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One Hundred and Seventh Anniversary Commemorating The Death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN



APRIL 15, 1972

Service conducted by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, with participation by other patriotic societies and veterans organizations.



LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

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Pictures were by Don D. Duffy. Bottom pictures at luncheon seated left to right: Thomas L. W. Johnson, co-chairman; the Rev. Miss Shirley Ann Rakacs; and CDR. William C. Duval. Standing, Lloyd Ostendorf; George L. Cashman, honorary co-chairman; Col. Henry McHarg III; Col. Wayne C. Temple, co-chairman. Artist Lloyd Ostendorf is also shown sketching head of Abraham Lincoln.
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Under a gray sky and in a chill breeze, wreath bearers representing 69 veterans, patriotic and historical associations paid homage to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on April 15th, the 107th anniversary of his death.

George L. Cashman, who earlier had been designated as honorary chairman by Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, represented his chief at the rites. CDR William C. Duval, USNR (ret.), represented LTC Brooke M. Lessig, Commander-in-Chief of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Bro. Cashman and CDR. Duval are Past Commanders-in-Chief of the SUCVW and MOLLUS respectively.

Adding dignity and color to the occasion were men attired in Union Blue representing several reactivated Civil War regiments. Posting the colors and acting as an escort for the wreath bearers was the host unit, the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Col. Julius Weiss of Springfield. This unit has the distinction of having been designated as the honor guard for the Governor of the State of Illinois. In addition, the Sons of Veterans Reserve under the command of Major Burton E. Kannenberg of Wisconsin was represented by elements from the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, the 12th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and the 1st Wisconsin Independent Artillery.

A male choir from Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, under the direction of Professor John Welde sang "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "America."

Presiding at the Tomb site was Thomas L. W. Johnson, co-chairman of the ceremony committee.

At the luncheon following the rites, 119 guests witnessed the creation of a drawing of the head of Mr. Lincoln by the noted artist and Lincoln authority, Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio. The artist worked from a model of a Lincoln life mask originally prepared in February of 1865. The "illustrated talk" was a unique first in the annals of the ceremony. Dr. Wayne C. Temple, co-chairman, presided as master of ceremonies.

Among those in attendance at the luncheon were Edna McCready, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Grace P. Broderick, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65; and Col. Henry McHarg III, the Editor of the Loyal Legion Bulletin. Mrs. Hazel Moushey, a Past National President of the Auxiliary, represented Mrs. Agnes Davis. In the absence of Mrs. Sara Binder Moore, the Dames of the Loyal Legion was represented by Mrs. Fran Satterlee of Springfield. LTC Philip M. Watrous, Commander of the Illinois Commandery of the MOLLUS, presented each luncheon guest with a copy of "Ford's Theatre and the House Where Lincoln Died" with the compliments of the Commandery.

Steve Houser and Paul Schreiber, members of the Concordia choir, entertained the guests with three selections, "The Battle Cry of Freedom," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and "Dixie."

Departments of the SUCVW/Auxiliary represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the MOLLUS similarly represented were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Monday "holidays" are now a fact in Wisconsin. On March 8 the Wisconsin Assembly considered the Senate passed measure and refused on a 64 to 32 vote to exempt Memorial Day and Veterans Day from the proposed bill. After disposing of that amendment, the measure was given final approval by a vote of 72 to 24 and signed into law on March 24 by Gov. Lucey.

On May 11 the Illinois Senate passed by a vote of 44 to 1 a measure that would return that State's observance of Veterans Day to November 11. The bill now advances to the Illinois House.

On April 13 the U. S. Senate gave approval by a surprisingly wide margin to a bill designed to curb the President's powers to wage undeclared warfare without the consent of Congress. The final vote was 68 to 16 with the majority representing a wide spectrum of political views. The measure, S-2956, would compel the President to obtain specific congressional approval to continue beyond 30 days any military action commenced. Although opposed by the Nixon administration as an unconstitutional and unwise limitation of Presidential prerogatives, the widespread support the bill received is indicative of the concern of the Upper House in this matter. The measure is now in the House where its fate is uncertain. Its provisions would not apply to the present Vietnam Conflict.

