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SCENES FROM SPRINGFIELD . . . APRIL 15, 1977



THE FRONT PAGE. Pictures on the front page show scenes from the annual Lincoln Tomb Affair in Springfield (see article following). Top left shows honor guard from the 114th Regt., Illinois Vol. Inf., SVR under the command of Captain Robert M. Graham. Top right photo shows Mr. John Cox, Superintendent of Camp Butler National Military Cemetery, who gave the address at the Luncheon. The bottom photo shows all the wreath bearers assembled in front of the Tomb at the closing of the ceremony. Anyone who wishes to obtain a glossy print of this group photo may order direct from the photographer, Mr. Marlin Roos, 429 Ottawa Street, Lincoln, Illinois 62656. The cost will be \$2.75 per print, including postage.

112th ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN COMMEMORATED AT LINCOLN TOMB IN SPRINGFIELD

Under what was to be a hot, summer-like sun, the 21st annual ceremony commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln took place at the tomb of the Emancipator in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, on Friday, April 15. Wreath bearers representing 75 patriotic and veterans organizations participated in the rites sponsored by our Order as assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Thomas L. W. Johnson opened the ceremony with a brief welcoming address. Tributes to the memory of Abraham Lincoln were given by George L. Cashman PC-in-C, who represented Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler; CDR. William C. Duval, the last surviving founder of the ceremony begun in 1957; and by Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Charles A. Brady, Jr., Nat'l. Patriotic Instructor, presented the wreath for C-in-C Wheeler, and Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, had the honor of representing Minnie E. Madeiros, Nat'l. President of the Auxiliary.

Immediately following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the State House Inn attended by 125 persons. Mr. John W. Cox, Superintendent of Camp Butler National Military Cemetery, Springfield, spoke on the history of Camp Butler and its use as a training area for troops in the Civil War. Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the luncheon.

Under the guidance of Capt. Robert M. Graham of Headquarters Co., elements of the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf., Springfield, served as an honor guard and provided escorts for the wreath bearers. At the close of the rites the troops fired a memorial salute. Capt. Graham served as a co-chairman of the ceremony committee.

The Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion presented each of the luncheon guests with a copy of *Civil War Handbook* by Wm. H. Price, a compendium of information about the War and published by Civil War Research Associates as one of a series of booklets.

Departments and/or Auxiliaries of our Order represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, Camps from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois, and Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and the Auxiliary from Peoria were represented. Making its first appearance at the ceremony was a Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Commanderies of the Loyal Legion represented this year were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Special tributes for their enduring interest and hard work on behalf of this ceremony are due George Cashman, Robert Graham, and Ellinore Johnson.

HONOR ROLL CORRECTIONS

The Honor Roll listing in the April 1977 issue of The Banner contained a misspelling of a name which was repeated twice in the listing. The contribution from James M. Hamer of Stuart, Florida was incorrectly shown as James M. Maner. Likewise the name honored, James M. Hamer of Co. I, 38th Regiment, N. J. Volunteer Infantry was also misspelled as Maner. The permanent Honor Roll records are listed correctly and we apologize for this oversight.



General Order No. 4 Series 1976-77 Headquarters COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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- The 96th Annual National Encampment will convene in Des Moines, Iowa on Sunday, August 14, 1977. The Savery Hotel will be Headquarters for all business sessions and other activities. It is my fondest hope that everyone will make a big effort to be there. The committee has been working hard to prepare the best Encampment yet. Your officers need your full backing.
- The Committee on Credentials will be as follows:
Miles Harrington, PDC, Chairman Massachusetts
Robert Wishart New Hampshire
Rev. Al Baker Kansas
Gordon R. Bury, II, P.D.C. Ohio
Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C. New York
- The appointments of the Chairman and members of all other committees will be announced at the opening session of the Encampment.
- All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who intend to be present at National Encampment are requested to bring their uniforms with them.
- Brothers, have you made a contribution to the National G.A.R. Memorial Fund? If you haven't, please do so as this is the only fund which raises money to finance all the patriotic activities of the National Organization. You may send your contributions directly to the National Patriotic Instructor, Charles A. Brady, Jr., P.O. Box 6165, Chicago, Illinois 60680. I am sure he will need all of the help he can get to reach his goal of \$1,500.
- I wish to sincerely thank every Camp and Department for the tremendous welcome and hospitality extended to me in all my travels to date. It is people like you (the ordinary person) that really make an organization worth while.
- My visit to Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1 was most rewarding and informative. I didn't really know what to expect, but I am more than happy that I made that visitation. The 4th United States Cavalry was reactivated in early 1968 as part of the S.V.R. The U. S. Army gave them permission to reactivate the 4th Cavalry. The Fort is manned 24 hours a day, in uniform. Colonel Jeffries hopes to build a deeper understanding and appreciation of our American Heritage with particular emphasis on the 1860's and 1870's (Civil War and Indian War Periods). In time Fort Chickamauga will be international in scope. It will be a great help to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. If you are ever in the vicinity of Cookson, Oklahoma, drop in and see the Fort. I assure you that you will be welcomed with open arms.
- To my National President, Minnie Madeiros, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the many good times we have had together. I wish for her a most harmonious and successful Encampment. I am sorry I was unable to spend more time with National President Syrenia Chick, Woman's Relief Corp. National President Elizabeth Koch, Ladies of the G.A.R., and National President Lila O'Donnel, Daughters of Union Veterans. I do appreciate the good times we did have together and I wish for each of them a most harmonious and successful Encampment.
- There are no words to express my deepest appreciation for the privilege you bestowed upon me in electing me as your Commander-in-Chief. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life and will never be forgotten.
- I want to thank all my National Officers for their cooperation in carrying out the duties of their office. To all Camps and Departments I want to say Thank You for all the courtesies and fellowship you extended to me. I wish for all of the incoming officers a thriving new year.

