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LINCOLN OBSERVANCES



AT LEFT

Representatives with the 24 wreaths placed at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on April 15th in the ceremony marking the 94th anniversary of the death of the Civil War President. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Brady is shown in the center with Past Commander-in-Chief William Coffin to his right, and William C. Duval, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion to his left.

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AT RIGHT

Shown on the steps of the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. at the exercises sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion on February 12th are: (left to right, front row) Arthur Weaver, New Oxford; Paul Snyder, Gettysburg; Donald Blatt, Harrisburg; Edward Kramer, Harrisburg; David Tawney, Gettysburg; William C. Duval, Cincinnati, Ohio; Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.; and Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, Washington. (Left to right, rear row) Jack Wolfe, Elwood White, Vernon Sanders, George H. Gruber, all of Harrisburg; O. G. McPherson, and Chester S. Shriver, both of Gettysburg.



(Photo by Abbie Rowe—Courtesy National Park Service)

Commemorative Services Held At Abraham Lincoln's Tomb

On April 15, 1959, exactly 94 years after the death of our Civil War president, a wreath-laying ceremony was held at his tomb, in which representative groups from most of the great periods in our nation's history took part. The ceremony was under the sponsorship of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which holds a service at the tomb on this date each year, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. This year, however, it was decided that other patriotic, civic and fraternal organizations should be invited to participate as well, since it was the Lincoln Sesquicentennial and an especially outstanding program was desired. Patriotic societies and veterans groups responded warmly to the invitations, making possible an outstanding example of patriotic cooperation and a most fitting tribute to President Lincoln.

The ceremony took place at the steps to Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill., beginning at 11:00 a. m. A microphone had been set up just in front of the Lincoln bust which stands on a stone pedestal outside the entrance to the tomb. Stationed at the microphone was Charles A. Brady, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, who was chairman of the observance. Colors were posted by a four-man color guard from the Headquarters Detachment of the Illinois National Guard, which assumed positions on either side of the Lincoln bust. At the same time, a firing squad took its place on the green to the right of the colors, and a bugler on the green to the left. The invocation was given by Frank B. Huntington, Commander of the Illinois Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Three talks were then given as a part of the ceremony. The first was by George L. Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb. He spoke on "Questions Frequently Asked by Visitors to the Tomb." The second was by William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, whose talk was entitled "Lincoln's Farewell," and dealt with the circumstances leading up to, and the delivery of, Lincoln's farewell address to the people of Springfield when he left to assume the office of president. The last talk was given by Comdr. William C. Duval, U.S.N.R., Past Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, who spoke on "Lincoln" and centered his talk around some of Lincoln's attributes which have had such a lasting impression and profound impact upon not only our country but all the world.

Chairman Brady then read the names of the organizations placing wreaths and the representative making the presentation. These names were read in the order in which the organizations' acceptance notices had been received. They were: Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Commandery-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States—William C. Duval, Past Commander-in-Chief, of Deer Park, Ohio; National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Mrs. James M. Blackman, Past National President, of Chicago, Ill.; National Dames of the Loyal Legion—Mrs. N. Crenshaw McElroy, of Philadelphia, Pa.; National Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Mrs. Wanda Stuart, President of the Illinois Department, of Kankakee, Ill.; National Headquarters, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Mrs. W. Glen Davis, National Treasurer, of Springfield, Ill.; Springfield Civil War Round Table—Judge Benjamin S. DeBoice, of Springfield, Ill.; National Society, Sons of the American Revolution—John E. King, Vice President General, of Wheaton, Ill.; The Huguenot Society of Illinois—Ellsworth B. Cregier, President, of Wilmette, Ill.; Illinois Society, Daughters of the American Revolution—Mrs. Charles M. Johnson, State Regent-Elect, of Monticello, Ill.; National Headquarters, American Veterans of World War II (Amvets)—Clarence E. Newlun, Commander of the Illinois Department, of Pekin, Ill.; National Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars—Mrs. Edward G. Gross, State Registrar, of Springfield, Ill.; National Headquarters, American Gold Star Mothers—Mrs. R. W. Kittredge, National Americanism Chairman, of Chicago, Ill.; Illinois Society, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America—Ellsworth B. Cregier, Council Member, of Wilmette, Ill.; Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion—N. Crenshaw McElroy, Commander, of

Philadelphia, Pa.; Illinois Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion—T. P. Siddall, Jr., Treasurer, of Evanston, Ill.; National Woman's Relief Corps—Mrs. Ocie M. Tunney, National Treasurer, of Springfield, Ill.; Illinois Department, Woman's Relief Corps—Mrs. Ann Hunn Atkins, Secretary, of Springfield, Ill.; National Fort, Daughters of '98—Mrs. Evelyn Gill, National Fort Captain, of Park Ridge, Ill.; Illinois Branch, National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims—Mrs. Charles H. Woods, Governor, of Lincoln, Ill.; Mayflower Society of Illinois—Mrs. Hettie Bunker Smith, of Springfield, Ill.; Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Mrs. Rebecca Harris, Council Member, of Springfield, Ill.; California Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion—Frank B. Huntington, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion—Mrs. George L. Cashman, of Springfield, Ill.

