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18th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



Wreath bearers assembled near entrance to Tomb at close of ceremony.



Left to right: Col. Louis C. Huebner, Aide-de-Camp, Illinois State Militia; P C-in-C George L. Cashman, ceremony co-chairman and representative of Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland; PDC Thomas L. W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman; and Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Major General, Illinois State Militia, and ceremony co-chairman.

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93rd NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
August 18-22, 1974
TENTATIVE PROGRAM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Morning Worship — Church of your choice
 12:30 P.M. — Registration
 1:00 P.M. — Meeting of All Department Commanders or Representatives with National Chaplains to Practice for Memorial Service
 1:15 P.M. — Council of Administration Meeting — Headquarters Room
 3:00 P.M. — Joint Memorial Services (Sons and Auxiliary)
 4:00 P.M. — Meeting of all National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief with Chief of Staff
 7:30 P.M. — Band Concert
 8:00 P.M. — Campfire — Allied Orders

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 A.M. — Registration — Credentials Committee
 9:30 A.M. — Joint Opening — Sons and Auxiliary
 10:30 A.M. — Business Session
 1:30 P.M. — Business Session
 5:30 P.M. — Banquet — Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents
 8:00 P.M. — Exemplification of Ritual
 9:00 P.M. — Joint Courtesy Hour — National Chief of Staff of Auxiliary in Charge

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 A.M. — Business Session
 1:30 P.M. — Business Session — Greetings Received
 6:30 P.M. — Banquet honoring National Officers — Sons and Auxiliary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 A.M. — Business Session — Installation of Officers
 1:30 P.M. — Council of Administration Meeting — Headquarters Room
 8:00 P.M. — Entertainment and Dancing

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Free Day — No Business Sessions
 All day bus trip around the White Mountains stopping at the Veterans Association at Weirs Beach for enjoyment of a box lunch.

REMINDER — HOTEL RATES INFORMATION
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT
MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL

Children under 14 years of age, in the same room as parents, would be 1/2 the adult rate in each of the following package rates. No charge for babies.

2 days — 1 night	
Double with private bath	\$ 36.00 per person
Single with private bath	\$ 42.00 per person
Double with connecting bath	\$ 33.60 per person
Single with connecting bath	\$ 39.60 per person
3rd person in room	\$ 25.20
3 days — 2 nights	
Double with bath	\$ 67.20 per person
Single with bath	\$ 79.20 per person
Double with connecting bath	\$ 62.40 per person
Single with connecting bath	\$ 74.40 per person
3rd person in room	\$ 50.40
4 days — 3 nights	
Double with bath	\$100.80 per person
Single with bath	\$118.80 per person
Double with connecting bath	\$ 93.60 per person
Single with connecting bath	\$111.60 per person
3rd person in room	\$ 75.60
5 days — 4 nights	
Double with bath	\$134.40 per person
Single with bath	\$158.40 per person
Double with connecting bath	\$124.80 per person
Single with connecting bath	\$148.80 per person
3rd person in room	\$100.80

Each of these prices contain 15% gratuity and 5% tax. Free baby-sitting services are provided. Free activities such as golf, tennis, and swimming (indoors or out) are available for older children. There is a Trailways Bus right to the Mount Washington Hotel. If any persons who may be flying into Logan Airport will tell the Hotel on making reservations, the Hotel will arrange for one trip on Saturday to pick up all persons and take them to the hotel for a nominal round-trip fee of approximately \$10.00. Any persons who may be flying into the local airport will be picked up by limousine and taken to the Hotel Washington at no cost. Last word from the Convention Committee is that the supply of gasoline in the area is ample to meet the needs of those who drive.

5th NATIONAL SVR ENCAMPMENT
TO BE HELD
JULY 10-14 IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Re-enactment of the Battle of New Hope Church, Georgia, will be an outstanding event of the 5th National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 10th through July 14th, 1974. The Bivouac Site will be the City Utilities Park (off U. S. Route 30 By-Pass, N. E.), Johnnie Appleseed Park (adjacent to the Bivouac Site) will be the scene of the Re-enacted Battle.

