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Picture submitted by Marlin Roos, Lincoln, Illinois.

Twenty-Sixth Anniversary Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Under a hazy sun and with flags rippling in the stiff breeze, the 26th annual ceremony held to commemorate the death of Abraham Lincoln was held on April 15 at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. Brief tributes were given by Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons of the Sons of Union Veterans; Recorder-in-Chief Russ A. Pritchard of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion; and by George L. Cashman, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW and co-chairman of the ceremony committee. A total of 70 wreath bearers answered the roll call to honor our 16th President.

At the luncheon following the rites, Wilbur D. Dersch, a Peoria, Ill. attorney, spoke on the subject, "The Importance of Abraham Lincoln in 1982." He was introduced by Edward G. Pree a ceremony co-chairman. Among the notables at the luncheon were Anne E. Willeke, National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW; Diana D. Madden, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Bessie Coates, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Susie Cool, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Griffin High School band of Springfield under the di-

rection of Ronald Wojcicki played appropriate musical selections at the ceremony. Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. (Reactivated) served as the official honor guard. A firing squad from that unit under the command of Sgt. Maj. J. Stephen Hall fired a memorial salute and Hall sounded Taps to close the ceremony.

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 Auxiliary represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the MOLLUS which participated were Illinois and Pennsylvania together with the Central Illinois affiliate of the Illinois Commandery and the Illinois Dames society. The SUVCW Camps and Auxiliaries from Peoria and Springfield, Ill., also took part.

Col. Robert M. Graham, a ceremony co-chairman and commander of the 114th Regt., assumed a major role in the planning and execution of the ceremony proceedings. Thomas L. W. Johnson, a ceremony co-chairman, presided at the rites at the Tomb and at the luncheon program. The Committee is deeply indebted to Ellinore K. Johnson for her work in carrying out a variety of tasks associated with the ceremony. In this work this year she was aided by Marlene Carnduff.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4
Series 1981-82
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
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1. This is my final General Order and I want to express my sincere thanks for the honor and privilege given to me to serve our Beloved Organization as Commander-in-Chief. It was with pride and gratitude to all members and Officers that elected me for this high office. With my wife Elsa, N.Y. Department President, of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW traveling to the many Departments and Camps, we want to thank those Officers and Members for the courtesies and delightful fellowships in our visits to those brothers and all the sisters of our Organizations.
 We regret that the dates were so close together, and conflicts of the Encampment meetings, prevented us to attend. I recommend the dates be separated, so not to conflict.
2. I extend my congratulations and very best wishes to all newly elected Officers of the Departments and Camps, in all their endeavors, to keep up our membership in the coming year.
3. The 101st Annual National Encampment will be held at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Providence, R.I. (Kennedy Plaza) 02903, August 15-19th hosted by the Mass. Department. Plan to attend, as this is the Encampment you need each year to solve problems, and meet all the Officers, who, with your help and cooperation, make a better understanding, and growing Organization.
4. The following Brothers are appointed to serve on the Credential Committee: Miles E. Harrington, Sr., Mass., Chairman; William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., N.J.; Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Penn.; Frank W. Luth, R.I.; Gordon R. Bury, Ohio. All other Committees and Appointments will be announced at the opening of the Encampment.
5. I would like to commend the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, for their outstanding work in Activities and Functions during the past year, the uniformed units and equipment used in the Memorial Day Services Parades, Programs, bring attention to the public, when dressed in Civil War Uniforms, and are instrumental in the recruiting of new members of the SUVCW Organization. Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver and Maj. Harold Goodman, Chairman of Military Affairs Committee are to be congratulated on their work in our National Military Department. All members must be in good standing in the SUV of the CW Organization.
6. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the National Heads of Allied Orders of the G.A.R. and their Officers: Miss Anne E. Willeke, President of Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Mrs. Susie Cool, President of National Womans Relief Corps.; Mrs. Lucy B. Mawson, President of Ladies of G.A.R.; Mrs. Bessie Coates, President Daughters of Union Veterans, C.W. May each one have a Happy, Harmonious and Successful Encampment.
7. Many thanks to my National Officers and Members of the Committees appointed and elected for carrying out duties of your respective office.

