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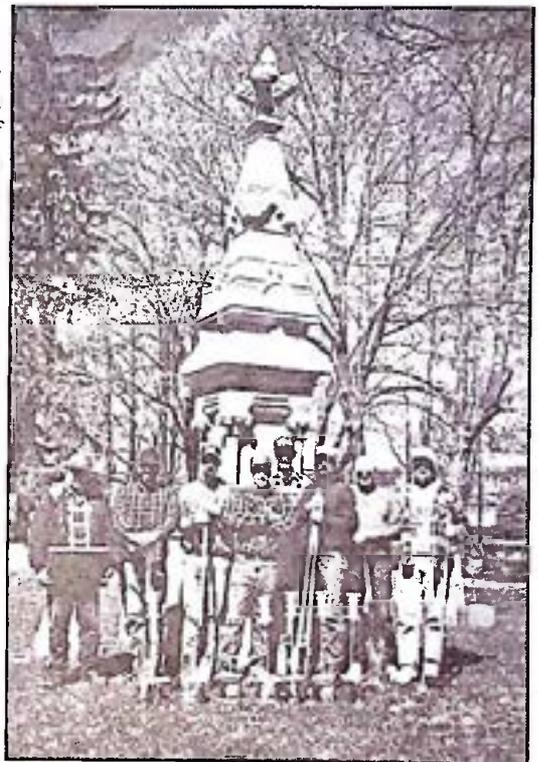
The seventy-five Civil War veterans who rest in the public cemetery at DeWitt, Michigan have been honored by having their individual graves specially marked with reproductions of a Grave Marker / Flag Holder that was originally furnished by DeWitt's George W. Anderson Post No. 58 of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). Many of these veterans were G.A.R. members (Comrades) but the Post extended the honor, of specially marking burial places, to all Civil War veterans. The particular style of marker that was chosen by this Post was unique. It was patterned after the membership badge of the G.A.R., with the initials "GWA" (for the namesake of the Post) and "Post 58" being cast within the center-circle of the badge's star.

In 1995, a Camp of the SUVCW was Chartered in DeWitt, MI and its membership chose to give new life to the name and number of the G.A.R. Post that had been there. Camp 58 soon set about the good work of inspecting the graves of Civil War veterans and assessing the G.A.R./Civil War related memorials in Michigan's Clinton, Gratiot, and Ionia counties. When it was discovered that only two of the original G.A.R. Markers / Flag Holders "survived the years," the Camp approached the City of DeWitt, asking that consideration be given to funding reproductions of these unique symbols of local heritage. This request was granted, as well as funds being made available for a new 30-foot flagpole to replace one that had been damaged & removed from the G.A.R. plot of the cemetery. years earlier.

The new marker / flag holders were cast in aluminum, the molds having been made from a carving based on the design of the original cast-iron markers. To hinder theft, Camp 58 volunteers set the markers in 2-lb. coffee cans, filled with cement. After the cement hardened, the markers were installed with the top of the cement just below the sod-line, adjacent to the veterans' grave-stones. With permission from the cemetery sexton, the government style stones that were sunken or tipped were raised, cleaned and straightened and those that had become weatherworn were replaced with new stones from the Veterans Administration, via labor donated by Camp 58 volunteers.

Not all of the G.A.R. Post 58 members are buried in the DeWitt Public Cemetery. Camp 58 located the graves of 23 other Post 58 Comrades who rest in the cemeteries of six nearby townships and the City of St. Johns. Cooperation was garnered from these local governments to purchase the special castings and allow Camp 58 volunteers to install them.

An additional item helped make the tribute to these veterans complete. A special plaque was commissioned for installation at the base of the new flagpole in DeWitt. It states –



Pictured from left are Louis Esch (City of DeWitt, MI Cemetery Sexton) with Camp 58 Brothers: Kent Armstrong, PDC; Eric Martens; Douglas Armstrong, Camp Commander; Kim Altvaler, Senior Vice Commander; Warren Gidley, PCC; Gordon McGarey, Patriotic Instructor, Mark Pangburn, Secretary-Treasurer.

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From the Editor -

I wish to thank Brother Ken Richmond for his past work on The Banner. As a former Editor of this publication myself, I can appreciate the hard work that goes into producing this Journal. I have taken this position on an interim basis until another Editor can be secured. Elsewhere in this issue is a notice for anyone that would be interested in applying for the position. While there is no monetary reimbursement, the value of being an integral part of this organization is incalculable, and the friendships, priceless.

This issue has a little bit of everything. We had a backlog of material so many of the Department and Camp items are from last year.

A word on submissions. All contributions are appreciated, however those submitted electronically are the easiest to put into the publication. Being a staff of one, it is difficult sometimes to retype all the material sent, especially when approaching deadlines.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge several Brothers that have been of great help: Ken Armstrong, Dick Williams, John Mann, David F. Wallace, and Keith Harrison.

Gregory Hayes

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General Order Number Two

On behalf of the National Organization, I am saddened to report the passing of Brother Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Past Department Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania. Brother Frantz has been a devoted member of the Sons of Union Veterans for 59 years, actively participating on all levels of the organization and was present at the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1949. In memory of his passing all charters are ordered draped for a period of 30 days.

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

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

2. The 44th Annual Remembrance Day activities were held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on 18 November 2000. The new parade and program format was well attended. A special thank you and congratulations are extended to the Remembrance Day Committee for another job well done. Thank you to the Gettysburg merchants for covering the cost of the parade permit.

3. The G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship Applications can be gotten by computer on the Internet Sons Webpage or by request to this office. Completed forms are to be sent to this office. All applications received will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee. Please keep in mind that we only award two scholarships.

4. Brothers are reminded to support the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the National Headquarters Fund and the Permanent Fund.

5. Deepest sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters who lost a loved one, are ill or are suffering in any manner.

6. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was awarded to Brother Dennis Kelly of the Department of Illinois for his endless effort to pursue and retrieve the missing cannon tubes from

the G.A.R. Memorial Monument in cemetery at Peoria, Illinois. A beautiful ceremony was held there on Veterans Day 11 November 2000 to rededicate the returned cannon tubes and commemorate the sacrifices of Americans who served.

7. Departments desiring the attendance of the Commandery-in-Chief at their encampment or a special event are encouraged to submit invitations as soon as possible. Conflicting dates do occur and invitations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

8. We have a new National Executive Director. He is Brother Timothy J. Schaible, P.O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105. (717) 832-2872 TJSCHAIBLE@worldnet.att.com Brother Schaible will be setting up office at the National Headquarters when it opens.

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

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

New National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

In an electronic Board Room vote on December 24, 2000, the Council of Administration appointed John E. Anderson, PDC (Tennessee) as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. Brother Anderson can be contacted at:

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Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Ceremony

The Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be hosting its annual memorial ceremony honoring Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson and celebrating the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. The ceremony will be held from 5 to 6 PM on Saturday, April 14, 2001 at Dr. Stephenson's gravesite in Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. For more information contact Dan Hans, Department Senior Vice Commander (Illinois) at 630-289-0509

Council of Administration Meeting November 17, 2000 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

An informal meeting of the Council of Administration was held at the Eisenhower Inn, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Voting members of the Council of Administration (CoA) present were Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Edward J. Krieser, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) George Powell, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Robert Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief (PC-in-C) Danny Wheeler, National Secretary Todd Shillington, National Treasurer James Pahl, National Quartermaster (QM) Elmer Atkinson, PC-in-C, and CoA members Gary Gibson, and Donald Darby. Non-voting CoA members present were PC-in-C's Charles Corfman, Andrew Johnson, Alan Loomis, David R. Medert and Richard Schlenker. Attending as a guest was Brother Timothy J. Schaible, candidate for the position of Executive Director.

