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## Final Blue Grey Tribute



The famed Mt. Vernon, Ohio, SUVCW Fife and Drum Corps, headed by Col. Warfield W. Dorsey, led the last Civil War funeral procession in Houston, Texas, December 23, 1959. Lt. Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Columbus, Chief of Staff of the 1st Ohio Regt. SUVCW, was liaison officer for the "combined operation" which saw 30 members of the Fife and Drum Corps and 25 Grey-clad members of the 2nd Kentucky Infantry flown to Texas and back for the Walter Williams rites. The Mt. Vernon unit, which played at the 1956 Duluth, Minn., funeral for the last Union Veteran, Comrade Woolson, was the official and only band at Houston, and led the procession.

At left: Lt. Col. Clancy landing at the Houston, Texas airport.

### National Patriotic Instructor's Message

Preservation and restoration are two terms which are continually facing us each day. Carrying out of these principles could very well determine our future.

We have read and heard of drives for financial and physical means for the preservation of lands adjacent to our Battlefields. Without the purchase and ruling hand of authority over such fields near Manassas, Antietam and Gettysburg, we will face the danger of losing the full view of those sacred soils. Congress authorized certain funds with limitations. Each year this action must be renewed beginning with the fiscal year. I urge you all to write your Congressmen requesting their support of this action. Do it now before it is too late.

Restoration also plays an important part of our heritage. Daily we face proposed highway construction in our towns and cities. Many community memorials erected to the memory of hometown men and boys, who served with the Grand Army of the Republic, were erected along these roads, which now must be widened to keep up with modern changes. Several times during the past few years, our support with letters to local officials has assisted in the relocation of these memorials to places of honor.

Recently this office received an example of what one of our Brothers accomplished in New York City. Past Camp Commander Bert Sack of Camp 26, located the statue of a Union Soldier holding his rifle, which was removed from the West Farms Soldier Cemetery by the Public Works Authority of New York.

Bro. Sack investigated the cause of removing the statue, located it in a warehouse in the Department of Public Works. Through subscriptions from the Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and other veteran units and individuals, Bro. Sack raised enough money to repair and replace the 10 foot Union Soldier on its original granite base. On November 9th, Rededication Services were held with many military, veteran and civic organizations participating. The address was given by Dr. Daniel Cusack, Commander of the New York Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

With this issue of THE BANNER, you will receive your G. A. R. Memorial Fund contribution notice. No matter what contribution you remit, it will be appreciated. Each Brother, Camp and Department will be listed and reported at the National Encampment in Springfield, Ill. in August.

Perpetuation of the Grand Army of the Republic is our purpose. Failure to support this can endanger our future.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

There is nothing wrong about having nothing to say, unless you say it out loud.

Hope for the best; get ready for the worst; and accept philosophically whatever comes.

### Dedication Day (S. J. Res. 50)

With our loyal friend, Senator Kenneth B. Keating again leading the way, it's up to us, my Brothers, to do our bit for Dedication Day, by getting letters in the mail immediately.

His bill bears the same number and identification as that of last year—S. J. Resolution 50. All that's needed now is your letter addressed to the Hon. James G. Eastland, Chairman Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Just a short letter, concise and to the point, setting forth your desire that he and his committee will give Senator Keating's bill (S. J. Res. 50) their favorable consideration.

You will note that I am still plugging for short letters, as in these hectic days in Washington, it is the short letter that survives the toss into the waste basket. This is our year, Brothers, what with the Civil War Centennial. So, let's do it now, while the time will never be better, while the opportunity will never be greater than in the year 1960.

May I ask you then, to write that letter to the Hon. Mr. Eastland, and MAIL IT TODAY.

FRED E. COLWELL,  
National Legislative Chairman.

### National President's Message

Your National President deeply appreciated the many expressions of good will and friendship received during the Holiday Season. I sincerely thank each and everyone for your greetings.

With the second National Orders, you will receive your reservation cards for the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Ill. where we will be holding our National Encampment, August 21-26, 1960. Plan on attending. Springfield is full of wonderful historical things to see. Stay a day or so longer and visit the many historical sites. You will receive an inspiration from them.

How are the Press Correspondents press books coming along? Full, I hope.

The National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff are anxiously awaiting your donations. Give generously.

The Membership Honor Roll is not growing as fast as it should. I humbly ask your cooperation in trying to secure new members, so that we might overcome some of the losses we have had.

I will be making my official visits in the next few months, and shall be looking forward to meeting many of the Sisters. Plan on class initiations for my visits if possible.

BEATRICE S. RIGGS,  
National President.

Hear one man before you answer, several before you decide.

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY



On Feb. 6th, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15 of Harrisburg, Pa., celebrated their 75th anniversary, which affair was also their 25th Annual Lincoln Banquet. Shown above left to right are: Roy C. Boughter, oldest member attending, who joined in 1913; Hon. Homer L. Kreider, Judge of Dauphin County; P. C. in C. John Runkle, Toastmaster and Chairman; P. C. in C. Richard R. Locke, Illinois, who stopped at Harrisburg on his way home from Washington, D. C., where he had attended the Coalition meeting. Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold arrived too late to be included in the picture.

