskell representing the Commander-in-Chief, and several National and Past National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary. P. C. in C. Harold Arnold was the toastmaster of the evening. Natl. Pres. Eileen Coombs installed P.D.P. Mae Macomber for a second term as Dept. Pres. Her husband, Wallace Macomber was reelected as Department Commander.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOC.

President Iyla Bartlett of Boscawen, N.H. presented a sword to Cadet Stephen C. Ploszaj, at New London Conn. for highest qualities of military leadership. Cadet Ploszaj who is also the Regimental Commander of the Corps of Cadets, will graduate the Coast Guard Academy in June. Others attending the ceremony were Leon P. Place, Frances Place and Robert Lawrence.

THE VIEW FROM HERE

With all the isms, cults and organized protestors there are really only two groups of people in the world — happy and unhappy. The happy ones are so busy working earning their own way, producing their share of the world's needs, that they haven't time to join the rioters. The unhappy ones are so busy screaming for their "rights", trying to be noticed, demanding somebody else take care of them, that they haven't time to join self-respecting workers.

The hand that rules the press, the radio, the screen and the far-spread magazine rules the country. Whether we like it or not, we must learn to accept it. The individual is as helpless against it as the child is helpless against the formulas with which he is indoctrinated. Not only is it possible by those means to shape his tastes, his feelings, his desires and his hopes, but it is possible to convert him into a fanatical zealot.

We have seen in the press and on television a tendency to explain the inexcusable bombing of public buildings — including even the Capitol building in Washington — in terms that come very close to a rationalization of these despicable deeds as though it was society, not the individual who is to blame for crimes the individual commits.

Government has a duty to protect its citizens against bombers and insurrectionists. It is common sense that the government must have intelligence systems to know who might trigger a revolution. Such surveillance is not a threat and no law-abiding citizen should have doubts about it.

RESERVE 2nd NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Despite tornado warnings, rainstorms and 90 degree temperatures, over 1000 troops representing the SVR, ANV, TXB, CHC, & NSSA gathered to participate in the largest meeting of Civil War buffs since the Civil War Centennial years — the SVR 2nd Natl. Encampment.

This years event was a triple birthday celebration — the 196th anniversary of the U.S. Army; the 65th anniversary of Ft. Ben. Harrison, and the 150th anniversary of Indianapolis. The event was coordinated by Cleon Duncan, post

musuem curator and was a huge success. A military ball featured units dressed in period military uniforms from 1812 thru 1876 with beautiful ladies in hoop skirts. 1851 drill competition in infantry, artillery, and cavalry was keenly judged by the U.S. Army.

Many Det. and Natl. officers of the SUV witnessed or participated in the events. Commander-in-Chief Cashman sent his congratulatory message from the viewing stands to Brig. Gen. C.S. Shriver commanding Union Forces. General Henry Horn, ANV, of Kensington, Md. commanded Confederate forces.

Exceptional Services awards were conferred by the SVR upon Post officials and Major E.A. von Frankenberg received the first S.V.R. "Field Commission" promoting him to Lieutenant Colonel.

The results will be seen in increased activity in the SUV of the midwest, the excellent press coverage including AP nationwide, and the splendid recognition by the State officials and the U.S. Dept. of Defense.

FINAL REMINDER

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God grant us the serenity to accept things we cannot change; the courage to change what we can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

I had no shoes and I complained — until I met a man who had no feet. (Arabian Proverb)



GRAND OLD VETERANS

This photograph, in the early 1900's was typical of the men who were a focal point for many Memorial Holidays, with their memories of that most bloody of all American conflicts — The Civil War.