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Will We Rise Again!!!

100 Years certainly have not deadened the spirits of the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Each one of the sons holding membership will indeed be asked to pledge their support to rise the membership of the organization in honor of the celebration of 100 years. This 100th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will open Sunday, August 9, 1981 at the City-Line Holiday Inn. The Campfire and Centennial entertainment will serve as the kick-off for this noted event.

The Sons organization was first organized in Philadelphia, September 29, 1971 when Anna K. Ross Post No. 94, Grand Army of the Republic, organized a "Cadet Corps" which eventually became Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1. That camp exists today.

Wide spread publicity is being sent all over the country through radio, television and newspapers asking each one to remember this organization in their daily news. It is being told that this organization is

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**General Orders No. 4
Series 1980-81
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**

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1. The 100th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 9-13, 1981 at the City Line Holiday Inn, City Avenue and Monument Road. Cards for hotel reservations are available from secretaries and should be mailed directly to the hotel, stating your organization and time of arrival and departure. A written confirmation of reservations should be requested. Rates are quoted as follows:

Single room	\$38.00
Double room	\$38.00
3 or 4 in a room	\$ 4.00 each person each night
Additional cots	\$ 8.00 per night

2. The following Brothers are appointed to serve on the Credential Committee:

- William W. Vanderhoof, New Jersey, Chairman
- Robert McCandless, Nebraska
- Leonard A. Wyman, New Hampshire
- Robert M. Graham, Illinois
- Floyd R. Blodgett, Vermont

All other appointments and committees will be announced at the opening session of the Encampment.

3. All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves attending the National Encampment are requested to bring their uniform.

4. Committee Chairmen are requested to have their reports prepared and ready to read at the first session of the Encampment. All Officers' reports should be typed on 8x11 paper. Any Chairman or Officer unable to attend the Encampment should send his report to National Secretary-Treasurer, Chester S. Shriver.

5. As my term as Commander-in-Chief comes to a close I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each Department that I have been able to visit. I have been graciously received and extended many kindnesses and courtesies which have pleased and gratified me. To all that I have come in contact with I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are indeed nice people and my term has been made memorable by your generous and sincere acts.

6. To all Brothers who have secured new members or have been instrumental in organizing new camps I offer sincere and heartfelt thanks. Six new camps have been added to our organization, and as Commander-in-Chief, I am indeed proud and happy. Since my last General Orders I have issued Certificates of Merit to Harold Goodman of New York and Charles Nelson of New Jersey. As National Aides I have appointed James D. Woods II of Missouri, Ry Kappel of Nebraska, Christopher Sullivan of New Jersey, Charles Frazer of New Jersey, Charles Polhemus Jr. of New Jersey, Steve Gimber of New Jersey, and William J. Little of Pennsylvania. We extend sincere thanks to these Brothers for their efforts. They are indeed keeping alive the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic.

7. Please remember to send your contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor, James G.D. Marley who has been working diligently in reaching his goal. The funds are used for patriotic endeavors of our

National Organization. The Council of Administration set his goal at \$2,000.00.

8. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Harry E. Gibbons is busy collecting funds for the Centennial Fund. This is the last year that these monies will be collected and I'm sure Brother Gibbons will welcome your help in collecting substantial funds for making possible special events in this our Centennial Year.

9. I wish to express my love and appreciation to Lelia M. Turner, National President of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary; Eleanor Lowe, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Carolyn Rockwell, National President, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; and Marguerite Lewis, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It has been a joy to serve with the four of you and each meeting has been one of happy reunion. May each of you have encampments that are worthwhile, pleasant, and constructive. May God grant each of you many more years of service to the Allied Family and may good health and happiness brighten the future years.

10. To my officers and staff it has been a year of gracious cooperation and continued harmony. Great gains have been made and goals attained. Thank you for making these things possible. To all who have represented me on occasions I offer my sincere thanks. Memories of this year and events will embellish the future.

11. I cannot put into words the joy I have experienced serving as Commander-in-Chief of this wonderful organization. No matter how beautiful the scenery, how precious the memories, how worthwhile the time spent; it is the people that one meets that makes this opportunity a rare and treasured experience. Wherever I have traveled I have known only kindness, courtesy, and friendship which is sponsored by a loving and caring membership. You, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary are the personification of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty upon which our organization is founded. I offer my most sincere thanks and appreciation tempered with genuine love and affection to the hundreds of members who have played a part in making this Centennial Year an overwhelming episode in my service to this organization. It was a joy to serve and to all who made this possible for me I say thank you sincerely. May God continue to bless our fraternity with such faithful members as we now enjoy.

12. To those who have been ill or injured, we hope that recovery will soon come to you and that again you will be with us and know the joy of good fellowship. To those who have lost loved ones, we pray that consolation and strength are granted to you from God above and may His heavenly blessing:

Fill you with
Love that knows no barrier;
Courage that cannot be shaken;
Faith strong enough for the darkness;
Strength sufficient for your tasks;
Loyalty to Thy Kingdom's goal;
Wisdom to meet life's complexities;
And power to lift men until Thee.

