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LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMEMORATES DEATH OF PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Pictured above, standing in the burial chamber of the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on the occasion of the 114th anniversary of the death of our Civil War President, are (from the left): P. C. in C. George L. Cashman; Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt; Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty, USA (Ret); and P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson. Brothers Cashman and Johnson were Co-Chairmen of the event and Colonel Daugherty is the Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).

As a warm, spring-like sun shown following a brief rain shower, the 23rd annual ceremony marking the death of Abraham Lincoln commenced in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill., on Saturday, April 14, 1979. Wreathbearers representing 70 patriotic and veterans organizations participated in the rites sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Following the playing of "Call to the Colors" and the invocation by the Rev. Dr. Harry M. Kreibel, Thomas L. W. Johnson, master of ceremonies, gave a brief welcoming address. Tributes to the memory of Abraham Lincoln were given by Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, and by Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, who was representing the Commandery-in-Chief. Mr. Johnson presented greetings on behalf of Cdr. William C. Duval, the surviving founder of the ceremony begun in 1957, who was unable to be present this year.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the State House Inn attended by 96 persons. George L. Cashman, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, long-time curator of the Lincoln Tomb, and a Co-chairman for this ceremony, spoke on the interesting subject of "Lincoln and Christianity."

Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. under the direct command of Lt. Ken Larson and overall command of Col. Robert M. Graham, served as an honor guard and provided escorts for the wreathbearers. At the conclusion of the rites the troops fired a memorial salute and taps was sounded by M/Sgt. J. Stephen Hall. Troops from the 6th Ill. Cavalry and 17th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. also participated.

In addition to Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt and Col. Daugherty, we were pleased to have in attendance the national heads of several women's organizations that were close to the Grand Army and our Civil War heritage. They were Florence H. Forbey, Nat'l President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Florence S. Corson, National President, Dames of the Loyal Legion; Jane L. Riley, Nat'l President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Darley Foster, Nat'l President, Woman's Relief Corps. Other national officers from the host organizations in attendance were Russ A. Pritchard, Recorder-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and curator of its War Library and Museum, and Grover H. Huff, G.A. R. Highway Officer for the Sons of Union Veterans. Mrs. Corson was accompanied by her husband, Alan Corson, Jr., an active member of many patriotic organizations.

At the luncheon, Charles A. Brady, Jr., representing the Illinois Commandery, presented each of the luncheon guests with a copy of an address by Allan Nevins entitled, "The Nomination of Abraham Lincoln." Edward G. Pree, a Co-chairman for the ceremony and Springfield attorney, gave a moving tribute to Mr. Lincoln and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Among the many wreaths presented were several from the Sons of Union Veterans and the Loyal Legion. Departments of the SUVCW and its Auxiliary represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the MOLLUS represented this year were Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania, and the Illinois Dames society. In addition, Camps and local Auxiliaries from Illinois and Wisconsin were represented.

Among the individuals formally introduced during the course of the day were two whose efforts and work throughout the year on behalf of this ceremony deserve meritorious recognition. They are George Cashman who serves as the Springfield "anchor" for the ceremony and Ellinore K. Johnson, a Past Nat'l President of the Auxiliary, and a special consultant to the Committee.



General Order No. 4
Series 1978-79
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
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- 1. The 98th annual Encampment will convene in Hartford, Connecticut, August 11-16, in the Sheraton Hartford Hotel. The committee has been working hard to make this a great Encampment. Hopefully the attendance will be good as the officers will need your support.
- 2. I hereby appoint the following Brothers to serve on the Committee on Credentials for the 98th Annual National Encampment, the first named being Chairman: Frank Campbell of Pennsylvania; William Vanderhoof, Jr. of New Jersey; Forest Alland of Ohio; Don Roberts of New York; and Cyril Gumbinger of Illinois.
- 3. All officers are reminded to have their reports typed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper in a concise form, ready for reading on Monday, August 13, 1979.
- 4. Committee chairman announced in General Order No. 1 be sure that you have a written report to be presented to the delegates for their consideration.
- 5. Every member of the SVR is requested to bring his uniform to wear to the campfire program on Sunday night, August 12.
- 6. To my National officers, many thanks for a year of devoted service. To the past Commanders-in-Chief thank you for all of

your help and counsel. My special thanks to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman, for so ably representing me on several occasions in the New England Departments.