One hundred and thirty one persons attended, including representatives of all allied orders and many veteran organizations, as well as P. C. in C. Leroy Stoult and Natl. Patr. Instr. Chester Shriver.

Judge Kreider who is in charge of naturalization in Dauphin County spoke of his work, and explained how careful the U. S. Government is now in screening applicants for citizenship and the steps taken in preparing these applicants to be useful citizens. He said "people today seem more grateful for the privilege of becoming citizens," and he attributes this to the fact that they appreciate getting away from the tyranny of the dictators, as our forefathers came to American to get away from oppression.

### 1960 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	PLACE	DATE	HOTEL
Calif. & Pac.	San Jose	May 1-1	DeAnza Hotel
Colo. & Wyo.	Manitou Springs	June 5-7	Cliff House
Connecticut	New Britain	May 14-15	Hotel Burritt
Illinois	Peoria	June 22-26	Pere Marquette Hotel
Indiana	Indianapolis	June 3-5	Hotel Severin
Iowa	Mason City	June 16-19	Hotel Hanford
Kansas	Salina	Apr. 21-26	Warren Hotel
Maine	Rockland	June 21-25	Thorndike Hotel
Maryland	Wilmington, Del.	May 20-21	Hotel DuPont
Massachusetts	Worcester	Apr. 22-24	Bancroft Hotel
Minnesota	Minneapolis	June 1	GALT Room, Court House
New Hampshire	Concord	Apr. 29-30	Highway Hotel
New Jersey	Asbury Park	June 17-18	Kingsley Arms Hotel
New York	Binghamton	June 8-11	Arlington Hotel
Ohio	Toledo	June 16-18	Hotel Secor
Ore. & Wash.	Eugene	June 5-7	Eugene Hotel
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	June 19-23	Warwick Hotel
Rhode Island	Providence	Apr. 8-9	Benefit St. Arsenal
Vermont	Brattleboro	June 23-25	Hotel Brooks
Wisconsin	Madison	June 11-12	Lorraine Hotel

### WHEN ORDERING SUPPLIES

1. Order on official requisition blank—Form No. 1.
2. No orders will be filled unless accompanied by remittance.
3. Anticipate your needs, thereby avoiding last minute rush orders and disappointments.
4. All supplies to be ordered from Natl. Secy-Treas. A. C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

### Department Centennial Committees

Word has been received of the appointment of the following Civil War Centennial Committees by Departments:

CONNECTICUT: Dept. Commdr. Harold L. Scott, 36 Roberts St., Bristol, Conn.; C. Browne Newton, 860 Tower Rd., Hartford, Conn.; James Y. Ledwith, 111 Park St., New Haven, Conn.; Ellery Linnell, 15 Marlyn Rd., Mt. Carmel, Hamden, Conn.; Russell E. Lawrence, 75 Birge Rd., Bristol, Conn.

NEW JERSEY: Chairman, Dr. Karl Rothschild, 747 W. 7th St., Plainfield, N. J.; Fred H. Combs Jr., 2913 Main St., Lawrenceville, N. J.; Albert W. Lambert, 3228 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.

OHIO: Chairman, Wm. C. Duvall, 4120 Webster Ave., Cincinnati 36, Ohio; Lt. Col. Daniel F. Clancy, 4469 Johnstown Rd., Gahanna, Ohio; Arthur M. O'Connell, Carew Tower, Cincinnati 2, Ohio; Robert W. Ballard, 412 S. Dewey St., Lima, Ohio; A. K. Meyers, 1514 Monrow St., Toledo, Ohio; Martin R. Batey, 1165 W. Ely St., Alliance, Ohio; Daniel Wasser, 149 Allen St., Dayton, Ohio; C. N. Edie, 213 Prospect Pl., Findlay, Ohio; W. W. Dorsey, 600 N. Gay St., Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

### Lincoln Tomb Exercises Scheduled

On April 15th, a commemorative service will be held at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois commemorating the 95th anniversary of his death. This event is sponsored by our National Organization, with George L. Cashman and Charles A. Brady, Jr., as co-chairmen.

Exercises will be held at the Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery at 11 A. M., to be followed by a luncheon at the Leland Hotel. Buses will be provided to transport all attending, both from and to the hotel.

Hon. Lester E. Collins, Mayor of Springfield will make a welcoming address at the luncheon, and Lt. Gov. John Wm. Chapman will deliver the featured address. The ceremony at the Tomb will be presided over by Brother Cashman. Frank B. Huntington of the Loyal Legion will offer the prayer, and the Commander-in-Chiefs of both the SUVCW and MOLLUS have been invited to attend and speak. American Legion Post 32 of Springfield will furnish a color guard, a firing squad and bugler, while the Lanphier High School band will provide the music. Publicity for the ceremony will be handled by Carl G. Hodges, State of Illinois.