13. As I have gone about my duties this year I have tried sincerely to:

Remember every kindness done
to me, whate'er its measure;
Remember praise by others won,
And pass it on with pleasure;
Remember every promise made,
And keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid,
And be a grateful debtor.

14. As I close these last General Orders may I ask each of you to remember that the man who discovered for us the law of love was a greater scientist than all others who discovered great forces.

Richard E. Wyman,
Commander-in-Chief

Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This will be the last appeal to all members of our Beloved Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in our support to the 100th Encampment CENTENNIAL CLUB FUND to defray some of the expense to make this National Encampment of 100 Years the best in the past Century!

Will you help this Celebration in your Organization by sending a donation however small or large, to this CENTENNIAL CLUB of 100 years of existence. You will receive the Official 100 Years CENTENNIAL CLUB RECEIPT CARD * 1881 to 1981 for your remembrance in this Encampment from me by return mail.

(PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO — CHESTER S. SHRIVER-NAT'L. SEC Y-TREAS. but MAIL TO Harry E. Gibbons, Sr. C-in-C 554 LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14215).

Every member should have these FOUR-Ds-1. DESIRE to HELP - 2. DEVOTION TO OUR BELOVED ORGANIZATION - 3. DETERMINATION TO CARRY ON THE REMEMBRANCE OF OUR GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC - 4. DEDICATION TO OUR BELOVED ORGANIZATION!

With these thoughts and incentives to help and carry out our desires for this Encampment and success of all of the Meetings and Membership in the Future for many years more to come, I thank all who have helped on the 100th Anniversary appeal.

Sincerely, in F.C. and L.
Harry E. Gibbons, Sr. Vice C-in-C

Report of the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

In this final report of the current program year I would like to thank all who have participated in the attempt to create an exchange of ideas about membership concerns.

Thirteen Department Secretaries responded with rosters of 84 Camps enabling contact to be made with those responsible for membership.

Response from Camps shows our members to be imaginative and resourceful in presenting programs aimed at increasing our number.

Especially gratifying was the evident hours of effort which went into organizing the new Provisional Camps allowed since our last National Encampment.

Recent news that patriotism is now becoming fashionable again should serve our organization well in days to come provided we spread the word that SUVCW is alive and well. With that goal in mind it is hoped that all Brothers will become serious recruiters and Camp programs become evident in community life.

Richard C. Schlenker
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We Will Rise Again Continued

dedicated to perpetuating the memory of the Union soldier and sailor who fought in the civil-war from 1861-1865 to preserve the unity of the nation. We promote a spirit of patriotism, and loyalty to our country and encourage all to properly observe our National holidays, especially Memorial Day.

The majority of the members can trace their lineage to those who fought for the Union cause. Any person needing help securing their lineage can always find help within the ranks of our order. The membership is always open and formal initiation is one of the most beautiful in this country. Some of the eldest members can still give their charges for memory and it is truly something to hear and be proud.

Note From the Editor:

The deadline for articles published in the Banner is the 15th of the following months March; June; September; and December. Articles received after that date are held over to the following publication. In order to maintain a schedule it is necessary for this schedule to be followed. The materials received for the Banner are compiled the evening of the 15th and taken to the printer the morning of the 16th. PLEASE follow this schedule for your mailings. Please try to limit materials to one type written page so that there will be sufficient space for all. This naturally does not apply to General Orders from the Commander-in-Chief or the National Secretaries articles. Thank you.

Tentative Program 100th National Encampment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1981

11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	Ballroom
1:00 P.M.	Registration	
1:00 P.M.	Department Commanders meet with National Chaplains	Ballroom
1:30 P.M.	Council of Administration Meeting	
3:00 P.M.	Joint Memorial Service	Ballroom
4:00 P.M.	National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief meet with Chief of Staff	
7:00 P.M.	Concert	Ballroom
7:30 P.M.	Campfire	Ballroom
8:30 P.M.	Sons 100th Birthday Party	Ballroom

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1981

9:00 A.M.	Registration
9:30 A.M.	Joint Opening Regency "A"
10:30 A.M.	Opening Sessions Regency "B"
11:45 A.M.	Recess
1:00 P.M.	Business Session Regency "B"
3:50 P.M.	Greetings Committee to Auxiliary with C. in C. Regency "A"
4:00 P.M.	Recess Banquet-Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents.
8:00 P.M.	Exemplification of the Ritual
9:00 P.M.	Join Courtesy Hur

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1981

7:00 A.M.	Sons of Veterans Reserves Breakfast
9:00 A.M.	Business Session Regency "B"
11:45 A.M.	Recess
1:00 P.M.	Business Session Regency "B"
3:45 P.M.	Recess
4:00 P.M.	Greetings to Ladies of the G. A. R. Regency "D"
6:00 P.M.	Banquet Honoring National Officers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1981

9:00 A.M.	Business Session Regency "B" election and installation
2:00 P.M.	Council of Administration Meeting
8:00 P.M.	Entertainment

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1981

Tour of historic Philadelphia
Program subject to change

Report of The National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers:

The summer is now upon us, and with summer comes the final days of our annual appeal on behalf of the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. To the many members, camps, departments and friends of our Order who have contributed over the last 10 months, my sincere thanks. As you know, your names and those of all contributors to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund will be read at our National Encampment and become a part of the permanent record of the National Organization.

