

GRAND ARMY FAMILY GATHERS TO HONOR PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN



All five National Heads of the Allied Orders gathered together on April 15, 1978 in Springfield on the occasion of the 113th anniversary of the death of our Civil War President. Pictured, from the left, are: National President Marion E. Combs (Auxiliary to SUVCW); National President Henrietta Y. Bodge, (Ladies of the GAR); Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby (SUVCW); National President Anna E. Kinnison (Daughters of Union Vets); and National President Lois M. Didier (Woman's Relief Corp).



Pictured at the left above is Thomas L. W. Johnson (P.D.C. of Wisconsin) who was co-chairman of the committee and who presided at the luncheon. At the right are Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and National President Marion E. Combs awaiting the start of the luncheon. The mural visible on the wall behind the head table ran the entire length of the room and depicts a social event of the 1860's with President Lincoln in attendance.

Anne L. S. Pritchard, a member of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, represented her Nat'l President, Florence S. Corson.

Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the luncheon in the absence of Wayne C. Temple. The Loyal Legion's Illinois Commandery presented each of the luncheon guests with a copy of *The Story of the Only Home Abraham Lincoln Ever Owned*, by Thomas J. Dyba.

Among the many wreaths presented were several from the Sons of Union Veterans and the Loyal Legion. Departments and/or Auxiliaries of the SUVCW represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the Loyal Legion represented this year were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, and the Illinois Dames organization. In addition, Camps and local Auxiliaries from Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin were represented.

Among the individuals formally introduced during the course of the day were three whose interest and hard work on behalf of this ceremony deserve special note. They are George L. Cashman, committee co-chairman and longtime curator of the Lincoln Tomb; Robert M. Graham, committee co-chairman; and Ellinore K. Johnson, special consultant to the committee.

Photo credit: The photo on page one, taken at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in the morning, was done by Mr. Marlin Roos, 429 No. Ottawa St., Lincoln, Ill. 62656. Individuals wishing copies of this photo or the group photo (not shown in this issue) may contact Mr. Roos direct.

TENNESSEE MONUMENT COMMISSION REPORTS PROGRESS

On April 27, 1978 the Tennessee House of Representatives passed H.J.R. #591, a Resolution to urge the Tennessee State Building Commission to approve funding for a Tennessee monument at the Gettysburg battlefield. That same month, Illinois Governor James R. Thompson acknowledged the invitation to Illinois to participate in the "stepping stone plan" (see April 1978 article) and referred this matter to the Illinois Department of Business and Economic Development. Effective May 1, 1978 Mrs. Melanie T. Petroskey of Mannond, Indiana (a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans) became Secretary of the Indiana Division of the Tennessee Monument Commission. Later, on May 23rd, Mr. Frank W. Welch, President of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee formally accepted a plan to have the various state stepping stones kept on display in the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum at the University until such a time as they are ready for installation at the new monument site at Gettysburg. Brother William H. Hendley of Indianapolis, who is Chairman of the Indiana Division of the T.M.C., reports endorsements for the monument project from the Indiana Department of SUVCW and the Indiana Department of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Brother Hendley also hopes to attend the National Encampment at Grand Rapids in his efforts on behalf of the monument project.

22nd ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

The 22nd annual ceremony commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln took place at the tomb of our 16th President in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, April 15. Wreathbearers representing 75 patriotic and veterans organizations participated in the rites sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

After the playing of the National Anthem and the invocation by the Rev. Dr. Harry M. Kreibel, Thomas L. W. Johnson, master of ceremonies, gave a brief welcoming address. Tributes to the memory of Abraham Lincoln were given by Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans; CDR. William C. Duval, the surviving founder of the ceremony begun in 1957; and by COL. Joseph B. Daugherty, immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, representing the Commandery-in-Chief.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the State House Inn attended by 130 persons. Edward G. Pree, Esq., a Springfield attorney, presented a program in sound involving famous military bands and an excellent selection of martial music by American composers.

Elements of the 114th ILL. Vol. Inf. Regt. under the guidance of Capt. Robert M. Graham of Headquarters Co., served as an honor guard and provided escorts for the wreathbearers. At the close of the rites the troops fired a memorial salute and taps was sounded by M/SGT. J. Stephen Hall. Capt. Graham also served as a co-chairman of the ceremony committee.

Music was provided this year by the Springfield Municipal Band under the direction of Homer Mountz. The band added a great deal to the significance of the occasion. We were also pleased to have with us the Fife and Drum Corps from the 74th ILL. Vol. Inf. Regt. and Camp Fuller of Rockford, David Franz, Principal musician. This group provided traditional fife and drum selections both prior to and following the ceremony.