- 7. To the National President of the Auxiliary, Florence H. Forbey, I have truly enjoyed your company when we have been together and I have been deeply grateful for your extending my greetings where I have been unable to attend. To the National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Eleanor Krohn, you have been a fine representative for your organization and it has been a pleasure to have served with you. To the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Darley Foster, and to the National President of the Daughters Jane Riley, may you both have harmonious and profitable conventions. It is my fond hope that our friendship established this year will always continue and that one day in the not too distant future we will once again truly be the Allied Orders of the GAR family.
- 8. It has been good to note a positive attitude in the Departments that I have been able to visit. Let us all work so that this attitude will continue and our organization will continue its worthwhile objectives. It has also been good to see younger members being advanced into positions of responsibility in several of the departments.
- 9. Members get behind your newly elected department officers and help them have a profitable year, not for their personal glory, but for continued prosperity of the organization.
- 10. Many thanks for the respect shown to my office and the many courtesies extended to me by the departments.
- 11. It was a distinct honor to place the wreath on behalf of the national organization and have an opportunity to make remarks honoring President Lincoln on April 14, 1979, at his tomb in Springfield, Illinois. It was gratifying to have the departments of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin participating in this outstanding patriotic observance. My thanks to the committee in charge for a job well done.
- 12. My sincere thanks to the committee involved in the observance at Grant's Tomb in New York City on April 30, 1979, for the many courtesies extended to me. This is another patriotic program of which members can be proud.
- 13. Many thanks to the editor of The Banner, Albert W. Lambert, for his diligent efforts to see that this publication always meets the high standards set by his predecessors. I feel that he holds one of the most important positions in our organization.
- 14. Congratulations to Charles E. Sharrock, Jr. - Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Dr. Robert G. Carroon - Department of Wisconsin, and Robert McCandless and Roy Kappel of Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1 for qualifying as National aides on my staff by their securing of at least three new members.
- 15. If you have not done so, please don't neglect to send in a donation to our national Patriotic Instructor, George Long, so that he may reach his goal of \$1,700, which will enable a continuing of the patriotic programs sponsored by the national organization in a manner befitting our heritage.
- 16. Our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edwin K. Kramer, is still accepting donations to the 100th anniversary fund. The year 1981, is fast approaching and we want to have funds available to celebrate our centennial year in a manner that would please those who have gone before.
Richard L. Greenwalt
Commander-in-Chief
- 17. To all who have lost loved ones since my last general order, may God help you to bear the loss and to the ill and shut-ins, may your days be spent in as much comfort as possible.

ATTENTION: DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

Your help is urgently needed. Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 1979 and the National Secretary must complete all of his reports in time for a review by the outside C.P.A. who audits our books . . . all of this prior to the National Encampment. The National Encampment meets starting August 11th, only six short weeks after the close of the fiscal year. Please have the June quarterly Per Capita Tax and Membership Report to National Headquarters by no later than July 21, 1979. Thanks for your help.

COME TO HARTFORD . . .
STAY WHERE THE FUN IS

With all the promise of Hartford's newest and finest, the 400 room Sheraton-Hartford Hotel employs us to "stay where the fun is". With restaurants, lounges with entertainment, a dome-covered pool and whirlpool, a health club and sauna and a covered skybridge leading to the Hartford Civic Center it would seem that the site of our August Encampments is indeed the finest Hartford has to offer.

But the upcoming Encampments will mix a fair share of work with pleasure, the always exciting and enjoyable work of carrying on the traditions and objectives of our fine organizations. Events will kick-off with the traditional Campfire Program on Sunday evening. The tentative program for the Campfire is:

- 7:00 P.M. East Hampton Fife & Drum Morris Lanzi, Director
- 8:00 P.M. Sounding To The Colors
- Advance of Colors Brig. Gen. Shriver
Commanding, S.V.R.
- Invocation Nat'l Chaplain
Lynne Bury - G.A.R.
- National Anthem Assembly & Piano
- Pledge of Allegiance Assembly - Led by
George W. Long
Nat'l P. Inst. Sons
Union Veterans
- Welcome to Connecticut Frank W. Squier, Sr.
- Master of Ceremonies Bill Rule, P.D.C. of Mass.
- Welcome to the City of Hartford
- Respond to Greeting Ann Willike, Aux. S.U.V.
- American Flag Display By Natalie Yasensky
- Selection,
Battle Hymn of Republic Piano
- Greetings:
Richard A. Greenwalt C in C
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
- Mrs. Florence H. Forbey Nat'l President
Aux. to Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War
- Eleanor C. Krohn Nat'l President
Ladies of the Grand
Army Republic
- Jane L. Riley Nat'l President
Daughters of Union
Veterans of the Civil War
- Mrs. Darley Foster Nat'l President
Womens Relief Corps
Aux. Grand Army
Republic
- Selection, Connecticut Piano
- Address: Sec'y of State
Barbara Kennelly
- Selection Piano
- Benediction Mrs. Ethel Jones
Aux. S.U.V.
Nat'l. Chaplain
- Retiring of Colors S.V.R.
- Taps Piano

The following are the Tentative Programs for the three National Organizations meeting in Hartford:

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1979

- Morning Worship Church of your choice
- 1:00 P.M. Registration Foyer
- 1:00 P.M. Department Commanders meet with
National Chaplain Center Ballroom
- 1:30 P.M. Council of Administration meeting Governor Suite
- 3:00 P.M. Joint Memorial Service West & Center Ballroom
- 4:00 P.M. National Officers & Past
Commander-in-Chiefs meet
with Chief of Staff West & Center Ballroom

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1979

- 8:30 A.M. Registration Foyer
- 9:30 A.M. Joint Opening, Sons & Auxiliary West & Center Ballroom
- 10:30 A.M. Business Session Center Ballroom
- 11:45 A.M. Recess
- 1:00 P.M. Business Session Center Ballroom
- 4:00 P.M. Recess
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet, Past Commander
-in-Chiefs & Past National
Presidents Israel Putnam Room
- 8:00 P.M. Exemplification of Ritual West & Center Ballroom
- 9:00 P.M. Joint Courtesy Hour, Joint Chiefs
of Staff in charge West & Center Ballroom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1979

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast for S.V.R. Members Israel Putnam Room
- 9:00 A.M. Business Session Center Ballroom
- 11:45 A.M. Recess
- 1:00 P.M. Business Session Center Ballroom
- 2:00 P.M. Greetings Committee to The
Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand
Army
- 4:00 P.M. Recess
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet honoring National Officers
Sons & Auxiliary, Reception, Grand
March & Dancing immediately
following Grand Ballroom
- 11:00 P.M. Open House Commander-in-Chief Governor Suite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1979

- 9:00 A.M. Business Session Center Ballroom
Election of Officers & Installation
- 1:30 P.M. Council of Administration Meeting Governor Suite
- 8:00 P.M. Entertainment Grand Ballroom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1979

Bus Tour

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1979

- Morning Worship Church of your choice
- 12:30 P.M. Registration
(Credential Committee) Foyer
- 1:00 P.M. Department Presidents meet with
National Chaplain West Ballroom
- 1:30 P.M. Council Meeting Vice Presidents Suite
- 3:00 P.M. Joint Memorial Service West & Center Ballroom
- 4:00 P.M. National Officers, Past National
Presidents & National Adies meet
with Chief of Staff West & Center Ballroom
- 7:00 P.M. Band Concert Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 P.M. Campfire, Allied Orders Grand Ballroom

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1979

- 7:00 A.M. Department Presidents Breakfast
with National President Israel Putnam Room
- 8:00 A.M. Registration
(Credential Committee) Foyer
- 9:30 A.M. Joint Opening, Sons & Auxiliary West & Center Ballroom
- 10:30 A.M. First Business Session West Ballroom
- 11:45 A.M. Recess
- 1:00 P.M. Second Business Session West Ballroom
- 3:00 P.M. Presentation, National Patriotic
Instructor West Ballroom
- 4:00 P.M. Recess

6:00 P.M. Banquet, Past Commander-in-Chief & Past National Presidents. Israel Putnam Room
 8:00 P.M. Exemplification of Ritual West & Center Ballroom
 9:00 P.M. Joint Courtesy Hour, Joint Chiefs of Staff in Charge West & Center Ballroom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1979

8:00 A.M. Registration (Credential Committee). Foyer
 9:00 A.M. Third Business Session West Ballroom
 11:45 A.M. Recess
 1:00 P.M. Fourth Business Session Nomination of Officers West Ballroom
 2:30 P.M. Greetings Received West Ballroom
 4:00 P.M. Recess
 6:00 P.M. Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons & Auxiliary, Grand March, Dance immediately following Grand Ballroom
 11:00 P.M. Open House Vice Presidents Suite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1979

9:00 A.M. Business Session, Installation of Officers West Ballroom
 1:30 P.M. Council Meeting (old & new) Vice Presidents Suite
 8:00 P.M. Entertainment Grand Ballroom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1979

Bus Tour

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, INC. PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1979

1:00 P.M. Council of Administration Senate Suite
 2:00 P.M. Budget Committee Senate Suite
 7:00 P.M. Advisory Council Senate Suite

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1979

Morning Worship. Church of your choice
 1:30 P.M. Registration Lobby, East Ballroom
 3:00 P.M. Rehearsal-Memorial Service East Ballroom
 5:00 P.M. Past National Presidents Dinner Cloister Restaurant
 Meeting following dinner.
 7:00 P.M. Band Concert Grand Ballroom
 8:00 P.M. Campfire, Allied Orders. Grand Ballroom
 9:30 P.M. Department Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers Reception Senate Suite