All members, as well as members of allied organizations and veteran organizations are cordially invited to attend.

### Lincoln Observance at Washington

The annual ceremony by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion was held again this year on February 12th at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. This impressive ceremony was again joined in by our Order.

A delegation of twelve in uniform from Pennsylvania attended the affair, and the Commandery-in-Chief colors were carried by a color guard from Camp 15, Harrisburg, under command of First Lieut. George H. Gruber. In addition to Gruber there were Jack Wolfe, Edward Dobie, Henry Kimmey, Eugene White, Dennis Payne, Dept. Commander Edward K. Kramer, and Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle. Also attending were P. C. in C. Leroy Stoult of Reading, Lt. Col. O. G. MacPherson and Natl. Patr. Instr. Chester Shriver of Gettysburg, and Ivan Frantz from York.

Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold presented the Sons of Union Veterans wreath, while Dept. Commander Kramer presented that of the Lincoln Sesqui-Centennial Commission.

Following the colorful ceremonies at the Memorial, Commander-in-Chief Arnold and those from Harrisburg and Reading were guests of the Loyal Legion at the Army and Navy Club for luncheon.



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Headquarters COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War P. O. Box 41 Coventry, R. I.

1. Your Commander-in-Chief had the pleasure of participating in the ceremonies at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. on February 12 under the auspices of the District of Columbia Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion. After the ceremonies we were the guest of the Loyal Legion at the Army and Navy Club for a luncheon where we were joined by Past Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant 3rd. It was also my pleasure to visit the headquarters of the Civil War Centennial Commission and observe its operations.

2. At this time I wish to thank the many Departments and Camps for their invitations to attend Lincoln Dinners, but it was impossible to attend all of these affairs, as a good many were held on the same night. I especially want to congratulate Camp 15 of Harrisburg on their 75th Anniversary, and may they have many more.

3. On Friday, April 15th, our Order will again mark the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln by appropriate ceremonies at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. At that time the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will be our guests. Following the ceremonies there will be a luncheon and the guest speaker will be Lieutenant Governor John William Chapman of Illinois.

4. Your Centennial Committee has published a leaflet called "The Civil War and You." This contains information concerning the Sons of Union Veterans and our activities in the Centennial. Any one may get a copy by contacting the Chairman of the Centennial Committee, William O. Fuller, Sr., 104 Middle St., New Bedford, Mass.

5. On March 15th, I will attend a class initiation of Keene, New Hampshire Camp No. 10. Candidates will be present from Keene and Portsmouth, N. H. as well as from Brattleboro and Bellows Falls, Vt. These energetic Camps are showing that it can be done.

6. I take this opportunity of reminding all Grand Army Highway Department Committees of a project that has been dormant for the past few years. A resolution was passed at the 74th Annual National Encampment in Cincinnati, Ohio that this committee supervise the U. S. Grant Highway, Route 20, which runs from Massachusetts to Oregon. Local legislation is needed to complete this project. The Department of Illinois is the only one where this has been accomplished. Who will be next?

HAROLD E. ARNOLD, Commander-in-Chief.

No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come.



Come to the LAND OF LINCOLN

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Springfield, Illinois August 21-25, 1960

See New Salem An Historic Shrine

As the passing years add to the stature of Lincoln among the figures of men in history, so do they change the significance and importance of Lincoln's New Salem State Park among the historic shrines of America.

Infinite labor and endless research characterize the re-creation of this village where young Lincoln clerked in a store, chopped wood, enlisted in the Black Hawk War, served as postmaster, deputy surveyor and legislator, failed in business, and met Ann Rutledge.

The Park, situated on a hill one hundred feet high, overlooks the Sangamon River valley. It was on this bluff in 1828 that James Rutledge and John Cameron erected their homes and the following year, after building their grist and saw mill on the river below, laid out the town of New Salem and started selling lots.

Strangely, the six years that Lincoln spent in New Salem almost completely encompass the town's brief history. The community was growing and thriving when Lincoln reached there in 1831, but in 1839, just two years after he had left for Springfield to practice law and advance himself in the fascinating maze of politics, the county seat was established at nearby Petersburg.

OMNIBUS

DR. CHESTER D. BRADLEY, Curator of Fort Monroe Casemate Museum, Fort Monroe, Virginia would like to get in touch with the family of F. B. Roads who was Secretary, Veterans Assoc. of the 3rd Penna. Heavy Artillery in 1890. Fort Monroe was one of the few forts in the South, not captured by the Confederates at the outbreak of the Civil War. It remained in Union hands all throughout the war and served as a very important base for the Union Army and Navy. The 3rd Penna. Heavy Artillery garrisoned Fort Monroe from 1863 to 1865.