In addition to Commander-in-Chief Beilby and COL. Daugherty, we were pleased to have in attendance the national heads of the women's organizations that comprise the Grand Army family. They are Marion E. Combs, Nat'l Pres., Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Henrietta Bodge, Nat'l President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Anna E. Kinnison, Nat'l Pres., Daughters of Union Veterans; and Lois M. Didier, Nat'l Pres., Woman's Relief Corp.



General Order NO. 4 Series 1977-78

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COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
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1. Since this is my last General Order, I am taking this opportunity to thank all the members for bestowing upon me the highest honor that any member can receive, namely Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. To all the newly elected or re-elected officers of the various Departments, my best wishes for a successful and fruitful administration for 1978-79.
3. The 97th Annual National Encampment will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 13-17, 1978. The headquarters will be in the Pantlind Hotel. I hope that all members who possibly can will attend.
4. The Committee on Credentials will be as follows:—
 Miles Harrington P.D.C. Chairman Massachusetts
 John Junge P.D.C. New Jersey
 Donald Roberts D.C. New York
 Cyril Gumbinger P.D.C. Illinois
 Howard Wheeler D.C. New Hampshire
5. The Chairman and members of all other committees will be announced at the opening of the Encampment on Monday.
6. All National Officers please have your reports typed on 8½ x 11 paper. Please make them all as concise as possible without eliminating any pertinent information.
7. All Brothers of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who are planning on attending the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, are requested to bring and wear your uniforms. We are anticipating a large detail of uniformed Sons of Veterans Reserve to act as honor guard for the National Organization Colors when presented at the Camp Fire. This is the privilege and duty of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
8. All Brothers, Camps or Departments, who have not already complied with request for contributions to both: the G.A.R. Memorial Fund to be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady Jr., P.O. Box 6165, Chicago, Illinois 60680; and the Centennial Fund to be sent to Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt, 616 Summit St., Alliance, Ohio 44601, now is the time to do so. In that way both of these National Officers can reach their quotas and will be able to compile their reports for the Encampment. Their goals can only be met with your cooperation.
9. I have received word from many of the Brothers who have recruited 3 or more members during the year and they have been appointed National Aides with the privilege of wearing the Yellow Ribbon underneath their Badges. What could be more thrilling than to see every member attending the National Encampment wearing a Yellow Ribbon?
10. I have attended all of the Department Encampments or called meetings except for two. One was California and the other was Massachusetts. I regret very much having had to miss these Encampments.
 At every one of these Encampments or called meetings, which I was able to attend, I was made most welcome and the congeniality of the members was overwhelming. Both National Auxiliary President Marion and I will long remember and cherish our visits with everyone of the Departments and the fellowship with all the members.
11. To my staff of National Officers, I thank you profusely for your devoted co-operation in carrying out the duties of your office. To all the Past Commanders-in-Chief, many thanks for the advice rendered to me whenever I asked for help.

12. To Sister Marion E. Combs, National President of the Auxiliary, I certainly appreciate the fact that we have been able to travel together extensively. We, and by we I mean Marion and Fred and Margaret and myself, have had some wonderful and pleasant journeys together, which I know we shall cherish as long as we live. May you, Sister Marion, have a harmonious and constructive Encampment in Grand Rapids.
13. To Sister Henrietta Bodge, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Sister Anna Kinnison, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Sister Lois Didier, National President of the Womens Relief Corps, we have met on several occasions and I must say that these Sisters are three most congenial persons. May all of you Sisters have harmonious and pleasant Encampments.
14. To all Brothers it has been a very educational and inspiring year, serving as your Commander-in-Chief. Many thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve you. I sincerely hope that I have lived up to your expectations.
15. To all who are ill at this time, may you recover speedily and to all who have lost loved ones, may the Good Lord comfort you in any difficult days you may be experiencing.

God Bless You All,

Harold T. Beilby
 Commander-in-Chief

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

On April 18, the U. S. Senate consented to the ratification of the second of two treaties concerning the future of the Panama Canal. The second treaty provides for the transfer of the Canal to Panama as of December 31, 1999, and for a phaseout of U. S. responsibility for the operation of the waterway between now and the end of the century. The roll call vote of 68 ayes and 32 nays was identical to that cast in support of the first treaty in March.

