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13th ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

COMMEMORATING THE 104th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

April 15, 1969



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

LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY — 1969

In sharp contrast to the bone chilling rain and fog of Monday evening, a warm sun marked Tuesday, April 15, the day set aside for the 104th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. Shortly after 11:00 a.m. Co-chairman George L. Cashman opened the thirteenth annual commemorative ceremony at Oak Ridge cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. This year a total of 58 wreaths were offered in tribute to the memory of the Emancipator by veterans' groups and patriotic societies invited to participate by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., commander-in-Chief of the Sons, began his address with a moving rendition of the immortal "Farewell Address to the Citizens of Springfield" and admonished his listeners to keep green the memory of Abraham Lincoln in every way possible. Commander William C. Duval, USNR (Ret), a past commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, ably represented his chief, Lenahan O'Connell, who could not be present. In his remarks he stressed the timeliness of Lincoln's emergence as a national leader and issued a call for patriots to advance the cause of freedom the world over.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Concordia Seminary chapel choir under the direction of Professor Daniel G. Reuning. Selections included "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful."

Again this year the State House Inn was the site for the luncheon which followed the exercises at the Tomb. And again, an attendance record was set for a weekday with 113 guests present.

Dr. Wayne C. Temple, assistant archivist of the State of Illinois and editor of the Lincoln Herald, was the principal speaker at the luncheon. For his subject he chose to discuss some episodes from Lincoln's life as they were related to a local landmark of the time, the St. Nicholas Hotel. Springfield in the decade of the 1850's came alive in the minds of his listeners as Dr. Temple warmed to his topic. His wit and obvious interest in his subject were apparent to all.



Standing from left: Thomas L. W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman; Douglas A. Henry, parade marshal and award recipient; George L. Cashman, ceremony co-chairman and curator of the Lincoln Tomb.

Seated from left: William C. Duval, past commander-in-Chief of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Dr. Wayne C. Temple, archivist, author and principal luncheon speaker; Mrs. Ellinore L. Konrad, committee member and past national president of the Auxiliary to SUVCW; and Frank M. Heacock Sr., commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Cmdr. Duval asked for a moment of silence out of respect to the memory of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, late President of the United States. Thomas L. W. Johnson, as co-chairman of the ceremony, paid tributes to two fallen comrades, General

U. S. Grant III and Roderick Van Trump, Sr. General Grant had been one of the originators of the Lincoln Deathday rites in 1957 and Brother Van Trump had been commander of the Illinois affiliates of both the Sons and Loyal Legion at the time of his sudden demise last December.

In recognition of his services over the years as parade marshal for the ceremony, Douglas A. Henry, a member of the Springfield Inter-Veterans Council was presented with an inscribed plaque by Brother Cashman.

Among the distinguished guests introduced this year were Mrs. Irene K. Murphy, president of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Erma Landis, president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Mrs. Denny Tilley, president general of the Daughters of the Union 1861-1865. Also introduced was William M. Coffin who, along with Cmdr. Duval, represent the surviving members of the small group that conceived of this ceremony twelve years ago.

Mr. Gary Clayton, a member of the chapel choir at Concordia Seminary, accompanied by Prof. Reuning, sang the premier performance of the "Gettysburg Address" as set to music. This unusual rendition of Mr. Lincoln's familiar words gave a touch of originality to the luncheon program. Mr. Clayton later led the assembly in a spirited version of the popular Civil War song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

As in past years, the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion again presented each luncheon guest with a valued memento of the occasion. Most appropriately this year, copies of the booklet, The Lincoln Tomb, were distributed. This informative publication was authored by Dorothy Moline Cashman, the talented and charming wife of the curator of the Tomb.

In closing, acknowledgment should be made of the several Departments and/or Auxiliaries of the SUVCW and Commanderies of the MOLLUS that participated. The Departments were Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

GUIDELINE FOR DECENCY

Let's stop blaming everybody you can find for the mess we're in — teachers, legislators, Supreme Court justices, movie producers and magazine publishers.

They're like everyone else. They'll do whatever you let them get away with, and they'll stop in a hurry anything you show them you won't stand for. So far, they've been able to find darned little you won't put up with.

It's not too late. Here are the things you ought to start doing right now.

Stay away from the morbid movies and the plays, and urge everybody you know to do the same — especially your children.

Organize neighborhood patrols to inspect, boycott and picket the obscene magazine stands.

