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Smithsonian Institution Receives Woolson Medal



Wide World Photos

Shown above (left to right) are Natl. Secy.-Treas. Albert C. Lambert, Maj-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, U. S. A. Ret.; Hon. Leonard Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.; and Congressman John A. Blatnik, of Duluth, Minnesota. The picture was taken at an impressive ceremony in the Regent's Room of the Smithsonian Institution on April 14th at which time the Albert

Woolson Medal was presented to the Institution by Gen. Grant, on behalf of our Order. Dr. Carmichael expressed appreciation for the opportunity of displaying this unusual "collector's item," and promised that it would be on permanent display in the North Hall. Commander-in-Chief Arnold was unable to be present due to travel difficulties.

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Grave of Major B. J. Stephenson Founder of the Grand Army of the Republic

At the close of the Civil War, there were more than a million men in the Union Armies. Nearly two and a half million had served under the Stars and Stripes during the four long years of the war, of whom three hundred and fifty-nine thousand had died. It was necessary, of course, that the Army be disbanded which was done after a Grand Parade of the armies of the Potomac, the Tennessee, and of Georgia, in Washington on May 23 and 24, 1865, which totalled 150,000 men.

Even before the war had ended, organizations of Veterans of the Union Armies had begun to be formed. The first one was the Third Army Corps Union, founded Sept. 2, 1863. Its object was to secure funds for embalming and sending



This impressive granite shaft is located in Rose Hill Cemetery, near Petersburg, Illinois, and is a short drive from Springfield where the National Encampment will be held in August.

home the bodies of officers who were killed in battle, or died in hospitals at the front. The second organization was the Society of the Army of the Potomac, founded in April, 1865.

After the war, many other veteran societies were formed, composed of both officers and enlisted men of the various armies, corps and regiments, as well as many naval organizations. In addition to these there were others formed of a political nature, such as the "Boys in Blue" and other similar societies.

The desire for a permanent organization of veterans became strong. During the winter of 1865-66, Major B. F. Stephenson, Surgeon of the 11th Illinois Regiment discussed with friends the matter of the formation of an organization of veteran soldiers. He had, previously, while the war was still continuing, talked over the formation of such an organization with his tent mate, William J. Rutledge, Chaplain of the same Regiment and both had agreed to undertake the work of starting such a project after the war was ended, if they survived.

The initiatory steps to constitute the Order were taken in Illinois, and Dr. Stephenson's name is the first one connected with the systematic organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the foundation of the Society had been laid and a ritual adopted, this first post-war organization in Decatur, Ill., issued a Charter on April 6, 1866, with Dr. Stephenson as Department Commander. Thus was created the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Post No. 2 was organized at Springfield, Ill. in April, 1866. The first post in Indiana was organized at Indianapolis on August 22, 1866.

Dr. Stephenson had issued, as Department Commander, General Orders No. 1 on April 1, 1866 at Springfield, in which he announced the following officers: Gen. Jules C. Webber, Aide-de-camp and Chief of Staff; Maj. Robert M. Woods, Adjutant General; Col. John M. Snyder, Quartermaster General; Captain John S. Phelps, Aide-de-camp, and Capt.

John A. Lightfoot, Asst. Adjutant General. By October, 1866, Departments had been formed in five states, and Posts had been formed in eight other states.

Dr. Stephenson practiced medicine in Petersburg, Ill. before and after the Civil War. His health failed and he retired to his home in the Rock Creek community, eight miles south of Petersburg, where after a lingering illness he died Aug. 20, 1871. He was originally interred in the Rock Creek Church Yard, but Estill Post No. 71, Department of Illinois bought a plot of ground in Rose Hill Cemetery to which his remains were removed in 1882.

In 1896 the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Illinois erected a monument over the grave of Dr. Stephenson and dedicated it to his memory as "Founder of the Grand Army."

Submitted by

J. COLBY BEEKMAN, P.D.C. Illinois.

Your Dedication Day Letter

This is intended for those few well meaning Brothers who have not sent their letter. Presidential election year usually means an early adjournment of Congress. It is urgent that everyone cooperate at once.

The following is a sample, not to be copied:

Hon. James G. Eastland, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a free American, I desire to stand up and be counted as whole heartedly in favor of Senator Keating's S.J. Res. 50, and hope that you and your committee will take the same view.