8. All Members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves attending the National Encampment in R.I. are requested to bring their Uniforms.
9. Chairman of all Committees must have reports ready to be read at the first session and submitted to Committee on Officers Reports. Please type reports on 8 1/2" x 11". If any Chairman is unable to be present please send your report to Nat'l. Secretary, Chester S. Shriver.
10. I am very gratified and thankful for reports of new members and Camps being installed in my term of office, through untiring efforts of many Brothers in the Departments the Organization is growing stronger by the increasing Membership. Our P.C.-in-Chief, Fred H. Combs reports the Membership-at-Large is growing in numbers, thanks to his efforts. Departments in Col., N.J., Neb., Ind., Penn., N.Y. have new Camps, I have sent 8 Nat'l. Ribbons and 6 Certificates of Merit. If you have not received yours please let me know as soon as possible with the names and number of new members.
11. Departments, Camps and Brothers, please help your National Organization carry on our Civic and Patriotic Programs with your small or large contribution to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund needed by Patriotic Instructor, James G.D. Marley, to help meet his goal of \$2000.00 by August 15, 1982.
12. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will miss one of the most devoted members, Margaret Beilby, Past Nat'l. Chaplain and Past Department President of New York who passed away April 4, 1982. Wife of P.C.-in-C. Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief 1977-78.
13. To those Brothers and Sisters who are ill or confined, my prayers for each one and a return to good health, and to those who have lost loved ones, I extend my deepest sympathy. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

Harry E. Gibbons
 Commander-in-Chief

ENDORSEMENT

The Maryland Department SUCVW at its 95th annual Encampment on April 24, 1982, endorsed and will place in nomination at the 101st National Encampment
BROTHER RICHARD C. SCHLENKER
 for the office of Commander-in-Chief, 1982-83.

ENDORSEMENT

The Maryland Department Auxiliary to the SUVCW at its 88th annual Encampment on April 24, 1982 endorsed and will place in nomination at the National Encampment
SISTER DORRIS SCHLENKER
 for the office of National President, 1982-83.

Report of the
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Promotion: We thank the Jackson, Miss. Civil War Round Table for publishing our membership appeal in the "Rebel Yell" and to the Lee-Jackson Quarterly Review for its support. Numerous inquiries have been received from the south and some referrals have been made to our Mail Chairman and others to Departments. This kind of co-operation is gratifying.

The Sr. Vice C-in-C Fund has received contributions totaling \$65.00 to date. \$25.60 has been spent for postage in our promotion efforts. Printing is gratis. Further mailings to the media in metropolitan areas is anticipated as funds allow. Most recent contribution was made by Chester S. Shriver.

Program: Several departments report little communication from camps regarding meetings and programs being held. We must let our communities know we are present.

Policy: Continuing letters from the membership relate to:

1. National per capita increase of 35c (53.9%) approved at 100th Nat'l. Encampment was too much and should be rescinded this year. 10c would have been enough. Departments and camps need increases too.
2. National Officers positions should not be patronage plums but filled by election of persons of demonstrated ability.
3. National Encampments should be held in regions with business sessions linked by TV network conference setup.
4. 1 person, 1 vote at National.
5. Place all Camps-at-Large with officers elected by their representatives at National Encampment.

We are pleased that the membership is responding with comments.

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard C. Schlenker
 Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

Report of the
Washington Representative

This spring it has been my pleasure to be able to represent our National Order in the Washington, D.C. area at Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Fort McHenry, the National Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and many receptions held by other hereditary societies.

Correspondence has continued with officials regarding the return of Memorial Day to May 30, the return of the statue of Gen. George G. Meade to prominence in D.C. and the general care of Civil War statuary in D.C.

