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BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG COMMEMORATED



On July 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1976 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was the scene of an historically meaningful observance commemorating the 113th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the 200th anniversary of the founding of our Nation. A reenactment of the Battle was a highlight of the event. Other activities of interest during the four-day period included: manual of arms and drill competition; a Civil War parade through Gettysburg; Sunday morning church services in the bivouac area; a military ball; a battlefield trail hike; a tug of war between the north and south; a firemen's parade; ladies' Civil War gown judging and a fireworks display. An impressive representation of Civil War organization "troops" participated with hundreds of spectators looking on. The event was sponsored by the Gettysburg Travel Council; the host was the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Many participants and visitors took advantage of the occasion by visiting the famous Battlefield and examining the scenic terrain and the many monuments and memorials that have been erected thereon. Some examples are shown in photos above, left to right — Top row: State of New York Monument; Dedication Plaque, Aux. to SUVCW, at Woolson Monument; Pennsylvania Monument. Middle row: Ziegler's Grove; Albert Woolson Monument; Tammany (N.Y.) Regiment Monument. Bottom row: New Jersey Monument; Eternal Light Monument; and First Massachusetts Sharpshooters Monument.

**95TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
Columbus, Ohio
August 15-19, 1976
TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

- Morning Worship — Church of Your Choice
- 1:00 P.M. — Registration (Foyer-Ballroom Floor)
- 1:00 P.M. — Department Commanders Meet With National Chaplain to Practice for Memorial Service (Governor's Ballroom North)
- 1:30 P.M. — Council of Administration Meeting (Headquarters)
- 3:00 P.M. — Joint Memorial Service, Sons and Auxiliary (Presidential Ballroom West)
- 4:00 P.M. — National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief Meet With Chief of Staff (Presidential Ballroom West)
- 7:00 P.M. — Band Concert (Presidential Ballroom East)
- 8:00 P.M. — Campfire, Allied Orders (Presidential Ballroom East)

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:30 A.M. — Registration (Foyer-Ballroom Floor)
- 9:30 A.M. — Joint Opening, Sons & Auxiliary (Presidential Ballroom West)
- 10:30 A.M. — Business Session (Governor's Ballroom North)
- 12:00 Noon — Recess
- 1:30 P.M. — Business Session (Governor's Ballroom North)
- 4:30 P.M. — Recess
- 6:00 P.M. — Banquet, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents (To Be Announced)
- 8:00 P.M. — Exemplification of Ritual (Presidential Ballroom West)
- 9:00 P.M. — Joint Courtesy Hour (Joint Chiefs of Staff in Charge) (Presidential Ballroom West)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 9:00 A.M. — Business Session (Governor's Ballroom North)
- 12:00 Noon — Recess
- 1:30 P.M. — Business Session (Governor's Ballroom North)
- 4:00 P.M. — Recess
- 6:00 P.M. — Banquet Honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary (Presidential Ballroom)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 9:00 A.M. — Business Session and Installation of Officers (Governor's Ballroom North)
- 1:30 P.M. — Council of Administration Meeting (Headquarters)
- 8:00 P.M. — Entertainment

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Bus Tour to Historical Museum and Village

If you have not already done so, reserve your hotel accommodations now:

- The Niel House Motor Hotel (Headquarters Hotel)
41 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Single Occupancy \$ 18.00
- Double Occupancy \$ 24.00
- Parlor Suites are available from \$50.00 to \$140.00

All reservations are held until 6:00 P.M. unless accompanied by a deposit of one night's lodging.

IN MEMORIAM

IDA ROKES KLEIN

National President 1924-1925

It is with sadness we record the death of Sister Klein on March 25, 1976. Sincere sympathy is extended to her Auxiliary, to the Department of Maine and to the National Organization.

**ATTENTION
ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES
AND CAMP SECRETARIES**

This is to emphasize the notice that appeared on page 2 of the April 1976 issue of *The Banner* regarding the filing of the I.R.S. Form 990.

Please be reminded that instructions issued by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D. C. require that, IN ADDITION TO THE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RECORDING ON YOUR IRS FORM 990 WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED IT FOR FILING, YOU MUST ALSO SHOW IN PART 1, ITEM 18 (b), OUR NATIONAL GROUP EXEMPTION NUMBER WHICH IS (GEN) 0429.