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1979

8:30 A.M. Registration Lobby, East Ballroom
 9:00 A.M. Formal Opening East Ballroom
 11:00 A.M. Memorial Service East Ballroom
 12:00 noon Recess
 1:30 P.M. Flag Presentation East Ballroom
 4:30 P.M. Adjournment
 6:30 P.M. Mothers & Fathers Banquet East Ballroom
 9:30 P.M. New England Fun Nite Mark Twain/ Noah Webster Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1979

7:00 A.M. Breakfast — Betsy Ross & Pioneer Clubs Nathan Hale Room
 9:00 A.M. Business Session East Ballroom
 12:00 noon Recess
 1:30 P.M. Business Session East Ballroom
 2:00 P.M. Greetings Received East Ballroom
 4:30 P.M. Adjournment

7:30 P.M. Exemplification Ritual Nathan Hale Room (National Senior Vice President, Nancy Conaway Presiding)
 9:30 P.M. Pioneer Meeting Nathan Hale Room
 10:00 P.M. Betsy Ross Meeting Nathan Hale Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1979

9:00 A.M. Business Session East Ballroom
 12:00 noon Recess
 1:30 P.M. Final Business Session & Installation of Officers, Joint Advisory Council Meeting following close of Convention Senate Suite
 8:00 P.M. Entertainment Grand Ballroom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1979

Bus Trip, Details to be announced

Our Encampment week promises to be filled with worthwhile activity. As you can see, we are scheduled for several business sessions as well as a number of planned social activities. You will have ample time to enjoy the fraternal company of Brothers and Sisters from all across the country who share, with you, a devotion to our Order and to the principals for which it stands. There will also be ample meeting time to assure that the work of our Order, started almost one hundred years ago when we were first organized as the Sons and the heirs of the G.A.R., will continue. There will be free time to enjoy the many facilities of the Hotel and adjacent Civic Center. Your presence and support are needed by your National Officers and your National organization. If you do not already have your reservations, do it today. The Reservation Form is reproduced below or simply call the Hotel at (area code 203) 728-5151

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM — PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL TO: Sheraton-Hartford Hotel
 Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
 August 11-16, 1979
 Reservations Department
 315 Trumbull Street
 Hartford, CT 06103

NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 ARRIVAL DAY & DATE _____ TIME _____ DEPARTURE _____
 _____ \$28 Single _____ \$30 Double

Please make your reservations early to insure best accommodations!

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 1, 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 IRSI and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

ENDORSEMENT

The Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, at its annual Encampment held on June 17-20, 1979, has endorsed the candidacy of P. D. C. Elton P. Koch for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1979-1980.

AUXILIARY PROGRAMS REPORT

Since the last issue of The BANNER, the three new auxiliary programs have shown considerable activity.

Life Membership #4, Gladys A. Scott \$125.00
 The following Honor Roll contributions have been received:

From Kenneth S. Athey, Ohio
 In memory of Private David Weaver, Co. E.,
 12th OVI \$10.00

From P. N. P. Flora Bates, Massachusetts
 In memory of her mother, Josephine L. Bates, P. D. P., Mass. Dept. \$10.00

From the New Jersey Department
 In memory of Louise L. Cree, P.P. Aux. #13,
 N. J. Dept \$50.00

The following persons have enrolled as Members-at-Large and we are happy to welcome them into our membership:

Patricia Carvalho, San Leandro, Calif.
 Ruth L. Copelli, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Margaret E. Core, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Irene Emshousen, Richland, Washington
 Katherine Evans, Louisville, KY.
 Elizabeth Ann Fritch, Glendale, Calif.
 Frances M. Ricker, So. Portland, Maine
 Fern Rose Swanson, South Haven, Minn.
 Dorothea Wharfield, New Richmond, Ohio
 Ruth Whitaker, Athens, Ohio

Anyone desiring to participate in any of these programs is asked to refer to the January 1979 issue of The BANNER for more complete information or to contact P. N. P. Marion E. Combs, Coordinator, P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Memorial Day Observance — S. 517, introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia and co-sponsored by Senators Talmadge, Stone, Durkin, Thurmond and Stafford, would return the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30 beginning in 1981. The measure has the endorsement of the heads of the major veterans' organizations and from the list of Senate sponsors, it is obvious that the bill has bipartisan and geographically balanced support. We expect to have further information on the bill in time for inclusion in our Annual Report.

Other Holidays — Under terms of H. R. 1642 introduced by Rep. Robin Beard of Tenn., all future federal holidays declared by Congress would be observed on a Saturday or Sunday as a cost savings measure. Rep. Beard estimates that a one day holiday during the week costs the Federal Government approximately \$194 million in wages based on a payroll of 2.4 million employees. His bill would have no effect on the observance of existing holidays.