The meeting began with Brother Schaible telling the CoA about his education and employment experience. He then fielded questions from the CoA concerning the performing of duties of Executive Director. Brother Schaible was provided with the most recent version of the Executive Director service agreement, to peruse outside the meeting, while the CoA discussed the matter. After a brief discussion, Treasurer Pahl moved to offer the position of Executive Director to Brother Schaible, under the same terms as agreed to by previous Executive Director Lyons, with the understanding that the National Headquarters would be available for the performance of his duties, even though it will not necessarily be furnished and operable immediately upon opening. Motion carried.

After returning to the meeting, Brother Schaible was informed of the vote of the CoA, and promised to have an answer to the offer at the meeting of the CoA scheduled for November 19, 2000.

SVC-in-C Powell and QM Atkinson, having investigated the matter, presented proposals and samples to the CoA from Star Printing and Publishing, as a source to print The Banner. After discussion, it was determined to pursue additional information, with specifications different from those quoted, and the allowance of paid advertising.

The meeting was adjourned.

Todd A. Shillington
Secretary

Position open at National

Currently the National Organization of the SUVCW is looking for a Brother to fill the position of Editor of The Banner. This is an appointed position. Brother Gregory Hayes, DC (Michigan), and past Banner Editor, has agreed to edit the publication on an interim basis until the position is filled. The duties include: writing, composition, layout, and editing, as well as preparing a report to the National Organization. Any Brother or Brothers that would be interested in applying for the position should call or email the Publisher, SVC-in-Chief George Powell at 215-338-7558 or GLPSUVCW@aol.com.

National Secretary and National Treasurer Positions will be open at Encampment

Both the current National Secretary and the National Treasurer will not seek reelection to their positions at the 2001 Encampment in Springfield, Missouri. Brother Todd Shillington (New York) will retire from the post of National Secretary upon the election and installation of his successor as will Brother James Pahl, PDC, (Michigan) as National Treasurer. Brothers interested in these positions are urged to review the Job Descriptions for National Officers at the National web site (www.suvcw.org).

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The meeting was opened by C-in-C Krieser. PC-in-C Schlenker delivered the invocation.

Secretary Shillington read the minutes of the CoA meeting of August 20, 2000. The minutes were approved. PC-in-C Corfman commented that he is working to add additional microphones to all future National Encampments.

Treasurer Pahl informed the CoA that he would soon be re-investing funds of the Order into higher interest accounts. Rates of return on investments were discussed.

Discussion took place concerning the report of Rebecca Pratt, the recorder and transcriptionist for National En-

campments. Secretary Shillington to contact her, and clarify the National Organization's desires.

Council Member Armstrong suggested that Departments contact Edward J. Duffel, National Committee on Legislation Chairman, in order to find the most effective statutes, to coordinate efforts nationally.

On the recommendation of Secretary Shillington, SVC-in-C Powell moved, seconded by CoA Member Armstrong, that a set of instructions be written to direct Camp and Department Secretaries on the proper completion of Forms 27 and 35. These are to be mailed to all Secretaries, and posted on the Order's webpage. The motion was carried unanimously.

SVC-in-C Powell told the CoA that the Department of Massachusetts JVC informed him that Massachusetts has re-dedicated part of U.S. Route 6 to commemorate Korean War veterans. PC-in-C Loomis noted that there was Federal legislation passed around 1930,

with each of the States through which Route 6 runs also passing resolutions designating it as The G.A.R. Highway. Discussion took place speculating as to whether legislation was passed in Massachusetts removing the G.A.R. Highway designation from Route 6.

PC-in-C Johnson raised the question of updating the software used by the Civil War Memorials Committee, as noted on the report of Civil War Memorials Chairman and CoA Member Donald Darby. Discussion took place concerning the non-compatibility of Microsoft Access 97, and Access 2000, the current Memorials application being based on the former. PC-in-C Orr expressed his idea that in the near future, the Order's website should be based on Cold Fusion, as opposed to the current HTML, which would allow interactive capabilities. Civil War Memorial and Graves Registration data could be entered directly from a user's web browser to a national database. C-in-C Krieser expressed his desire that the Communication and Technology Committee

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Council of Administration Electronic Board Room Vote Records December 24, 2000

In votes called by Commander-in-Chief Krieser on December 24, 2000, two elections have taken place in the Council of Administration Electronic Boardroom.

John Anderson, PDC of Tennessee, was elected National Membership-at-Large Coordinator by a 7 to 2 margin.

Gregory Hayes, Commander, Department of Michigan, was unanimously elected to serve as temporary Editor of the *Banner*.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Todd Shillington
National Secretary

The 120th National Encampment

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2001 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

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

Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War
120th Encampment

Ladies of the Grand Army of the
Republic
115th Encampment

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War
115th Encampment

Missouri, the Show Me State, invites you to attend our Orders 2001 National Encampments. Missouri's pivotal role as a border state with Kansas during the antebellum made the state a planting ground where the seeds of rebellion took root. With the outbreak of the Great Rebellion, Missouri was transformed into a major theater of military activity.

Join us at Springfield, Missouri, August 9-12, 2001, and let us show you the American Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi Theater. During Thursday afternoon, August 9, 2001, a special encampment bus tour of Civil War Springfield and Wilson's Creek will begin from the University Plaza Hotel.

The National Credentials Committee has been busy, looking forward to the National Encampment in Missouri. In coming issues of the Banner we will keep you all posted on our progress and discuss topical issues. We will go over the reporting procedures and explain the report that you will hear from us at various points during the Encampment.

As the season is coming when Departments are meeting for their Encampments it is important to touch on one item that needs to be addressed at the Department level. That is the necessity of each Brother having a Delegate Card to present as he registers at the National encampment. It is the responsibility of each delegate to secure a Delegate Card from his Department Secretary. Without it we cannot register you no matter how well we know you or how fine a fellow you are! Department Secretaries, you must see to it that you prepare a Delegate Card for each Brother attending and get it to him, preferably before the National Encampment. This will enable your Department's Delegates to register immediately upon arrival. Department Commanders, the buck stops with you! Please that each National Encampment attendee receives a Delegate Card from your Department Secretary and that he understands the necessity of having it with him as he registers at the National Encampment.

Brothers, this Committee is dedicated to a smooth and orderly process of registration and proper credentialing of Delegates as they arrive. We want your entire experience of attending a National Encampment to be as enjoyable and fulfilling as possible, free of any difficulties or distractions. Please assist us as we attempt to remedy this perennial problem. We look forward to seeing you all at the National Encampment.

Richard Greene, Chairman - National Encampment Credentials Committee

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work with the Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials Committees to come up with a solution. PC-in-C Johnson indicated that action is needed on the issue. Council Member Armstrong suggested that Donald Darby, Richard Williams, PC-in-C Orr and PC-in-C Keith Harrison, Chairman of the Communication and Technology Committee work together to resolve the issues. Council Member Darby agreed to contact Brother Scott Baker, to determine if the code that he wrote for a Graves Registration program would be available to use for this project.

Brother Schaible informed the CoA that he would accept the terms offered in the contract of the Executive Director. Council Member Darby moved, seconded by PC-in-C Atkinson, that Timothy Schaible be retained as Executive Director, effective December 1, 2000. Motion carried.

PC-in-C Orr updated the CoA on accounts to be transferred to Treasurer Pahl for re-investment at higher rates of return.