To date there has been no occasion requiring testimony as to our organizational stance on any controversial issues.

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard C. Schlenker
 Washington Representative

General Announcements:
Special Note

CBS TV will be running a mini-series of the Civil War with Gregory Peck playing the part of Abraham Lincoln. This is to be in November. More information as it is forth coming.

101st National Encampment
Providence, Rhode Island
August 15-19, 1982
Tentative Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15	
11:00 a.m.	Non-Denominational Worship Service Bacchante Room
12:30 a.m.	Registration 2nd Level Balcony
1:30 p.m.	Council of Administration Meeting Headquarters
1:30 p.m.	Department Commanders Meet With The National Chaplain to Practice For the Memorial Service Garden Room
3:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service Garden Room
4:00 p.m.	National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chiefs Meet with the National Chief of Staff Garden Room
7:00 p.m.	Band Concert Grand Ballroom
8:00 p.m.	Campfire Allied Orders G.A.R. Main Ballroom
MONDAY, AUGUST 16	
8:30 a.m.	Registration 2nd Level Balcony
9:30 a.m.	Joint Opening Sons and Auxiliary Garden Room
10:30 a.m.	Business Session Bacchante Room
12:00 Noon	Recess
1:30 p.m.	Business Session Bacchante Room
4:00 p.m.	Recess
6:30 p.m.	Banquet, Past Commanders-In-Chiefs and Past National Presidents L'Apogee No. 7
7:00 p.m.	Exemplification of the Ritual Garden Room
9:00 p.m.	Joint Courtesy Hour Garden Room
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17	
7:00 a.m.	S.V.R. Breakfast Place to be Announced
9:00 a.m.	Business Session Bacchante Room
12:00 Noon	Recess
1:30 p.m.	Business Session Bacchante Room
4:00 p.m.	Recess
6:30 p.m.	Banquet Honoring National Officers, Sons & Auxiliary Followed by Reception and Grand March Grand Ball Room
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18	
7:00 a.m.	Masonic Brothers Breakfast Place to be Announced
9:00 a.m.	Business Session and Installation of Officers Bacchante Room
1:30 p.m.	Council of Administration Meeting Headquarters
7:30 p.m.	Entertainment Grand Ballroom
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19	
Bus Tour	
Details and time to be announced at Encampment	

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

All members receive THE BANNER without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$3.00 a year. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year. Thomas W. Graham, 11737 Jefferson, Apt. 5A, Newport News, Va. 23606

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

Dear Brothers and Friends of the Order:

Our 1981-1982 fraternal year is drawing to a close, and of course this means that we have but a few weeks - indeed, days - left in our annual appeal to benefit the NATIONAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND.

As you know the National G.A.R. Fund was established many years ago for the express purpose of underwriting the many worthwhile patriotic endeavors sponsored and supported by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These include:

- the G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a deserving college undergraduate.
- the annual memorial services held in honor of our Sixteenth President at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill., and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- the G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance held each November at Gettysburg, PA. to commemorate the anniversary of the dedication of the battlefield cemeteries on November 19, 1963. It was at this great ceremony of dedication, held 4½ months after the battle, that President Lincoln delivered his immortal "Gettysburg Address."
- the "Star Spangled Salute" Program, by which we, as a civic and patriotic organization, recognize those who prominently display the flag on a regular basis in towns and cities throughout the country.
- the G.A.R. Camp Fire Program.
- the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the uniformed branch of the SUVCW.

Indeed, these programs are eminently worthy of our support as members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is we who are their moral and legal heirs, for it is we who are their successors in patriotic service to the nation.

In this present day - in the Year of Our Lord 1982 - we are part of a contemporary society which, more than ever, reflects a world in transition. Still reeling from the monumental social, political and economic changes which began between the First and Second World Wars, and which have both expanded and accelerated since 1945, our nation and the Western World even now have not realized the full implications of the sociological and technical developments which have become such a part of our lives over the last two decades.