There were 24 wreaths in all. As each name was called, the representative came forward to make the presentation and then took a place in the semi-circle of representatives which extended from either side of the Lincoln bust on down the steps. After the last presentation had been made, and the official photograph taken, the memorial salute was fired by the firing squad of American Legion Post No. 32 of Springfield, Ill. The benediction was then given by Warren L. Van Dine, Historian of the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans, and taps were sounded by Paul Morf, Eagle Explorer Scout from Boy Scout Troop No. 14, Mechanicsburg, Ill. Immediately following this, the colors of the Illinois National Guard and of several of the participating organizations formed a flag honor guard extending outward from both sides of the entrance to the tomb, and the representatives proceeded into the tomb through this row of flags, where they placed their wreaths at the Cenotaph. As soon as all had filed out from the tomb, the colors were retired by the Illinois National Guard, concluding the services.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the Hotel Leland in Springfield, also under the auspices of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with Charles A. Brady, Jr., acting as toastmaster. Those who had taken part in the ceremony and others from their organizations attended; there were approximately 60 persons at the luncheon. Members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion were guests of the Sons of Union Veterans at this luncheon, which was held in the hotel's Garden Room. Many of those attending the tomb ceremony had ridden to the cemetery on a special chartered bus, provided by the Sons of Union Veterans; this bus then returned them to the hotel after the ceremony in time for the luncheon, which began at 12:30 p. m.

The luncheon was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." The invocation was given by Mr. Huntington of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Mrs. Muriel Andersen, of Springfield, Ill., played and sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," with all joining in on the final chorus, after which the luncheon was served.

When the dessert course had been completed, Miss Mary Ellen Noonan of Peoria, Ill., a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, sang Lincoln's favorite song, "The Blue Tail Fly," accompanied by Mrs. Andersen. Chairman Brady introduced his committee members, and gave special thanks to W. Glen Davis of Springfield, Ill., who had charge of the chartered bus, and J. Colby Beekman of Petersburg, Ill., who had charge of the luncheon tickets. He also expressed appreciation for the assistance given him by James L. High of Evanston, Ill., Recorder of the Illinois Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and James M. Blackman of Chicago, Ill., Commander of the Central Region, Sons of Union Veterans, who had jointly taken charge of lining up the various organizations' representatives for the ceremony at the tomb, and especially the very valuable assistance rendered by George L. Cashman, through whom the majority of the arrangements for the observance had been made.

The guest speaker was Harlington Wood, Jr., the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, who is a noted authority on Lincolniana. His talk, which all found most

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TEARS and CHEERS

James Garfield Stewart

Justice Potter Stewart

It is rare, indeed, that a single camp of our Order could, within the space of less than a month, be plunged into deepest gloom and then within three weeks be raised to ecstatic pride and happiness—all because of two of its most distinguished members; but this did occur in April, 1959, and the camp was U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, Cincinnati, Ohio.

On April 3rd, Judge James Garfield Stewart, a member of the Camp for nearly 48 years, died while awaiting luncheon at Louisville, Ky., after having addressed the Kentucky Bar Association the previous evening.

And on April 22nd, his son, Judge Potter Stewart, who had been a member of the Camp for over 9 years, and who last fall was appointed by the President as Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, was confirmed in this appointment by vote of the Judiciary Committee of the U. S. Senate; and, as this is written, confirmation by the entire senate is daily anticipated.

James Garfield Stewart, affectionately known all over Ohio as "Jim" Stewart, was just entering his twelfth year of service as a Judge of the Ohio State Supreme Court, prior to which time he had served for ten years as Mayor of the City of Cincinnati. A student of politics and government, he possessed a vast knowledge of American history; he was a recognized authority on Washington and Lincoln and the Civil War; he revered the American tradition. Thus, he was always in great demand as a speaker before patriotic, civic and fraternal groups; and always most generous in acceding to these requests. He appeared at the Ohio Department encampment last

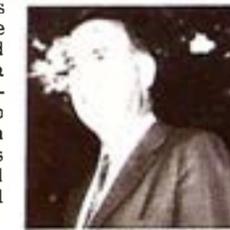
June, and made the principal address at the concluding banquet of the combined Allied Orders. Of him, the son said: "My Dad was truly a unique man. I've never known anyone who inspired universal affection in so many people. That was his great quality. He loved life."

"Jim" was noted for his good humor and his story-telling. But his most oft repeated story was probably that concerning his father in the Civil War.—The story, as he told it:

"As dusk dimmed the Civil War battlefield at Shiloh, a wounded lad of 18 crawled toward a flickering light in a distant first-aid station. Upon reaching the tent, the soldier lost consciousness, but later revived to find a Union officer dressing his wounds. That officer was James A. Garfield, later 20th President of the United States. The soldier was my father, James Eli Stewart, who later named his only son James Garfield Stewart, after the officer."

