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## ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMEMORATES THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

A blanket of freshly fallen snow greeted participants at Oak Ridge Cemetery when they gathered on April 15 to mark the 115th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. Wreathbearers representing some 66 patriotic and veterans organizations made the pilgrimage to Springfield, Ill., for the 24th annual observance of 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 invocation by the Rev. Dr. Harry M. Kreibel, the master of ceremonies, Thomas L.W. Johnson, made a brief welcoming talk. Tributes to the memory of Abraham Lincoln were given by Elton P. Koch, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, and by CDR. William C. Duval, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and the surviving founder of the ceremony begun in 1957.

Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. pictured above under the command of Lt. Ken Larson, served as the official honor guard and provided escorts for the wreathbearers. (Photo credit — Marlin Ross, Lincoln, Ill.) At the conclusion of the rites the troops fired a memorial salute and taps was sounded by William G. Farrar.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the State House Inn. The Hon. Robert G. Cronson, Auditor General of the State of Illinois, was the featured speaker and gave an enlightening talk on the subject of "The Dred Scott Case."

We were honored 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 Nellie H. Hawley, National

President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Lois J. Hiccox, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans; Marilyn F. Taylor, National President, Women's Relief Corps; and Ann L.S. Pritchard, representing her National President, Florence S. Corson of the Dames of the Loyal Legion. Nancy A. Conaway, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was forced to change her plans and could not be with us.

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; Donald L. Roberts, National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans; and Grover R. Huff, G.A.R. Highway Officer for the Sons of Union Veterans. COL. Joseph B. Daugherty, immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and a steadfast friend of the ceremony, sent his regrets due to a recent health problem.

Among the 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, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and the Illinois Dames society. In addition, Camps and local Auxiliaries of the SUVCW from Peoria and Springfield, Ill., and Oconomowoc, Wis., took part.

Among the individuals formally recognized during the day either at the ceremony or at the luncheon were the committee co-chairmen who reside in Springfield, George L. Cashman, Robert M. Graham and Edward G. Pree. Members of the committee recognized were Donald G. Fahs and Robert R. Morrison, both of Springfield, and Ellinore K. Johnson of Madison, Wis. Each of these individuals contributes much time and effort during the year in planning and carrying out the needed arrangements for the ceremony.

**General Order No. 4**  
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- The 99th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene in Richmond, Virginia, August 15th to 19th, 1980. Many of you will recall our 1965 Encampment. We met in Richmond at that time to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the close of the Civil War, Richmond being near Appomattox Court House. The John Marshall Hotel has been selected as Headquarters. Additional information concerning the Encampment activities is listed in the tentative program. If you have not received your reservation card, please contact the National Secretary, Chester S. Shriver. Those driving to Richmond via I-95, use exit #3 in Richmond.
- The following Brothers are appointed to serve on the Credential Committee:
  - William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. New Jersey, Chairman
  - Forrest Altland, Ohio
  - Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. Pennsylvania
  - James G.D. Marley, Massachusetts
  - Edmond Butler, Maine
 All other committees and appointments will be announced at the opening session of the Encampment.
- All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves attending National Encampment are requested to bring their uniforms.
- Committee Chairmen (these were announced in General Order #1) please have your reports prepared and ready to be read at the first session and submitted to the Committee on Officers Reports. All Officers Reports are to be typed on 8½x11 paper. Any Chairman unable to be present, please have your report sent to the National Secretary, Chester S. Shriver.
- This is my final General Order. I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the honor accorded this office, my wife and myself. I have been most graciously received in each Department. Time does not permit me to mention each one individually, but be assured I shall always remember the pleasant times spent with each one. I trust I have merited the confidence you have placed in me. To the members of my Staff, my sincere appreciation for all your efforts on behalf of our wonderful Organization.
- The Keyword of this Administration has been "MEMBERSHIP." My grateful thanks to each Brother who succeeded in increasing the membership of our Order. I have issued 6 National Ribbons and 4 Certificates of Merit. Since my last General Order, Brother James G.O. Marley of Massachusetts and Brother Charles E. Sharrock of Colorado/Wyoming have received National Ribbons. Brother Robert L. Krasche was awarded a Certificate of Merit. We owe a debt of gratitude to these Brothers, through their efforts we shall keep alive the memory and ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- Again, I remind those of you who have not already done so, to support Brother Don Roberts, National Patriotic Instructors Fund. Brother Roberts has worked untiringly to surpass his goal. He is to be commended for his efforts. This fund is necessary to provide money for the Patriotic work of our Organization. The National Council of Administration has set this goal at \$1,700.00.
- We are approaching our Centennial. Not many Organizations have survived so long. We are proud to be members of an Organization that has attained this honor. Brother Richard Wyman, Sr. Vice Commander, has worked very hard this year to solicit funds for a memorable Centennial celebration. Please send Brother Wyman your contribution now while it is fresh in your mind. Each of us looks forward to this celebration. We hope it will be one we remember for years to come.
- I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Nellie Hawley, National President of the Auxiliary, to the Sons of Union

veterans of the Civil War, Nancy Conaway, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Marilyn F. Taylor, National President of the Womens Relief Corps, and Lois Jean Hiccox, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for all the courtesies shown me, as well as the many pleasant fellowships we have enjoyed together. The Organizations they represent are fortunate to have such dedicated women in positions of leadership. May each of you experience a successful, constructive and harmonious convention.

