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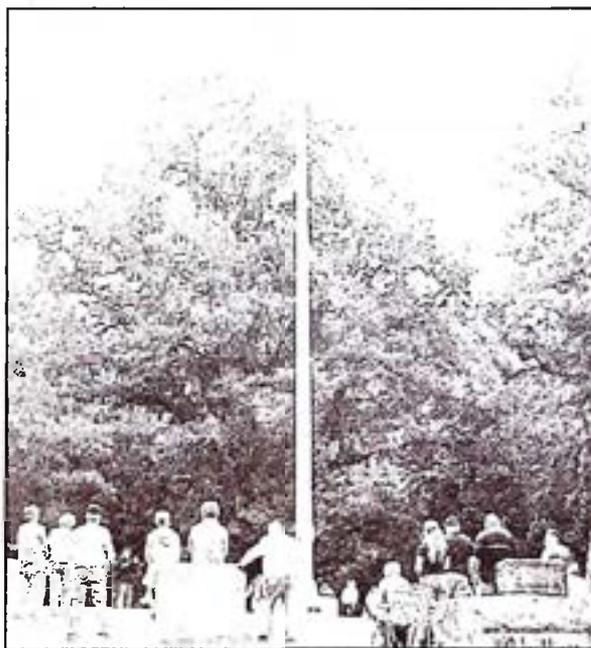
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Rededication of Restored G.A.R. Monument

On May 28, 2001, General George A. Custer Camp No. 17, Department of New Jersey held a formal rededication of the Grand Army of the Republic, Winfield Scott Post No. 73 Memorial Burial Site at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains, NJ. Restoration of this site was begun in 1999 and was finally completed a week before Memorial Day. The restoration involved the repair, painting, and re-rigging of the 70 foot concrete flag pole; the refinishing of two bronze plaques, and the reconditioning and re-mounting of two flank howitzers on polished granite bases.

The Memorial Day Ceremonies began at 11:00 am with the opening of the ceremony by the Camp Commander (also Department Commander), Clark McCullough and followed by the Divine Blessing by the Camp Chaplain, Father Donald K. Hummel. Children from the South Plainfield Middle School Band provided musical accompaniment for the singing of the National Anthem by those in attendance. A Memorial Day Address was given by Frank McGonigle, Camp Secretary and member in charge of the restoration project. The address was followed by the traditional Dirge provided by two drummers from the South Plainfield High School Band. A salute was fired over the burial site by an Honor Guard from the Headquarters Company, 250th Signal Battalion, New Jersey National Guard. A Benediction was given by the Rev. James Stanley of the Pilgrim Covenant Church of South Plainfield. The ceremony concluded with the playing of a dirge followed by Taps.



The ceremony was well attended by members of the local American Legion Posts, VFW Posts, and private citizens. Members of Custer Camp No. 17 and the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance were Commander Clark McCullough, Brothers: Daniel Lynch, Frank McGonigle, Thomas J. Adams, Thomas Maione, Floyd Austin, Father Donald K. Hummel, Harry Douglas and his wife Beverly, representing the Ladies Auxiliary. Brother Jim Caron (Commander of the Lincoln Camp) and Michael Horgan (Past Department Commander) served as an SVR Honor Guard. Ellen Horgan accompanied her husband in period costume.

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General Order No. 4

1. It is with a heavy heart and profound regret that I announce the death of Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Long answering his last roll call on 18 April 2001.

2. PC-in-C Long served this Order with distinction and as its Commander-in-Chief, 1990-1991 from the Pennsylvania Department. Many will miss his wit and humor.

3. I hereby authorize Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, George L. Powell to represent the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the funeral of PC-in-C Long.

4. I hereby charge all Department Commanders to drape Department Charters in his honor and to require that all camps do likewise for a period of 30 days from this date.