Unfortunately, as of June 10, we are still quite a way from meeting our assigned quota of \$2,000.00 for 1981. Accordingly, I am making a special request to all members who have not yet sent in their donations: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund Appeal is NOT "just another fundraising project". Through the proceeds of this fund, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are better able to keep alive the memory of those brave men who struggled to preserve the Union in its hour of gravest peril. Two excellent examples of the civic-minded and patriotic work supported by this fund — and they are but two of many — are the Annual Scholarship Program for students in the field of American History at Gettysburg College, and the Annual Ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb.

The members of our Order take justifiable pride in the valiant efforts of our forebears to keep this "the land of the free" what better way to demonstrate that pride than by contributing — in memory of an ancestor or in your own name — to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund!

All contributions are tax-deductible, and your donation in any amount will be gratefully received. However, if you wish to have your donation permanently recorded in the proceedings of the 100th Annual Encampment, it must be received NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1981.

II. SUVCW CLUB TIES

In the January, 1981 issue of THE BANNER we announced that for the first time in many years, a club tie bearing the SUVCW emblem would be available nationally. Due to the financial considerations involved in placing an order for even a minimum number of ties, it was necessary to delay manufacturing and shipment until a certain number

of pre-paid orders had been received. Therefore, the shipment has arrived later than originally anticipated. To those who ordered early, our thanks for your interest and your patience.

The SUVCW CLUB TIES are available in two background colors, NAVY and RED. Made by one of the nation's finest manufacturers, these are ties you will be proud to wear or to give as holiday or birthday gifts.

Effective June 15, 1981, due to increased manufacturing costs and the new postal rates, the price of the ties is \$7.50 each, plus \$1.00 additional for postage and handling. REMEMBER, ALL PROCEEDS ON TIE SALES BENEFIT THE 1981 G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND. In order for your tie purchase to be credited to the 1981 Appeal and processed before the National Encampment, it must be received NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1981. Since this is our major fundraising project, your support will be greatly appreciated.

III. RECOGNITION OF CAMPS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE 1981 G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND APPEAL

During July Certificates of Merit will be sent to the Camps which have been notable in their support of the 1981 G.A.R. Memorial Fund Appeal, either through significant contributions as a Camp or in terms of the high percentage of Camp members who have contributed. (For further details, please consult the January 1981 issue of THE BANNER.)

A complete roster of all these Honor Camps will appear in the October issue of THE BANNER.

At this time, however, I wish particularly to recognize Ammi Hawks Camp 3 of the Department of Wisconsin, and their Commander, Bro. Darwin A. Price. As Camp Commander Bro. Price individually contacted his members and encouraged them to support the 1981 Appeal of the National Patriotic Instructor. As a result Camp 3 became the first unit to qualify for this recognition, fulfilling the eligibility requirements early in 1981. To Brother Price and to all Camp Commanders who have been so generous in promoting the patriotic work of our Order, my sincere thanks.

Lastly, I wish to remind all members who are planning to send donations or payments for the SUVCW ties to make checks or money orders payable to "NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, S.U.V.C.W." and to clearly state the purpose of the payment on the face of the check (e.g., "TIES", "G.A.R. FUND" All communications with the National Patriotic Instructor should be sent to:

James G.D. Marley
National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
141 Weld St.
West Roxbury, MA. 02132
(Tel: 617-325-7786)

Sincerely in F.C. & L.,
James G.D. Marley
National Patriotic Instructor

The Legislative Report

MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION TO MAY 30 — Sen. Jennings Randolph of W. Virginia has introduced S. 447 which would restore the observance of Memorial Day to May 30, as well as return Washington's Birthday and Columbus Day to their traditional calendar dates. A similar bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Nick Joe Rahall II, also of W. Virginia. The Senate bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee of which Sen. Strom Thurmond of S. Carolina is the chairman and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware is the ranking minority member. In the House, the Subcommittee on Census and Population of which Rep. Robert Garcia of New York is the chairman, is the panel that must give first consideration to proposals relating to holidays. Other members of that Subcommittee include Reps. Gus Yatron of Pa., Mickey Leland of Texas, Mary Rose Oskar of Ohio, and Peter A. Peyser of New York, all members of the majority party. Minority party members are Reps. James A. Couter of Calif., Daniel B. Crane of Ill., and Wayne Grisham of Calif.