Rest in Peace, Jim, thy warfare over!

Justice Potter Stewart, distinguished son of a noble sire, had served as a Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for four years prior to his elevation to the Supreme Court; and, prior to that, he had served two terms (1949-1953) as a member of the Cincinnati City Council. Now that his appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court has been confirmed, he will be moving his family to Washington; but he still retains his membership in the local camp.



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JOHNSTON RECEIVES CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Henry R. Johnston, outdoor advertising executive, accepts the Gen. George G. Meade Camp No. 16, Good Citizenship Award from W. Howard Still, Sr., secretary-treasurer, at a banquet in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, Penna. on April 11th. From left to right are Dr. Charles J. Higgs, Wilkes-Barre, Department Commander; Johnston, Still and C. Leroy Staudt, chairman of the awards committee. The Camp made the award in conjunction with the 27th annual Appomattox dinner-dance of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Tentative Encampment Program

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, 1959

Headquarters—Lafayette Hotel

Meetings—Starlight Roof

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 11:00 A. M.—Special church services. Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 1:00 P. M.—Registration (Credential Committee) Cavalier Room
- 1:30 P. M.—Meeting of Council of Administration
- 2:30 P. M.—Department Commanders meet with National Chaplain
- 7:00 P. M.—Joint Memorial Services (All Orders) Pageant Room, Wilton Hotel
- 8:30 P. M.—Camp Fire. Pageant Room, Wilton Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:30 A. M.—Breakfast courtesy of California & Pacific Department for National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief.
- 8:30 A. M.—Registration
- 9:30 A. M.—Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary. Grand Ballroom
- 10:30 A. M.—Business Session. Starlight Roof
- 1:30 P. M.—Business Session
- 5:30 P. M.—Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents' Banquet
- 7:30 P. M.—Exemplification of Ritual. Grand Ballroom
- 9:30 P. M.—Auxiliary Courtesy Hour. Grand Ballroom.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:30 A. M.—Registration
- 9:30 A. M.—Business Session
- 1:30 P. M.—Business Session
- 3:00 P. M.—Receiving and extending greetings.
- 6:30 P. M.—Banquet honoring National Officers. Grand Ballroom
- 9:00 P. M.—Reception to National Officers, followed by dancing. Grand Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 9:30 A. M.—Business Session
- 11:00 A. M.—First bus leaves for Harbor Trip courtesy of Long Beach Harbor Dept.
- 6:30 P. M.—Hawaiian Luau. Entertainment courtesy of Calif. & Pacific Department.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 9:30 A. M.—Business session



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1959 National Encampment

AUGUST 16-20

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
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1371 West 7th Street
Upland, California

May 1, 1959

1. It is a pleasure to appoint Brother James B. McKee of Meade Camp, Reading, Penna. as a National Special Aide for securing eight new members.

2. Memorial Day is a day to honor our Nation's dead, a service to those who have given for the preservation of the Union. It is a day that is sacred, and dedicated to the memory of our Fathers.

Strew their graves with flowers, place Old Glory, and resolve that we will each tell at least one young person the history and purpose of Memorial Day. The value of such teachings of patriotism is inestimable. For the youth of our land will be the members of tomorrow, and unless we tell them the story, it will soon be forgotten.

3. Remember the funds. Send your contribution early to the National Patriotic Instructor's G. A. R. Memorial Fund. Also, we would welcome many more Life Memberships.

4. On April 15th, appropriate services were held in Springfield, Illinois commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady headed a committee in charge of arrangements.

5. On April 26th, the Grand Army of the Republic marker at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire was dedicated. National Patriotic Instructor Thomas Chadwick was in charge.

6. The tenure of this administration will soon be coming to a close, and plans are completed for

the Encampment in August. The California and Pacific Department Encampment Committee has been working hard to make this one that will long be remembered. Make your plans now to attend. Come by train, bus, car, boat or fly, but come.

7. Your Commander-in-Chief will be greeting many of you at your Encampments during the next three months. I hope that every Department will make a special effort to have classes of new members. To the Departments where I cannot attend, due to distance and conflicting dates, I extend my greetings and best wishes to your Department, for the finest year in the history of our Order.

EARL F. RIGGS,
Commander-in-Chief.

OMNIBUS

FRED DAVIS INJURED—Best wishes for speedy recovery to Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Davis of Eugene, Oregon who had a bad fall in February, injuring his right knee and breaking several bones in his right foot and leg. Though he has a full length leg cast, Fred still plans to attend the convention in Long Beach in August.