134th ANNIVERSARY BALL OF THE OLD GUARD of the City of New York was held at the Commodore Hotel on January 29th. Representatives from the SUVCW included Dept. Commander Jos. Rippey, Dept. Secy.-Treas. Bertram Isaacs, P.D.C. Wm. C. Bruckel, P.D.C. Leslie More, Owen Coyle, Commander of Tilden Camp, and Natl. Patr. Instr. Chester S. Shriver of Penna. The Annual Ball, traditionally held on the last Friday in January, is the leading formal military social event of New York City, in which members of participating units appear in Assembly and Grand Military March in colorful and distinctive uniforms. The Old Guard

of the City of New York is a part of the New York State Militia, and is a member of the Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands, composed of independent military units with dates of origin as early as 1636, from the Thirteen Original States.

NEW MEMBERS AT LARGE—We cordially welcome Loren L. Taylor, of Kansas City, Kansas and Howard Dunn Denton of Springfield, Virginia as members at large. Mr. Taylor, 24, is a law student at the University of Kansas City, and Mr. Denton, 43, is an employee of the United States Government.

PROPHETIC

Photo prints of both sides of a scrap of paper on which a Civil War soldier wrote his last letter to his mother, Elizabeth Starr, Oregon, from his location at the siege of Charleston, S. C., in August 1863. Lieut. John H. Starr was enlisted in the 62nd Ohio Vol. Inf. and was killed in action shortly after writing this letter, which now belongs to John H. Starr, Past Dept. Commander, Oregon and Washington.

Handwritten text of a letter: Head Quarters, 62nd Regt O.V.I. Morris Island, S.C. Aug 18th 1863. Mrs. Elizabeth Starr, Secus Mother. We will both soon be in eternity. Let us meet in peace there and strive diligently to do our duty. My mission is on earth to do all the good I can until my end shall be at home. I am called Reverend J.H. Starr, here I am called Lieut. If the heart and conduct is right all will be well. Fare the well, until we meet again in the Spirit land, I may be called before Charleston is taken. I die in the cause of Liberty and my country. Lieut. John H. Starr

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Lieut. John N. Starr

(Submitted by P. C. in C. Frederick K. Davis)

NATIONAL PRESIDENT FETED



Approximately 125 guests and friends gathered in the Red Velvet Room of the Hotel Lafayette in Long Beach, Calif., recently to honor the National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs, of Upland, Calif.

Shown above left to right, front row, are: Mrs. Abner Haldeman; P. C. in C. Earl F. Riggs; Jack C. Yocum, P.D.C., Penna.; Mrs. Riggs; Wilma Combs, P.N.P. Iowa; Hon. Abner Haldeman, Mayor of Upland. Rear row: John Gately, representing the Dept. Commander of California and Mrs. Margaret L. Hixson, Dept. Pres. of California.

Chairlady of the evening was Mrs. Irene Wohlgenuth, P.D.P. of Long Beach, who introduced the honored guests and visitors, as well as a most interesting program.

The Grand Army Badge

The badge is of bronze, made from cannons captured in battle during the Civil War, and is in the form of a five-pointed star, similar in design to the two hundred Medals of Honor, authorized by an act of Congress to be given to the soldiers and sailors most distinguished for meritorious and gallant conduct during the Civil War.

THE OVERSE—in the center of the badge is the figure of the goddess of liberty, representing loyalty. On either side a soldier and a sailor clasping hands, representing fraternity, and two children receiving benediction and assurance of protection from the comrades, representing charity. On each side of the group is the National Flag and the Eagle, representing freedom, and the axe, or bundle of rods, or fasces, representing Union. In each point of the star is the insignia of the various branches of service—The Bugle for infantry, the Crossed Cannons for artillery, the Crossed Muskets for marines, the Crossed Sabers for Cavalry, and the Anchor for sailors. Over the central groups are the words "Grand Army of the Republic" and under "1861—Veterans—1866" commemorating the commencement and close of the rebellion and also the date of organization of the Order.

THE REVERSE SIDE represents a branch of laurel, the crown and reward of the brave, in each point of the star. The National Shield is in the center, surrounded by the twenty-four recognized Corps Badges, numerically arranged each on a keystone and all linked together, showing they are united and will guard and protect the shield of the nation. Around the center is a circle of stars representing the states of the union comprising the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE CLASP is comprised of the figure of an eagle with crossed cannon, and ammunition representing defense. The eagle with drawn sword hovering over, and always ready to protect from insults or dishonor, the National Flag, which is also the emblem and ribbon of the Order.





## Department News



### CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

PHIL KEARNY Camp 7, Pasadena, believes it has the oldest member of the Order in the person of Bro. Linus L. Karns. He was born September 6, 1868 at Randolph, Indiana. He joined the Order at Selma, Indiana, November 1882, and transferred to Kearny Camp 7 June 4, 1923. This makes 78 years of continuous membership in the Order.

The SUVCW and Aux. held a Department mid-winter meeting at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Inglewood on February 14. The program was opened at 10 A. M. by the chief of staff. A dinner was held at noon. Mrs. John Gately of Pomona was chairman. Exemplification and initiation rites were executed.