Respectfully yours

Then affix your stamp and mail it, and then throw back your shoulders with the satisfaction of having done your good deed for today.

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman
National Legislative Committee

Civil War Centennial Commission

The Third National Assembly will be held May 5-6, 1960 in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri with Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, presiding. Many outstanding speakers and authorities will take part, with Mr. Bruce Catton delivering the principal address at the dinner on May 5th.

Attendance at this Assembly is open to all national and state Centennial organizations, civic, patriotic and hereditary groups and any others who wish to participate in the program.

Postponement by one week of the official opening date of the five-year series of commemorative ceremonies was announced recently. The change of date now set it definitely for Sunday, January 8th.

WOOLSON MEDAL

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This is the Gold Medal which the Act of Congress of July 18, 1956 authorized to be presented to Comrade Albert Woolson. However, he died before the medal could be presented to him. It was the wish and desire of the family of Comrade Woolson that the medal be given to our Order for preservation and display as a memorial to him, and to the Grand Army of the Republic. An Act of Congress of August 14, 1958 authorized this. A resolution passed at our National Encampment in Long Beach, Calif. in 1959 directed that the Medal be placed on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

Interest Growing In Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



The 95th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death was marked by services at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill., on Good Friday, April 15. The memorial rites are held annually by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. This year's ceremony saw the presentation of 28 memorial wreaths, four more than at the previous year's ceremony.

Chairman of the ceremony was George L. Cashman, secretary of the Sons of Union Veteran's Springfield camp (General J. A. McClelland Camp No. 4) and curator of the Lincoln Tomb. Serving as co-chairman was Charles A. Brady, Jr., who is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. Other members of Mr. Cashman's committee were J. Colby Beekman, W. Glen Davis, James L. High, and Carl G. Hodges.

The services were held in front of the Tomb at 11:00 a. m., and extremely favorable weather prevailed. The ceremonial colors were posted by the color team of the Springfield American Legion Post No. 32, and the invocation was given by Frank B. Huntington, Chaplain of the Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. An address entitled "Lincoln's Farewell—His Return" was delivered by William M. Coffin of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. This was followed by a speech entitled "Abraham Lincoln" given by Donald C. Little of Kansas City, Kansas, acting as official representative of Major General U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The presentation of the memorial wreaths was then made. Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin presented the wreath from the SUVCW, while National President Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs presented the wreath from our Auxiliary. The wreath from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion was presented by Donald C. Little. Other organizations pre-

senting wreaths included: Dames of the Loyal Legion, National Woman's Relief Corps, National Ladies of the G. A. R.; Daughters of Union Veterans, Daughters of the American Revolution, American War Mothers, National Huguenot Society and Huguenot Society of Illinois, American Veterans of World War II, Illinois Commander MOLLUS, Military Order of the World Wars, National Society and Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution, National Gold Star Mothers, Southern Calif. Commandery MOLLUS, Aux. to Veterans of Foreign Wars, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of Mayflower Descendants of Illinois, Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, Illinois Chapter American War Mothers, Dept. of Illinois Disabled American Veterans, Springfield Civil War Round Table, Illinois Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Illinois Department Woman's Relief Corps, and Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

A number of those presenting wreaths were accompanied by their organizational colors. After the firing of the memorial salute by the firing squad of the Springfield American Legion Post No. 32, and the benediction, those with colors formed a flag honor guard leading to the entrance of the Tomb, and those with wreaths advanced through these two rows of flags into the Tomb where they placed their wreaths at the cenotaph, concluding the services. Portions of the ceremony were filmed and shown over TV on Springfield Channel 3 that evening.

Immediately following the ceremony, a luncheon was held for the participants at the Leland Hotel in the Grand Ballroom, with 75 persons in attendance. At this function, an address of welcome was delivered by Hon. Lester E. Collins, Mayor of the City of Springfield, followed by a talk on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address given by Hon. John William Chapman, Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. Mr. Cashman presided as toastmaster. Souvenir programs of the event were provided each luncheon guest by the Sons of Union Veterans, and handsome souvenir paper weights were provided by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.



General Order No. 4 Series 1959-1960

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

May 1, 1960

1. With Memorial Day approaching, let each one of us rededicate himself to honor Our Nation's Dead, who sacrificed their lives and fortunes that this nation should not be divided.