- 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.

Kenneth T. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

The following resolution, which proposes amendments to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, was adopted at the 95th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois, SUVCW, and has been forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Encampment in August:

WHEREAS the October, 1976 issue of the Banner contains a copy of a resolution from the Ohio Department in support of descendant membership in our Order being defined as blood descent through lineal or collateral line, and

WHEREAS our National Organization clarified this to be correct as printed in the 1952 Proceedings of the National Encampment, and

WHEREAS the 1956 copy of the Constitution and Regulations of our Order are worded so that it is interpreted differently by individual Departments of our Order, and

WHEREAS our National Organization is preparing to have a revised edition of the Constitution and Regulations printed, and

WHEREAS the Illinois Department has for some years been admitting applicants on the basis of the National Organization's 1952 ruling acknowledging both lineal and collateral descent for descendant membership,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Illinois Department hereby resolves that the Constitution of our Order be amended to read:

ARTICLE III Eligibility to Membership

All male blood descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age . . . etc.

ARTICLE VII Membership

Section 3. Departments and Camps may establish Associate Members. Said Associate Members must be ineligible for descendant membership by either lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Said Associate Members shall not hold elective office, nor be entitled to vote, but may serve as an appointive officer or as a member of a committee. The membership badge for an Associate Member shall be the medal of our Order with a ribbon of solid blue. No Camp, shall, at any time, elect Associates to membership when the number of Associate Members would exceed one-half the number of regular members at the time of such election.

General Regulations ARTICLE III Badges and Decorations

Section 4. Brothers (who are not Associate Members) may wear the recognition button . . . etc.

Section 6 . . . Associates shall wear a plain blue ribbon attached to the membership badge.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks to all of the members and Departments who have contributed to the Centennial Fund of the SUVCW. Your response has been more than generous. The quota for this year has been achieved. Once more, thank you all.

Harold T. Beilby
Sr-Vice Commander-in-Chief

96TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DES MOINES, IOWA AUGUST 14-17, 1977 TENTATIVE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. -- Band Concert
- 8:00 P.M. -- Campfire, Allied Orders

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

- 8:30 A.M. -- Registration
- 9:30 A.M. -- Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary
- 10:30 A.M. -- Business Session (Des Moines Room)
- 12:00 Noon -- Recess
- 1:30 P.M. -- Business Session (Des Moines Room)
- 4:30 P.M. -- Recess
- 6:00 P.M. -- Banquet, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents
- 8:00 P.M. -- Exemplification of Ritual followed by initiation of new members
- 9:00 P.M. -- Joint Courtesy Hour (under direction of Joint Chiefs of Staff)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 9:00 A.M. -- Business Session
- 12:00 Noon -- Recess
- 1:30 P.M. -- Business Session
- 4:00 P.M. -- Recess
- 6:00 P.M. -- Banquet Honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 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 18

Tour Day to include State Capital, historical sites and GAR Soldiers Monument. Full details and agenda to be announced by Convention Committee.

RESERVATION INFORMATION:

Anyone who has not yet done so is reminded to reserve their accommodations well in advance of the Encampment to assure you are able to receive the reservations desired. Contact:

The Savery
P.O. Box 757
Fourth and Locust Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50303

The following types of accommodations are offered:

Single occupancy (one person)	\$19.00, \$21.00 or \$24.00
Double occupancy (two persons)	\$24.00, \$26.00 or \$30.00
Twin Beds (two person occupancy)	\$24.00, \$26.00 or \$30.00
Suite for Two persons	\$55.00 or \$75.00
Hospitality Rooms	\$40.00 or \$65.00

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE PLANNED

The Central Region Conference will be held on October 1 and 2 at Madison, Wisconsin, hosted by the Dept. of Wisconsin and Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 and Auxiliary. The theme of the meeting will be, "The Contribution of Your State to the Conduct of the Civil War." Room reservations should be made direct to the National Motor Inn, 350 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. All Members of the Order are invited to attend what promises to be a constructive Conference.