By Order of:
Edward J. Krieser
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

General Order No. 5

Whereas Chapter II: Departments, Article I: Charters, Section 9, of the Constitution and Regulations, the National Organization recognizes the existence of the Regional Associations and,

Whereas the National Organization holds no jurisdiction over the Regional Associations and, Whereas the Regional Associations hold no jurisdiction over any Department(s) or Camp(s) of the Order, and

Whereas the Regional Associations include other groups and organizations of the Allied Orders Family,

Therefore, the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War does not grant permission to these Regional Organizations to use the name, *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, S.U.V.C.W.*, nor any symbol, insignia, emblem, badge or facsimile of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:
Edward J. Krieser
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

General Order No. 6

At this time, 14 May 2001, and until further notice, the Order does not have an Executive Director. Therefore, all reports, forms, and communications from Department Secretaries are to be sent to:

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By Order of:
Edward J. Krieser
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

**Council of Administration
Electronic Board Room Vote Records
February 1, 2001 - April 30, 2001**

Since last reported, there have been three issues decided by votes cast in the Council of Administration Electronic Boardroom. The results are as follows:

In a vote called on February 18, 2001, unanimous approval was given to Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1, Department of Tennessee, to install its officers after the date prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations.

A vote that some Council of Administration Members considered difficult, was that of the question of awarding the gold star of the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Dick Dugan for his work in preserving the graves of twelve Civil War Veterans. The question was defeated by a margin of 4 to 5, in a vote called on February 22, 2001.

In a vote called on April 15, 2001, the Council of Administration approved, by an 8 to 0 margin, to accept a proposal of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and Publisher of the *Banner*, George Powell. This allows S.U.V.C.W. to enter in an agreement with Mr. John M. Hart, Jr., of Dunmore Publishing, Inc., to have The Banner professionally edited, produced and mailed at the rate of \$4,265 per 24 page edition of 7000 issues, plus postage. Part of this agreement includes the sale of advertising by Dunmore Publishing, Inc. to be published in the *Banner*, at the commission rate of 20 Percent. The proceeds of the advertising will be used to offset the cost of the publication of the *Banner*. Also approved was the use of a protective wrapper for mailing of the *Banner*, at \$464 per edition, which could also be used for advertising. <

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Todd Shillington
National Secretary

**Grand Army of the Republic
Post Project**

Updated: May 27, 2001

In January 2000, the Special National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post Records was created by the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). The members of the Special Committee include, Jeff Henningfield, Chair; Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, National Webmaster; and Dr. David G. Martin, National Historian. The purpose of the project is to document every GAR Post that once existed.

A total of 8,652 GAR Posts have been documented to date (8,641 Posts in the United States and nine Posts in three foreign countries). The compiled lists of GAR Posts within the United States are accessible from the SUVCW website at:

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**THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS MONUMENT
GRAND RAPIDS (Kent County), MICHIGAN
Part of the GAR Monuments/Civil War Memorials Project**

In January 2000, as the Patriotic Instructor of the **Gen. John A. Logan, Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)**, I was assigned the duty of preparing a report on the monument. Little did I know when I began, that report would lead to the monumental task (no pun intended!) that we, not only us of the SUVCW, but we as a community must undertake to restore our monument to its original glory.

The Beginning

The Kent County Soldier's Monument Association was organized February 13, 1864, while our soldiery were in the very heat of the struggle for the preservation of the Union.

The ground on which the monument stands was acquired by the City of Grand Rapids in 1843. The area enclosed today by Fulton Street, Division Avenue, Ransom, and Library Plaza, approximately five (5) acres, was part of that purchase. The area north of Monroe (just north of the monument) was later sold by the city.

The Monument Fund

The drive to fund the monument was begun upon the dollar membership plan, and local societies were organized in the townships of the County; the proposition being to raise a fund of \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the soldiers of Kent County who died while serving the United States during the Civil War. Calls upon the purses, as well as the patriotism of the people, were at that time so numerous and urgent. Progress however was slow. Six hundred members brought in six hundred dollars to the fund, when interest

in the project flagged and nearly died out and further action was held in abeyance for nearly twenty years, except the careful investment by Mr. Gilbert and Fralick of the fund on hand. Finally, plans were solicited and a contract made with the Detroit Bronze Co. in 1885 for a monument to cost \$3,500.00. The monument was to be ready for unveiling and dedication at the Annual Reunion of the Army of the Cumberland held here in September 16 & 17, 1885.

Mr. Gilbert offered to be responsible for any remaining balance that might be needed when the work should be done. The cost of the monument and its surroundings was \$4,150.00. In connection with its payment, the striking illustration of the cumulative property of money judiciously invested was not overlooked. The original \$600 with interest had grown to \$2,223. This money, plus the subscription of funds for entertaining the Army of the Cumberland, led to a surplus of \$750, which was turned over to the monument fund.