10. No words of mine could possibly express the feeling of pride and gratitude that is mine for the privilege of having served as your Commander-in-Chief. It is an honor I shall remember always. With Honor comes responsibility. I trust I have met this responsibility you placed in my care this year in a manner that is satisfactory to each of you. All National Officers, departments and Camps have been most cooperative and I am indebted to each one for all your assistance. May those who will succeed this Administration, as well as every Department and Camp, continue to seek out new members to keep this wonderful Organization alive and growing, for the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the ideals they entrusted to us.

11. To those who have lost loved ones, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand. To those who are ill or confined, may God heal you and bless you.

Elton P. Koch  
 Commander-in-Chief

**ATTENTION: DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES**

Your help is urgently needed. Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 1980, 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 only a few 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, 1980*. Thanks for your help.

**OPEN LETTER APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF GAR MEMORIAL FUND**

To: All Members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic  
 From: Office of the National Patriotic Instructor Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Many worthwhile events and programs held during the course of the year require Financial Support in order to continue. Funding of these events is through our National Organization, SUVCW. The responsibility of soliciting and recording contributions for a financial reserve are a part of the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor. This fund is known as the GAR Memorial Fund or the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

From this fund, dollars are budgeted to provide support for several programs of special or patriotic nature. Our contributions are a vote of our approval of the several Patriotic Programs which do receive financial support from this fund. The year 1979-1980 is fast closing but there is still time for you to make known, to those persons who conduct these events, that you are truly doing your part in supporting them and insuring that their work goes on into the future. Make your contribution now. Checks should be made payable to: National Organization, SUVCW and should be mailed to me at the following address:

Donald L. Roberts  
 Box 11, Stowell Avenue  
 Candor, N.Y. 13743

**CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED**

The Central Region Conference has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 18-19, 1980, at Lafayette, Indiana. The first business session will start at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 18th. Headquarters will be the Ramada Inn in Lafayette. The Inn is located at the intersection of Interstate Highway I-65 and Indiana State Road 26. Room rates have been established at \$24.00 for a single and \$28.00 for a double. All reservations should be noted as being a part of the Sons of Union Veterans group in order to be guaranteed these rates.

**SEE YOU IN RICHMOND**

Mid-August will soon be upon us. Saturday, August 16, 1980 events at Richmond will get under way with a Blue and Gray Dinner-Dance (see SVR General Order #4 elsewhere in this issue) at 6:00 P.M. in the Ballroom of the John Marshall Hotel. By Sunday, August 17th, activities will be started for all three of the Allied Orders meeting at Richmond that week . . . The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. These Encampments, the 99th for the Sons, the 95th for their Auxiliary and the 95th for the Ladies of the GAR, will last through Wednesday, August 20th, and the final day (Thursday, August 21st) will be devoted to time off for touring a city rich in Civil War history and tradition. Those approaching the city by auto on interstate I-95 should use Exit #3 to enter Richmond.

Reservation cards should be available thru all three organizations or reservations may be made direct (be sure to indicate your Allied Order affiliation if you do not use a pre-printed reservation card). Parking is free and rates are \$31.00 for single occupancy and \$37.00 for double occupancy. A charge of \$6.00 will apply for third persons in a room. We regret that as this issue goes to the printer, we do not have details of the Sunday Allied Order Camp Fire nor do we have programs for the Auxiliary or the Ladies. The program for the Sons is as follows:

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1980**
- 6:00 P.M. Blue and Gray Dinner-Dance . . . . . Ballroom
  - SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1980**
  - 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship, Rev. Richard O. Partington . . . . . Ballroom
  - 1:00 P.M. Registration . . . . . Mezzanine
  - 1:00 P.M. Department Commanders meet with National Chaplain . . . . . Ballroom
  - 1:30 P.M. Council of Administration Meeting . . . 5th floor suite
  - 3:00 P.M. Joint Memorial Service . . . . . Ballroom
  - 4:00 P.M. National Officers & Past Commanders-in-Chief meet with Chief of Staff . . . . . 5th floor suite
  - 7:00 P.M. Concert
  - 8:00 P.M. Camp Fire, Allied Orders . . . . . Ballroom
  - MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1980**
  - 9:00 A.M. Registration . . . . . Mezzanine
  - 9:30 A.M. Joint Opening (Sons and Auxiliary) . . . . . Ballroom
  - 10:30 A.M. Opening Session . . . . . Marshall Room
  - 11:45 A.M. Recess
  - 1:00 P.M. Business Session . . . . . Marshall Room
  - 3:50 P.M. Greeting Committee to the Auxiliary with Commander-in-Chief
  - 4:00 P.M. Recess
  - 6:00 P.M. Banquet, Past Commanders-in-Chief & Past National Presidents . . . . . Ballroom
  - 6:30 P.M. Mothers and Fathers Banquet, Ladies of the G.A.R. . . . . Marshall Room
  - 8:00 P.M. Exemplification of the Ritual . . . . . to be announced
  - 9:00 P.M. Joint Courtesy Hour (Joint Chiefs in charge) . . . . . Ballroom
  - TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1980**
  - 7:00 A.M. Sons of Veterans Reserves Breakfast Club . . . . . to be announced
  - 9:00 A.M. Business Session . . . . . Marshall Room
  - 11:45 A.M. Recess
  - 1:00 P.M. Business Session . . . . . Marshall Room
  - 3:45 P.M. Recess
  - 4:00 P.M. Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the G.A.R. . . . . Jackson Room
  - 6:00 P.M. Banquet—Sons and Auxiliary, honoring National Officers . . . . . Ballroom
  - 10:00 P.M. Open House, Commander-in-Chief, Host . . . . . 5th floor suite
  - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1980**
  - 9:00 A.M. Business Session—Election of Officers & Installation . . . . . Marshall Room
  - 2:00 P.M. Council of Administration Meeting . . . 5th floor suite
  - 8:00 P.M. Entertainment
  - THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1980**

There will be organized sightseeing tours of Richmond's many Civil War related attractions. Details of tours, departure times and costs (if any) will be available at the Encampment.