Elect local judges and civic officials who hate pornography for profit, and who guarantee in advance of election to chivy the youth corrupters relentlessly and ingeniously every day they're in office.

Tell your state legislators in no uncertain terms to cut off all money to tax-supported colleges which refuse to police their own facilities and student bodies, and which decline to adopt definite, hard-boiled standards of sex conduct on their respective campuses.

Above all, see that your own children know what's right and what's wrong about sex before they blow themselves up with its age-old dynamite.

Don't let anybody box you into that old semantic trap about what's "right" and what's "wrong." The rightness and wrongness of sex are as old as our Judeo-Christian heritage — as old as the Ten Commandments — almost as old as Adam. So stop worrying trying to justify yourself. Adopt a code of behavior you really believe in and stick to it. Eventually, you'll get something from the kids you are certainly not getting now: respect.

Tell them the human body is supposed to be a temple, not a brothel. And make them know it.

One morning a Cleveland businessman's secretary was showing off a stunning new tailored suit, her birthday present from her family. Her boss stopped to admire it, then went on into his private office to greet a client who was waiting to see him. "Sorry to keep you waiting," he told his startled caller, "but I was just admiring my secretary in her birthday suit."

DISCIPLINE OFFERS REWARDS

Kids are bored because parents worried too much about entertaining them and not about accustoming them to good hard work.

They're uninhibited because no one took time to teach them the meaning of such words as "good," "evil," "honor," "dishonor," "decent," "indecent."

They're arrogant because no one whaled the tar out of them as little ones the first time they disobeyed or talked back or used bad language.

Oversimplification? Definitely not. An adolescent who has been brought up to do reasonable work on a regular schedule before he gets his allowance, who has been sent to church and taught moral principles by precept and by example at home, and who has been promptly and strictly disciplined every time he acted up, will be a youngster who isn't puffing pot and taking trips on LSD. He will become an adult whose life will be a lot busier and happier and more productive than that of the slack-yawed, bleary-eyed, slovenly drug addict who grows up whining that society owes him a perpetual handout and an infinite supply of free benzedrine.

SCHOLARSHIP

Judith Ritter, a senior at Wilson High School, West Lawn, Pa., has been awarded a scholarship by the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The award was based on scholastic achievement, citizenship and school service. She has been a member of the Girls' Athletic Association, the girls' swimming and basketball teams, and the Aquatic Leaders. A member of the Color Guard of the Wilson High School Band and Marching Unit, she has served as its co-captain for the past two years. She has held several offices of leadership in homeroom and other school groups. She is also a member of the YMCA Girls' Swim League, the youth organization of her church, and the West Lawn Pre-Junior Woman's Club. She will enter West Chester State College in September, 1969, where she plans to major in Health and Physical Education.

Mrs. Irene K. Murphy, Auxiliary National President made the award. A scholarship is presented each year, to a student planning to attend college.

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Neil D. Cranmer, N. Y. Dept.

Commander-in-Chief 1946

Died April 22, 1969

"Rest in Peace"

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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.

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- Willard Chandler Bodge, Boston, Mass. In Memory of Charles Marden Bodge, Company D, 35th Mass. Vol. Militia \$10.00



"Well, maybe you're sitting on the wrong end."

It seems that most people spend the first half of their adult life seeking change, and the last wanting things to remain the same.

Man leaving pet shop with new puppy "C'mon, little feller. You're going to change someone's mind about wall-to-wall carpeting."



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- In accordance with Chapter III, Article III, Section 1. of the Regulations, the 88th National Encampment will convene in St. Louis, Missouri, Sunday, Aug. 17 through Thursday, August 21st. Headquarters will be established at the Jefferson Sheraton Hotel where all sessions and social activities will be held.
- The following are appointed as the Committee on Credentials: Geo. M. Satterthwaite, P.D.C. New Jersey, Chairman. Geo. A. Strait, P.D.C. Rhode Island. Alfred Hahn, Delegate, New York. Leland Hedemark, Delegate, Pennsylvania.
- All other Committees and Appointments will be announced at the opening session of the Encampment.
- The Encampment Committee has worked long and hard to make this Encampment, the first in St. Louis since 1912, successful and enjoyable. I hope that as many of our members as possible will make every effort to attend. Hotel reservation cards are available from your Department Secretary.
- We are nearing the close of another year and another administration. What could have or should have been done is now history. But it is not too late. Let us, one and all, resolve that we shall try a little harder. It is a matter of having Faith in your organization, in its principles and its value to our beloved country.
- This being my final order, I wish to express to my National President, Sister Irene K. Murphy, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, my sincere and grateful appreciation for her many kindnesses and her full cooperation throughout the year. Her thoughtfulness in my behalf and that of my family has been sincerely appreciated and I wish for her a successful, harmonious and constructive Encampment. To Erma K. Landis, Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R., for your cooperation throughout the year, my grateful thanks are herewith expressed and may your Encampment, likewise, be a most harmonious one. To Mrs. Dorothea Meyers, Natl. Pres. Daughters Union Veterans and Mrs. Hazel Willard, Natl. Pres. W.R.C., it has been a real pleasure working with you and it is my hope that you have constructive Encampments.
- It has been most gratifying to have served as your Commander-in-Chief and to my brethren who have in any way aided this administration, I am most appreciative.
- To those who have lost loved ones since the last General Order, go the heartfelt sympathy of the entire organization.