### COLORADO & WYOMING

Old albums and tin-types were inspected by members of the Pueblo Auxiliary during a program in February at the home of Mrs. Arthur Meeker. The patriotic program following a luncheon honored the birthdays of William McKinley, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In charge were Mrs. Nell Morris, Mrs. Edna Short and Miss Louella Holmes.

An album belonging to Miss Holmes contained tin-types of officers and Civil War soldiers, two of which were autographed by Lincoln and by C. C. Walcott who was a general in the Union Army. Miss Holmes also showed her New York Newspaper extra dated April 15, 1865 containing the news of the assassination of the president. The albums and newspaper belonged to her father who was a Civil War soldier. Mrs. Meeker also displayed old photographs.

Miss Holmes installed the officers, with Mrs. Jane Sayhouse as the newly installed President.

### CONNECTICUT

On October 10, Aux. 3, Meriden and their Camp held a reception for Dept. Pres. Grayce Miller. The annual Department Fair was held in the Hotel Burritt, New Britain on November 7. P.D.C. Morton and P.N.P. Mae Gibney attended as they were on a Conn. visit from their present home in Florida. The Fair was both a social and financial success.

Mattie Degenkolbe, Dept. Inspector, officiated at the Inspection of Aux. 20, East Hampton on December 3. A Christmas Party was enjoyed also, with many officers and past officers attending.

On December 8, Meriden Aux. 3 held their annual Inspection. Following the meeting, a party was given Sr. Vice Commander Christian Heckler and his wife, Lottie, who were celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Annie Spink inspected Aux. 5, Rockville on December 10. Following the meeting, a Christmas Party was enjoyed with an exchange of gifts.

### ILLINOIS

GEN. GEO. A. CUSTER CAMP No. 1 and its Auxiliary No. 30 held their third annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 12 at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. The speaker of the evening was Joseph L. Eisendrath, Jr., past president of the Chicago Civil War Round Table and a noted Lincoln authority. Acting as host and hostess at the dinner were Dr. A. W. Stillians, camp commander, and Mrs. Amelia Binsfeld, auxiliary president.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER Roscoe C. Mathis and Department President Hilda Greene met with representatives of the five Allied Orders at Peoria, January 23, to make arrangements for the department's encampment, scheduled for June 24-25 at the Hotel Pere Marquette. Mrs. Wanda Stuart of the Ladies of the G.A.R. is serving as encampment chairman.

DISTRICT NO. 1 of the auxiliary met in the G.A.R. Hall at Rockford on March 3, following luncheon at Davidson's cafeteria. Mrs. Beatrice Swanson of John A. Logan Auxiliary No. 20 is district president.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT will be host to the 1960 National Encampment at Springfield, August 20-25. Sr. Vice

C-in-C. Charles A. Brady, Jr., is encampment chairman for S.U.V.C.W. Members of his committee are: P.D.C. J. Colby Beekman of Petersburg; P.D.C. Charles H. Bournstine of Chicago; M. J. Burns, Jr., of Springfield; P.D.C. Phil Byron of Kankakee; George L. Cashman of Springfield; W. Glen Davis of Springfield; Myron E. Goodermont of Oswego; Dept. Comdr. Roscoe C. Mathis of Prophetstown; and P.D.C. William J. Moore of Decatur. Past C-in-C. Richard F. Locke of Glen Ellyn is honorary chairman. Past Natl. Pres. Eva B. Blackman is encampment chairman for the auxiliary. Members of her committee are: P.N.P. Gladys Sallman of Chicago; P.D.P. Capitola Rehrmann of Chicago; P.D.P. Ethel Heilmann of Maywood; P.D.P. Bessie Goodermont of Oswego; P.D.P. Agnes Mallon of Naperville, and D.P. Vivian Moore of Decatur.

DAVID M. McLANE of Old Glory Camp No. 61-65 is chairman this year of the Sons & Daughters Banquet Assn., which holds an annual banquet in commemoration of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. This year's banquet will be held April 9 at the Midland Hotel, Chicago.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT regrets to report the passing of the following brothers: A. Butler (Camp No. 5), David G. Drake (Camp No. 21), Wendell W. Kelsch (Camp No. 25), Frank B. Tompkins (Camp No. 25), and William B. Brigham (Camp No. 12-100). Bro. Drake was a past department commander, and was currently serving the department as Graves Registrar.

### INDIANA

Chrystal K. Powell, 60, of Connersville died on January 5th at Newport News, Va., at the home of her son. Sister Powell was a Past Department President, as well as a former National Treasurer of the Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, R. A. Powell of Newport News and Maj. F. E. Powell, stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla., and a granddaughter.

Much publicity is received in Richmond due to the efforts of P.D.C. Argus Ogborn, and his intense interest in Civil War history. An interesting room in the north end of the courthouse has been made even more interesting by a number of donations during 1959. These have been catalogued and grouped by Ogborn. He is currently interested in the possible restoration of the Gov. O. P. Morton home in Centerville as a Civil War Shrine.