GAR MEMORIAL SHRINE DEDICATED

Set apart as "a permanent memorial shrine to the Grand Army of the Republic" by legislative enactment, Room 27 of the State House in Boston, Massachusetts was officially dedicated on May 15, 1977.

The dedication was held at 2:00 P.M. in the Hall Of Flags at the State House, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony which officially opened the Memorial to the public.

The shrine is a repository for books, records, artifacts and memorabilia of Massachusetts citizens and institutions who took part in the American Civil War. With the help of several organizations and individuals, the shrine is fast growing into a Civil War Museum and Library.

The Allied Orders of the G.A.R., in close harmony with Assistant Superintendent of State Buildings Joseph Trahey, arranged and conducted the dedication. As co-users of the facilities, the Bay State Historical league and the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston were full participants.

Chairing the event was Ernest G. Wells, Curator of the Memorial and an official of both the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. and also the Civil War Round Table. For his efforts in developing this Memorial Shrine, Mr. Wells was presented the V.F.W. Loyalty Day Award from William H. Fields, Post #544.

AN ACT OF CHARITY A WORK OF PATRIOTISM

Hardly an issue of this publication reaches you without some appeal to you on behalf of the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Nor is this the only time you hear an appeal for contributions, at every level of our organization we encounter many worthy causes which seem to compete for our available dollars.

So this appeal is certainly not your last, but it is mine! In August, less than two months from now, I will make a final report on the National Patriotic Instructor's efforts for the year 1976-77. All of the National Organization's works of patriotism and of charity, depend upon this annual appeal.

It is not so much an issue of making a "goal", of exceeding a fixed amount of money. What is at issue is the continued ability of the National Organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to carry on tangible and concrete works of patriotism and charity. To do this, we must raise sufficient money each year in the G.A.R. Memorial Fund to assure that there will be some activity to serve as a living memorial to the G.A.R.

If you have not already done so, please send me your contribution to this fund. For it is this activity that is at the very heart of all we stand for and profess. The amount is up to you, no sum is too large nor too small. Thank you for your help.

Charles A. Brady, Jr.
National Patriotic Instructor
P.O. Box 6165
Chicago, Illinois 60680

ENDORSEMENTS

The Illinois Department, at its 95th Annual Encampment held on June 10-11, 1977, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of P.D.C. Charles Allen Brady, Jr., National Patriotic Instructor, for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1977-1978.

The New York Department has endorsed the candidacy of Sr-Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1977-1978.

ENDORSEMENT

The New Jersey Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW, at its Annual Encampment held on June 17-18, 1977, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of P.D.P. Marion Combs for the office of National President for the term 1977-1978.

FORT CHICKAMAUGA IS HOME OF 4TH U. S. CAVALRY

Near Cookson, Oklahoma, sits Fort Chickamauga, the only functioning U. S. Cavalry Post remaining in a world of computerized warfare and modern soldiering. The Fort was not intended to furnish entertainment but rather to provide insight into our historic past. It is a genuine military outpost and the home of the only active U. S. Cavalry unit. Its personnel wear blue uniforms from the Civil War era, all uniforms and cavalry equipment are authentic. It is also the home of Fort Chickamauga Camp #1, a Camp-at-Large of the Sons of Union Veterans and is headquarters for the Fifth Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Lt. Col. John Jeffries, Commanding Officer of the 4th U. S. Cavalry, and his men live and work carrying out all of the regular and routine duties of a military outpost of 100 years ago. He points out that a great deal of Civil War and Indian Territory history surrounds the location of the present fort and that guests traveling in the area will find a stop a very rewarding experience.

In a recent visit to the Fort, Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler expressed great admiration for the men serving there and for the objectives of the project. One of the many projects at the Fort is to construct a G.A.R. Memorial Plaque (see article in January 1977 issue of THE BANNER). Commander-in-Chief Wheeler has endorsed this project at several affairs throughout his travels and wishes to express appreciation to the following individuals and organizations for the contributions which have resulted:

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| Alice Harwood | Ada Stevens |
| Mrs. Van Dewater | Minnie Madeiros |
| Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Hooper | Arthur Bartlett |
| Mr. & Mrs. Howard Wheeler | Robert Lawrence |
| J. W. Spaulding Camp No. 38 | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Collins |
| Fenwick Warner | Wallace Macomber |
| Mary Buchanan | Ladies of the G. A. R. |
| Elizabeth Taplin | Dept. of New Hampshire, SUVCW |
| Madge DeValle | P. D. C. Johnson |
| Dept. of Iowa, Aux. to SUVCW | Dept. of Iowa, SUVCW |
| Mr. & Mrs. Howard Cleveland | Dept. of New Jersey, SUVCW |

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

STATUS OF MEMORIAL DAY - At the federal level no action has been taken by the House subcommittee responsible for House Jt. Res. No. 100, a measure to return Memorial Day to May 30. In Illinois, a committee of the lower house of the General Assembly has turned back by one vote a recommendation that the Prairie State return its observance of Memorial Day to the federal holiday. At present, Illinois legally recognizes May 30 as Memorial Day. In Wisconsin, a committee of the State Senate unanimously recommended passage of a bill that would return Memorial Day to May 30 in the Badger State. But the full Senate sidetracked the measure by referring it to the Joint Finance Committee and no further action is expected for this session.