Although ratification has been accomplished, legislation relative to the details of the transfer must still be acted upon by both houses of Congress. To date the Administration has not presented its proposals to make the second treaty operationally effective. But already, there are signs that the House of Representatives is restive at having no voice in the process of ratification. Under the Constitution, only the Senate is empowered to pass on treaties negotiated by the Executive. During the Canal debate, however, the Senate refused to consider a proposal that would have given the House a vote on this particular measure alone. On May 9, the House voted to require that the monies from tolls collected from vessels using the Canal become subject to the process of congressional appropriation rather than automatically remain under the control of the Canal authority. This would represent a departure from past practice and although its fate in the Senate is uncertain, the action indicates the mood of the house at this time. More recently, on June 1, the House voted to deny funds to the State Department for use in implementing the provisions of the second treaty. In the coming months we can expect more infighting on this subject.

Followers of the Senate debates on the Canal issue regardless of their persuasion on that matter, were saddened to learn of the unexpected death on June 1 of Sen. James B. Allen of Alabama. Sen. Allen was a master of the rules of the Senate and skillfully used them in defending the principles in which he believed. He respected the rights of the minority side on a given issue and did not believe in the hasty enactment of legislation. Sen. Allen was a vocal opponent of the Panama Canal treaties and was in the forefront of the battle over ratification. Known among his colleagues as a "floor Senator" because of his frequent presence in the Senate Chamber even during what appeared to be routine business, his influence on the side of traditionalism in American politics will be greatly missed.

In the Pennsylvania primary elections held in April, Rep. Robert N. C. Nix of Philadelphia was defeated for renomination by the voters of his party. Rep. Nix chairs the Post Office and Civil Service Committee which considers legislation relative to federal holidays. A subcommittee of that panel has before it several proposals to return the federal observances of Memorial Day to May 30, but to date it has declined to hold a hearing on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE NATL. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

We are heading into the home stretch now and our goal (\$1700) is in sight, but not yet reached. My most sincere thanks to all of you who have given so generously—many earmarking their contribution for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund and others making unrestricted contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. But there are a great many other members that I have not yet heard from, and participation by the greatest possible number of our members is needed if we are to meet the goal set by the Council of Administration.

To encourage broader participation, I have had an "Appreciation Award" prepared and will be presenting this trophy at the National Encampment to the Department which is credited with having given the largest amount per member (whether through contributions or purchase of items I am selling) over the four quarters since the last encampment. Please note that this is to be based on an average amount per member, computed by dividing the total received from each department by the department's average membership over those four quarters . . . and the contributions received from camps, auxiliaries and members will all count in the the total used for this computation. The trophy will then be held by the winning department for the next 12 months and may be reawarded annually at each convention thereafter.

So come on brothers and sisters, help make your department the winner! It isn't that individual contributions need to be large (though I don't mean to discourage large contributions from those who are able to participate in this way), but rather that contributions of any amount be made by a greater percentage of the members to help raise the department's "average" figure. Perhaps one way in which you will want to participate is by ordering a copy of the interesting little booklet I am now offering—"The Only Home Lincoln Ever Owned"—which was so enthusiastically received by all who attended the April 15 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony when given by the Loyal Legion as the luncheon mementos. Be the first in your community to have a copy of this booklet . . . and perhaps you will want to give a copy to a friend, too. The price per copy is just \$2.00 postpaid. SUVCW and ASUV decals are still available also at \$1.00 each. Let me hear from you so we will be able to go "over the top" in our fund-raising effort and assure the financial support needed for continuation of our patriotic program in the year ahead.

Loyally yours,

Charles Allen Brady, Jr.
Natl. Patriotic Instructor
P. O. Box 6165
Chicago, Illinois 60680

IN MEMORIAM
ANNA I. STOUTD

National President 1962-1963

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

On May 3, 1978 Sister Stoutd passed away. The Pennsylvania Department and the National Organization have lost a loyal friend. The good she did for our Orders and the friendship she brought to her Sisters will live on in our memories.

MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION . . .
TIME IS WORKING AGAINST US

Any observer who followed Radio, TV or the printed media over the recent Memorial Day weekend could not help but be struck by what was universally referred to as "the Memorial Day confusion". In many states the traditional May 30th Holiday was observed due, in large part, to the patriotic efforts of organizations such as our own. However, most national businesses and all Federal agencies observed the new "three-day weekend rule". Key Federal support services were closed on Monday (May 29th) and key State support services were closed on Tuesday (May 30th). The impact on certain local Governments and School Districts was so confusing that in the Chicago, Illinois area many schools took a four day weekend rather than try to decide how to handle the situation.