Termination of Mutual Defense Treaties — On June 6, the Senate passed a resolution putting that body on record as saying that its members must give prior approval before the United States can terminate a mutual defense treaty with another nation. The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia, was aimed at the manner in which our defense treaty with Free China (Taiwan) is to be ended next year. While the resolution expresses the "sense of the Senate" on the matter, it cannot undo the decision of the President made last December with respect to Taiwan. In a related action, a federal District judge ruled that the Judiciary has no power to reverse the actions of the Executive in the termination of a treaty and that the issue should be resolved by Congress. Sen. Barry Goldwater and others had filed suit in an effort to overturn the President's decision.

Registration for Military Draft — Committees in both houses of Congress have recommended for passage proposals that would require registration under Selective Service so as to make feasible the resumption of the draft should that become necessary in the future. A Senate subcommittee plan would reinstitute registration as of January 2, 1980, for all men ages 18 through 26. The House Armed Services Committee would begin registration a year later,

January 1, 1981, for all men who turn 18 after that date. Both versions would exempt women from the requirement.

Panama Canal Treaty Legislation — A measure designed to accomplish or carry out the terms of the Panama Canal treaty will be under consideration soon by the House of Representatives. Drafted under the guidance of Rep. John M. Murphy of New York, chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, the bill would retain U.S. military control over the Canal until the year 2000 and would eliminate plans to make annual payments of \$10 million to Panama from anticipated surplus Canal earnings. These provisions and others run counter to those proposed by the State Department but appear to reflect the present mood of the House on the subject. Under the Constitution, the House had no voice in the ratification of the treaty itself but is involved in the legislation needed to give effect to it. Opponents of the treaty as ratified believe the Administration vastly underestimated the projected cost to U.S. taxpayers of various clauses and are using this issue in an attempt to "revise" some treaty provisions. Concern for the taxpayers is most appropriate here, but an attempt to "amend" a ratified treaty in this fashion can be dangerous. It is to be hoped that statesmanship will prevail on both sides and we can be true to our word without "losing our shirts" in the process.

Fiorello La Guardia said it in defining the requirements of good journalism: "I think the reporter should get his facts straight before he distorts them."

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON,
 Chairman

S. V. R. NEWS by George Shadman

The BANNER will have in each future issue a "S. V. R. NEWS" column. It will consist of S. V. R. reports of its activities from the unit level throughout the different districts across the country, up through the Command level.

In this issue, though, I would like to introduce the column to you and to inform you of what you will be able to look forward to in the future.

First, the "S. V. R. NEWS" will consist only of newsworthy and informative activities of the S. V. R. There will be no editorials, controversial or advertising subjects printed. Hopefully by reporting what your unit has accomplished, others will be able to improve their organizational goals and perhaps it will enlarge and strengthen the S. V. R. as a whole.

It is obvious that an entire newspaper could be employed to print S. V. R. activities, but we do not have one as yet. We are fortunate, though, to have this column and it is in YOUR best interest to take advantage of it. Send me reports of your unit events, election results — anything you are proud of and wish to share.

Inasmuch as we have limited space, I will reserve the right to edit, select, and condense any and all reports sent to me. Please keep these tips in mind when you go and sit down to write your reports: Keep it newsworthy; keep it to the point; keep it brief. If followed, these rules will prevent me from having to edit your article, thus averting any hard feelings resulting from any necessary changes.

Send your articles to Geroge Shadman, "S. V. R. NEWS", 29 Carlton Road, Waterloo, New York, 13165. Help make this column a success by your contributions.

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All items for publication must be received by the 15th day of December, March, June and September.

All members receive THE BANNER without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$2.00 year. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year.

Albert W. Lambert, Editor, P.O. Box 673, Naperville, 60540



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HONORED

Richard L. Greenwald day in Alliance, Ohio, was observed on Saturday, October 21, 1978 and was highlighted by a testimonial dinner and dance. Pictured above at the event are (from the left) Camp Commander Thomas Graham of Camp 91, National President Florence Forbey, Auxiliary to SUVCW, Commander-in-Chief Greenwald, National President Eleanor C. Krohn, Ladies of the GAR and Ohio Department Commander Forest Altland.

Colors were presented by the 19th Ohio SVR of Salem under the Command of Sgt. Major William Green. Commander-in-Chief Greenwald is a member of the 19th Ohio. The dance was highlighted by a Grand march led by Commander-in-Chief Greenwald who was escorted by his daughter, Mrs. Alan Green. A large delegation of out-of-state guests included: National President Florence Forbey of Illinois representing the Auxiliary; National President Eleanor Krohn of Minnesota representing the Ladies of the G.A.R.; National Patriotic Instructor George Long of Pennsylvania; National Chief of Staff and P. C. in C. Norman Furman of New York; National Aide Wilbur Haueter of New Hampshire; P. C. in C. Harold T. Bielby, National Council of Administration, of New York; Auxiliary National Vice President Mrs. Claire M. Monahan of Pennsylvania; Auxiliary Chief of Staff Mrs. Betty Baker of New York; Auxiliary National Personal Aide Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer of Illinois; Ladies of the G.A.R. National Treasurer Mrs. Della Richards of West Virginia; Pennsylvania Department Commander Ralph Peifer and Pennsylvania Daughters of Union Veterans Department President Mrs. Margaret Frantz.