The registration fee (after June 1st past) is \$2.50 per participant. Company D, 5th Indiana Cavalry, SVR, will be host; co-host will be the 1st Indiana Brigade, Inc., SVR.

For general information please contact:
 1LT. Michael R. Clay, SVR
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 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808

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 SGT. William A. Smith, SVR
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 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808

152nd Birthday Observance . . .
COMMEMORATION AT
GRANT NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The Camps and Auxiliaries of the Department of New York conducted services at the General Grant National Memorial, Riverside Drive, New York City, on Sunday, April 28, in observance of General Grant's 152nd birthday. Chester E. Hudson, Department Senior Vice Commander, presided.

Greetings were extended by Department Commander Robert Wagoner; Department President Maude Baker; PNP Edith M. Paulding; and P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. The flag salute and pledge of allegiance were led by Department Patriotic Instructor and Historian Cecil M. Baer. Sally Somers, President of Auxiliary 24, recited the Americans Creed. The invocation and benediction were offered by John J. Junge, National Chaplain of the Sons and New Jersey Department Commander. Department Commander Wagoner and Department President Baker presented wreaths at the tombs of General and Mrs. Grant. A rifle salute by the Military Cadet Corps of New York and the playing of taps concluded the program.

Following the ceremonies at the Memorial, a dinner arranged by Cecil M. Baer was held at Stouffer's Restauarnt on Fifth Avenue.

THE STORY OF THE STARS AND STRIPES

The story of the origin of our National flag parallels the story of the origin of our country. As our country received its birth-right from the peoples of many lands who were gathered on these shores to found a new nation, so did the pattern of the Stars and Stripes rise from several origins back in the mists of antiquity to become emblazoned on the standards of our infant Republic.

The first flag of the colonists to have any resemblance to the present Stars and Stripes was the Grand Union flag, sometimes referred to as "The Congress Colors." It consisted in part of thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, representing the Thirteen Colonies, with a blue field in the upper left hand corner.

Many Americans believe that Betsy Ross made the first flag, although historians dispute this story. The Continental Congress passed a resolution that established the Stars and Stripes on June 14, 1777, but did not specify the arrangement of the thirteen stars on the blue union, except to say that they should represent a new constellation. After the admission of Kentucky and Vermont a resolution was adopted in January 1794, making the flag one of fifteen stars and fifteen stripes.

Realizing that the new flag would become unwieldy with a stripe for each new State, Captain Samuel C. Reid of the United States Navy, suggested to Congress that the stripes remain thirteen in number to represent the Thirteen Colonies, and that a star be added to the blue field for each new State coming into the Union. A law to this effect was passed April 4, 1818.

A 48-star flag came with admission of Arizona and New Mexico in 1912. Alaska added a 49th star in 1959 and Hawaii paved the way for 50 stars in 1960.

(Prepared by Lieut. Col. John Rice, New York Chapter, The Military Order of the World Wars.)

I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence.
 — Abraham Lincoln

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE AT LINCOLN TOMB



Panoramic view of ceremony site in front of Tomb as wreath bearers begin to assemble; members of the honor guard from the 114th Regt. are shown facing audience.



Members of a junior drill team from the Peoria, Illinois, area looking on.

Representatives of seventy-one patriotic, veterans, and historical heritage groups assembled at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, to honor Abraham Lincoln on the 109th anniversary of his tragic death. The rites in Oakridge Cemetery marked the eighteenth observance of this annual event sponsored by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Representing Allen B. Howland, Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, was George L. Cashman, a past commander-in-chief, co-chairman of the ceremony committee and veteran curator of the Tomb site. Charles Allen Brady, Jr. of Chicago, Commander-in-Chief of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, spoke for the Commandery-in-Chief. Cdr. William C. Duval, USNR (Ret), a founder of the ceremony, thanked all assembled for their loyal support and response over the years. Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the wreath-laying exercises.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Albert W. Banton, Jr., superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, spoke on plans of the National Park Service to restore the immediate area around the Lincoln Home to the period of the 1840's. Mr. Banton also added a personal tribute to the memory of our Sixteenth President. Wayne C. Temple served as toastmaster at the luncheon.