A critical point is raised by the 1978 experience. The various media reporters are calling, quite properly so, for an end to such wasteful confusion. Yet not one reporter observed that Memorial Day has existed for over 100 years (since 1868) without any such confusion. Most of the public do not understand the intent nor the impact of the new Federal laws governing holidays. With the public media calling, virtually without exception, for the fun-packed and economically advantageous three-day weekend there is going to be swift, new pressure brought to bear in those States which observe May 30th. That pressure will stress everything except the nature, intent and meaning of Memorial Day. This constitutes a clear, new threat to our heritage as a people and to the memory of the Americans who died in our various wars.

Let us gain the initiative and start our own campaign to end the "Memorial Day Confusion" once and for all. To end it in the only way that can possibly protect the meaning of that sacred day . . . by removing Memorial Day from the government's list of "fun-weekend holidays". PLEASE let your position be known to your State and Federal representatives. Call them, write them, nag them. They are elected to represent all of the people, let them know your wishes and let them know that they are being watched.

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 — Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treas.
P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

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 1954)

The following Honor Roll contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER.

- From James Brown, North Canton, Ohio
In Memory of David Golden, 3rd Ind. Battery, Ohio Light Artillery \$15.00
From John Herman Penn, El Toro, California
In Memory of Pvt. Stacy Penn, Company E, 9th Vol. Regt., Kansas Cavalry \$10.00

From John Herman Penn, El Toro, California
In Memory of Pvt. Lawrence Heinauer, Company B, 64th Vol. Regt., 4th Penna. Cavalry \$10.00

From James R. Wachob, San Diego, California
In Memory of James W. Wachob, 105th Penna. Vol. Inf. \$10.00

From Don R. Hewitt and George L. Hewitt, Norwalk, Cal.
In Memory of 1st Lt. Thomas Jefferson Hewitt
Company H, 15th Illinois Inf. (Vols.) \$10.00

From General James A. Garfield Camp #4, SUVCW (N.J.)
In Memory of James M. Hamer, 35 Year Member, SUVCW. . . \$10.00

From Marion E. and Fred H. Combs, Jr., Lawrenceville, N.J.
In Memory of PDC Walter H. Williams (N.J. Dept.) \$10.00

From Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C., Penna. Dept.
In Memory of P.N.P. Anna I. Stoutd, (Penna. Dept.) \$10.00

CORRECTION: In the January 1978 issue the donation from Walter L. Jackson, Chatham, N.J. should have read "In Memory of Sgt. John Wesley Chedister, Co. K, 1st N.Y. Vol. Engrs." Records of the National Organization have been corrected.

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 1978 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

The following Life Memberships have been recorded by the National Secretary since the last issue of THE BANNER.

- No. 98 C. LeRoy Stoutd 4/1/78
No. 99 Ralph Austin Adkins 5/5/78
No. 100 Wesley A. Sauve 5/24/78

HONOR ROLL

LIVING SONS OF UNION VETERANS

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our growing Honor roll of individuals who are living sons of a veteran of the Union forces during the American Civil War:

Kenneth A. Arnold, Washington Court House, Ohio
(Member-at-Large, SUVCW)
Son of Pvt. Anderson Arnold, Union Veteran

William L. Newell, Mahanoy City, Penna.
(SUVCW affiliation unknown)
Son of Benjamin F. Newell, Union Veteran

J. Scott Port, Norristown, Penna.
(No SUVCW Camp)
Son of Winfield Scott Port, Union Veteran

Gerald Vincent Carrier, Sun City, Arizona
(Member-at-Large, SUVCW)
Son of John Sylvester Carrier, Union Veteran

Frederick A. Krackhardt, Berlin, Mass.
(Former member, E.H. Hartshorn Camp #43, SUVCW)
Son of August Krackhardt, Union Veteran

Burton P. Robinson, Buffalo, N.Y.
(Not a member of the SUVCW)
Son of James Robinson, Union Veteran

We do not expect to have a listing in the October 1978 issue of The Banner since the issue immediately following the National Encampments is normally overflowing with material. However, we urge our readers to continue to submit us names of living sons so that this Honor Roll may continue to grow. All names submitted must include the name and address of the living son, his SUVCW affiliation (if any) and the name of his Union Veteran father (if possible, along with his military unit). Thanks, again, for your help with this project.