FRANK M. HEACOCK, Sr.
Commander-in-Chief

THE VIEW FROM HERE

What has happened to Nathan Hale's kind of patriotism? Are you old enough to remember the pictures of former presidents and national heroes that used to adorn the walls of so many homes? And the flags that flew from almost every house on the block on our national holidays?

Have we as a people become less idealistic, more sophisticated, less dedicated? The future belongs to people and nations who believe in themselves, in what they stand for, and what they are doing.

Consciously or unconsciously, patriotism has been de-emphasized in our schools and our society. Many of today's youth simply do not know enough about how our country came into being, what it stands for, and the courageous and noble things their fathers and forefathers did to preserve it. Without tremendous pride in their country, without a deep belief in its essential goodness and nobleness of purpose, why should they be willing to fight and die, if necessary, in order to preserve it? We have been so busy educating for "life adjustment" that we forgot that the first duty of a nation's schools is to preserve that nation.

There are two things that we don't teach them. And oh! how they need to learn these. One was that the world is still a big, bad-tempered, battling planet, and many of its inhabitants hate our American insides. This is hard to teach, and unpleasant to learn. It is the simple truth, nevertheless. The other should have been simpler. It is to teach the children the real meaning of Decatur's great toast: "Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be right, but our country right or wrong! Had they been taught these things, they would not now be wondering what all the fuss is about. They would know that their country is in danger. Too many of them neither know nor care.

Teach them the grand old songs. How long has it been since children learned to sing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean?" And why was it dropped? Probably because someone decided that the lines which end, "The Army and Navy forever! Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue!" were hopelessly out of place in our brave new world of foreign aid and peaceful coexistence and collaboration.

We had better thank God for the Army and Navy! And — with half the world at our throats — we had better teach our children that it is not a disgrace, but a priceless heritage, to wear our country's uniform.

Some people soft-pedal patriotism because they believe that love of country foments wars. But love of country never caused a war yet. It's hatred of other countries that causes war, and hatred of others has never had a place in our American tradition. By failing to teach and emphasize patriotism we are weakening the very backbone of our nation.

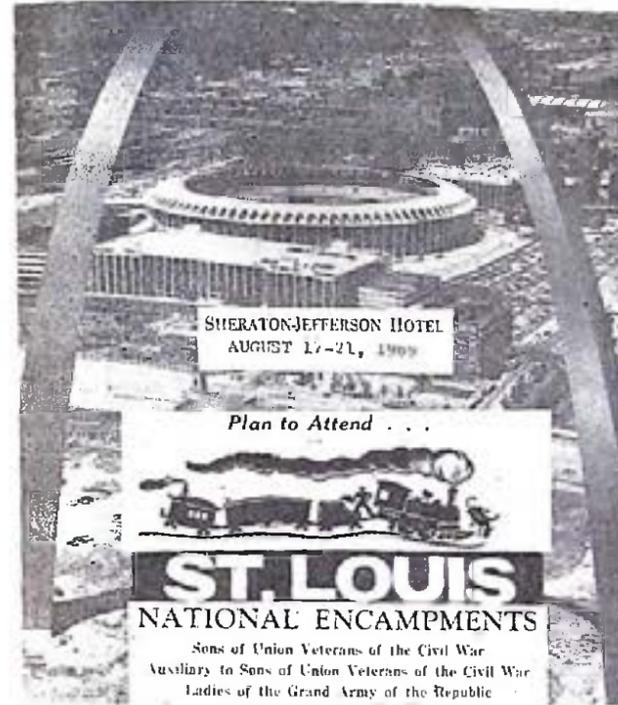
Let's not pretend to our children that the United States has never been wrong, or that everything about our country is perfect. But let's be sure they also understand the tremendous contributions this country has made to the progress of mankind. We may not always have been right, but we have always tried to do what we thought was right. In the development of moral consciousness on a national level, the United States has led the world.

