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## ANNUAL CEREMONY HELD AT LINCOLN TOMB



The call of fife and drums marked the opening of the 19th annual ceremony conducted at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 15, 1975, the 110th anniversary of the Emancipator's death. Present were wreathbearers representing some 67 patriotic and veterans organizations for the rites sponsored by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Speaking at the wreath-laying were Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark of the Sons of Union Veterans; Charles Allen Brady, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion; and CDR. William C. Duval, USNR (Ret), the last surviving founder of the ceremony and a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Co-chairman Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the outdoor exercises.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, the Hon. Harlington Wood, Jr., judge of the Federal District Court at Springfield, spoke on the heritage left by Mr. Lincoln and concluded with the hope that our country will "never run out of New Salems" as a training ground for leadership. Dr. Wayne C. Temple, co-chairman, served as toastmaster.

Again this year 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 Men sang "America the Beautiful" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." At the luncheon, Professor Reuning accompanied soloist George Williams who sang "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again" and "The Battle Hymn."

Under the precise leadership of Captain Robert M. Graham, elements of the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Infantry, Springfield, acted as an honor guard and provided escorts for the wreathbearers. Captain Graham also served as a co-chairman for the ceremony. Elements of the 74th Regt., Ill. Vol. Infantry, Rockford, provided the fife and drums and added color to the ceremony as did Battery "G" of the 7th Ill. Artillery. At the close of the ceremony the troops fired a memorial salute and Taps was sounded by J. Stephen Hall of the 114th Regt.

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**94th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
Rochester, New York  
August 10-14, 1975  
TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

- Morning Worship — Church of your choice
- 1:00 P.M. — Registration
- 1:00 P.M. — Department Commanders meet with National Chaplain to practice for Memorial Service
- 1:30 P.M. — Council of Administration Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. — Joint Memorial Service, Sons and Auxiliary
- 4:00 P.M. — National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief Meet with Chief of Staff
- 7:30 P.M. — Band Concert
- 8:00 P.M. — Campfire, Allied Orders

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11**

- 8:30 A.M. — Registration
- 9:30 A.M. — Joint Opening, Sons & Auxiliary
- 10:30 A.M. — Business Session
- 12:00 Noon — Recess
- 1:30 P.M. — Business Session
- 4:30 P.M. — Recess
- 6:00 P.M. — Banquet, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents of Auxiliary
- 7:30 P.M. — Exemplification of Ritual
- 8:30 P.M. — Joint Courtesy Hour, Chiefs of Staff
- 9:30 P.M. — Entertainment

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12**

- 9:00 A.M. — Business Session
- 12:00 Noon — Recess
- 1:30 P.M. — Business Session
- 4:00 P.M. — Recess
- 7:00 P.M. — Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons & Auxiliary

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14**

- Free Day — No Business Sessions.
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**A HEARTY WELCOME WILL BE AWAITING YOU  
IN THE FLOWER CITY.**

**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION**

The 40th anniversary meeting of the New England Regional Association will be held at the Weirs, New Hampshire, July 19-20, 1975. National Chaplain William C. Rule, SUVCW, Publicity Chairman, reports that Department Commander Richard Wyman and members of his planning committee have been working diligently in preparation for the affair.

The Regional Association is also planning to present a flag that has flown over the Nation's Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. to the New Hampshire Veterans Association, at the Veterans Association's 100th anniversary celebration at the Weirs on August 23, 1975.

It's your privilege, duty and gain to help make your democracy work.

**CAMP 200 PLANS RESTORATION  
OF GEN. HANCOCK BURIAL CRYPT**

On July 1st, 1863 when General Meade learned that General John Reynolds had been killed, he placed General Winfield S. Hancock in general command of the Gettysburg area to see whether it was a suitable place for the all out fight with General Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia.

This burly resourceful man established his own authority and melded together the fragments of the I and XI Corps and held the area until the rest of the Union Army arrived. Small wonder that the newspaper writers of the time recognized this General as one of the dominant field officers of the Union Army's greatest victory and dubbed him "Hancock, the Superb."

Winfield Scott Hancock was born February 14th, 1824 in Montgomery Square, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1844 and served in the Mexican War. Following the Civil War, he was an unsuccessful Democratic nominee for President. He died in New York City on the 9th of February, 1886. Apparently his only heir was an unmarried daughter. Today the remains of General Winfield Scott Hancock lie in Montgomery Cemetery on the western side of Norristown, Pennsylvania. At the time that he was placed in his crypt it probably was a clear cold mid-February day with the rolling hills of the Schuylkill River of Pennsylvania adding even more beauty to that solemn occasion. It undoubtedly was witnessed by many of his comrades in arms and who could doubt that those comrades who attended recalled those gloriously horrible days of early July, 1863.