2. Recently all Departments have received a letter from the National Patriotic Instructor. Send your donations to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund as soon as possible. These funds will be much appreciated for future work to be done in connection with the Centennial of the Civil War.

3. I will be greeting many of you in the months to come at your Department Encampments. To those Departments that I cannot attend because of conflicting dates, I extend official greetings and a wish for the best year yet.

4. On May 30th I shall attend the memorial services at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe, N. H. and place a wreath in memory of the G. A. R., on behalf of our organization.

5. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer requests all Department Jr. Vice Commanders to report to him on the results of the membership drive in the various Departments.

6. Plans for the National Encampment to be held in Springfield, Illinois, August 21-25, 1960 are nearly complete. The Illinois Department has planned a courtesy trip that will include stops at Lincoln's Tomb, at Dr. Stephenson's grave in Petersburg (he was the founder of the G. A. R.) and to the village of New Salem. The Illinois Department is working very hard to make this Encampment one to be long remembered.

7. Make reservations directly with the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois. Due to the fact that the Illinois State Fair is being held the week previous to our Encampment, it is suggested that our members try to arrive on Sunday rather than on Saturday, particularly those that are driving. The hotels have requested this.

Hotel rates are as follows:

Single Room	\$7.50 to \$10.50
Double Room	9.50 to 12.00
Twin Bed Room	12.00 to 16.00

HAROLD E. ARNOLD,
Commander-in-Chief.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity;
a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

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If you wish to leave your foot prints on the sands
of time be sure to wear work shoes.

So, It Can Be Done !!!

"The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little time!" It was just a paragraph from a feature article in a Connecticut Sunday newspaper. It read, "How many remember Thomas L. Taylor, last survivor of the U.S.S. MONITOR, ironclad heroic Civil War vessel? * * * his unmarked grave has been located in Putnam * * * with his background of service it would be supposed that some patriotic organization would have placed a headstone at his grave!" This was in May 1958. A friend of our Order, Arthur J. Petrie, a former Legion commander passed the article to the National Graves Registration Officer in New York. Immediately the machinery of our project ground into action. P. C. Benjamin H. Rose, Department Graves Registration Officer of Connecticut Department SUV CW, made the 108 mile trip to Putnam in the northeast corner of the state, confirmed the facts and reported back to the national office. July 1958 application was presented to the State by this office for a headstone.

Now, the first snag appeared. The State had no record of the naval veteran's service. This we learned in October 1958. We began a campaign thereupon which was to continue thru an expanse of correspondence, telephone calls, personal trips and contacts for some fifteen months, to obtain the facts required. First thru the cemetery superintendent at Putnam, then the Putnam Town Clerk's office, then thru an old time resident of Putnam who remembered the veteran and his story. By January 1959 we were armed with all the known data concerning Taylor's life. We needed only his war record, and for this we launched our investigation into the bureaus in Washington, D. C. Our appeal to the Veterans Administration there referred to the U. S. Navy Department, returned the disheartening information that no Thomas L. Taylor appeared on the U. S. Navy Civil War records. We refused to be discouraged at this and tried several other agencies including the National Archives and Records Service. Finally by late April 1959 we received good news. A search of pertinent pension records unearthed a file containing a Fourth Auditor's report dated December 11, 1897, showing that claims based on the record of Thomas L. Taylor, United States Navy, proved he was indeed an enlisted naval veteran of the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865. Success in the face of failure!

Our elation over this achievement was augmented when we learned that veteran organizations in Putnam, headed by an officer of their own state department, had given up the project after several attempts, and had even failed in their proposal to erect a stone suitably inscribed, on their own. Our headstone was erected January 1960. A ceremony will be conducted at the grave by Connecticut Department. So, it can be done! Your National Graves Registration Officer, and Connecticut's Ben Rose have proved that point. True, it has been done elsewhere without doubt! But where there is a will, and where there is a purpose, and where there is an objective backed by the inspiration of the Grand Army of the Republic in an organization such as ours, and where there are field representatives like Benjamin H. Rose . . . the impossible may take a little time . . . but it will be accomplished in the end.

BERTRAND O. DeFOREST Sr., PDC Conn.
National Graves Registration Officer.

When I hear somebody sigh that "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"

Liberty means responsibility. That is why some men dread it.