The Dedication

The G. A. R. Past Commander of Michigan, Gen. Byron R. Pierce, duly welcomed all the masses of spectators, G. A. R., and other dignitaries. The president of the Monument Association, T. D. Gilbert, was the first speaker of the program. The guest of honor was the famed, Gen. Phillip Sheridan, now Commander of all United States armies.

Rev. E. P. Gibbs of Grand Haven, pro-

nounced the benediction, and one of the most imposing and pleasing ceremonies ever seen here was concluded. But despite the ceremony and its significance the crowd did not disperse nor move; it pressed closer and closer to the stand with an impulse which soon found one voice in loud and clamorous cries for "Sheridan!" "Sheridan!" "Little Phil!" "Sheridan!" Moved at length by the tremendous importunities which literally rolled in from all sides, the Lt. General modestly arose and said: "Comrades. I'll take this opportunity to say good-bye to you all." The illustrious guest was escorted into a waiting hack and soon the streets were clear. A large group gathered around the fountain, which was splashing merrily, as if rejoicing at its birth and at the opportunity given it to murmur an everlasting requiem over the bodies of the noble dead.

The Monument



The thirty-four foot monument rested on a base of native stone cut in the form of a Greek cross and was in the center of a basin, sixteen (16) feet in diameter, which was also cut from native stone and surrounded by a coping of sandstone. The base of the structure

is ornamented with medallions of Lincoln, Grant, Farragut, and Garfield; also sites where some Kent County men fought.

The next section of the monument has a bas-relief showing a woman giving aid to a wounded soldier and the inscription *WOMAN'S MISSION OF MERCY* making it the *first monument in the history of the United States to recognize the efforts of women.*

On the other three sides of this section are inscriptions quoting Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, Garfield and Grant. Above this, the next section is:

**IN HONOR OF THE SOLDIERS
FROM KENT COUNTY 1861-1865.
ERECTED 1885.**

At the top is a draped shaft upon which a soldier, life size, stands at parade rest facing the northwest. Around the shaft are *PETERSBURG, WINCHESTER, MISSION RIDGE, and ANTIETAM.*

When the fountain is in operation, water spurts from four miniature cannon at the base and from the mouths of four cherubs into the water basins.

As Years Passed On

In 1891, just six years after the Monument is dedicated at Monument Park, hack men convened to convert the Park to a hack stand. At a meeting on 23 January 1908, the Champlin Post voted decidedly to oppose any thought or effort to move the monument from its present position. (The original handwritten letter is in the Grand Rapids Public Library archives)

The monument was adjusted in 1959, when Park Supt. Fred C. See reported that the statue had shifted 6.5 inches off center - to the south. The city allocated funds and the soldier promptly was returned to his northwest stance. Since then, the soldier apparently has remained loyal to the Union cause.

Upon a Closer Inspection

After contacting the Grand Rapids Monument Company for a reference on a conservator, I was given the name of Mercene Karkadoulis of the Karkadoulis Bronze Art, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mercene and her daughter, Kathy, drove to Grand Rapids, free of charge to inspect our monument and give their analysis.

Meeting with us that day was Mr. Tom Zelinski, the Grand Rapids City Parks Department Superintendent. We immediately were informed that our monument was not the type of bronze that we had anticipated. The monument is made of "white bronze" or zinc.

The condition we found the monument in was very sad. Time and the elements have taken their toll on our soldier. The paint is peeling and corroded. Cracks in the metal have allowed water to seep inside. The weight of the monument has caused warping to take place. Vandalism has accounted for very little of the damage when compared to neglect.

The fountains have not worked since the water was shut off to the park to widen the streets. The underground pumps and plumbing have burned out after flooding. Our soldier even leans backward nearly a foot from vertical.

Although called white bronze, the metal in the monument is actually pure zinc, a nonmagnetic metal that is heavier than iron, but not as heavy as lead. Zinc develops a protective coating of zinc carbonate when exposed to the air. The surface of the metal also received a proprietary treatment, still unidentified, which gave the gray zinc an effective and permanent stone-like appearance and texture.