After discussion of the matter, CoA Member Darby moved, seconded by PC-in-C Wheeler, that the C-in-C appoint a Special Committee to devise a plan to facilitate a Life Membership program, to report to the CoA by January 31, 2000. Before voting took place, further discussion took place, including comments from PC-in-C Wheeler stating that the Membership wants a Life Membership program. PC-in-C Orr provided the CoA with the history of the Life Membership program, explaining how, in its previous forms, it became financially unsound. Treasurer Pahl said questions to be answered by such a committee should include does the Order continue a Life Membership program, if so, how, and under what conditions? If not, why? The motion was carried.

Council Member Armstrong introduced, to be included in the record, an article from the October 2000 issue of The Civil War News, in which are described efforts to restore the G.A.R. Hall of George W. Perry Post 31, of Scituate, Massachusetts.

A motion was made by PC-in-C Wheeler, and seconded by Council Member Darby, to change the password to the CoA Electronic Boardroom, to grant access to incoming Executive Director Timothy Schaible. Motion carried. CoA Members then introduced themselves to Brother Schaible.

Treasurer Pahl moved to terminate Ken Richmond as Editor of The Banner, requiring him, within thirty days, to turn over all materials to the Publisher, make a final accounting, and to present a final bill for services. The motion was seconded by PC-in-C Wheeler, and carried.

PC-in-C Orr announced that the Proceedings for the 1998 National Encampment should be ready for publication in December 2000. Many updates were subsequently given, by PC-in-Cs, of the status of their respective Encampment Proceedings, with many nearing completion.

The subject of approval of a commemorative SVR medal, submitted by Department of Tennessee Commander Frank Harned, to be sold to raise funds for a marker at the tomb of an unknown soldier in Chattanooga, was referred to the Military Affairs Committee.

PC-in-C Atkinson moved to donate \$300.00 from the interest of the permanent fund to assist in paying for the marker for the unknown soldier in Chattanooga. JVC-in-C Grim seconded the motion, which was carried.

Treasurer Pahl moved to decline an offer from United Society of Arms and Armour to produce a collector's edition firearm. The motion, seconded by SVC-in-C Powell, was carried.

PC-in-C Atkinson, Chairman of the National Committee on Remembrance Day, reported on the previous day's ceremonies. Despite a few small problems, most involved, including Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent John Latschar felt that it was the best program ever done in the park. PC-in-C Atkinson added that due to the amount of work involved, it would be helpful to have the appropriate committees in place at an earlier date. PC-in-C Johnson stated that there were still problems with the parade route, and that two long ceremonies following the parade are excessive.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in F, C, & L,

Todd A. Shillington
Secretary

New Executive Director named for SUVCW

On November 19, 2000, Brother Timothy Schaible (Pennsylvania) was appointed by the Council of Administration to the position of Executive Director. We extend to Brother Schaible our best wishes on his new position. He can be contacted at the address below.

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SUVCW Caps

The Department of New York is offering baseball caps emblazoned with the SUVCW logo. Available in a virtual plethora of colors, these caps are the perfect thing to wear when searching cemeteries or hiding bald spots. Contact:

PC-in-C Danny Wheeler
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Suvcdw@clarityconnect.com

Guidon Sons of Veterans Reserve

GENERAL ORDER 2001-1

4 February 2001

1. Effective 15 November 2000, 1st Sergeant Robert Wilhelm is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR, having been elected Commander of Company A, 1st New Jersey Battalion in the Second Military District.

2. This commission will expire on 14 November 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

GENERAL ORDER 2001-2

4 February 2001

1. Effective 15 November 2000, Sergeant David G. Martin is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR, having been appointed Adjutant of Company A, 1st New Jersey Battalion in the Second Military District.

2. This commission will expire on 14 November 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

GENERAL ORDER 2001-3

4 February 2001

1. Effective 3 February 2001, Second Lieutenant Frank B. Harned, Commander of Company C, 26th Wisconsin Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Major, SVR, and appointed Commander of the Seventh Military District.

2. 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

GENERAL ORDER 2001-4

4 February 2001

1. Effective 3 February 2001, 1st Sergeant Robert L. Queen, Commander of Company E, 8th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry (United States), SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR, and appointed Adjutant of the Seventh Military District.

2. 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

SPECIAL ORDER 2001-1

3 February 2001

1. Effective 2 February 2001, the Seventh Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve is reactivated.

2. Pursuant to SVR SOP Article I Section 1 (g) the Seventh Military District shall be composed of the following geographical area: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida.

Robert E. Grim
Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR

SPECIAL ORDER 2001-2

3 February 2001

1. Effective 2 February 2001, the jurisdiction of the Third Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve is returned to the geographical area provided in SVR SOP Article I Section 1(C): Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

Robert E. Grim
Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR



SPECIAL ORDER 2001-3

4 February 2001

1. Effective 4 February 2001, Captain Robert L. Queen, Adjutant, 7th Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve, is commissioned Major, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshal for the 1st Spring Memorial Parade, SVR, to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the Spring Event shall be 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 Spring Event committee. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

3. This commission expires at 2400 hours 21 April 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

Guidon Sons of Veterans Reserve

Western Memorial Parade and Military Ball

On April 20, 2001 the first annual *Western Memorial Parade and Military Ball* will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Everyone is invited and the event is open for everybody. Units and walk ones are welcome to participate in the parade - both Federal and Confederate.

A Memorial Service will be held on the evening of April 20th in the downtown area in honor of the unknown soldier found on the Missionary Ridge Battlefield. The following day a parade will form to transport the remains to the Citizens / Confederate Cemetery which will be in accordance with the *Funeral Honors from US Army Regulations 1861, (revised 1863)*. The Federal Honor Guard will be the 26th Wisconsin - SVR and the Confederate Honor Guard will be from Camp N. B. Forrest - SCV. All troops marching in the parade will be part of the burial detail at the cemetery where a short ceremony will be held.

A Military Ball will be on April 21st at 9 PM in the Silver Ballroom at the Raddison Read House in Chattanooga; period dress is required. The Olde Towne Brass from Huntsville, Alabama will play music from the 1860's. For Ball tickets, please send \$10.00 per person, check made payable to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, in a self addressed stamped envelope to: Frank Harned, P.O. Box 23172, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421.

There will be period camping at the Historic Lee and Gordon Mill. This is limited to the first 100 Dog Tents on a first come first service basis; the fee will be \$15.00 per person for the weekend. A Memorial Badge will be struck and be available for purchase for \$10.00 by the participants of the event from the Missionary Ridge Camp, SUVCW.

Those involved in the planning and organizing these events include: Missionary Ridge Camp # 63, Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Company C, 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve; Sons of Confederate Veterans N. B. Forrest Camp # 3; and the Patrick R. Cleburne Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

For information on period camping contact Commander Robert Queen, Provost Marshall for the event at: ROBERT-MATTICIA@msn.com Bring the family and enjoy free shuttle to the Aquarium, Discovery Museum, discount shopping, movies and the best in southern cuisine. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the **Chickamauga National Battlefield for Monument Preservation**. For more information contact 2nd Lieutenant Frank Harned, Company C, 26th Wisconsin Infantry - SVR, P. O. Box 23172, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421; e-mail cwphotopr@aol.com.

Announcements & Inquiries

From the National Web Site

www.suvcw.org

2/18/2001

Assistance Requested

Sometime between 1902 and 196? depending on which historian you favor, the Left Flank Marker of the 20th Maine Regeiment on Little Round top at Gettysburg disappeared. The Department of Maine, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW), have made the replacement of this marker their priority project. The replacement marker will be fashioned of Maine Granite by a Maine craftsman and transported to Gettysburg in early June. Pending National Park Service (NPS) approval, a ceremony dedicating this marker is planned for July 2, 2001 at 6pm on Little Round Top.