**S.V.R. NEWS**  
**By GEORGE SHADMAN**  
**PROMOTIONS**

Captain George Shadman, Commander, 1st New York Brigade, promoted to Major.  
 1lt. Glenn Parish, adjutant, 1st New York Brigade, to Captain.  
 2lt. Larry Allen, of the 1st New York Cavalry, to First Lieutenant.  
 Private George Billington, 1st N.Y. Cavalry, to 2nd Lieutenant.  
 Cpl. Robert Krohl, 1st N.Y. Cavalry, to Sergeant.  
 Cpl. LaVerne Weeks, 8th N.Y. Cavalry, to Sergeant.

**NEW UNIT**

The 1st New York Brigade has a new unit on its roster. The 42nd Pennsylvania Bucktail Regiment, with 23 new S.V.R. members. The unit will be commanded by 2lt. Clarence Walker, formerly of the 141st Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. The 141st will be commanded by Sgt. Maj. Merton Pero until an election can be conducted.

**SVR IS HOST TO SUV**

May 3, 1980 was a good day for the SVR/SUV. Hosted by the 1st New York Brigade and the Empire Brigade, a celebration of the original Memorial Day in Waterloo, N.Y. took place. It is the hope of the two S.V.R. Brigades that Waterloo, New York's distinction of being the Birthplace of Memorial Day will be an annual SUV event hosted by the SVR. Present this year was Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman, National Patriotic Instructor Donald Roberts, New York Department Commander Harold Goodman, and six New York Department officers. LtCol. Richard Cuyler, commander of the 2nd Military District, SVR, was the ranking SVR officer present. Some of the day's activities were a parade, memorial services, and a blue/gray hall.

**BACK IN UNIFORM**

On June 26, 1980, Major Harold Goodman will have completed his year as New York Department Commander. SUV, and will resume command of the Empire Brigade, SVR. 2Lt. Phillip Rogers, who commanded the Brigade while Brother Goodman was on a leave of absence, did a tremendous job.

**SVR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 4th weekend The 10th Annual SVR Encampment at Port Huron, Michigan, Contact General Shriver.
- July 19th weekend Elmira, N.Y. Civil War weekend w/battle. Write Curt Loomis, RD 2, Candor, N.Y. 13743.
- Aug. 9th Civil War Black Powder shooting competition. Write LaVerne Weeks, PO Box 503, Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148.
- Aug. 16th weekend Port Crane, N.Y. Battle. Write Clarence Walker, RD 1, Austin, Pa. 16720.
- Aug. 23rd weekend Emporium, Pa. Battle. Write Clarence Walker, RD 1, Austin, Pa. 16720.

Send your SVR news to George Shadman, SVR NEWS, 29 Carlton Road, Waterloo, New York 13165.

**SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**  
**GENERAL ORDER NO. 4**

15 June 1980

All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and their Ladies are urged to attend the Blue and Gray Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, 16 August 1980, at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Full Class A Uniform Dress with Medals is appropriate. R.S.V.P. prior to 9 August 1980 is required. Reservations to include remittance in full and the names of all persons included in the reservation. Please respond to:

Frank M. Heacock, Sr.  
 421 South Sycamore Street  
 Wilmington, DE 19805

You are urged to join us in honoring jointly the Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Dinner at 7:00 P.M. will be \$13.50 per person. Cocktails at 6 P.M. will be a Cash Bar.

By Order of  
 The Commanding Officer  
 Chester S. Shriver, Brig. General  
 Commanding

### AUXILIARY HONOR ROLL FUND GROWS

The following contributions to the Honor Roll Fund of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

From Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Carvalho, San Leandro, CA In Memory of their Daughter, Katie Scarlett Carvalho \$10.00  
 From Dorris W. Schlenker, Rockville, Maryland In Memory of Alice B. Lucas, PDP, Maryland Dept. \$ 5.00  
 From Ada B. Grove, Hagerstown, Maryland In Memory of Phoebe A. Grove, Maryland Dept. \$10.00  
 From Frances I. Thomas, San Juan Bautista, Calif. In Memory of Nathaniel Trask, Co. D., 21st Regt., OVI \$10.00  
 From Frances I. Thomas, San Juan Bautista, Calif. In Memory of James Retire Trask, Co. D., 21st Regt., OVI \$10.00  
 From Frances I. Thomas, San Juan Bautista, Calif. In Memory of William L. Trask, Co. D., 21st Regt., OVI \$10.00

Anyone desirous of having more information on the Life Membership Program of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or on our Honor Roll Program, should contact the National Treasurer:

Miss M. Helen Loll  
 3601 N. Fifth Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85013

### AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE CONTINUES TO INCREASE STEADILY

Since the April 1980 issue of THE BANNER another interested person has joined our ranks as a National Member-at-Large of the Auxiliary. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Joan B. Cook of Jacksonville, Arkansas as the newest National Member-at-Large of our organization.