Yet, in the face of such overwhelming apathy, such invincible ignorance, such intransigent narcissism, there are a few bulwarks to defend the values of generations past. I, for one, feel privileged to belong to such an organization - the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are concerned, we do remember - and we are ever striving to keep verdant the honored memory of the gallant "Boys in Blue" - men of every race, religions persuasion, ethnic origin and economic background, who stepped forward, offering themselves in the heroic struggle to preserve the Union in its Hour of gravest peril, the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865.

Unfortunately, however, the great work begun by our forebearers and continued by our Order for over a century has been faced with a serious problem now for several years. The continuing economic troubles of contemporary life pose an ever increasing threat to the future of our patriotic endeavors.

What can you do? As a member or friend of the Order your contribution IN ANY AMOUNT to the G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND will help our nation by enabling us to continue the outstanding patriotic work of our Order. Your support of our endeavors can take any of the following forms:

1. **OUTRIGHT DONATION** - we are most grateful for contributions of any amount for like the individual stones in a great monument, they add together to create a beautiful memorial. All donations of \$1.00 or more will entitle your name to be permanently recorded in the records of the 101st National Encampment as SHAREHOLDERS in our Fund. And, of course, larger donations will be gratefully accepted as well!
2. **"IN MEMORIAM" GIFTS** - Why not honor the memory of a loved one, a departed friend or relative, or perhaps your Civil War ancestor, by making a In Memoriam contribution to the G.A.R. Fund! As with outright donations all gifts of \$1.00 or more will be permanently included in the Proceedings of the 1982 National Encampment.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

1. **SUV "CIUB TIES"** - These attractive neckties depict the official crest of the National Organization in silver on a NAVY BLUE or CRANBERRY RED background. They are ideal for gifts and are especially suitable to be worn at public patriotic ceremonies or meetings of our Order. Only \$7.75 plus \$1.25 postage for each tie. Supply is limited, so order now!
2. **"GRAND ARMY HERITAGE" BUTTONS** - These 2¼" blue-on-white badges bear the proud the inscription: "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY - PRESERVE OUR GRAND ARMY HERITAGE". These are ideal for all public events at which our organizations are represented. Only \$1.00 each, plus \$0.30 per badge for postage and handling.
3. **SUVCW DECALS** - Printed in blue on clear plastic, these emblems are perfect for use on cars or trucks, at home, or wherever else you wish to proudly display the symbol of our Order! The decal depicts the SUV monogram imposed over crossed cannons and surrounded by the live wreath of victory. This wreath is surmounted by the American bald eagle. It is a beautiful representation of the membership medal of the SUV. Only \$0.50 each. (Minimum mail order: 2. Please enclose \$.25 per mail order for postage and handling.)

Amendment to the SUVCW Constitution

Article IV Formation & Disbandment

Delete from Section 3...." to consist of five or more camps with a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred & fifty members."

Thus causing it to read: Section 3. A department may be formed by authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

Add a new Section 4 reading: A Provisional Department may be created in states having 3 or more regular or provisional Camps. The Commander-in-Chief may call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Department and election of Department Officers. After one year a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent Department status by the Commander-in-Chief.

Sections 4 & 5 will be renumbered Section 5 & 6.

Richard Greenwalt, P.C.C.

Secretary-Treasurer

Ohio Department

Sons of Union Veterans Life Memberships

Charles E. Sharrock, Sr., Department of Colorado Membership No. 132 \$150.00

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Honor Roll Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

In memory of Col. Samuel S. Kale from General James A. Garfield Camp No. 4, New Jersey \$15.00

In memory of P.C.-in-C. Richard E. Wyman from Nellie H. Hawley, P.N.P. \$10.00

In memory of Richard E. Wyman P.C.-in-C. from Past Department Commanders Association, New Hampshire \$10.00

Honor Roll of Living Sons of Union Veterans

Rev. Charles W. Graham, Cincinnati, Ohio, son of Hiram Graham, Private Co. A; 63rd Ohio Vol. Infantry.