On a mid February day in 1974, two members of Camp 200, Philadelphia, Penna., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, travelled to this crypt and found it desecrated. The rolling hills to the east and north had been replaced with rows of homes, the northern ones no more than inches from his crypt, and a few feet in front of the entrance is an above ground swimming pool enclosed with a storm fence. While one can understandably concede that civilization must move forward, it was discouraging to note the general lack of care of the cemetery and particularly of this crypt.

The iron gate had been torn from the doorway. All of the bronze plaques had been torn from their fittings in the crypt and evidence of break-in noted. One wonders how long it will be before vandals attempt to break in and remove the bones of one who helped to "preserve the Union".

Camp 200 has picked up the gauntlet and will immediately form a fund to restore this crypt to a secure state. If at least the environment cannot be improved, certainly the security can be maintained.

**REST IN PEACE**

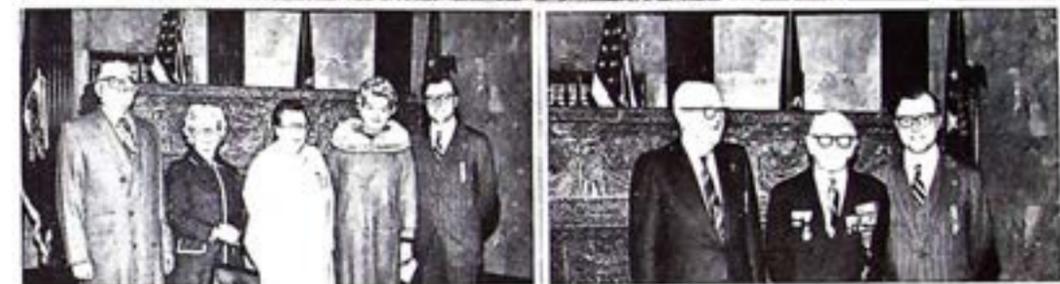
Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold died in his sleep on June 19th. Funeral services were held on June 21st. Harold (better known as Duke) joined the Order in 1927 and served in many capacities, including Department Commander and Department Secretary-Treasurer. He was elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief in 1959 at the Long Beach, Calif. Encampment.

Mrs. Catherine McCoy passed away on June 3rd and was buried on June 6th. Immediately following her election to National President in August 1974 she became gravely ill and was forced to resign. Her activities in the Auxiliary were many and varied. Along with her husband, the late Eugene McCoy, she organized McCoy Camp and Auxiliary in San Diego, Calif., which was named after Bro. McCoy's father.

WE BID THEM FAREWELL. MAY THEIR RE-UNION WITH THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON BE A HAPPY ONE. THEY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AND THEIR SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE AN INSPIRATION AND REMINDER OF OUR DUTY TO CARRY ON THE IDEALS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

**Great Emancipator Remembered**

**110th ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S DEATH**



TOP LEFT: Commander-in-Chief Charles Allen Brady, Jr., of the Loyal Legion, addressing the crowd assembled.

TOP CENTER: Men's Chorus from Concordia Theological Seminary singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"; fifth from left is Professor Daniel G. Reuning, director, and at far right is George Williams, soloist at luncheon.

TOP RIGHT: Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark, Dr. Wayne C. Temple, ceremony co-chairman, and Col. Henry K. Mellarg, III (l. to r.) in an informal pose as ceremony begins. Dr. Temple is a major general in the Illinois State Militia.

BOTTOM LEFT: Pictured (l. to r.) in the burial chamber are Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; Mrs. Samuel Copp McCluney, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Mrs. Jessie Wells, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Mrs. Ellinore K. Johnson, member of ceremony committee; and Thomas L. W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman, ceremony co-chairman; CDR. William C. Duval, the surviving founder of the ceremony; and Thomas L. W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman (l. to r.) assembled in burial chamber of the tomb.

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Among other honored guests in attendance were Mrs. Jessie Wells, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans; Mrs. Samuel Copp McCluney, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Mrs. Winifred E. Brown, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; Filbert Oakford, Recorder-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; Colonel Henry K. McHarg, III, Editor of the *Historical Journal*; George L. Cashman, ceremony co-chairman, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and for 25 years the curator of the Lincoln Tomb; and Mrs. Ellinore K. Johnson, a member of the ceremony committee and a Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

The Loyal Legion's Illinois Commandery presented each of the 96 luncheon guests with a copy of *Lincoln and Public Morality*, a printed address by Professor John Hope Franklin.

Despite a light rain and chilling winds on the day preceding the ceremony, the participants were blessed with a sunny, calm, and reasonably warm day on the 15th. Of the 19 ceremonies conducted to date, rain has fallen on only one of them.

Departments and/or Auxiliaries of the Sons of Union Veterans represented by wreaths were Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, two Camps and one local Auxiliary from the Illinois Department presented wreaths.

Commanderies of the Loyal Legion represented were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. An innovation this year was the presentation of a "Founder's Wreath" by CDR. Duval.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

The Second Inaugural Address, delivered by Mr. Lincoln on March 4, 1865, has been referred to as the outstanding state paper of the 19th Century. While it promised victory in the North, its last lines assured charity to all and envisioned an era of peace:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

Rights and Responsibilities — There CANNOT Be One Without the Other.