STATUS OF THE PANAMA CANAL - Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina is attempting to round up support in the Senate for a resolution opposed to yielding up the Canal Zone to control by the Panamanian government. In late April it was reported that he had fewer than 25 co-sponsors although in the last Congress he had as many as 40 signers on a similar resolution. Changes in the composition of the Senate and an altered political situation help to account for the smaller number of active supporters.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - On March 9, the House of Representatives refused to move to restore funds needed for the investigation of groups and individuals deemed to be potential threats to our national security. By a vote of 249 to 159, the House failed to order the Committee on House Administration to earmark \$300,000 for the conduct of a series of investigations by the Judiciary Committee as requested by Rep. John Ashbrook of Ohio.

HONOR ROLL OF LIVING SONS OF VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE CIVIL WAR

In the April 1977 issue of The Banner, we announced an appeal to identify and honor those members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or others, not presently members, who are actually the Son of a Civil War veteran. Grandsons, Great-Grandsons, etc. do not count for the purpose of this project.

The response to date has been very gratifying, so much so that we are publishing the first installment of this Honor Roll of Living Sons in this issue. Let us all join in honoring:

- Willard O. Bodge, Auburndale, Mass. (Bay State Camp 61, SUVCW)
- Son of Charles Marden Bodge, Union Veteran
- Clarence A. Borst, Sarasota, Florida (National Member-at-Large)
- Son of Adolphus M. Borst, Union Veteran
- Robert Clark, Union, N. J. (not presently a member of the SUVCW)
- Son of Alonson Bentley Clark, Union Veteran
- Howard Conrad, Alliance, Ohio (McClellan Camp 91, SUVCW)
- Son of Union Veteran (name omitted from correspondence)
- Allie Decker, Owego, New York (New York Department, SUVCW)
- Son of Abram Decker, Union Veteran
- John Harrison Dodd, Red Oak, Iowa (National Member-at-Large)
- Son of Clarkson William Dodd, Union Veteran
- J. Everett Finders, PdD, Kearny, New Jersey (Dayton Camp 5, SUVCW)
- Son of John Jacob Finders, Union Veteran
- PDC Raymond Hightree, Rochester, New York (Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, SUVCW)
- Son of William A. Hightree, Union Veteran
- PDC William C. Jones, Greensburg, Pennsylvania (Davis Star Camp, SUVCW)
- Son of Amos Jones, Union Veteran
- Hiram Eli Mabee, Alpena, Arkansas (SUVCW membership status unknown)
- Son of William Mabee, Union Veteran
- Harry B. Noble, Sr., Owego, New York (New York Department, SUVCW)
- Son of Asa S. Noble, Union Veteran
- Lowell H. Orebaugh, Traverse City, Michigan (Robert Finch Camp 14, SUVCW)
- Son of Alfred Orebaugh, Union Veteran
- PDC Fred Pfiester, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio (Commander, U. S. Grant Camp 100, SUVCW)
- Son of Union Veteran (name omitted from correspondence)
- Alfred Rice, Shaftsbury, Vermont (not presently a member of the SUVCW)
- Son of Union Veteran (name omitted from correspondence)
- PDC Grover C. Scott, Rochester, New York (Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, SUVCW)
- Son of Burton Judson Scott, Union Veteran
- Frank X. Seck, Detroit, Michigan (U. S. Grant Camp 5, SUVCW)
- Son of Joseph G. Seck, Union Veteran
- Paul Selby, Mansfield, Ohio (McLaughlin Camp 12, SUVCW)
- Son of William M. Selby, Union Veteran
- Charles E. Ross Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana (Not presently a member of the SUVCW)
- Son of James R. Smith, Union Veteran

In several of the cases above, the name of the father who was a Union Veteran was not included in the correspondence. In some cases the membership status of the son was not mentioned in the correspondence. Please remember to indicate the full name and address of the living son, his SUVCW membership (if any) and the full name of his father.

Above all, please keep the replies coming. We will publish a second installment as soon as sufficient names are received. All replies are to be sent to Albert W. Lambert, Editor, The Banner, P. O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540.

