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LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Preceded by a blustery and stormy weekend, Monday, April 15, dawned bright and clear for the commemoration of the 103rd anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. Promptly at 11:00 a.m. Co-chairman George L. Cashman of Illinois opened the twelfth annual observance at Oak Ridge cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. A total of 56 wreaths were offered in memory of the Emancipator by veterans' groups and patriotic societies invited to participate by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

This year the commanders-in-chief of the host organizations were unable to be present. But they were both ably represented, the Sons by Roderick Van Trump, Sr., junior vice commander-in-chief, who extended the greetings of Commander-in-Chief William Haskell; and the Loyal Legion by Commander William C. Duval, USNR (Ret.), a past commander-in-chief, who extended a welcome from his chief, Lenahan O'Connell. In his remarks, Brother Van Trump stressed Mr. Lincoln's regard for the rule of law in our society and closed with a reading of the immortal "Farewell Address to the Citizens of Springfield." Commander Duval observed that just as in Lincoln's time, so it is today that our great Nation cannot exist half slave and half free, and he urged his listeners to reread portions of the Chief Executive's State Papers as a means of better understanding our Sixteenth President.

Following a moving rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the Southeast High School Choir of Springfield under the direction of Mrs. Georgia Luttrell, the wreath bearers prepared to answer the roll. Girl Scouts in freshly starched uniforms and representing two troops in the suburban Chicago area acted as escorts for each wreath bearer. The presence of these youngsters, well scrubbed and enthusiastic in carrying out their assignments, added a special touch to this year's proceedings.

For the second year in succession the State House Inn served as the site for the Luncheon that followed the exercises at the Tomb. Although Monday is considered a working day for most people, the banquet room was taxed to capacity with an overflow crowd of 111 luncheon guests.

State Senator Paul Simon of Troy, Illinois, a newspaper publisher at the age of 19 and now a veteran member of the Illinois General Assembly, was the principal speaker. An author of book-length studies of Abraham Lincoln, Simon traced the career of the abolitionist, Elijah Lovejoy, as a means of illustrating Lincoln's attitude toward the role of law and legal safeguards in a frontier culture. Relating events of Lincoln's day to those of our own time, the youthful lawmaker demonstrated how the study of history can be a means of understanding the front page of our morning newspaper.

Brother Cashman introduced several distinguished guests who were present including National President Hazel Moushey of the Auxiliary, National President Jessie L. Lord of the Daughters of Union Veterans, National Patriotic Instructor Louis Moushey of the Sons, and Colonel Henry K. McHarg, the editor of the Loyal Legion *Bulletin*.

In addition to Commander Duval, another founder of this ceremony, William M. Coffin, a past commander-in-chief of the Sons, was introduced, as was Charles A.

Brady, Jr. who was responsible for designing the form of the service used at the rites.

Co-chairman Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin extended a personal welcome to the gathering and said that in his five years' association with the ceremony, he felt that he had come to know many of the participants who annually return to pay their respects to the first of our martyred Presidents.

Entertainment at the luncheon was provided by Episcopal Father Gus Franklin who played a medley of Civil War favorites on the piano. A detachment from the 104th Ill. Vol. Inf. (Reactivated), attired in Union blue, added a dash of color both at the Tomb and later at the luncheon.

The Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion presented each luncheon guest with a copy of a wash drawing of Abraham Lincoln as a young surveyor. The original was done by Lloyd Ostendorf and is owned by George Cashman. This represents the second year that the Loyal Legion has given a memento of this type, and its good taste and thoughtfulness was thoroughly appreciated by all in attendance.

Because this ceremony is held under the sponsorship of our Order, it is always gratifying to have in attendance or represented those Departments and their Auxiliaries that find it possible to do so. This year the Departments and/or Auxiliaries of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin answered the roll.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us 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 their name.

To—Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
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Albert C. Lambert, Editor, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603.