STATE CONTROL OVER SCHOOLS—Our Council of Administration has unanimously voted to support an amendment proposed by Senator Herman C. Talmadge (S. J. Res. 32) proposing "An amendment to the Constitution of the United States reserving to the States exclusive control over public schools." It is their opinion that this is not merely a difference of opinion as to the relative jurisdiction of the Judiciary and the Legislature; but in addition it is important to keep the Federal government from controlling our schools. The Socialists and Communists, of course, are trying in every way to get the schools under the control or influence of the Federal government, because then they can teach world government, socialism and eventually communism as they wish.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

For consideration of 78th National Encampment at Long Beach, Calif.

ARTICLE VII

Section 3—Departments and Camps may establish Associates. Said associates must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from an honorably discharged Union Veteran of the Civil War. Said associate shall not hold any elective office, neither shall said associate serve at any time as Camp Secretary or Treasurer, and/or Secretary-Treasurer, or be entitled to vote. He may serve as an appointive officer not heretofore restricted or as a member of any committee, except the Chairmanship of the Camp Memorial Day Committee.

Section 4—The wearing of the membership badge, lapel button or any other insignia of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited except with some distinguishing mark as prescribed in the regulations.

Section 5—No Camp shall, at any time, elect associates when the number of associates will exceed one-half the number of regular members at the time of such election.

Section 6—Upon the adoption of this Amendment, Article VII, Section 3, shall be and is hereby repealed.

Adopted and submitted by the
Pennsylvania Department
June 11, 1958

News of the Civil War Centennial

THE HON. DEWEY SHORT, Assistant Secretary of the Army and a member of the National Civil War Centennial Commission was the principal speaker at the national assembly on Centennial plans held at Richmond, Va., April 16-17. His topic was "A Centennial for all Americans."

FIVE FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE WHITE HOUSE were presented simultaneously with honorary certificates of membership in the National Civil War Centennial Commission by special committees on March 11. They were former Presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Truman. The presentations took place in New York, Kansas City and Washington.

PLANS FOR REENACTMENT OF THE MERRIMACK-MONITOR FIGHT are definitely under way. Strong support to the move was given recently by Congressman Tom Dowling, representing the Virginia district in which the engagement took place. Two methods of staging the battle have been suggested. One calls for a full-scale reenactment, using barges with inexpensive superstructures. The other would provide an indoor exhibit, mechanically controlled.

SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE 30 OUTSTANDING ENGAGEMENTS of the war have been requested of the Post Office Department by the Centennial Commission. The events listed are Fort Sumter, First Manassas, Forts Henry and Donelson, Pea Ridge, Merrimack-Monitor fight, Shiloh, Shenandoah Valley Campaign, New Orleans, Seven Days, Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Antietam, Perryville, Arkansas campaign, Fredericksburg, Murfreesboro, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Wilderness campaign, Red River campaign, Alabama-Kearsarge fight, Atlanta, Brice's Cross Roads, Mobile, Winchester-Cedar Creek, Franklin-Nashville, and Appomattox.

PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS sparked the assembly meeting in Richmond, Va. and brought encouragement to the 300 delegates from 32 states who took part. "In commemorating the war which once divided Americans," wired the President, "we must consider both its historic and present meanings. Our free country was purchased at great price, and its continuing welfare demands the best efforts of us all." To this sentiment Speaker Rayburn added: "I have often said that I thought the men and women of the Civil War generation, on both sides, are just about the finest generation that my country has ever produced."

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

As I write these lines, the program has been arranged and we are looking ahead to the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Plaque, on Sunday, April 26th, at 1 P. M., at the Cathedral of the Pines, in Rindge, N. H. I am "polishing up" the short address which I am to deliver during the service, praying that it may be worthy of this deeply significant occasion.

Under these circumstances, it seems fitting that I devote this space to a description of the beautiful spot where our organization has placed this Memorial to our parent Order, and interesting as well, to our many members who may never be privileged to visit this lovely place.

Of course a full description of the Cathedral of the Pines, in this limited space is quite impossible. In August of 1915 the first service was held there, after a series of events covering several years, which were so strangely unusual—some of them seemingly almost miraculous—as to appear to have been pre-ordained and carried forward by a Power greater than man's.

The appointments of this out-of-doors Cathedral are constructed of stone masonry. The pulpit, the lectern, the baptismal font, the credence table, the Altar of the Nation, and even the altar rails and gate posts, are built of stones from all parts of the world; each one of these stones has a deep significance of its own, and is itself a memorial. It requires a large book to list these stones and their donors.

While every detail of this hallowed hilltop is of interest, our chief concern is the massive and beautiful Altar of the Nation, which has been unanimously approved by both Houses of Congress as a memorial for all American War Dead. It is not possible to list the stones and the donors of even this altar's construction. There are, however, stones from every state in our Union, each one of them holding a deep significance. Among the donors' names are those of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Admiral William F. Halsey, Gen. Omar Bradley, etc.

Standing upon the center of the altar is the "Old Rugged Cross," carved from New Hampshire granite. Across the valley, jeweled with wooded lakes, are the sweeping slopes of beautiful Monadnock Mountain, forming an impressive background for the Altar. Bedded in the masonry of the Altar's base, at the right side, is our Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Plaque. Next to it, at the left, is the plaque of the Gold Star Mothers. Plaques of many patriotic organizations continue in a row to the left.