OBSERVANCE OF LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY — Rep. Paul Findley of Ill., has introduced H.R. 78 which would designate the first Monday in February as a legal holiday in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

COMMEMORATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S 250th BIRTHDAY — On May 19, the House of Representatives approved on a voice vote H.R. 3133 which would authorize the minting of a 90%-silver commemorative half dollar in honor of the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington in 1982. The measure now goes to the Senate where approval is expected. The Treasury Department has generally resisted proposals to mint commemorative coins due to the expense involved. But U.S. Treasurer Angela Buchanan said a coin honoring George Washington warranted "an exception to our policy."

Respectfully submitted
THOMAS L.W. JOHNSON, Chairman

ENDORSEMENTS

The Maryland Department, SUVCW, at its 94th Annual encampment on May 2, 1981, endorsed and will place in nomination at the 100th National Encampment.

Brother Richard C. Schlenker
for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1981-1982.

ENDORSEMENTS

The Maryland-Delaware Department, Aux. to SUVCW, at its 87th Annual Encampment on May 2, 1981 endorsed and will nominate

Sister Dorris W. Schlenkar
for the office of National President 1982-83

SPONSORSHIP

The Past Presidents of the Connecticut Department voted at their meetings in Sept. 1980 to sponsor an endorsement for

Sister Ann Willeke
for the office of National President 1981-82



DEPARTMENT NEWS



Pennsylvania

Capt. Theodore Howell Camp No. 48, Northampton, Penna. observed the 100th Anniversary of the SUVCW on Saturday, April 11th with 22 of their 23 members present. The annual Ladies night dinner was held at Trainers' Restaurant in Leighton with 53 present. 100% of the Membership of Capt. Howell Camp has been members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for over a half Century with designation as M Company, 2nd Battalion, Keystone Brigade, NMD, SVR. Captain Clinton H. Simmons, Company Commander with over 50 years dual SUV/SVR membership, welcomed those attending and introduced the speaker of the evening, Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, The Commanding Officer, SVR.

Gettysburg Camp No. 112 headed the Gettysburg combined Veterans Council in planning and execution of the 114th Annual Memorial Day parade and Services in the Soldiers National Cemetery. One thousand public and Parochial school children joined Military, Veteran, Scouts and Civil War re-activated troops in the three Division Parade preceding the Services on Monday May 25th. Past Commanders-in-Chief General Chester S. Shriver, SVR, served as Parade Marshal and COL John H. Stark, SVR, Ret., placed the wreath for the National Organization, SUVCW as part of the Combined Veterans Ritual in the National Cemetery.

Capt. E.M. Ruhl Camp No. 33, York headed the Greater York, Pa. Community Memorial Day Services on Saturday, May 30th, conducted on the Veterans Memorial Field. Camp No. 33 is part of the York County Joint Veterans Council. Congressman William Goodling (R.Pa) offered greetings. Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver delivered the Address. SGT. Ivan E. Frantz, Jr., SVR, sounded Taps.

Gettysburg Camp No. 112, initiated six new members into the Camp on Friday, June 5th. The initiation was conducted by Camp Commander, Dr. Joseph H. Riley assisted by Sr. Camp Commander, William Little, Sr. All members of the 11th Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., they are listed as follows:

David Swisher Quay L. Cullison Harold L. Waddell
Donald W. Swisher Kenneth D. Pyles David M. Shindledecker

Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 along with their auxiliary held a most impressive memorial service at Independence Hall. The speaker used the same speech that was given by Lincoln when he visited Philadelphia and raised the flag at Independence Hall. Two TV stations covered this ceremony which was followed by a dinner at their regular meeting hall. A similar service was held following dinner in honor of the deceased members of their own camp and auxiliary.

Wisconsin

Memorial day was observed in the traditional manner throughout Wisconsin. At Madison, Tom and Ellinore Johnson represented the Sons and Auxiliary at services conducted at Union Rest and, for the first time, at Conferate Rest, both sites are a part on Forest Hill Cemetery. In downtown Milwaukee, Major Burton E. Kannenburg, was the principal speaker and also taking part at this service was PDP Louise Hernke. The Department Commander Gover Huff was the featured speaker at services conducted at the town of Summit Cemetery near Oconomowoc. This ceremony also featured the ritualistic flag burning. This department in the months of April and May presented its "U.S. Grant Award of Excellence" in the form of a bronze medallion to Army ROTC cadets from Marquette University, Milwaukee; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and St. John's Military Academy, Delafield.

Maryland Delaware

Department Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in Wilmington, Delaware on May 2-3 at which time C-in-C Richard Wyman

and Nat'l President Lelia Turner made their official visit. They were also pleased to have National Personal Aide, Arleene Iervolino and P.N.P. Minnie Maderios as guests. Department Commander Robert Townsend was re-elected and the Auxiliary chose as their president Ethel Hann of Hagerstown, Md. The traditional joint banquet was held at which Marion Townsend served as toastmaster. Many of the members have been traveling the last few weeks as visits were made to the Appomattox Day program in Reading, Penna on April 4th, and to the Jefferson Memorial services in Washington D.C. on April 13th; as well as the many Memorial Day services attended throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. Just before time of printing the editor was happy to receive notice that one of the newest camps (U.S.S. Minitor Camp No. 1) has been very active. It makes us most pleased to see that each one is doing his duty for our order.