THE VIEW FROM HERE

Nothing is more certain than change. Change here as elsewhere has been constant, and now more violent than ever. About every twenty-five years, every nation becomes a "new nation" — new in standards, outlook, and values. Once these changes take place, it is not possible to go back. Our system of self government is facing a test today that could not have been anticipated by the signers of the Constitution. They could not visualize a population of over 200 million, with active ethnic groups, and pressure groups, all exerting their influence — yet this is America, and each of them are Americans and have their own viewpoint. Basically we are spiritually and morally healthy. Nobody can criticize America more ably than American people themselves. The average citizen felt a human disgust when Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot down in Los Angeles. It caused individual and national frustration. Nobody on the American street gave a damn about what the world thought. He said, as an American, what he felt. Violence is not confined to the United States. Hate and avarice stand like poised vultures in the thoughts of men and their conduct throughout the world.

We must insist that police be given full authority to do their job of protecting lives and property. The interpretation now being given our Constitution encourages and coddles criminals. Riots and tyranny must be stopped whether they are racial or juvenile, for it is an indisputable fact that they are encouraged by commies, pinks and traitors.

Your Congressmen were elected to represent you. To voice your opinions on legislation, he needs to know first what your opinions are. If you don't let your Congressman and other public officials know what you think, you have to let them think for you. Are you agreeable to accept the kind of country that we are coming to be — if so, don't complain. Silence is not always golden — sometimes it is yellow.

It is time to face the fact that in a tense and crowded nation, an unknown percentage of whom are homicidal lunatics, some of the old ways of doing things are going to have to be modified if any semblance of an orderly society is to survive. We as a people simply cannot endure the prospect of a steadily increasing level of violence against our public figures — and against ourselves.

No better form of government than ours exists, with about 6% of the world's population, and more than 50% of its wealth. No nation has ever been as affluent, no people have ever enjoyed such standard of living, nor had more to be thankful for. The long waiting list of immigrants from all over the world attest to this, while very few have any desire to leave.

Even if all our laws were perfect (which they are not), even if all of us should live in model cities, even if all of us will have a guaranteed income — even then there is need for something else. That something is the inner transformation of man. No program, however effective will bring a solution unless man's heart shall change. This must be taught in the home, in the school, and in the churches. Parents, teachers and clergymen would do far better to do this, rather than be leading demonstrations and encouraging treason. Civilizations that have survived have all embraced strict morality.

Never was America more in need of moral leadership than today. Without this moral leadership we will continue the advance of Barbarism. The big question is:

will America accept moral leadership? The best evidence of the tragic state of the nation is the growing willingness of people to accept peace at any price, to accept phony prosperity, to practice reverse discrimination, and to show more concern for criminals than for their victims. This behavior is unnatural and suicidal. Crime, Racism, Inflation and the 'no-win' War are all four, really, aspects of the third World War we are now half-heartedly fighting against Communism. Communism comes to a country only when their non-communist leaders think and believe as communists think and believe. Never have the schools and Churches lived in a time of greater opportunity to exhibit the importance of faith in God and of obedience to his will, and never in the history of our generation would their failure to do so be more of a calamity.

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Within half a block of the Capitol Square in Madison, Wisconsin, stands a lone sentinel, a building dedicated to the soldiers and sailors from Dane county who fought in the Civil War and the sacrifices they endured. The building, erected of Bedford limestone blocks, is about 110 years old and is a landmark in the central business district. In October of 1904, it was sold to the Soldiers Memorial Assn., the predecessor of the present G.A.R. Memorial Assn. of Dane County, and became dedicated property.

A unique feature of the second floor meeting hall is the presence on its walls of several bronze plaques which contain the names of soldiers who died in service arranged according to the various townships in the county. For each man listed his unit designation is shown together with his date of death. Another set of plaques contains the names of Madisonians who served in the War. In addition, the walls on both the first and second floors display pictures of Civil War veterans and scenes as well as framed charters of organizations that make use of the facilities.

Although from appearances a public building, the hall is owned and operated by the Association which consists of the patriotic Orders allied with the Grand Army of the Republic together with the National Daughters of the G.A.R. Because of the need to raise income to support its upkeep, the hall is rented to other patriotic and fraternal groups active in the community. Rental income, Association dues, and individual donations comprise its financial support inasmuch as no subsidy is received from any unit of local government. Currently serving as president of the Association is Richard A. Smith, commander of Camp No. 2, Madison. This Camp, together with Corps No. 37 of the Woman's Relief Corps, are the surviving charter members of the Association that originally included Lucius Fairchild Post No. 11 of the G.A.R.