By a roll-call vote of 220 to 187, the House on March 16 amended an appropriations bill to bar the use of funds to aid draft evaders in their return to the United States. The motion was sponsored by Rep. John Myers of Indiana and is considered at least a psychological setback for the policy of pardoning draft evaders as ordered by the President.

In approving the International and Food Assistance Act of 1977 on May 12, the House passed a motion sponsored by Rep. John Ashbrook that would prohibit the use of funds for aid or trade with either Vietnam or Cuba. The vote was 288 to 119 in favor of that amendment. While its fate in the Senate is unknown, the action represents the sentiment of the House on the matter of extending financial support to either nation.

WARNING ON RUSSIAN MILITARY ADVANCES - A blue ribbon private panel of former officials from recent administrations of both major political parties has issued a stern warning to the country that a continued build-up of armed might by the Soviet Union represents a real danger to the future security of the United States. The Committee on the Present Danger took issue with defense critics who have argued that it makes no sense to stockpile powerful new weapons because the two superpowers already possess enough capacity to destroy each other many times over. The group which includes Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State, and David Packard, former Deputy Defense Secretary, said in its report: "To ignore declared Soviet intentions and demonstrated Soviet capabilities in an erroneous conviction that we have 'enough' to defend ourselves and that there is always 'time' to strengthen ourselves could prove to be fatal shortsightedness."

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

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 — Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran.....

Company & Regiment.....

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name.....

Address.....
(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes - Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

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

- From Miss Rose M. Brandt, Short Hills, N. J.
- In Memory of 2nd Lt. Henry N. Brandt, Co. I, 25th Regiment, U. S. Engineers \$10.00
- From Joseph Ross Spencer (age 9), Willard, Missouri
- In Memory of William Mabee..... \$10.00
- Co. H, 7th Kansas Cavalry..... \$10.00
- From P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert, Department of New Jersey
- In Memory of P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert..... \$10.00
- From Kenneth Graham Petrie, Damascus, Maryland
- In Memory of Amos S. Petrie, Battery F. Penna. Independent Light Artillery (Hampton's Battery)..... \$10.00
- From Kenneth Graham Petrie, Damascus, Maryland
- In Memory of William H. Graham, Co. A, 5th West Virginia Cavalry..... \$10.00
- From Norman Combs and Fred H. Combs, Jr., Department of N.J.
- In Memory of P.D.C. Fred H. Combs, Sr..... \$50.00

MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS NEEDS HELP

Since Memorial Day was first conceived, by General John A. Logan in 1868, it has represented a sacred day of remembrance for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and for all the Allied Orders. Over recent decades it has expanded to include veterans organizations from all wars in which Americans fought to preserve their freedom. But the single common denominator has been the date, first chosen by Commander-in-Chief Logan, of May 30th.

Within the past decade, the date of May 30th has been comprised along with the dates of several other National Holidays, in order to reduce the number of "mid-week" holidays and maximize the number of holidays which provide a three day weekend for most government and private employees.

There are some holidays that were exempted from the attempt to provide contiguous work-free days. Christmas, Thanksgiving and others were not changed. The issue, therefore, becomes whether Memorial Day is sufficiently important to the American people to be preserved as a day of National Remembrance or whether it should join the ranks of "three day fun weekends".

U. S. Congressman William Goodling (representing the 19th District of the State of Pennsylvania) has introduced House Resolution #7232 into the U. S. Congress to restore Memorial Day to May 30th of each year. Congressman Goodling, whose district includes the Town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has introduced this legislation because he sincerely believes the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and their Memorial Day Restoration Committee, when they claim that this National Holiday should be held sacred. P. C. In C. Frank Heacock and his committee has succeeded in gaining some support in the U. S. Congress. The question now is what do YOU believe?

H.R. 7232 has been referred to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee (Chaired by Representative Robert N. C. Nix of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) which has in turn sent the bill to the sub-committee of Census and Population. The sub-committee is chaired by Congressman William Lehman. The proposed legislation is, therefore, at the very starting point of its journey to becoming law. How far it travels is up to the members of these committees and of the Congress, and therefore under our system of government that means it is up to YOU.

We appeal to all Brothers and Sisters, all Camps and Auxiliaries and Departments. Let your Congressman and U. S. Senator know where you stand. Let Congressmen Nix and Lehman know where you stand. Writing to your Congressman is NOT a lost effort, they will act only when and if they find that you, the voters, want them to act. The critical factor in determining the outcome of this legislation will be how many voters will stand up to be counted. Tell your representatives how you feel about H.R. 7232 . . . the more letters the better!