The Maine Department of the DUVCW is a small but enthusiastic group of women ages 8 - 102 all of whom are direct lineal descendants of men who honorably served the Union 1861-1865. If you are a descendant of a member of the 20th please contact me, we would like you to be part of the ceremony. Re-enactor who portray the 20th Maine are asked to contact us as soon as possible, your presence is most welcome, encouraged and NEEDED at this event. ANYONE who would like more information or is planning to attend the dedication please contact us (the NPS would like an approximate count)

Please RSVP all above to mainedaughter@my-deja.com or Maine DUVCW - 69 Slide Inn Road, Stoneham, Maine 04231. Also, any help you can tender this project is greatly appreciated. Gifts may be sent to: Maine DUVCW-Left Flank Fund % Elsie Bonney, Treasurer, P. O. Box 26, Greenwood, Maine 04255

Thanking you most sincerely for your time and support.

Lesley Gouin Dean, President
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2/16/2001

**Lincoln Symposium:
Reshaping the Presidency:
Lincoln's Legacy of Leadership
Harrogate, Tennessee
April 26-28, 2001**

The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum will host a three-day Lincoln Symposium April 26-28, 2001. *Reshaping the Presidency: Lincoln's Legacy of Leadership* features many of America's best known and respected scholars. During the Symposium, there will be a dedication ceremony for the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum's new Military of the Loyal Legion of the United States Gallery. A reservation form for the Lincoln Symposium can be downloaded from the Museum's website (www.inetlmu.lmunet.edu/museum).

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Museum's Program and Tourism Director, Carol Campbell, by telephone at 1-800-325-0900, extension 6439; by US mail at the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, Cumberland Gap Parkway, Harrogate, Tennessee 37752 or by email: ccampbell@inetlmu.lmunet.edu

2/15/2001

**TWO PHILADELPHIA LEGISLATORS
OPPOSE CIVIL WAR
MUSEUM MOVE**

HARRISBURG, February 15, 2001 - A priceless collection of Union Civil War artifacts housed in Philadelphia is in grave risk unless steps are taken quickly to protect it, state Senator Vincent J. Fumo and state Rep. James Roe-

buck, (both D-Philadelphia) said today. The Board of Directors of the Civil War Library and Museum is proposing to transfer all or part of the collection outside of Philadelphia, including much of it to a new museum planned in Richmond, Va. This transfer could result in the dissolution of the collection, or the degradation of its historical significance. It might also be illegal, the lawmakers believe. *This would be a major cultural and historical loss for the city of Philadelphia*, Fumo said.

The museum was founded in 1888 by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), an organization of Union officers and their descendants which assembled the collection. It turned operation of the museum over to a nonprofit board in 1986, but might still have legal rights of ownership to the collection.

The current Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, Major Robert J. Bateman, said: *The original charter for the CWLM stated that it was to be in Philadelphia. The Union officers and their families who gave or loaned items to the collection thought that those items would remain forever in Philadelphia, and we do not believe it is legally or morally acceptable to the Society's rich holdings of Meade and other Civil War participants from Pennsylvania and adjacent states. The CWLM's the collection.*

2/7/2001

**Seeking help from New England
Region Brothers & Sisters**

Seeking information on the design/manufacturer/history of the New England Region's Past Regional Commander's Badge. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.
Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Michigan Department

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War NATIONAL QUARTERMASTER 2001 ORDER FORM

This List Supersedes All Previous Years)
Only Orders Received on Current Requisition Forms will be honored

No.	Item	Unit	Price	Quantity	Color	Total
101	Transfer Form (Form 4)	10	\$1.00			
102	Department Transfer Form (Form 4 1/2)	10	\$1.00			
105	Camp Council Quarterly Reports (Form 13)	10	\$1.00			
106	Statement of Account (Form 12)	100	\$3.50			
107	Notice to Delinquent Member (Form 14)	100	\$3.50			
108	*Honorable Discharge (Form 6) Camp use only	10	\$1.00			
109	Promotion & Advertising Pamphlet	25	\$7.50			
111	Membership Application (Form 3)	25	\$2.50			
113	Application for War Medal (Form 5)	10	\$1.00			
114	*Son's Letter-head Stationery	10	\$2.00			
115	Eagle Scout Certificate	each	\$0.35			
116	Note Cards w/ Envelopes - Blue or Cream	10	\$4.00			
200	*Membership Cards Camp use only	48	\$4.00			
201	*Membership Certificate - Blue	each	\$0.10			
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205	*Membership Certificate - White	each	\$0.25			
256	Credentials - National & Department	25	\$2.50			
257	Certificates for Camp Officer	1	\$1.00			
300	Constitution & Regulations 1998	each	\$5.00			
302	Ritual & Ceremonials (Specify small or large)	each	\$5.00			
350	*Life Membership Bar (Life Mbrs Only)	each	\$5.00			
351	*Membership Rosette	each	\$5.00			
352	*Membership Badge	each	\$19.00			
353	*Associate Badge	each	\$19.00			
354	*Junior Badge	each	\$19.00			
355	*Camp Commander Badge (Camp use only)	each	\$25.00			
356	*Past Camp Cmdr. Badge (Camp use only)	each	\$19.00			
357	*Department Commander Badge (Dept use only)	each	\$30.00			
358	*Past Dept Commander Badge (Dept use only)	each	\$50.00			
359	*50 Year Badge	each	\$25.00			
360	*Miniature Badge (Member, Dept Officer, National Officer)	each	\$8.00			
361	*War Medal (Application must be included see Item # 113, Form 5 above)	each	\$22.00			
	Service Bars Worn on War Medal Only					
362	World War II Service Bar	each	\$4.50			
363	Korean Conflict Service Bar	each	\$4.50			
364	Vietnam Action Service Bar	each	\$4.50			
365	Persian Gulf Service Bar	each	\$4.50			

367 Replacement Ribbon for Badges (6 inches)	each	\$1.25		
368 Replacement Ribbon for Miniature Badges (6 in)	each	\$1.25		
369 Service Numerals (Attach to Badge 25 - 75 in 5 yr. increments)	each	\$5.00		
370 *Bronze Recognition Button	each	\$10.00		
371 *SVR Insignia for Badge	each	\$5.00		
372 *Decal (Inside Window)	each	\$3.00		
372 *Decal (reflective)	each	\$3.00		
For Miniature Badges Only				
374 1/8" Stars (bronze, silver or gold)	each	\$0.50		
375 Silver Palm (War Service)	each	\$1.25		
376 Neck Ribbon (36 inches)	each	\$7.00		
500 Neck Tie (blue or red)	each	\$16.00		
501 *Tie Clasp with insignia	each	\$10.50		
502 *Tie Tac (Polished Bronze)	each	\$5.00		
503 *Cuff Links with Insignia	pair	\$10.50		
504 *SVR Collar Insignia 1/2"	pair	\$10.00		
504 *SVR Collar Insignia 3/8"	pair	\$10.00		
505 *SVR Tie Clasp	each	\$10.00		
506 *SVR Membership Badge	each	\$10.00		
507 *GAR Commemorative Badge	each	\$11.00		
508 Grave Registration Packet	each	\$0.10		
Sub-Total				
Postage				\$3.00
TOTAL				

Name _____ Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Department _____ Camp _____ Telephone _____
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Make checks payable to: *National Organization, SUVCW* Mail this form and payment to: Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC SUVCW
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* Sales restricted to members with appropriate documentation

If purchasing either a Past Camp Commander or Past Department Commander badge, one of the following must be filled out:

The _____ Department/ Camp will present this Past Camp/Department Commander Badge to Brother
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I declare that I have served the _____ Department/Camp as Commander and I was awarded the honor
 of Past Department/Camp commander for having completing the term of office for the year ending _____

Signature _____

For office use only

Date Received _____ Shipping Cost _____

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This flagpole is dedicated in memory of all DeWitt area men who answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers to preserve the Union during the American Civil War.