People interested in learning more about our National Membership-at-Large Program are invited to contact:

Mrs. Marion E. Combs, P.N.P.  
 P.O. Box 6193  
 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Past National President Combs is the coordinator of our Membership-at-Large Program. Membership requirements are the same as for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with the exception that the wife of a member of the Sons may join our Auxiliary even though she might not be a lineal descendent of a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

### MESSAGE FROM AUXILIARY NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

As the end of our program year approaches, I wish to thank all for the personal support given to the Patriotic Instructors fund. Department and Auxiliary contributions are now coming in. Many offers of prizes for our raffle at the National Encampment have been made. Sale of chances is progressing nicely and a good supply is still on hand for those who would like to participate. I will be happy to send them. I will, of course, be available at Richmond for further contributions.

Dorris W. Schlenker NPI  
 4112 Heathfield Road  
 Rockville, Md. 20853

### ENDORSEMENT

The Massachusetts Department, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, proudly endorses the candidacy of P.D.P. Leila Turner for the office of National President, Auxiliary to SUVCW.

### THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

*Registration for Selective Service* — As this column is written, the Senate passed legislation recommended by President Carter that authorizes the transfer of funds to reinstitute registration of all 19- and 20-year-old men as a first step should subsequent events call for the resumption of the draft itself. The legislation was approved by the House in April and had undergone some severe tests in the Senate by opponents of both registration and a peacetime draft. At this point, the President has indicated that he has no plan to resume the draft which was ended in 1975.

*Design of Wisconsin's Flag* — In early May, Gov. Lee Sherman Dreyfus signed a bill to add the word "Wisconsin" and the date of statehood, 1848, to the Wisconsin State flag. The banner, which features the State's coat of arms on a dark blue field, is often confused with flags of similar design, particularly that of New York State. Sponsors of the measure argued that the additions to the flag would make it easier to identify, especially when the flags of the various states are grouped together.

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*American Family Day* — The Michigan House of Representatives recently passed a measure that would declare the first Sunday in August as "American Family Day" in the Wolverine State. The bill must be approved by the Senate before it can become law.

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*Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.* — On May 2, a House subcommittee held a hearing on a proposal to designate the burial place of Martin Luther King, Jr., as a National Historic Site. Located in Atlanta, Ga., the site is near the 94-year-old Ebenezer Baptist Church where King and his father and grandfather before him served as the pastor.

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*Panama and the Canal Pacts* — Panamanian President Aristides Royo has protested to President Carter that the legislation passed last fall to implement the Canal treaties is not acceptable for several reasons. Particularly bitter objections were raised to the provisions that would make the Panama Canal Commission responsible to the U.S. Congress for its money and which would place its board of directors, consisting of five Americans and four Panamanians, under the direction of the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Congressional critics of the Treaties, ratified in 1978, inserted several stipulations in the legislation that was finally approved to put the historic accords into effect.

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*Congressional Staff Growth* — The combined staffs of the Senate and House of Representatives in 1968 totalled 11,700 employees. In 1979, this figure had grown to 18,400. The payroll in 1968 amounted to \$150 million; in 1979 the combined payroll was \$550 million.

Respectfully submitted,  
 THOMAS L.W. JOHNSON,  
 Chairman

### CIVIL WAR GROUP PROVIDES FUNDS FOR PROJECTS

The G.A.R. Memorial Association of Dane County, Wisconsin recently voted to assist the Wisconsin State Historical Society by agreeing to underwrite the publication of a monograph on the history of Camp Randall during the Civil War. Originally submitted as a master's thesis to the History Department of the University of Wisconsin—Madison, the study traces the development of one of the principal locations used for mustering in recruits that filled the ranks of Wisconsin regiments. A portion of Camp Randall has been preserved as a memorial park and is located adjacent to the UW—Madison campus. It is hoped that the publication will be widely distributed in libraries and schools throughout the State.

In another action the G.A.R. Memorial Association voted to assist the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs by providing a grant of money to the Wisconsin Humanities Council to be used by Dr. Richard H. Zeitlin, curator of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the Capitol, in preparing a pamphlet which will describe the Hall and some of the artifacts on display and available for study there. Recently, the papers and memorabilia of the late August G. Weissert, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, were given to the State for deposit and display at the Hall. The Association has agreed to provide some money for the preparation of some promotional posters for distribution to libraries and schools in the State.

Richard A. Smith of Madison currently serves as president of the Association and Ellinore K. Johnson is chairman of its Board of Trustees. Thomas L.W. Johnson chaired a committee that recommended that financial support be provided for the projects described.

### MIDWEST MUSEUM SEEKS CIVIL WAR ARTIFACTS

The Caroline Martin-Mitchell Museum is located in Naperville, Illinois, approximately thirty miles west of Chicago's Loop area. This area of central DuPage County was once fertile farm country, but the suburbs of Chicago have grown westward until today Naperville is one of hundreds of suburban communities that surround that great city. The City of Naperville, however, is neither new nor without history. Founded in the early 1830's, Naperville has had a long and rich history which included sending her sons to fight in Union Blue during the American Civil War.

Today one of Naperville's centers of history is Naper Settlement, a very large area set aside to preserve the history of this area. There are currently eleven historic buildings, most relocated to the site. Included are a church formerly located in downtown Naperville, several smaller buildings and a large Victorian mansion which was originally constructed at this site. This mansion, the Caroline Martin-Mitchell Museum, contains a Civil War room which is very popular during the regular guided tours of the facility. Here tour guides display Civil War memorabilia, not only in formal display cases but also in a reconstructed typical campsite from the Civil War era.