### IOWA

FORT DODGE Camp and Aux. held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. George Webb at which time Mrs. Irma Woods, Des Moines, Department President was guest of honor. A pot luck supper was served, followed by a program featuring a Christmas pageant entitled "Christmas Candles." Mrs. Mabel Thorson arranged the program. At a recent installation of officers Ray Engle was installed as Commander, and Mrs. T. H. Thorson as President of the Auxiliary.

### MAINE

Hyde Camp and Aux. held a joint installation of officers on January 23. Lewis W. Boyd was installed as Commander by P.D.C. Robert Hunt. Anna McCabe was installed President by P.D.P. Carrie Hunt. Following the installation, 50 year badges were presented to Arthur E. Stewart and Forrest Legard.

The second New England Centennial Commission will meet at Augusta on April 30th.

### MARYLAND

SHAW AUX. 6 officers were recently installed by Dept. Pres. Mrs. Bertha Pederson. Mrs. Catherine J. Addie is the President, Mrs. Martha B. Callahan, Secretary, and Miss Eva L. Walker, Treasurer.

Mrs. Marian Sandstrom and Mrs. Alice Lucas assisted Mrs. Pederson with the installation. Mrs. Dorothy L. Hilyard and Mrs. Mary Lucas were also present; all are members of the Appomattox Aux. 2.

### MASSACHUSETTS

The Department mourns the passing of P.D.P. "Pam" Elder. A large number from affiliates of G.A.R. headed by Commander-in-Chief Arnold and Natl. Vice-Pres. Emma Wheeler attended final funeral rites. Dept. Commander Mellor and a dozen P.D.C.'s with as many P.D.P.'s were

among the group. Dept. Pres. Jessie Wells supervised the Aux. ritual ceremonies. Honorary bearers were Past Dept. Commanders Day, Quinn, Haskell, Drown, Hooper and Lennon.

A fine pre-centennial observance was presented in Salvation Army Citadel, Chelsea, on February 13 when the annual Lincoln Dinner of Past Department Presidents and Commanders was enhanced by the City of Chelsea, Theo. Winthrop Camp and Aux., and the Salvation Army. Two hundred attended. Dept. Commander Mellor and Dept. Pres. Jessie G. Wells were guests. A review of Chelsea's contribution to the Civil War was given by Bro. Clarke, who is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He showed pictures of Chelsea's G.A.R. Post, which he had resurrected. These were rededicated by Chaplain Davis. A flag was given the Y.M.C.A. by Camp and Aux., who have met in the former's headquarters for quite some time. Several score of children selected from the schools of Chelsea were present. A few participated in the program. The Salvation Army band rendered Civil War selections and Bro. Quinn spoke on Lincoln.

Annual Lincoln Birthday services at Park Square Emancipation Statue, Boston, was again sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents, on February 12. James G. Wolff presided. Ceremonies by the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Committee following at the State Capitol combined to give both functions very favorable newspaper publicity. Those participating in the out of doors observance were Ernest G. Wells and Barbara D. Brown, presidents of the associations; Wm. O. Fuller, Louis E. Winchell and Harold Drown. Officials of all affiliates were recognized. A large number of boys from Columbian Squires, who were dismissed from school classes, attended. One of their number gave the Gettysburg Address.

Plymouth County Assoc. observed the memory of Lincoln at Brockton on February 20. Wm. W. Haskell, Chairman of the City's C.W.C. was master of ceremonies. Association Presidents, Raymond L. Morse and Mary C. Sampson were receptionists. A sizable delegation from Rhode Island attended the dinner and program. P.N.P. Maude B. Warren reviewed Lincoln's life and Harold M. Drown gave the Gettysburg Address. Chief guests included Dept. Comdr. Mellor; Dept. Pres. Jessie Wells; Flora D. Bates, Natl. Chief of Staff; William O. Fuller; Ernest G. Wells and Louis E. Winchell.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold became a member of the Mass. Past Commanders Assoc. at the Plymouth County Lincoln Night. Duke is a dual member of Charles Russell Lowell Camp, Boston.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

A District Meeting was held January 10 with Dept. Pres. Lizzie Crooker's Aux. in Hillsboro acting as hostess. In spite of bad traveling, a good number of members were present. The ritualistic work was exemplified very efficiently with Beverly Marston of Keene acting as President and Karen Rasmussen as Guide. One candidate from Bennington was initiated. The Hillsboro Auxiliary officers were installed as part of the afternoon program, which was followed by a nice covered dish supper.

### NEW JERSEY

Lincoln Birthday programs were presented by the members of John J. H. Love Camp 12, Bloomfield and by Ferd V. Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, at their February meetings.

Marcus L. Ward Camp 18, Newark, in cooperation with the City of Newark, held their annual Lincoln Observance at the Lincoln Monument in front of the Court House on Sunday, February 14th. This was followed by a dinner in a local hotel.