It stands at the same location of the first flagpole, dedicated by the local Civil War veterans' organization, the George W. Anderson Post No. 58 of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R).

A grateful community is proud to see our Nation's flag honoring the G.A.R. Section of the DeWitt City Cemetery. Through their service and sacrifice, our republic remained one nation.

Presented by: City of DeWitt
 Attested by: George W. Anderson Camp No. 58, Sons of Union
 Veterans of the Civil War

Today, the 5 x 8 foot U.S. Flag donated by Camp 58 flies "24-7," with lighting provided by the City of DeWitt.

[DeWitt's G.A.R. Post was organized on April 25, 1882. The Comrades were very active in Southern Clinton County for several years but their advancing years and declining health force disbandment of the Post in 1909. George W. Anderson lived in DeWitt before enlisting in the 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates and later starved-to-death at Andersonville.]



Pictured above, is a newly installed reproduction of the grave marker/flag holder that Michigan's George W. Anderson Post No. 58 of the G.A.R. chose, to honor the resting places of Civil War veterans buried at DeWitt, MI

**"Banner"men,
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 female
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 members**



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LIVING UNION CIVIL WAR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN-2000

Listed below is a list of known widows and children of Union Civil War Veterans still alive as of August 2000. Certificates were issued to those who did not already have one and offered membership into one of the Allied Orders if the individual was not a member. Home addresses are purposefully not shown. Should you wish to contact any of the listed individuals or if you have any questions regarding this and future lists contact:

Jerome Orton PDC, Chair
National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters
213 Dixon Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13219-2711

Civil War Widows

Gertrude Janeway, of TN, is the last known Union Civil War widow. Her husband, enlisted under the name John January in Co. B, 14th IL Cav. The Allied Orders of the GAR presented her a monetary gift for Christmas and on her birthday in July 2000.

Alberta Martin, of AL, is the last known Confederate Civil War widow. Her husband was Japser Martin, 4th AL Inf. She still receives compensation from the state of AL. The Sons of Confederate Veterans have located over 100 Real Sons and the United Daughters of the Confederacy have located over 150 real daughters.

Children of Union Civil War Veterans

Charlotte Ayers, NH. Father, Charles Dunkel Hammer, 12th OH Vols. DUVCW Member.

Mrs. Lee Bartuff, CA. Father, Gilbert Lupher, Co. I, 4th PA Cav. She was born November 30, 1894.

Helen Beck, IN. Father, Alexander Hall, 16th Batt. IN LArt. DUVCW Member.

Viola Bloomer, KS. Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A, 8th TN Cav., USA.

John T. Brandon, IA. Father, John Brandon, Co. A., 6th WI Vols. SUVCW Member.

Sanford D. Brumfield, OH. Father, Slaon Brumfield, Co. F, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. SUVCW Member.

Frances Campbell, MN. Father, Albert Woolson, Co. C 1st MN Light Artillery. Last member of the GAR, Union Soldier and honorary Commander-in-Chief. SUVCW Member. ASUVCW Member.

Florence Caston, ME. Father, Samuel Hoffman, 21st ME, 2nd ME Cav. And USN. DUVCW Member.

Roswell Chaplain, VT. Father, Roderick Chaplain, 10th VT Vols.

Arlene Chambers, CA. Father, Dr. Arthur Montgomery Pelton, Medical Cadet, USA and 1866 graduate of University of Michigan Medical School.

Dale Collier, OH. Father, Harry Judd Collier, Co. F., 140th OH Vols. SUVCW Member.

Emeline A. Convers, OR. Father, Martin A. Baker, Co. A, 11th KS Vol. Cav. DUVCW Member.

Olive Cook, WA. Father, James H. Ellison, Co. I, 47th IA. DUVCW Member.

Freddie Dicken, MO. Father, Hardy Dicken, Co. A., 120th IL. Vol.

Col. John W. Dinsmoor, USAF (ret), CO. Father, Samuel Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th OH Vols. Built the famous Garden of Eden in Luca, KS. SUVCW Member.

Hobert and William Duncan, Mason City, IA. Father John Duncan, 1st NY Dragoons. SUVCW Members.

Desmond G.I. Dutcher, NY. Father, Hiram Dutcher, 184th NY Vols. SUVCW Member.

Dale O. Farnsworth, ME. Father, Albert Farnsworth, 2nd NH Vols. SUVCW Member.

Fanny Formhale, IL. Father, Wm. Th. Hawkins, Co. A, 34th OH Mounted Inf. DUVCW Member.

Acronyms used in listing:

Art. = Artillery
ASUVCW = Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Cav. = Cavalry
DOLLUS = Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States
DUVCW = Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
GAR = Grand Army of the Republic
Inf. = Infantry
LArt. = Light Artillery
HArt. = Heavy Artillery
LGAR = Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
MOLLUS = Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
SUVCW = Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
USCT = United States Colored Troops
Vol. = Volunteer
WRC = Woman's Relief Corps

Maudie Henderson, AK. Father, Hardy Dicken, Co. A., 120th IL Vols.

John McKinley Hicks, TN. Father, Thomas Benton Hicks, Co. A, 72nd IN Vols. SUVCW Member.

Margaret Huddleston, WI. Father-in-law, James Huddelston, Co. G, 5th MN Inf. 1st and 7th MO Cav.

Frances Jewell Huffman, IA. Father, Milton Gadberry, Co. H, 8th IA Cav. DUVCW Member.

Ruth Keis, OH. Father, Salem H. Town, Co. C, 75th IL Vols. Melvina Keller, OH. Father, George H. Summers, Co. A, 4th WI Vols. DUVCW Member.

Gladys Keely, PA. Father, Sgt. James Thompson, Co. H, 106th PA Vols. Commander George Meade GAR Post, 1893. ASUVCW Member.

Madison Gadberry, TN. Father, Milton Gadberry, Co. H, 8th IA Cav. SUVCW Member.

James M. Gowin, Jr., TN. Father, James M. Gowin, Sr., Co. B., 33rd IN Vols. SUVCW Member.

Grace Green, Father, Thomas Marchion, Co. B, 9th WI Vols. DUVCW Member.

Ruth Grubenhoff, OH. Father Daniel Diefenderfer, Co. E. OH Vols. DUVCW Member.

Mary Pickering Heron, Ontario, Canada. Father, Charles Dunkel Hammer, 124th OH Vols. DUVCW Member.

Ira Hicks, CT. Father, 1Lt. Ira E. Hicks, 7th CT Vols.. Father's MOLLUS Insignia #17642. MOLLUS (Insignia #18886) Member.

Celesta Holt, WA. Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A, 8th TN Cav., USA.

Cora Jackson, Father, Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT. John Johnson, Father, Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT. SUVCW Member.

Alvin Lang, WI. Father, John A. Lang, Co. F, 48th WI. SUVCW Member.

Lilliam V. Lamont, KY. Father, Theodore Habich, Co. F, 34th KY Inf. DUVCW Member.

Mrs. Sammie D. AL. Father, 1Sgt John Jackson Dawson, 110th USCT.

Onnie Mitchell, WV. Father, Cager Mitchell, Co. M, 7th WV Cav. SUVCW Member.