Keep in mind that each Department Secretary and each Camp Secretary should have filed a Form 990 in accordance with the instructions found thereon WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD OR FISCAL YEAR OF THE CAMP OR DEPARTMENT. Full compliance with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential and urgent in order to conform to the original tax exemption ruling of the IRS dated June 11, 1941 and to avoid any penalties.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in checking by the IRS and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

FRED H. COMBS, JR.
National Secretary-Treasurer

* If this has NOT been done, it should be done immediately.

National G.A.R. Fund . . .

FINAL REMINDER

This will be my last opportunity as National Patriotic Instructor to appeal to the membership for their cooperation in raising the necessary funds for the National Organization to successfully complete all its plans for patriotic service.

We have made a name for our Organization in the past by our patriotic endeavor. This is no time to let that effort wane or our alertness to the need for continued work die. Please help to keep this important work alive.

My report to the National Organization will be made in August 1976 at the annual National Encampment, so please don't delay getting your check in the mail. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this Fund.

Send contributions to: Frank L. Clark, National Patriotic Instructor, 4 Jacata Road, Marlboro, N. J. 07746

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The Central Region Conference will convene on October 9 and 10, at the Holiday Inn Motel in East Peoria, Illinois, located on Interstate 74.

The first session will be called at 2:00 P.M. on October 9th, with an informal banquet in the evening. The second session will begin at 9:00 A.M. on October 10th.

All reservations for rooms should be sent direct to the hotel, stating the time of arrival and departure.

ENDORSEMENTS

The New Hampshire Department at its 94th annual Encampment voted to endorse the candidacy of Kenneth T. Wheeler of Camp 38 in Milford for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1976-1977.

The Illinois Department at its 94th annual Encampment unanimously endorsed the candidacy of P.D.C. Charles Allen Brady, Jr., for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1976-1977.

LINCOLN'S DEATH REMEMBERED



Pictured above are: (Top row) Left, wreathbearers assembled at entrance to Tomb at conclusion of ceremony. Center, Members of the RETREADS (Veterans of World Wars I and II) with their colors —l, to r., John A. Pampliton, Charles B. Meldrum, and George L. Darrow. Right, Members of 114th Regt. Ill. Vol. Inf. (Reactivated) who served as the honor guard and escorts for the wreathbearers. At far right is Capt. Robert M. Graham, commander of the detachment and committee co-chairman. Others identified, right to left, are J. Stephen Hall (bugler), John Saterlee, James Graf, N. Robert Chesnut, Richard Schachtstiek, and William Fisher (with colors).

(Bottom row) Left, (l. to r.) George L. Cashman, committee co-chairman and past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans; Thomas L. W. Johnson, committee co-chairman; Ellinore K. Johnson, special consultant to committee and Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Caroline E. Riddell, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans. Center, Mrs. Joseph B. Daugherty; Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, Commander-in-Chief, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion; and Mrs. Ann McCluney, National President, Dames of the Loyal Legion, standing in front of Lincoln statue at entrance to Tomb. Right, Part of the assembly listening to Col. Daugherty's address; in foreground are colors of the RETREADS and the Disabled American Veterans and at far right behind hedge are Prof. Daniel G. Reuning of Concordia Theological Seminary and Dr. Andrew D. Tempelman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, known as the "Lincoln Family Church." (Photos by Marlin C. Roosi).

Under partly cloudy skies and with a warm but brisk wind blowing, the 20th consecutive ceremony conducted at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, began on Thursday, April 15, the 111th anniversary of the Emancipator's death. Present were wreathbearers representing some 72 patriotic and veterans organizations for the rites sponsored by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Speaking at the wreath-laying were Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell of the Sons of Union Veterans, and Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Co-chairman Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the outdoor exercises.

A capacity crowd attended the luncheon following the ceremony. Dr. Edwin C. Bearss, research historian with the National Park Service and noted authority on Civil War history, spoke on the topic, "Abraham Lincoln and His Neighbors in Springfield." For the first time in recent memory the national heads of the major patriotic organizations that trace their heritage to the Civil War were all present. In addition to the commanders-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and Loyal Legion, they are Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell, National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Mrs. Ann McCluney, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Miss Ellen J. Beckman, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Edra Gene Tighe, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of

the Republic; and Mrs. Joan Bennett, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Professor Daniel Reuning of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, led the assembly through one verse of "America the Beautiful."