The Museum has recently encountered a new problem, however. The articles on display in the Civil War Room were loaned and now the original owners are reclaiming them. Unless permanent donors can be found to help fill this room with uniforms, small articles of military memorabilia and other Civil War era artifacts, it may become necessary to close the Civil War display permanently. It would be unfortunate, indeed, for a major historic site which enjoys a very wide and richly deserved reputation throughout the upper Midwest area to be forced to close its Civil War Room to the public.

What the Caroline Martin-Mitchell Museum is seeking are permanent donations of Civil War memorabilia which it can display in the Civil War Room of the Museum. Donors will be formally acknowledged by The City of Naperville, which owns and operates Naper Settlement, and appropriate cards will be displayed indicating the name of the donor as well as the history of the item, if known. Persons who may have items available for permanent donation should contact Mrs. Helen Fraser, Curator, c/o Martin-Mitchell Museum, 201 W. Porter, Naperville, IL 60540.

Your editor is pleased to announce that he will make available, as a permanent donation, certain Civil War artifacts from his personal collection to assure that this important and widely recognized historic museum does not close its Civil War display room.

### BOOK REVIEW THE LAST CAVALIERS By SAMUEL CARTER III

THE LAST CAVALIERS is as sweeping and action-packed as any epic novel. Samuel Carter III, a recognized Civil War authority, demonstrates the sure hand of a master storyteller in this, the first full-length history of the dashing, valiant, and often marvelously eccentric cavalry leaders and their men. The American Civil War was a bloody and brutal affair, there was very little glamour in the conflict that tore a nation apart and cost hundreds of thousands of lives. Nevertheless, what romance and glamour there was can be justifiably associated with the Civil War cavalry on both sides. The careers of J.E.B. Stuart, Nathan Bedford Forest, George Armstrong Custer, John Hunt Morgan, Turner Ashby, Phil Sheridan, and John Singleton Mosby are among those examined, along with a vivid retelling of the major regular and irregular cavalry engagements of the entire war. THE LAST CAVALIERS is that rarest of books: an accurate and reliable history written with the grace and fluidity of a splendid work of fiction. It should appeal not only to Civil War buffs but also to everyone who enjoys an exciting story of men in war.

Published by St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010, this new Civil War novel is presently available thru most Bookstores.

### ENDORSEMENT

Your attention is called to the Endorsement which appeared on Page 7 of the July 1979 issue of THE BANNER. On April 6-7, 1979, the New Hampshire Department, in its Annual Encampment, endorsed the candidacy of Brother Richard E. Wyman for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1980-1981.

### 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 Norman and Fred H. Combs, Jr., Trenton, NJ In Memory of PDC Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey Department, SUVCW \$25.00  
 From William H. McIntire, Cranston, RI In Memory of John McIntire, I Company, 5th Mass. \$10.00  
 From Ada Gladys Grove, Hagerstown, Md. In Memory of Jacob Henry Cover, Co. D, 6th Md Regt. \$25.00  
 From Robert Myer, Marietta, Ga. In Memory of Pvt. Paul Glor, Co. M, 9th NY Hvy Arty \$10.00  
 From Jerome F. Driscoll, Berea, Ohio In Memory of Michael O. Driscoll, Co. C, 27th NY Inf Reg. \$10.00  
 From Harry E. Stearns, Saybrook, Conn. In Memory of Solomon Henry Woods, 1st Sgt., Co. G, 27th Conn. Vol. Inf. \$10.00  
 Anonymous Donor In Memory of Sidney Butler Foote, Co. F, 195th Ohio Inf. and Co. C, 87th Ohio Inf. \$20.00  
 From Basil McKenzie, Breckenridge, Mich. In Memory of Pvt. David Somerville, Co. C, 82nd Pa Vol Inf. \$15.00  
 From the Past Department Commanders Association of New Hampshire In Memory of P.D.C. Alfred J. Clark New Hampshire Department, SUVCW \$10.00

### ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND CAMP SECRETARIES

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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.

## COME JOIN WITH US WHAT DO WE DO?

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in close and constant cooperation with their enthusiastic Auxiliary, carry out the purposes of their Order: 1. Participate with other patriotic Organizations in the proper observance of National Holidays, and especially of Memorial Day; 2. Through their Grave Registration Committee seek out and mark the graves of Civil War Veterans; 3. Through their Departments and Local Camps observe the care and upkeep of Civil War Memorials and bring any failure to do so to the attention of the proper authorities; 4. With the assistance of the Committee on Americanism, and their publication, THE BANNER, keep themselves informed of activities and measures that violate or may weaken the spirit and purposes of our Constitution and Institutions; 5. Similarly, follow the trend of our foreign relations and assist as citizens properly can in a better public understanding of any dangers to our country; and finally, 6. Encourage in every way possible the proper teaching of American History in our schools, and the cult of patriotism in the young people, so as to keep America American.

## ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

In addition, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have provided for Associate Membership for interested individuals who are ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Such Associates enjoy full rights of membership except that they are ineligible for the office of National Commander-in-Chief. Memberships-at-Large are available for individuals who reside in areas where no Camp or Department of the SUVCW is available. For information contact:

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## 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 1980 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. 116 Frank W. Squire, Sr. ....	\$150.00
No. 117 Daniel P. George .....	\$150.00
No. 118 Wyndham Llewellyn Philbrick ..	\$100.00

## OUR APOLOGIES

In the April 1980, issue of THE BANNER we listed new Life Member No. 115, Brother Felix N. Weldon. We sincerely apologize to Brother Weldon for the inadvertent misspelling of his first name.