Here, where men of any creed or color are free to commune with their God, the founder of the Cathedral of the Pines, Douglas Sloan, has achieved the high ideal of the universal brotherhood of man. Here, one senses the nearness of God; the human heart is filled with humble reverence.

What a fitting setting for a memorial to the memory of that noble organization of patriots, the Grand Army of the Republic!

THOMAS A. CHADWICK,
National Patriotic Instructor.

BATTLEFIELDS THREATENED—The House of Representatives slashed from National Park Service appropriations the sum of \$750,000 set aside for acquisition of additional lands needed to preserve the essential parts of the Battlefields of Manassas, Antietam and Gettysburg. These shrines are threatened by commercial enterprises which are stimulated by the volume of visitors each year. Fulfillment of that desire now rests with the U. S. Senate Appropriations Committee, Hon. Carl Hayden, Chairman. Our Order has gone on record with this Committee urging that the Congress appropriate the funds now for the acquisition of title to those lands as a due commemoration of the deeds of heroism performed there by Americans.

America is not eager for conflict, nor afraid of it.

Plan to Attend . . .
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
 Long Beach, Calif.
 AUGUST 16-20, 1959



A scenic packed tour to the 1959 National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans, their Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R. has been planned by the Burlington Railroad. We now have 85 persons in this group, and all indications point to a pleasant and enjoyable trip. There are still a few accommodations available for anyone wishing to join the group, as follows: 10 coach seats, 2 compartments, 4 roomettes, and a limited number of upper and lower berths. Direct your inquiry to

Mr. Arthur R. Kruse
 Burlington Railroad
 125 South Broad Street
 Philadelphia 9, Pa.

The Lafayette Hotel will be headquarters for the Sons and Auxiliary while in Long Beach. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel reservation manager, giving date and time of arrival and departure.

Rates at the Lafayette Hotel are as follows:

Rooms:

Single	\$6.50	7.00	7.50	8.00	8.50	9.00	9.50
	10.00	10.50	11.00	12.00	13.00		
Double	\$10.00	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	13.00	14.00
Twin-Beds	\$11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00	13.50	14.00
	14.00	15.50	17.00				

DEDICATION DAY

S. J. Resolution 50

U. S. Senator Kenneth B. Keating, our loyal and dependable friend over a long term of years, has introduced Senate Joint Resolution 50, and it has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the Hon. James G. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Keating's bill designating November 19th, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day is identical with that of Representative Weis (H. J. Res. 126).

Now brothers, Senator Keating and Representative Weis have done their part and it is up to us to stand up and be counted. Busy yourself with a letter to Chairman Eastland. It doesn't have to be a long one, in fact a short letter is decidedly better in this instance. Time is running out and your cooperation is needed.

Senator Keating has recently been appointed to the Judiciary Committee and your letter can do double duty—by showing Ken Keating our appreciation of his friendliness and interest in our beloved Order and respectfully requesting of Senator Eastland his affirmative report of S. J. Res. 50.

You will enjoy the satisfaction of having been one among those to have had a part in the passing of this worthwhile legislation. Won't you write that letter now—TODAY.

Fred E. Colwell,
 Chairman, National Legislative Committee



Department News



CALIFORNIA

BURLINGAME CAMP SPONSORS TOUR—Commemorating Abraham Lincoln's birthday Camp 14 sponsored a tour of the Huntington Estate Library, Gallery and Gardens in San Marino. The Camp and Aux. plan to make this an annual pilgrimage. The honored guest was Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs, along with members and friends of all of the Allied Orders. The newly elected President of the Burlingame Aux. is Mrs. Edith McCoy, succeeding Mrs. Elsie Carmichael. Installation was at the Pearl Street clubhouse on April 22nd. Mrs. Gertrude Clark was elected delegate and Mrs. Elsie Delvee as alternate delegate to the National Convention to be held in Long Beach.

Dr. L. J. Snow, P. D. C. reports that the furthest Northern battle of the Civil War was fought at Athens, Mo., August 5, 1862 by a band of 400 men under Col. David Moore where they defeated a force of about 1,300 secessionists. At the midwinter meeting at Pasadena, Col. Moore's granddaughter, Mrs. Charles Barber of Alhambra, whose father Joseph Best also participated in the battle had a pleasant meeting with Dr. Snow, whose father Joseph L. Snow, and whose uncle, Philamon Reynolds were also in the battle.

DISTRICT NO. 1 of Northern California met March 22 in Druid's Hall, San Jose. Brother Aaron Powers was elected President of the District, and the new officers were installed by National Commander Earl Riggs. A very interesting program was held, and a delicious chicken dinner was served by Aux. 4 of Phil Sheridan Camp.