The familiar figure of CDR. William C. Duval, the last surviving founder of the ceremony, was absent this year, but Col. Daugherty read a telegram of regret as follows: "Sincere greetings and salutations to all those in attendance at the 20th consecutive gathering of the members of the Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies Association and invited guests. May the day be full of sunshine and prayer and may God bless each and everyone present. Commander Duval."

Dr. Wayne C. Temple, ceremony co-chairman, served as toastmaster for the luncheon.

Under the guidance of Capt. Robert M. Graham of Headquarters Co., elements of the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Infantry, Springfield, served as an honor guard and provided escorts for the wreathbearers. Capt. Graham also served as a co-chairman for the ceremony. At the close of the rites the troops fired a memorial salute and Taps was sounded by Sgt. J. Stephen Hall.

Several national officers from the SUVCW and MOLLUS were present. They were John C. Yocum, National Chief of Staff; J.B. Johnson, National Historian; and Thomas Monahan, Personal Aide, all from the SUVCW. Representing the MOLLUS were Filbert Oakford, Recorder-in-Chief, and Samuel C. McCluney, Member of the Council. Also in attendance were George L. Cashman, ceremony co-chairman and curator emeritus of the Lincoln Tomb; Charles Allen Brady, Jr., a member of the committee and a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; and Mrs. Ellinore K. Johnson, a consultant to the committee and a Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

The Loyal Legion's Illinois Commandery presented each of the 110 luncheon guests with a copy of *Andersonville*, a study of the Civil War camp researched by Dr. Bearss.

Departments and/or Auxiliaries of the Sons of Union Veterans represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, Camps from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois, and Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and the Auxiliary from Peoria were represented.

Commanderies of the Loyal Legion represented this year were Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

Nearly 50 people gathered for an informal dinner at the State House Inn on the evening preceding the ceremony.



Department News



CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

Dr. L. J. Snow, age 93, a life member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Past Commander and Chaplain of Post 28, American Legion, Petaluma, California, represented the Post in presenting new American flags to all twenty-nine public and parochial schools in Petaluma at a Bicentennial celebration April 19th, the anniversary of the date of the beginning of the Revolutionary War in 1775.

At the Department Encampment held in April in Fresno, the Department Auxiliary to the SUVCW made the first \$500 donation to the "500 Club", an organization that has been started to raise funds to build a new museum at the Chaffey Communities Cultural Center in Upland. The museum will house a collection of artifacts of days gone which has outgrown the space in the present museum building, the former St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Upland. Beatrice Riggs, P.N.P., is President of the Board of the Cultural Center.

ILLINOIS

On April 3rd, the 110th anniversary of the forming of the Grand Army of the Republic, a wreath was laid at the monument of Gen. John A. Logan at Michigan Avenue and 9th Street in Chicago. The annual dinner of the Sons and Daughters Association followed later in the day. The speaker was Marshall Krolick, a prominent attorney and Past President of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. Mr. Krolick, who is also a regular contributor to the Civil War Times Illustrated, spoke about the Battle of Gettysburg.

On May 30th our 98th Annual Memorial Day Parade was held. The G.A.R. Colors were carried by William Baxter, Department Commander, and Charles S. Bournstine, Past Camp Commander, both of Camp No. 1. Their escort was the 55th Illinois Infantry, Reactivated, in authentic Civil War uniforms, arms and equipment, commanded by Colonel Allen Feldstein of Camp No. 61-65. At the close of the parade, in front of the reviewing stand, the 55th fired a volley of three shots and taps were played.

INDIANA

Donald L. Kelly, Past Camp Commander of William P. Benton Camp No. 28 of Centerville, was installed as Department Commander at the 90th Department Encampment held in Indianapolis on June 12th. Brother Kelly briefly addressed the evening banquet which was attended by representatives of all five of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Outgoing Department Commander Otto Guedelhoefer reported on his activities for the year just ended. P.D.C. Argus E. Ogborn was presented with a fifty-year membership badge by Brother Guedelhoefer. A motion was passed establishing the office of Honorary Counselor to be held by all four Indiana Department "fifty-year membership" brothers who will advise in Department affairs, thus drawing on their combined 200 years of service and experience. A joint memorial service was held at the Columbia Club with the Auxiliary in honor of the memory of our departed brothers and sisters.