The event was marked of numerous testimonials and honors. The Dance was followed by an open house with Mrs. Alan Green, the daughter of the Commander-in-Chief acting as hostess. The event was closed with a delightful breakfast served on Sunday morning at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham in Alliance, Ohio.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

We thank thee, O Lord, for the work of thy Spirit in the growing desire for true brotherhood, between men of every class and nation.

National Encampment in Hartford, Connecticut, August, will soon be here! As the National Chaplains will need help from all Department Presidents and Commanders in the tribute and ceremony — please drop a line to your National President, Mrs. Florence H. Forbey, 423 1/2-15th St., Moline, Illinois 61265, or Department Commanders Harry E. Gibbons, 554 LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14215. This is a very important and beautiful ceremony in the program of your National Encampment each year. We need to know if you will be present to participate in this memorial, Sunday, August 12th at 3:00 P.M.

Harry E. Gibbons,
National Chaplain

ROSTER CHANGE

Due to the recent death of Brother Alfred J. Clark of the Department of New Hampshire, Brother Richard E. Wyman has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Department Secretary. His address is:

Richard E. Wyman
51 Beech Street
Keene, NH 03431

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 60 \$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 1979 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

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

- No. 107 Justin Lee Dingman \$150.00
- No. 108 James Gerard Dennis Marley \$150.00
- No. 109 Gerald W. Gorman, Jr. \$150.00
- No. 110 Neal J. Hinton \$150.00
- No. 111 Jerome Lyon Spurr, Lt. Col, USA (Ret) .. \$150.00

HONOR ROLL

LIVING SONS OF UNION VETERANS

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our Honor Roll of individuals who are living sons of a veteran of the Union Forces during the Civil War:

- Jean B. Lemelle, Sr., Los Angeles, CA
(Gen. W.S. Rosecrans, Camp 2, SUVCW)
Son of Jean Baptiste Lemelle, Union Veteran
- William S. Canning, Laporte, PA
(Camp 50, SUVCW, Carlisle, Pa)
Son of William J. Canning, Union Veteran
- Charles Weidner, Middleton, PA
(SUVCW affiliation unknown)
Son of William Weidner, Union Veteran
- Aaron W. Stover, Mill Hall, PA
(Not a member of the SUVCW)
Son of John Stover, Union Veteran
- George M. Marvin, Williamsville, NY
(Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223, SUVCW)
Son of George H. Marvin, Union Veteran

The names continue to roll in and the above listing bring to 64 the total number of men honored since this Honor Roll was first printed two years ago (the July 1977 issue). We continue to urge anyone who had knowledge of a living son of a veteran of the Union Forces who served during the Civil War (1861-1865) to advise The Editor. We require the name and address of the living son, his SUVCW affiliation (if any) and the Name and Unit of his father. Please address all replies to: Albert W. Lambert, Editor, The Banner, P.O. Box 457, Naperville, IL 60540.

AN INVITATION!

In the event any of the several hundred invitations should go astray and you do not receive one, — this is an invitation to one and all to attend the Centennial Dinner commemorating the founding of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War by Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, Grand Army of the Republic in Philadelphia, Pa., September 29th, 1879. The dinner will be at McCallister's, 1811 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, September 29th, 1979, commencing at 6:30 P.M. sharp. The cost — \$12.00 per person.

All reservations with remittance in full and the names of all persons in your party must be sent to Ms. Goodling F. Dugan, 1230 Nolen Road, Roslyn, Pa. 19001 to reach her no later than September 22nd. Persons desiring motel reservations should contact P. C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 So. Sycamore St., Wilmington, DE 19805 IMMEDIATELY indicating whether single or double and date of arrival (28th or 29th). Singles are \$28.00 and twin or doubles at \$32.00.

The motel is the Franklin Motor Inn and is approximately three (3) blocks from McCallister's. ALL reservations will be acknowledged and will be held until 5 P.M.