## ENDORSEMENT

The Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has endorsed Brother Richard O. Partington for a Member of the Council of Administration.

## ON THE SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP

As our Brothers, the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, read this issue of THE BANNER (and I trust that you all will do so), you cannot help but realize that you are the key to our future membership. You are the one person who can effectively hope to obtain one new member for your Camp and Department. Just think what it would mean to our sacred organization if each of you obtained just one new member. In these troubled times we see a new Patriotism beginning to show all over the United States. We should let our proud flag fly high and we should seek out those persons whose forebears fought for this nation and who are truly interested in the title Patriot. I have received many letters from persons who did not know about our Allied Orders or about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These are prospective members to whom I have sent applications and literature. What it means is follow-up on your part, the prospective new member must be told what we are and why we may represent the values he seeks.

The appeals made by Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch have helped us to enroll new members. Remember, any Brother who enrolls three new members will be appointed a National Aide and any Brother who enrolls five new members will receive a Certificate of Merit from our National Organization.

Congratulations to the New York Department on the installation of two new Camps. A very few members have once again proven that it CAN be done.

Please remember to send your reports of new members to Commander-in-Chief Koch. All Department Jr.-Vice Commanders are reminded to send their annual membership reports to me as quickly as possible. I have received only two Department reports at this writing, but as our fiscal year closes, I anticipate many more. Please remember I need these reports in time to prepare my consolidated report to the National Encampment in August.

KEEP A PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET AND AN APPLICATION in your pocket. You never know when a casual acquaintance or a total stranger will turn into a potential applicant. It would be tragic to lose even one interested person because YOU were ill-prepared for his unexpected expression of interest.

Let's have a big attendance at Richmond.

Harry E. Gibbons  
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief



## Department News



## CONNECTICUT

The 64th Annual Department Encampment of the Auxiliary in Connecticut was held in East Hartford on May 3-4, 1980. Our newly elected Department Heads are: Sister Mary Schofield, President; and Sister Emma Prince, Vice-President. Both are members of Auxiliary #20 of East Hampton. Our Department Secretary and National Chaplain, Minnie Burkardt, was elected to her 26th consecutive year as Department Secretary. Our Department Treasurer, PDP Eva Laubach, has retired and PDP Mary Buchanan has been elected Department Treasurer.

We were honored to entertain Commander-in-Chief Koch and National President Hawley. In addition three Past National Presidents, Sister Wheeler, Sister Combs and Sister Maderios, as well as Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler also honored us with their presence. Several other guests from the Department and from our sister Departments were welcomed. We were honored to have Major Kandarian, Commander of the 1st Company, Governor's House Guard, as our guest speaker.

Brother George Schmidt, P.D.C., was re-elected to another term as Department Commander. We extend to Commander Schmidt and President Schofield our best wishes and fraternal loyalty in the year to come.

## COLORADO & WYOMING

The gravesite of a Civil War veteran was located in an open field approximately 25 miles from Lamar, Colorado. The site was marked with a stone for his wife. PDC Charles E. Sharrock was able to obtain a proper military marker for the grave of the veteran and restore the existing tombstone, leaving a fitting memorial to a veteran who fought to save a country and worked to settle its frontiers, and then with his wife found his rest in an isolated spot on its high plains.

## ILLINOIS

We were honored to have PNP Florence H. Forbey accept a sixth term as our Department President. To her and her staff we pledge our loyalty and support. Our Department Encampment this year was the occasion for a presentation of a \$50.00 check to the Mary Brant Home for the Blind in Springfield. We urge all our Brothers and Sisters to remember the October meeting of the Central Region Conference in Lafayette, Indiana and the mid-term meeting on November 8, 1980 at the Ramada Inn in Ottawa.

## MAINE

P.D.P. JOINS US MARINES . . . Sister Belinda Burgess is a Past Department President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Department of Maine. She is also a Past Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans. She is also a Marine Recruit! Pvt. (Sister) Burgess has recently reported to Camp LeJeune, South Carolina, for training. In an open house reception, sixty-six guests met at Memorial Hall in Oakland to give Miss Burgess a patriotic send-off.

A called meeting and banquet honored our Commander-in-Chief, Elton P. Koch, and our National President, Nellie Hawley, on May 5, 1980. An outstanding meeting, marked by fraternal companionship and harmony, was enjoyed by all. We were particularly happy to enjoy, among a great deal of outstanding entertainment, violin selections by 95-year-old Walter Noble who was accompanied by his daughter, Evelyn Bragg. Brother Noble, a member of J. Wesley Gilman Camp in Oakland, also gave a brief history of the instrument on which he played. The violin had belonged to his grandfather, who fought in the Civil War, and has remained in his family ever since.

## MARYLAND

The annual department encampment was held May 24 at New Castle, Del.

Resolutions adopted and forwarded for action at the National Encampment concerned a national repository for old records and memorabilia; specifications for department and camp flags; and re-supply of lapel rosettes.

C-in-C Koch and N.P. Hawley attended the encampment and the outstanding banquet. Also attending were many of our supportive friends from the Pa. and N.J. Departments.