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"ACTION NOT WORDS"

No. 1 — All Department Encampments have now been held and each Department begins a new year of activity. My congratulations to all new Department Officers. May your year be one of growth and prosperity.

No. 2 — The 87th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held the week of August 18-22, 1968 in the city of Wilmington, Delaware. Headquarters will be the Dupont Hotel where all Business Sessions will be held. Committee appointments are:

Committees for the 1968 National Encampment

Credentials

- Devene Williamson, Past Department Commander, New York, Chairman
- Harold M. Drown, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
- Herman Black, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin
- Lew W. McKee, Past Department Commander, Oregon

Resolutions

- Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, Rhode Island, Chairman
- Urion W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan
- Herbert L. Jackson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
- Charles A. Brady, Jr. Past Department Commander, Illinois

Officers Reports

- Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey, Chairman
- Harry L. Barber, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
- John H. Stark, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania
- J. B. Johnson, Past Department Commander, Iowa
- Fred McGowan, Past Department Commander, Missouri

Constitution and Regulation

- Joseph S. Rippey, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman
- Chester S. Shriver, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania
- Thomas L. W. Johnson, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin
- William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio

Restoration of Rank

- Frank Woerner, Past Commander-in-Chief, California, Chairman
- James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois
- Ned L. Durkee, Past Department Commander, Vermont
- Robert L. Woods, Department Commander, Massachusetts
- Roderick VanTrump, Sr. Past Department Commander, Illinois

Ritual and Ceremonies

- C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman
- Eugene R. McCoy, Past Department Commander, California
- Arthur Sharkey, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire
- Alton Sharp, Past Department Commander, New Jersey

Response to Greetings of the

- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic — Joseph S. Rippey, Past Commander-in-Chief
- Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War — U. S. Grant 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief
- Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War — C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief
- Women's Relief Corps — Chester S. Shriver, Past Commander-in-Chief

Greetings Committees

- Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Commander-in-Chief William W. Haskell
Louis A. Moushey, and all Past Commanders-in-Chiefs
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Urion W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief
Allen F. Spink Arthur Glenum
Ernest G. Wells Norman Furman

(If any of above cannot serve please notify Commander-in-Chief immediately.)

Officers will please have their reports ready so as they may be read at the first session. All proposed Resolutions and proposed Amendments should be sent to National Secretary Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 as soon as possible so as he may prepare them for consideration.

No. 3 — Brothers, if you have not sent your contribution for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund please do so as soon as possible so as our National Patriotic Instructor Louis Moushey will be able to make a fine report at the National Encampment.

No. 4 — All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who are planning on attending National please bring along your uniform.

No. 5 — This being my last General Order I want to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone who has made me feel at home at all the places that I have visited. To my Officers and Committee members, Many Thanks. To National President Hazel Moushey of our Auxiliary, National President of the W.R.C. Mrs. Esther M. Lewis, National President of the L.G.A.R. Mrs. Betty Manalattos and National President Mrs. Jessie B. Lord of the D.U.V.C.W. may your Encampments be all that you want them to be, and thanks for the many courtesies that you have shown to me this year. May our friendship last forever.

No. 6 — Brothers, I hope that I will see you all in Wilmington in August. I know that the committee is arranging a fine time for you so why don't you plan to attend.

WILLIAM W. HASKELL,
Commander-in-Chief

Fort Monroe in the Civil War

Fort Monroe was one of the few forts in the South not captured by the Confederates. It was a base for the Union Army and Navy and the scene of many exciting events. General McClellan landed the Army of the Potomac at Fort Monroe in 1862 when he attempted to capture Richmond by advancing up the Virginia Peninsula. Abraham Lincoln spent May 6-11, 1862, at Fort Monroe where he helped plan the operations against Norfolk.

General U. S. Grant was at Fort Monroe April 1-3, 1864, to plan the campaign that finally won the war. The Army of the James, which played an important part in the Petersburg Campaign, was assembled at Fort Monroe. Amphibious expeditions organized at Fort Monroe won strategic footholds along the Confederate coast from North Carolina to Louisiana, gradually closing down the major ports of the Confederacy.