We Live In The Sun Because Of Them

The flag on the grave of a fallen soldier or sailor marks a name made immortal, and an emblem on the resting place of an American hero marks a name made eternal. The life-blood given by American service men during all American wars is precious to us, their children, and their memory is near to our hearts. They, our fathers, whose graves fill the countryside, have given their lives to prepare for us a place under the sun where we can live and breathe in freedom and liberty.

It is unthinkable that anyone would have in his heart anything but the deepest affection for their sacred memory and the profoundest appreciation and gratitude for their sacrifice. And yet, at times, unthinking individuals remove from the last resting place of these soldiers the emblems, markers, yes, even the flags, that mark their graves.

Let us be reverent as we pass the graves of these patriots. Let us not disturb their graves, or the emblems and the flags that mark them. On the contrary, let us stop a moment to pay them tribute and to offer a prayer for those who fought that we might be free.



HOTEL RATES

Single	10.50	11.50	13.00	15.00
Twin	14.50	15.50	17.00	19.00
Suites		25.00	40.00	60.00

Reservation requests must be received NO LATER THAN THREE WEEKS prior to convention date. Reservations will be held until 6 P.M. only, unless otherwise guaranteed.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th

- A.M. — Church of Your Choice.
- 1:00 P.M. — Credential Committee, Mezzanine.
- 1:00 P.M. — Council of Administration, Headquarters Suite.
- 2:00 P.M. — Department Commanders (or Representatives), Boulevard Room (Meet with National Chaplain for rehearsal).
- 3:00 P.M. — SUVCAW and Auxiliary Joint Memorial Service, the National Chaplains in charge, Boulevard Room.
- 7:30 P.M. — "Campfire," Ivory Room.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th

- 9:30 A.M. — SUVCAW and Auxiliary Joint Opening, the National Chiefs of Staff in charge, Ivory Room.
- 10:30 A.M. — Business Session, Boulevard Room.
- 1:30 P.M. — Business Session, Boulevard Room.
- 5:30 P.M. — Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents Dinner, Cotillion Room.
- 9:00 P.M. — Courtesy Hour, Ivory Room.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th

- 9:00 A.M. — Business Session, Boulevard Room.
- 1:00 P.M. — Business Session, Boulevard Room.
- 1:00 P.M. — Greelings Committees and Guests Received, Boulevard Room.
- 6:30 P.M. — SUVCAW and Auxiliary Joint Banquet and Reception, the National Chiefs of Staff in charge, Ivory Room.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th

- 11:00 A.M. — Tour — Details available from Credential Committee.
- 8:00 P.M. — Entertainment — "Sing a spell with 'H. and L.'"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st

- 9:00 A.M. — Business Session, Boulevard Room.
- 1:30 P.M. — Council of Administration, Headquarters Suite.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

In a recent decision the United States Supreme Court sidestepped an opportunity to rule on the constitutionality of a state flag desecration law. The case of *Street vs. New York*, decided April 21, involved the conviction of Sydney Street on grounds that he violated a New York statute which made it a crime to "publicly mutilate, deface, defile, or defy, trample upon or cast contempt upon either by words or act" the national flag.

Street, a New York City bus driver, World War II veteran and Bronze Star holder, burned an American flag during an outrage in June of 1966 after hearing that James Meredith had been shot while on a march in Mississippi. In committing his act of destruction, he was reported to have said, "If they did that to Meredith, we don't need an American flag." His conviction was sustained by the Court of Appeals of New York.

Mr. Justice Harlan, speaking for a bare majority of five Justices, held that Street had been convicted solely for his statements and that however repugnant, the defendant was protected in his use of them by the free speech guarantee of the First Amendment. The Court hinted that flag desecration laws would be upheld if carefully drawn and not used by prosecutors to stifle the exercise of free speech. Stressing that a majority of the Court did not approve of flag-burning demonstrations, Harlan said, "Disrespect for our flag is to be deplored no less in these vexed times than calmer periods of our history. Nevertheless, we are unable to sustain a conviction that may have rested on a form of expression, however distasteful, which our Constitution tolerates and protects."