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-Treas.
P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

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 David W. Armstrong, Hyattsville, MD
In Memory of Sgt. David M. Scott, Co. E,
52nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry \$20.00
- From the Past Department Commanders' Assoc. of N.H.
In Memory of P.D.C. Clarence H. Parker, Dept. of N.H. \$10.00

**CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE
SCHEDULES FALL MEETING**

The Interstate Motor Inn in Mansfield, Ohio, will be the site of the October 5-6, 1979 meetings of the Central Region Conference. The meeting is being hosted by the Department of Ohio and by McLaughlin Camp #12 and their Auxiliary. The Interstate Motor Inn is located on Koogle Road in Mansfield, at the Junction of Interstate I-71 and U.S. Route 30. The telephone number of the Inn is area code 419, 589-2300. All members of The Order and interested friends are invited to attend what promises to be a constructive and informative session. For further information, contact: Ralph Shadel, Commander-McLaughlin Camp #12, 186 Essex Road, Lexington, Ohio 44904. Commander Shadel's telephone is area code 419, 884-2489.

**GOVERNOR THORNBURGH OF
PENNSYLVANIA SENDS BELATED
RECOGNITION FOR APPOMATTOX DAY
OBSERVANCE**

The annual Appomattox Day Dinner held in Reading, Pennsylvania last April happened to coincide with the nuclear emergency at the Three-Mile Island plant which received National and International attention. It is understandable, then, that Pennsylvania Commonwealth Governor Richard Thornburgh was a busy man at that particular time.

In separate letters to P. C. in C. LeRoy Stoudt and P. N. P. Irene Murphy, both of Pennsylvania, Governor Thornburg expressed his regret that the events in Harrisburg had precluded his sending a personal message to the Appomattox Dinner. He had hoped such a message might be a part of the evening's program.

The Governor went on to note that General George G. Meade Camp #16 of Reading, together with the three female organizations, comprises the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in that area, have been active in the promotion of Appomattox Day programs for a number of years and that "their endeavors are well known across the state". For this and other leading roles in patriotic observances over the year, the Governor stated that the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. "have merited the respect of all Pennsylvania."

Everyone who is familiar with the outstanding work over the years in the Reading area will concur and join us in congratulation to Brother LeRoy and Sister Irene for a recognition well deserved.



**NORFOLK AREA MEMBERS OF SUVCW
ACTIVE . . .
PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The Tidewater area of eastern Virginia is the scene of a growing level of activity by a number of SUVCW members-at-large living in the vicinity as well as by Brother John B. Davis, a P. D. C. of the Department of Massachusetts who now lives in Virginia Beach. Pictured above are Brother Reed N. Leech (left) and Brother Duane B. Baldwin, both members-at-large. They are displaying the Banner made by Brother Baldwin. Carrying this banner and an American Flag, the SUVCW put a uniformed color guard in the Norfolk, Virginia Memorial Day Parade. This marked the first time that both SUVCW and SCV units marched in this annual observance. While the confederate marching unit was much larger, the SUVCW representatives did present a very professional presence in the Parade and topped-off the day with the placing of a wreath at the Memorial Service in memory of the Union veterans of the Civil War.

The donation of a Banner by Brother Baldwin and the forming of a color guard for the parade was the highlight of a round of activity that started on June 11, 1978 when a group of members-at-large met at the home of PDC Davis and formed a social club of SUVCW members in the Tidewater area. They are growing rapidly and hope to make a permanent SUVCW presence in this area of eastern Virginia which is home to so many northerns and southern alike.

"S.C." . . . WHO ARE YOU

On May 26, 1979 the "Hot Line" section of the Norfolk paper contained the following: Is there a local camp for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? — S.C. The Editor knew of none and his reply referred "S.C." to the Washington, D.C. Camp. Brother John Davis and the other SUVCW men in the area (see article above) would like to contact this interested person. John's address is: 710 Ainsley Place, Apt. 102, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. He and his group are not a Camp of SUVCW but are members of the Order, either Members-at-Large or members of another Department but now living in the Tidewater area.

ENDORSEMENT

The New Hampshire Department, SUVCW, at it's annual Encampment held on April 6-7, 1979, has endorsed the candidacy of Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman for the Office of Sr-Vice Commander-in-Chief for the term 1979-1980 and has further endorsed the candidacy of Brother Wyman for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1980-1981.



Department News



CONNECTICUT

Congratulations and best wishes to our new Department Commander, George Schmidt, and our new Department President, Katherine Stocking.

The annual Department Fair is to be held in Rockville sometime during the month of October with Auxiliary #5 in charge. More details will be published later.

MARYLAND

The Sons 92nd Department Encampment was held at Hagerstown, Md. on April 28. Richard C. Schlenker of Lincoln-Cushing Camp was elected Department Commander for a third term.

The Auxiliary 85th Encampment was held at the same time and place. Sister Louella Spencer of Wilmington was elected Department President.

The annual Grand Army Day church service was held at Hull Memorial Church in Lansdale, Md. on May 20.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp in D.C. sponsored Memorial Day Services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Chapel on May 30. A reception followed at the Washington Navy Yard Officers Club for members and guests. Traditional Memorial services were also held in Wilmington and Hagerstown.