Ralph E. Pott, Cincinnati, Ohio, son of Otto Pott, Ohio 9th Infantry.

Auxiliary Programs Report Life Memberships

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 90 \$125.00
Age 70 and over \$100.00

Checks for Life Membership should be payable to the National Treasurer, Esther G. Peifer, P.O. Box 605, Carlisle, PA 17013. Be sure to include the name and age of the life member; the name and number of her auxiliary treasurer. Dues must be paid for one year after the purchase of the Life Membership. After that period, interest at \$6 per year will be mailed each January 1st to the life member's auxiliary as her dues payment for that year.

SUVCW Life Membership

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Age 60 to 90 \$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 three years. 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 1981 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

Information Bulletin From The National Secretary-Treasurer

1. To All Brothers & Sisters of the Allied Order of the GAR who forwarded a contribution to The Honor Roll of the Sons: Rather than cut up your copy of THE BANNER - zerox the space noted "Honor Roll" and forward the copy with your check. This will keep your Banner copies intact.
2. The 100th National Encampment Proceedings were mailed from Gettysburg, Penn. to National Officers, Delegates, Departments and P.C.-in-C's the week of June 28, 1982.

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

The Legislative Report

In Wisconsin the Veterans Memorial Council was abolished by the Legislature and its duties assigned to the Board of Veterans Affairs. Created in 1957, the Council served as a "watchdog" over the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the Capitol and Camp Randall Memorial Park, site of a Civil War training facility at Madison. Membership on the Council included representatives from patriotic societies, a provision not applicable to the composition of the Board of Veterans Affairs. Several other boards and commissions were terminated in the same legislation. This is not peculiar to Wisconsin but follows, more or less, a national trend in the enactment of so-called "sunset" laws that require periodic legislative review of the need for the continuation of government agencies and citizens boards.

At this writing, the fate of the budget for the National Archives for fiscal year 1983 is still uncertain as is the budget for the entire federal establishment. Professional archivists and some scholars argue that because of the high percentage of fixed costs incurred by the Archives for items like storage rental, any reduction in planned spending would be felt in the service areas that most directly affect the public. A bleak picture was described by some witnesses who appeared before the House Subcommittee for Government Information and Individual Rights earlier this year. However, it should be pointed out that the President's proposed budget for the Archives for fiscal 1983 is \$85.3 million, an increase of \$10.3 million over fiscal 1982 but \$3.4 million less than the \$88.7 million granted in 1981. Using these data, it is possible to contrive a plausible set of statistics to make the present Administration look either good or bad depending on your perspective and point-of-view.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. W. Johnson
Chairman

Notice of Central Region Conference

The Department of Wisconsin will host the Central Region Conference on October 9 and 10, 1982. The site of the meeting will be the Steeplechase Inn, N12 W26500 Golf Road, Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072. telephone (414) 547-0201. The hotel is near the City of Waukesha and is due west of Milwaukee. This year's theme will be a discussion of "The Confederacy." Please plan to come and join in the fellowship. Room reservations to be made directly with the hotel.

Note From the Editor:

Many, many copies of THE BANNER are being returned to this office after each mailing. If you are not receiving your copy or have missed ones in the past please write to the address below. If you should know of someone in your camp please advise him so that this office can be made aware of the problem and it be corrected. Many incorrect addresses have been given this office for one reason or another. Please forgive the delay in the April issue but due to the move of this office and the need to secure a new printer took time. And also the United States Post Office has not wanted to co-operate in the problem as they do not wish to recognize our tax exempt number. It has been one big struggle, however we feel that it is being worked out now. Please send addresses and names to Thomas W. Graham, 11737 Jefferson Avenue, No. 5A, Newport News, Virginia 23606.