In Wilmington, Sons and Aux. members gave leadership in organizing the annual Memorial Day parade on Friday, May 30. In D.C., Lincoln-Cushing camp and MOLLUS again held the annual May 30 Memorial Service for all local hereditary and patriotic societies at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Chapel. A dinner followed at Blair Mansion Inn.

Word from Baltimore is that a new camp is about to come into being. Some of the key organizers there attended Grand Army Day services at Hull Memorial (GAR) Church at Lansdowne and Memorial Day observance at Loudon Park National Cemetery.

Our delegation of Sons living in Virginia Beach, Va., participated in Memorial Day ceremonies there.

We hope to be able to welcome many Brothers and Sisters from across the nation to our department area at the National Encampment in August at Richmond, Va.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp member Charles Bauer's most recent book, "The Odd Couple Who Hanged Mary Surratt," is just off the press. Two previous works were "So I Shot Lincoln," a first person treatise on J.W. Booth, and "The Lincoln-Douglas Traingle," which explores the romance of Mary Lincoln and Douglas. Come to Richmond and meet the author.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Memorial Day was well observed by several Camps, including Lowell Camp #9 and Bowditch Camp #30. PDC Wm. Cohen of Camp #30 was invited by the Dorchester Allied Veterans Council

to place a wreath on behalf of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. during Memorial Services at the GAR Memorial, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 24, 1980. Memorial services were held opposite this GAR Memorial at the First Parish Church. Services were conducted by Rev. James E. Allen who was assisted by Rev. Thomas G. Jones and Rev. Fr. Flynn. Rev. Jones is a member of the SUVCW and is pastor of the Second Parish Church in Dorchester. Fr. Flynn is from St. Peter's Catholic Church in Dorchester. Other Memorial Day activities included those at Codman Cemetery (also conducted by Rev. Jones) and Cedar Grove Cemetery where the combined Veterans Group conducted services. Camp #9 held their services at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Mattapona on Sunday, May 25, 1980.

The 89th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary was held at Fairfield Inn in Chicopee. We were honored to entertain many National guests and visitors from sister Departments and to enjoy an outstanding Encampment. The Allied Orders of the G.A.R. held their election of Officers on June 11, 1980 in the Grand Army Memorial Room at the State House in Boston.

A reception for Department President Gertrude Nobart has been scheduled for September 14, 1980, from 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. at the American Legion Headquarters in Brockton.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Following a productive and harmonious Encampment in Concord, we extend our sincerest best wishes to Department Commander Paul Wheeler and his staff for the coming year.

Spaulding Camp and Auxiliary are making plans to present an American Flag to the Tabernacle Christian School in Litchfield, sometime before Flag Day in June. The annual picnic of the Camp and Auxiliary will be held on July 12th at Mark Wheeler's in Harrisville.

Members of the E. Florence Barker Tent #3, Daughters of Union Veterans, in Concord, are planning the gift of an American Flag to the new summit building on top of Mt. Washington. Under the control of the State Parks Director, the new structure will house a U.S. Weather Observatory, a State Parks interpretive Center, a Museum, a Federal Post Office and a food and gift concession.

## NEW JERSEY

Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch and National President Hawley represented their respective National Organizations at the Department Encampment held in Avon, New Jersey, June 19-21. Sr. Vice Dept. Commander Charles Larkin presided over the Sons' business sessions and Department President Anne O. Clayton, P.N.P., conducted the meetings of the Auxiliary. At the annual dinner on Friday evening, they extended the greetings of their respective organizations. Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C.-in-C., Toastmaster, presented the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW annual Good Citizenship Award to Frank A.L. Daubert, P.D.C., of Gen. James A. Garfield Camp No. 4, in absentia. Brother Daubert has been ill for several weeks and was unable to attend the Encampment. Bro. Charles Larkin of Camp #4 and Sister Florence Spring of Auxiliary #2 were elected and installed as Department Commander and Department President for the ensuing year.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 will hold its fall dinner meeting in the Oak Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant, Hightstown, on Saturday, October 25, 1980 at 6:00 P.M. Miss Laura A. Grotzinger of the N.J. State Bureau of Archives and History will speak on the "Bucktails" — 42nd Penna. Vol. Inf.

## NEW YORK

Several dinners and receptions were held across the state in honor of Department Commander Harold Goodman and Department President Conchita Zdonick.

The Annual Service held at Grant's Tomb on April 27, 1980 was highlighted by the placing of wreaths by Department Commander Goodman and Department President Zdonick at the tombs of General Grant and Mrs. Julia Grant respectively. Many honored guests were present, including Commander-in-Chief Koch. D.G. Caywood Camp #146 provided their Camp Guard in full Civil War uniform and they were honored to participate both in the Grant's Tomb Ceremonies and in the morning services held by West Point Military Academy. The ceremony was followed by an outstanding dinner and reception at Roscoff's Restaurant.

The original Memorial Day celebration was held in Waterloo, N.Y., the "Birthplace of Memorial Day," on May 30, 1980. SUVCW members participated in the morning parade and in the

Blue-Gray Ball that followed that evening. These events were hosted by the New York Brigades of S.V.R. We were honored to have Richard L. Greenwalt, P.C. in C., as our guest on this day. Department President Conchita Zdonick participated in Memorial Day Services in Troy by placing a wreath at the Sailors and Soldiers of the Civil War Monument in a very impressive service. Across our state our Camps and Auxiliaries were busy most of the month of May in decoration of graves and in the conducting of numerous services.

SUVCW members from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio attended the annual Blue-Gray Ball hosted by Colonel Don Stumbo, C.S.A., at Honeoye, New York, on April 12, 1980.