**Final Reminder . . .**

**NATIONAL GAR FUND**

Have you remembered to make your donation to the National GAR Fund? If not, please send your contribution in the form of a check or money order made out to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no later than July 15th to:

Clarence J. Riddell  
National Patriotic Instructor  
3137 No. Howard Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19140

Donations, large or small, will help to carry on several significant patriotic activities and programs of our National Organization in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and to enhance our national image as an organization.

**YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT  
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**



**General Order No. 4**  
**Series 1974-75**  
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- The 94th National Encampment will convene in Rochester, New York, Sunday, August 10 through Thursday, August 14, 1975. The Americana of Rochester will be the Headquarters and the location of all sessions and other activities. Please make every effort to attend, if at all possible. Your Officers will appreciate a large attendance. The Committee on Credentials will consist of the following:  
 Harry E. Gibbons, Chairman, PDC New York  
 William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., PDC New Jersey  
 Kenneth Wheeler, PDC New Hampshire  
 Eugene Russell, DC Massachusetts  
 Warren B. Boulester, DC Rhode Island
- The appointment of the Chairmen and personnel of all other Committees will be announced at the opening session of the Encampment. It is requested that all National Officers have their reports typed on 8½ by 11 paper and ready for reading and submission to the Committee on Officers Reports at the first session on Monday, August 11. All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, who intend to be present at the National Encampment, are requested to bring their uniforms. The Encampment Committee has worked hard and diligently to make the 94th Encampment one of the best. The members of the Committee deserve our sincere thanks for their conscientious efforts in striving to provide for an enjoyable and successful Convention.
- It is with pride, in recognition of their efforts, that I have appointed the following Brothers as National Aides on my Staff for having secured three or more new members:  
 Bruce Mosher, Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, New Jersey  
 Arthur J. Hunt, Department Commander, Maine (Camp 69)  
 Glen L. Whitaker, Commander, Curtis-Warner Camp 64, Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas  
 (This makes the 5th National Aide appointed in the Department of New Jersey) Congratulations to these Brothers for their cooperation in my membership drive. I thank all Brothers from coast to coast who assisted in this effort.
- Any member, Camp or Department that has not sent in a contribution to National Patriotic Instructor Clarence J. Riddell for the National GAR Fund is encouraged to do so promptly, for this Fund provides the necessary money for the patriotic work of our Organization. The goal set for this Fund by the National Council of Administration is \$1,200. Let's all do everything possible to assist Brother Riddell in attaining, if not exceeding, this goal.
- It was an honored privilege to present a wreath for the Commandery-in-Chief and to give an address at the 19th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois on April 15, 1975. My deepest appreciation and thanks to Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman and PDC Thomas L. W. Johnson for all the courtesies extended to me in Springfield. It was a memorable day.
- In this my final Order, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Sister Jessie Wells, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; to Mrs. Mary Noonan, National President of the Ladies of the GAR; to Mrs. Winifred Brown, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and to Mrs. Ila Biller, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, for all the fellowship, courtesies and thoughtfulness enjoyed by me during this year. Their respective organizations are most fortunate in having the leadership of such fine and dedicated Officers. I express the sincere wish that each one of them enjoys a successful, harmonious and constructive Convention.

- I am at a loss for words to express the sincere and deep appreciation that I feel for the privilege it has been to serve as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the past year. It is an honor that I shall look back upon with the greatest of pleasure, gratitude, and cherished memories. I am grateful for the cooperation that I have received from all the National Officers, Camps and Departments throughout the Nation. I extend my best wishes to all newly-elected and appointed Officers of the respective Departments for a year that will bring about growth in membership and success in all their endeavors.
- To those who are ill, my prayers for a return to good health; to those who have lost loved ones, may I extend my deepest sympathy.

JOHN H. STARK  
 Commander-in-Chief

**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

On March 13 the Senate unanimously passed S-331, a bill designed to return the federal observance of Veterans Day to November 11. Sponsored by Sen. Roman Hruska of Neb., the measure is now in the House of Representatives. Its principal sponsor in the House is Rep. David Henderson of North Carolina, chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the group that will consider the bill. Favorable action is expected when Congress returns from its Memorial Day recess. Forty-five States at last count had returned their observance of Veterans Day to its traditional date of November 11, a factor that has made an impression in Congress.

Revision of the U. S. Flag Code has again become a subject of interest in Congress. Sponsors of Senate Jt. Res. 49 are Senators Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and Birch Bayh of Indiana. In the House of Representatives, an identical measure, House Jt. Res. 321, is sponsored by Rep. Walter Flowers of Alabama and Rep. James Mann of South Carolina. First enacted in 1942, the Flag Code has been subject to much misinterpretation even by well-meaning groups and individuals. Supporters of revision hope that a commission can be appointed to draft a revised code to be ready for congressional consideration in time for the Bicentennial in 1976.