The Fundraising Efforts

Upon receiving the proposal from the Karkadoulis Bronze Art, Inc, for a complete restoration, the Gen. John A. Logan, Camp No. 1, SUVCW, Dept. of

Michigan voted unanimously to take on the project. Our goal was set at \$210,000. The project was introduced to the public on Memorial Day 2000.

The first donor to this "monumental project" (pun intended) was Mr. Edward Blakely, the 96-year-old son of a Civil War veteran. Mr. Blakely's father, Egbert, enlisted in the 10th Michigan Cavalry in 1863 at the age of 15. Mr. Blakely's uncle, Buell, also served in the 21st Michigan Infantry at the age of eighteen.

Contributions are being sought from the community, individuals, foundations and businesses.

Excellent coverage in the Grand Rapids Press and the three local television stations have also led to some wonderful human interest stories that one cannot put a price on.

The Steelcase Foundation, the Frey Foundation as well as Amway have made pledges once we have reached certain dollar amounts of contributions. Grand Rapids Label Foundation, a company in existence at the time of the original dedication, also made a donation. The City of Grand Rapids has agreed to repair and replace the underground plumbing as well as erect a new historic marker at the rededication of the Monument. Mayor Logie has continued to be very supportive and is anxious to see and experience water flowing at both ends of Monroe Avenue (our Monument and the new Park at the other end).

But, more help is needed! The funds coming in to date have been slow and much more is needed. Remember, it was "on to Richmond" many times before the Union Army succeeded. So, while we are disappointed, we are not discouraged. **WE WILL SUCCEED ALSO!**

A Community Effort

This entire project has been made possible by the extra effort of several indi-

2001 National Encampment

Thursday, August 9 through Sunday, August 12, 2001 - Springfield, Missouri

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - 120th Encampment
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - 115th Encampment
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic - 115th Encampment**

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333 John Q. Hammons Parkway
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(417) 864-7333

**Hotel Registration Deadline is July 12, 2001
Room rate is \$75.50 plus tax for single/double occupancy**

For courtesy transportation from Springfield-Branson Regional Airport,
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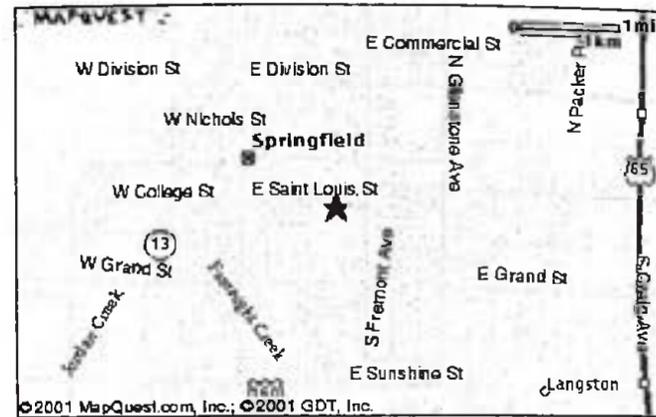
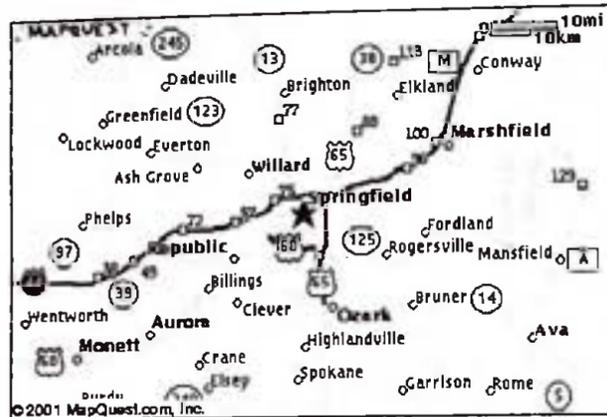


Missouri...Where it all began!

The Department of Missouri invites you to the "Show Me" state and historic Springfield for the 2001 National Encampment. We will be meeting within walking distance of the sites of the October 1861 and January 1863 battles of Springfield, as well as minutes away from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. For family members and guests, the Springfield-Branson area offers a variety of resources for entertainment and general interest. Don't miss the "Show Me" experience!