Music for the rites was provided by the Men's Chorus from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, under the inspired direction of Professor Daniel G. Reuning. The chorus sang "America the Beautiful" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." At the luncheon Prof. Reuning led those assembled thru two verses of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Under the capable and devoted leadership of Brig-Gen Julius L. Weiss, the 114th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry and elements of other reactivated units acted as an honor guard and provided escorts for the wreath bearers. At the close of the ceremony the troops fired a memorial salute and Taps was played by Pvt. J. Stephen Hall of the 114th Regt.

Among those in attendance were Mrs. Samuel Copp McCluney, national president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Ellenor Larsen, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65, Inc.; Ellinore L. Konrad, a past national president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who represented Mrs. Jessie Wells; Eula M. Nelson, a past national president of the National Woman's Relief Corps; and Mary C. Noonan, national senior vice president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.



Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Major General in the Illinois State Militia, shaking hands with members of the honor guard from the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf.; the color guard of the RETREADS — Veterans of WW1 & WW2, is at far right.



Mrs. Samuel Copp McCluney, National President, Dames of the Loyal Legion, and Charles Allen Brady, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, display their wreaths prior to opening of the ceremony.

The Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion presented each luncheon guest with a copy of *In This Temple*, a history and guide book to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Despite chilly, gusty winds and heavy clouds the day before, Monday, April 15, dawned partly cloudy and calm. As the ceremony drew to its close at noon, the sun shown forth in full glory and the temperature moderated accordingly.

Departments and/or Auxiliaries of the Sons of Union Veterans represented were Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Commanderies of the Loyal Legion represented were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. National officers of the Loyal Legion in attendance were Filbert Oakford, recorder-in-chief; Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, senior vice commander-in-chief; Dr. Gerald W. Anderson, surgeon-in-chief; and Col. Henry K. McHarg III, editor of the *Historical Journal*. (Photos by Marlin Roos, Lincoln, Illinois)

A TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(Partial text of address given by Albert W. Banton, Jr., Superintendent, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, at luncheon following Lincoln Tomb ceremony, April 15, 1974.)

The Lincoln story is ever fresh. It springs eternal from the deep current of human tribute that wells up to do homage to man's achievement in the realm of the moral and spiritual. That is why the obscure birth of a boy in a rude frontier log cabin was destined to unfold a chronicle that has become a heritage for the ages. So it is that the massive seated figure enshrined in the white temple in the Nation's Capital looks down silently but movingly upon the pilgrims who come to feel the atmosphere of the man's true greatness.

This was the man who split rails in frontier clearings, guided flatboats over the streams of the prairies and on the bosom of the Father of Waters, ate meagre lunches of cheese and crackers in gloomy despair in a barren law office, traveled the circuit and there enlisted law on the side of justice, cheered the countryside with a fund of humor, matched in skill and force of argument the advocates of antiquity in the historic debates with Douglas, freed the slaves, spoke the First and Second Inaugurals and the Gettysburg Address, and held in his hands unbroken at last the ties that bound together a people and made a nation.

Lincoln, in the year before his death, told a friend that he had never read an entire novel in his life. This same man could
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DEPARTMENT NEWS . . . (Maryland)

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Among those present were Mrs. Florence Paul, age 93, of Wilmington, a member of the Auxiliary for more than fifty years; Frank M. Heacock, of Wilmington, Delaware, P. C. in C.; John C. Yocum, of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, P. C. in C.; Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, National President of the Auxiliary.

The 1975 Encampment will be held at Hagerstown, Maryland, May 3rd and 4th.

Sister Dorothy Hilyard would like to thank her many friends in the organization for the beautiful and thoughtful cards sent to her during her hospitalization for surgery.

Mrs. Eva Hensen, of Hagerstown, Department President of the SUVCW Auxiliary, will be tendered a testimonial dinner and reception in Hagerstown, Saturday, October 5th, by the Reno Post Auxiliary.

Mrs. Julia Risler, of Reno Post Auxiliary, an active member for many years as well as an active VFW Auxiliary member, recently passed away.