Doris Overson, MN. Father LaFayette Lyman Wheelock, Co. I, 4th WI Vols. DUVCW Member.

Josie Mosley, OK 74136. Father, John E. Mosely, Co. I, 3rd WI Cav. DUVCW Member.

Ora Pierce Powell, KY. Father, Joel Pierce, Co. B, 21st KY. Lumel Paul Robertson, MO. Father, James M. Robertson, Co. C, 24th MO Inf. SUVCW Member.

Horace Rumsey, NY. Father, Horace Rumsey, Co. A, 148th NYS Vols.

Florence Schaublin, OH. Father, Samuel M. Fletcher, Co. A, 136th PA Vol. Inf. DUVCW Member.

Rosella Sciesyński, IA. Father, John Brandson, Co. A, 6th WI Vols.

Aldin K. Shank, MI. Father, Norman Shank 44th IN Vols. SUVCW Member.

Hiram Shouse, Jr., IA. Father, Hiram C. Shouse, Sr., Drum-

mer Boy, Co. G, 11th IL Vols. Has 3 sisters and 1 brother. SUVCW Member.

Zelma Jane Stader, KS. Father, James Monore Fulton, Co. F, 28th IL Vols. DUVCW Member.

Emily J. Stevens, NB. Father, Samuel P. Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th OH Vols. Father built the Garden of Eden in Lucas, KS.

Rev. Howard Stimmel, VT. Father, Sgt. Smith Stimmel, Union Light Guard, a mounted cavalry company that served as President Lincoln's bodyguard and guarded the White House. National Patriotic Instructor (1920) and National Judge Advocate General of the GAR (1917). SUVCW Member.

James Fitz Sullivan, FL. Father, James P. Sullivan, Co. K, 8th WI Vols. Seebee Veterans of America (Past National Commander). SUVCW Member.

Jake A. Thompson, IA. Father, Alester D. Thompson, Co. A, 182nd OH. SUVCW Member.

Victor E. Tuller, KS. Father, Charles M. Tuller, Co. F, 130th NY (1st NY Dragoons). SUVCW Member.

Grace Valentine, VT. Father, John H. Barrett, Battery G., 2nd MO LArt.

Lois Waite, CO. Father, Salem H. Town, Co. C, 75th IL Vols. Julius C. Ward, NY. Father, Julius A. Ward, Co. G, 40th WI Vols.

Robert Warner, TX, Father, Wm. B. Warner, 9th IN Cav. and survivor of USS Sultana sinking. SUVCW Member.

Caruth Smith, NJ. Father, Sgt. Andrew Smith 55th MA Vols. She may receive the Medal of Honor for her father. LGAR (Past NY Department President) and DUVCW Member.

Jack Elmer White, FL. Father, George W. White, Co. I, 50th OH and survivor of USS Sultana sinking. SUVCW Member.

John Whitman, IL. Father, Nathaniel Amos Whitman, 9th PA. Cav.

Waldemar Williams, TN. Father, Alexander C. Williams, Bugler, Co. A, 1st US Cav. SUVCW Member.

Frederick Wilson, MO. Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A, 8th TN Cav.

Kathryn Wilson, MO. Father, Hardy Dicken, Co. A, 129th IL Vols.

Fred Upham, CO. Father, William Upham, Sr., Co. F, 2nd WI. USMA Class of 1866

William Upham Jr., WI. Father, William Uphman, Sr., Co. F, 2nd WI Vols. MOLLUS (Past Commander-in-Chief, 1985-1989) and SUVCW Member.

Alice Zreen Father, Alonzo Johnson, 45th USCT.



ALLIED ORDERS

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY NEWS

The Fall months are traditionally very exciting for the ladies who make up the local Auxiliaries affiliated with the Department of Massachusetts. This is a hustle-bustle period where all is prepared and readied to host the annual Installation of Officers. Ladies appear in their finest apparel and the committee in charge tries to enhance their meeting by decorations in keeping with a theme or holiday décor. Nothing could match the meticulous attention to detail in the Ritual agenda. The lunches following the meetings are beyond description and reflect the love and warmth and good taste of all our Sisters.

Mrs. Cynthia Brown, current Department President, has been the Installing Officer and the Vice President, Eleanor A. Becotte, in performing this function, accompanies her. On November 10th, Barbara Mayberry was installed as President of Aux. 10 in Springfield. On November 29th, Aux. 20 in Westfield hosted us so that Joyce Samel was installed for a second term. Aux. 50 of Rockland held their ceremony on November 28th when PNP Freda Harrington did the honors by installing Dottie Rae Holbrook, and Aux. 26 of Taunton with Jackie Presbry as President soon followed.

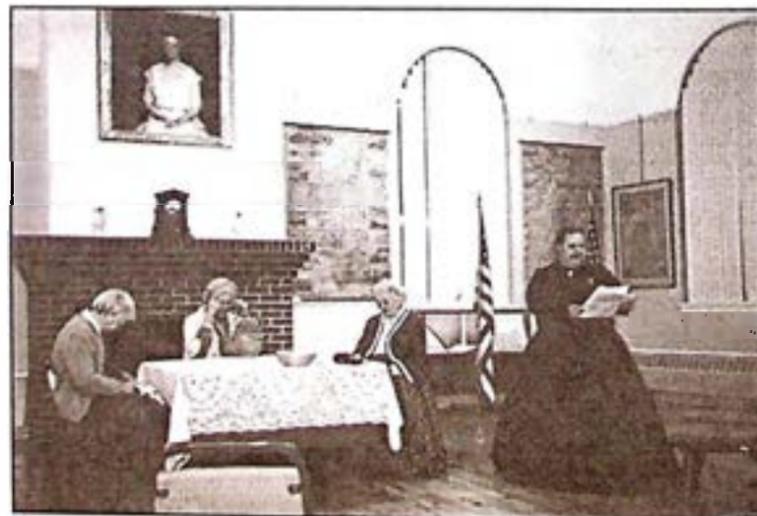
On December 17th the Camp 21 Commander, Ellsworth Brown, installed the newly installed Officers of Sumner Needham Auxiliary 128 of Lawrence. This impressive ceremony was held in the historical Red Tavern in

Methuen and was followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner. The restaurant was decorated for the Christmas season and the festive atmosphere was an added touch to the program. Civil War era dresses were worn by the Officers and Juniors that attended.

Many of the members of auxiliaries from MA travel to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day activities. They march in the parade and attend the ball. For the fourth year, all of the 159 graves of soldiers buried in the National Cemetery are decorated with sprigs of rosemary and a flag is placed at each site while the name is read aloud. This solemn observance performed by ladies in period dress accompanied by soldiers in uniform takes place before the big annual parade. The group of participants strolling in formation and accompanied by the musicians march through the cemetery and stop at the MA section where they conclude by singing after the readings. Period music is played as they return to the Visitors Center in gracious and dignified formation.

All the local Auxiliaries are now preparing to compile their necessary forms and reports to submit to the state Department. The Encampment Committee is busy meeting and discussing the upcoming Annual State Encampment to be held this spring.

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor A. Becotte, Press Correspondent - Department of Massachusetts.



The Mary Hatheway portion of the evenings event.
(l-r) Beverly Marston, Chrystal Montgomery, Alene Hall, and Bonnie Tolman

The ladies of the Griffin Aux. 11 - SUVCW based in Keene, NH presented a new Remembrance Day program in their area on November 17. Much fun was had and they plan to continue this annual event. If you can't get to Gettysburg this Fall, try Keene! The event will take place on Monday, November 19, 2001. Complete plans will be announced later this year.