Last August, the House passed HJ Res 1 sponsored by Rep. Clement Zablocki of Wisconsin. It would require the President to consult with and report to Congress on any situation in which our armed forces are committed in hostilities abroad or where hostilities are likely to occur. Congress would then have the option of sanctioning the action or ordering the withdrawal of our forces from the danger zone. Unlike the Senate measure, Congress would not be required to act within 30 days. Rep. Zablocki, the ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, believes that this proposal would gear congressional response to the requirements of the times rather than to some previously legislated "rules" of the kind prescribed in S-2956. He has stated, "The basic question confronting Congress on war powers today is, in my opinion, whether it is preferable to vote out a harsh measure that no president would accept and that would be vetoed, or to approve a more moderate measure that would become law."

By a vote of 226 to 105, the House of Representatives voted on May 30 to change the name of the Subversive Activities Control Board and to authorize the Board to make loyalty checks of certain organizations as outlined in President Nixon's Executive Order of July 2, 1971. Under the measure, the Board would be renamed the Federal Internal Security Board. The bill now goes to the Senate.

A Federal District Judge in Boston, Massachusetts, recently ruled in effect that it is not a crime to wear Old Glory on the seat of one's pants. The case involved a young man who had had a flag sewed on his pants. Reversing a conviction obtained in a State court, the Federal judge ruled that the youth's rights under the 1st and 14th Amendments of the U. S. Constitution had been violated. The man had received a six months jail sentence and had filed a writ of habeas corpus.

Veteran Sen. Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota has announced that he will retire at the end of his present term which ends in January 1973. Felled by a stroke in 1969, the four-term Senator has made a partial recovery but has been unable to resume his active senatorial career. Sen. Mundt is well known for his steadfast support of the interests of Veterans' and patriotic groups. His leadership on Capitol Hill will be missed.

Thomas L. W. Johnson

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR GENERAL ORDER NO. 4 SERIES 1971-1972

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1. The 91st Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene at the Marriott Motor Inn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 13th, 1972.
2. Registration will be in the Brandywine Foyer, and business sessions of the SUCVW will be held in Salons A, B, and C.
3. I have made the following appointments for the Encampment: GUIDE--P.D.C. Charles Hooper, of Massachusetts; COLOR BEARER--P.D.C. James Ledwith, of Connecticut; GUARD--P.D.C. William Wilson, of Vermont. The CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE will be: P.D.C. Kenneth Wheeler, New Hampshire, Chairman; P.D.C. William Vanderhoof, New Jersey; Ned Durkee, of Vermont; P.D.C. Harry Furman, New York; and P. C-in-C Chester S. Shriver, our National Secretary.
4. All National Officers will be prepared to submit their reports, in writing, during our opening business session on Monday, August 14th. Chairmen of Committees appointed in our 1st General Order will also have their reports ready. All other committees and appointments will be announced at the first business session of the Encampment.
5. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my National President, Sister Agnes Davis, for her wholehearted cooperation in all of our endeavors, and wish for her many happy landings, and a successful and harmonious Encampment.
6. To the National Presidents of the Allied Orders, it has been very nice working with you during the past year and I hope our friendship will continue for many more years to come. Although I couldn't attend many of your affairs, I was with you in spirit.
7. To my National Officers, my sincere thanks for a job well done. If I have attained any degree of success during my administration, it was only with your help, for which I will always be grateful.
8. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce the appointment of the following named Brothers as National Aides, for securing five or more new members, and authorize them to wear the National Ribbon for the remainder of my administration: George Harriman and Charles Hansen of Oregon; Charles Brady and G. Edward Coltrin of Illinois; Col. John B. Tipton of Colorado and Frank C. Bellinger of New York. If there are others entitled to this award, I have not been notified. One more Brother deserves Special Mention. James Halberstadt of Indiana not only organized Morgan Raid Camp last year, but has brought in over thirty members this year. Brother Halberstadt has the sincere thanks of the National Organization.
9. I will always be thankful for the opportunity to have served as your Commander-in-Chief. It is the best "on the job training" I have ever experienced and will enable me, in the future, to serve our beloved Order much better than in the past. To the incoming administration I pledge my full support and wish for them the best of years.
10. As this is my last General Order, I want to thank EVERYONE for the honors I have received during my administration, and hope to see as many of you as possible at our National Encampment in Philadelphia.