Chief Justice Warren and Associate Justices Black, Fortas, and White dissented from holding and each filed an individual opinion. The Chief Justice was critical of the majority for its failure to come to grips with the issue of the validity of the flag-burning laws. He noted that all of the fifty States and the Congress have enacted similar legislation and observed,

"In a time when the American flag has increasingly become an integral part of public protests, the constitutionality of the flag desecration statutes enacted by all of the States and Congress is a matter of the most widespread concern. Both those who seek constitutional shelter for acts of flag desecration perpetrated in the course of a political protest and those who must enforce the law are entitled to know the scope of constitutional protection."

Reviewing the trial court's record, the Chief Justice asserted that he was convinced that Street had been convicted solely for his act of burning the flag and maintained that the State and federal governments have the power to protect the flag from "acts of desecration and disgrace."

Unfortunately, the decision rendered by the majority only beclouds the question of the degree to which our flag can be protected by law. It is hoped that the Court will soon have an opportunity to decide the matter strictly on its merits. In a time when agitation and civil strife are making headlines daily, we deserve no less.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman
Committee on Legislation

Amendment to Constitution

Adopted by the New Jersey Department Encampment, June 14, 1968 to be forwarded for consideration at the National Encampment to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August, 1969.

WHEREAS: We heartily agree in principle with the resolution submitted by the Vermont Department relative to Associate Members, therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the following change be made in the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Article 7 -- Membership

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Line 3 — Add the word National between the words "hold" and "elective," so that it shall read: "Said Associates shall not hold National elective office etc."

CATTON'S VIEW OF U. S. GRANT AT PINNACLE OF MILITARY CAREER

Ulysses S. Grant is one of the most intriguing figures in American history, because he managed to be our most effective general. It is the successful Grant, at the pinnacle of his career as a military leader, who is portrayed by Bruce Catton, distinguished Civil War military historian and a master of narrative history.

If "Grant Takes Command" is not Catton's best book, it surely ranks very close to the top of his long list of works. It completes a three-volume biography of Grant which was begun by the late Lloyd Lewis, author of "Captain Sam Grant," and carried on by Catton in "Grant Moves South," a study which brought the general through his victory at Vicksburg.

In this latest volume, the culminating events of Grant's military career are described: his stunning victory in the Battle of Chattanooga in late 1863, his appointment as commanding general of all the Union armies, his relentless pursuit of Lee in Virginia in 1864, the agonizing siege of Petersburg and Richmond and finally his capture of Lee's army at Appomattox.

The Grant that emerges here is not the Grant of Legend, the man who had a running battle with alcoholism and somehow dragged himself and the Union to victory despite his lapses with the bottle. The real Grant, Catton contends, was utterly cool and self-contained, a general who impressed his subordinates with his imperturbability in all situations and with his unshakable confidence in his own ability to win the war. This confidence was contagious and added immeasurably to the morale of the troops he commanded, including the much defeated and war-weary army of the Potomac, which he marshalled in 1864 for one final effort to overcome the previously invincible General Lee.

It would appear from Catton's account that Grant was an extraordinarily simple and unassuming man, and that this simplicity, more than anything else, was the source of his success as a general.

Lacking intense personal ambition and strong political and ideological commitments, he was able to avoid the kind of intrigue for personal or political advantage that was common among Northern generals and which led to the cabals and conflicts that were such a heavy burden for President Lincoln before Grant took command.

LINCOLN POINTS THE WAY

The continuing impact of Abraham Lincoln upon our civilization is one of its finest characteristics. Lincoln lives as an ideal in the heart of virtually every American — and in the hearts of millions of foreigners as well. It is not so much that he is admired as a great President or wartime leader as that he is loved as a man of humanitarian instincts, of faith, humility, courage, and compassion. His greatness of soul, and the strength of his personality are factors of incalculable influence, not only in our history and politics, but also in the general ethos of the American people.

In his annual message to Congress in 1862 Lincoln argued earnestly for a constitutional amendment permitting compensation of the states for the slaves as a means of hastening the end of the Civil War. His message is permeated with the spirit of peace, coupled with determination that the Union must be preserved. "We shall nobly save or meanly lose," he said, "the last best hope of earth." The Lincoln philosophy that "right makes might" and that a free nation should pursue its policies with restraint, human understanding, and compassion for the vanquished has since been reflected in American policy in a thousand ways.