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SUVCW Launches Another New Web Page

The purpose of the new Web Page is to present periodic listings of known surviving widows and children of Union Civil War soldiers. The existence of surviving widows and children has been an ongoing annual program within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) for many years. However, the August 2000 listing is the first to be placed onto the Internet. The lists are researched and compiled annually by the SUVCW's National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters. The new page is accessible from the National Web Site's Index Page under "Special Projects." Each list is presented in a Portable Document Format and can be printed off the Internet directly to your printer without concern as to format.

Jerome Orton,
Chair

National Committee on Real
Sons and Daughters
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
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(Ed. Note - the last update from this site is printed in this issue.)

MOLLUS's UNION BLUE is Available for Purchase

UNION BLUE: The History of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) now available for purchase. MOLLUS Companions may order the special edition with a unique MOLLUS plate numbered and signed (1 to 500). A real collectors item and one every Companion will want to own. To obtain your copy of one or more of the 500 numbered editions please send a check in the amount of \$30.00 for each copy payable to the *Memorial Fund of MOLLUS* to:

UNION BLUE
Connecticut Commandery, MOLLUS
23 Thomson Road
West Hartford CT 06107-2535

The price includes postage and handling. Numbers will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Please note that MOLLUS received from the publisher 500 of the special numbered edition (once these are sold no others will be printed) and 500 of the regular edition. Once our allotment of regular books are gone, Companions will have to order directly from the publisher at a higher price (\$30.00 plus postage and handling for the regular edition). The special numbered edition is only available from MOLLUS.

From the Publisher's Catalog: *Union Blue* is the story of the oldest veterans organization of the Civil War. The *Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States* was founded in 1865 by officers of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Civil War. More than 12,000 of the serving officers, known as *Companions of the First Class*, were members. A number of prominent civilian leaders, including all of Abraham Lincoln's cabinet were *honorary Companions*. Divided into *State Commanderies, the Loyal Legion, or MOLLUS* as it was popularly called, sought to provide relief for veterans and their families, and educate the public about the great war in which they had participated. They did this by erecting monuments and publishing papers on the history of the war written by their membership. Virtually every prominent Union Officer was a member of the *Loyal Legion*. *Union Blue* recounts the history of MOLLUS, gives illustrated biographies of each of the *Commanders-in-Chief* who served in the Civil War and lists every *Companion of the First Class* with their name, rank, unit, brevet rank, *State Commandery* and *insignia number*. The book is 429 pages with 23 illustrations and bibliography. Rev. Dr. Robert G. Carroon, PCinC Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States jcarroon@ctdiocese.org

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc. will have the 45th annual ceremony which will commemorate the 136th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, at 11:00AM, Saturday, April 14. For more information, please contact:

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Department and Camp News

Department of Ohio

On October 28, The Commander of the Department of Ohio, Terry Frost, along with the Department GRO, Martin Lowery, Sr., presented plaques to Susan Debo. Mrs. Debo is the wife of Brother Darrell Debo, PCC of Dennison No. 1 and current Camp GRO. She has, for the past two years, devoted her time and talents covering all Franklin County, Ohio cemeteries, registering over 3,000 Union Civil War Veterans graves.

The Brothers of General Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207 report the following events from 2000:

- A. The Camp is attempting to revive the Fife and Drum Corps from its history
- B. In April, the Camp lost its Chaplain, Brother John Westfall – a veteran of WW II and Korea
- C. On Memorial Day, after marching in the local parade, performed ritual services at Moundview Cemetery.
- D. In November the Camp joined with a Brother Karl Schaeffer of the McCellan Camp of Massillon to dedicate a new grave marker for Schaeffer's great grandfather, Corp. Lewis Plett.

Department Of Illinois

On Saturday, September 30, the General Phillip H. Sheridan Camp of the Illinois Department conducted a memorial service and dedication for new headstones placed on the graves of 26 Union Civil War veterans at Union Ridge Cemetery on the northwest side of Chicago. Approximately 200 local residents joined SUVCW members on a beautiful autumn morning for the event.

Department of Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department and Auxiliary recently made contributions to preserve and maintain the last G.A.R. Hall in their state. The Hall is located in Boscobel, in southwest Wisconsin, and was one the meeting place of the John McDermott Post No. 101. Today the WRC No. 32 cares for the building and frequently gives tours.

Acting on behalf of their organizations, Department Commander Frederick Murphy and his wife, Department Auxiliary President Gloria Murphy, presented checks to the Woman's Relief

Corps during the city's annual "Muskets and Memories" Civil War Weekend.

The Sons have a long history of support for this Hall. In 1898, Boscobel's John Stahel Camp No. 34 paid off the G.A.R.'s debt on the building, leaving the same clear and giving the Post a deed to the Hall. A Camp continued to meet at the Hall until 1925, when it disbanded. The Department is hopeful that one day a Camp will again hold meetings in this historic building.



(L to R) Wisconsin Department Commander Frederick Murphy, Woman's Relief Corp No. 32 Officer June McMillan, and Wisconsin Auxiliary President Gloria Murphy

The ceremonies commenced with a parade by a combined Color Guard of the SUVCW, American Legion Post 740, as well as local girl and boy scouts.

Following the presentation of memorial wreaths by the SUVCW and various local groups, reenactors provided a musket and artillery salute.

The program ended with the playing of Taps, a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace and a reading of an address entitled "Our Fallen Comrades" originally delivered by Captain George Robinson, one of the veterans receiving a new headstone.

Department and Camp News

Department of Missouri

On August 12, 2000, nine members of the Phelps Camp No. 66, helped the National Park Service rebury the remains of several unknown Union soldiers that died during the Battle of Wilson's Creek in 1861. The Camp members escorted the vault carrying the bone fragments from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield where they were found in the 1950's and 1960's, to the Springfield, Missouri National Cemetery. After a brief service, the Camp members served as pall bearers and formed an Honor Guard to carry the remains to the gravesite. A musket volley and the playing of "Taps" concluded the ceremony.



On November 11, 2000, several members of the Phelps Camp No. 66 participated in the annual Veterans Day parade in Springfield.

Department of New Jersey

Department Commander Clark D. McCullough presented Brother Joseph Seliga with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on cannons in the State. Seliga was also given a certificate for his efforts in getting Senate Bill #1263 passed and signed into law on January 10, 2000, to protect New Jersey's Civil War Monuments and cannons.

Department of Florida

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2000, the Lucius L. Mitchell Camp No. 4 of the Florida Department joined with the city of St. Cloud to dedicate a new 12 foot monument and commemorative plaque honoring the Grand Army of the Republic and those Union veterans, who in 1909, settled the 'wonder' city

of St. Cloud. The ceremony was conducted by the Commander of the Camp, Ron McCracken.

The G.A.R. and the National Tribune came to Florida and organized the Seminole Land and Investment Company, purchasing 35,000 acres on the south edge of East Lake Tohopekaliga. They held a lottery in Atlantic City, New Jersey, offering building lots at \$50 each to include a 5 acre farming plot just south of town for each buyer. This wonder city soon sprang up as many veterans in their late years had expressed the need for a suitable climate in which to retire.

Upon arrival with their personal effects and families, they lived in tents provided by the Army. In no more than two years the town was up and running with a charter, a downtown district, water and electric plants, and more.