Concern is mounting in Congress for the future of the Canal Zone. In February of 1974, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger signed a preliminary "agreement on principles" with the Panamanian Foreign Minister that would call for the negotiation of a new treaty to replace the 1904 treaty that created the Canal Zone and gave the United States exclusive control over it. According to the "preliminary agreement," this country would agree to recognize Panamanian sovereignty over the C. Z. and would begin to phase in Panamanian administration, operation, and protection of the canal in consideration of eventual U. S. termination of its control over the vital inter-oceanic link.

An influential Senate group is beginning to form that would have as its goal the defeat of any treaty designed to abrogate U. S. rights in the Canal Zone. Leaders in this effort are Senators Barry Goldwater, John McClellan, Herman Talmadge, James Eastland, John Tower, Strom Thurmond, Carl Curtis, Paul Fannin, and Roman Hruska. One-third of the Senate membership, 34 senators, can block a treaty from becoming law. The new treaty will be ready for Senate consideration soon.

**THE OYSTER AND THE EAGLE:** When God made the Oyster, He guaranteed his absolute economic and social security. He built the Oyster a house, his shell, to protect him from his enemies. When hungry, the Oyster simply opens his shell and food rushes in for him. He has freedom from want. But when God made the Eagle, He declared, "The blue sky is the limit, build your own house." So the Eagle built on the highest mountain. Storms threaten every day. For food he flies through miles of rain and snow and wind. The Eagle, not the Oyster, is the emblem of America.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
 Chairman

**Natural outgrowth of comradeship . . .**  
**THE NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

The New Hampshire Veterans Association is the natural outgrowth of the comradeship which binds men together in time of war, and of the desire to perpetuate that comradeship in days of peace. The idea of forming this unique body grew out of regimental organizations formed after the Civil War.

The Association was formed in 1875 and incorporated by act of the General Court of New Hampshire on July 7, 1881. When organized, the membership of the Association consisted of men who had served in the armed forces of the Union on land and sea during the Civil War. All veterans resident in New Hampshire who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in any war since then are eligible for membership.

The site chosen as a home for the Association would be hard to duplicate in this or any other state. The 7.7 acres of land now occupied by the Association at The Weirs and within the city limits of Laconia, slope upward from Lake Winnepesaukee and offer a beautiful view of both lake and the White Mountains beyond. This property belonged to the B. & M. Railroad when first occupied by the Association, and was leased to it for 43 years. Then the General Court, by making adequate appropriations for it, enabled the Association to buy the entire tract of land from the Railroad. This it did in 1924 for the sum of \$4,000. This property now belongs to the New Hampshire Veterans Association and has only one proviso attached, namely: "That whenever said corporation, from any cause, shall become extinct and cease to exist as a corporation, then all the property, real, personal or mixed, shall be and become the property of the State of New Hampshire to be used and expended by said State for charitable purposes and none other."

There was formed in 1944 an auxiliary to be known as the New Hampshire Veterans Association Auxiliary. A section of the N.H.V.A. By-Laws reads as follows: "There shall be an Auxiliary to the N.H.V.A. known as the N.H.V.A. Auxiliary, made up of wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of veterans who have faithfully served in the aforementioned services of the United States, and who have received an honorable discharge therefrom, and of the Sons of Veterans organizations in the N.H.V.A., also members of Auxiliary bodies of organizations participating in the N.H.V.A. . . ."

Although the Association was formed to foster the comradeship which began during days of armed service to our country, its purpose is not confined to the fraternity of its members, but extends in days of peace to our relationship as citizens of the republic and as guardians of the colors under which we fought and the preservation of all that those colors represent.

**ASPEN NAMED TO U.S. ASSAY COMMISSION**

Dr. Nelson P. Aspen, Commander of Camp 200, Philadelphia, Pa., is one of twenty-six persons selected by President Gerald F. Ford to participate in a traditional ritual of checking the quality of coins after they are minted. The U. S. Assay Commission, to which Dr. Aspen has been named, is the oldest Presidential appointment required by the United States Constitution.

**SUGGESTED READING**

Thomas L. Hollowak, Member-at-Large, suggests that readers of *The Banner* might want to read the book "This One Mad Act" by Izola Forrester, published in 1937. It depicts another version of what happened to John Wilkes Booth after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland wishes to express sincere appreciation for the many cards and other expressions of sympathy received by him from many members and friends in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its Auxiliary, and other Organizations throughout the country during his bereavement following the death of his wife, Doris, on May 4th.