Iowa

Department Encampment is being held on June 19 and 20th at which time several National officers are expected to be in attendance. While Elephant sales seem to be sweeping the state as several of the auxiliaries seem to have them on their agenda. These money making funds seem to be appearing in much of the department news. Keep up the good work sisters and brothers as this is the staff of life next in line to the membership itself.

Indiana

Sadness has entered the camps and auxiliaries of the Indiana Department with the death of Margaret Horn Beasey of Lafayette on March 25, 1981. She has served as National Vice President and was a member of Lela's Belles of the National Organization. She was one of three charter members of Auxiliary 35 and was still active until the time of her death. The sympathy of the department and the national organization is being sent to her family and friends.

Colorado—Wyoming

Department Encampment held on June 6, 1981 at which time William F. Woolsey was re-elected Department Commander, and Charles C. Sharrock was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Institution of a new camp highlighted this Encampment with the new camp to be known as Centennial Camp No. 100. They have eighteen members on their roster. William Elswick is serving as commander of this new camp.

New Jersey

The 79th Annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department was held at the Buckingham Inn in Avon, N.J. on June 4-6th. Several National officers attended the Encampment at which time Thelma Ramaglia was elected Department President of the Auxiliary. The sympathy of the department is extended to Sister Jill and Brother Dane Spring on the loss of their infant son. He was the grandson of PDP Florence Spring and great grandson of PDP Elizabeth Sharp.

Ohio

Ohio Department Encampment was once again held in Alliance at Mount Union College on June 26, 27, 28. On May 17, 1981, the 19th Ohio SVR sponsored a memorial service honoring the 206 Confederate who died while imprisoned at Johnson's Island. The island is located in Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio. During the war, it housed more than 2,000 prisoners. Wreaths were placed on behalf of the Third Military District SVR, the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Sons of the Confederacy, and the Daughters of Confederacy. The salute to the dead was fired by a squad of both Union and Confederates. A history of the

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prison was given. Dan Stubbins, a member of Philip Triem Camp 43 of Salem was given special recognition in spearheading this memorial program. Representatives were present from many organizations throughout Ohio and New York.

New Hampshire

All five orders held their respective encampments at the Hilton Merrimack Hotel in Merrimack April 16, 17, 18 at which time Jacquelyn Johnston of Aux. 38 was elected Department President. 90th anniversaries are also being celebrated in this state at which time the R.B. Grover Camp presented a 50-year pin to Elmer W. Shaw, Sr. PCC William W. Haskell served as general chairman and also made the presentation.

Nebraska

Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman was presented a Certificate of Commission in the Nebraska Navy as Commander while he was present at a dinner in his honor held at the Harvest Inn. Also present at this event was a LIVING son of a Union Soldier, George Smedley. Mr. Smedley was presented a miniature medal of the GAR pin by our commander in chief. Several awards were presented for service to the organization. The rededication of a GAR Monument was held at the time of Commander-in-Chief's visit and they were privileged to have him as their principal speaker. The editor of the Banner appreciates the pictures and articles received from this department. Sorry there is not room to print them all.



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Sons of Union Veterans Life Memberships

Robert M. Shaffmaster, Dept. of Michigan Membership No. 123.....\$125.00

Honor Roll Fund Sons of Union Veterans

In memory of Pvt. Ruloff Butler Bostwick, Co. D 21st Regt. Illinois Volunteer Infantry from Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bostwick of Georgetown Illinois \$10.00

In memory of Pvt. Joseph Bear, Co D. 202nd Regt., Penna Vols from George F. Calhoon, Lemoyne, Penna.....\$10.00

In memory of Pvt. Daniel Mitchell, Co B. 37th Indiana Inf. Vols. Regt. from Daniel E. Morris, Indianapolis, Ind.....\$10.00

Sons of Veterans Reserves News

The 11th annual SVR National Encampment promises to be the largest staged in the United States since the close of the Civil War Centennial. To be staged for eight days beginning June 27, 1981 2017 "Civil War re-activated Troops" representing 27 states, Canada, and England have paid registrations as of July 10th.

For the Union Encampment, 72 units of infantry, 14 pieces of artillery, 9 Cavalry Troops with 33 horses plus one band and one fife and drum Corps

Confederates registered total 1009 men, 14 Cannons, 12 Cavalry Troops with 34 horses, 2 Medical Units and 35 Civil War Suttlers.