The 73rd Department Encampment was held in Fresno, April 12-15. Some very important business was transacted, and Brother Vernon E. Cheney was elected Commander for the coming year. He is a member of Sheridan Camp 4 of San Jose. Brother Elmer Wohlgenuth of Camp 10 was elected Treasurer. The new officers were installed at a joint installation with our Auxiliary by National Commander Riggs with Frank Woerner acting as guide.

Brother Chas. Burchard has been elected Camp Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4. Three new members have recently been enrolled.

THE 78th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT will be held in the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach Aug. 16-20. Do not miss this splendid opportunity to mix your lodge business with sight-seeing, boat rides, etc. Long Beach is a peerless convention town, and there are many worthwhile places in the vicinity to visit. Some surprise entertainment is planned, some of it in the Hawaiian Motif.

CONNECTICUT

FIFTY YEAR BADGES were presented to Benjamin Rose and Arthur Thomson at the February meeting of Ann Rogers Lyon Tent, D.U.V.C.W. Brother Rose's daughter, Mrs. Seymour Rosen, the new President made the presentations.

LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL was celebrated by the Department in G. A. R. Hall, Rockville. Alden Skinner Aux. 5 served a Buffet Supper, which was followed by a program in charge of the Hartford Camp. Dept. Commander G. Leon Lewis delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Dept. Pres. Mary Buchanan, Dept. Commdr. Lewis, who was Radio Chairman, and nine other members attended the New England Regional held in Bath, Maine, April 4.

MAINE

OFFICIAL VISIT of Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson was made April 4 at Bath. A banquet was served at the Huse Memorial School followed by a reception. City Councilman John F. Leonard presented her with a key to the city. State Representative Edwin H. Pert presented the Natl. Pres. with a State of Maine Seafood Chest. Among those attending were P. C. in C. Albert DeHaven, National Historian Allen Spink, Natl. Patr. Instr. Chadwick, Natl. Treas. Nellie DeHaven, Dept. Commdr. Clarence P. Renell and Dept. Pres. Marguerite Miller. Many other Department Officers and Past Dept. Officers also attended.

HYDE CAMP AND AUX. observed Lincoln's Birthday on February 17 with a nice program enjoyed by all. On April 19 Dept. Commander Renell of Portland presented a check to the Hyde Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital for equipment. A number of Camp and Aux. members attended.

MARYLAND

Appomattox Aux. of Wilmington, Del. entertained Dept. Pres. Myrtle Burke and her Chief of Staff, Mrs. Lillian Wood at their April meeting. Members of the Camp also attended, as well as members from Robert G. Shaw Aux. of Wilmington. A fine program is planned for the Department Encampment to be held in Washington, D. C. May 15-16 in the Dodge Hotel, with representatives from our newest states, Alaska and Hawaii present. Natl. Pres. Sister Ursula Shepardson will be the honored guest.

MASSACHUSETTS

DEPT. COMDR. LENNON was tendered a reception on March 30 by Bay State Camp and affiliated G.A.R. groups with nearly 200 attending, including a large attendance of his family and of bank officials and employees. Ernest G. Wells and P.D.P. Pamela S. Elder headed the committee. Honored guests included Dept. Pres. Barbara D. Brown and other Allied Orders Presidents, as well as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins, Harold M. Drown and Flora D. Bates.

PAST COMMANDERS AND PRESIDENTS held their annual Lincoln observance in Roxbury on February 21 with the program highlighted by color film shown by P.D.C. Wm. C. Rule. These were of State and National Encampments, reception to the National President and the Gettysburg Battlefield. This was followed by a comprehensive summary of Lincoln and Civil War by Dept. Commdr. Lennon, an intensive student of this history. Wm. O. Fuller and Nancy L. Call were in charge. Natl. Officers in attendance included Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson, Carder A. Perkins, Harold M. Drown, Maude B. Warren and Flora Bates. Henry S. Bowen and Mrs. Gertrude L. Day, presidents of the host groups were also head table guests with Dept. Pres. Mrs. Barbara Brown.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL at their meeting at Bath, Maine conferred upon Louis E. Winchell, Sr., the rank of Past Commander. Brother Winchell has served faithfully and efficiently for nearly a quarter century. An official badge will be presented at The Weirs in July.

SERVICE TO BOYHOOD—A citation in recognition of service to boyhood was presented to Henry Wielgosz, a member of the executive board of the Boy Scouts at a meeting of the Holyoke Camp Sons of Union Veterans during February. Taking part in the presentation were Jr. Vice Commander Alfred J. Durocher, Commander Frank Reed, and Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. Moran.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE—The Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Committee has been recently formed with the following personnel: Chairman, State Senator Charles W. Hedges; Vice Chairman Judge Carl E. Wahlstrom; Secretary Ernest G. Wells; Treasurer Mrs. Alice F. Harwood, Natl. Patr. Instr. Ladies of the G.A.R. Sub-committee chairmen include: Finance, P.D.C. John L. Day; Research and Planning, Senator John E. Powers; Legislative Repr. John F. Thompson; Industrial Activities, Sen. Newland H. Holmes.