Department and Camp News

Department of California and Pacific

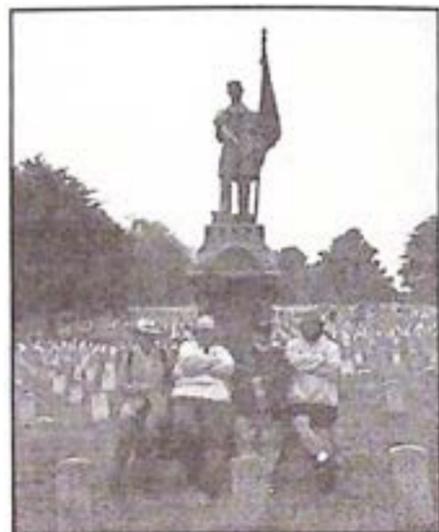
General Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 started their Grave Registration project at the Presido in San Francisco. Brothers Reed, Schall, Hoffman, Mosier, Hill, Roger and his father spent the best part of the morning registering 602 gravesites. This project will take several more trips to accomplish our goal in completing the project.

At Large

Major General Thomas H. Ruger Camp No. One North Carolina

On Saturday, August 26, 2000, sons of Federal Soldiers and sons of Confederate soldiers met in harmony to honor a fallen Union soldier 135 years after his death. Benjamin Frank Powers enlisted January 21, 1865 at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was mustered into Company A, 5th Ohio Cavalry. His unit and regiment marched throughout the Carolinas as part of Sherman's campaign to end the war. Private Powers was stationed at Camp Heath, Morgantown, North Carolina, where he died August 31, 1865 and was buried in the Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery. For 135 years Frank Powers had no marker for his final resting place. Thanks to the work of Jim Pierce, Adjutant and the Col. Samuel McDowell Tate - Burke County Camp No. 9836, SCV Graves Registration Project, Douglas Elwell, Commander, Maj. General Thomas H. Ruger Camp No. 1, SUVCW and the Department of Ohio, SUVCW, that is no longer true. On Friday August 25, Jim Pierce, Doug Elwell, and Richard Bishop prepared the ground for the next day's ceremony by adding a box of Ohio soil sent by that Department to the resting place of Pvt. Powers.

The next day saw prayers, the laying of wreaths, a volley, and the marker unveiling. After the dedication, the SCV and the SUVCW members met for refreshments and the raising of flags. A new American flag and a new North Carolina flag were donated to the Morgantown library.



Pictured in front of the G.A.R. statue erected in 1892 and dedicated by the George H. Thomas Post No. 2 are (l-r) Bros. Hoffman, Reed, Moiser, and Hill



Department and Camp News

Department of Michigan

At a special ceremony on August 19, 2000 Edward Blakely, 96, of Grand Rapids, was introduced to members of the SUVCW. It was a distinctive honor because he is a "true" son of a Civil War veteran. One of the highlights at this 119th National Encampment held in Lansing occurred when the Commander-in-Chief presented Blakely with his membership badge to the Order, officially making him a Brother in the General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, of Grand Rapids. His father, Egbert Blakely, served in the Civil War with the 10th Michigan Cavalry. Also in attendance in Lansing was another "true" son in the Department of Michigan. Brother Adin Shank, 87, of the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17. Brother Shank's father served in the 44th Indiana Volunteers.



(l-r) Brother Edward Blakely, PC-in-C Danny Wheeler, and Brother Adin Shank

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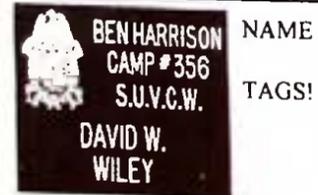
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Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.,
at the
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief
Sons of Veterans, United States of America
Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 18, 1882

Pursuant to orders issued by Col. H. T. Rowley, Provisional Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, the Commandery assembled at the headquarters of Davis Camp, No. 1, and organized by electing Major John A. Wood, of Garfield Camp No. 3, temporary chairman, and Major John H. Siefert, of Davis Camp No. 1, temporary secretary.

Representatives present:
Col. Charles M. Morton and I. B. Stanton, of New York.
W. C. Wikoff and W.R. Byers of Ohio.
Col. H. T. Rowley, Maj. John A. Wood, Maj. John H. Siefert and Lieut. H. W. Wilker of Pennsylvania.

On Motion of Capt. W. C. Wikoff it was resolved that the provisional officers of the Commandery-in-Chief be made the permanent officers until the regular election.

Captain Wikoff also moved that the rules adopted for the government of the provisional organization be made the rules governing the Commandery-in-Chief, excepting New York.

Bro. Stanton moved to amend the motion, so to place New Jersey on the same footing as New York (on the minutes).
Amendment accepted, and motion and amendment adopted.

Col. Morton moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7 o' clock P.M., and the first business to be transacted at the evening session be that of fixing the revenue to be paid the Commandery-in-Chief by the several Camps. Carried.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P.M.

EVENING SESSION

Col. H. T. Rowley presiding and Lieut. H. W. Wilker as secretary.

Colonel Morton offered the following resolution, which was upon motion adopted:

Resolved, That a charter fee of ten dollars be charged against each Camp now working under the system of Ritual and Rules as originated by Western Pennsylvania, and that a notice of this action be forwarded to the respective Commanders of the various Camps, and that they be instructed to forward immediately to the Quartermaster general the above-named sum. The sum shall entitle the various Camps to a Charter, the necessary number of Rituals, and samples of the blanks required to organized a Camp.
On motion the Unwritten Work (signs, grips, etc.), as illustrated by Brother Stanton, was adopted.

Colonel Morton moved that the per capita tax be fixed at fifteen cents per year, until the next annual meeting. Carried.

Colonel Morton moved that bonds to the amount of \$1,000 (to bear six percent interest) be issued in sums of from ten dollars to twenty-five dollars each by the Commandery-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief (provided that they see fit to do so), in order to relieve the Commandery of any indebtedness that may be incurred.

Brother Stanton moved that we now go into nomination and election of officers to the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

The following officers were nominated and elected:

Commander-in-Chief H. T. Rowley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Lieut. Commander-in-Chief Charles Durfee, Decatur, Ill.
Vice Lieut. Commander-in-Chief W. C. Wikoff, Columbus, O.
Chief of Staff Walter E. Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following were nominated and elected Council-in-Chief, with power of the Commander-in-Chief to add three more:

John A. Wood McKeesport, Pa.
John Vogt Pittsburgh, Pa.
John H. Siefert Pittsburgh, Pa.
Charles Schoulan Allegheny, Pa.
F. N. Arbogast Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. R. Byers Columbus, O.
F. D. Mitchell New York
Phil Kloeber New York
A. L. Boda Columbus, O.
W. J. Maskell Chicago, Ill.
J. B. Shaw, Jr. LaFayette, Ind.
D. M. Bangs Waterville, Me.

General Rowley then announced the following staff appointments:

Adjutant General H. W. Wilker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Quartermaster General F. N. Arbogast, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Inspector General I. D. Stanton, Amsterdam, N.Y.
Judge Advocate General Chas. Chenowith, Chicago, Ill.
Chaplain-in-Chief M. R. Byers, Columbus, O.

Colonel Morton moved that we now go into nomination for selecting the next place of meeting for the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

On motion, duly seconded, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief be held in New York City, the time of the meeting to be announced in future orders.

Colonel Morton then moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet between the 10th and 20th of August, 1883, the exact time to be promulgated by General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

The following telegram was then read:

Chicago, Ill., October 18, 1882
Col. Harry T. Rowley, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Greetings! Success crowns labors of Commandery Sons of Veterans!
May prosperity follow under your guidance.

W. J. Maskell

On motion, adjourned.
H. W. Walker

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Washington Gardner
Commander-in-Chief
Grand Army of the Republic
Detroit, Michigan September 3rd, 1914