HEADQUARTERS
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

GENERAL ORDER: 25 June 1978

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- 1. All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, attending the 97th annual National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, to be held August 13-16, 1978 in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, are urged to be present and participate in the Grand Army of the Republic Campfire program on Sunday evening, August 13, 1978, at the Pantlind Hotel.
2. SVR Officers and Enlisted Men will wear Class "A" uniform cleaned and pressed, Black Socks and Black Shoes. Officers will wear Buff color Gloves, enlisted men White gloves. NO ARMS.
3. All SVR personnel will report to General Shriver at 1830 hours, (6:30 PM) in the Ballroom. Instruction will be given regarding duty to form Color Detail and Honor Guard.
4. It is imperative that all Active and Retired SVR Personnel that possibly can arrange, be present and make a fine appearance in representing the Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Charles H. Lilienthal
Captain - SVR
The Adjutant General

ATTENTION
ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES
AND CAMP SECRETARIES

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 I, 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.

THE BANNER

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All members receive THE BANNER without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$2.00 yearly. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year.

Albert W. Lambert, Editor, P.O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540.

ENDORSEMENT

The Illinois Department, at its 96th Annual Encampment held on June 16-17, 1978, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of P.D.C. Charles Allen Brady, Jr. for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term of 1978-1979.

**97th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 13-17, 1978
TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

SUNDAY AUGUST 13

Morning Worship—Church of your choice.

- 10:30 A.M. Nondenominational Worship Service
(Rev. Richard O. Partington, P.D.C. Penna.) - Ball Room
- 1:00 P.M. Registration
- 1:00 P.M. Department Commanders meet with National Chaplain to practice for Memorial Service - Ball Room
- 1:30 P.M. Council of Administration Meeting - Headquarters
- 3:00 P.M. Joint Memorial Service, Sons and Auxiliary - Ball Room
- 4:00 P.M. National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief meet with Chief of Staff - Ball Room
- 7:00 P.M. Band Concert - Ball Room
- 8:00 P.M. Campfire-Allied Orders, G.A.R. - Ball Room

MONDAY AUGUST 14

- 8:30 A.M. Registration
- 9:30 A.M. Joint Opening Sons and Auxiliary - Ball Room
- 10:30 A.M. Business Session - To be announced
- 12:00 P.M. Recess
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session - To be announced
- 4:00 P.M. Recess
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet past Commander-in-Chief and Past National Presidents — Room 322 & 324
- 8:00 P.M. Exemplification of the Ritual — Ball Room
- 9:00 P.M. Joint Courtesy Hour — Kent State Room

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

- 9:00 A.M. Business Session - To be announced
- 12:00 Noon Recess
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session - To be announced
- 4:00 P.M. Recess
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary, followed by Reception and Grand March - Ball Room

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16

- 9:00 A.M. Business Session and Installation of Officers - To be announced
- 1:30 P.M. Council of Administration Meeting - Headquarters
- 8:00 P.M. Entertainment

THURSDAY AUGUST 17

Bus Tour of Grand Rapids
Details and time to be announced at Encampment.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please make your reservations early to avoid disappointment later.

CONTACT

Pantlind Hotel
187 Monroe N.W.
Grand Rapids
Michigan 49502
Phone (616) 459-7201

Free parking for overnight guests
Check out time 6:00 P.M.

RATES: —

Singles	\$18.00, \$21.00, \$24.00
Doubles	\$21.00, \$24.00, \$27.00
Triples	\$27.00
Quadruples	\$32.00
Parlor Suites (double)	\$60.00, \$80.00



**DEPARTMENT
NEWS**



CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

The Department Encampment was held on April 14-16, 1978 at the Hyatt Tradewinds Motor Hotel in Fresno, California. Department Commander Joe S. Collins conducted the sessions and a spirit of cooperation manifested itself through-out the Encampment. The Chiefs of Staff, Ken Greely of the Sons and Thelma Crawford of the Auxiliary, are to be commended on an outstanding job. Our newly elected Department Commander is Wayne Pyle of San Jose, California. To Commander Pyle and his staff of officers, we pledge our support and cooperation.

COLORADO-WYOMING

Our 1978 Annual Encampment, June 4-6, was our Semi-Centennial, held at Manitou Springs, Colorado, an attractive Tourist Resort. Distinguished Guests included Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby; National Auxiliary President Marion E. Combs; Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr.; Past Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler; and Mrs. Emma Wheeler. This is the second consecutive year we have been fortunate in having the Wheelers with us and they were heartily applauded.

Our Banquet Speaker, Commander-in-Chief Beilby, was presented with a certified statement that our Bro. John B. Tipton, P.D.C. and member of Colorado Camp #5, had secured three new members for Camp #5 and was entitled to be designated a National Aide. Commander-in-Chief Beilby promptly pinned a National Aide ribbon on Bro. Tipton and congratulated him and the three new Members: John N. McCarty, Frank J. Benish, and John J. Bradley, the first two of which were Special Guests of the Department at the Banquet. Two other Members of the Semi-Centennial Class, Oliver B. Sharrock and John R. Sandoval, were not present. Bro. William F. Woolsey, Commander of Colorado Camp #5, introduced and congratulated the two new Members who were at the Banquet. Outgoing Department Commander Charles E. Sharrock and 1978-1979 Department Commander Eugene N. Hartle, also congratulated Brothers McCarty and Bendish.

The graves of four Civil War Veterans, all buried at Bear Canyon, Sedalia, Colorado, were marked with headstones thru the efforts of P.D.C. Charles E. Sharrock, Sr. and his son, Charles, Jr. The appreciation of the Department goes to Ken Curtis, caretaker at the cemetery, for his valued assistance in this project. The grave located and marked with headstones were:

August Peterson, company D, 116th Regt., Indiana Infantry
I.D. Williamson, Q.M.Sgt., Co. F, 6th Regt. Penna Cavalry
Frank Gott, Co. F, 8th Regt., Massachusetts Infantry
William Wurtz, Co. G, 2nd Regt., Ohio Cavalry

P.D.C. Sharrock also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver, Colorado for his volunteer work at the Hospital during the year 1977.

INDIANA

By vote of the Department Encampment, Indiana has endorsed the efforts of the Indiana Division, Tennessee Monument Commission, in assisting with the project of erecting a Tennessee Monument at Gettysburg. Brother William H. Hendley of Indianapolis is Chairman of the Indiana Division and has been active in this project for some time.

IOWA

The Sons and Auxiliary were honored to entertain Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and his wife and National President Marion E. Combs and her husband (P.C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr.) at a banquet held at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines on April 13, 1978. The date proved to be not in the least bit unlucky and a very enjoyable time was had by the more than fifty who attended. The Commander-in-Chief and the National President both gave interesting and informative talks. Several Department Officers gave brief resumes of their duties and activities during the past year.

Eleven members of the Department traveled to Springfield, Illinois for the April 15, 1978 commemoration services at the Lincoln Tomb marking the 113th Anniversary of the death of our Civil War President. All reported an interesting and enjoyable trip.

MARYLAND

The Old Town Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Virginia was the site for the 91st Annual Encampment of the Sons and the 84th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary, both held on April 29-30, 1978. Early arrivals enjoyed Washington, D.C. by night with a Friday evening dinner-cruise on the Potomac River. The traditional Saturday evening joint banquet was attended by sixty-five and enjoyed an outstanding program on the "Life of a Civil War Soldier" given by the 1st North-South Brigade. We were honored to have Commander-in-Chief Beilby and National President Combs as our guests. Other visitors included: Jr.-Vice Commander-in-Chief Johnson from Iowa; Auxiliary National Council member Esther Peiper; Sister Margaret Beilby, wife of the Commander-in-Chief and many more. Department Commander Richard Schlenker was reelected to a second term and was installed by Commander-in-Chief Beilby along with Sr-Vice Eldridge Daniels and Jr-Vice Marion Townsend. Sister Dorris Schlenker was elected President of the Auxiliary (leaving our Department under the capable leadership of a husband-wife team). Her Vice-President is Louella Spencer.

Special effort is underway in D.C. to re-activate the Cushing Auxiliary.

Traditional Memorial Day observances were conducted or supported by Sons and Auxiliary in Hagerstown, Md., Wilmington, Del. and Washington, D.C.

The Department was most distressed to learn of the passing of Brother John E. Palsgrove, Sr. at Bethesda, Md. on June 8. He served Lincoln-Cushing Camp faithfully for many years and was Department Commander in 1964-65. He will be missed as he now joins the Camp Everlasting.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Cpt. R.B. Grover Auxiliary #17 of Brockton held their 85th Anniversary Saturday June 3, 1978 at the Capeway Manor in Brockton. Special guest were Department President Jennie Russell and Department Commander William R. Cohen, National Vice President Lella Turner represented the National Auxiliary and Past Commander in Chief William W. Haskell represented the Sons.

Rose Pratt Auxiliary President served as M.C.
The committee in charge were Esther E. Haskell, chairman, Edna White and Nellie Nelson.

On Monday evening April 3, 1978 Dionysius Lodge #112 K-P honored P.C.C. William W. Haskell for his 25 years service to the lodge by presenting him with his 25 years pin.