A full scale schedule of activity planned every day with Battlefield Trail Hikes, Unit Drills, demonstrations, Schooling of the officers and Unit Commanders and drill competitions. Re-enactments of "Pickett's Charge" and "Farnsworth's Charge" are planned as well as a parade at 6:00 P.M. Saturday. A Military Ball at 9:00 P.M. Saturday evening will be highlighted with the presence of Commander in Chief leading the special Grand March honoring the 100th anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The ball will be held at the Gettysburg College Union Ballroom.

The entire week of activity is centered as a tribute to the 100th anniversary of our order. President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan have been invited to attend, Mr. Andrew Brunnet will portray President Abraham Lincoln.

CBS-TV has promised a New York based crew of 8 men to film the re-enactment on July 4th.

The National Organization SVR is pleased to announce that five of the six new camps chartered this year have dual memberships in the Sons of Veterans Reserves. Welcome men. What better time to become affiliated then our 100th anniversary.

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 Veterans _____

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)

Dedication of Cushing Memorial Battery



Members of Cushing Battery firing memorial salute. Credit for picture to Waukesha Freeman.

Cushing Memorial Park, Delafield, Wis., was the site of a unique ceremony on Palm Sunday, April 12, 1981. Three original bronze field pieces belonging to COL. E. A. von Frankenberg, Commander of the 4th Mil. Dist., SVR, were dedicated as components of the "Cushing Memorial Battery" in honor of the three brothers and Civil War heroes, Alonza, Howard and William Cushing. The field pieces, one dating from 1847 and the other two from 1862, will be joined by a fourth to comprise an official battery.

The ceremony feated a retreat parade by the cadets from St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, and the participation of elements of the Army Reserve and veterans' groups. Brief talks were given by Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC, and Capt. Alan G. Hembel, USAR and a member of Henry Harnden Camp 2, Madison. Dept. Chaplain George Nuoffer administered the SVR obligation to the battery recruits, and Darwin A. Price, Commander of Ammi Hawks Camp 3, Oconomowoc, recognized the battery and welcomed its members into association with the Camp. Major Ted Chantis of Delafield extended greetings from the city. MAJ. Burton E. Kannenberg, SVR, was master of ceremonies and Officer of the Day. MAJ. Homer Lynn, SVR, was the Inspecting Officer, and LT. Herman Black, SVR, was in charge of safety and security.

COL. von Frankenberg became the owner of this collection through the efforts of Capt. Riley W. Gunter of Forrest's Artillery, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Memphis, Tenn., who stipulated that the artillery pieces be used for commemorative purposes only. A fourth original bronze cannon has been acquired by COL. von Frankenberg through the efforts of Steven N. Gerhardt of Madison, Wis.

April 12 was selected as the date for the ceremony because it marked the 120th anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter and the beginning of the Civil War. Cushing Memorial Park was the site of the Cushing homestead for a time during the 1830's and was dedicated as a memorial in 1915. It is intended that this ceremony become an annual event.

Farwell to Springfield

April 15, 1981 will not be forgotten in Springfield, Illinois nor in the minds of those of our members who were present at the wreath laying ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb. The Banner owes credit to Thomas L. W. Johnson for the copy of the speech given by our Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman.

After his nomination Lincoln established himself in the Governor's room in the State House. Politicians came and office seekers, friends and strangers sought an audience with him. The room was always full. Outside his home people were sleeping on the street to catch him in the morning and seek jobs. Dozens of others were waiting in his law office. Everywhere Lincoln turned, he was surrounded by a very demanding crowd.

The only place he enjoyed peace, unmolested by people, was the improvised studio of Thomas D. Jones at the St. Nicholas Hotel. The sculptor started on his bust of Lincoln in december and while he was modeling on the "mud head", Lincoln read his mail, made notes and worked quietly.

Two great problems faced Lincoln — one, the composition of his Cabinet and the other, the development of a policy toward the South.

He was subjected to pressure from all quarters: Senators, Congressmen, Governors gave advice, proposing and extolling the virtues of the men who should be called for service in the Cabinet. Visitors came by the hundreds asking thousands of questions. Reporters were greatly impressed with Abe Lincoln's ability to keep silent on vital matters without offending the questioners.

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Springfield Continued

At the end of January Mrs. Lincoln journeyed to New York to buy herself some dresses. When she returned home, Lincoln left for Farmington to visit his stepmother, whom he had not seen for a long while, and also, he had never had an opportunity to visit his father's grave.

Sarah Bush Lincoln was overjoyed. She laughed and cried, feeling that they would never meet again. The two days in the country refreshed him from the confusion of politicians and office seekers.

Returning to Springfield, he set to work on his inaugural speech in earnest. He locked himself in the "dingy, dusty and neglected" back room over his brother-in-law's store across the street, south of the State House. In this seclusion he composed his address with four references: 1. Henry Clay's speech of 1850; 2. Andrew Jackson's proclamation against nullification; 3. Webster's reply to Hayne and 4. a copy of the Constitution. A compositor of the Journal set his writings in type and proofs were pulled.