PDC B. Franklin Lucas was honored in March for "40 Years in Baseball" at a testimonial dinner arranged as a surprise by former members of teams he coached during that period of time. Nearly one hundred persons attended, and congratulations were extended by city, county and state political officials. Brother Lucas is now vice president of the Little League of Delaware.

MASSACHUSETTS

Department officers of the Auxiliary for 1974-75 were installed by National President Jessie Wells at the 83rd annual Department Encampment held in April. Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland extended the greetings of the Sons to the Auxiliary. Included in the large attendance were Past National Presidents Ursula Shepardson, Hazel Moushey, Emma Wheeler, and Agnes Davis; Past Commander-in-Chief John Yocum; and guests from other Departments in New England.

We are glad that Sister Shepardson is improving following a broken hip suffered in a fall while at the Encampment.

The boulder memorializing Union Veterans of the Civil War was recently rededicated after an urban renewal project forced it to be moved from the former Bridge Park in New Bedford to a spot on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway (Route 6). Department Commander Leslie Covey and Department President Mrs. Arlene Iervalino placed a memorial wreath on the monument.

Auxiliary No. 2 recently presented a United States flag and money for a Boy Scout flag to Boy Scout Troop No. 33 at Hanson.

Members of Auxiliary No. 2 attended memorial exercises at the First Baptist Church on Memorial Sunday (May 26).

MICHIGAN

At the 85th Department Encampment held in Grand Rapids, June 9th, 10th and 11th, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Commander — Carl A. Smith, Grand Rapids; Sr. Vice Commander — Andrew Guilliat, Port Huron; Jr. Vice Commander — Thomas Lockhart Wilson, Grand Rapids; Council — Benjamin Franklin Edge II, Waynetown, Indiana; Council and Organizer — Edward O. Stevens, Port Huron; Council — Thayne LaBanta, Clarklake; Secretary-Treasurer & Council — Homer R. Savage, Grand Rapids; Patriotic Instructor — Laurence C. Richmond, Gladwin; Chaplain and Color Bearer — Ira W. Edge, Grand Rapids; Chief of Staff — Charles Stephens, Port Huron; Historian — Roy H. Steffens, Traverse City; Guide — Don E. Hoch, Jackson.

At the 51st Department Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons, held in Grand Rapids, June 9th, 10th and 11th, we were greatly honored to have National President Jessie G. Wells with us and to have her install Department President Margaret Underwood of South Haven and members of her staff for 1974-75.

Abraham Lincoln with his charity and kindness, his insight and humor, his endurance and faith has come to be the exemplification of our American life.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Richard E. Wyman, having been elected Department Commander for 1974-75, has assumed command and has the reins of the Department firmly in hand. Among the other officers who will serve with Brother Wyman are Arthur Bartlett, Sr. Vice Commander; and Kenneth Wheeler, Jr. Vice Commander. Memorial Day was observed by the Camps of the Department on May 30. Activities and programs were held throughout the Department in honor of Flag Day. Mrs. Iyla Bartlett is serving as Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons.

The Annual memorial service honoring the heroic dead was conducted on May 26 by members of W. W. Brown Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Louis Bell Woman's Relief Corps No. 17 at Manchester Post 79 American Legion Hall. In keeping with procedure of many years, this service is carried on annually in the name of Louis Bell Post No. 3, GAR.

The keynote address was given by Rev. Robert Griggs of the First Congregational Church. Accompanied by William McAllister at the piano, Mrs. Verna Wilson sang "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" and "Once to Every Man and Nation." Commander William L. John conducted the memorial service at an altar draped with a red, white and blue altar cloth and open and crossed Civil War swords. Dan Bernard of the Manchester Boys Club was drummer and Dan Cloutier, also of the Boys Club, was the bugler. Blanche J. Sharek, Chaplain of Woman's Relief Corps No. 17, and Alfred J. Clark, Chaplain of W. W. Brown Camp No. 1, conducted the responsive reading.

A flag service was presented by Kaliope H. Locke, Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by color bearers — members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 304, of St. Marie parish.

The service closed with the retiring of the Colors by members of the Girl Scout Troop and the playing of "Taps" by Dan Cloutier.

P. C. in C. Cleon Heald of Keene and PNP Emma Wheeler of Amherst have been elected for terms of ten years each to the New Hampshire Constitutional Convention. Cleon and Emma spend one to three days a week in Concord, the State Capital, working on revision of the New Hampshire State Constitution. For Sister Emma this was her first attempt at seeking public office. Having run against "nine" candidates and with her name last on the ballot because of its starting with "W", she fared extremely well. We congratulate Brother Cleon and Sister Emma and wish for them a gratifying experience in fulfilling a significant civic responsibility.

NEW YORK

The Northern New York Club conducted the annual service at Mt. McGregor, in Wilton, on Sunday, May 5, with Jerome Orton in charge. The service and the dinner which followed were attended by a large number of members of the Sons and Auxiliary from Albany, Schenectady and other nearby cities. Mt. McGregor, a very beautiful spot on the countryside of New York, is the place where General Grant spent his last days writing his memoirs.

The annual Memorial Day weekend program, sponsored by the United Veterans Council, was held in the Tonawandas, New York, May 25-27. The program included a Civil War Campfire, memorial and church services, Marine Corps League service, 108th annual Memorial Day parade, dedication of the tomb of the unknown soldier of Viet Nam, and a Blue and Gray Ball sponsored by the 100th Eagle Regiment, N. Y. Vols., SVR.

Waterloo, New York, lays claim to the first observance of Memorial Day on May 5, 1868, the day Gen. John A. Logan, then Commander of the GAR, issued his Order setting May 30th as Memorial Day to remember the dead of that war and to decorate the graves of those dead who fought to save the Union. Each year Waterloo has a parade and appropriate ceremonies. This year Co. E., 148th N. Y. Vols., SVR, sponsored the program.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6 of Rochester also participated in a parade on May 27 and conducted appropriate ceremonies at the War Memorial Shrine and Mt. Hope Cemetery.

On Friday, May 24th, members of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223 of Buffalo, with the assistance of students and the band from Seneca High School, placed flags on 550 graves of Civil War veterans. On May 27, Camp 223 held its annual memorial service at the Civil War monument in Forest Lawn Cemetery in cooperation with the Buffalo Cavalry Association; Military History Chapter of Buffalo; Auxiliary No. 8 to the SUVCW, and the 100th Regt., Co. D, N. Y. Vols., Activated units. Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman read Gen. John A. Logan's Order No. 11 and led the assembled audience in singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

DEPARTMENT NEWS . . . (New York)

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A well-attended dinner and reception was held in Buffalo on June 1st in honor of Department Commander Robert Wagoner and Department President Maude Baker. Brother Wagoner was recuperating from surgery in Schenectady at the time, was represented by the Department Junior Vice Commander.

The Department and Camp No. 223 mourn the loss of PDC Willard B. Stephen, a fifty-year member and a very dedicated member of our Organization, who died on May 23rd at his home in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Camp 223 has also been deeply saddened by the passing of three other loyal members — Bros. Eliot G. Sanford, Eddie Culver, and Joseph Walsh.

Members of Auxiliary No. 11 have been working hard in a number of ways to raise funds for a new roof that has been put on their meeting hall.

A new member was initiated into Auxiliary No. 1 in January. It is hoped that two additional new members will be initiated at an early meeting.

OHIO

National President Jessie Wells was honored with a Department dinner followed by a meeting on May 13 in Alliance. The dinner was served by Past National Chief of Staff Jane Greenwalt, Nancy Hilliard and Betty Johns. Many members of the Auxiliary and Sons were present. While in Ohio, Sister Wells was the house guest of PNP Edith Nile and Mr. Nile.

PDP Marjorie Grate of Warren is recuperating following a severe heart attack. PDP Adeline Powers is also recuperating following hospitalization.

Plans are being finalized for an important and interesting Department Encampment to be held at Mt. Union College on June 21, 22 and 23.

As part of their pledge to honor the past, members of McLaughlin Camp of Mansfield made their annual round of cemeteries in the area to make sure all Civil War veterans' graves are identified. GAR markers were replaced, repaired or painted as needed. The cemetery crew consists of Thomas Hoffman, Camp Commander; Ralph Shadel; Walter Kautz; Richard Hampfield; Mike Hanna; Paul Selby; and John Logan, great-great-grand nephew of Gen. John A. Logan, whose General Order No. 11 created Memorial Day.

Local Historians of the Civil War are being sought as charter members of a Civil War Round Table formed by McLaughlin Camp. Monthly meetings will be held beginning this summer. Persons interested in joining can obtain information by contacting Ralph Shadel, 186 Essex Road, Lexington.

PENNSYLVANIA

Despite threatening rain, nearly 3,000 persons took part in the 107-year-old ritual portion of the Memorial Day program held in Gettysburg National Cemetery on May 27th. School children, cub scouts, and boy scouts strewed flowers on the graves of the military dead while the audience joined in the recitation of the poem, "The Bivouac of the Dead," which is engraved on metal plates around the portion of the cemetery given over to the Civil War graves. National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chester S. Shriver, participated with representatives of other veterans organizations and Dr. Joseph H. Riley of Camp 112 of Gettysburg took part in the placement of wreaths.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "This is My Country", accompanied by drums and horns from the local high school band. The 11th Penna. Vol. Inf. (SVR) Fife and Drum Corps played a Civil War number. A rifle volley was fired and taps were sounded.

The annual Memorial Day parade through the town of Gettysburg preceded the ceremony in the Cemetery. The 11th Penna. Vol. Inf. Fife and Drum Corps led the Sons of Veterans Reserve Units.

Camp 112 conducted the annual Grand Army of the Republic Memorial service in GAR Hall, Gettysburg, on May 26th. Dr. Joseph H. Riley presided and served as the post commander for the reading of the exercises. P. C. in C. Chester S. Shriver, who spoke, said in part: "The fanatical views of a small minority led to the suffering of the Civil War. The wish of the majority of the Nation's people was that the Nation, united, should move forward in freedom, but fanatics brought about a situation in which four long years of battle were needed to reunite the nation."

Camp 112 and Camp 60 of New Oxford (both in Adams County) conducted the GAR ritualistic services in many area churches, also.

George H. Nixon, great-grandfather of President Richard M. Nixon, is among the Civil War Veterans buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery, who were honored during the services on May 27th. He was among Ohio troops killed in battle there. Charles Acton, Jr., age 10, of Alexandria, Virginia and William Scott, age 7, of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, attired in uniforms like those worn by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, placed flowers on Nixon's grave.

Bradbury Camp No. 149, of Media, is planning to hold an anniversary luncheon, Saturday, September 14th, at the American Legion Hall, Manchester Avenue and Jefferson Street. The luncheon will be at 1:00 p.m., and this is intended as a general invitation to all. Tickets will be \$4.00, and reservations should be made to Frank M. Heacock, 421 So. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del., on or before September 7th with remittance.

RHODE ISLAND

Department Commander Frank Leithe and Department President Evelyn M. Bird were honored at a reception given in their honor by the Sons and Auxiliary. In attendance were Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland and National President Jessie G. Wells and several other persons from the Massachusetts Department.

The annual memorial service and presentation of flags were conducted by the Department Auxiliary on April 12. National President Wells installed Department President Dorothy Mattos; Vice-President Claytha Iacobucci; and the other officers for 1974-75 on April 13. Guides and color guards were from New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut.

Members of the Sons and Auxiliary of the Department will hold their annual outing at 146 Pembroke Avenue, Warwick, on Saturday, July 13th.

NEW JERSEY

May 27th was Memorial Day this year in New Jersey with Camps holding services at Soldiers' Plots following grave decoration. Reports showed active cooperation of members but little interest on the part of the general public.

The members of the State Camp thoroughly enjoyed the program furnished by Jim Elliott at our dinner meeting held April 27th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. His audio-visual program covering visits to Civil War Battlefields was enthusiastically received. The next meeting of the Camp will be a dinner meeting at Nassau Inn on Saturday, October 26th.