CAMBRIDGE—A second contact with officials of the Cambridge city government regarding a Centennial Committee was made by Camp 56. Our SUVCW group was officially photographed by Mayor Thos. M. McNamara. Ernest G. Wells presented the cause. Others heard were Frank F. Johnson, Dept. Commander Lennon, Harold Drown and Past Dept. Commanders Quinn and Winchell.

The untimely death of Sister Catherine Raino, the young President of Winthrop Aux., Chelsea is announced. Her sweet disposition and great promise will be hard to replace. We mourn the loss, along with Brother George, her husband.

MASSACHUSETTS ENCAMPMENT elected Clark W. Mellor, Worcester, as Commander and Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, Cambridge as President. Sessions were presided over by Commdr. Edwin J. Lennon and Aux. Pres. Barbara D. Brown. We were honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Riggs and Natl. Pres. Shepardson. Addison A. Quinn and Maude B. Warren headed the Encampment Committee. Fea-

ture was the class of candidates, led by Ex-Senator Frederick T. McDermott, now Associate Registrar of Motor Vehicles, a staunch supporter of our Order particularly in legislation relative to the Civil War Centennial and the G. A. R. Highway. Plymouth County Assoc. degree staff did the work.

MICHIGAN

Camp No. 4 of Detroit under direction of Stanley Cline Barker is planning a big annual rally on June 5th. The meeting will be held at Commander, Gen. Gordon A. MacDonald's Armory Headquarters. The Camp will pay tribute to Gen. MacDonald who is being elevated to Major-General. At this meeting two Associates will be initiated. They are Hon. Walter Fuller of the Detroit News and Hon. Floyd A. McGriff publisher, The Redford. Also to be initiated will be Jack McGriff, son of Floyd and Grandson of George Washington Edwards who acted as Honor Guard at the Bier of Abraham Lincoln at Indianapolis.

The following Camps have become Camps at Large in the Order: Austin Blair Camp 7 of Jackson with 31 members; Thomas Davey Camp 8 of Detroit with 11 members; and Robert Finch Camp 14 of Grand Rapids with 48 members. The National Council of Administration has approved their request for independent status.

NEW JERSEY

THE SWAMP ANGEL



The first gun, an eight inch Parrott Rifle or 200 pounder, fired from the Marsh Battery, on Morris Island, South Carolina at the City of Charleston, 7,000 yards. Weight of gun 16,500 pounds, and of projectile 150 pounds. Charge of powder 16 pounds. Greatest elevation used 35.

Bombardment opened August 21, 1863. This gun burst at 36th round. Erected February 1871 at the corner of North Clinton Ave. and Perry St. in Trenton, N. J.

Union Forces were commanded by Maj. Gen. Quincy A. Gilmore.

NEW YORK

ROCHESTER—State Assemblyman Hon. John J. Conway, Jr. spoke on "Lincoln Today" at the annual Lincoln Association on February 7th. The affair was well attended by members of the five allied organizations.

SYRACUSE—About 50 persons attended the 50th anniversary dinner of Sniper Aux. 25 at which time the tables were decorated with yellow flowers and candles. Dept. Commdr. Jos. S. Rippey and Dept. Pres. Emma Hughes were guests. A number of National and Department Officers were present. Mrs. Adaline Schleit is the only living charter member.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL JOINT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is being conducted by Oliver Tilden Camp of New York and the New York Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans. The object is to increase membership towards a more unified America. Oliver Tilden Camp held their Washington-Lincoln celebration on February 25 in the G.A.R. Memorial Room in the Municipal Building, New York City, which was attended by representatives of the Allied Orders as well as other veteran organizations. An elaborate program was prepared by the committee headed by Robert Maguire. A highlight of the evening was the playing of a record from "THE UNION" which was produced by Mitch Miller, who donated the entire album to the Camp.

SKIRMISHES AND SHOOTS—The 108th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Reg. organized by Grover C. Scott and sponsored by the Monroe County Council now numbers 30 completely uniformed and armed. They will hold skirmish meets and shoots on March 15th and 22nd, April 19th and May 24th. On

May 9th and 10th they will send two ten man teams to the Fort Lee, Va. skirmish of the North-South Skirmish Assoc. and have been invited to participate in the reenactment of the Battle of Antietam this summer. This battle will be made into a moving picture for display as a stimulus to the Civil War Centennial.

TRANSFER OF FLAGS—Grover C. Scott conducted the annual transfer of flags ceremony in cooperation with the Rochester Schools on Washington's Birthday before an audience of 3,000. Dept. Commdr. Jos. S. Rippey was the featured speaker. Forty standard bearers and custodians of school flags were presented with medals in memory of Capt. Henry Lomb.

OLIVER TILDEN AUX. 31 held a gala dinner on April 23 with many notables of our Order present as well as guests from Allied Orders. Included were Emma Hughes, Dept. Pres., and Dept. Commdr. Joseph Rippey. P.D.P. Marion Werner did an outstanding job as chairman of the evening. Rose Freibly, President, gave an inspiring address, while Agnes Berlinghoff delivered the invocation and Janet Sack read a resume of the history of the Auxiliary.