William Bardsley of Hobart is the Commander of the reactivated Porter Camp No. 116 which was originally chartered in 1928. A "Get Acquainted" meeting was held on March 23 at the old jail building. The activities included a tour of the historical society museum.

MARYLAND

Marion C. T. Townsend of Appomattox Camp No. 2 and Mrs. Ethel Carver of Appomattox Auxiliary were elected and installed as Department Commander and Department President respectively at the annual Department Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary held in Wilmington in May. A well-attended banquet was held on Saturday evening, May 1, with newly-elected Sr.

Vice Department Commander Richard C. Schlenker of Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 serving as toastmaster. The invocation and benediction were offered by Eldridge Daniels, Son's Chaplain, and Shirley Shockley, Auxiliary Chaplain, respectively. The Breck's Mill String Band of Wilmington provided the music. P.C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Department Chief of Staff, was in charge of arrangements. Members of Appomattox and Col. R. G. Shaw Camps and their Auxiliaries and Charles Sumner Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G.A.R., were active participants in the Wilmington Joint Memorial Day Committee. They, together with members of the Loyal-Isaiah Fasset, Jr. Circles of the Ladies of the G.A.R., constituted the first division of the Memorial Day parade.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, Washington, D.C. and the D.C. Commandery of M.O.L.L.U.S. sponsored the annual Memorial Day service for area patriotic and hereditary societies held on Sunday, May 30 at the Memorial Chapel of Walter Reed Medical Center. Following the observance a buffet-reception was held at the Officers' Club of the Bethesda Naval Hospital at which induction ceremonies were held for newly-elected Camp Commander Richard C. Schlenker and Sec'y.-Treas. Earl H. Ackerman who will serve the unexpired terms of Cdr. James R. Wachob and Brother Edmund Koenig, respectively. Cdr. Wachob, U.S.N., has had orders changing his station to San Diego, Cal., and Bro. Koenig resigned for medical reasons.

P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock and Department Commander Marion C. T. Townsend have been elected Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, of the Wilmington Memorial Day Committee. P.N.P. Dorothy L. Hilyard was elected Secretary. The offices of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are now held by William F. Tucker and Charles N. Peco, both of the American Legion. The Joint Committee consists of the Camps, Auxiliaries and Circles as well as the American Legion, V.F.W., D.A.V., and Jewish War Veterans and their Auxiliaries of the greater Wilmington area. The retiring Chairman is William Mazzetta, a P.D.C. and presently National Committeeman of the V.F.W.

MASSACHUSETTS

Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch Camp No. 30 of Dorchester is hoping that plans will materialize for the complete renovation inside and out of the G.A.R. Building at 91 Park Street. Benjamin Stone Post No. 68, G.A.R., first met in this building. According to the Camp Commander, Protom, William Randolph Cohen (Bro. Cohen is also Jr. Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Department), renovation of the building would make it suitable for use as an historical site and a research center for students and other persons interested in using the books, records and other materials pertaining to the Civil War that are contained therein.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Our 94th Annual Department Encampment was held in the New Hampshire Highway Hotel in Concord April 30 - May 1 with Department Commander (and National Chaplain) Richard E. Wyman presiding. Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell and Past Commanders-in-Chief Cleon Heald, Allen Howland and John Stark were in attendance as were Department Commander Edmond Butler of Maine and Ned L. Durkee, Past Department Commander of Vermont. Also meeting in their Annual Department Conventions at the same Hotel were the Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Ladies of the G.A.R.; Daughters of Union Veterans; and Woman's Relief Corps.

One hundred and seven persons attended the Annual Campfire Banquet, and approximately 190 were present at the Campfire Program which followed. Gov. Meldrim Thomson personally delivered his greetings to those present. Clarence Parker who presided at the Campfire and who had served as Campfire chairman for many years announced his retirement from that activity and was given a shield to which were fastened numerous gifts of appreciation for his long and dedicated service. The presentation was made by P.D.C. Alfred J. Clark, Department Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the respective Organizations.

We wish to inform the friends and acquaintances of P.N.P. Ethelyn Tucker that on May 28th she entered Torrey Pines

Convalescent Hospital, 2552 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California 92037. We are sure that the thoughts and prayers of all will be with Sister Eihelyn.