Late in January Lincoln sold his furniture. Most of it was purchased by Lucian Tilton, head of the Great Western Railroad, who rented Lincoln's Springfield home for \$350.00 yearly. They stayed in the Lincoln house until 1868, when they moved to Chicago, taking with them the Lincoln furnishings, which they later lost in a fire in 1871.

Lincoln needed time to work and think, so he had the Journal print this notice, "The present week being the last Mr. Lincoln remains in Springfield and it being indispensable that he should have a portion for himself he will see visitors only in his office No. 4 Johnson's Building, from 3 1/2 to 5 o'clock P.M. each day." This notice had little effect. People came just the same.

On February 6, he and Mrs. Lincoln gave a farewell party to their Springfield friends. The New York Herald said, "Seven hundred ladies and gentlemen came, composing the political elite of the state and the beauty and fashion of the vicinity." It was a triumphant affair. It was a great day for Mary Lincoln, the new First Lady of the land, a gala climax for her eighteen years of marriage to Abraham Lincoln.

Sunday, February 10th, was Lincoln's last day in Springfield. He spent the morning with Carl Schurz, to whom he read his inaugural address, discussing it in detail. In the afternoon he visited his law office where he threw himself on an old sofa and enjoyed a few moments of meditation. He then talked with Herndon, his partner for sixteen years, about how their association had never known a cross word between them. He then admonished Herndon not to take down their signboard, "If I live, I'm coming back, and we'll go right on practicing law as if nothing had ever happened."

Early the next morning on February 11th hundreds of people were in the station to bid him farewell. Before the train pulled out, Lincoln appeared on the platform of the car and raised his hand for their attention. The multitudes bared their heads in the drizzling rain, and standing thus, his neighbors heard his voice for the last time in the city of his home.

It was a sadly eloquent address. Those last words spoken before the train pulled out, taking him to Washington, never to return again, were as follows, according to the Nicolay and Hay version:

"My Friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young man to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that divine being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

Address by Richard E. Wyman, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
April 15, 1981

Past Commander in Chief Chester S. Shriver and Retired General U.S. Grant, 3rd, have served on the Board of Directors of the Casement since 1963. At that time the National Sons and Auxiliary presented a beautiful stand of flags to Casement. The doors were opened to our members for the presentation and a beautiful musical tribute was given by the Fort Monroe Army Band. Today this commendation arrived. It reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters Fort Monroe
Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651

9 June 1981

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

BG Chester S. Shriver (AUS, retired)
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Post Office Box 24
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

1. On behalf of the Casemate Museum, I wish to commend to your attention the USS Monitor Camp No. 1 of the Sons of Union Veterans.

2. On 30 and 31 May, the Casemate Museum celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. As part of its special program for that weekend, we had two living history exhibits one of which was a Union campsite manned by the Sons of Union Veterans. They did a splendid job, sharing hardtack and coffee with 872 visitors and talking about the camp life of a Union soldier. Since we started out as a Civil War museum and because Fort Monroe had remained a Union installation throughout the war, it seemed most appropriate that one of our special programs should commemorate Billy Yank.

3. The USS Monitor Camp No. 1 did an outstanding job of representing the Casemate Museum, their organization, and the Union soldier.

R. Cody Phillips
Director
Casemate Museum

ENDORSEMENT

The Pennsylvania Department SUVCW at its annual Encampment endorsed and will place in nomination at the 100th National Encampment

Brother George Long
for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1981-1982

ENDORSEMENT

The New York Department SUVCW at its annual Encampment endorsed and will place in nomination at the 100th National Encampment

Brother Harry Gibbons
for the office of Commander-in-Chief, 1981-1982

25th Anniversary—Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



Heads of the Allied Orders standing near the entrance to the Tomb - (left to right) Carolyn Rockwell, Nat'l President, Woman's Relief Corps; Marguerite M. Lewis, Nat'l President, Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-65; Richard E. Wyman, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of

Union Veterans; Lelia M. Turner, Nat'l President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; and Eleanor P. Lowe, Nat'l President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The 25th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Ill., on April 15, with 71 wreathbearers on hand to pay their respects to our Sixteenth President. At the rites, Commander-in-chief Richard E. Wyman of the Sons of Union Veterans, described Lincoln's final days in Springfield before his journey to Washington, D.C. to assume the presidency. Russ A. Pritchard, Recorder-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, brought greetings from the Commandery-in-Chief and the personal regrets of CDR. William C. Duval who was unable to attend due to a recent illness. CDR. Duval is the sole surviving founder of the ceremony begun

in 1957. COL. Joseph B. Daughterty, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and George L. Cashman, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and co-chairman of the ceremony committee for many years, each spoke on the significance of the anniversary of the ceremony. Thomas L. W. Johnson, a ceremony co-chairman, presided at the rites.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, James T. Hickey, curator of the Lincoln Collection at the Illinois State Historical Library, spoke on the subject of "Robert Todd Lincoln and His Father's Grave Robbers."