NORMAN R. FURMAN, Commander-in-Chief

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Sunday August 13
Morning worship -- Church of your choice
12 Noon Dept. Commanders meet with Nat'l Chaplain
1 P.M. Registration--Brandywine Foyer
2 P.M. Council Meeting--Headquarters
2 P.M. Dept. Commanders meet with Nat'l Chaplain --
Salon A-B-C-D-E
3 P.M. Joint Memorial Service -- Sons and Auxiliary --
Salon A-B-C-D-E
7:30 P.M. Band Concert -- Brandywine Ballroom
8:00 P.M. Camp Fire -- Brandywine Ballroom

Monday August 14
9 A.M. Registration -- Brandywine Foyer
10 A.M. Joint Opening -- Sons & Aux. -- Salon F & G
11 A.M. Business Session -- Salon A-B-C
4 P.M. Recess
6 P.M. Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents
Banquet - Salon B
9 P.M. Auxiliary Courtesy Hour -- Salon F & G

Tuesday August 15
10 A.M. Business session -- Salon A-B-C
3 P.M. Greetings Received
4 P.M. Recess
6:30 P.M. Banquet honoring Officers of Sons and Auxiliary --
Commonwealth Ballroom
9 P.M. Reception to National Officers Sons and Auxiliary --
Commonwealth Ballroom

Wednesday August 16
Free Day
8 P.M. Complimentary Floor Show -- Brandywine Ballroom

Thursday August 17
10 A.M. Business session -- Salon A-B-C
Election and Installation of Officers
2 P.M. Council Meeting - Headquarters

Note: Programs for the Camp Fire will be available only during
registration on Sunday, August 13th.

It is with mixed emotions that I "put to bed" this edition of the
"Banner". Since January 1952, when I first assumed editorship,
it has been a great experience and genuine pleasure. My
appreciation is extended to all that have made this possible.

It is with pleasure that I announce that your new Editor is Past
Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.O. Box No. 193,
Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648. Both because he is a personal
friend, and because of his ability, I know that the "Banner" will
go on to a bigger and better future.

Albert C. Lambert

BADGE PRICE INCREASE

Our badge supplier has increased prices greatly, resulting in the
following changes:

Membership Badges -----	\$ 3.00
Associate Badges -----	3.50
Past Camp Commander's Badges -----	3.00
Past Dept. Commander's Badges -----	15.00
Red Ribbons -----	.30

Please anticipate your needs and order early.

Chester S. Shriver
Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
CONSTITUTION

For consideration of the 91st Natl.
Encampment at Phila., Pa.

Eliminate Sec. 3, Art. 7 MEMBERSHIP
on Page 4 of C. & R. and insert the
following:

Sec. 3, Article 7

Departments and Camps may establish
Associates, provided that the number
of Associates in any Camp shall at
no time exceed one third of it's
membership.

At no meeting of a Camp, a Department
or the National Organization can
business be transacted if the number
of Associates in attendance exceeds
forty-nine per percent of the total
attendance at said meeting.

SUBMITTED BY NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTED BY MASSACHUSETTS DEPT.

Sec. 3, Art. 7

Departments and Camps may establish
Associates, No Camp shall, at any
time, elect Associates when the
number of Associates will exceed
twenty-five (25%) of the number of
regular members at the time of such
election.

CONNECTICUT



Shown above left to right are PDP
Minnie Burkhart, Maj. Agostinelli
of Rocky Hill Veterans Home and
PDP Mae Hall. Assisting at the
presentation of a check were the
Rockville Drums Corps in Reserve
Uniform and Chief of Staff PDP
Natalie Linnell.

CONNECTICUT Many guests from various New England States were present at our Dept. Encampment in
Hartford May 6-7 presided over by Dept. Pres. Mary Buchanan. At the joint banquet, Toastmaster
Allan Spink introduced Mayor Geo. Altherson as principal speaker. An American Flag is being
presented to the Salvation Army in Hartford. Edgar Prince and Chauncey Geer attended the pre-
sentation of awards to the R.O.T.C. of the Univ. of Connecticut and presented two bonds. P.N.P.
Eileen Coombs of Maine installed Mrs. Elsie Squires of E. Hampton as Dept. Pres., and C. in C.
Furman installed Edgar A. Prince Sr. as Dept. Commander.