**PERMANENT FUND**

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

To — Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,  
 P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325  
 Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.  
 Name of Veteran .....  
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 Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from  
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 Address .....  
 (Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)  
 (Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes — Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

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

- Life Membership — Charles Q. Creager, Canfield, Ohio, Member of Philip Triem Camp No. 43 \$100.00
- From Harvey Witmer, Manchester, Pa., in memory of John Beck, Co. C, 3rd Pa. Cav. \$10.00
- From William D. Kilborn, Decatur, Illinois, in memory of Maj. Lawson S. Kilborn, 72nd Indiana \$10.00
- From Ruhl Camp No. 33, York, Pa., in "Living Tribute" to Bro. Elwood E. Shultz who has 40 years of service, the last 24 years as Treasurer \$25.00
- From William L. Newell, Mahanoy City, Pa., in memory of B. F. Newell, Co. C, 106th Pa. Vol. Inf. \$10.00
- From W. J. Nation, Columbia City, Oregon, in memory of Nicholas Nation, Battery F, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery \$10.00
- From Theodore Pfeiffer Camp No. 60, New Oxford, Pa., in memory of Capt. John S. Pfeiffer, Co. C, 202nd Pa. Vol. Inf. \$10.00
- From Theodore Pfeiffer Camp No. 60, New Oxford, Pa., in memory of Capt. Thaddeus S. Pfeiffer, Co. I, 87th Regt., Pa. Vols. \$10.00
- From Theodore Pfeiffer Camp No. 60, New Oxford, Pa., in memory of John Theodore Pfeiffer, 202-4th Regt., Pa. Vols. \$10.00
- From Charles D. Brown, Arnold, Maryland, in memory of Pvt. William Thomas Brown, Sr., Co. B, 2nd Eastern Shore, Maryland Vol. Inf., Army of the Potomac, U.S.A. \$11.00



**FLAG PRESENTED TO NEW SCHOOL**

Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Jean Kandrac (at extreme left) presented a 50-star American Flag on May 8th to Mr. Wm. Conwell, principal of a new High School, known as the Voorhees High School, in High Bridge, N. J. The new school is located directly across from the Voorhees State Park.

This flag was flown over the National Capitol in Washington, D. C. on September 18, 1974, and a suitable certificate was provided the school attesting to this.

Participating in the presentation in addition to Mrs. Kandrac, Mr. Conwell and a student advisor were four students who will be starting classes in the new school in September.



## Department News



### COLORADO AND WYOMING

At our Department Encampment on June 1st in Manitou Springs, Colorado, memorial services were held in honor of Past Department Commander Wilson L. Savage, who died on May 26th at his home in Pueblo. Always a tower of strength to us, he will be sorely missed. Brother Wilson's widow Clara is a Past President of the Department Auxiliary.

Brother Will C. Vorpapel of Denver, one of our newest members, has presented to us several Civil War mementos, including a thirty-six-star, much-used U. S. Flag, a Union Cavalry saber, a packstrap from Seven Pines, a bayonet and scabbard, and a home-made pipe from the infamous Andersonville prison.

John B. Tipton of Colorado Springs and Eugene N. Hartle of Pueblo are the Department Commander and Department Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, for 1975-76.

The 1976 Department Encampment was held in Manitou Springs, June 6-8.

### ILLINOIS

The 84th Department Encampment was held in conjunction with the Conventions of our Auxiliary, the Ladies of the GAR, and the Daughters of Union Veterans at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield June 5-8. Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark and National President Jessie G. Wells were in attendance. At the Sons and Auxiliary dinner, Lt. Col. Cyril Gumbinger gave a very interesting and informative talk on Americanism Today. At the GAR joint family dinner, Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman read an interesting paper entitled "Dissentions," in which he pointed out that the Generals of both the North and the South fought against each other sometimes more fiercely than against the enemy. A very impressive candle-lighting ceremony in remembrance of members who died during the year was also a highlight of the Encampment. William H. Baxter of Camp No. 1 is the new Department Commander; Charles A. Brady, Jr. will continue to serve the Department as Secretary-Treasurer.

On Sunday, June 8 a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the grave of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, the founder of the GAR, at Rose-Hill Cemetery in Petersburg. Also on June 8 a plaque, certificate and medal were presented to the outstanding cadet at the Glenwood School for Boys in Glenwood. As this school was founded and financed originally by members of the GAR, these ceremonies have been held for a number of years at graduation time.

Two new members have been initiated into Camp No. 4 of Springfield. Major Joseph Herring Camp No. 10 of Canton has been reactivated, and Camp officers were installed on March 6th by then Department Commander G. Edward Coltrin.

### IOWA

Fifty-eight persons were in attendance at a dinner held on March 14th in Des Moines in honor of Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark and National President Jessie G. Wells during their western visit. Department President Ethel Jones and Department Commander Charles Lowe extended greetings and introduced their staffs of officers. The speaker of the evening was Anthony Mihalovich, public relations officer and former policeman with the Des Moines force. An immigrant from Yugoslavia at the age of nine and since then a loyal and patriotic American, he commented that only those who have been without freedom really know what freedom means. The Commander-in-Chief and National President extended greetings and spoke briefly.

Heard about the insecure football player?

Every time the team went into a huddle, he figured they were talking about him!

### MAINE

On May 25 T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46 and Auxiliary No. 11 of Bath dedicated a flag pole on the Grand Army of the Republic plot in Oak Grove Cemetery to the GAR Family as a fitting tribute in memory of PDC Maurice J. Warner. The pole has arms for the American Flag, a Sons of Union Veterans Banner, and an Auxiliary Banner for deceased members. Brother Warner was a well-known authority on the Civil War and became known as "Mr. Civil War." A very active and loyal member of his own local Camp, he also served three times as Department Commander of Maine and held offices in the National Organization. He was Chairman of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission for seven years. At the time of his death, Brother Warner was Commander of the New England Regional Association, SUVCW. Although he was very devoted to his family, he gave much of his life to the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary and to patriotic endeavor generally.

Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69 of South Paris is proud to announce the acquisition of nine new members in 1974-75. Much credit for this accomplishment is due Arthur Hunt, who is our Secretary and also Department Commander of Maine. Brothers Arthur Hunt, his son John Hunt, and his grandson William Hunt represent three generations from one family who are currently members of the Camp. New officers for the year were installed in January.

Shepley Camp No. 4 of Portland recently celebrated their 92nd anniversary and Shepley Auxiliary No. 2 their 88th anniversary. The twenty-seven members who were present were honored by the attendance of Department Commander Arthur J. Hunt and Department President Harriet Ham.

### MARYLAND



Curry M. Shockley, Past Commander of Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 3 of Wilmington was named and installed as Department Commander, and Mrs. Louella Spencer, Past President of William Rector Auxiliary No. 12 of Hockessin was elected and installed as Department President at the Encampment held in Hagerstown, Maryland, May 3-4. Past Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum installed the Sons and National President Jessie G. Wells installed the Auxiliary.

National Patriotic Instructor Clarence J. Riddell of Philadelphia represented Commander-in-Chief John Stark.

The Encampment banquet on Saturday evening, arranged by Auxiliary Department Chief-of-Staff A. Gladys Grove, was well attended. Past Commander-in-Chief John Yocum was toastmaster.

A set of books on Lincoln was presented to the Washington County School Library in memory of the GAR by the Sons. Mrs. Ruth Hill accepted in behalf of the School District. Department Secretary-Treasurer Frank Heacock made the presentation (see photo above). A check for twenty-five dollars was presented to the Longmeadow Volunteer Fire Company by the Auxiliary.

Appomattox Camp #2 and Col. Robert Fould Shaw Camp #3, their Auxiliaries, and Charles Sumner Circle #1, Ladies of the GAR, joined with the Wilmington Veterans for Memorial Day observance at the Soldiers' Monument on Monday, May 26, Past Department Commander Marion C. T. Townsend presided and Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock was the speaker. Wreaths were placed by the several organizations with the GAR Memorial Wreath being placed first by the SUVCW.

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On Friday, May 30th, Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 of Washington, D. C. joined with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion for a Memorial Day observance at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center at 7 p.m. A reception followed at the home of Col. Francis C. Cadigan. Also, members of Lincoln-Cushing Camp, their ladies and friends visited the U. S. Naval Observatory in Washington on March 21 as guests of the Superintendent, Cdr. James R. Wachob, USN, Camp Commander, briefed the groups on the early history of the Naval Observatory. A presentation on the importance of precise timekeeping for navigation and National defense was also given. Those present observed the Moon and Saturn through the Observatory's 102-year-old, 26-inch refractory telescope.

Saturday, October 18th is the date set for Department Commander Curry Shockley's testimonial dinner to be held at V.F.W. Hall, 313 Brandywine Blvd., Gordon Heights, Wilmington, Delaware. Tickets are \$6.50 and reservations with remittance are to be made to Eldridge Daniels, 1229 Wilson St., Wilmington, Delaware 19801, no later than October 11th. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### MASSACHUSETTS

We were greatly saddened by the death on May 4th of Mrs. Doris Howland, wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland. Many members of the Sons and Auxiliary from several Departments attended the funeral services. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Brother Howland.

Eugene E. Russell was elected Department Commander at the annual Encampment held in Auburn April 18-20. Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark attended. Also present were the following Past Commanders-in-Chief: John C. Yocum of Pa., Harold E. Arnold of R. I., William Haskell of Mass., and Allen Howland of Mass. The 94th Department Encampment will be held April 2-4, 1976 at the Framingham Motor Inn in Framingham, Mass.

William W. Haskell, PCC; Millard F. Brown, PDC; and Leslie Covey, PDC, represented the Department at the re-dedication of the GAR Boulder in New Bedford on Sunday, May 4th.

The annual banquet of Camp No. 17 of Brockton and its Auxiliary was held at the 400 Club in Easton, Mass. on June 18th.

On May 18 members of Camp No. 17 placed flags on the graves of the men who fought in the Civil War, and on Memorial Day they participated in the annual Memorial Day parade.

Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland was elected President of the Plymouth County Association of Mass. at its reorganization meeting on May 31st.

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (an affiliate of the Bay State Historical League), under the leadership of Ernest G. Wells, Executive Secretary, are working diligently to develop Room 27 (GAR Memorial), State House, Boston, as a proper Grand Army of the Republic Memorial and a place of interest during the Bicentennial and to secure placement of it on The Freedom Trail as a Civil War and Grand Army Exhibit and Center. Many friends and allies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including the Bay State Historical League and the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston are assisting in the effort.

### MICHIGAN

At the Department Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary held in the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, June 8-11, Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark installed Carl A. Smith as Department Commander and Homer R. Savage as Department Secretary-Treasurer. National President Jessie G. Wells performed a similar function for the Auxiliary in installing Mrs. Clifford Underwood as President and Miss Isla M. Dow as Department Secretary. The Daughters of Union Veterans, who met at the same time as did the Ladies of the GAR and the Woman's Relief Corps, were hosts at the Allied banquet held on June 9. The speaker at the banquet was Mr. Jack Appel of the Michigan Veterans Facility, who showed pictures of recently-completed changes at the Facility.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

J. S. Durgin Camp No. 7 and Auxiliary No. 7 of Penacook held initiations of members on the same evening to commence the second quarter of 1975, with the Camp inducting three candidates and the Auxiliary two. The full long form of initiation was exemplified by the Camp degree team consisting of Dept. Cmdr. Richard Wyman; Raymond Hillsgrove; Arthur Bartlett, PDC; Clarence Parker, PDC; Dept. Chaplain William D. John, PDC; Dept. Secretary Alfred J. Clark, PDC; Kenneth Sharkey, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert Lawrence; and Arthur Sharkey, PDC.

### NEW JERSEY



SHOWN ABOVE (left) is P.D.C. Kenneth Ekstrand presenting our 1975 Good Citizen Award to P.C. in C. Albert C. Lambert at our Dept. Encampment held at Avon, N. J. June 13-11, 1975. Toastmaster at the banquet was P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert. There were 75 present including Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. John Stark, National President Jessie Wells and several past and present National Officers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The banquet, which was arranged by Mrs. Lillian Ekstrand, as well as the entire Encampment was delightful and enjoyed by all present. New Dept. Officers elected at this Encampment include Kenneth Ekstrand who was re-elected as Commander of the Department and Mrs. Joan L. Clark who was elected Dept. President.

PICTURED ABOVE (right) are Mrs. Lydia Browne, Dept. Patriotic Instructor presenting our Auxiliary Rehabilitation check for \$150.00 to Sr. Ann Marie, Principal of "Project Link" Rehabilitation School of Newark, N. J.

An unfortunate accident occurred when P. C. in C. Lambert fell and fractured his left shoulder. It was necessary to apply a restraint which will result in six weeks of restricted activity.

### NEW YORK

On April 19th Department Commander Chester E. Hudson and his staff were honored at a dinner given by the Buffalo and Rochester Camps. David Holmes, Quartermaster of "The Descendants and Veterans of American Wars" and a member of Cook Camp No. 223, presented a Bennington '76 American Flag to the Department Commander in observance of the Beginning of the Bicentennial Celebration.

On May 24th Cook Camp No. 223 participated in the first National Muster of "The Descendants and Veterans of American Wars." Wade Lucas, emissary of Gov. James Holshouser, Jr., of North Carolina and a Major in the 6th No. Car. Regt., CSA, was made an honorary member of Camp No. 223 during a GAR memorial service held in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, under the sponsorship of Camp No. 223 and Auxiliary No. 8.

### OHIO

The Department Encampment was held on June 27-29 at the Pick Fort Hayes Hotel in Columbus, in connection with the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the GAR.

Memorial Day was observed with appropriate services, and a number of Sons and Auxiliary Sisters participated in the observance.

The GAR solid brass cannons which had been on the Grand Army plot in the City Cemetery in Alliance for many years and which were stolen approximately two years ago, have been recovered and refurbished and are awaiting mounting by cemetery officials as soon as weather permits. They will be re-mounted in cement foundations, and it is hoped that they will not be stolen again.

Joint memorial services were held by the Alliance Camp and Auxiliary for Brothers Donald Ward, E. E. Nile, and M. R. Natley, PDC; and for Sisters Priscilla Lutz, Lotta Gehm, and Bessie Wetzel, PDP.

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Department President Ramona Greenwalt, accompanied by PNP Edith Nile, attended the wreath-laying ceremonies at Springfield, Illinois on April 15th; the Ohio Department wreath was presented by Sister Greenwalt.

Department President Greenwalt and her Counselor, Margaret Gehret, visited the Minerva, Frost, and Unionport Auxiliaries, finding them all carrying on and attending to their varied duties.

## OREGON-WASHINGTON



Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark and National President Jessie G. Wells visited Oregon in March. They enjoyed many interesting and hospitable activities during their stay, including a banquet in Portland. During the program at the banquet, the colors were advanced by the Oregon Blues Brigade, SVR. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commander of the Brigade, Wesley R. Ross. The invocation was offered by Cpt. Stephen E. Ayers, Chaplain, SVR. Mrs. Ralph Richardson sang the National Anthem and some songs of the Civil War. The program also included music and films of the Oregon Blues Brigade. A presentation was made to Commander-in-Chief Stark by the Women's Advertising Club of Portland. Lt. Terry Aiken of the Oregon National Guard presented a gift to Owen Summers Camp No. 4 of Portland. Eight new members were initiated into Owen Summers Camp, making a recent total of ten new members. In the photo above, LTC. C. R. Butcher (far left) and Commander-in-Chief Stark (2nd from left) are shown with some of the newly-initiated members.

At the Department Encampment in Eugene May 19-21, Lawrence E. Allison and Ralph Marshall were elected Department Commander and Department Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, for 1975-76.

## PENNSYLVANIA



Bradbury Camp No. 149 of Media will hold its anniversary luncheon Saturday, September 13th at the American Legion Hall, Manchester Ave. and Jefferson St., Media, at 1:00 p.m. Named for Bradbury Post No. 149, GAR, the Camp was originally the Capt. Isaac W. Johnson Camp #18, organized in 1883. Everyone is invited to the luncheon; the cost will be \$4.85. Reservations are to be made with Frank M. Heacock, 421 So. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805 (with remittance in full) on or before September 6th.

Camp No. 200 conducted a Memorial Day service and placed a wreath at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on May 26. Brother Herman Poehler delivered an appropriate address.

At the Camp meeting on May 27, a past Commander's badge was presented to George Haines, and a most interesting program entitled, The Spencer Repeating Carbine, was presented by Brother Hugh Purnell.

Membership of the Camp is now approaching the 50 mark.

A large section of the basement of Camp 200's meeting hall has been cleaned in preparation for making it into a comfortable workroom to provide for more professional handling of our Civil War Book Exchange, paper, and other communications.

Ten thousand persons lined the streets of Gettysburg on May 26 to watch the largest and most colorful Memorial Day parade ever. At the service in the National Cemetery, Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark read the Commander's part in the Graveside Ritual. Department Commander William Simpson placed the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War memorial wreath. Civil War music was provided by the 11th Pa. SVR Fife and Drum Corps. An estimated 5,000 persons attended the service. (Photo Above)

Several members of Medill Camp 141 of Sayre attended a three-day Bicentennial celebration and anniversary of Memorial Day at Waterloo, New York on May 2-4.

## RHODE ISLAND

At the flag program on April 11 during the Department Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons, a State Flag was presented to the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F., and two American Flags were presented to two Campfire groups from Pawtucket. The Flag presentations were followed by the annual Auxiliary memorial service. On April 12 at the conclusion of the business meeting, National President Jessie Wells installed Department President Claytha Iscabucci and her staff of officers for 1975-76.

### ENDORSEMENT

During the 94 years that our Order has been in existence, there have been but few men that have served the responsible and demanding office of National Secretary-Treasurer, which is probably the most important of all.

During the past twelve years, we have again been most fortunate in having an outstanding man who has been willing to sacrifice his personal time and well being in maintaining the high standard set by his predecessors.

There comes a time in the life of every business and organization when top executive personnel requires new, fresh, and imaginative planning and leadership.

The New Jersey Department is happy to announce that they feel that they have such an executive. Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr. has just retired from the position of Asst. Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey. He was an outstanding Commander-in-Chief in 1969, and is experienced and knowledgeable in affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At the 1975 Department Encampment of the New Jersey Department held at Avon, N. J. June 13-14, the Department by unanimous standing vote has endorsed the candidacy of Fred H. Combs, Jr. for the position of National Secretary-Treasurer at the National Encampment to be held in Rochester, N. Y. August 10-14, 1975.

The support of all Departments is earnestly solicited.

### SVR HOLDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday, June 21st, as a part of the 6th Annual SVR Encampment at the U. S. Army Ravena, Ohio, Ammunition Depot, the National Colors were lowered to half staff in honor of and respect to the passing of Lt. Col. Harold E. Arnold. Memorial tributes were offered in the presence of 500 uniformed troops assembled for the evening colors by Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, Commanding Officer of the SVR, and Gen. Henry C. Horn, Commanding Officer of the Army of Northern Virginia. Maj. Norman Bowen, National Chaplain, SVR, offered the prayer.

### MEMORIAL FOOTSTONES TO BE UNVEILED

Secretary-Treasurer and Past Commander Cecil M. Baer of Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 will hold an unusual event for three patriotic people on Sunday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Seide-Baer family plot in Union Field Cemetery, Ridgewood, Queens, New York. Three footstones will be unveiled in memory of Brother Baer's grandfather, Solomon Seide, an officer in various GAR Posts in New York City; his mother, Pauline R. Baer, daughter of Solomon Seide, who was Patriotic Instructor of Grant Auxiliary No. 24, SUVCW; and Cecil's wife, Rita M. Baer, who was Chaplain of Grant Auxiliary No. 24 and of Means Fort No. 35, Daughters of '98.