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows:

- Under age 60 \$150.00
- Age 60 to 69 \$125.00
- Age 70 and over \$100.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within one year. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1976 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

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

Cleon E. Heald, P.C. in C., Keene, N. H. \$100.00

CURTIS-WARNER CAMP 64 RECEIVES FLAG



Pictured above are participants in the presentation of a U. S. Flag to Curtis-Warner Camp #64, a Camp-at-Large of the SUVCW, by the ladies of the Captain Kingscott Chapter #177, Women's Relief Corps. The presentation was made on April 9, 1977. Both groups are located in Kansas City.

ATTENTION ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

All National Officers and Committee Chairmen are requested to submit their reports typed in 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Your reports should be as concise as possible without sacrificing completeness. The expense involved in the annual printing of the Proceedings of the National Encampment, which include all reports as submitted, makes it vital that your report be concise and to the point.

All reports should be ready for submission on Monday, August 15, 1977, when they will be received and referred to the appropriate committee.

Your cooperation with this request will be greatly appreciated.

Kenneth T. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND CAMP SECRETARIES

Please be reminded that instructions issued by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. require that, IN ADDITION TO THE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RECORDING ON YOUR IRS FORM 990 WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED IT FOR FILING, YOU MUST ALSO SHOW IN PART I, ITEM 18 (b), OUR NATIONAL GROUP EXEMPTION NUMBER WHICH IS (GEN) 0429.

Keep in mind that each Department Secretary and each Camp Secretary should have filed a Form 990 in accordance with the instructions found thereon WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD OR FISCAL YEAR OF THE CAMP OR DEPARTMENT*. Full compliance with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential and urgent in order to conform to the original tax exemption ruling of the IRS dated June 11, 1941 and to avoid any penalties.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in checking by the IRS and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

FRED H. COMBS, JR.
National Secretary-Treasurer

*If this has NOT been done, it should be done immediately.



Department News



COLORADO-WYOMING

The annual Encampment was held on June 5-7, 1977. Department Commander Charles E. Sharrock was reelected to a second term. A banquet was held and well attended. Commander Sharrock announced plans to marry Sister Martha Sue Sperra of the Auxiliary on July 29, 1977.

ILLINOIS

General Geo. A. Custer Camp #41, Chicago, together with its Auxiliary #30 and Tent #10 of the D.U.V. conducted its customary Memorial Day ceremony. This takes place yearly at the grave of the George A. Thomas Post of the G. A. R., in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. Seventy-two "Comrades" rest in this plot. The reactivated 104th Illinois Infantry, commanded by brother Roland Persenico assisted, in full uniform, as honor guard. Auxiliary President Kathryn Van Trump gave a eulogy, and placed a plant of golden chrysanthemums at the foot of the monument.

Old Glory Camp #61-65, Chicago, and its Auxiliary #32 placed a wreath on the monument to Gen. John A. Logan, Michigan and 9th Avenues, Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, immediately after the Memorial Day Parade on Michigan Avenue. The reactivated 104th Infantry, commanded by brother Roland Persenico, and the reactivated 55th Illinois Infantry, commanded by brother Alan Feldstein, assisted. The grandson of Old Glory Camp Commander Merrill Miller, in his boy scout uniform affixed the wreath to the statue. The climb up the monument to the hoof of Gen. Logan's mount was just too much for Commander Miller or Auxiliary President Marie Doran who were officiating. Thank God for the very young - the promise of good for tomorrow, as well as the helping hand of today.

The combined Encampment of the "Allied Orders" of Illinois; the "Sons", Auxiliary, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Union Veterans was held in Springfield, Illinois, June 9 - 12. Attendance, while not at its best, was satisfactory, and all four Orders were honored by more National officers than usual. All in all, a successful Encampment.

IOWA

The annual Encampments of the SUVCW and the Auxiliary were held on June 2-4, 1977 in Des Moines. We were happy to welcome Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Kenneth T. Wheeler, National President Minnie Madeiros of the Auxiliary, National President Elizabeth B. Koch of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and several other National officers. Department Commander Richard McCoy and Department President Nellie Hawley were both reelected to additional terms.

Epps-Henderson-Hester Camp No. 91, Department of Iowa, SUVCW was legally and officially instituted at the Encampment. To this new Camp and our new Brothers . . . a hearty welcome. Best wishes for every success.

Plans for the National Encampment to be held in Des Moines in August are nearing completion. Many Brothers and Sisters are working very hard to assure that our national visitors have a memorial time. We urge everyone who can possibly do so to attend.

Members of Carpenter Camp #58 and Auxiliary #12 of Fort Dodge hosted an "Officers Dinner" recently. The dinner honored Department Officers and past Department Officers were recognized.

Department President Nellie Hawley and Department Commander Richard McCoy journeyed to Springfield, Illinois on April 15, 1977 to place wreaths from the organization at the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies marking the death of President Lincoln.

MARYLAND

The 90th Annual Encampment was held on April 30 - May 1, 1977 in Wilmington. Newly elected Commander Richard C. Schlenker and his staff were installed by Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler. The 83rd Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary was held simultaneously and elected P.D.P. Martha Daniels to serve once again. She and her staff were installed by National President Minnie Madeiros.