ILLINOIS On Feb. 12 Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp 1 and Aux 30 held their annual Lincoln Day luncheon
at the Oak Park Hotel. A beautiful plaque was presented to PDC Chas. Bournatine for his more
than 50 years of service. August Payne, Civil War scholar was the principal speaker. On Apr.
15 John Buford Camp 243 of Rock Island was reactivated.

INDIANA On Apr. 26 Morgan Raid Camp 4 held a dinner in Decatur, with Mayor Harry Hebble heading
a distinguished list of guests. Five awards were presented including a National Aide Ribbon
to James Halberstadt, Commander. Mrs. Edith Lankeneau, widow of our first Commander was
presented with his Past Commanders Badge.

NEW JERSEY A successful and enjoyable Encampment was presided over June 9-10 in Pt. Pleasant
by Dept. Commdr. Wm. Vanderhoof and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Gertrude Deckenback. We were honored by
the presence of Commander-in-Chief Furman, Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Davis and Sr Vice Jack Yocum.
Mr. George Burck, director of the N. J. Blind Men's Assoc. at Camp Happiness was the recipient
of our 1972 Good Citizen Award. During the banquet Aux. Dept. Patr. Instr. Theresa McKnight
also presented Mr. Burck with a check for \$150.00 to be used at Camp Happiness. A week prior
to the Encampment Mrs. McKnight presented an American Flag to the Wayside School in Ocean, N.J.

A Testimonial Dinner will be held Sat. Sept. 23 in the Palmer Room, Nassau Inn, Princeton in
honor of newly elected Dept. Commdr. John Junge and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Jean Kandrac. The
autumn dinner meeting of the N. J. State Camp will be held at Nassau Inn, Princeton on
Sat. October 28th.

NEW YORK Sesqui-centennial services in commemoration of the 150th birthday of Gen. U. S. Grant
were held Apr. 30 at the Grant National Memorial in New York City, sponsored by the New York
Dept. Sons and Aux. Greetings were presented by Commander-in-Chief Furman and Natl. Pres. Mrs.
Davis, and by representatives of the Loyal Legion, Ladies of the G. A. R., Disabled Officers
Assoc., American War Mothers, Daughters of Union Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans. Following
the observances a dinner and reception were held at Stouffer's where Natl. Chaplain John B. Davis
led grace. In addition to many New York Dept. Officers and Past Officers, guests included P. C.
in C. Fred H. Combs Jr. and Dept. Commdr. Wm. Vanderhoof of New Jersey, and William Davis,
Dept. Commander of Maryland-Delaware.

The services at Mt. McGregor were well attended and inspiring. Hon. Hamilton Fish, grandson of
the Secy of State under Pres. U. S. Grant was the principal speaker. Others participating include
John Kernan, Jerry Orton, Lynn Williamson, Dept. Comdr. Harry Furman, Brig. Gen. Francis Higgins,
Edith Parsons, Harold Beilby and Robert Wagoner. A wreath was presented, and a flag ceremony
was held at The Point.

Chaplain Cook Camp 223 of Buffalo have taken a leading part in several community activities
including Memorial Day Service on May 28 in Brauer Park, No. Tonawanda and services on May
29 at the GAR Monument in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo. Also at the Blue and Gray Ball on
May 28 in No. Tonawanda where the 150th Birthday of Gen. U.S. Grant, and the 75th anniversary
of the City of No. Tonawanda were observed.

At the annual meeting of the Reserve Officers Assoc. of the U.S., Rochester Chapter, held Mar.
23, Past Commander-in-Chief Jos. S. Rippey who holds the rank of Navy Commander was elected
President for the coming year. This Chapter annually presents awards to outstanding men of the
R.O.T.C. at the Univ. of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology. The object of
the association is to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate
National Security and to promote the development and execution thereof.

MASSACHUSETTS Commander-in-Chief Furman installed Elmer Shaw Jr. as Dept. Commander at our
Encampment. The following day Commander Shaw accompanied by P.C. in C. Haskell made his first
visitation to Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 in Cambridge. Our new Dept. Pres. Louaine Hooper
rode in style in a Rolls-Royce in the Memorial Day parade in Bridgewater. The senior P.D.P.
of Mass., Maybelle Hamm who served in 1919 expired in May. P.D.P. Jessie G. Wells was
endorsed by her Dept. Encampment for the office of National President in 1973.
On May 30, Bro. Everett Nichols, last surviving member of Camp 127 read Gen. Logan's Memorial
Orders at the Civil War Monument for the 35th consecutive year. Bro. Nichols who is Counselor
for Aux. 127 is 93 years of age. The hundreds of people including Boy and Girl Scouts stood
quietly to listen. There was no generation gap.