NEW JERSEY



Members of Camps throughout the State decorated graves of veterans of all wars with flags and participated in ceremonies of varied types in observance of Memorial Day. Shown above is Chaplain Frank A. L. Daubert and the firing squad of Garfield Camp No. 4, Trenton (l. to r. Capt. William Mulholland, Walter H. Williams, Frederick Daubert and Norman L. Combs) performing at the soldiers' plot in Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton. In many instances, members of the Auxiliary also assisted with grave decoration and other activities.



Daniel George of Camp No. 4, newly-elected Department Commander, and his staff of officers for 1976-77 were installed by Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell at the annual Department Encampment held in Avon, New Jersey, June 17-19.

The New Jersey Department's Good Citizen Award for 1976 was presented to Edward J. Britton of Camp No. 18, Newark, (see photo above) by P.D.C. Walter H. Williams at the annual banquet at the Department Encampment.

A very successful Department Convention of the Auxiliary was held June 17-19 at Avon. Constructive meetings were held and delightful social affairs were enjoyed by all in attendance. We were happy to have the National President and Commander-in-Chief in attendance, as well as other National Officers. Department Patriotic Instructor Genevieve Orme reported that seven flags were presented during the year in the name of the Department. A check for \$150.00 for Rehabilitation Work was presented to the Holley Child Care and Development Center of Hackensack, N. J. This center deals with emotionally disturbed children of all ages. The newly-elected Department President is Mrs. Lydia Browne of Livingston, N. J.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100 (the State Camp) will hold its Fall dinner meeting at Nassau Inn, Princeton on Saturday, October 30th. Mr. Howard Hayden will speak on "The Union and Confederate Enlisted Man."

NEW YORK

Members of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp No. 223 of Buffalo won first prize at the Bicentennial Ball at Waterloo, New York, during the 110th Anniversary of the first Memorial Day. On May 31st members of the Camp and its Auxiliary dedicated the

cemetery behind the new home of the Historical Society of the Town of Tonawanda and also held a ceremony on May 30th at Faling Cemetery in Tonawanda.

On May 30th P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman read General Logan's Order No. 11 at a service held by the United Veterans Council of Tonawanda. P.C.-in-C. Frank C. Bellinger gave the main address on May 31st at the Buffalo observance of Memorial Day at the G.A.R. plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery; P.C.-in-C. Joseph Hillary, vice-president of the Buffalo Board of Education, also spoke. Members of the Camp and its Auxiliary placed flags on more than 1,000 Civil War veterans' graves this year.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

The 54th Annual Department Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary were held in the Eugene Hotel, Eugene, Oregon, May 16-18. Lawrence E. Allison, Department Commander, and Rena Green, Department President, who were honored at a reception on Sunday, presided over the sessions of their respective organizations. An address of welcome was given by Councilman Ray Bradley; Department Commander Allison responded. A Banquet-Luncheon was held at noon on May 17th followed by a Joint Memorial Service later in the afternoon. Nomination, election and installation of officers took place on May 18th. Zelma L. Harriman will serve the Auxiliary as Department President during 1975-76.

PENNSYLVANIA



The 109th annual Memorial Day exercises were held in Gettysburg on May 31st with approximately 15,000 spectators observing the largest Memorial Day parade ever held in Gettysburg and with an estimated 4,000 persons in attendance at the memorial services in the National Cemetery following the parade.

Memorial wreaths were placed during the services (see photo, left above) by Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Caroline C. Riddell, National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW; representatives of various Veterans Organizations; and John Earnst, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park, on behalf of the National Park Service. During the very impressive service, prior to the firing of a volley by the VFW Post 15 Firing Squad and the playing of Taps, approximately 1,800 school children, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts placed flowers on the graves.

G.A.R. Memorial Services originated by the Grand Army of the Republic to honor its members who had died during the prior year and carried on by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were held on Sunday, May 30th, at the G.A.R. Home on E. Middle Street with Dr. Joseph Riley of Gettysburg Camp No. 112 presiding. Past Commanders-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver and John H. Stark spoke.

The General Winfield Scott Hancock Committee of Camp 200, Philadelphia, conducted a Memorial Day service at the General's tomb in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, Penna. on May 30. The Committee was formed over one year ago after reports were received of vandalism and damages to the family tomb of General Hancock, one of the most beloved leaders in the Civil War. He was a hero of the battles of Gettysburg, Penna. and Spotsylvania Court House, Va. He went on to become a candidate for President of the United States.