Department News



Connecticut

The Annual Encampment was held on May 1st & 2nd at the Ramada Inn in East Hartford with Dept. Commander Ellery Linnell P.D.C. and Dept. President Mary Scofield P.D.P. presiding.

Guests from New York were Commander in Chief Harry Gibbons & Dept. President Elsa Gibbons and P.D.C. Donald Roberts & P.D.P. Isabelle Roberts both are National Chief-of-Staff - From Mass. P.N.P. Minnie Madeiros, National Chaplain Elizabeth Mellor P.D.P., P.D.C. Clark Mellor Council of Administration and others - From N.H. P.N.P. Emma Wheeler and P.D.P. Jacqueline Johnson - From R.I. P.D.P. Ruth Appleby and others. The National President Ann Willeke was present both days.

At the Banquet the Patriotic Instructor Mildred St. Louis presented a check to the representative of a Home for the Retarded. The speaker was State Representative Dean Markham of East Hampton.

The new Dept. Commander and Dept. President are a husband and wife team P.D.C. Edgar Prince and Emma Prince. P.D.P. Minnie Burkhardt was once again elected to the Office of Secretary.

The National President Ann Willke installed the Officers.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department SUVCW celebrated their 100th Encampment, April 23rd, 24th, & 25th, 1982 at Springfield, Mass.

Department Officers elected for 1982-83 were as follows: Frank J. Tucker, Dept. Commander - Frank is the present Commander of Camp 30 and a Captain of the Capitol Police at the State House, Boston. Joe Gauthier, Sr. Vice Commander, Ken Oakley, Jr. Vice Commander.

William W. Haskell was elected once more to Department Secretary and Miles Harrington to Department Council with Gene Russell and Ray Hutchinson. Bill Rule, P.D.C. was elected to a 5 year term on the Dept. Executive Board, P.D.C. Charles W. Hooper, Jr. was elected to a one year term on the Board.

Appointive Officers were as follows: Gerard Desjardens, Aid to the Dept. Commander, Chief of Staff, Richard T. Torpey, Patriotic Instructor, Les Covey, Bill Rule, Dept. Chaplain, Lew Garney, Dept. Musician, Mal Donahue, Esq. was appointed Dept. Counselor, Ernie Wells, Dept. Historian, William Randolph Cohen, P.D.C. was appointed to Dept. Publicist and George Place, P.D.C. as Assistant Publicist for the Western part of the State.

Commander in Chief Henry Gibbons was in attendance - there was 24 Sons throughout the State and about 60 members of the Auxiliary present.

The Encampment wound up with a banquet on Saturday Evening and a Memorial service on Sunday Morning. There was an introduction of all the Past Dept. Commanders throughout the years and those that were present were given a Memorial Badge.

Gene Russell wants to remind the Sons and the Auxiliary from the New England States of the New England Regional Meeting being held July 17th & 18th at the Weirs Beach, N.H. The National Encampment for the Sons and The Auxiliary will be held in Providence, R.I. this year in August.

New Hampshire

A department reception honoring the Department Commander Thomas M. Carr and the Department President of the Auxiliary Bonita Morse was held at the Hillsboro Community Hall in May. Several Patriotic Organizations from the area were present and extended their greetings.

It certainly sounds as though the young people in New Hampshire are trying to keep alive the memory of the Boys in Blue when a speech was given by 15 year old Kevin Johnston during the recent Memorial Day celebration in Milford. This young man was chosen to be the featured speaker partly because of the fighting men in his family tree.

Maryland News

The Sons 95th and the Auxiliary 88th Annual Department Encampments were held in Hagerstown on April 24th. Sister Sandra Spencer of Hockessen, Del. was elected Department President and Robert Townsend was re-elected Department Commander. Sister Dorris Schlenker's endorsement of last year for National President 1982-83 was reaffirmed and Brother Richard Schlenker was endorsed for Commander-in-Chief 1982-83. The Department appreciates the expressions of support for the Schlenkers which are coming in from other Departments.