Springfield Area Maps/Hotel Location/Directions

Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel
 333 John Q. Hammons Parkway
 Springfield, MO 65806
 (417) 864-7333



DIRECTIONS

From I-44 (St. Louis area) Take I-44 West to exit 80A (Glenstone Avenue South). Follow Glenstone South for 3 miles to St. Louis Street. Turn Right. Follow St. Louis Street for one mile and turn left into the hotel parking lot. The hotel is located at the corner of St. Louis and John Q. Hammons Parkway.

From I-44 (Joplin Area) Take I-44 East to Chestnut Expressway Exit. Turn right, heading east for about six miles to Sherman Avenue. Turn right onto Sherman and head South for three blocks up the hill.

From Highway 13 (Kansas City area) Take Highway 13 South to Springfield. At Chestnut Expressway, turn left onto Chestnut Expressway and head east for 2 1/2 miles to Sherman Avenue. Turn right onto Sherman and head South for three blocks up the hill.

From Highway 65 (Sedalia area) Take Highway 65 South to Springfield until you reach Chestnut Expressway. Turn right, and head west for 5 miles to Sherman Avenue. Turn left onto Sherman, and proceed three blocks South up the hill.

From Highway 65 (Branson area) Take Highway 65 north to Springfield until you reach Chestnut Expressway exit. Turn left and head West, and follow it for about five miles to Sherman Avenue. Turn left onto Sherman and proceed South for three blocks up the hill.

From Highway U. S. 60 (Sikeston area) Take Highway 60 to Springfield until reaching the interchange with U. S. Highway 65. Take U. S. 65 north to the Chestnut Expressway exit. Turn left and head West, and follow it for about five miles to Sherman Avenue. Turn left onto Sherman and proceed South for three blocks up the hill.

From Highway U. S. 80 (Republic area) Take U. S. Highway 60 east to National Avenue exit. Turn left on National and proceed North to St. Louis Street. Turn left and follow St. Louis Street for two blocks. The hotel is located on the left side at the corner of St. Louis and John Q. Hammons Parkway.

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Show your support for the 2001 National Encampment by purchasing an advertisement in the official encampment program book. Express pride in your Civil War ancestor, your department or camp. Congratulate the Commander-in-Chief and the National Presidents or send greetings to the Allied Orders of this National Encampment

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 St. Louis, MO 63129-1626

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CAMP NAME _____ NUMBER _____

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- Past Commander-in-Chief
- Department Commander
- Past Department Commander
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FINAL MUSTER

George W. Long, PC-in-C
Department of Pennsylvania
April 18, 2001

Please see General Order No. 4 on page 3 for a memorial to Brother Long.

Dennis Kelly, PDC
Department of Illinois
May 21, 2001

It's with great sadness that I regret to inform you that PDC Dennis Kelly, Department of Illinois, passed away on Monday, May 21st. Dennis had been suffering from inoperable spinal cancer since last October.

With Dennis' passing goes one of our organization's brightest stars. Since his joining the SUVCW in 1995, he was instrumental in leading Phil Sheridan Camp #2, both as Camp Commander and as Secretary/Treasurer. In 1997, he began the annual commemoration ceremony of GAR Founder B.F. Stephenson in Petersburg. Dennis served twice as Department Commander, from 1997 to 1999 and from 2000 to 2001. His last term ended May 5th. From 1999 to 2000, Dennis served as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

In September 1998, he participated in the chartering ceremony for William Colvill III Camp #56 (Dept. of Wis.) at Fort Snelling, Minnesota with his son. Dennis worked with both of his sons, who were living in Minnesota at the time, in replacing Union soldiers headstones and maintaining their plots as part of a Boy Scout project.

He was a driving force in pursuing legal action, getting Civil War cannons stolen from a soldiers cemetery plot in Peoria, Illinois, returned. For his role, he was awarded the National SUVCW's Meritorious Service Award.

Faced with the inevitable, Dennis chose to continue to take an active role in the affairs of the Order, doing as much as he could in the time that was left him. At the time of his death, he was working on preparations for the Central Region Conference in Great Lakes, Illinois, this coming October 13th and the National SUVCW Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, in August 2002.

Dennis was a familiar face at many living history events and Civil War re-enactments. He regularly attended the Wade House Civil War weekend each September with Battery A of the Chicago Light Artillery. He had been a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve since 1996. Because his unit did not belong to the SVR, he joined Cushing's Battery. This February, he organized a new SVR unit, Battery L (Mulligan's Battery), 1st Illinois Lt. Artillery, from members of various Illinois reenactment units. Under his leadership, membership quickly grew from six to 16 members. On April 20th, Dennis was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in the SVR. He regularly made Civil War presentations in uniform at neighborhood schools, the most recent, just weeks ago.

A Memorial to Dennis will be posted on the 4th Military District's website and in the upcoming 4th MD's newsletter, *The Thin Blue Line*.

Condolences may be sent to Kelly family at:

1271 Exeter Ct.
 Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Further details will be forwarded as they become available.

Dennis was a close friend and confidant. His good humor and Christian attitude towards others that he shared with me at the Region Conferences and National Encampments we attended together will be sorely missed. It won't be the same without him.

In F, C, & L,
 PDC Steve Michaels

Adin Shank
Department of Michigan
May 30, 2001

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of "True Son" Brother Adin K. Shank of Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Department of Michigan on Wednesday afternoon, May 30, 2001.

The funeral was conducted at Noon on Saturday June 2 at Valley Farms Baptist Church, 1141 E. State Road, Lansing MI. Interment was in the Deepdale Memorial Park, Lansing.

He is survived by his widow who resides at 1380 Boichot, Lansing, MI 48906-5913.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. Mc Afec, Chaplain
 Department of Michigan

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 viduals and organizations outside the SUVCW.

Marcia Bruin, President of the Champlin Corps, No. 41 of the National Woman's Relief Corps, has offered much energy to the research of this history as well as countless hours in fund-raising efforts.

Another member of the Champlin Corps, Sarah Rossell, has donated her accounting expertise (Accounting Services, Inc.) to keeping the financial records of the project.

Our sisters from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Eva Gray Tent No. 2 have helped with three "Monument Sits" (educational camps provided by the members of Bruce B. Butgereit & Co. - Civil War Presentations).

Grand Rapids Civil War Roundtable member, Michael Page, was instrumental in assisting us in getting the Certificate of Appropriateness from the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission, necessary before any work could be on the Monument.

Another GRCWRT member, Chet Trybus, also a member of the Schubert Male Chorus (established 1883), recently found that the Schubert's sang several songs at the original 1885 dedication. Needless to say, they have signed on to sing at the re-dedication also.

Another young man, Duane Stendel, approached us about his desire to create a web site for the Monument Restoration Project as his contribution. In 1998, Duane had prepared a paper for his college thesis and had prepared one on the Grand Rapids Civil War Monument - little did he know that some day he would be helping restore the Monument. He is also now a Brother in our Camp.

www.civilwarmonument.org

The Process

Once the funds are raised, the 6-9 month process begins with dismantling the monument and fountain piece by piece. Robinson Cartage has donated the use of a crane and crew for this purpose.

The parts and pieces will undergo the time-consuming cleaning procedure of stripping away the old paint layers on the outside with a method using powdered glass, walnut shells, and baking soda. In addition, all corrosion on the interior of the parts and pieces will be cleaned out.

All cracks, chips, and deterioration will be repaired; some by brazing with a matching alloy.

All plumbing inside the monument and fountain will be replaced with non-corrosive piping.

A new finish will be applied which is a long-lasting protective coating.

A stainless steel structure will be built for internal support so the monument and fountain will rest on the frame instead of on itself.

The concrete base and basin will be reengineered for structural integrity and refurbished as needed to support the monument when it is reassembled.

The plumbing leading up to the fountain will be repaired or replaced and reconnected by the City of Grand Rapids.

But There's More to Do!

Our Camp is also responsible for locating and recording the Memorials in the three counties of Kent, Ottawa, and Montcalm in western Michigan.

To date, working with sisters from the WRC and DUVCW, we have located over 35 memorials, markers, plaques, monuments, etc in these areas. We have contacted the local historical so-

cieties to help provide material on their history.

I recently received a call from Arco Engineering in Louisville, Kentucky, which specializes in cleaning buildings and historical artwork - including Monuments. The owner's son is married to a young woman from Grand Rapids and saw our "Monometer" fundraising sign near the Monument during a recent trip to Michigan. He offered to and followed through by giving a demonstration at no cost of what his company can do for all our memorials. Patriotism is still alive in the world; it just needs a cause or some stirring.

Using the latest in non-abrasive cleaning methods, the ARMEX system from Arm & Hammer, he showed just how important it is to maintain these treasures. Starting at 10:00 AM on the bronze life-size statue of Charles B. Belknap (Captain in the 21st Michigan) on a granite base, he was able to remove about 20 years of the nearly 70 years the statue has existed by 12:30 PM. He has promised to return to finish the job.

We then began cleaning the Sand Lake, MI monument, made of limestone, at 3:00 PM and concluded at 6:30 PM. The difference between before and after was utterly amazing and the remarkable thing is that the process doesn't do any further damage or harm to the material.

Once we record the history of each of these memorials, we will then begin contacting each community to offer our support in the process of cleaning and/or restoring them as well, with Arco Engineering again being called upon.

The next step will be to have a re-dedication ceremony to honor the soldier in the Civil War and to remember the sacrifices they gave for the freedoms we enjoy today. The Sand Lake Monument will be re-dedicated July 4 and our Camp will be participating in their parade and the Belknap statue

Department News

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will be re-dedicated as part of the Celebration on the Grand festivities in September of this year.

For More Information on Contributing to This Project:

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Bruce B. Butgereit is the Dept. of Michigan Sr. Vice-Commander and Coordinator for the Camp-at-Large as well as the Commander of the Grand Rapids based Gen. John A. Logan, Camp No. 1, SUVCW, Dept. of Michigan.

Bruce is also the Recorder/Membership Chair of the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).

Department of California – Pacific

The Department of California – Pacific held their 115th Department Encampment on March 31st in San Luis Obispo, California. In attendance, as Installing Officer, was Commander-in-Chief Edward Krieser.

Elected, and duly installed by the Commander-in-Chief were the following:

Department Commander – Bob Lowe
SVC – Brad Schall
JVC – Linn Hoadley
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Edward Krieser and Robert Bateman at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Department of Illinois

Wreaths representing more than 50 heritage, veterans and civic organizations were presented at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, IL on Saturday, April 14, in observance of the 136th anniversary of the death of our 16th President. Commander-in-Chief Edward Krieser gave a brief talk and included "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield" as part of his remarks. MAJ. Robert J. Bateman, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, also spoke.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Dr. Mark A. Plummer, professor emeritus of history at Illinois State University, spoke on the subject of "Adjutant General Haynie and Lincoln's last 24 hours."

Departments, Camps, and Auxiliaries from throughout the Middle West were in attendance and participated in the ceremony. We were honored to have National Auxiliary President Mary Schofield with us as well as the National Presidents of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thomas L.W. Johnson, PDC (Wisconsin)

CO-Chair, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Department of Michigan

Ceremony for Private Daniel Pine
Co. E, 122 N.Y. Infantry

Private Pine was originally buried in 1889 in a family cemetery. After a time it became abandoned and overgrown. Fortunately though, this solitary headstone was discovered in the process on registering all Civil War veterans graves.

The Austin-Blair Camp No. 7 made plans to have the veteran re-interred in a place of honor, never to be forgotten again.

At 1:30 PM on May 12th, a horse drawn hearse carried the remains of Private Pine to his new resting place in Jackson, Michigan.

The burial service of the G.A.R. was used to perform the ceremony. Commander-in-Chief Edward Krieser provided appropriate remarks at the service.

A granite ledger stone was placed at the base of the headstone detailing Pine's life.

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The Guidon – Sons of Veterans Reserve

SPECIAL ORDER 2001-4 12 May 2001

1. Effective 12 May 2001 Second Lieutenant Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., SVR, Adjutant of the Gettysburg Blues, Second Military District, is commissioned Major, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshal for the 45th Remembrance Day weekend.