On May 13, 1977 Department Commander Schlenker presented the First District of Columbia Regiment U.S.A., Inc. with funds for a Regimental Flag. The presentation had been voted by the recent Encampment.

Memorial Day observances were conducted by Brothers and Sisters throughout the Department, including observances at Hagerstown, Wilmington, Delaware and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Chapel. The later observance, an annual affair, was co-sponsored by Lincoln-Cushing Camp and the District of Columbia Commandery of MOLLUS and was followed by a buffet dinner at the Columbia Historical Society mansion.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Department Encampment was held on April 15-17, 1977. Lewis Garney was selected Department Commander for the coming year. We wish him and his staff every success. The annual banquet was highlighted by the presentation of a Scholarship Award by our own Sister and National President Minnie Madeiros. The award, which totaled \$350.00, was given to a Bridgewater State College Junior, Mr. David Davis. Mr. Davis is a history major who stands at the top of his class. He was introduced by Professor Jordon D. Fiore, himself a highly regarded Civil War historian.

Memorial Day observances and activities were carried out throughout the Department again this year. Camp 17 and their Auxiliary held their 86th and 84th Anniversary Banquet on June 10th with a large turnout of members and guests, including Department Commander Garney.

MISSOURI

On March 1, 1977 the Missouri Department of the Auxiliary to SUVCW held a called meeting and luncheon to honor National President Minnie Madeiros. On April 15, 1977 P.D.P. Pearl Robbins represented the Missouri Department at the Lincoln Tomb services in Springfield, Illinois and placed a wreath on behalf of the Department.

On April 27, 1977 the Auxiliary joined with the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Daughters of Union Veterans to commemorate the 155th birthday of Civil War General and President U. S. Grant. They sponsored a flag raising ceremony at the Soldier's Memorial and laid a wreath at the statue of General Grant. Boy Scout troops from local schools were allowed to join and took part in the formal ceremonies.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

April 21-23, 1977 was the time of our annual Department Encampment. All five Allied Orders met at the same time and place and enjoyed very successful sessions. The annual banquet and campfire were held.

Memorial Day observances were conducted throughout the State. In Manchester there were no less than fifty Memorial Day observances in a marathon "Dawn to Dusk" series of programs. The annual parade, which highlighted the day, was witnessed by an estimated 30,000 persons. The day started with daybreak flag raisings and the decoration of 35 Parks and Squares. Patriotic Instructor William John, speaking at the Victory Common exercises, noted that Manchester has had sons fight and die in every war this Nation has ever fought. He also noted the decoration of 1,187 Civil War veteran graves in the city.

In February, John W. Spaulding Camp met at the home of commander-in-Chief Wheeler and conducted a special Lincoln Program.



NEW JERSEY

P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert was the recipient of the 1977 Good Citizenship Award from the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Lambert is pictured above with P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. who presented the award on behalf of the Department. This award is presented annually by the Sons to some individual, who, in their opinion, is deserving of recognition for outstanding contributions to the community, their fellow man or to our American heritage. Over the more than fifteen years this award has been given, it has gone to many persons, members and non-members alike.

In addition to the annual presentation of this award, the banquet at the annual Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary, held at Avon on June 17-18, heard greetings from Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler and National Vice President Hilda Junge who represented the National President.

Department Commander Daniel George (Camp 4, Trenton) was reelected to a second term and was installed by P.D.C. John Junge Sr. Sister Mildred Williams (Aux. 18, Trenton) was elected President of the Auxiliary and was installed by P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton.

Resolutions adopted by the 95th Annual Encampment included a strong endorsement of the return to May 30th of Memorial Day and a resolution opposing both amnesty for any person who evaded the lawful draft and also the upgrading of discharges for any person separated from military service under less than honorable conditions. These resolutions sited, among other points, potential future difficulties in raising an Army in time of emergency should a precedent be set for condoning the breaking of the law and also noted that discharges upgraded to Honorable grant the person so upgraded veterans benefits and rights equal to those who served, fought and died with true honor.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 (The State Camp) will hold its Fall Dinner Meeting at the Nasau Inn, Princeton, on Saturday, October 29, 1977. Dr. Robert Macleod will speak and present a slide program on "restoring a Civil War War Cannon."

Members of Camps and Auxiliaries throughout the State decorated graves of veterans of all wars with flags and participated in ceremonies of varied types in observance of Memorial Day.