We were most pleased to have National President Sister Anne Willeke as honored guest at our encampment. Her two sisters accompanied her from Connecticut. National Treasurer Esther Peiper also attended as did Margaret Cromer, Penn. Department President. Charles Bauer of Lincoln-Cushing Camp in D.C. provided a delightful look at Mary and Abraham Lincoln in an illustrated presentation at the traditional banquet. Next year we expect to meet in the Wilmington, Del. area.

All Camps and Auxiliaries were supportive of Memorial Day Observances in their own communities in Hagerstown, Wilmington, Virginia Beach and Washington, D.C.

Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Memo to all Departments

As you know, the Massachusetts Department is hosting the 101st National Encampment which will be in the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence, R.I., August 15th thru August 19th. Although there has been little or no mention of this Encampment in THE BANNER, the Committee still hopes that the word will get around and a good attendance will be there. All plans are made and are well on the way.

Please pass the word along to as many as possible so they may be able to make their plans.

Yours in F.C.&L.
Encampment Committee

Maine

The Department of Maine thru the George S. Cobb Auxiliary donated an American Flag to the town of Camden in May to be flown in the library park. The flag presentation was made by Golda Hall the newly installed president of the Auxiliary.

New Jersey News

Congratulations to Edward Kater and Patricia Browne on their election to the offices of Department Commander of the Sons and Department President of the Auxiliary, respectively, at the Department Encampment in June.

The next meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100, the State Camp, will be held Saturday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Coach and Four Restaurant in Heightstown. Mr. Howard Haydn will speak on the subject of Civil War Medicine.

Welcome to the members and officers of newly-organized Maj. Peter Vredenburg Camp No. 6 of Freehold. The Camp conducted a memorial service at the grave site of Maj. Vredenburg on April 15th and a candle-light meeting in the Cobb House on the Monmouth Battlefield later the same evening. Department Commander Charles Larkin presented the Camp its Charter at the meeting.

Member-at-Large Compiles Book on U.S. Troops In Vietnam

Excerpts from Article in Houston, Texas, CHRONICLE

Shelby L. Stanton, a national member-at-large in the SUVCW, took seven years to compile "Vietnam Order of Battle", published by U.S. News Books, an exhaustive, authoritative Order of Battle for the U.S. Army and allied ground forces in Vietnam.

The author, who now lives in Houston, spent six years on active duty and was medically retired as a captain after serving with the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group, the 20th Combat Engineer Brigade and as an Airborne Ranger Special Forces advisor.

For every unit, the author gives the unit's designation and branch, the date it arrived and departed Vietnam, its previous station, its authorized strength, and some details of its assignment in Vietnam. Sometimes a brief history of the unit is given. If unit insignia was authorized, this insignia is pictured. For some of the larger commands, the names of the commanding officers are given, with their dates of command, and the command's components are shown.

Further information can be obtained by writing to the Houston, Texas, CHRONICLE newspaper.



Wisconsin Department Commander Grover R. Huff is shown presenting the "General U.S. Grant Award of Excellence" to Midshipman Michael S. McDonell at ceremonies at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Wisconsin News

Memorial Day 1982 was well observed in the Badger State. At Milwaukee, C. K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 4 held their service at Calvary Cemetery on May 31. Major Burton E. Kannenberg was the principal speaker and Raena Black sang a solo during the ceremony. Genevieve Arndt was in charge of arrangements.

In Madison, Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 and Auxiliary No. 2 held a ceremony at Union Rest in Forest Hill Cemetery on May 31. Dr. Richard H. Zeitlin, Director of Wisconsin Veterans Museums, was the speaker. Units of the Madison Veterans Council were present to mass their colors. Tom Johnson served as chairman of the observance. Later in the morning a civic ceremony was held on the steps of the Capitol. Tom Johnson read Gen. Logan's General Order No. 11 and Ellinore K. Johnson recited from memory "The Gettysburg Address" as a part of the program. Among the wreaths laid was one for the Civil War presented by Ellinore Johnson.