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After Appomattox

by

Richard D. Hines, N.J. Dept. Secy-Treas.

Many people visit the McLean house at Appomattox Court House where Gen. Lee surrendered 28,000 troops to Gen. Grant on April 9, 1865, but few visitors travel to the Bennett farmhouse near Durham Station, North Carolina, where Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered all Confederate soldiers from Carolina to the Rio Grande, a total of 39,000 troops, to Gen. William T. Sherman.

Gen. Johnston made the first overtures for peace when he sent Gen. Sherman a letter on April 13 asking that hostilities be suspended and that they meet to form a permanent peace.

The farmhouse of James Bennett was selected as it was about halfway between the opposing armies. They met there on April 17 for the first time, Mrs. Bennett taking her four children to an adjoining cabin. They met again the following day and reached an agreement with far more liberal terms than those given to Gen. Lee.

The terms were sent to Washington where they were rejected by Secretary of War Stanton as being too political in nature, as indeed they were. Gen. Grant visited Sherman at Raleigh informing him of the Government's position. Sherman met with Johnston a final time on April 26, 1865 and signed an agreement of military surrender on the same terms as Grant had given Lee.

Although this was not the final surrender of a Confederate army, Gen. Taylor of Alabama surrendering later on May 4 and Gen. Smith in New Orleans on May 26, it was the big surrender that ended all hopes for the Confederacy.

The original farmhouse burned down in the 1920s and left only the chimney standing. Around this an exact replica of the farm buildings was rebuilt. It stands today, a monument to two great generals who, sickened by years of war, realized the futility of further bloodshed and sought a lasting peace.

25th Anniv. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Continued

He was introduced by Attorney Edward G. Pree, a ceremony co-chairman. Among the notables at the luncheon in addition to the participants mentioned above, were: Lelia M. Turner, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans; Diana D. Madden, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Marguerite M. Lewis, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-65; Eleanor P. Lowe, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Carolyn Rockwell, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Griffin High School band of Springfield, under the direction of Darrel Dalton, enriched the proceedings at the cemetery with its renditions of "Kentucky 1800," "America," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," in addition to "The National Anthem." Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. served as the official honor guard and escorted wreathbearers. A firing squad from the unit fired three volleys and Sgt.-Maj. J. Stephen Hall sounded Taps to close the ceremony. The Rev. Mr. Harry M. Kriebel pronounced the invocation and the benediction at the memorial rites and at the luncheon.

Among the wreaths presented were several from the Sons of Union Veterans and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Departments of the SUVCW and its Auxiliary represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the MOLLUS which participated this year were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin together with the Central Illinois affiliate of the Illinois Commandery and the Illinois Dames society. The Camps and local Auxiliaries of the SUVCW from Peoria and Springfield, Ill., also took part.

In honor of the 25th annual ceremony miniature busts of Abraham Lincoln were presented as table favors at the luncheon with funds donated expressly for that purpose.

COL. Robert M. Graham, a ceremony co-chairman and commander of the 114th Regt., took a major role in the planning and execution of the ceremony proceedings. In addition, the Committee is deeply indebted to Ellinore K. Johnson for the varied tasks which she performed and to Donald G. Fahs and Robert R. Morrison for their fine efforts on behalf of the event. The work of the co-chairmen and the other Committee members exemplifies voluntary cooperation at its best.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Red Skelton

I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name...He said:

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

I—me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge—dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance—my love and my devotion.

To the Flag—our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United—that means that we have all come together.

States—individual communities that have united into 48 great states, 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

Of America

And to the Republic—a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands,

One nation—meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible—incapable of being divided.

With liberty—which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear of some sort of retaliation.

And justice—The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all—which means it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance "under God."

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from schools, too!

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Department News Continued

New York

Department Commander, Jerome Orton, presented the B.G. Timothy E. Wilcox Hospital Clinic at Fort Drum, N.Y. a plaque in memory of the GAR. And in Boonville on May 16 a joint meeting was held at the Hulbert House where plans were made to lay a wreath at the town square. Members of the Ulica Citizens Corps will join with the Sons and Aux. in the wreath laying ceremony. A fifty year dinner was held for Sarah Morgan Summers by the Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Association. Sister Sarah is a past president of Auxiliary 24.

Connecticut

The 65th annual Encampment was held in East Hartford on May 2nd and 3rd. Mary Scofield was re-elected Department President of the Auxiliary and for the 27th year Minnie Burkhardt was re-elected secretary of the department. The mayor of Hartford served as the banquet speaker. Elected to serve a one year term as Department Commander was Ellery Linnell. After the close of the encampment several of the sisters took part in the Loyalty Day festivities of the state.

Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Department held their annual encampment on April 11th. Installation of Department officers for the auxiliary was held with National President Leila Turner serving as installing officer. Chosen as the new Department President is Clayatha Iacabncu. Word of the new Department Commander has not reached this office at the time of printing.