Our department news last issue promised a mailing address for P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert, P.D.P. Joan L. Clark, P.D.C. Frank L. Clark and Dept. Sr-Vice Commander David F. Clark. The Clark-Lambert outpost in the south is 3250 Rondelay Drive, Lithonia, Georgia 30058 (y'all)

NEW YORK

Memorial Day exercises were held throughout the Department by Camps and Brothers of our Order as well as many other patriotic and civic groups. On May 7th Caywood Camp #146 recognized the original Decoration Day date in Waterloo. A parade was held which included participation by the Empire Brigade of S.V.R. and a unit of Confederate Cavalry. Mosby's Rangers lead by Colonel Donald Stumbo, C.S.V.. Memorial Services at the G.A.R. plot in the Waterloo cemetery followed the parade. A mock battle was staged by the empire Brigade, SVR and Mosby's Rangers, C.S.V. on May 28th. On May 29th the 109th Annual Sunday Memorial Service was held in the War Memorial Building in Rochester, with New York Congressman Frank J. Horton the principal speaker. Attendance was estimated at over 400. On May 30th Rochester held its annual Memorial Day parade. That evening, Camp #6 Sr-Vice Camp Commander Jack Cohen was interviewed on local television news. He spoke of Memorial Day and displayed a large collection of G. A. R. memorabilia. May 30th was also the date of Buffalo's annual Memorial Day Service at the G.A.R. plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery and of the annual Memorial Service at the National Cemetery in Elmira. There are about 2,800 confederate Soldiers buried at this site. Camp #77 assures that all veteran's graves are flagged each year.

Department Commander Raymond Foulkrod and Department President Mina Wickware were honored at a reception and dinner held May 14, 1977 at the Holiday Inn in Amherst. The event was co-sponsored by Chaplain Cook Camp No. 223 and Auxiliary No. 8 of Buffalo.

May 21, 1977 was the date of a reception and dinner, also for Commander Foulkrod and President Wickware, at the Spencer Grange Hall. This event was co-sponsored by Smith Camp No. 193 and Auxiliary No. 11 of Halsey Valey and by Wilderness Camp No. 99 and Auxiliary No. 99 of Candor.

In November 1976 Sister Mattie E. St. Clair, a member of Tibbetts-McConihe Auxiliary No. 48 of Troy, and her brother, Douglas H.

Wanser, presented a Civil War Sword and Bibles to Rensselaer County Historical Society. The sword had belonged to their uncle, Colonel John Mc Conihe of the 169th New York Volunteers and was inscribed to him from the citizens of Troy. The articles presented carry an official, appraised value of \$7,075.00 according to the January 19, 1977 formal appraisal of the gifts presented.

PENNSYLVANIA

Memorial Day services at the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Oreland were held at the grave site of John Ellis, the first Union Soldier to be killed from Germantown, Pa. during the Civil War. Ellis Camp No. 9, which is named after John Ellis, sponsored the event. John Ellis was not a hero, he was a regular citizen-soldier who gave his life for his country. Camp Patriotic Instructor William C. Montelius, in his speech at the service, stressed the role of the common soldier in the Civil War and the hardships he suffered.

OHIO

Memorial Day was observed by Ohio Camps and Auxiliaries throughout the State. Department President Esther Greek and several members participated in the annual parade while Vice-President Sister Betty Johns took part in the cemetery services, both in Alliance, Ohio.

The annual Encampment was the occasion for initiation of a new member for the alliance Auxiliary. The Department Chief of Staff, P.N.P. Anita Selby was forced to resign due to poor health, however P.D.P. Lilly McCollough accepted appointment to the office and was able to complete very successful plans for the Encampment.

WISCONSIN

At the Dept. Encampment held on June 4 in Milwaukee, Grover R. Huff was reelected as Dept. Commander and Rhoda Lemanski was reelected as Dept. President. Resolutions were adopted urging the Legislature to return Memorial Day to May 30; to continue the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the Capitol Building; and to provide funds for the preservation of a collection of battle flags. In another resolution, Dept. Secy-Treas. Edward E. Biering was commended for more than 50 years of service to the Order. Members of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 displayed and explained a collection of Civil War artifacts as a part of the banquet program and musical selections were provided by the Glendale Woman's Club Chorus. We were honored to have with us Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler and National President Minnie E. Madeiros. They took part in all sessions and delivered inspiring messages. Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, served as General Chairlady for this year's Encampment.

Each of the Camps and their Auxiliaries held appropriate services on Memorial Day in their respective communities. Members of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3, Oconomowoc, had the honor of leading the Memorial Day parade in Milwaukee this year.

Grover R. Huff and Rhoda Lemanski represented the Department Sons and Auxiliary at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on April 15 in Springfield, Ill. Also presenting a wreath was Helen Huff who represented Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3

R.O.T.C. cadets from the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, Marquette Univ., and St. John's Military Academy were presented with the Department's "Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Award of Excellence" during individual ceremonies held in April and May. The two university student recipients this year were young women who are striving for Army commissions.

There are three types of people:

- ... those who make things happen;
- ... those who watch things happen; and
- ... those who wonder what happened.

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