The stories of all these events, and many more, are told by exhibits in the Old Fort Monroe Casemate. Also on display is the Civil War Historama, a panoramic painting by Jack Clifton describing 25 major events of the war occurring at or near Fort Monroe.

(Dr. Chester D. Bradley, the Curator at the Casemate Museum is a member of our Order.)

Good Citizen Award . . .

AT READING APPOMATTOX BANQUET



Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt presenting Meade Camp Annual Good Citizen Award to the Rev. Samuel L. Koons, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. At left is John C. Yocum, Department Commander of Pennsylvania. The award took place on April 6th at the 36th annual banquet of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

A highlight of the Appomattox Banquet was the principle address by T. Allen Glenn Jr., chairman of Peoples National Bank of Norristown. The affair drew 200 members and guests. The group was welcomed by County Commissioner Peter Yonavick and Mrs. Irene K. Murphy, chairman of the banquet committee.

Frank M. Heacock Sr. was toastmaster. The Rev. Richard O. Partington led the invocation and benediction. Greetings were brought by the Department Presidents of each of the Allied Orders, as well as the Department Commander and Department President of New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Williams.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

87th ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Headquarters — Dupont Hotel

Sessions — Nemours Auditorium

Sunday, August 18, 1968

- Morning Worship Church of Your Choice
- 12:30 P.M.—Department Commanders or Representatives Meet with National Chaplain Gold Ball Room
- 1:00 P.M.—Registration
- 1:00 P.M.—National Council Meeting National Headquarters
- 3:00 P.M.—Joint Memorial Service with Auxiliary Gold Ball Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Campfire Gold Ball Room

Monday, August 19, 1968

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration
- 9:30 A.M.—Joint Opening — Sons and Auxiliary Gold Ball Room
- 10:00 A.M.—Business Session Nemours Auditorium
- 12:00 Noon—Recess
- 1:30 P.M.—Business Session Nemours Auditorium
- 4:00 P.M.—Recess

- 5:30 P.M.—P. C. in C. and P. N. P. Banquet Hunt Room
- 8:30 P.M.—Courtesy Hour Gold Ball Room

Tuesday, August 20, 1968

- 9:30 A.M.—Business Session Nemours Auditorium
- 12:00 Noon—Recess
- 1:30 P.M.—Business Session Nemours Auditorium
- 3:00 P.M.—Greetings Received Nemours Auditorium
- 4:00 P.M.—Recess
- 6:30 P.M.—Banquet Honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary Gold Ball Room
- 9:00 P.M.—Reception Honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary Gold Ball Room

Wednesday, August 21, 1968

No Business Sessions

Thursday, August 22, 1968

- 9:00 A.M.—Business Session Nemours Auditorium
- 1:00 P.M.—Meeting of National Council National Headquarters

MEMORIAL DAY AT GETTYSBURG



Principal address was given by Vice-Pres. Hubert Humphrey, who was introduced by Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver.

For 102 consecutive years, the annual parade and services in the National Cemetery on each Memorial Day, have gained prominence in this historic Community and is ranked second only to those held at Arlington.

Records of Gettysburg's "Star and Sentinel" newspaper of the Civil War period, note that the first service was held in the National Cemetery in the later part of May, 1868 and that the address of tribute was given our Soldier Dead by the Rev. James A. Brown, D.D. of Gettysburg. Appropriate music by the Citizens Band. This was the beginning of a proud heritage and tradition which was immediately promoted by the Grand Army Comrades of Cpl. Skelly Post 9, G.A.R., Gettysburg. Assisting with the G.A.R. annually were the School Children Fraternal, Patriotic and Civic Orders. This was the Grand Army Day in Gettysburg.

Now that the G.A.R. has passed on, Gettysburg Camp 112, accepted the challenge and obligation to carry on in planning this annual observance, beginning back in the early '30's and each year all local Veterans join the Sons on a joint Committee in planning and participation of this great day on Gettysburg's Historic Fields. The Spanish American War, W.W. I, V.F.W., American Legion and D.A.V. name Committees to assist the Camp to formulate an outstanding observance, which requires at least nine months of advance effort.