MASSACHUSETTS

The annual Encampment was held at The Stone Haven Motor Inn in Springfield on April 20-22, 1979. From the joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary to the traditional closings, the Encampments were delightful and successful affairs. We were honored to greet many guests and friends from the New England area and especially honored that National President Florence Forbey of Illinois was with us along with her Personal Aide Dorothy Schaefer, also of Illinois. For the first time in our memory, our incoming Department heads are a brother and sister team. Picture above is Department Commander Charles Hooper Jr. and Department President Mary Hooper Willey. Best of wishes to them and their staff of officers for the coming year.

NEW JERSEY

Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt and National President of the Auxiliary Florence Forbey honored the New Jersey Department by their attendance at our 97th annual Department Encampment which was highlighted by interesting and productive sessions and enjoyable social events. Sr. Vice Dept. Commander Charles Larkin presided over the Sons' business sessions. Matters of significance and routine business were acted on. Commander James F. Elliott, a member of Camp #5 and Camp #100, and his staff of officers were re-elected for a second term. The Auxiliary Encampment, presided over by Department President Florence Jansson, was harmonious and successful. It concluded with the election and installation of a slate of new officers headed by Department President Anne O. Clayton of Auxiliary #18.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 (The State Camp) will hold its fall dinner meeting in the Oak Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant just off Exit #8 of the New Jersey Turnpike in Hightstown on Saturday, October 27, 1979 at 6:00 P.M.

NEW YORK

Again this year there was much confusion on Memorial Day with Federal Offices and National Banks closed on Monday, May 28th but the State observing Wednesday, May 30th as the official Memorial Day holiday. Graves were decorated and services or observances were held on Sunday, May 27th; Monday, May 28th; and Wednesday, May 30th. Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223 of Buffalo took part in various services on all three days with the annual services of the United Veterans Council of Erie County being held on Sunday at the GAR Monument and Graves section of Forest Lawn. Sunday was also the date of the United Veterans of Tonawanda parade with thousands lining the route. Camp 89 Commander Frank C. Bellinger was Parade Marshal.

PENNSYLVANIA

The fifth annual membership and wives dinner sponsored by Ruhl Camp #33 was highlighted by a biography of Captain Edgar M. Ruhl delivered by Past Camp Commander and Department Secretary-Treasurer Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. The event was well attended and the Camp was pleased that Department Commander Ralph E. Peiper and his wife and National Patriotic Instructor George W. Long and his wife were able to join the Camp members in this annual event.

OHIO

Department Commander Forest Altland was honored when the Mayor of Mansfield, Ohio proclaimed May 5, 1979 as "Forest Altland Day" in that city.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 97th Annual Encampment of the New Hampshire Department was held at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel in Concord on April 6-7, 1979. The Rev. Russell H. Milnes was elected Department Commander. To Commander Milnes and his new staff of Officers we extend congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

The Department was saddened by the recent death of Department Secretary-Treasurer Alfred J. Clark. Brother Clark's sudden death due to a heart attack came without warning. He will be missed and remembered by those who remain behind and who knew his friendship and the devotion of his work in our Order.

Brother Richard Wyman who is currently the Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief has been appointed Department Secretary for the remainder of the current year.

WISCONSIN

At the Dept. Encampment held in Milwaukee on June 2, Grover R. Huff of Camp No. 3, Oconomowoc, and Rhoda Lemanski of Auxiliary No. 4, Cudahy, were reelected to new terms as Dept. Commander and Dept. President, respectively. Delegates passed resolutions supporting the return of Memorial Day to May 30, endorsing the appropriation of funds for the conservation of Wisconsin's Civil War battle flags, requesting better maintenance of Camp Randall Memorial Park, and endorsing the continuation of Cushing Memorial Park as a state operated facility. At the Grand Army Family banquet, Bro. Robert G. Carroon, Curator of the Milwaukee County Historical Society and a member of Camp No. 2, spoke on the subject: "Capt. Francis Lackner of the 26th Wis.: A New Source in Civil War Historiography." Entertainment was provided by a band playing instruments used in the Civil War and by Oliver Houston of Waukesha who did an impersonation of Abraham Lincoln. The Department was honored and pleased to have C-in-C Richard L. Greenwalt and Natl. Pres. Florence H. Forbey in attendance. Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, served as Chairlady for this year's Encampment.

On May 14, Mildred Biering, PDP, passed away in Milwaukee. She was a tireless and willing worker at all levels in the Auxiliary and will be greatly missed. "Millie," as she was known to her many friends, was a member of Auxiliary No. 4 and was the wife of Edward E. Biering who survives.