One recent manifestation of Lincoln's enormous influence is to be found in President Eisenhower's dramatic statement when firebrands were whipping up war sentiment over the imprisonment of 11 American fliers in Red China. "If we are going to take such a fateful decision as leads us one step toward war," the President declared, "let us by no means do it in response to our human emotions of anger and resentment. But let us do it after we have prayerfully considered it and found, as Wilson expressed it, 'no other means of protecting our rights.'" That calm, mature sense of responsibility in the face of danger may be regarded as a present-day emulation of Lincoln.

In these days when mankind seems to live on the edge of a volcano the value of the Lincoln tradition can scarcely be overemphasized. From him we derive a sense of proportion,



Department News



NEW JERSEY



From left: Commander-in-Chief Heacock, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Combs, Capt. James F. Cantwell, Dept. Comdr. Walter Williams.

"For a life devoted to the protection of his country and the well being of his fellow men" reads the citation awarding our Department Annual Good Citizen Award to Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell, NJARNG. General Cantwell who is New

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an appreciation of human values, and a feeling of dedication that light the path of the American people. In the White House he was a lonely, anguished figure who fought the extremists of the North as well as the forces of rebellion in the South. But the place he holds in the hearts of the people is so warm and intimate that it is difficult to imagine what the United States would be like with no Lincoln in our folklore.

Jersey Chief of Staff and Adjutant General of New Jersey, is also the President of the National Adjutant-Generals Association. In this capacity he was attending the 25th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, France at the time of our Encampment. A suitably engraved pewter mug was accepted for him by his son, Capt. James F. Cantwell Jr. The presentation was made by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr.

Memorial Day observances in Trenton and Bloomfield featured Garfield Camp 4 and Dayton Camp 5, as well as John J. H. Love Camp 12. In Bloomfield Ira C. Boughton was Secretary of the Joint Memorial Committee and Edward Vay read Gen. Logan's Order No. 11. In Trenton both Camp 4 and Camp 5 decorated graves, held services and fired a rifle salute.

Walter Williams and Edith Rice presided at our very successful Department Encampment held in Avon June 13-14. Richard Hines is the new Department Commander and Mrs. Lydia Browne the new Department President. Out of state visitors included Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Heacock and Mrs. Agnes Davis from Delaware; Natl. Pres. Irene Murphy and Leroy and Anna Stoudt from Pennsylvania; Marion Young and Dorothy Newell from Massachusetts and Louis and Hazel Moushey from Missouri.

DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENTS

The New Jersey Department SUVCW and the New Jersey Dept. Aux. SUVCW take pleasure in announcing the candidacy of P.D.C. Fred H. Combs Jr. for the office of Commander-in-Chief and P.D.P. Florence Jansson for the office of National President, at the National Convention to be held in St. Louis in August, 1969.

Both Fred and Florence have the experience and qualities of leadership to fulfill the requirements of these important offices. Both have been actively engaged in all phases of our activities for many years, and we enthusiastically and confidently support their candidacy.

CALIFORNIA

Our Encampment at Fresno was pleasant and harmonious, with larger attendance than last year. Dr. John E. Martle of Reno is the new Department Commander and Dorothy Greeley of San Jose is the new elected Department President.

We were saddened by the death of P.D.C. Eugene R. McCoy on April 28. Graveside services were conducted by the SUVCW and the U. S. Navy. He was the son of Gen. Daniel McCoy, a Union officer in the Civil War.

CONNECTICUT

A military funeral was held in Rockville for Bro. Charles J. Willeke who passed away suddenly at work. During World War II he received the Purple Heart while serving with the U. S. Navy, and was Treasurer of Camp 45. He was a brother of Anne Willeke and Mary Buchanan.

On Feb. 15 Alden Skinner Auxiliary served a sauerkraut supper in G. A. R. Hall commemorating Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays.

Commander-in-Chief Heacock and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Murphy visited our Department on March 22nd, and also attended the New England Regional meeting.

ILLINOIS

Dr. Julius Weiss, a member of Custer Camp 1, Chicago who is now living in Springfield has begun the reactivation of the 114th Vol. Inf., and now has forty-five active members. It has been commissioned by the Governor and some prominent Springfield people are backing it.

On Apr. 27, the G.A.R. Memorial Assoc. of Aurora held its annual Loyalty Day program. Included was the opening of the Angel Room Museum in the G.A.R. Memorial Hall.

The Department extends welcome to Charles M. Burgess, a new member of Camp 21, Aurora. We regret to report the

death of Fred Heuer of Camp 48 and Wilson Smith of Camp No. 1.