Military Bands from Washington, D. C., Military Units from Pennsylvania, over 500 Girl and Boy Scouts, Veterans' Units from the area and 2,000 Public and Parochial School Children compose the parade and march over the route President Lincoln rode on that November day in 1863. Once in the National Cemetery, the School Children and Scouts strew flowers on the graves of 3,075 Civil War dead plus another 1,009 of our Soldier Dead of other Wars. To the strains of "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," no more perfect setting could be witnessed as fresh flowers lie on the flaged graves of those who gave their All, as thousands of spectators stand in supreme silence.

But one of the largest tasks that the Committee faces each year, is to secure a speaker of World prominence. As you read the list of notable speakers who have given tributes on Memorial Day, you will note that 7 Presidents of the United States spoke here as did 3 Vice-Presidents, 14 Governors (four of which were from southern States), 11 U. S. Senators, 14 Generals as well as National and State Officials and members of the Clergy.

Memorial Day 1968 was observed in unusual adverse conditions for the records show that this year was only the second time in 102 years that the Parade was cancelled due to violent thunder storms and driving rains . . . but tradition was maintained in the National Cemetery as the principle program was held at the Rostrum with Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, soaked from the downpour, as he gave tribute to the Youth

of our Country to take up the task of the G.A.R. and carry on. The United States Air Force Band rendered the music of The Battle Hymn and National Anthem as lightning flashed . . . and another Memorial Day is history at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg Camp 112 proudly carries on this great obligation to protect our traditions that we as Sons of Union Veterans and Grand-Sons of those Comrades, have been so endowed by the Grand Army of the Republic.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER,
National Secretary-Treasurer

CENTRAL REGION

The Central Region Conference will convene in Springfield, Illinois, October 12-13 at the State House Inn. The first session will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday with an informal banquet to follow at 6:00 p.m. The concluding session is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 13th.

There must be individual responsibility for individual acts.

If you want a place in the sun you must be willing to put up with a few blisters.

The saddest words of tongue or pen: "We just sold Junior's buggy, then —"

When Umpqua, Ore., pupils were told classes would be dismissed because of teachers' institute, Lonnie, eight, startled his parents with: "No school tomorrow. The teachers are going on an innocent toot."

A Houston judge received this thank-you letter from a bridegroom he'd married: "Dear Judge, I want to thank you for the beautiful way you brought my happiness to a conclusion."

A couple wanted to get married in a hurry. The man, a soldier on a 48 hour pass, took his blushing bride to see the vicar. "Impossible," said the latter. "Even a special license would take too long." The would-be bride and groom exchanged a look of misery, then a smile spread across the soldier's face. "Well," he suggested brightly, "couldn't you say a few words just to tide us over the weekend?"

WISCONSIN



On March 30, Martin Koebel, 98 years old and a charter member of Plymouth Camp, was honored with the presentation of a Life Membership in the Department and a 50 year membership pin. Making the presentation was Herman Black, Department Commander on left and Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. Others in attendance included P.N.P. Ellinore L. Konrad and Natl. Press Correspondent Raona Black, P.D.P.

National President Hazel Moushey was present at our Encampment held at Wauwatosa, with Helen Wilbur presiding as Department President. Mrs. Louise Hernke of Milwaukee is the new Department President and Burton Kannenberg the new Department Commander.

Department
News

CALIFORNIA

At our Department Encampment in San Diego, in addition to National President Hazel Moushey, we were pleased to have Past National Presidents Wilma Combs, Ethelyn Tucker, Emma Wheeler, Beatrice Riggs and Lenore Glass in attendance. Much constructive business and sociability was enjoyed.

Hon. Thomas H. Morton is the Mayor of Downey, California (population 97,000) and an active member of Camp 27. At their Memorial Day ceremonies he was the principal speaker and said in part "On this Memorial Day of 1968, we are again assembled to scan the pages of the book of National Remembrance and to pay tribute to those who, since the dawn of our history, have given their lives so that, as a nation, we could remain free and independent. — Unfortunately, there are some in our society today that have no regard for the preservation of these treasures that you and I hold so dear. We feel sorry for these unfortunates who are out of step — they have no appreciation — they completely ignore the fact that their very existence — their life in a free America — is due to the "spilled" blood of those for whom we are here assembled. However, although we may feel some sense of pity for these misguided unfortunates, we must not be complacent. The voice of the real America needs to be heard — loud and long. — Let it not be said tomorrow that we today let those of yesterday die in vain. For they did not.