Members of D.G. Caywood Camp #146 and C.O. McCann Camp #199 took part in the District Boy Scout Show at Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, N.Y. The Camps displayed nine original Civil War flags and an original Napoleon Cannon they have on loan from the New York State Military Museum.

We are saddened to report the death of Mary Snyder, age 110, the widow of Civil War Veteran Harvey Wilbur. Mrs. Snyder married the Civil War Veteran in 1888 when she was 18 years of age. After his death in 1911 she married one John Snyder who died in 1936. Mrs. Snyder had resided at the State Veterans Home in Oxford, N.Y. for the last ten years.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Several members of Ruhl Camp #33 in York who are also members of the Lancaster Fencibles participated in five Memorial Day parades and/or programs over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. These were: York Memorial Day Program; Wrightsville Parade and Program; Mountville Parade; Mount Joy Parade; and Columbia Parade.

Throughout our state graves were decorated and services were held as our Brothers and Sisters once again fulfilled that sacred trust and remembered. Monday, May 26, 1980, was the date of the 113th Annual Memorial Day Exercises at the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Camp No. 112 had three members on the Joint Memorial Day committee. P.C. in C. Chester S. Shriver was Chief Marshal of the parade. P.C. in C. John H. Stark was Commander in the National Cemetery Ritual during the program and Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch placed the wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.

## WISCONSIN NEWS

At the Department Encampment held on June 7 in Milwaukee, Grover R. Huff of Oconomowoc was reelected as Dept. Commander, and Evelyn Jung of Plymouth was elected as Dept. President to succeed Rhoda Lemanski. Resolutions approved urged the return of Memorial Day to May 30, criticized the examples of "modern art" erected at Grant's Tomb, and commended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the increased level of maintenance provided for Camp Randall Memorial Park. Fr. Charles C. Lynch, Jr., rector of St. James Episcopal Church of Milwaukee and a member of Camp #2, spoke at the banquet on Saturday evening on the topics, "Nashotah House and the Civil War." His talk provided some interesting insights into life on the home front during the War. We were very pleased to have National President Nellie H. Hawley in attendance. Entertainment at the banquet included a Civil War band concert and a dramatization of the life of Sen. Robert M. La Follette, Sr.

Each of the Camps was active in marking Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies. Ammi Hawks Camp #3 and Auxiliary #5 held their customary service at the Town of Summit Cemetery near Oconomowoc on the traditional Memorial Day, May 30. C.K. Pier-Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 held services at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee on May 26, where Major Burton E. Kannenberg, PDC, was the speaker. Henry Harnden Camp #2 and Auxiliary #2 held services at Union Rest in Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison, and later participated in the civic observance at the Dane County Veterans Memorial Coliseum where Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, laid a wreath in honor of the Civil War.

On May 18, Commander Huff spoke on the history of Cushing Memorial Park during ceremonies at Delafield in which the Park was deeded over to the City of Delafield by the State of Wisconsin.

On April 15, Commander Huff and President Lemanski offered wreaths at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill., in the name of the Department. Helen Huff, as president of Auxiliary #5, presented a wreath for the Auxiliary and Camp #3, Oconomowoc.

Congratulations are in order to Thomas L.W. Johnson, PDC, for being awarded a Certificate of Merit by the National Organization for his long-time work as National Chairman of the Committee on Legislation. The award was presented for Commander-in-Chief Elton Koch at the Department Encampment by Commander Huff.

## CURTIS WARNER CAMP NO. 64

The Camp has elected Brother Glen L. Whitaker, 253 East Bridlespur Drive, Kansas City, MO 64114 as Secretary and Treasurer. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held semi-annually on Memorial Day and in October on Battle of Westport Day. We are pleased to report our membership has risen to twenty-eight and we look forward to renewed activity in our Order.

Brother Jack C. Grothe, past Camp Commander, has been traveling to the St. Louis area in his authentic Civil War uniform where he visits many schools in his capacity as a Park Ranger. By dressing as "Billy Yank," Brother Grothe is able to make Civil War history and tradition come alive, with particular emphasis on Jefferson Barracks (formerly located in the area) and in St. Louis' role in that conflict. More than 50 schools have signed up for the talks, which are part of the park service's outreach program, giving Brother Grothe ample opportunity to carry his message to the young.



## FT. CHICKAMAUGA CAMP NO. 21

The Camp took part in Memorial Day exercises in three cemeteries in the Tecumseh, Nebraska, area. Pictured above, from left to right, are Captain Robert L. McCandless, 2nd Lt. Roy Kappel and Sgt. Rex Kappel at the Grandview Cemetery services which also honored recently deceased Camp Member, Brother George E. Mason. Captain McCandless is Deputy Commander of the 5th Military District, SVR, and is Commander of the 2nd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cav (MTD) SVR. Lt. Kappel and Sgt. Kappel are both with E Troop.

Two members of the Camp and of the 2nd Squadron, Captain McCandless and Sgt. Sanders McCandless, took part in the story done at Fort Chickamauga by GEO magazine. GEO is a professional magazine for photographers. The pictures for the magazine article were taken over a period of routine activity at the Fort and included shots of maintenance of uniforms, equipment, etc. and of mounted saber runs, pistol runs and similar training. We shot pictures of a night out at the Finn and Feather and even had a military wedding to be included in the shots. The magazine sells for \$4.00 a copy, but well worth it for the Civil War buff interested in obtaining copies of this pictorial article.

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