IOWA

Commander Shelby T. Stillwell, Dept. Pres. Jean Foster and Aux. Dept. Secy. Mrs. Hans C. Hansen attended the Lincoln Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Both presented wreaths.

Iowa Department and Auxiliary held a reception in Des Moines on Apr. 16 honoring Commander-in-Chief Heacock and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy at the Hotel Kirkwood. A large attendance was present on a foggy, misty day and were rewarded by the the inspiring messages from the National Officers.

At our Encampment held in Marshalltown, Shelby T. Stillwell of Manila was elected Department Commander with Jacob Kirchner of Fort Dodge remaining as Secretary-Treasurer. The new Auxiliary Dept. Pres. is Mrs. Frances Eichelberger of Dayton with Margaret Jones of Des Moines as Vice-Pres. Dept. Correspondent is Amy W. Noll, of Des Moines.

MASSACHUSETTS

Robert L. Wood and Viola B. Fuller presided at the recent Encampment held in Auburn at which time Howard E. Waite was elected as Dept. Commander and Marion Pohl Young as Auxiliary Dept. President.

Gov. Francis W. Sargent gave a luncheon in honor of Commander-in-Chief Frank Heacock and Aux. Natl. Pres. Irene K. Murphy. Usual activities included Memorial Service and Ritual Exemplification.

G.A.R. Hall at Rockland, which is Dept. Headquarters is under process of renovation and redecorating. Assisting in the work are Clifford E. Hobart, Thomas B. Maloney, Myles Harrington, William Haskell and Allen Howland.

Rededication of the plaque marking the G.A.R. Highway at Memorial Park in New Bedford in May was under auspices of John A. Hawes Auxiliary, with P. C. in C. Haskell as principal speaker. He was again the key speaker at the Civil War Memorial site on Long Island, in Boston Harbor. Others on the program included Robert L. Wood, Gilman W. Harrington, Marion Pohl Young, Ethel Wood, Clara O. Powers, Allen B. Howland.

Harold Drown wishes to acknowledge condolences from so many friends in the passing of his wife, Bessie T. Drown, late Natl. Chaplain of the Auxiliary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander-in-Chief Heacock installed officers at the Encampment in Concord on Apr. 26. Robert Lawrence of Penacook is the New Commander, with P.D.C. Alfred Clark continuing as Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Auxiliary Officers were installed by Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy with Marilyn Gaynor of Penacook as the new President, while P.D.P. Eva Wyman of Keene is Secretary and P.D.P. Marguerite Patria of Keene is the Treasurer.

A joint greetings period of the Sons and Aux. followed the Joint Memorial Service giving the Commander-in-Chief and Natl. President the opportunity of addressing both groups. Following the Camp Fire the Courtesy Hour was held.

P. N. P. Ethelyn Tucker traveled from California and presented Dept. Pres. Irene Wentworth with the Past Presidents Badge which Ethelyn had received when she attained that honor. Freshly polished and a new ribbon, it was gratefully received.

Flowers used in the Memorial Service were sent to P.D.P. Bertha Goodnow who has been ill. Sister Goodnow was recently awarded a life membership by her Auxiliary.

MICHIGAN

Stanley Barker of Detroit was elected Department Commander at our Encampment held in Grand Rapids on June 17, with Urion W. Mackey being elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Other elected to office include Edward Stevens of Port Huron; Charles Stephens, Port Huron; James A. Davey, Detroit; Charles Schmuker of Grand Rapids; Lawrence Richmond of Jackson. A father-son combination from Port Huron was also elected. James John Sr. is the Chaplain

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while his son, James Johnson Jr. will be Department Organizer. Our 1970 Encampment will be held at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids June 14-16.

NEW YORK

On Sunday afternoon, April 27, under the auspices of the New York Department Sons and Auxiliary, services were held in the General Grant National Memorial, Riverside Drive, New York City to commemorate the 147th birthday of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, and the observance of his Inauguration as 18th President. Over 100 attended coming from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Commander-in-Chief Frank Heacock and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy brought greetings and the Department Commander and Department President placed wreaths at the Sarcophagus of General Grant and his wife Julia Dent Grant. The Choir of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Jamaica sang several selections. Following the ceremony, an informal reception was arranged for the many Department and National Officers by the Grant Birthday Committee.

Northern New York Club held their services at Mt. McGregor on May 4. Norman Furman gave the address of the day, and John Kernan and Robt. Wagoner placed a wreath at the monument. Representatives were present from New York City, Albany, Rensselaer, Elmira, Utica, Buffalo, Amsterdam and Schenectady.