CONNECTICUT

Alden Skinner Aux. 5 held a Lincoln-Washington celebration on February 17 in G.A.R. Hall, Rockville. A patriotic program followed a buffet supper at which time Pres. Anna Mae Pfunder presented an American Flag to a newly formed Brownie Troop. P.D.C. Chauncey Geer presented a plaque of Lincoln and Washington to Mrs. Pfunder.

At our 52nd Department Encampment in New Britain May 4-5, P.N.P. Flora Bates represented the National Organization. Also present were representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A check was presented to the Newington Hospital for Children. Mrs. Mae Hall of East Hampton is the new Department President. National President Hazel Moushey could not be present at the Encampment, but did visit at a called meeting that was well attended.

ILLINOIS

A reception honoring Dept. Comdr. Roderick Van Trump and Dept. Pres. Helen Brady was given by Old Glory Camp No. 61-65 and Auxiliary No. 32 in the G.A.R. Hall in Chicago on May 15. The Elmer Luckows presented their narrated slide program on the Civil War, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," and refreshments were served.

Aurora Camp No. 21 and Auxiliary No. 7 held a dinner in honor of Dept. Comdr. Roderick Van Trump and Dept. Pres. Helen Brady on May 19 at the Toll Gate Inn in North Aurora. Camp Comdr. Donald Berlin, Jr. showed color movies of the 1966 G.A.R. Centennial in Decatur.

The Auxiliary's G.A.R. Award, a saber, was presented to the R.O.T.C. battalion commander at the University of Illinois in Champaign by Dept. Pres. Helen Brady on May 21 at a special awards ceremony. The actual recipient will not be known this year until after final exams are taken, and the award will be presented then by the battalion commander.

Dept. Pres. Helen Brady was feted at a surprise party by John Hanks Auxiliary No. 50 at the home of Dept. Secty. Vivian Moore in Decatur on the evening of May 21.

Dept. Pres. Helen Brady returned from the department encampment in Springfield a battle-scarred veteran. She tripped over the microphone cord while presiding at the business session on June 7, and five stitches were required to close the gash above her eye which she sustained in the fall. At the dinner on Friday evening, Illinois' 150th birthday was celebrated with a specially prepared birthday cake and a picture program on Illinois history. Elected to head SUVCW for a third term was Roderick Van Trump. The one succeeding Dept. Pres. Helen Brady was also her predecessor, P.D.P. Beatrice Swanson. Speaker at the G.A.R.

Family Banquet was P.D.C. Geo. L. Cashman, whose topic was "Lincoln Mythology."

Dept. Scholarship Chairman Hazel Kurtz presented the Auxiliary's \$150 scholarship assistance grant to a graduating senior at the Glenwood School for Boys during the school's awards ceremony on June 14. SUVCW's G.A.R. Memorial Award, a plaque and medal, was presented by Dept. Comdr. Roderick Van Trump to a cadet at the same school during the Flag Day ceremony on June 16.

IOWA

Several Iowa members attended the annual services at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield on April 15. Included in the group were Department Commander Elmer Kirchner, Department President Jean Foster, Dept. Secy. Grace Hansen and Mrs. Elmer Kirchner.

MASSACHUSETTS

Robert L. Wood, with an impressive record as commander of Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch Camp 30, Dorchester, was chosen to head the Mass. Dept., ensuing year, at recent encampment. A reception in his honor, is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 5. Viola M. Fuller of Hansen is the new auxiliary president. Herbert L. Jackson, Comdr. and Lelia M. Turner, presided at their respective sessions. Bessie T. Drown, P.D.P. was endorsed by encampment for office of "Nat. Chaplain," sponsored by P.D.P.s, on recommendation of Ursula W. Sheppardson, P.N.P. Comdr.-in-Chief Wm. W. Haskell and Nat. Pres. Hazel L. Moushey, were honored guests. The national president came from the California encampment, arriving in time for Gov. Volpe's Sunday morning breakfast to national officers. Those present were: Allen F. Spink, Kenneth Wheeler, Flora D. Bates and Eileen Coombs. Leading feature of three day sessions was an address by David Brickman, owner of newspaper syndicate and on panel, "Starring the Editors," a TV regular weekly feature, a number of years.