OREGON & WASHINGTON At our 50th Dept. Encampment held May 21st 23, newly elected officers, elected and installed, include Dept. Commander Chas. E. Hansen and Lew W. McKee, Dept. Secy-Treas. Aux. Officers installed by Betty Moon of Calif. include Dept. Pres. Mary D. Baker and Mrs. Lillian Aspland as Dept. Secy. Owen Summer Camp 4, the Oregon Blue Brigade Fife and Drum Corps and Color Bearers presented colors at the Willamette Natl. Cemetery in Portland on Memorial Day. These same groups performed at services at the GAR Cemetery later the same day.

RHODE ISLAND The 88th Annual Encampment was held Apr. 7-8 in the Biltmore Hotel, Providence. On Fri. evening the annual Memorial and Flag Presentation services was held jointly with the Aux. with many National and State Flags presented. On Sat. Commander-in-Chief Furman attended one of the largest Encampments that we have had in quite some time. At the annual dinner, C. in C. Furman presented a 50 year badge to Wallace J. Macomber and P.C. in C. Arnold presented Dexter Coombs with his 50 year badge. Representatives were present from several of the New England Departments.

REQUIEM FOR A PATRIOT



ANGULAR OR SOCKET BAYONET—This was the most popular bayonet used during the Civil War. It was often employed as a cooking utensil or a tent peg.

Cleveland Hall was a native of Malone, Franklin County, New York. On July 25, 1862—at the age of eighteen—he was enrolled by Captain Jesse Cogswell for three years duty in Company G of the 106th Reg. New York State Volunteers. It was during that period in July, 1864, that for the only time in this nation's history, our capital city was seriously threatened by an invading force.

Confederate General Early had driven the Union forces from the Shenandoah Valley in late June 1864, and by July had crossed the Potomac to Maryland Heights. Communications had been destroyed, leaving Washington unaware of the impending attack. President Lincoln and members of the cabinet, with their families were "at home" confidently oblivious of Early's rapid advance. Then, on July 9 during an intense battle—General Lew Wallace was defeated by the Confederates on the Monocacy and the road to Washington was wide open to Early.

Records show that Cleveland Hall fell at the Battle of Monocacy with seven bullet wounds and two saber cuts. Yet—in spite of his agony and serious loss of blood—he rode roughshod through the enemy positions, arriving in Washington in time to warn the Union command of Early's approach.

Thus by the time the Confederates were within sight of the Capital dome, the hurriedly assembled Union artillery under Captain Dupont had been deployed at Fort Stevens. When Early's division had reached the city's outskirts, the defenders opened fire...and by daylight of July 10 it was all over. The Capital, the President, civilian leaders of the nation, even the Capitol Building itself, were most probably saved by the torturous ride of a twenty-year old soldier. That soldier still remains uncelebrated...unknown to most Americans.

After wandering for nearly twenty years, in the spring of 1882 he arrived in Dakota Territory with a group of Pioneers from the East. On June 16, 1883 along with other Civil War Veterans he organized a G.A.R. Post in Westington Springs, and it is here in a tranquil, sun-swept cemetery, overlooking that prairie town that he is buried.

The headstone—tall, abeliscal, and of somber gray cast iron—reads "Carried the order that saved Washington City in 1864". Date of his death was October 26, 1886.

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Chauncey A. Geer P.D.C. Connecticut	\$ 50.00
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In memory of Joseph Hampstock 1st Reg. Connecticut Cavalry By Celia M. Goodrich, Connecticut	\$ 10.00
In memory of John A. Burford Co. I, 20th Ohio Reg. By John D. Burford, Ohio	\$ 10.00
In memory of Thomas Hammer Co. B, 25th Penna. Regiment By Randolph H. Hammer, Pennsylvania	\$ 50.00
In memory of Cpl. Ransom Walter Co. E, 7th Minn. Regiment By James W. Parke, Nevada (Grandson)	\$ 10.00