Our 1974 Encampment was presided over by Dept. Commander John Junge and Auxiliary Department President Marion Combs. An outstanding feature was the fact that our attendance was much greater than usual. Out of town guests included National President Mrs. Jessie Wells of Massachusetts and P.N.P. Agnes Davis of Maryland and Delaware Dept.



CAPT. LESTER McDOWELL

The Thursday night party given by the Dept. Commander and Dept. President was a real fun night. On Friday evening the annual Banquet sponsored by our Auxiliary and under the direction of P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton, was outstanding. Our Good Citizen Award for 1974 was presented to Capt. Lester McDowell by P.D.C. Richard Hines. Fifty year pins were presented to P.N.P. Edna Lambert and P.D.P. Hilda Junge by P.D.P. Joan Clark.

At our business sessions, general resolutions of current interest were approved and ordered forwarded to National for consideration. An Auxiliary visiting committee, headed by P.N.P. Florence Jansson extended greetings and presented us with a check.

The P.D.C. Association held their luncheon meeting with John Junge as the new President and Walter Williams as Secretary-Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT NEWS . . . (New Jersey)

Our new Dept. Commander is Mr. Kenneth Ekstrand, while Marion Combs was elected to serve a second term as Department President.

A suitable plaque was presented to outgoing Commander Junge by P.D.C. Hines.

P. C. in C. Lambert installed the Officers for the coming year, with P.D.C. Walter Williams as Guide and P.D.C. Robert Gerke as Chaplain.



Meredith Havens (left), Commander of Garfield Camp No. 4, Trenton, founder and curator (until illness compelled his relinquishing of the duties in 1972) of the Trenton Fire Museum, and longtime public relations officer for the Trenton Fire Department, is shown receiving a congratulatory handshake from Fire Chief Daniel P. George, Senior Vice-Commander of Garfield Camp, at ceremonies changing the name of the museum to the "Meredith Havens Fire Museum of Trenton." Also shown offering congratulations are Mayor Arthur J. Holland (right) and Public Safety Director T. Howard Waldron. Brother Havens also founded and was the first curator of the Civil War Museum (also housed in the Fire Headquarters Building), in which are displayed Civil War artifacts and memorabilia assigned to the Museum by Garfield Camp and many interested persons.

LINCOLN . . .

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carry a volume of Euclid in his pocket for months as his constant companion. He was ever concerned with and engrossed in realities; yet his instinct of interpreting human nature in terms of fable was as rich as Aesop's. His language matched the Anglo-Saxon of Shakespeare and the beauty and simplicity of the Old Testament. He was a patient, canny politician. He was self-reliant. The resources within himself were large and ample. He listened with courteous patience to the thoughts of others; but in the end the independence of his own judgment resolved the decision.

Any search for the fountains of Lincoln's greatness must deal with his astonishing power over words. His mental processes worked with fine precision in resolving the shadowy substance of thought into durable expression. No one with discernment can sit down and read through Lincoln's collected works, speech by speech, letter by letter, document by document, without knowing that here was a man who had mastered the language of his race.

Lincoln was only a little past 56, although he looked years older, when death came. There is every evidence that his moral, spiritual, and intellectual powers were still developing. The Second Inaugural was given to the world only by a margin of six weeks. One is left to speculate upon the what might have been. Had the assassin's hand been stayed, continued manifestations of political wisdom and additional exalted classics of the English tongue surely would have had their birth in this man's mind and would have matured to become earthly realities, enriching the heritage of our people and all mankind.

Have you heard the one about the guy who crossed a woodpecker and a ball point pen and got a woodpecker with a retractable beak? That same guy crossed a computer with a rubber tree and wound up with a computer that made snap decisions.

URGENT APPEAL

National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver requests that all Department Secretaries forward FORM 49 (Certificate of Election) and FORM 35-37-38 (Quarterly Report for the period ending June 30, 1974) to National Headquarters prior to July 25, 1974. This will help expedite CPA audit reports in preparation for the National Encampment to be held in August.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN — THE INVENTOR

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