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PENNSYLVANIA . . . (Continued from page Seven) losing to Gen James A. Garfield by only a few thousand votes of a total of over nine million cast. A national fund has been started to restore the structure and provide for its continued protection.

Brother Mike Cavanaugh, Director of the Camp No. 200 Library, is now in the process of cataloging and listing all Camp No. 200 materials related to the G.A.R. He will soon be contacting Camps in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for the purpose of making lists of materials available for reference in the respective Camps. Anyone interested in helping in this project or who has G.A.R. material to donate for safe-keeping at Camp No. 200 may write to Camp No. 200 Library, 4278-80 Griscom St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19124 or Phone 215-DE 1-0759.

WISCONSIN

On April 19, Thomas L. W. Johnson spoke to the Hawks Inn Historical Society, Delafield, on the subject, "A History of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and Dept. Commander Grover R. Huff displayed his collection of artifacts and weapons from the Civil War Period. The Hawks Inn Society has been instrumental in restoring and maintaining an historic stagecoach stop at Delafield located about 25 miles west of Milwaukee. The turnout was large and enthusiastic and the buffet supper served was delicious.

The Department Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary was held at Milwaukee on June 5. After an impressive joint opening ceremony followed by a solemn memorial service, business sessions occupied the greater portion of the day. Grover R. Huff was re-elected to a second term as Dept. Commander, and Mildred Biering relinquished her gavel to Rhoda Lemanski, the new Dept. President. At the Allied Family banquet, Mrs. Mae Zinda, wife of the president of the Hawks Inn Society, spoke on the history and restoration of Hawk's Inn at Delafield. Entertainment was provided by the Glendale Woman's Club Chorus which rendered a selection of songs that inspired everyone present. We were honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Clarence Riddell and National President Caroline Riddell. Both took an active part in the proceedings and served as Installing Officers for their respective Orders. At the banquet, their messages climaxed a full day of activity and were well received by all present.

Recently Ellinore K. Johnson, P.N.P., received word that she has been elected as an Honorary Member of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States in recognition of her work for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony each year. Her election was made by the governing board of the Dames and represents an honor rarely bestowed according to Mrs. Samuel Copp McCluney, National President of the Dames. We congratulate Sister Ellinore on the occasion of this achievement.

OHIO

Our Department Encampment was held in McMaster Hall at Mt. Union College in Alliance June 25-27. McClellan Camp No. 91 of Alliance won the Department's membership award for 1975.

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows: Under age 60 \$150.00 Age 60 to 69 \$125.00 Age 70 and over \$100.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within one year. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1975 was \$6.00.

Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization. The number of Life Members to date is eighty-five

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of his name.

To — Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648 Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND. Name of Veteran Company & Regiment Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from Name Address (Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.) (Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes — Section 170 of the Code of 1951)

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

- From Dr. L. J. Snow, Petaluma, California, In memory of 1st Sgt. Joseph Lorenzo Snow, Co. I, 16th Illinois Cavalry \$100.00 From Frank L. Campbell, Bradbury Camp No. 149, Media, Penna. In memory of William F. Campbell, Co. A, 105th Penna. Vols. \$ 10.00 From the Department of New Jersey In memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert \$ 10.00

THREE YEARS WITH COMPANY K

A book bearing the above title written by Civil War veteran, Sgt. Austin Calvin Stearns, Company K, 13th Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteers, has been edited and published by his great, great grandson Arthur A. Kent, a national member-at-large of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sgt. Stearns was a member of the G.A.R. for many years and his son (Brother Kent's grandfather) was a member of the SUVCW in Westboro, Massachusetts for many years until his health failed. Any interested person desiring information as to how a copy of the book may be purchased may write to Arthur A. Kent, 4073 W. Colonial Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT . . . (Continued from Page 4)

QUOTABLE QUOTE: Rep. John B. Anderson of Illinois said it: What other country allows its critics to muckrake against its government? What other country allows massive hearings on government corruption to be broadcast live on national television? What other country has sought to redress the evils of 200 years of racism by massive legislation designed to guarantee the equal rights of all people? And what other country has shared so massively of its wealth with the poor and helpless of the world?

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Chairman

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