Plymouth County Asso. held its final meeting of the season on Sat. night May 13, 1978 in G.A.R. Hall Rockland, election of officers was held with Lella Turner elected President, Miles E. Harrington, Sr. Vice President, Charles W. Hooper, Sr. Secretary and Ruth Larrett Treasurer.

Past Commander in Chief Allen B. Howland has been in the Hospital but now is at home and doing well.

Past Department Commander Charles also has been in the Hospital is now at home but will re-enter the Hospital Mon. June 19, for an eye operation.

The New England Regional Asso. will hold its Summer meeting July 15-16 1978 at the Weirs Beach N.H. P.C.C. Allen B. Howland Regional President will preside.

Many members of both the Sons and Auxiliary are planning on attending the National Encampment in Grand Rapids in August.

Memorial Day was observed throughout the State with the marking of graves and the participation of Brothers and Sisters in parades, committees and other traditional Memorial Day activity.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Memorial Day was observed again this year with the decorating of graves and the conducting of appropriate services. Pictured above is the scene at Wilkins School in Amherst as the flag was raised. The flag was presented by Department Patriotic Instructor Paul Wheeler and had flown previously over our nation's capital in Washington. Mr. Oliver, Principal of the school, accepted the presentation. The Allied Council in Milford again conducted Memorial Day services on Tuesday, May 30th.

The annual Department Encampment was held in April. Howard Wheeler of Spaulding Camp #38 was elected Department Commander for the term 1978-79.

NEW JERSEY

Again this year, the annual Encampment (our 96th) was highlighted by productive meetings and outstanding social events. We were pleased to welcome Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and, of course, our own Sister Marion E. Combs, National President of the Auxiliary. The business sessions, under the guidance of Commander Danny George, adopted Resolutions regarding two major concerns: the political removals of District Attorneys which tends

to involve politics in the judicial process; and the proposed renaming of Mt. McKinley. Both Resolutions will be submitted to the National Encampment in August. In addition, routine business of the New Jersey Department was conducted successfully. Under the "Good of The Order" a very lively discussion evolved regarding the return of Memorial Day to the traditional date of May 30th each year. Commander George urged all members to make known their feelings and to "not grow discouraged" until the battle is won. The new slate of Department Officers was elected and installed, led by our new Commander, James Elliott of Lincoln Camp #100. The Department was extremely saddened by the sudden death of PDC WALTER H. WILLIAMS, JR. of Camp No. 4. Brother Walter was a very active member in his Camp and Department and a frequent attendee at National Encampments. Like his father before him he was active in our Order and had recently retired from two very successful careers, one in industry and one in the New Jersey National Guard where he was retired with the rank of Colonel. He shall be missed but not forgotten, his final Memorial will be our continuation of the work in which he so joyfully shared. The Auxiliary Encampment, presided over by Department President Mildred Williams, was a harmonious and successful session. It concluded with the election and installation of a slate of new officers, headed by Department President Florence Jansen of Auxiliary No. 2.

Social events filled both Thursday and Friday evening, with the annual Friday banquet again the highlight of the Encampment. The Annual Good citizenship Award this year went to Mr. Louis A. Varick, Jr., a member of Camp No. 18 in Newark. Brother Varick's life represents a chronology of service to his country and his community, in our Order and in his many other activities.

Memorial Day was observed by members of the Camps and Auxiliaries of the New Jersey Department throughout the State. Graves were decorated honoring the veterans of all wars in each of the many cemeteries which we routinely cover and ceremonies of various types were held across the Garden State.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 (The State Camp) will hold its fall dinner meeting at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, New Jersey on Saturday, October 28, 1978. Ranger Lynn R. Wrightman of the U.S. Park Service, who is Unit Manager of the Edison National Historic Site in Orange, New Jersey, will speak on the Battle of Pea Ridge.

PENNSYLVANIA

The entire Department has been saddened by the death of P.N.P. Anna Stoudt from Reading. Sister Anna will be missed by her Brothers and Sisters in Pennsylvania as well as by the entire national organization. Sincerest sympathy is expressed to P.C. in C. LeRoy Stoudt.

The 100th anniversary of the first "Sons organization" will be Saturday, September 29, 1979. On that date in 1879 Anna M. Ross Post #94, G.A.R., of Philadelphia organized a "Sons" organization which was recognized as the first and eventually became Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1. A committee has been working quietly on the planning for this anniversary and its efforts have now reached full force. The Committee is chaired by P.C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr. Other officers are Vice-Chairman P.C. in C. Clarence J. Riddell; Secretary .C. in C. John C. Yocum; and Assistant Secretary P.N.P. Caroline E. Riddell. Other members of the committee are: Goodling Dugan, Warren Hayes, Thomas Menahan, Herman Poehler, Francis McWilliams, George Haines, Elton Koch, J. Harris Yocum, William E. Hosmer, Thessa Moeckel, Claire Monahan, Dorothy Cole and Doris Boehmler.

Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1 will hold their annual Anniversary Banquet and Reception for the Department President on Saturday, October 14, 1978 at the Treadway Inn, 7600 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia. Chairlady is P.N.P. Caroline E. Riddell, 3437 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19140. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Bradbury Camp No. 149 will observe their anniversary luncheon on Saturday, September 8, 1978 and everyone is extended an invitation to join with them. Time and place will be announced at a later date, details are available from P.C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 So. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805.

Memorial Day was observed throughout the State with fitting services, decoration of graves, etc. At Independence Hall in Philadelphia, a shrine to American liberty, Camp No. 200 conducted the 87th annual Memorial Day ceremony, continuing a long

tradition started by the G.A.R. The event was attended by a good crowd of tourist and sightseers and was highlighted by an excellent address.

RHODE ISLAND

We were pleased to welcome Commander-in-Chief Beilby and National President Combs as our guests at the annual Department Encampment. We also enjoyed the company of Regional members who traveled far to join with us. The memorial service and campfire were conducted as usual. A youth choir of 15 sang old hymns and war tunes for the Campfire and a Brownie troop read the Gettysburg Address. Memorial Day was observed with the flagging of graves and the annual luncheon.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

In the Capitol Hill area of Seattle near Volunteer Park, is the large and well known Lakeview Pioneer Cemetery. Just across the road at 12th Avenue East and East Howe Street, and behind a hedge is a much lessor known G.A.R. Cemetery. At least, it was little known three years ago when Junior Girl Scout Troop #376, looking for a Bicentennial Service Project, discovered the run-down and defaced burial ground. The girl scouts adopted the 220 graves from the Seattle Parks Department, formed work parties and began to clean moss, remove spray paint and pick-up around the area. The Parks Department tends the grass and hedge but lacks the manpower to maintain the graves. On Memorial Day and often on Veteran's Day the troop has a flag ceremony with speeches or poems written for the occasion. They light a freedom candle. For Memorial Day, instead of bouquets, the girls placed small American flags on the graves . . . the money for the flags came from cookie sale earnings. The girls and their Adult sponsors have learned much about our history from those 220 graves in that "lost" G.A.R. Cemetery. And just as important, the men who lie beneath the newly cleaned and maintained stones are not forgotten.

WISCONSIN NEWS

At the Dept. Encampments held on June 3, in Milwaukee, Grover R. Huff and Rhoda Lemanski were reelected to their posts as Dept. Commander and Dept. President respectively. Resolutions were adopted favoring the return of Memorial Day to May 30, questioning the wisdom of the recently ratified treaties concerning the Panama Canal, requesting funds for the restoration of Civil War battle flags in Wisconsin, and praising the long and valued record of service to our Order of Bro. Fred H. Combs, Jr.

This year we were honored to have with us C-in-C Harold T. Beilby, Natl. President Marian Combs, PC-in-C Fred Combs, PC-in-C George L. Cashman, and Cyril Gumbinger, Dept. Commander of Illinois. The presence of these individuals helped to enrich the business sessions and social gatherings associated with the occasion. Bro. Gumbinger served as speaker for our Grand Army family banquet on Saturday evening and gave a splendid talk on the virtues of patriotism in the modern age. Mr. James Bradley of the VA Hospital at Madison represented the Veterans Administration and was the recipient of some money from each of the organizations for use in the Voluntary Service program. Co-chairmen for the Encampment Committee were Tom and Ellinore Johnson of Madison.

P.D.P. Mildred Biering suffered a series of strokes in March. Best wishes are extended for a speedy recovery.

IN PASSING . . .

We were pleased to hear that in early April, just about the time our April issue was going to press, Brig. Gen. W.A. Morgan (USAR Ret.) of the Pennsylvania Department (see Page 1, April 1978 issue) was honored with the highest civilian award given by the U.S. Army. The Outstanding Civilian Service Award, granted at a luncheon in honor of General Morgan sponsored by the Altoona Campus, Pennsylvania State University, was in recognition of Brother Morgan's "exceptionally meritorious service in support of military-civic relations".