The 54th annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by Garfield Camp 4 and Aux. 18, Trenton, was held on February 13th in the Stacy-Trent Hotel, at which time Dr. Herbert J. Smith delivered the address on Abraham Lincoln. Guests included Dept. Commander Albert W. Lambert and Department President Mrs. Anna Clayton.

Natl. Secy. Treas. Albert C. Lambert extends sincere thanks for himself and his family for the many kind thoughts and comforting messages received from members of the entire National Organization at the time of the death of his mother Mrs. Anna Lambert.

### NEW YORK



John H. Berry was honored January 16 on becoming a 50 year member of H. C. Berry Camp 89, Niagara Falls. Shown above, from left, seated: Sam. B. Gamble, Dept. Dist. Deputy; Mrs. Fred Howe, Past Pres. Aux. 8; Mrs. Richard Reed and Mrs. A. Estella Brown, P.D.P. of DUVCW. Standing from left are Honored Guest John H. Berry; P. C. in C. Fred E. Howe; Camp Commander Richard Reed; and Norman H. Marsh, P. C. H. C. Berry Camp was named after Brother Berry's father.

GLIDDEN-PIERCE-LOMB and O'ROURKE Camps and Auxiliaries, Rochester, held their annual Lincoln Dinner on February 13. The Lincoln Dinner of the Erie County Assoc. was held in Buffalo on February 14. On February 14 the SUVCW of Rochester conducted the annual Patriotic Ceremony of the Transfer of Flags at Ben Franklin School in cooperation with school authorities. Grover C. Scott acted as Chairman with the 108th N. Y. Regiment as body guard.

We regret to report the death of Rev. Wm. A. Halleck, 92, of Rochester. A Past Department Commander and a Past National Chaplain, he had been a member of Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp since 1885. An alumnus of Princeton University and of Princeton Theological Seminary, he was a Presbyterian Minister in Rochester and vicinity for almost sixty years. He was active in Veterans Memorial and Memorial Day activities for many years.

Ovid Camp held their installation of officers on January 5. Dept. Comdr. Rippey accompanied by Dept. Counselor Robert McMahon installed Richard Cuyler as Commander. Aux. 72 served a fine dinner and Dept. Commander Rippey gave an address on Lincoln and Civil War events.

LAFAYETTE CAMP, New York City held its annual Lincoln Dinner on February 10 in New York's historic Seventh Regiment headquarters. Guest of honor and principal speaker was Brig. Gen. Chas. G. Stevenson. We were honored to have Commander Charles K. Post, U.S.N. Ret., great grandson of General de Trobriand with us also. Col. James W. Stewart, Commandant of the 107th Infantry, NYARNG gave the official welcome for the regiment. Both Gen. Stevenson and Col. Stewart were inducted as associate members of the Camp. Master F. Anthony Emmerich, son of our Patriotic Instructor was taken into membership, and also gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer spoke about Mt. McGregor rest camp and urged support of the camp for veterans. Commander Wm. F. Bruckel was reelected Camp Commander and requested support and participation in the Centennial of the Civil War. Several Camps were represented, as well as members of the Allied Orders and other veteran organizations.

### OHIO

MANSFIELD—McLaughlin Camp installed officers on January 6 in Memorial Hall, with Paul Appleman installed as the new Commander. Refreshments were served after the meeting by wives of the officers. The Camp recently initiated Clarence Soladey, Ralph E. Johns and Richard B. Holloway as new members. The group will hold a joint dinner meeting with their families and members of the Auxiliary to celebrate Washington and Lincoln's birthdays.

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Mrs. Clyde Neff was installed as President of Aux. 100 at a recent meeting.

**CLEVELAND**—The Lincoln Dinner held at the Manger Hotel was well attended at which time Dept. Commander Fred Pfeister was an honored guest. Four new members were recently given the obligation by Commander John Decker. Captain Mullaly and Sgt. Ed Abela report that Lookout Camp's Co. A. 1st Regt. will be on hand at the Ohio Department Encampment at Toledo in June.

**CINCINNATI**—The SUVCW was represented by P. C. in C. Wm. M. Coffin and Dept. Commdr. Fred Pfeister at a meeting of all Historical Societies in the Greater Cincinnati area to plan for a dinner and program at the start of the Centennial Commemoration in Ohio. Those attending represented both North and South, Colonial Wars, War of 1812, American Legion, D.A.V., V.F.W. and the Cincinnati Chapter Civil War Round Table.

**ALLIANCE**—Camp and Aux. 91 held their Lincoln Banquet at the Lexington Grange with 134 attending. The speaker was the Asst. Prosecuting Atty. of Summit County, Attorney Robert Azar who spoke on Lincoln, his days in the Legislature and the early days of the Civil War. Dept. Commander Fred Pfeister, Jr., of Cincinnati, Karl Burkaw, Dept. Jr. Vice Commander of Salem, and other Department Officers attended.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Ellis Camp 9, Phila., regrets to report the death of P.D.C. Frank Dern on December 23th. To his son Charles, and other members of the family we extend deep sympathy.