2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the Remembrance Day is to handle parade registration and provide information to parade participants, oversee the line up and superintend parade activities, and act as liaison between the SVR and the Remembrance Day committee. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

2. This commission expires at 2400 hours 18 November 2001 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-5 18 March 2001

1. Effective 2 January 2001, 1st Sergeant Marvin P. Schelhouse, Commander, Company B Torbert Guards, SVR, Second Military District is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This commission will expire on 1 January 2004 unless the same shall

otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-6 18 March 2001

1. Effective 15 January 2001, Private Todd A. Shillington, 355th Northcoast Volunteers, SVR, Second Military District is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This commission will expire on 14 January 2004 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-7 18 March 2001

1. Effective 15 January 2001, 1st Sergeant William S. Poulton, Commander, 355th Northcoast Volunteers, SVR, Second Military District is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This commission will expire on 14 January 2004 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-8 12 May 2001

1. Effective 30 April 2001, Major Norman F. Wheeler, Commander of the First Military District, at his request, is relieved of command and transferred to the Inactive Reserve. SVR.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-9 12 May 2001

1. Effective 1 May 2001, Second Lieutenant Peter A. Rotando, SVR, is appointed Commander of the First Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve.

2. Effective 1 May 2001 Second Lieutenant Peter A. Rotando, SVR, is commissioned Major, SVR.

3. This commission and appointment will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-10

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The Committee wishes to thank all those who have contributed to this project thus far and encourage others to also take an active interest in their state's GAR Posts.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2001

8:00A.M. Council of Administration Meeting, Place to be determined

5:00P.M. TO 9:00P.M. Registration

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2001

8:30A.M. Joint Memorial Service, Kansas Room

9:30A.M. SUVCW Session, Illinois Room

12:00P.M. Lunch

1:00P.M. SUVCW Session, Illinois Room

6:00P.M. Past National President's and Past C-in-C's Dinner, Arkansas Room

7:00P.M. Campfire, Kansas Room

8:30P.M. Courtesy Hour, Kansas Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2001

7:00A.M. SVR Breakfast, Arkansas Room

8:30A.M. SUVCW Session, Illinois Room

12:00P.M. Lunch

1:00P.M. SUVCW Session, Illinois Room

6:00P.M. Allied Orders Banquet, Nebraska Room

??? Open House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2001

8:00A.M. Council of Administration Meeting, place to be determined

SVR General Orders and news

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12 May 2001

1. Effective 20 April 2001, First Sergeant Dennis G. Kelly, SVR, Commander Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery in the Fourth Military District is commissioned Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This commission will expire on 19 April 2004 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 2001-11 12 May 2001

1. Effective 15 October 2001, First Lieutenant John A. Price, SVR, Commander Gettysburg Blues, Second Military District is re-commissioned First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This commission will expire on 14 October 2004 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Robert E. Grim, Colonel, SVR Adjutant General

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

Memorial Day - 2001

The James B. McPherson Camp # 66, Department of Ohio, SUVCW participated in Memorial Day celebrations and parades at Willow

Cemetery in Oregon, Ohio where 176 Civil War soldiers are buried (175 Union and 1 Confederate); and at Union Cemetery in Oak Harbor, Ohio where 108 Civil War soldiers are buried.

On Memorial Day Company C, 20th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry - SVR, under the command of 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Morris, provided a Color Guard and firing squad for Memorial Day activities at the Bloomingburg Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio where Ohio State Representative Dennis Stapleton was the featured speaker.

The 20th Ohio also lead the Memorial Day Parade to the Less Creek Cemetery in Clinton County, Ohio where the colors were posted and a firing squad fired a salute to the dead.

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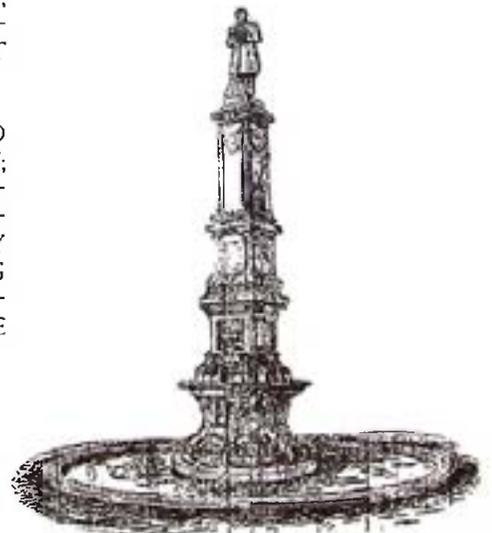
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