At Oconomowoc, Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5 held their services on Sunday, May 30 at the Town of Summit Cemetery. George Nuoffer, a member of the Camp and Milwaukee County "Veteran of the Year," was the speaker. The Auxiliary presented a new flag to the Town Board for use at the cemetery, and the observance closed with the ritualistic burning of a discarded flag. Major Kannenberg presided at the program. Later in the day members took part in a special Veterans Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Milwaukee. On Monday afternoon, May 31, members from Oconomowoc and Milwaukee participated in Milwaukee's Memorial Day parade.

During April and May, the Department presented its "General U.S. Grant Award of Excellence" to Army ROTC cadets at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. UW-Milwaukee, and Marquette University. This year the award was also presented to a Naval midshipman at Marquette. The final presentation was made at St. John's Military Academy, Delafield.

Rhoda Lemanski served as Wisconsin's official representative at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on April 15 in Springfield, Ill.

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 1861-1865; 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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Memorial Day Alive In Most Parts Of US.

Several news articles have arrived at the desk of the editor concerning the various Memorial Day ceremonies that were held over the country. Space does not permit the printing of all of them but a few excerpts from those articles are below. Sister Agnes Davis, PNP had the honor of Presenting a wreath in memory of the GAR at the Memorial Plot in Brigantine, New Jersey. She was escorted by PDC William Davis. It was noted that this was the first time in the history of this areas celebration that they had ever had a representative from the Grand Army Family.

Gettysburg is the scene of the largest parade and services in a National Ceremony in the world on Memorial Day. There were over 3000 participants with five bands participating. It was especially commendable to see that so many school children were participating in the strewing of flowers on the graves of the hallowed dead. PCC John H. Stark represented the Sons of Union Veterans in the placing of a wreath as PCC Chester S. Shriver serves on the Memorial Day Committee.

And to note that other areas are using the young is the speech given in Milford, New Hampshire by 15 year old Kevin Johnston.

Also in Pennsylvania, the Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary held Memorial Day services. Several members of these groups participated with PNP Caroline Riddell leading the reciting of the American Creed and Lincoln's Speech of 1861 given by Barry Kelly. This service is the oldest continuous Memorial Day service held in the City of Philadelphia.

Masonic Club

All Masons planning to attend the 101st National Encampment in Providence, R.I. are invited to meet with the Masonic Club for breakfast on Tuesday morning, August 17th at 7 a.m.

Permanent Fund

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

TO: Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treas.
P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

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

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Address _____

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Sons of Veterans Reserves

May 30, 1982

- I. By order of the Commanding General, Sons of Veterans Reserves, all members of the SVR who plan to attend the 101st National Encampment in Providence, Rhode Island, are hereby ordered to participate in the GAR Campfire program on Sunday evening August 15, 1982.
- II. Class A Uniforms, service medals and Sons of Union Veterans medals may be worn by order of Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver.

National Encampment - August, 1982 Biltmore Plaza Hotel Providence, Rhode Island BUS TRIP

We, the committee, are planning a bus tour Thursday, August 19th to Plymouth, Massachusetts, America's Hometown. On the way there will be a short stop at the Cape Cod Canal and other points of interest, time permitting. This will be a very interesting sightseeing trip and hopefully, many will plan to go. The bus will leave the hotel by 8:45 a.m.

In Plymouth is the "Mayflower", "Plymouth Rock", and many other points of interest. All will enjoy "Village Landing", a new world of specialty shops with old world charm. There are several fine restaurants, all close by, where a light lunch or full dinner may be had. All this will be left to individual choice to rove and browse as you wish.

The bus will leave Plymouth at approximately 4 p.m. to return to the Hotel.

The price of tickets will be \$7.00 and everyone is urged to make plans early.

Tickets and information folders will be available Monday morning August 16th.

Trip Committee
Miles E. Harrington, Sr., P.D.C.
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Kenneth Oakley, Mass.