The Sons of Veterans Club and Lincoln Social of Philadelphia held their 66th Annual Lincoln Dinner on February 13 at Beck's Restaurant. One of the oldest continual observances of its kind, this affair is always successful and enjoyable.

We are pleased to report that John E. Jones of Davis Star Camp, Pittsburgh, has recently been appointed Administrative and Executive Assistant to Dr. Wm. D. McClelland, the recently elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Allegheny County.

The Lehigh Valley Lincoln Banquet was held February 27 at the Hotel Bethlehem in the candlelight room. It was well attended and provided an enjoyable program.

**Reading**—Frank A. Donmoyer was installed as Camp Commander and his mother Mrs. Lester A. Donmoyer was sworn in as Auxiliary President recently in the G.A.R. Hall of Meade Camp. Department Commander Edwin K. Kramer, Harrisburg, conducted the installation ceremonies.

**Carlisle**—Installation of officers of Capt. Brindle Camp 50, as well as the Junior and Senior Auxiliaries were held recently in G.A.R. Memorial Hall. Mrs. Kermit L. Wilson installed Linda Clark as President of the Junior Auxiliary, while Mrs. Ardell Butterfield installed Mrs. George Lehman as President of the Senior Auxiliary. Howard Peiper was installed as Commander by Past Commander L. Alvin Kern. Plans were made for the 32nd annual Old Army bean soup dinner and supper, a project of the Camp and Aux.

## RHODE ISLAND

The Department Auxiliary joined with the G.A.R. Family in a joint banquet commemorating Lincoln's Birthday. Plans have been completed for the annual Encampment on April 8-9 at The Arsenal at which time flags will be presented.

A joint installation of officers of Amos P. Chapman Camp 6 and Auxiliary was held in the American Legion Hall in January. Harry S. Barber was seated as Commander of the Camp and Mrs. Jane Barber, his wife, as the President of the Auxiliary. The installing officer was Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold. Present were Department Officers and representatives of other Camps and patriotic organizations.

## VERMONT

The spring meeting of the New England Regional Association will be held in Bellows Falls, Vt., Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27.

Officers of Camp 91, Bellows Falls were installed January 10 by Dept. Commander Arthur Ballou, assisted by A. C. Aldrich of Brattleboro. Their new Commander is Howard Reed.

The first meeting of District No. 5 was held at Grange Hall, Bellows Falls, February 6. The next meeting will be held in the near future.

The Winooski Valley District met in Montpelier, February 13 at which time several guests were present from District No. 5 and a good time was had by all.

Col. Taylor Camp 11, Brattleboro has lost a faithful member when death took Clifford Baker of Guilford. He was also active in civic affairs, having held many town offices and represented the Camp in the State Legislature. We also regret the passing of Brother O. D. Matthews of Morrisville who was a Past Commander of George Doty Camp No. 50.

Dept. Inspector Bessie Persons has inspected many of the Auxiliaries and installed officers in several. Dept. Pres. Catherine Lackey has been making her official visits.

The Mid-year Conference was held in Rutland at which time the ritual was exemplified in the afternoon and a program arranged for the evening. Slides were shown of the Cathedral of the Pines at Ringe.

Green Mountain State Camp met in Morrisville on December 5 with supper and entertainment, and in Brattleboro on February 20th.

## Centennial Activities and Events Already Planned

The Civil War Centennial Commission has prepared plans for a nationwide, five-year commemoration. To date, the following projects have been launched:

A National Advisory Council has been established that includes some 600 distinguished men and women scattered throughout the 50 States.

Two National Assemblies have been held which drew representatives from many of the nation's civic, patriotic and historical organizations. More than 300 persons from 32 states, representing 116 organizations attended the last Assembly held in Richmond, Virginia. The Third National Assembly has been scheduled for St. Louis, May 5-6, 1960.

We have assisted 40 States to establish their own Civil War Centennial Commissions to cooperate closely with the National Commission. Other States are planning similar action.

We have publicized the coming Centennial through a monthly newsletter, "100 YEARS AFTER," through 129 news releases regularly sent to 3,000 daily and weekly newspapers and other media, and through nationwide distribution of a brochure "Guide for the Observance of the Centennial of the Civil War." Our new booklet "Facts About the Civil War," has just been published and is in great demand.

We have prepared a chronology of 6,500 Civil War events, arranged both by sequence and by states.

We have established a Centennial Speakers' Bureau which has supplied speakers who have addressed no fewer than 214 audiences.

A 16mm., 35-minute film on the Centennial has been prepared for non-commercial screening before interested organizations. To date, the film has been shown to over fifty audiences. We have prepared a new script and hope to produce another 26-minute film to be shown during 1960.

We are working closely with the National Park Service and with state and local organizations in making concrete plans for re-enactments of battles and other Civil War events. The re-enactments scheduled for First Manassas, Antietam and Fort Sumter have been drafted on a full-scale authentic portrayal basis.