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

The Chaplain's Corner

God built a continent of glory. He studded it with sweet flowing fountains; He carpeted it with soft rolling plains; then He traced it with long winding streams and columned it with thundering mountains. Then He planted it with deep shadowy forests and filled them with song. Then He called unto Himself a thousand people, and they came from the uttermost parts of the earth. In their hands was the gift of sacrifice, and in their eyes was the glow of adventure; and out of this path of blood, out of this labor of men, out of this hope of the world and memory of the ages, God fashioned an empire of love and called it America. Conceived in liberty, Our Divine heritage was ennobled and enriched by the faith of Abraham Lincoln and the Grand Army of the Immortals. Beautiful is that great memory, which draws us to a National Day of Memorial. The day when a loyal people—grateful for service rendered their Country, unite to honor their patriot dead, to enrich and ennoble their own lives by recalling a public valor, a private worth, sublime heroism, supreme fidelity to God and Country that is immortal.

This day is sacred with the almost visible presence of those who muster upon the parade ground of Heaven. The day for choicest phrases of prose and poetry, the sweetest language of the flowers, and the Starry Banner, dedicated to the glory of crowned heroes, whose heart-beats are stilled forever. From those whose memory we honor, we have inherited a high and sacred obligation. Let us be so earnest in our tribute, so loving in our remembrance, that the lessons of patriotism which we teach will find a place in the hearts of all the people and will bind them together in steadfast devotion to our Flag and to our Country.

And may the Peace of Jesus shed its beautiful light and bright glory upon the Roll of Honor of the Grand Army of the Republic, and by all to follow, whose names shall add honor to honor, fame to fame and glory to glory.

SPENCER LEONARD,
National Chaplain.

National Patriotic Instructor's Message

Some 92 years ago, an Order was issued by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. General Logan's Order was approved by Congress on June 22, 1868 which established May 30th each year as Memorial Day.

Down through those 92 years, our Nation has prospered in building security, strength and pride for Democracy. But the road was not an easy one. During those years, our Nation fought in four wars, three of which was on foreign soils. The cost of these can never be totalled in wrecked homes, wasted lands, destruction of factories and equipment, and even weakened Governments. Perhaps all summed up by those words—"War is Hell."

We pause on Memorial Day to mark those graves, strew flowers, and then stand silent for the firing of the salute and the fading echo of taps. But this



Natl. Patr. Instr. Chester S. Shriver escorting President and Mrs. Eisenhower to the rostrum in the Gettysburg National Cemetery on May 30, 1955, prior to the 87th Annual Memorial Day Service.

year, let's remain standing for a few moments more. Let's pray to God for "Peace on Earth," pray for your Government, your President of the United States, your fellow man and woman, and for our Order.

Every one of those men, from all Wars, who bore arms against the common enemy, died a hero's death. And every man who lived, fought a hero's battle. Perhaps the following poem can best describe our thoughts:

On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread.
And glory guards, with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

Rest on embalmed and sainted dead
Dear as the blood ye gave.
No impious footsteps here shall tread
The herbiage of your grave.

Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her records keep,
Or honor point the hallowed spot
Where valour proudly sleeps.

Your support to the 1960 G. A. R. Memorial Fund is needed. Faith, Hope and Charity can be assured by your contribution. Mail yours today. Thank you.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER,
National Patriotic Instructor.

National President's Message

Your National President will be making her official visits to as many Department Encampments as possible during the months of April, May and June. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of you at the Encampments, or at the special meetings.

Your contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor's and the National Chief of Staff's fund are most important. Please send them in early. Membership is of grave concern. Can't we have a special month in which every member will invite an eligible to join? Think what this would mean to our Order. Try the month of June.

BEATRICE S. RIGGS,
National President.

THE SPRINGFIELD HOTEL ASSOCIATION

extends best wishes

to the

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

and

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

ENCAMPMENT IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 21-25, 1960

MEMBERS OF HOTEL ASSOCIATION

HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN	HOTEL LELAND	ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL
CAPITOL HOTEL	ELKS CLUB	ILLINOIS HOTEL
GRAND HOTEL	GOVERNOR HOTEL	PALMER HOTEL

Permanent Fund

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

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

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

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR
ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are wel-
come and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170
of the Code of 1954)

The following contribution has been received since the
last issue of THE BANNER:

William Smith, Company G, 11th Cavalry, 6th Division
(Courtesy Earl J. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.)
Member Camp 12-100, Illinois

It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of im-
portance.