Aux. 48 celebrated their 64th anniversary at the Volcano restaurant on June 4, with Estella Connors as chairman.

Memorial Services were held in Schenectady, Amsterdam, Albany, and Troy under direction of Charlotte Horton, Chaplain of Aux. 48.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Commander-in-Chief Heacock is arranging a group flight to and from the St. Louis National Encampment leaving Philadelphia Airport via T.W.A. at 8 A.M. on Aug. 15 and returning the following Friday morning. Roundtrip fare including tax is \$81.90, and may be less if group includes 16 or more persons. For reservations contact Frank M. Heacock Sr., 7 S. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805.

Memorial Day in Gettysburg was observed with a parade, services at the National Cemetery and at the Rostrum. Paul Snyder of Camp 112 presided as Commander at the National Cemetery ritual, and John Stark placed a wreath from the SUVCW on Unknown Soldiers Graves. At the Rostrum Col Chester S. Shriver presided as Master of Ceremonies. Congressman George A. Goodling was the principal speaker and music was furnished by the U. S. Army Ceremonial Band. Members of the committee were Dr. Joseph H. Riley, Chester S. Shriver, Paul A. Snyder, G. Henry Roth, David A. Tawney and Arthur W. Warman.

RHODE ISLAND

The 81st Annual Encampment was held Apr. 11-12 at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence. Friday evening Memorial Services were held for all departed members of the Sons and Auxiliary, which was followed by presentation of flags to many Boy and Girl Scout groups as well as to Churches and Civic organizations.

Saturday business sessions started at 9 A.M. One of the highlights was the signing of a renewal charter by Commander-in-Chief Heacock. Following lunch Earl M. Hinz Sr. was elected Commander for the new year. All elected and appointed officers were installed by Commander-in-Chief Heacock, assisted by P.C. in C. Stoudt as Guide and Dept. Commander Robert Wood of Mass. as Chaplain.

On Saturday evening the annual dinner was held in the Garden Room of the Hotel, with all Departments of New England represented as well as several Veteran Organizations in Rhode Island. Seated at the head table were Commander-in-Chief Heacock; Natl. Pres. Aux. Mrs. Irene Murphy; Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Erma Landis; Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Secy. Mabel Taylor; Dept. Commander Earl Hinz Jr., and Dept. Pres. Ruth Appleby. Other guests who brought greetings were P.N.P. Flora Bates; P.N.P. Emma Wheeler; P.N.P. Anna Stoudt; P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt; Dept. Commander James Ledwith of Conn.; Dept. Pres. Irene Wentworth of New Hamp.; and Editor of the Bugle, Muriel Griffith of New Jersey. P.C. in C. Harold Arnold was toastmaster for the evening.

VERMONT

Family Radio Hour (FM) has made a plea for 100,000 letters to be written to NASA officials supporting the astronauts' decision to read the Scriptures on their recent flight.

It seems that Madelyn Murray (through her efforts the Bible and prayers were taken out of the schools) has now obtained 27,000 signed letters protesting the reading of the Bible in space and wants to have the three astronauts publicly censured. She is going to present these letters to NASA headquarters and Family Radio hopes to counteract this action with 100,000 letters commending the Bible reading, and how we thank God for these three men who recognized God as their Creator.

A short note will do it -- something to the effect that you wholeheartedly support the astronauts' decision to read from the Bible in space recently and that you personally want to express your appreciation to NASA and the three astronauts for speaking out for what they believed in and for recognizing God as their Creator.

Letters should be addressed to:

NASA Officials
c/o Family Radio
San Francisco, Calif. 94134.

Submitted by Arthur L. Ballou

WISCONSIN



Burton Kanneberg (left) and Ernst Von Frankenburg appeared in Civil War uniforms on Feb. 16 at Summit Town Hall. Kanneberg is Wisconsin Department Commander.

Over 300 people viewed relics of the Civil War. Others in authentic clothes of the period were Tait Clifford, Russell Thiede, Carmen Steger, and Mrs. Kanneberg.

The occasion was for recruitment of members for the Camp and Auxiliary. The group plans to form a color Guard and Firing Squad known as the "Lincoln Blues."

CENTRAL REGION

The Central Region Conference will be held on October 11-12, 1969 at the Milwaukee Inn, 916 East State St. Milwaukee, Wisc. The opening session will convene at 2 P.M. (CDT) on Saturday, Oct. 11, with Ellinore L. Konrad presiding as Regional Commander.