Dept. Comdr. Wood, Aux. Pres. Viola M. Fuller, Comdr.-in-Chief Haskell and several other top officials, attended the annual ceremonies in New Bedford, marking G.A.R. Highway. Program was under auspices of Aux. 1, with Pres. Helen Rogers, presiding.

Other memorial month action included Bay State Camp's annual tribute, "Hall of Flags," State Capitol, with Lt. Gov. Francis Sargent, Dept. Comdr. Wood, Rep. Barry Hannon, Edwin J. Lennon, P.D.C. and LTC. Ernest G. Wells, CO, 1MD, SVR, as chief participants. Comdr.-in-Chief Haskell, after full morning program, in City of Brockton, placed wreath for Commandery-in-Chief, at Cathedral of Pines, New Hampshire, Memorial Day afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Haskell, Bessie T. Drown, P.D.P., Harold M. Drown and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hobart Comdr. and Pres. of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp and Auxiliary. Bro. Drown, previously gave "Gettysburg Address" in Dorchester and Stoughton.

Bay State Camp 61, with Bowditch Camp 30, co-ordinating, were on Long Island in Boston Harbor, where remains of soldiers stationed on a nearby island in Civil War times, are now properly designated, with monumental memorial, established by City of Boston Dept. Comdr. Wood, Comdr.-in-Chief Haskell, LTC. E. G. Wells, CO 1MD SVR, Edwin J. Lennon, P.D.C. and representative of affiliates, placing wreathes, were augmented by large delegation from 1MD SVR including their own band.

The 46th Annual gathering of the five groups, in "Grand Army Family," of Massachusetts, will be held November 9, in the nation's historic, First Parish Church, "Meeting House Hill," Dorchester. The SUVCW are heading program this year; Harold M. Drown is Gen'l. Chr.

NEW YORK

Northern New York Club, composed of Camps and Auxiliaries recently installed John Kernan of Albany as President at a meeting held in the home of Mrs. Nellie Halligan of Schenectady, with DeVene Williamson of Sauquoit presiding. Officers were installed by Dept. Pres. Mary Donnelly, with Mrs. Mabel Miller acting as chaplain. Mrs. Miller, a Past Dept. Pres. has been a member for over sixty years. Services will be held in May at Mt. McGregor honoring the birthday of General U. S. Grant. A new flag will be presented at "Look Out Point." P.D.P. Lillian Messer and Mrs. Mary Blaser were both feted for their work.

At a meeting in Watertown on May 1 guests included Dept. Pres. Mary Donnelly, Alma Evans Elsie Woodington, Winifred

Williams and Nellie Emory. After a restaurant luncheon the meeting was held at the apartment of Mrs. Mildred Bond.

In Albany on March 10 P.N.P. Edith Snyder presented a flag and standard to the Cathedral Academy from Auxiliary 6. At the same ceremony, Dept. Patr. Instr. Mary Ellen Sickles presented a flag to Girl Scout Troop 336 of Albany.

Auxiliary 6 of Rochester entertained Dept. Pres. Mary Donnelly and Dept. Commdr. George Asles at their March meeting, with members of Aux. 23 in attendance.

Mrs. Betty Baker was reelected and installed as President of Aux. 72 on April 23rd. Ovid Auxiliary sponsored its first antique show on May 18 at the Ovid Municipal Building. Mrs. Alma Evans, was general chairman.

Tibbitt McConihe Aux. 28 of Troy held services at the Civil War monument on Memorial Day, with Chaplain Helen Loomis in charge. Guests included Lawrence Meyer, Mayor of Troy; Sidney Smith, City Manager; P.N.P. Edith Snyder and Natl. Chief of Staff Mildred Nestico. On June 4 the Auxiliary celebrated their 63rd anniversary with a reception to the incoming and outgoing President.

On Sunday, April 26, Oliver Tilden Auxiliary along with members of Camp 26 and representatives from other Camps and Auxiliaries held services at the Grant Tomb on Riverside Drive, New York City. Wreaths were placed in the Rotunda and appropriate exercises were held. Included among out of town guests were P.D.C. Norman Furman and members of his family. Plans are under way to improve upon and enlarge this annual pilgrimage in the future. U. S. Grant Auxiliary is now meeting in a new location at 25 West 39th St., New York City.

NEW JERSEY



Shown above at our 86th Encampment at Avon are Commander-in-Chief William Haskell, National President Hazel Moushey, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Williams, Department Commander and Department President.

Other guests included Sr. Vice C. in C. Heacock, Natl. Patr. Instr. Louis Moushey, Jack Yocum, Dept. Commdr. Penna. and his Personal Aide; also Roy and Anna Stoudt and Irene Murphy of Penna. Our Good Citizen Award was presented to Hon. William M. Beard of Westfield. Walter Williams was reelected as Dept. Commander and the new Dept. Pres. is Mrs. Edith Rice.

While on a trip to Florida and Nassau, Edna and Albert Lambert stopped at Miami Beach, where with Margaret Schroeder, preliminary plans were made for the National Convention which will be held at the Deauville Hotel, the week of August 9, 1970.

Traditional Memorial Day observances were conducted by Camp 12 of Bloomfield, and by Camps 4 and 5 of Trenton. At Bloomfield, Gen. Logan's Order No. 11 was read by Edward Vay. This is the first year since 1919 that Percy Davenport was unable to participate, due to his recent heart attack.

Mark your calendar: State Camp dinner meeting October 26 and Lincoln Dinner February 8. Both to be held at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Dinner and reception honoring Dept. Pres. Edith Rice, July 27 at Suburban Cocktail Lounge, East Orange.

Important Announcement

After a lapse of almost thirty years, New Jersey proudly announces a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief. It is with great pleasure that we have endorsed P.D.C. Fred H. Combs Jr. for the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 1968 National Encampment to be held in Wilmington, and for the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 1969 National Encampment to be held in St. Louis. Brother Combs has been a member of the Order for the past 38 years, and at present is an Assistant in the Division of Controversies and Disputes, New Jersey Department of Education. A former High School principal and former Superintendent of the Lawrence Township School system, he is eminently qualified to fill these important offices.

OHIO

Grant Camp 100 of Cincinnati held a luncheon meeting at the Cincinnati Club in company with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion on the 88th birthday of Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, on January 26. Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin presided. Willard F. Moore was received into membership. Guests introduced included Commander Frances Golato, Pres. of Hamilton County Memorial Assoc. and Commander of the Fourth District American Legion, also Mrs. Rose Linne, Secy. of Hamilton County Memorial Assoc. and prominent in the Woman's Relief Corps. Elected officers for 1968 include Fred Pfester, Jr. as Commander and Commander Wm. C. Duval, USNR Ret. as Secretary-Treasurer.

On May 21 in Cleveland, the annual Mother-Daughter and Father-Son banquet was held in the K. of C. Hall by the Camp and Auxiliary. Past Natl. Pres. Edith Nile acted as mistress of ceremonies. Others taking part included Mrs. Grace Tennis, Mrs. Bernice Hall, Mr. C. B. Wood, Mrs. Ida Herbert, and Mr. M. R. Battey. Mr. Battey and Mrs. Nellie Frost were honored as the oldest father and mother. The youngest father was Mr. Richard Greenalt and the youngest mother was Mrs. Judy Bowman. Plans were made to meet May 26 at the city cemetery to flag graves.

Judge Schneider Honored



Hon. Louis J. Schneider, Judge of Common Pleas Court, Hamilton County is shown receiving his 50 year Medal from Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. C. Coffin. The ceremony took place on March 31 at a special executive meeting of U. S. Grant Camp 100 in Cincinnati. Judge Schneider was the Grand Marshall of the City of Cincinnati Downtown Memorial Day Parade and Spring Grove Cemetery Service this year. Commander Wm. C. Duval and P. C. in C. Coffin also took part in the service.

OREGON

Oregon mourns the loss of the following: Mrs. Cliff Kerns, expired February. John Darling, Commander of Hiram Gale Camp of Seattle, expired December 1967. Mrs. Rhetta Silvers, Pres. of Eugene Auxiliary, expired September 1967.