We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak
obligingly.

Department
News

CALIFORNIA

We regret to announce the passing of Mrs. Ina Lake Gordon on March 13, and extend sympathy to her family and to Wallace-Reynolds Aux. 5 of Santa Cruz where she was a Past President.

Dept. Pres. Margaret Hixson made her official visit to Aux. 5, Santa Cruz on March 5. Other visitors included Dept. Commander Vernon Cheney, Otis Thomas, Aide from District 2 and Personal Aide Edith Griffin.

On February 22, Fresno Camp 17, Fresno Aux. 6 and the Ladies of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., and the Daughters had a ham dinner and celebrated Washington's Birthday. An interesting program followed.

INDIANA

IN MEMORIAM
P.D.C. JOHN M. CAYLOR

On March 2nd, John M. Caylor, 63, Indianapolis lawyer and attorney for the Indiana World War Memorial Commission died suddenly.

He was an important worker and leader in SUVCW affairs in Indianapolis, and was scheduled to be Chairman of the 1961 Convention Committee.

He attended the University of Illinois before World War I. He served overseas with the 150th Field Artillery of the 42nd Division, and upon return from France, attended Indiana University Law School.

John Caylor was largely responsible for renewed enthusiasm and activity of the Indiana Department, where he will be greatly missed.

MASSACHUSETTS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Left to right: Frank F. Johnson, blind-patriot, Chairman; Harold M. Drown, publicist; Mayor Edward A. Crane, honorary chairman; Ernest G. Wells, general secretary; and Louis E. Winchell Sr., advisory. All are members of Couden-Higginson Camp No. 56.

The Spring Conference of the New England Regional Assoc. was held at Bellows Falls, Vt., March 26-27 with Wm. O. Fuller of Massachusetts presiding. A goodly number of Massachusetts Sons attended, headed by Dept. Commander Clark W. Mellor, an officer of the Association. Other officers are Louis E. Winchell Sr., Herbert W. Bogue, and Harold M. Drown. Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold and Natl. Vice Pres. Emma Wheeler were chief guests.

The Cambridge Centennial Committee had held three meetings of the thirty member committee, and have plans for a 30-40 page booklet, highly illustrated, on the City's Civil War history.

James G. Wolff, 60 year member, was laid to rest April 19th. Jim had held several City and State Offices and was highly regarded in Veterans' Council of Boston. He will be best remembered as heading exercises at the Lincoln Emancipation Statue for many years on February 12. Jim is survived by his brother Al, who now is the only member of the Department whose father served as Department Commander of the G. A. R.

Henry S. Bowen of Beverly was elected Dept. Commander and Nathalie Brown, also of Beverly was elected Dept. Pres. at our Encampment just concluded. A joint reception is being planned in their honor. John L. Day and Josephine Bates were co-chairmen of the Encampment Banquet and Reception honoring retiring Commander Mellor and President Jessie Wells. Commander-in-Chief Arnold and Natl. Pres. Beatrice Riggs headed an impressive list of honored guests.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NINE CANDIDATES from New Hampshire and Vermont were initiated at a muster held in Keene, N. H. on March 15th. The degree team was made up of members of Gen. Griffin Camp 10. Greetings were received from Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold, and National Vice President of the Auxiliary, Emma Wheeler. Also from Dept. Pres. Lizzie Crooker of Hillsboro; Vermont Dept. Commander Arthur Bellou and Vermont Aux. Dept. Pres. Catherine Lackey.

There were ninety persons present from New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island, and many fine remarks were made about the good job done.

NEW JERSEY

Veterans at Essex County Hospital, Cedar Grove, were guests at a party given at the hospital, sponsored by Dept. Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Victor Daniel on March 15th. Members of Bloomfield Auxiliary 7 and Orange Auxiliary 9 assisted Sister Daniel.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL—City Commissioners of the City of Trenton named a Civil War Centennial Committee during April to make plans for the local observance. Named

to the committee were Albert W. Lambert, Commander of the New Jersey Dept.; Russell Black, past commander of Post 93 American Legion and a member of Garfield Camp No. 4; Meredith Havens, free lance writer and historian; William L. Stuck, Rider College history professor; and Dr. Floyd Gindhart, a member of Dayton Camp No. 5.

The State Camp held its semi-annual dinner meeting in Trenton on April 30th at which time the principal speaker was Rev. Ellis Primm. Over thirty members and guests enjoyed an inspiring evening.

NEW YORK

A bill to appropriate \$25,000.00 to finance a New York Civil War Centennial Commission has been introduced in the New York State Legislature by Monroe County Assemblyman Paul B. Hanks and Long Island Senator Elisha T. Barrett. The proposed law has the support of the State Division of Military and Naval Affairs. It would set up a 15 member commission. Observances would be planned on battlefields on which New York troops participated. New York contributed 434,260 soldiers or one fourth of the strength of the Union Army. Losses were 53,000 men. The State of Virginia has asked New York to participate in a ceremony to commemorate the first Battle of Bull Run in which many New York soldiers participated in July, 1861.

From Neil D. Cranmer,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

The Past Presidents Club of Greater New York held their annual dinner dance on April 23rd honoring Dept. Pres. Edith L. Snyder and Dept. Commander Joseph S. Rippey. This outstanding affair was held in Rosoffs Victory Room at 43rd and Broadway, New York City.

Bert Sack is the organizer of a Civil War Memorial Committee in New York City which has been formed to preserve and improve West Farms Soldier Cemetery at 180th St. and Bryant Ave. in the Bronx. Several Bronx Civic and Patriotic groups are participating.

The Annual Service commemorating the birthday of Ulysses S. Grant was resumed this year on April 24th at the Grant Tomb on Riverside Drive, New York City. An interesting program with distinguished speakers was featured following the parade. This important event attracts thousands of members and visitors to the area. P.N.P. Mayme E. Dwyer was the Honorary Chairlady, with P.D.C. Clarence A. Maples as Chairman. Other committee members included Mae M. Maples, Caroline Kaiser, Bertram Isaacs and Norman Dellinger.

An impressive installation of officers of Oliver Tilden Camp saw Owen E. Coyle installed as Commander by District Deputy C. M. Baer. For his many years of service to

the Camp, Sol Goldfish was appointed as Historian for life. A saber was presented to Past Commander R. A. Maguire in recognition of his promotion of good will and friendship between the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The presentation was made by Lt. Commander Dr. Daniel W. Cusack on behalf of New York Camp 985, Sons of Confederate Veterans. On May 22 the Camp will hold Memorial Services at the Admiral Farragut Monument, and at the grave of Oliver Tilden, the first Union Soldier from the Bronx who gave his life during the Civil War, and also at the G. A. R. Plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, N. Y. On Memorial Day, we will again march in memory of the G. A. R. as Guard of Honor. The parade will pause while a wreath is placed at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive.

BEACON members of Aux. 10 visited the Auxiliary's adopted mother, Mrs. Laura Swarthout at the Woman's Relief Corps Home in Oxford. She celebrated her 84th birthday in September.

BUFFALO Aux. 8 Chaplain Mrs. Robert Lehman of Cook Camp 223 presented a 50 star flag to Troop 620, Boy Scouts of America on February 22 at the Troop Headquarters.

TROY Aux. 48 entertained Dept. Pres. Edith Snyder and Staff on March 1. Patr. Instructor Mrs. Helen Powers presented five new 50 star flags to the Aux.

SCHENECTADY—The Northern N. Y. Club held its election of officers March 19 at the home of Mrs. Edith Gallagher. Robert Wagner was reelected President. Annual services at Gen. Grant's Cottage at Mt. McGregor were held May 1st at 2:30 p. m.

Dept. Pres. Edith Snyder and Dept. Commander Joseph Rippey were entertained by several Camps and Auxiliaries in various parts of the state.

ROCHESTER the City Centennial Committee has been announced by Grover C. Scott, Exec. Secy-Treas. It is headed by prominent citizens of Rochester and members of the SUVCW, with Carl Hallauer as Hon. Chairman and Joseph S. Rippey as Active Chairman.

The 108th N. Y. Civil War Uniformed Unit of Rochester will send a 16 man team to compete in the North-South Skirmish at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va., May 16-17. Accompanying them will be an 8 man team from the 44th N. Y. Vol. Inf. (Western N. Y. Outfit) which took shooting honors last year.

Congratulations to P. C. in C. Neil D. Crammer of Diven Camp, Elmira, who was recently presented with a Gold Medal by Pi Delta Epsilon Fraternity.

We regretfully announce the recent passing of Fred C. Barnard, P.D.C., Albert J. Clark, P.D.C., and Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, Past Natl. and Past Dept. Chaplain.

OHIO

CLEVELAND Lookout Camp 465 plans an open house meeting on May 9th at which time a military drill will be given by ten men in uniform. Five will be awarded the SUVCW War Medal, which will be presented by Col. F. D. Marshall of the U.S.A.A.F. Every member will be given a handsome engraved membership certificate by P.C.C. Harrison Sause, at which time Bro. Sause will receive a 45 year membership pin.

PENNSYLVANIA

READING Aux. 7 and Meade Camp 16 held a Testimonial Dinner on February 25 to honor the long service record of Sister M. Lizzie Stichter. Lizzie is a Charter Member of Aux. 6, which was instituted in 1890. She served as President in 1893, and two years later was elected to the office of Secretary, to which position she was reelected for the next 61 years. Sister Stichter has missed only two Department Encampments in that time, and was elected Department President in 1915. Violet Donmoyer, Pres. of Aux. 6 was in charge of the affair, while flowers and table decorations were prepared by Sister Mary Jane Fisher, and Bro. C. Leroy Stoudt served as Toastmaster.

SONS OF VETERANS CLUB George W. F. Hohe of Emmaus was elected President of the Club at a recent meeting, with Phil Frech of Camp 9-Ellis, of Germantown as Vice-President and P.D.C. Charles H. Dern Sr., also of Camp 9-Ellis as Treasurer.

CAMP 9-ELLIS—Charles H. Dern Jr. has been endorsed for the office of Jr. Vice Department Commander and his name will be presented at the 80th Department Encampment

COL. MUHLENBERG GETS GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Frederick A. Muhlenberg, right, Reading, Pa. architect received the 1960 "Good Citizenship Award" on April 9 from C. Leroy Stoudt, left, chairman of the awards committee of Gen. George G. Meade Camp SUVCW. Looking on is Dr. Stanley F. Fink, toastmaster at the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic's 28th Annual Appomattox Day dinner-dance, held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, in conjunction with Meade Camp's 11th annual benefit dance. The Camp award went to Muhlenberg in recognition of his "outstanding service to the community as a soldier, statesman and humanitarian."

in Philadelphia in June. Bro. Dern is a Past Commander of the Camp, served three years on the Department Council, and is a Past President of the Sons of Veterans Club. He is the son of P.D.C. Charles H. Dern Sr.

Everything is in readiness for the 80th Department Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which will be held in Philadelphia, June 19th through the 22nd at the Warwick Hotel, 17th and Locust Streets, in conjunction with the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. All five organizations are establishing their temporary headquarters at the Warwick and all sessions and activity will be held there also.

On Sunday, the General Registration Committee will sit beginning at 9 a. m. for all members and visitors to register and receive an official Encampment badge and program. Church services will be of the individual choice.

At 1:15 p. m. a brief opening will be held in which all Department Heads will participate and at two o'clock, a bus tour through historic Philadelphia, will start from the hotel.

The "Camp Fire" will be held that evening in the ballroom of the hotel and again all five organizations will participate.

The "Sons" Encampment will officially open at one o'clock Monday in the Locust room of the Hotel where their sessions will be held throughout Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Sons and Auxiliary banquet will be held Tuesday evening, presumably in the Ballroom of the hotel and the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. banquet will be held the same evening.

RHODE ISLAND

Our Department Encampment was held April 9th in the Arsenal, Providence, at which time Clarence E. Young was elected and installed as Department Commander. The newly elected officers were installed by Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts Department Commander.

Other distinguished visitors included Emma Wheeler, Natl. Vice Pres. Aux.; Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold; Flora Bates, Aux. Natl. Chief of Staff; Jessie Wells, Dept. Pres. Mass.; Eva Hawkins, Dept. Pres. Rhode Island; Laura I. Smith, Past Natl. Pres. W.R.C.; and Past Department Commanders Evan Crocker and Millard Brown of Massachusetts. A highlight of the Encampment saw fifty year badges presented to Lloyd M. Skinner and Chester Thurber by C. in C. Arnold and George A. Strait.

One man with courage makes a majority.