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH—Brother Robert Van der Voort has been appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas Court. The Camp extends its congratulations and best wishes.

PHILADELPHIA—On April 4th a dinner meeting and class initiation was held in the new hall of Camp 200, 4728 Griscom St., Frankford. Dept. Commander Charles J. Higgs, of Wilkes-Barre and Officers of his staff were honored guests. The committee in charge included Frank M. Heacock, Chas. H. Dern, Sr., John C. Yocum and Carl P. Gutekunst.

261 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP



Shown above left to right: Hiram Nichols a member for 63 years; Mark Staub a member for 59 years; Dept. Commander Dr. Charles Higgs, a member for 38 years; O. G. MacPherson a member for 51 years; and Joseph I. Weaver, a member for 50 years. They were attending a reception for the Department Commander in New Oxford on March 19th. The meeting was held in the SUV Armory which is the home of Theodore Pfeiffer Camp No. 60. Staub and Weaver were presented with their 50 year badges by Commander Higgs. York and Gettysburg Camps and their Auxiliaries attended the evening program.

GETTYSBURG—Mrs. Sara Keefer was elected President of the Gettysburg Auxiliary. The new officers were installed by Chester S. Shriver, P.D.C. Mrs. Irene Murphy, during her official visit requested a special effort to increase membership, and appealed for support of the three homes for the aged in Pennsylvania that are supported by the organization. The Department Encampment will be held in Reading June 21-24.

RHODE ISLAND

At the 71st Encampment held in Providence, Joseph G. Randall was elected Department Commander. Others elected and installed include Dexter Combs, Sr. Vice Commdr.; and Earl Heinz, Jr. Vice Commander. Harold E. Arnold is the Dept. Secy-Treas. Visitors were Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardon; Jr. Vice C. in C. Perkins; Dept. Pres. Margaret Brom-

ley; and several Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Department Commanders from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Dept. Commander Randall has written three books dealing with a history of the Civil War, Rhode Island in the Civil War, and the G.A.R. history in Rhode Island. He is now starting a book of the Allied Organizations which should prove to be equally as interesting as the first three.

VERMONT

The Auxiliaries in the northern part of the state were inspected in November, December and January by Past Department Presidents Luvane Baker and Bessie Persons. The Department President made some of her official visits at this time.

BURLINGTON AUX. 22 purchased canteen books for the patients in the Veterans Hospital in White River Junction for Christmas. Johnson Aux. 19 prepared Christmas cards and envelopes for the boys. Johnson Aux. presented a 50 year pin to Mrs. Jessie Griggs.

WINOOSKI VALLEY DISTRICT met at Morrisville February 28 for an afternoon meeting, supper, and evening program. Sister to the Green Mountain State Camp No. 1 met at Bellows Falls March 7 with meeting, supper and program. Sympathy is extended to P.D.P. Glenna Bumps in the loss of her husband on February 6.

WISCONSIN

KENOSHA—The Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. honored their State Officers in March at a party in the home of Mrs. M. J. Roeder. A program celebrating the birthday of George Washington was held. A miniature cherry tree and red hatchets decorated the table, and corsages were presented to each officer. The committee included Mrs. Roeder and the Mmes. Lawrence Michel, William Clay and E. E. Saunders.

Commemorative Services Held At Abraham Lincoln's Tomb

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inspiring, centered around a comparison—both in physical aspects and in spiritual values—of the great British shrine, Westminster Abbey, with that of the humble American shrine, New Salem Village.

Printed programs of the ceremony at the tomb and the luncheon were at each person's plate, as were handsome colored reproductions of a Lincoln painting—mementos of the day from the Sons of Union Veterans. Mr. Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb, also provided mementos for the ceremony participants in the form of chips of marble from the Lincoln Tomb, which were broken from a large piece that had been dislodged from the tomb's obelisk when struck by lightning a few years ago. To close the luncheon program, Miss Mary Ellen Noonan sang "God Bless America," with all joining on the second chorus. The benediction was pronounced by Warren L. Van Dine of Burnside, Ill., who was also a member of the committee which arranged for the observance.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, together with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, expect to continue their annual pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb on the date of the Civil War president's death for many years to come, and they hope that the various organizations which participated with them in the pilgrimage this year will do so in future years also. Certainly this year's observance was a fitting one, and in keeping with the spirit of the Lincoln Sesqui-centennial, due in large measure to the splendid cooperation of the participating organizations.

NEW MEMBERS AT LARGE—We cordially welcome Mr. Gilbert Andy Runge of Mexico, Missouri and Mr. Ellis C. L. Adams of Aurora, Colo. as members at large. Mr. Runge is an attorney at law, and Mr. Adams is presently a senior at the University of Colorado. He will be graduated as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation.