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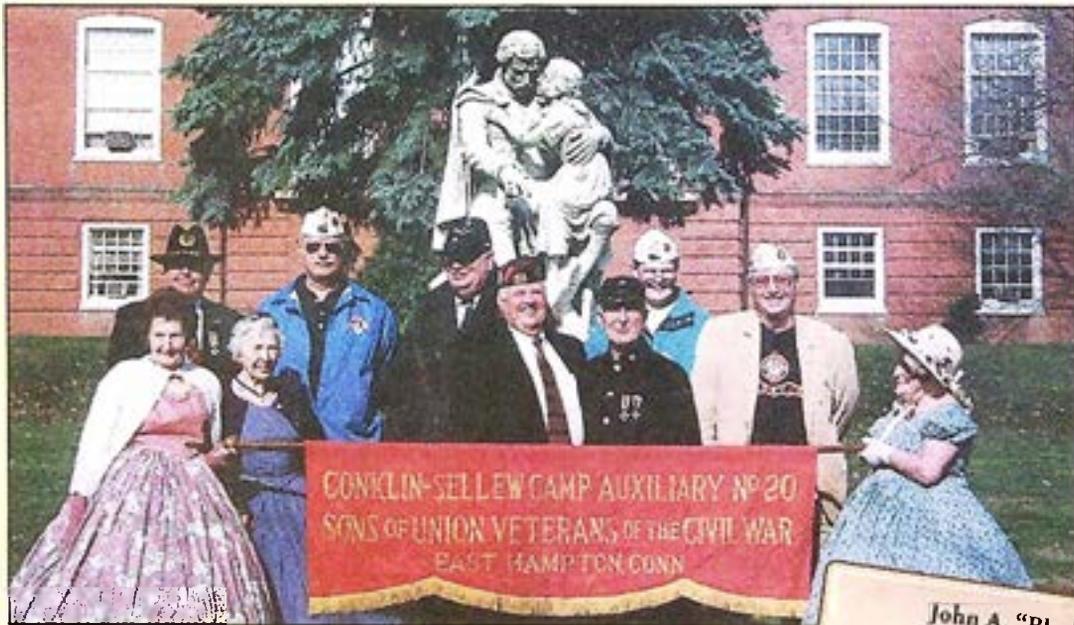
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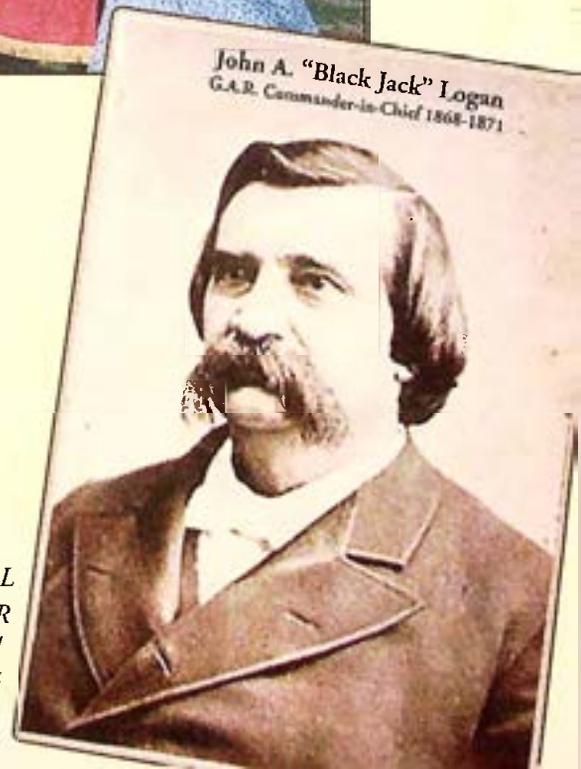
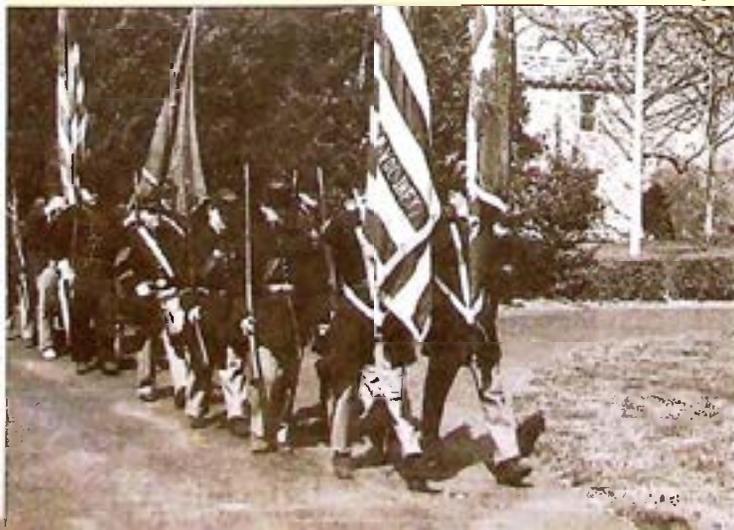
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to the editor ~

Dear Mr. Editor:
We, of the Sons of Union Veterans, Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7, would like to take this time to thank and commend you and your staff for putting together a FINE publication! Being pretty much literary "hacks" and not given to flowery prose, we can only imagine the work that goes into putting together such an exhaustive publication. We find that the completeness of your coverage is remarkable. It is also interesting to find out what other camps across the nation, and sometimes the world, are doing, i.e. activities, etc. It is also interesting to read what goes on at the national level. Some of the historical articles serve to give us a sense of who we are, who we serve and what we, as Americans, are about.

So, a huge THANK YOU, tip of the kepi and three "huzzas" to the folks who make The Banner such an integral part of the SUV!

Yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,
Fred Moosbrucker
Sec./Treas.

Brother Fred and our Brothers of Camp 7:
Many thanks for your humbling words. In life's grand picture, The Banner may not be much, but, personally, I count it an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve my Brothers in this way. The pay is poor and the hours are long, but the rewards are immeasurable.

As much as your words mean to me, however, the real credit must go well beyond the office of editor.

The "official" staff of The Banner consists of SVCinC Ed Krieser, Richard Williams of Lansing, and myself. As Publisher, Brother Ed takes care of the business end of things and keeps me out of hot water. Richard takes care of the mailing list as National Membership List Coordinator - doing a great job, constantly working to assure that every member receives each issue. My job is simply to make sure the news and stories get printed on paper.

Unofficially, there is a little acknowledged "staff" of Brothers (and Sisters) throughout the country who diligently submit hundreds of items for each issue. I believe that, in most cases, they are not even aware of the importance of their collective efforts.

When you send your thanks, you are thanking each and every one of them.

Your faithful Brother,
Editor Ken



Frankly Speaking

Thus far, I've managed to pilot the helm of the editorship fairly loosely, accepting submissions from sources far and wide, gleaning items of interest large and small. Unfortunately, minor complications have manifested themselves as a result. To see The Banner continue to improve and to keep it on schedule, we need your help and cooperation.

As this issue was prepared, it became obvious that all camp and department news should be submitted through your department

senior vice commander (or, I suppose, some other individual so designed by your department commander or SVC), as instructed in the R&R.

To paraphrase, the job description of camp and department senior vice commanders is to promote the Order. The activities of the camp SVC should include gathering appropriate data about camp activities and forwarding to the department SVC in news story form. The activities of the department SVC should include promoting department activities in the media and forwarding

information about department and camp activities to the editor of The Banner.

Taking that to the next logical step, information should be reviewed by the department SVC before being forwarded to The Banner. Submissions should be sent in story form and duplication of the same news should be weeded out beforehand.

For those handful of camps at large, your camp SVC should continue to send your news submissions to The Banner.

No More Old News

In more than one instance, we received camp and department news for this issue of events that took place up to - and even more than - a year ago.

Before you begin casting stones, I plead guilty to charges of publishing "old" news in the February issue. This was the result of a painful learning experience - having received several phone calls about not getting this camp's or that department's news published in as timely a manner. I made an effort to publish all previous news that failed to get in The Banner up to that point, and it backfired. So, as a personal policy, I'll make every effort to publish current news in the next issue available.

Do Your Camp Brothers Get It?

Ideally, The Banner should reach every member of the SUVCW. A number of your Brothers at every level spend considerable time seeing to it. Even so, with more than 6,500 copies mailed out with each issue, "I didn't get my copy" is the single most common concern. In a few cases, there are Brothers who have been members for some time who have never received an issue.

At your next camp meeting, ask each member if he has received his copy. If not, your camp secretary (or commander) should inquire to the National Membership List Coordinator. Until August, this will be Richard Williams - his USPS and e-mail addresses are below. Brother Richard does a very admirable job of maintaining the membership list, and, correspondingly, The Banner's mailing list. He can check the list, make

address changes and add new members to it. These changes and additions are tentative and must be confirmed with official quarterly department reports.

Individually, members can make address changes using the "coupon" to the right or the URL below.

Bulk Banners Available

We've been getting an ever increasing number of requests for The Banner in quantity. Apparently, some of you - camps and departments - have picked up on the idea that The Banner might be a worthwhile recruiting tool. Think of the possibilities - libraries, doctors offices, schools, museums, auto repair firms, etc. The list is endless.

While supplies last, extra copies of The Banner are available in quantities of 10, 25 and 50. There are a limited number of back issues of Volume 103 and 104.

Rates: 10 copies - \$3.20; 25 copies - \$8.25; 50 copies - \$15.25. Single copies are also available at 99¢ each.

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When ordering, be sure to specify quantity, and volume and issue number. Also, be sure to include your mailing address and payment.

Newsletters

My thanks to Camps Garfield, Lincoln-Cushing, Sheridan, Tilden, Tobert, and Voris for adding this editor to their newsletter mailing list. While there usually isn't room to reprint newsletter articles in The Banner, I do take the time to read each issue. It is always refreshing to hear about the "doings" of camps around the country.

Remember the Fallen - not only those of the Civil War, but those through the ages who have died to preserve the Union - on Memorial Day and always.

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44th Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS — Under a bright, mid-day sun, with the temperature in the 70s, the 44th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was held Saturday, April 15 in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The featured speaker at the rites was U.S. District Court Judge Richard Mills, a veteran of the Korean Conflict and a major general in the Illinois Militia. His topic was the military experience gained by Abraham Lincoln as a member of the Illinois Militia during the Black Hawk War. Judge Mills observed that young Lincoln demonstrated the traits of leadership that would serve him well throughout his life and especially during his presidency.

Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler paid tribute to Mr. Lincoln and explained the significance of observances such as this one in helping individuals to better understand and appreciate the history of our country.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Illinois state historian, talked about the importance of the election of 1860 in our history and in the career of Mr. Lincoln. He spoke to an overflow crowd of attentive listeners.

The fine weather this year allowed the Springfield Municipal Band to perform and members of the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment to fire a memorial salute at the close of the ceremony.

Departments taking part included Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Ten individual Camps from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin also participated, as did the Dept. of Wisconsin Auxiliary and a local Auxiliary from Milwaukee. Thomas L.W. Johnson, PDC, presided at both the ceremony and the luncheon program.



CinC Wheeler delivers his remarks at the ceremony. Seated is Major General and U.S. District Court Judge Richard H. Mills. From the cover, members of 114th Ill. march in to open the ceremony.

Michigan's Tribute to President Lincoln

Kent Armstrong, Department Commander

With February 12th occurring on a Saturday this year, the Dept. of Michigan was able to have its Midwinter Conference and Dinner right on "Union Defenders Day" and the 191st anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The words "Republic" / "one Nation" / "indivisible" (from our Pledge of Allegiance) had extra significance that day, as we thought of President Lincoln and all of the brave men who answered his call to Save the Union.

The Guest Speaker for both the afternoon and dinner programs was Lincoln Scholar Dr. Weldon E. Petz. Over the years, Dr. Petz has collected several thousand items of Lincoln memorabilia, which are now housed at the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, Mich.

In addition to his Doctoral work at Wayne State University, Dr. Petz earned a Doctorate in History from Lincoln Memorial University. He was the 52nd recipient of LMU's Lincoln Diploma of Honor in 1972. Others who have received this recognition include Raymond Massey, Robert Sherwood, Carl Sandburg, Allen Nevins and Bruce Catton.

Dr. Petz has presented over 3500 lectures at universities, public schools, historical societies and Civil War Round Tables. We are proud to have him as a Life Member of the SUVCW and our Department has recognized Brother Petz for his accomplishments with our Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation.

An additional highlight for the dinner (on Abe's birthday) was a taste of "Abraham Lincoln's favorite white cake" (recipe courtesy of Bro. Donald E. Darby, who is Dept. of Ohio's JVC and our National Civil War Memorials Officer).



A. Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln's Favorite White Cake

Long, long ago, a certain little French caterer in Lexington, Kentucky, made a wonderful white cake in honor of his countryman, Lafayette, who was to pay a visit to the city. The cake was beautifully decorated with flags made of colax sugar, and with marvelous icing, but the cake itself contained only the whites of eggs and when cut the cake was snow-white. Thereupon, the famous cake baker in the Blue Grass region immediately began making white cakes; and the recipe for the most famous

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Lincoln Day Program

February 6, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial
by Russ Kirchner, Department Commander

LINCOLN CITY — The Dept. of Indiana had fourteen members participate in this impressive memorial service on a sunny February afternoon. The program opened with the SUVCW Color Guard — Alan Loomis, Dennis Hutchinson, and Alan Teller — presentation of Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The half hour ceremony in the Abraham Lincoln Hall included welcomes and remarks by local dignitaries and park officials. Music was provided by Heritage Hills Baptist Church. Dr. Gerald Prokopowicz, the director of Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, presented a talk on Lincoln's life.

Following the benediction and Retiring of the Colors, the SUVCW led a pilgrimage to the gravesite of Nancy Hanks Lincoln — the President's mother. Dusty Schulte, superintendent of the Lincoln Boyhood Memorial Museum, conducted the wreath laying ceremony. Don F. Adams, a retired employee from the center, read a eulogy of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.



The finalé of the ceremony — the lowering of the huge 13 star flag.



John A. Logan

MEMORIAL DAY: Legends of its Origin!

With Memorial Day just a few short weeks away, several thoughtful folk sent in stories about its beginnings.

Each seems to contain varifiable events and dates, interwoven with what may be more lore than fact. Irregardless, no effort has been made to give one more credit than the other.

Maybe you have a different story. If so, perhaps your Brothers would like to hear it.

First, the "official" word from the G.A.R.'s 1916 National Encampment...
HEADQUARTERS, G.A.R.,
CINCINNATI, OHIO, FEB. 15, 1916

General Orders No. 3

IX. GOLDEN JUBILEE: A half century of peace and prosperity has passed since the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, and so this year we celebrate our golden jubilee. Let it be a year of pleasant memories, not only of services and sacrifices and sorrow, but of joy and gladness, because of the far reaching benefits and blessings to our county and humanity. In 1866 Gen. J.B. Murray gathered together his comrades in New York, and, as far as I can learn, was the first to decorate the graves of comrades. In 1867 the first Memorial Day parade was organized by Col. T. C. Campbell in Cincinnati. In 1868 Gen. Logan issued his famous Memorial Day order.

Some claim the custom of honoring war dead began in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania. On May 30, 1864, in the little town, Emma Hunter, a teenager, placed flowers on the grave of her father. A Union Army colonel, he was killed while commanding the 49th Pennsylvania. At the cemetery, she exchanged memories with another mourner, a Mrs. Meyers, who had brought wild flowers to the grave of her 19-year-old son, Joe, who had been a private. A year later, they met at the cemetery and were joined by many townsfolk who had also taken flowers to the cemetery. Every grave was decorated. The new custom spread and women and men of both the South and the North decorated the graves of both

Southern and Northern battle dead in several states. Others claim the custom was originated by some Southern women who placed flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers after the Civil War. According to one writer, the first Memorial Day service took place on May 30, 1866, on Belle Isle, a burial ground for Union soldiers in the St. James River, at Richmond, Va. The school superintendent and the mayor planned the program of hymns and speeches and had the burial ground decorated with flowers.

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HEAD-QUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 5, 1868.

General Order, No. 11.

I. The 30th Day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church yard in the land. In this observance, no form or ceremony is prescribed. But posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "Of preserving and strengthening those fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths, a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the right and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime: let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor: let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they left among us, a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander-in-chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the War remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Command of JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief.
N. P. CHITMAN, Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS

SERIES 1999-2000

Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5

1. A new National Secretary has been named. Please send all correspondence to: Todd A. Shillington, 15 Park Place, Holley, New York 14470-1022; 716-638-5929; CoH94NYVI@worldnet.att.net. On behalf of the Order, I would like to thank Brother Shillington for taking on this most important job.
2. Brother Hann, the Order thanks you for your years of dedication and we all hope to work again in the future with you.
3. Membership Eligibility Ruling – The question had come up again on allowing potential members to join if their forefather had been in the Confederate Army and deserted, and later joined the Union Army. It has been decided to affirm the 1890 ruling:

"The son of one who has borne arms against the United States is ineligible not withstanding the subsequent loyal service of his Father." This ruling was made by SofV Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Griffin (1889-90) opx 1x, and xx, Blue Book 17.

4. Three new camps have been chartered since August. We have two from California and one from Tennessee:

General W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2, Los Angeles, California, organized by Linn Hoadley; General Alfred A. Pleasanton Camp 24, San Francisco (East Bay), California, organized by Brad Schall; and General William P. Sanders Camp 1, Oak Ridge (Knoxville area), Tennessee, organized by Robert L. Queen Jr.

The National Order salutes these new camps and wishes those Brothers within much success and continued growth in the years to come.

5. Congratulations to the following Brothers, who, with this General Order, are designated National Aides, as a result of the fruits of their recruiting efforts. Each has been presented with a certificate and National Ribbon, to be worn under his badge. It is new members, recruited by such Brothers as these, that assure the future of the Son's long into the 21st Century. We salute the following:

David E. Allyn, Bob Lowe, Gene Armistead, and Donald Schall, all from the Dept. of Calif.; and Ellsworth Brown, PDC, and Douglass R. Knight, Dept. of Mass.

6. New, updated Bylaws are approved for the Departments of Kansas, Maine, and Wisconsin.
7. The next Council of Administration meeting will be held at the Quality Inn, in Erie, Pennsylvania, March 25. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m., and will continue until completed. As always, all Past Commanders-in-Chief welcome to attend. If more information is needed, contact PCinC Richard Orr.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6

1. On behalf of the National Order, condolences are extended to Past (1976) Commander-in-Chief Ken Wheeler and his daughter, Past (1998) National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), and family with their loss of Emma Wheeler, Past (1965) National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW, who passed away at her home on February 20. This family has always dedicated itself to our Order and we are looking forward to carrying on Sister Emma's idea's on and into the 21st Century.
2. Certificates were sent to Brother James Spencer for organizing the Col. Ellsworth Camp 23 in California and Brother Bob Danneman for organizing the Eugene A. Carr Camp 5 in Ocala, Florida.
3. I would like to ask all department commanders or department secretaries to send me a list of all new camps chartered started since August 1999 and the name of the Camp's organizer. I will send the organizer a certificate. Please remember that any Department chartering three new camps will receive an award also.
4. We have another new special committee, National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Post Records, which is chaired by Brother Jeff Henningfield, to create an on-line listing of G.A.R. sites that have existed over the past 120 plus years. This site will eventually carry by state all G.A.R. Posts. The site is currently accessible off the G.A.R. and Related Links page on the National Web Site. If you have any information, please send Post Numbers, Post Names, Post Locations, or any other information to Brother Henningfield at 2130 - 91st. Ave. SW Olympia, WA 98512; jeffnkim@uswest.net.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7

1. The Council of Administration (CoA) meeting was held on March 25, 2000 in Erie, Pennsylvania. The CoA voted to proceed with our National Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I am hoping to sign the contracts by June of this year. The museum will open in November 2000 and we should be in our new office by then. The CoA is also close to naming an Executive Director.
2. I would like to thank Brother Todd Shillington, our National Secretary, who has provided us with the minutes of the CoA meeting and Brother Keith Harrison, PCinC, for getting them on our web site in less than a week. I believe this is a record you both can be proud of. On behalf of the Order, we say thank you for a job well done.
3. I would also like to ask all departments to send an up-to-date head count of all members to our National Secretary. With reports com

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National Council Meets

The pace was double quick at the March 25 meeting of the Council of Administration in Erie, Pennsylvania. The meeting lasted the full day, covering scores of issues.

The meeting of the Council of Administration was called to order by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, at the request of Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler. PCinC Orr used the new CinC's gavel, which is inscribed with a memorial to Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania, David Orr.

The minutes of the CoA meeting of Nov. 21, 1999 were read and approved with the following correction. The preservation of the portrait of A. P. Davis has only begun in the past three weeks.

Approved the use of a Camp Quarterly Report revised by SVCinC Ed Krieser with changes discussed by the CoA. Also to review and consider renumbering all forms.

...123 new Members since August...

JVCinC George Powell reported that he has received and processed 123 new Membership applications since August 1999.

Discussions took place as to the direction that the Order should spend its advertising budget to achieve the most beneficial results.

Voted to include the Civil War Memorials Officer in the "Camp Officer Flow Chart." Also voted to remove the reference to a Provisional Camp from the online posting for organization of a new Camp.

The need to reconcile the membership list noted. To be done by mailing each Camp, via Department Secretaries, the existing list, to be corrected with additions and deletions.

Approved letter to be sent to all Departments explaining proper procedures to use to follow Quarterly Reports. Incomplete reports will be returned to Department Secretaries. Voted that any Department whose report is returned as incomplete would not be in good standing. C. & R. Committee to review this.

With the formation of a new Department imminent, discussion took place as to the printing of new Department Charters. This concentrated on the year 2000 issue, and the most economical way to produce a document likely to be used in a limited capacity.

Noted the need of PCinC Keith Harrison to resign as National Proceedings Editor. Time limitations prevent him from completing the 1999 proceedings, with previous year's proceedings also needing completion. These must be completed to avoid violation of Federal Stat-

utes. CoA voted to have all Proceedings materials sent to National Secretary to keep inventory, and as a central storage place. Individuals with the ability to work on the Proceedings are urged by the CoA to contact PCinC Harrison.

Treasurer James Pahl reported the resignation of the Order's accountant, Geraldine Orr, effective July 1, 2000. Ms. Orr has indicated her willingness to assist in closing the fiscal year, should it be done in a reasonable amount of time. CoA approved an award to be designed and made to recognize Ms. Orr's service to the Order. This to be paid from the CinC's fund.

Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, PCinC, reports that he needs all amendments to the C. & R. in order to update and publish new versions. The QM has filled 433 orders since the August Encampment, and reports that Member badge sales are strong. New Camp Charters have been ordered. CinC Wheeler recognized PCinC Atkinson for his efforts as QM.

PCinC Andrew Johnson reported a complete lack of response from the Smithsonian Institution to his inquiries regarding G.A.R. artifacts in their collection. Suggestions were made to help elicit a response from them.

Members on active duty military service will be encouraged to remain in contact with their Camp, as opposed to being designated National Members-at-Large.

Discussion took place on the details remaining to be addressed in the formation of the Department of Nebraska.

Brothers interested in the position of National Membership List Coordinator are encouraged to contact CinC Wheeler.

Noted in the report of Richard Williams, National Membership List Coordinator, is his intention to resign the office, effective August 2000. He wishes to devote his time to development of the software used by the Order to keep records. Brothers interested in the position of National Membership List Coordinator are encouraged to contact CinC Wheeler.

Mailing lists for complimentary issues of The Banner were reviewed and updated at the request of Brother Williams.

Recommendations by National Memori-

als Chairman Donald Darby concerning National Memorial database software to be reviewed by the Communications Technology Committee.

National Graves Registration Officer Leo Kennedy reports 57,155 entries in the database. Disbursement of a pamphlet to Departments should commence in April. The CD containing the Graves Registration software for proposed use is to be reviewed by the Communications Technology Committee.

The recommendation of the National Patriotic Instructor to amend the C. & R. to clarify Union Defenders Day was referred to the C. & R. Committee.

Questions and recommendations of Dr. David Martin, National Historian, to be answered by the CinC.

PCinC Richard Orr was added to the Communications Technology Committee by appointment of the CinC. The CoA noted the list of recommendations that the Comm Tech Committee wishes to propose at the National Encampment in August. CoA voted that Comm Tech Committee will revisit the Order's policy on database format.

Requests by Departments, relayed to CoA by National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator William Mason, to include space on future printings of the Commendation Certificate for the issuing Department's name, was referred to SVCinC Ed Krieser.

Efforts being made to publish a special issue Banner were reported to the CoA.

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Electronic Board Room Vote Records

Three votes have taken place in the National website CoA Board Room since January 8.

On January 9, the Council of Administration unanimously elected Todd Shillington to serve as National Secretary until the National Encampment in August 2000.

On January 15, James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 of Baltimore was given permission by unanimous vote to reproduce and sell a Sons of Veterans postcard from 1910.

On February 27, the Council of Administration decided by a 7 to 2 vote to not raise the pre-registration fee for the National Encampment from \$7 to \$10.

Respectfully submitted
in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
David K. Hann
National Secretary

Program Debuts New Certificate



In February, Brother William Mason, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, introduced a greatly revised certificate. The handsome, full-color parchment replaces a smaller blue and red version.

The new certificate is one in which each member of the Order can be proud, and one to be cherished by its recipients.

The SUVCW program commends Boy Scouts who have attained the lofty rank of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires many hours of effort and years of preparation on the part of the aspiring candidate. Only about 10% of those that commit to the program will ever reach their goal.

The highest standards are required, and candidates must become outwardly active in physical endurance, community service, mental preparedness. The battery of requirements includes taking an assertive roll in local, state and national civil interests.

When a young adult is awarded the position of Eagle Scout, they have reached the highest attainable level in Scouting, and have demonstrated their willingness and readiness to become tomorrow's active community, national and military leaders.

Each department and camp should be participating in the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate program, to congratulate those so willing to serve. Certificates are available through the National Quartermaster. For more information on the program, contact coordinator William F. Mason, 3235 Emmons Ave., Apt. 109, Brooklyn, NY 11235-1140; (718) 934-9362; NIN95@webtv.net.

Preservation on the March in N.J.

By Joseph Seliga, JVC, Lincoln Camp 100, Dept. of New Jersey

Two of the bills that passed in the last session of the state legislature were for the preservation of N.J.'s Civil War history. One provides the money necessary to refurbish and maintain, in perpetuity, all of the monuments erected at Gettysburg National Military Park to memorialize the presence and actions of N.J.'s troops at the battles there on July 1, 2 and 3, 1863. Another will protect all of the Civil War monuments and cannons in N.J. from sale or disposal. In addition to these legislative actions, Governor Whitman, at the signing of the Gettysburg Monument bill, announced that the State of New Jersey would provide the necessary funds for five Civil War flag cases to be installed in the new State Archives building.

Gettysburg Monuments

Passage of Assembly Bill 3049 provides \$55,335 for the restoration and maintenance of the 13 monuments commemorating the heroic actions of the N.J. soldiers who died during the Battle of Gettysburg. The bill provides \$16,335 for restoration work to be done as soon as possible, and \$39,000 for future maintenance of these 13 monuments. N.J. is the first Northern state to fund monument restoration and maintenance at Gettysburg. Mississippi and Louisi-

ana were the first states to act. The monument restoration and future maintenance will be through a foundation run by the National Park Service.

This bill was signed by Governor Whitman on November 8. In her remarks after the signing ceremony, Gov. Whitman said "Six thousand New Jerseyans lost their lives in the war. With this legislation we will preserve New Jersey's battle monuments and honor the valor and sacrifice of those soldiers who fought to preserve the Union." This legislation came into being by the actions of Bruce Sirak, the President of the Camp Olden Civil War Roundtable and Civil War reenactor.

New Jersey Monuments and Cannons

The passage and signing of Senate bill S1263 on January 10 will assist in the preservation of the Civil War monuments and cannons within N.J. Thus legislation placing Civil War monuments having significant historical value in the state's Register of Historic Places. This bill should provide guidance for the maintenance of the Civil War monuments, both of stone and cannons. It should also prevent the disposal of Civil War cannons, as happened in Union, N.J., several years ago. The bill requires

that "a public entity must also seek commissioners authorization before approving any applications or permit for an activity which will encroach upon, damage or destroy a Civil War monument."

The bill directs the N.J.'s Historic Sites Council to "use volunteer services of appropriate historical organizations and the resources of the department to conduct, and update on a periodic basis, a survey of Civil War monuments throughout N.J." The department has conducted a survey and has a database for the location of the Civil War monuments and cannon within New Jersey.

This bill came into being in 1998 because of the actions of Dept. SVC Clark McCullough, and Dept. Counsel Paul Lader. Both Brothers provided information to the state senate in the hearings held in 1998. In an effort to obtain passage of S1263 in this session of the legislature, after the Gettysburg Monument preservation bill signing ceremony, Lincoln Camp 100 JVC Joseph Seliga spoke to, and gave copies of S1263 to, Gov. Whitman, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mistress of Ceremonies and Deputy Director of the Dept. of Environmental Protection, and

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From the National Historian

Dr. David Martin, N.J. PDC, SUVCW National Historian
147 Canterbury Court, Hightstown, NJ 08520, 609-448-6355, Dmartin@Peddie.org

First of all, I wish to genuinely endorse our organization's efforts to catalog and preserve our nation's Civil War monuments, cannons, veterans' burials, and G.A.R. records. I heartily encourage every individual member, camp and department to help preserve our common Civil War heritage by assisting in the completion of these projects.

As valuable as these projects are, I would like during my term as National Historian to encourage our camps and departments to under-

take another project even closer to home: we need to identify, locate and preserve the records of our own organization. All too often, SUV records are lost when a camp becomes dormant or is discontinued, or a key officer moves or passes away. In many camps, we become so concerned with current operations that record and memory of each camp's foundation and early days are ignored or lost. In order to preserve the records of our local camps, I urge the following steps to be taken.

- (1) Each camp should consolidate its records (minutes, newsletters, membership applications, etc.) in the hands of one or two specified officers, and these officers should pass their collected records on to their successors. The members of each camp, plus key department officers, should be made aware who is the record holder for each camp.
- (2) Each camp should make a duplicate copy of its minutes, newsletters, and other key records, and place these in the custody of a camp historian, who should keep these records and then pass them on to his successor.
- (3) Each camp should also send a copy of its key records to the department historian for more preservation. (The more copies that are made of a camp's minutes and records, the better chance they have for long-range survival.)
- (4) Camp membership files should be maintained and kept updated. In the days of the G.A.R., most posts kept log books with a page for each member, giving their application data, offices held, and other information, including photographs and, eventually, obituaries. I strongly sense that most SUV camps are not doing this. It is a practice well worth resurrecting.
- (5) Similarly, department records should be consolidated and placed in the hands of a key officer. Copies of encampment proceedings, departmental newsletters, and other key records, should be copied and placed in the hands of the department historian.
- (6) I would also suggest that copies of department and camp records be placed in a central library or other publicly accessible repository. We in New Jersey are preparing to set up a G.A.R./SUV research center in the Civil War museum administered by Garfield Camp 4 in Lawrenceville. If you
- (7) Take photographs at your meetings and events, and label them for posterity (copies can be used for publicity or for sending to THE BANNER).
- (8) Prepare lists of camp and department officers, as well as dates of special events and lists of any special awards given out. These are always handy for reference.
- (9) Ask older members of your camp to write down their recollections of the camp's history. Give a program on your camp's history, and video tape it or write out the text in full.
- (10) Prepare a written history of your camp, and prepare or update the history of your department.

Carrying out even a few of these suggestions will help preserve the history of our local SUV camps and will in the process help our members better realize their own place in history. It will also help us avoid the fate of the majority of the G.A.R. posts, most of whose records have been destroyed or lost, or cannot be located.

Any comments or suggestions on how to preserve our organization's history will be welcome by myself and the members of the National Committee on History, Brothers David Ladd of Minnesota, Roger Olson of Connecticut, and Jerry Orton of New York.

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Abraham Lincoln's Favorite White Cake

of all originated in the kitchen of the ancestors of Mary Todd, who, after she became his wife, made the cake for Abraham Lincoln. He declared this white cake to be the best in Kentucky. Here is Mary Todd's recipe with modern baking instructions included.

- 1 cupful of butter
- Whites of 6 eggs
- 2 cupfuls of sugar
- 1 teaspoonful of vanilla or other flavoring as preferred
- 3 cupfuls of flour
- 3 teaspoonsful of baking powder
- 1 cupful of chopped blanched almonds

Cream the butter well, add the sugar and cream again, sift flour and baking powder together, add to butter and sugar alternately with milk. Then stir in the chopped nut meats and beat well. Finally, fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs, pour into a well greased, paper-lined pan and bake one hour in a moderate oven. Ice with boiled icing to which you have added half a cupful of candied pineapple and cherries cut in very small pieces.

Provided from the *Country Gentleman Service* Department, Warren Gentzel of Groce Post, Circleville, Ohio, and Sgt. Enderlin Camp 73, Chillichhoe, Ohio. Groce Post is the satellite of Camp 73, named after the original G.A.R. post in Circleville, Ohio. Warren Gentzel, the commander of Groce Post, was the one who originally found the recipe for Lincoln's White Cake.

LIFE MEMBERS

Since the 1999 National Encampment

NO.	NAME	DEPARTMENT
550	Sanford D. Brumfield	Ohio
551	James M. Gowin Jr.	Tennessee
552	Henry E. Shaw Jr.	Ohio
553	Roger L. Olson	Connecticut
554	William J. Halpin	New York
555	Steve Vodde	Illinois
556	Lee G. Fritz	Illinois
557	David Wamendola	Illinois
558	Dave McLaughlin	NMAL
559	William P. Harvey	Stevens #1 CAL
560	Rev. Howard Stimml	New York
561	Jay H. Peterson	Maryland
562	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
563	Robert C. Shaffer	Pennsylvania



SVR GENERAL ORDERS

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SVR Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding

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GENERAL ORDER 2000-1 4 March 2000

- Effective 19 January 2000 Private Andrew P. Lefko is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR, having been elected Commander Company F, 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in the Second Military District.
- This commission will expire on 18 January 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-2 4 March 2000

- This Order issued as a correction to General Order 2000-1. Effective 19 January 2000 Private Andrew P. Lefko is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR, having been elected Commander Company F, 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in the Second Military District.
- This commission will expire on 18 January 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-3 3 April 2000

- Effective 20 November 1999 Private George Shadman is appointed Sergeant Major of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- This appointment will expire on 1 August 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-4 3 April 2000

- Effective 13 March 2000 Private William L. Teshner is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR, having been elected Adjutant of Cushing's Battery, in the Fourth Military District.
- This commission will expire on 12 March 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-5 3 April 2000

- Effective 13 May 2000 First Lieutenant Ronald M. Aronis is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR, having been re-elected Commander of Cushing's Battery, in the Fourth Military District.
- This commission will expire on 12 May 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-6 21 April 2000

- Effective 14 April 2000 Captain Glen E. Zook is relieved of duty as Public Information Officer (PIO) of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- Effective 14 April 2000 the commission of Glen E. Zook as Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-7 21 April 2000

- Effective 14 April 2000 Second Lieutenant H. Scott Baker, SVR, is appointed Public Information Officer (PIO) of the National Military Department of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- This appointment will expire on 29 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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GENERAL ORDER 2000-8 21 April 2000

- Effective 14 April 2000 Second Lieutenant H. Scott Baker is commissioned a Captain, SVR, having been appointed Public Information Officer (PIO) of the National Military Department of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- This commission will expire on 29 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

<i>David V. Medert</i> Brigadier General, SVR Commanding Officer	<i>Robert E. Grim</i> Lt. Col., SVR Adjutant General
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From the Adjutant General

*SVR Lt. Colonel Robert E. Grim,
Adjutant General*

SVR ANNUAL UNIT APPLICATION AND SEMI ANNUAL STRENGTH REPORTS

All unit adjutants should have submitted the Semi-Annual Strength Report and the Annual Unit Application to the district adjutant by Feb. 15, 2000. These reports should have been forwarded by the district adjutant to my office before March 1, 2000. I want to thank all those units and districts who filed their reports on time. If you have not filed your reports, remember that a current unit membership roster with each members name, rank and current address should accompany your report. The national SVR dues should have been sent with the Semi-Annual Strength Report.

NEW UNITS

We have two new SVR units. We would like to welcome the **355th U. S. North Coast Volunteer Company** in the Second Military District. 1st Sgt. William S. Poulton Jr. is in command of this unit and Private William C. Poulton is serving as unit adjutant.

We would also like to welcome **Company B, 2nd Colorado Volunteer Infantry**. This is a new unit in the Fifth Military District. Since this district is presently inactive we have assigned this unit to the Fourth Military District. 1st Sgt. Douglas G. Wilson is in command of this new unit.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

If you are a member of the national Headquarters Company you should have sent your dues to the adjutant general by now.

WESTERN EVENT

2nd Lt. Frank B. Harned is spearheading a new SVR event for April, 2001 to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I am sure he will welcome any suggestions or help. It is the hope of the General Staff to develop this event into an annual Spring event. Mark your calendar now.

Resolution of National Congress of Patriotic Organizations

Regarding Changes to the Naturalization Process for New United States Citizens

WHEREAS, The Immigration and Naturalization Services ("INS") has stated it will reevaluate the entire naturalization process, including the oath of citizenship, the citizenship test, the swearing in ceremony conducted before a U.S. District Judge, and the manner in which the naturalization process is conducted, in an effort to make them more "up to date,"

WHEREAS, the claim is made that the oath of citizenship (1) is too "patriotic" because it requires the citizen-to-be to forswear allegiance to his birth county and swear sole allegiance to the United States and is contrary to the ideals of dual and world citizenship, (2) is too "militaristic" because it requires the citizen-to-be to promise to defend the United States, or provide alternate service, and (3) is too "religious" because it concludes with "so help me God,"

WHEREAS, it is asserted that the citizenship test should be made so easy that failure is impossible, the swearing in ceremony, customarily conducted in a U.S. District Court before a U.S. District Judge, is burdensome and unnecessary, and the entire naturalization process should be handled through the U.S. mail,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations that information concerning the efforts of the INS to eviscerate the oath of citizenship, dumb down the citizenship test, take the swearing in ceremony away from the U.S. District Courts, and to handle the entire naturalization process through the U.S. mail, be promptly disseminated to all member organization so that each member organization may be apprised of what is afoot at the INS and able to make timely protest or such other response as it deems appropriate.

Done at Fort Meade, Maryland, this the first day of April in the year 2000, at its Annual Congress.

John F. Burk Jr., President

This resolution was submitted to The Banner by PCinC Richard C. Schlenker, National Washington, D.C., Representative.

The National Congress of Patriotic Organizations, inaugurated in 1990, is made up of individuals and organizations interested in maintaining the original ideals of the founding fathers, to insure that the U.S. will continue as respected nation in global affairs, and that the freedom of its citizens will be preserved.

The SUVCW is one of over 30 member or-

ganizations, as are the ASUVCW, MOLLUS and the National Order of the Blue and Gray, as well as the VFW and the SAR.

As Washington Representative, Brother Schlenker attends the meetings of the NCPO, representing our order.

Readers can learn more about the NCPO by visiting their website at <www.ncpoinc.org> or contacting their president, John F. Burk Jr., 204 Purlington Rd., Timonium, MD 21093-1514; (410) 525-1514.

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Legends of its Origin

In 1966, the U.S. government proclaimed that Waterloo, N.Y., the birthplace of Memorial Day. On May 5, 1865, the people of Waterloo had honored soldiers who had died in the Civil War.

General Logan, then G.A.R. commander-in-chief, named May 30th as a special day to honor the graves of Union soldiers. The selection of May 30th is attributed to a Virginian of French descent, Cassandra Oliver Moncure, who may have selected this date because it was "The Day of Ashes" in France - the day that Napoleon's remains were returned to France from St. Helena.

Graves Registration

57,155

Graves Registered to Date

Wanted: any members that wish to assist the Grave Registration Project by keying records into the database. We are currently backed up with records and need your help to enter them.

If interested, please contact Leo F. Kennedy, P.O. Box 820, Greenville, RI 02828, 401-949-1780, hdviking@aol.com

Stephen R. Whitney served at the Battle of Petersburg. There, he took shelter alone one night in a shed and wrote the following in his diary, "Tonight the Confederates fired 200 sixty-pound cannon balls at me and missed."

For many years S.R.W. set a Flower Boat adrift on the waters at Hampton Roads. This was his tribute to the "Sailors and Soldiers, buried beneath the waters where the 'Congress' and 'Cumberland' went down in their fierce

fight with the 'Merrimac.'" In 1917, President Wilson sent a big wreath for the boat.

Years ago S.R.W. delivered this message to his assembled comrades of the Union Veteran Legion.

Sad Thoughts THE LAST VETERAN COMRADE

Let me take the hearer (or reader) away from the present, far into the mysteries and mazes of the future: when the babies held up today by Mothers' arms to watch the Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion pass, will have grown to man and womanhood; when all but one of the strong who are marching to martial music today will have passed into memory and history. Let me picture to you, if I can, the last march of the last survivor of this Loyal band of brave men.

The same soul stirring, thrilling airs will fill the world with melody; the fife and drum will stir to patriotic response the multitudes that throng the streets and roads. There will be a long line of glistening bayonets, and glittering uniforms; men of letters, statesmen, diplomatic dignitaries and civilians will pass in review.

But the eyes of the multitude will give the gaudy display but a passing glance. They will eagerly scan the procession for the figure of a bent and tottering old man. The cry goes up, "He comes!" Far up and down the lines of eager people the cry will be taken up, "He comes, yes, He comes!" The bent and tottering old man, the last member of the Union Veteran Legion, with feeble steps is passing in review.

As the venerable Veteran goes by, heads will uncover, and a solemn hush will fall upon the multitude. It is taking its farewell look at the last link that binds the present with the past, the last survivor of a great struggle that tried men's souls, that history has made it familiar with. That will be an event in the future of this

country that but one of the thousands that fill the ranks of the Union Veteran Legion today can participate in, and who of us will it be?

But that time is coming, for year by year the graves of the survivors of the war to save the Union, grow thicker on the hillside, and dot the peaceful valleys. The bullets of an armed enemy may pass harmlessly over the Soldier's head, but none can escape the ambushed enemy Death. His darts are aimed with unerring eye, and one by one the Soldiers of the great Republic, the Defenders of the Stars and Stripes, the emblem of the free, are dropping out of line, and by loving hands of Comrades are laid to everlasting rest.

And so it will go on until but one is left to make his solitary march, weighed down by years, waiting for the bugle call to bivouac with the Union Veteran Legion, that has marched beyond the line of human vision. Will any of this assembly be that last old Veteran? Only the Supreme Commander knows.

Let us do our best, do right, and trust in God so that when we are called upon to answer the last roll call, we can hear the welcome plaudit, "well done thou good and faithful Veteran, enter thou into joys, Everlasting."

Submitted by Brother Frank Grant Whitney, of Maryland's Garfield Camp 1. This essay was written by his grandfather, S.R. Whitney. It was among the veteran's personal effects, and was passed down to Brother Frank Whitney served in Co. C, 113th N.Y. Inf., and in the 7th Artillery Regt.

HONOR ROLL

Donations to the Permanent Fund
Since the 1999 National Encampment

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RESEARCH CENTER

For Genealogical & Historical Research

37th New York: I am working to place a monument where this regiment spent the winter of 1861-62, but need more information on what the regiment did that winter. Please contact John Braden, 5519 Taylor, Fremont, MI 49412; 231-924-6544.

Free Research: To help honor our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union and free the slaves, Douglass R. Knight, Publicity Director for the New England Regional Association, SUVCW, is offering to research the military service of your Union Civil War ancestor. This research is conducted free of charge for those who apply for membership in the SUVCW. Brother D. Knight can be reached by calling (603) 898-4286 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. or writing him at P.O. Box 955, Salem, NH 03079.

Book Wanted: Casey, James B., ed. Libby Prison Autograph Book, January-February 1864. Salt Lake City: Utah Genealogical Association, Monograph Series No. 1, 1984. Contact Tim Roberts, 217-522-5603.

To Whom it May Concern: Please be advised that I am looking for the following books for my personal collection: 1. Cushman, Frederick E. The History of the 58th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, Washington, DC: Gibson Brothers, Printers, 1865; 2. Wilson, John. Seven months in a Rebel Prison, (John Wilson served in Co. A of the 58th Mass.) [n.p., n.d.]. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Douglass R. Knight (603) 898-4286.

2000 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE — SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

1:00-5:00 PM Registration (Conference Center Lobby)
6:00 PM PCinC / PNP Banquet
8:00 PM Council of Administration Meeting
(CinC Suite)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM Registration (Conference Center Lobby)
8:30 AM Joint Memorial Service
9:30 AM Business Session
12:00 NOON Lunch
1:00 PM Business Session
7:00 PM Campfire

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 AM SVR Breakfast
8:00 AM Registration (Conference Center Lobby)
8:30 AM Business Session
12:00 NOON Lunch
1:00 PM Business Session
6:30 PM Allied Orders Banquet

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 AM Council of Administration Meeting
(CinC Suite)

INQUIRIES RESPONSES

Edited by Richard D. Orr, PCinC

Q2. Why does it take up to 9 months to add a new member to the Banner mailing list?

A2. The maximum time between joining and getting on the membership mailing list *should* be four months. A camp is required to report new members each quarter on the quarterly report form. This includes a copy of the application. The Department Secretary forwards the application form along with the consolidated Department Quarterly report which also includes the names and addresses of new members. The National Secretary then forwards the application forms to the Membership List Coordinator so the member can be added to the database. The forms are then returned to the National Secretary for permanent record retention. For example: *John Doe* joins *Camp X* on January 2. The Camp secretary reports him as a new member on the quarterly report for Jan-Mar and sends a copy of the application with the report to the Department Secretary. This report is due to the Department Secretary by April 15. The Department Secretary reports *John Doe* as a new member on the Department quarterly report and encloses a copy of the application. This report is due to the National Secretary by April 30. The National Secretary forwards the application forms to the Membership List Coordinator. Since this is a simple case of mailing the application forms this probably can be done within a week — May 7. The Membership List Coordinator then adds the information to the database for all new members, address changes and dropped members. Depending on the volume this may take a few days or few weeks. Regardless the names will be added before the mailing list for the issue of the Banner following the quarterly report due date is generated. The process takes four months and one week plus data entry time. The shortest time would be for *Joe Smith* who

joined the last week of March and, following the above process, would be on the mailing list by May 7 — or approximately six weeks.

If the camp does not file the report on time and/or the department does not file on time the addition of the member to the database can be delayed for months. Likewise, if the national secretary does not forward the applications in a timely manner, the addition of the member will be delayed.

If you have a question about your inclusion in the membership database. Ask your camp secretary when your name was submitted on the quarterly report. If necessary ask to see a copy of the report (each camp is to keep a copy of the report for their records). The camp officers can ask the same questions of the Dept. Secretary.

If you moved, had your ZIP code changed or had any other modification of your mailing address and you have not notified the Camp Secretary who is required to pass this information along as part of the quarterly report, then failure to receive the Banner is probably a result of this.

Any Brother with internet access can submit change of address information for himself through the Order's website. Go to <http://www.suvcw.org/id.htm> click on "change of address form" and complete the information.

Information regarding this question was contributed by Brothers Richard Williams, Edward Krieser, Ken Richmond, James Pahl, Keith Harrison and Richard Orr.

The purpose of the column is to answer questions concerning how the SUVCW operates, its history, how to complete the various forms, identifying memorabilia and other questions related to the SUVCW, except membership records, department records, and camp

records. This is not a genealogy service or a source for information on individual soldiers, sailors, marines or ships, regiments etc.

Questions can be submitted to Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15214; e-mail

suvcworr@aol.com, or faxed to 412-931-7720. Every attempt will be made to obtain answers to your questions from those Brothers most familiar with the topic. If the inquiry cannot be answered, the question will be printed to solicit information on the topic from the membership.

2000 National Encampments

Lansing, Michigan

Thursday, August 17 thru Sunday, August 20

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 119th Encampment
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veteran 114th Encampment
Ladies of the G.A.R. 114th Encampment**

You are cordially invited to attend the
2000 National Encampment of our organizations,
to be held in Lansing, Michigan on August 17-20, 2000.



The Encampment will be held at the HOLIDAY INN SOUTH / CONVENTION CENTER, 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan; site of the 1994 and 1988 National Encampments. Please be advised that overnight guest rooms have been reserved by the Department of Michigan – SUVCW at \$69 + tax for single/double occupancy, and \$79 + tax for triple/quadruple occupancy. Toll-Free calls for reservations, and for courtesy transportation from Lansing's Capitol City Airport, may be made to the hotel directly by dialing 1-800-333-8123.

Please note location of Exit 104 off of I-96, and the Holiday Inn, on the South Side of Lansing

Allied Orders Banquet

Saturday, August 19, 2000
ROAST RIB of BEEF or BONELESS CHICKEN

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Reserve _____ Chicken meals at \$24.00 each

Reserve _____ Beef meals at \$24.00 each

Total \$ _____ enclosed

Make check payable to: **Department of Michigan, SUVCW**
And mail to: 2000 Encampment Committee
1917 Teel
Lansing, MI 48910-3117

2000 Encampment Pre-Registration

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Department: _____

Camp Name: _____ Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please include your e-mail address for electronic confirmation
Each delegate will receive an Encampment Medallion.

Current or Highest past office held: (check only one)

- Past Commander in Chief
 Dept. Commander
 Delegate
 Past Dept. Commander
 Alternate

Please fill out this form completely. Write a check or money order (no cash) to the **National Organization, SUVCW** in the amount of \$7.00 and mail it to:

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Lansing, MI 48910-3117

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A block of rooms have been reserved by the Department of
Michigan, SUVCW, at \$69 + tax for single/double occupancy,
and \$79 + tax for triple/quadruple occupancy.

Hotel room registration deadline is July 20, 2000.

National Encampment Official Program Book

Help support the 119th Encampment of the SUVCW by taking out an ad in the Official Program Book.

Memorialize your ancestors that took part in the Civil War or a departed comrade from your Camp or Department. Congratulate Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Auxiliary National President Mary Jo Long, L.G.A.R. National President Kathy Stiffler, or all three!

Individuals, Camps and Departments can show they take an active part and have pride in our Order by placing an ad in the Official Program Book. Costs for the ads are as follows: Full Page - \$30.00; Half Page - \$17.00; Quarter Page - \$10.00; Eighth Page - \$7.00. Two full page ads on facing pages may be requested at no extra charge, if ordered at the same time.

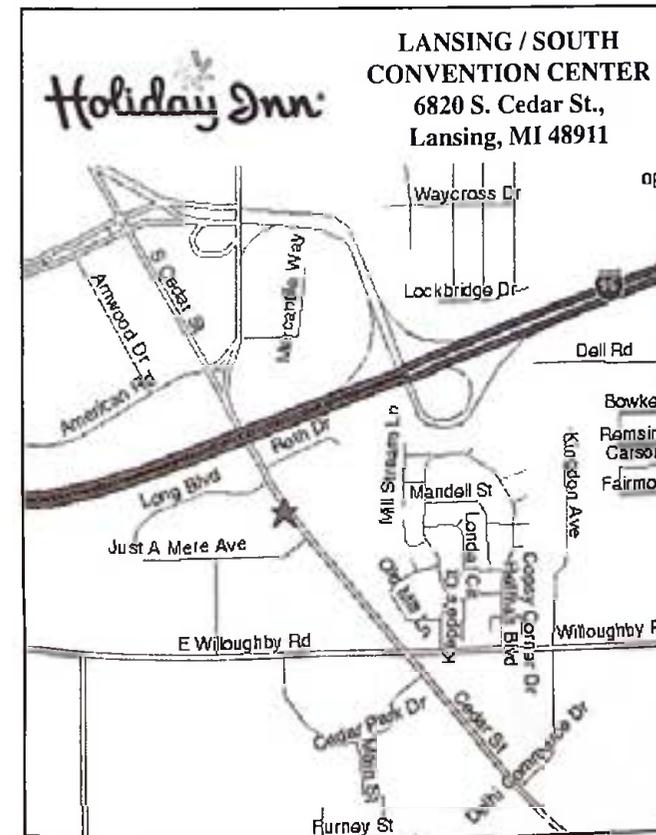
To make this book more than a keepsake of the National Encampments, a complete listing of all 613 G.A.R. Posts in Michigan from 1879 to 1948, along with the town where they were located and their charter/disbandment dates will be included.

Please make your check payable to: **Department of Michigan, SUVCW**

Mail the check and copy of your ad to:
Nat'l Encampment Book
2495 Washington Rd
Lansing, MI 48911-7216

Deadline for receipt of your ad is July 31st, 2000!

Please include your e-mail address or postal address.



ARRIVING:

1. Take Exit 104 off of I-96, turn left at the first light and proceed on S. Pennsylvania Avenue.
2. Turn left at the third light and proceed South on Southbound Cedar Street.
3. Proceed under the Interstate overpass. Proceed past the traffic light at Long Blvd., and turn right into the **Holiday Inn** entryway. Parking is behind the hotel.

DEPARTING:

1. Leave Hotel via Long Blvd., taking advantage of the traffic light for a left turn onto Cedar Street.
2. Proceed Northward on Cedar, following directions back to I-96.

Council Meets

PCinC Keith Harrison reported as National Webmaster that hits on the website are averaging 8.423 per day in 2000. This represents an increase of more than 1700 per day over early 1999. E-mail requests from the website run 30 to 50 daily. Also, many new features were added, including biographies, and a site to print SUVCW forms.

Scholarship Committee Chairman reported having received 13 applications, with a deadline of March 31, 2000 for receiving applications.

Report of PCinC Keith Harrison concerning the Department of Rhode Island's boundaries, G.A.R. property held by the state, and RISUVCW, Inc. discussed. Further developments to be closely monitored.

PCinC Charles Corfman, Chairman National Encampment Site Committee reported developments on future Encampments. Most promising sites are currently Springfield MO 2001, Springfield IL '02, Cincinnati OH '03, Plano TX '04.

All present agreed that a speedy solution to the Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall dispute would be beneficial to the Order.

Approved accepting offer...of City of Harrisburg...to establish National Headquarters, SUVCW...

Approved accepting offer, subject to contract approval, of City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to establish National Headquarters, SUVCW, at National Museum of the Civil War. Contract to be reviewed by National Counselor, James Pahl. PCinC Richard Orr elected to receive bids for liability and fire insurance for National HQ.

CoA granted extensions to install Camp officers to several Departments and Camps.

Voted to reaffirm Rebecca Pratt as proceedings Secretary in the second year of an existing three-year contract. CinC Wheeler will notify her.

Discussed the problem of Camps within the same Department having the same number. To be handled by CinC Wheeler.

...he must uphold the decision of a National Encampment.

Reviewed reactions to General Orders #4. CinC Wheeler noted that as a result of the Or-

ders, three member resignations were received. While he tremendously regrets their loss, he felt he must uphold the decision of a National Encampment. It is anticipated that there will be debate of the matter at this year's Encampment.

Voted to frame and hang in National HQ the SCV resolution applauding the SUVCW, and to join SUVCW in preserving historical memorials to all soldiers who fought their beliefs.

Reviewed the question of Department of New Jersey on liability insurance. It was ascertained that the National Organization carries none. The CoA respectfully requests information for review on this matter from any Brother with expertise in the insurance business.

The CoA supports efforts of PCinC Alan Loomis on behalf of the G.A.R. Highway.

Contract for an Executive Director approved, including defining duties to be performed in a fee for service agreement. Candidate selection process has narrowed to the point that an Executive Director will probably be selected in the next several weeks.

Approved the procuring of the National Organization's computer by QM Atkinson, with the issue of its use referred to the Communications Technology Committee.

Discussion of Banner publication. A new issue is nearly ready. Anticipating an increase in budget request due to increased membership. Determined that a price per issue cannot be printed on the cover. CinC Wheeler expressed his thanks to the editor, Ken Richmond, and to the publisher, SVCinC Krieser.

Life Membership policies reviewed with no action taken.

Regretfully voted to deny a request by Sarah M. Sterling Tent 3, SUVCW, for financial assistance for legal fees, related to action trying to force the City of Detroit to follow law in refurbishment of G.A.R. Hall in Detroit.

SVCinC Ed Krieser displayed the first

Founders Award, to be presented to Columbia Gas for their work on the Eternal Peace Light Memorial at Gettysburg. All agreed the award is beautiful.

Approved a motion to make all merchandise marketing requests for items bearing the official markings of the SUVCW, granted at this meeting, expire on June 30, 2002.

Denied a request by Larry Roach to use SUVCW logo on pocket watches.

Denied a request by Homer Searle Camp 114, Department of New York to use SUVCW logos on tee shirts.

No approval necessary for Farragut Camp, Department of Tennessee, to use on invitation cards for Camp use. To sell will require CoA approval.

Approved Sydney Camp 41, Department of New York, to sell hats with SUVCW logo.

Approved Ross Camp 1, Department of Pennsylvania, use of SUVCW and G.A.R. logos for memorial ribbons for Ross Camp members only. Sale of ribbons to others denied.

Approved Ed Krieser's request to make available 12 inch SUVCW logo embroidered patches.

Approved extension request by Department of Michigan for SUV hatpins, and use of SUVCW Emblem and Coat of Arms on jacket patches and mouse pads.

Approved request, Camp 51, Department of Ohio, to extend license on all items to June 30, 2002.

Approved request U.S. Grant Camp 68, extension of license on SUVCW logo polo shirts, coffee mugs, address labels, and satin jackets. Request for license on all other items denied.

*Respectfully submitted in F.C., & L.,
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary*

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7

ing in late, which was National's fault, we need a complete head count. Please send this in the next 30 days.

- As Commander-in-Chief, I would like to point out a problem that has occurred in at least one department regarding geographical divisions. No department can require or force adherence to such boundaries on its members or camps. No Camp can insist on its little geographical area, as theirs and theirs alone. There is absolutely no provision within the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations that permits this. It is the member's decision as to which camp he wants to join. Therefore, any and all department or camp bylaw, policy, practice, or tradition that states or references the existence of such boundaries or the control over a given geographical boundary is hereby ruled to be null and void.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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With the appointment of Brother Shillington as National Secretary, department secretaries are instructed to send their reports and per capita taxes to:
TODD A. SHILLINGTON, 15 PARK PL, HOLLEY, NY 14470-1022

California and Pacific

CERTIFICATE TO A TRUE DAUGHTER



Pictured above, left to right, are Cmdr. Charles Christian, Mrs. Bartruff, SVC Steve Martin, and Camp Activities Director Lou Olker.

Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 23, Santa Rosa

On January 16, the camp presented a certificate, with a cover letter from CinC Danny Wheeler, at a ceremony held in her retirement facility to Mrs. Lee Butruff, age 105. Not only was Mrs. Bartruff able to fully participate, but she related tales of her father, Pvt. Gilbert Lupper, Co. 1, 4th Pa. Cav., during his service the last year of the war in Virginia. He participated in the Sieges of Richmond and Petersburg, Sailor's Creek, and Appomattox, during which time he was wounded twice.

Department Encampment

The department held its 114th Annual Encampment April 8 at San Luis Obispo. The presence and participation of a National Officer, SVCinC Edward J. Krieser, was particularly encouraging to the Brothers. Since the last encampment, three new camps have been formed within the department: **Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2** of Los Angeles, **Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24** of the San Francisco-East Bay area, and **Lincoln Camp 10** of the Monterey Bay area. The annual historical program was presented by Mr. William Doty of the Laguna Niguel Branch of the National Archives. Mr. Doty, also a member of the SUVCW, introduced and explained the many documents in the National Archives that may be of use in Civil War and genealogical research.

Dept. Officers elected by the Encampment were: Bob Lowe (Camp 21) - Cmdr.; Brad Schall (Camp 24) - SVC; Linn Hoadley (Camp 2) - JVC;

Chuck Davis (Camp 22) - Sec./Treas.; and James Spencer (Camp 23), Jim Churchyard (Camp 21), and Mike Schooling (Camp 21) - Council.

At the conclusion of the encampment a memorial service was held at the G.A.R. plot of the Lady Sutliff Cemetery, where appropriate remarks were made by SVCinC Edward Krieser and floral tributes were placed by PNP Betty Woerner and Peggi Mann of the ASUVCW.

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21

Members of Camp 21 gathered at an isolated rest stop on Highway 8, twelve miles west of Yuma, Arizona, to participate in a United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsored re-dedication of a Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway Marker. Camp Councilman Mike Schooling, also a member of the SCV, did double duty this day by giving the keynote address for the occasion. The SUVCW was recognized for its participation in the event by Donna Derrick, Director of the California Division of the UDC.



Camp JVC Dave Allyn and Cmdr. Bob Lowe, pictured below, shake hands over the marker with members of the Imperial Valley Living History Association.

Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24

Camp 24 participated in and co-sponsored the 1st Annual Livermore Learning Center. About 300 parents and home school students were present at the opening ceremonies given by Bro. Lynn Owens, and approximately 650 people attended the day-long event. Lynn Owens and wife Linda were sponsors of the event, which was coordinated by Bro. Ormond Eckely. JVC Corky Reed worked tirelessly on getting uniformed participants of both sides to man the learning stations. Bros. Reed, Ebert, Kennedy, Eckely, and Owens, along with Cmdr. Brad Schall

2000 Department Encampments

For those dates and locations not listed, please contact Department Commanders listed in the November 1999 issue of THE BANNER.

California & Pacific
2001 Encampment to be announced

Colorado & Wyoming
June 10 Denver, Colo.

Connecticut
2001 Encampment to be announced

Florida
June 24 Lantana, Fla.

Illinois
2001 Encampment to be announced

Indiana Indiana University
June 3 Kokomo, Ind.

Iowa
May 26, 27 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Kansas
2001 Encampment to be announced

Kentucky Camp Nelson
May 13 Nicholasville, Ky.

Maine
June 25 to be announced

Maryland
2001 Encampment to be announced

Massachusetts
2001 Encampment to be announced

Michigan
2001 Encampment to be announced

Missouri
June 24 Jefferson City, Mo.

New Hampshire
2001 Encampment to be announced

New Jersey Peddie School
June 17 Hightstown, N.J.

New York Treadway Inn
June 3, 4 Owego, N.Y.

Ohio Mt. Union College
June 16-18 Alliance, Ohio

Pennsylvania Eisenhower Inn
June 9-11 Gettysburg, Pa.

Rhode Island
2001 Encampment to be announced

Southwest
tba Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas

Tennessee
2001 Encampment to be announced

Vermont
2001 Encampment to be announced

Wisconsin
June 10 Fond du Lac, Wis.

manned the SUCVW learning station - one of 14 at this successful event. Camp 24 held a Lincoln Day dinner at Coco's Restaurant in Dublin, Calif. Three SUCVW camps were represented: Pleasonton Camp 24, Sheridan Camp 4 and Ellsworth Camp 22, along with the Tri-Valley CWRT. Brothers Owens, Luce, Eckley, Pyles, Schall and Brown gave informative short talks and read poetry on our country's 16th president. Twenty-eight people attended this event and many expressed the desire to participate in the upcoming General Pleasonton birthday party.

Lincoln Camp 10

Camp 10 is preparing itself to serve as the primary research source on local Civil War veterans for the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History and the Santa Cruz Genealogical Society. In addition, its members will be offering their services as Civil War tour docents at all the local cemeteries.

Florida



Daughters Get Surprise Visit From General Grant

When Beverly Goodenough put together an organizational meeting for Daughters of Union Veterans in Florida recently, she hardly expected that the commanding general of the Union Armies and members of his staff would drop by to wish her success. Sister Goodenough is past national president of the order, and recently located to Largo, Florida, from Ohio. She had arranged a luncheon at the well known Ryans Restaurant in Lakeland to explore interest among qualified ladies in the Sunshine State in an attempt to establish a tent-at-large.

As the dozen-plus ladies sat down for lunch, a uniformed Union sergeant entered the room and called the attendees to attention. "Ladies and gentlemen, may I present the commanding general of all the Union Armies, General Ulysses S. Grant," he informed the gathering. The women were speechless and reacted with much excitement as "General Grant" briskly entered the room with a second uniformed aide. Chomping

on a cigar, he tipped his hat to each of the ladies and shook hands with several husbands who attended as well.

The ladies could not remain in their seats, quickly surrounding the "General" and his staff. The General shared a few humorous stories with the group and then wished them success in their efforts and offered the assistance of the SUCVW Dept. of Florida. The men were invited to join the Daughters for lunch (which they heartily accepted), as "U.S. Grant" presented photos and momentos and signed autographs for several of the attendees.

PDC Dr. Ron Bair portrayed Grant. Bair has been recognized as the premier portrayer of the General in the U.S. and his one man stage show "A conversation with U.S. Grant" has won much acclaim. Members of the Sons accompanying Bair were "Sgt." Ron McCracken, commander of the Lucius C. Mitchell Camp 4 in St. Cloud, PCC Chuck Wilkeson of the Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 1 of the Tampa area, and Dept. JVC Bob Chandler and Mrs. Chandler.

Illinois

Gen. George A. Custer Camp 1 has been especially busy in recent months. The camp has been engaged in a fundraising effort to restore 44 monument headstones at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. A military-style ball held March 4 generated funds to help finance the project.

In January, the camp had its annual officer installation and new member initiation program. Four new members of Custer Camp 1 received their membership certificates and rosettes: Thomas Kreidler, John Spotts, Robert Allen, and Stuart Stenfany. Dept. Cmdr. Byrd Shephard was the installing officer for the evening.



Custer Camp 1 fundraising Civil War ball. Opening ceremonies included flag presentation and posting. The ball generated \$600 in net proceeds, to be used for local monument restoration projects.

Indiana



Left to right, first row: Camp Cmdr. Francis Frederick, Dept. Sec.-Treas. J. Alan Teller, Dept. Cmdr. Russ Kirchner, CinC Danny Wheeler, SVCinC Ed Krieser, and PCinC Alan Loomis. Second row: PDC Ron Gill, Past Camp Cmdr. Sam Thorn, PDC Jay Crisp, Associate Member Joe Palazzolo, Camp JVC Skip Howard, JVC Tom Crawford, Dept. Chaplin Ned Baker, and Camp SVC John Copeland.

MID-WINTER ENCAMPMENT

January 29, Monroeville

Summary by Dept. Cmdr. Russ Kirchner

We were delighted to have Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler attend our meeting and present a talk on current SUCVW activities. The business meeting included reports from department and camp officers, followed by reports of special committees.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser was presented a certificate of appreciation for his work on the very successful National Encampment that was held in Indianapolis last August.



Dept. Cmdr. Russ Kirchner presenting awards to SVCinC Ed Krieser.

Following lunch, we played a game of Civil War Jeopardy, hosted by JVC Tom Crawford. Prizes were awarded to the players with the most points. Secretary-Treasurer J. Alan Teller delivered a speech on Lincoln's boyhood years and was awarded a Lincoln lapel pin by CinC Wheeler.

The issue of department property was discussed. We have a number of items (G.A.R. badges, records, flags and four muskets) that need to be cataloged and appraised. A commit-

tee of Tom Crawford, Ron Gill and Francis Frederick was appointed to develop alternative methods for using/disposing of these items. The committee is to report at the June 3rd encampment at Kokomo.

Kentucky

It is a sad duty to report the passing of our friend and Department Commander, Jim Riddell, on January 22 of heart failure. He was only 63. His untimely death has both shocked and saddened all who knew him. He will be missed by every camp in the department. James L. Riddell first served as Chaplain for Fort Duffield Camp 1 in 1995. He was elected SVC in 1996. He recently completed three terms as commander of that camp, and had moved on to the post of dept. cmdr. At the 118th National Encampment, he was appointed by CinC Danny Wheeler as an aide to the National Committee on the Special Banner Issue. Jim also had a long, dedicated membership with the VFW, the American Legion and the Masons, serving in a leadership capacity in each of the organizations to which he belonged. He was a man who knew how an organization should function and was relied upon heavily for his experience. It was this expertise that he brought with him to the Fort Duffield Camp, the Dept. of Ky. and the SUCVW. In a simple ceremony on January 25, the officers and members of the Fort Duffield Camp, along with Acting Dept. Cmdr. John Mills, paid their last respects to Jim. Cmdr. Mills introduced our organization, followed by Sec./Treas. John Witt, who read Jim's service record. Camp Cmdr. Richter then began our service with Chaplin Ken Catlett invoking the Divine Blessing, followed by short excerpts from Patriotic Instructor Don Hackel, JVC Matt Nadorff and SVC Keith Karcher. Cmdr. Richter and Chaplain Catlett concluded the ceremony, after which all the membership in attendance, one by one, saluted our friend. It was a very touching ceremony indeed.

Artillerymen Honored

After over 100 years in partially marked graves, members of Battery A, the Louisville Legion, Kentucky State Guard, were honored with a grave dedication on April 8 at Cave Hill Cemetery. Fort Duffield Camp 1, along with the National Guard, the Kentucky Historical Society, and several civic officials paid tribute to the men who perished in an explosion during the 29th G.A.R. National Encampment in Louisville.

Corporal Arthur L. Robinson and Privates Charles C. Woods, Archibald McBride and Charles Biechner were killed on the morning of September 8, 1895, near the intersection of 4th and Broadway as they were taking their cannon to participate in a 44-gun morning salute near Phoenix Hill. Also killed was a black driver, William Adams, whose grave location remains unknown to this day.

According to cemetery records the barrel of the cannon involved in the accident was also interred with its crew. The following year, 1896, at the Sons of Veterans 15th National Encampment, the young men were honored in a ceremony which drew 10,000 people. Only one of the graves was marked until, in 1999, military headstones were obtained.

Maryland



Son Of Union Veterans License Plate

An order has been placed with State Use Industries for the SUV license plates.

Individuals wishing to acquire the plate must obtain an application from Bro. Peter L. Johnston. The individual must be a member in good standing with the organization. The plates

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Preservation on the March in N.J.

to Mrs. Cronhiem, Aide to Gov. Whitman as Senior Advisor for Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Planning, State of New Jersey.

Flag Cases

At the Gettysburg Monument bill signing ceremony, Gov. Whitman announced that the state will spend \$40,000 to purchase five climate-controlled glass cases and make N.J.'s priceless collection of battlefield flags accessible to the public. The flags will be on permanent display in the exhibit hall of the State Archive. Each of the seven feet square climate controlled cases, topped with protective glass, will hold ten flags. The flags on display are planned to be changed every six to nine months, and are under the control of Susan Finkel, New Jersey State Museum cultural history curator. The exhibit is scheduled to open later this year.

There will be interpretive material for the flag exhibit and the role played of New Jersey men in the Civil War. The Dept. of N.J., at its first meeting this year, agreed to offer to assist in the development of the interpretive material. At its Dec. 11 meeting, Lincoln Camp 100 agreed to provide funds for the printing of the initial exhibit brochure. The material will feature documents and artifacts related to N.J.'s role in the war, maps, and photographs of the soldiers and sailors who fought.

Activities for raising funds for the cases, begun by the New Jersey Civil War Heritag-

Association, are underway. Four SUCVW members are on the Board of Directors of the NJCWA. At the Mid Atlantic Region Archive Conference (MARAC), Brother Joseph Seliga spoke to Mrs. Carol Cronhiem about flag cases for New Jersey's Civil War battle flags. He told her that the NJCWA was raising funds for their construction. Mrs. Cronhiem believes that the State of New Jersey will pay for all of the cases. She was the keynote speaker at Archives and History Day, October 16, an event co-sponsored by MARAC. The title of her talk was "New Jersey History: A Task Force to be Reckoned With - The Progress of New Jersey History Since 1997."

Part of the fund raising activity of the NJCWA was the preparation, printing and sale a Civil War flag poster. The posters were designed by Dr. David Martin, Dept. of N.J. Secretary/Treasurer. The department provided \$500 in seed money for the printing of these posters. The Civil War flags depicted include those of the 1st and 3rd Cavalry, Batteries A and D, the state regimental flags of the 14th and 23rd Infantry, and the national flags of the 3rd, 25th and 33rd Infantry. This poster, printed in 1998, is available for a \$15 donation (plus \$5 for shipping in a cardboard tube) made payable to the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association, and can be ordered from David Martin, P. O. Box 1102 Hightstown, NJ 08520.

are \$25.00 in addition to registration fees. This is a one time fee unless the plates are lost or stolen, then it will be \$25.00 for a replacement.

Massachusetts

For the eighth consecutive year, the Color Guard Unit of **William Tabor Camp 162**, Methuen, marched in the annual Greater Lawrence (Mass.) St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 19.

Missouri

Submitted by PCC Charles Ed Funck III
Camp 65, St. Louis

William Tecumseh Sherman's Birthday Ceremony, held February 27 was sponsored, as it is every year, by the William T. Sherman-Billy Hank Camp, oldest active camp in Missouri. After the impressive ceremony the traditional fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all that attended.



Cannon salute to Gen. Sherman on the day of his birth, by the 1st Missouri Light Artillery.

Individuals

Kevin P. Gallen has been appointed chairperson of the Civil War Marker Advisory Board for the State of Missouri. He expects markers installed within the next year to commemorate the Eads Boat Works and the Federal Arsenal.

Brother Jim Gallen's book review on *By Sea and By River* was carried in *The Bushwhacker*, newsletter of the St. Louis CWRT.

Doug Niermeyer, Missouri Commandery of MOLLUS, instrumental in bringing the Texal MOLLUS Commandery back, was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.

There are two cemeteries in St. Louis area that have U.S. Colored Troops buried within. Our graves registration committee is active in recording and recognizing these sites.

U.S. Grant Camp 68

On Nov. 6, members Mark Coplin, Don Palmer and Dwight Prade took part in a debate held at White Haven, U.S. Grant's St. Louis area home. The site is maintained as a national park and historic area. The debate was one of the programs sponsored by the U.S. Grant National Historic Site. The subject of the debate was Grant and the Civil War, Grant versus Lee as Civil War leaders, and whether Grant was essential to the Union victory. Involved in the debate were members of the SUVCW, the SCV, and the St. Louis Civil War Roundtable.

Members of Camp 65 surprised Brother Jack G. Grothe at a flag raising ceremony conducted at the Jefferson Barracks park during the recent "Holiday at the Barracks" weekend event. This event included reenactors from the French and Indian War through World War II. Major Grothe is commander of the 4th Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The introduction of the special ceremony was given by Gary Gilbert, member the Oglesby Camp, after which Sherman Camp member Sgt. Gary Ulrich presented Jack Grothe with a staff officers sword.

Members of Co. C, 34th Ill. - Rock River Rifles, SVR - are made up of members from the Sherman, Phelps, Grant, and Hecker camps.

New Jersey

Camps Linked

Francine Camp 7, Lyon Camp 10, and George A.

Custer Camp 17 linked together thanks to the efforts of Alex Calabrese, Bill Cole, and Ellis Marples, who are the webmasters of their respective camps. Dept. SVC Clark McCullough and Dept. JVC Buzz Smithcors worked with these gentlemen to move the department into the next century. It is hoped that the **Lincoln Camp 100** will have someone step forward to create a web site for that camp and link it to the others. The Dept. will have a new webmaster be announced very soon.

Custer Camp 17

This camp is presently in the process of restoring the memorial burial site of Winfield Scott Post 73, G.A.R., in Scotch Plains. The site contains 37 graves of Union veterans. The camp's goal is to refit and repaint a 60' concrete flagpole and

to refinish and remount two Civil War howitzers. To accomplish this, 700 people are needed to each make a tax deductible donation of \$10. Checks are to be made payable to G.A. Custer Camp 17 Memorial Fund, 98 New Monmouth Rd., Middletown, NJ 07748.

Readers can help by sending a contribution and forwarding this message to others. The camp hopes to have a flag flown from the pole on Memorial Day for the first time in some 30 years.

New York

Tilden Camp 26

Late last year, **Tilden Camp 26** marched in the 42nd Annual Steuben Day Parade, honoring Union soldiers of German origin, who, altogether, comprised the largest ethnic group to fight during the Civil War. The war produced 40 German-born Union generals and 10 New York German regiments.

Camp Cmdr. Geroge J. Weinmann, Auxiliary member Janice Lauletta, Sergeant-at-Arms Phil Kissel and Brother Donald Steinmaker carried the camp banner spread across their front. Sgt. John Shaud, Secretary John Portanova and guardsman Roy Wildenberger made up the camp's color guard.

SVC Bill Mason and New York Dept. Cmdr. Cliff Henke were also present in the line of march.

Cmdr. Weinmann is directing on going research and meetings with Superintendent David Gigler of Mt. Olivet Cemetery of Queens, President Dan Austin of Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery, Queens, and Assistant Superintendent of The Evergreens of Brooklyn on the subject of G.A.R. Post plots in all three cemeteries. New stones are to be erected, marking the resting place of Civil War soldiers and sailors interred in these plots. The camp looks forward to the unveiling of the restored G.A.R. plots in the upcoming year.



Ohio

Brooks Grant Camp 7, Middleport

Real Son Samuel Brumfield received his honorary certificate for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a member in the **Brooks Grant Camp 7** on January 14. The certificate was presented by Camp Cmdr. Myron E. Jones Jr.

Brother Brumfield, 91, is a Real Son of Union veteran Sloan Brumfield. His father served in Co. F, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery throughout most of the war. He lived and died in the Crown City area and is buried in Good Hope Cemetery there. His two brothers, James and John Brumfield, also Union Army veterans, are buried there as well.

Mr. Brumfield is looking forward to the dedication of a new military grave stone for his father this spring.



Brother Brumfield receiving his honorary certificate for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Henry Casey Camp 92 Remembers Heroes

Camp officers helped Washington Court House officials remember two Civil War Medal of Honor recipients.

The City of Washington Court House erected Medal of Honor grave markers with gold lettering to mark the graves of Issac H. Carman and Francis M. McMillen. Two separate programs were held to dedicate the markers of the two heroes, buried within one hundred yards of each other at the Washington Cemetery.

Jim Chrisman, chairman of the city council, welcomed a large audience on behalf of the city. A number of Carman family members participated in the ceremony, including two granddaughters.

CSM Gerald M. Carnan, USA Retired, a great grandson, read his ancestor's original Medal of Honor citation. In May 1863, as a twenty year old private in Co. A, 48th Ohio Inf.,



Left to right are Patriotic Instructor Robert E. Morris, Chaplain Ronnie Cox, Cmdr. Shawn Cox, JVC Marvin R. Seymore, Sec. William Radabaugh and Treas. Robert E. Grim. These men are also members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Carman saved the lives of a number of his comrades by seizing a shell with a burning fuse and throwing it back.

Sgt. Maj. Francis McMillen served with Co. C, 110th Ohio Inf. He was honored for bravery while capturing a flag at Petersburg, Virginia, in April 1865.

Raymond Albert of the Medal of Honor Society was present, and Chaplain Fluellen, from Wright-Patterson AFB, reminded the group that "the privileges we enjoy today have blood on them."

Henry Casey Camp members served as Color Guard and placed a floral wreath on both graves, and American Legion Post 25 provided a military gun salute at the conclusion of the ceremony honoring the two Medal of Honor recipients.

Pvt. A. Cannon Monument Dedication

By Robert W. Davis, Dept. Chief of Staff
The SUVCW and Auxiliary Dept. of Ohio, **Governor William Dennison Camp 1**, in conjunction with the Canal Winchester Area Historical Society, will hold a monument dedication in honor of Pvt. Alfred Cannon, shown above, on May 29 (Memorial Day Observed) at 11:30 a.m.

A Canal Winchester resident, Alfred Cannon enlisted in Co. D of the 95th Ohio Inf. in August of 1862. He fought in a number of battles, including the Battle of Brice's Cross Roads. Cannon was captured, and imprisoned at the Confederate Stockade at Andersonville, Ga. During a prisoner exchange, he drew a lucky number. Turning to a comrade who was married and had children, Pvt. Cannon handed him the ticket, telling the man, "Go to your family."

As the Union overtook Georgia, the Confederates loaded Pvt. Cannon and other abled bodied prisoners into train cars, taking them to the Confederate Stockade at Florence, S.C., where he died of typhoid fever.

After the war, his comrades remembered his self sacrifice by naming the Canal Winchester G.A.R. post in his honor - Alfred Cannon Post 261. The post charter, dated Oct. 3, 1882, reads, "Greater love has no man that he lay down his life for his friend / That his name and story of his self sacrifice may never be forgotten while one comrade lives."

Attending the Civil War period ceremony will be President and Mrs. Lincoln, Ohio Governor and Mrs. William Dennison, Generals William T. Sherman, Phil Sheridan and George and Mrs. Custer.

Dept. Cmdr. and SVR Cmdr. Brig. Gen. David V. Medert and Dept. Auxiliary President May Frost will be representing their departments.

Also present will be the 1st Ohio Cav., Battery A of the 1st Ohio Statehouse L.A., and regiments consisting of the 30th, 54th, 76th, and 91st Ohio Vol. Infantries, under the command of SUV member Capt. James Ruley.

An open invitation is extended to all Brothers, Sisters and their families to this past due dedication.

Contributions towards the monument can still be donated and are tax deductible. Checks



PVT ALFRED CANNON
CO. D, 95TH O.V.I.

should be payable to Canal Winchester Area Historical Society, and mailed Brother Robert W. Davis, 84 Kramer St., Canal Winchester, OH 43110-1122.

Those planning to attend the ceremony may stay at the Ameri Host Inn, 6323 Prentiss School House Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110; ph. 614-834-4790. This new inn is about one-half mile from the event, with restaurants close by. Be sure to mention the Alfred Cannon event when registering.

4th O.V.I. Monument Restoration

Henry B. Banning Camp 23, Mt. Vernon, has been endeavoring to raise money for the restoration of the 4th O.V.I. Monument at Gettysburg, Pa.

Over the last two years, the camp has raised or been promised \$8,000 towards this goal. Unfortunately, this is not even half of the estimated \$25,000 needed. The camp has sent out over thirty letters to foundations, trusts and grants, as well as politicians, to almost no avail.

Brothers that work for or know of corporations or individuals that might aid the camp in reaching its goal are asked to contact Camp Cmdr. Nicholas J. Ehlert, 23 Mansfield Ave., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050; (740) 397-8053.

Any cooperation or assistance is greatly appreciated.

Grand Review and Encampment

James A. Garfield Camp 142 and the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland invite you to be a part of the first Grand Review and Encampment since the Civil War. This special event takes place September 9 and 10 in Wade Oval Park, part of Cleveland's popular University Circle area.

Jerome Gennari Camp 90

Dept. Cmdr. Charles Young, with the assistance of National Guard Peter Young, recently installed the officers of **Jerome Gennari Camp 90** of Trappe.

Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp 14, Johnstown

Reported by Camp Secretary James M. Cordek

The camp held its 2nd Annual Civil War Symposium on April 1. Lt. Col Keith Gibson from VMI will be the key-note speaker. The symposium was held at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown at The Living & Learning Center. Proceeds from the symposium benefit the replacement of the 54th Pennsylvania Vol. Inf. statue in Johnstown's Central Park.

The statue project will become a reality Saturday, May 13, when the camp unveils the statue, sculptured by Gary Casteel of Gettysburg. Mr. Casteel will be on hand for the dedication, along with other dignitaries. The ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. in Johnstown's Central Park.

The camp would like to thank all who have helped out with the project, "we couldn't have done it without you."

An invitation is extended to all who would like to partake in the Statue Dedication. For more information contact Cmdr. Don Pepe, (814)269-4939, or SVC Bob Murphy, (814-266-9208.

Camp 14, the Auxiliary and the SVR from Johnstown plan to hold the department encampment there in 2001. More information is to follow.

Other camp events include a parade for the Bicentennial of Johnstown on May 28. Memorial Day celebrations at local cemeteries, and grave site dedications. One such dedication will be that of the great great grandfather of Terry Baird. Brother Baird is not only the camp's JVC but also JVC for the Dept. of Pennsylvania.

Our SUVCW organization is represented by our SVR unit, the 54th PVI. Its 27 members are led by 2nd Lt. Joe Knapp.

Rhode Island

Help Preserve Our Heritage

The Joel Abbott Camp 21 is in the process of restoring the G.A.R. memorial at Island Cemetery, Newport, R.I. The restoration includes a 20-30 foot flagpole,

numerous plants and bushes, and 49 G.A.R. grave markers. Readers have the opportunity to sponsor/adopt a veteran for the purpose of purchasing his G.A.R. grave marker. Each marker costs \$11, with shipping, is 6 1/2 inches in diameter, and aluminum with black highlight.

Help Camp 21 preserve the memory of those who served. An 1918 photograph and a list of the veterans with their name, rank, and unit, if known, can be seen at the camp's Island Cemetery G.A.R. Memorial Restoration Project web page at <http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Barracks/2190/garmem.html>. Contact Joel Abbott Camp 21 Secretary/Treasurer Kenneth R. Lucier by e-mail at <SUVCWtluc4281@postoffice.uri.edu> if you wish to sponsor a veteran.

Tennessee



Newly elected department officers meeting in the Alabama State Archives.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Fifth Annual Encampment of the Dept. of Tenn. met on March 18 in the Milo B. Howard Auditorium of the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History in the "Cradle of the Confederacy." Hosted by Commander Ralph Scott and the Brothers of **Major General James G. Wilson Camp 1** of Montgomery, outgoing Dept. Commander Allen F. Smith presided. Special guests included Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler and Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser. Also attending was Mrs. Sarah Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. All brought greetings from their national headquarters.

After CinC Wheeler addressed the encampment and the delegates completed several items of business, the Encampment turned its attention to department elections. Elected by acclamation, the new Dept. Commander for 2000-2001 is Frank Harned of Chattanooga. The Dept. Senior Vice Commander is Clyde Getman of Bartlett (near Memphis), and the Junior Vice Commander is Allan Howey of

Montgomery, Ala. The new Secretary/Treasurer is Charles Engle of Athens, Tenn. CinC Wheeler installed the new officers and handed over the Dept. gavel to new Commander Harned, who then commended outgoing Commander Allen Smith for his outstanding leadership over the past year.

Several awards were presented to Dept. of Tennessee camps and members during the encampment. The "Bell Award" (most new members) went to **Missionary Ridge Camp 63**, which also won the "Hoover Award" (largest percentage growth). **Fort Donelson Camp 62** won the "Best Camp Award," MG James G. Wilson Camp 1 won the "Best Camp Newsletter Award," and Fort Donelson Camp 62 won honors for the "Best Camp Scrapbook." Finally, the "Meritorious Achievement Award" went to new Department Commander Frank Harned and the "Most Outstanding Department Member" went to new Secretary/Treasurer Charles Engle.

2000-01 Department Officers

Commander, Frank Harned, P.O. Box 23172, Chattanooga, TN 37422; 423-510-9306; <cwphotogr@aol.com>.

Senior Vice Commander, Clyde J. Getman, 5922 Hickory Grove Ln., Bartlett, TN 38134-5531; 901-382-7777; <cjgetman@juno.com>.

Junior Vice Commander, Allan W. Howey, 7273 Waters Edge, Montgomery, AL 36117; 334-271-0299; <ahowey@mindspring.com>.

Secretary/Treasurer, Charles H. Engle, 1203 Cedar Springs Road, Athens, TN 37303; 423-745-8940; <Awengle@mailhub.icx.net>.

Camp 62 Elects 2000 Officers

Fort Donelson Camp 62, Dover, Tenn., recently elected and installed its officers for 2000: Camp Cmdr. Andrew J. Duffel, Clarksville, Tenn.; SVC Kenneth Early, Fort Campbell, Ky.; JVC Allen F. Smith, Cross Plains, Tenn.; Sec.-Treas. Edward J. Duffel, PDC, Clarksville, Tenn.

Camp 62 was activated August 5, 1995, and has members in the middle Tennessee/southwestern Kentucky region.



Vermont

Brother Floyd Blodgett Sr. Awarded the Full Duty Award

Each year the Vermont Civil War Council bestows its *Full Duty Award* to a Vermonter or Vermont group which has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Civil War heritage. The Council is composed of Vermont reenactor groups, Civil War Round tables and the Dept. of Vermont, SUVCW. The Full Duty Award banquet was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier on April 15.

Washington AT LARGE

Snohomish G.A.R. Ceremony

Marking the weekend of the 135th anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, members of the SUVCW and the Allied Orders joined the reenactors of the 3rd U.S. Infantry and other units of the Washington Civil War Association on April 8. In honoring those "at rest," these men and women gathered at the G.A.R. Cemetery in Snohomish for this second annual event. Overlooking the graves of scores of Grand Army men is an impressive 1914 memorial monument, "guarded" by a South-facing full-size Union infantryman.

The Snohomish cemetery is maintained by the American Legion, and is one of few active cemeteries bearing the G.A.R.'s name.



As the lone Union sentinel looks on from his lofty pedestal, Confederate reenactors salute the Boys of 1865 in Snohomish.

Allied Regional Meeting

In what has developed into a regular regional meeting of the Allied Orders, Brothers are joining the state's DUVCW at the breakfast meeting of the LGAR's Dept. of Washing-

ton and Alaska. Members of each order travel from around the Pacific Northwest to gather at the quarterly meetings.

The March meeting was historically significant as department presidents of the women's groups were joined by officers of the state's camps for the first time in decades. The Bugle Call, the national journal of the LGAR, recorded the event with a photo in its most recent issue.

Memorial Day Weekend

The recently marked grave of 2nd Lt. Vernon Byron Mathews has become the rallying point of the Pacific Northwest's hereditary Civil War community for this year's Memorial Day weekend.

Mathew's grave in Vancouver, Wash., was without a headstone for 75 years until he was located by a descendant, Robin Triggs of Vacaville, Calif. At Triggs' request, the Sons made preparations for a modest ceremony. As more was learned about Mathews' service, the ceremony has blossomed into a major event, drawing interest from public officials, including U.S. Senator Patty Murray.

While a private in the 1st Michigan Infantry, that regiment would see action in nearly every major battle of the Civil War. Later, Mathews was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the 27th U.S. Colored Infantry. His name appears, along with the the men he lead, on the African-American Civil War Memorial in Wash., D.C.

A no-host dinner on May 26 begins the observance, followed the next day by a formal graveside service. Oregon and Washington representatives of every major Civil War related national hereditary order is anticipated to be present, as will a number of civil dignitaries.

Wisconsin

Mid-Winter Meeting/Patriotic Luncheon

Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler recently came to Milwaukee to attend the Department of Wisconsin's Mid-Winter Meeting, which included discussion on membership, projects and activities, and goal setting. During the meeting, Brother Wheeler helped present a plaque to Dept. Secretary Ron Aronis for his efforts in organizing Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5. Brother Wheeler was himself presented with a framed letter from one of the last living Civil War veterans from New York state, expressing appreciation for his visit.

After the meeting, the 30th Annual Patriotic Luncheon, honoring Presidents Washing-

Pennsylvania



CAMP 90: Seated, left to right, are John, Henry and Harold Gennari, John Fischer and Harvey Gennaria. Standing, left to right, are National Guard Peter Young, Jeffery Rantz, Jack Ertell, James Seader, Michael Gennaria, Wayne Bluttner, and Dept. Cmdr. Charles Young.



At the 2000 Patriotic Luncheon in Milwaukee. Left to right: Dept. Cmdr. Stephen Michaels, Real Son Wm. H. Phram jr., CinC Danny Wheeler.

Chamber of Commerce will welcome Encampment participants and a history of the G.A.R., the SUVCW and ASUVCW in the city will be distributed to each.

Delegates representing six camps will act on a variety of business, including electing a new Department Commander, strategic planning, awards and recognition, advertising, and marking the Iron Brigade Highway in Wisconsin. A new handbook for organizing camps will be introduced also.

A Sons and Auxiliary Joint Opening Ceremony will be held prior to the business sessions for their respective encampments. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Edward Kreiser will be present to install the new department officers. A traditional memorial service for departed members of the G.A.R. and the Allied Orders is planned at the family cemetery of Col. Colwert Kendall Pier. Camp 1's namesake.

Camp Reorganized, Relocates

One of Wisconsin's camps has reorganized as **MG John Gibbon Camp 4** and relocated to Waukesha, about 20 miles west of Milwaukee. The new camp recently elected officers: Commander - Eric B. Peterson, Burlington; SVC - Randy Popp, Cedar Grove; JVC - James L. Johnson, Mequon; Secretary - Eric Peterson, Burlington; Treasurer - Scott Gutzke, Franklin.

The camp now meets in the Civil War Studies rooms at Carroll College and will be hosting the 4th Military Dist. SVR Artillery School.

Camp 4's namesake, MG John Gibbon, was Gen. Irvin McDowell's chief of artillery before commanding the Iron Brigade and being wounded at both Fredericksburg and Gettysburg.

The first camp in the state was organized in Waukesha in February 1883 and took its name from a Carroll College mathematics professor and lieutenant colonel of the 5th Wisconsin Infantry. The relocation of Camp 4 to Waukesha marks the return of the SUVCW to the city after an absence of 77 years.

Camp 1 Replaces Headstones

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 will replace the headstones of five Civil War veterans in a South Milwaukee church cemetery this year. Replacement work and rededication ceremonies are being planned jointly with the city's Van Eimeren Kolonka American Legion Post 27, the South Milwaukee Historical Society and the 1st Congregational Church.

Efforts began last May when Camp 1 and

Auxiliary 4 conducted a presentation on local men who had served in the Civil War for the Historical Society, which was meeting at the church. The poor condition of the original stones was brought to the attention of the society, which arranged a meeting with Church and American Legion representatives.

The soldiers receiving new headstones in the 1st Congregational Church Cemetery are: SGT. FREDERICK HEIDEFUSS, Co. I, 26th Wis. Inf., who served throughout the war. CPL. FREDERICK FOWLE, Co. K, 24th Wis. Inf., who was wounded, taken prisoner at Stone River and later discharged due to disability, dying two months later at home at age 20. PVT. JOHN LEONARD, Co. E, 95th New York Inf., who fought at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rappahannock, taken prisoner at the Wilderness, later released and re-enlisted, serving throughout the rest of the war. PVT. HORACE BALDWIN, Co. K, 24th Wis. Inf., who was wounded at Stone River and transferred to the VRC, serving throughout the rest of the war. PVT. GEORGE W. HOWES, Co. K, 24th Wis. Inf. who was discharged due to disability and died at his father's home two weeks later at the age of 22.

Echoes of the Past

Members of **Old Abe Camp 8** and **Edward S. Bragg Auxiliary 6** represented the Civil War period at the recent 18th Annual "Echoes of the Past" Trade Fair, held at the Winnebago County fairgrounds, Oshkosh. The trade fair, which draws thousands of American history enthusiasts and reenactors each year, features craftsmen, merchants and entertainment from 1750 through the American Civil War. Camp members talked to prospective members and manned a display of SUVCW materials and Civil War artifacts, including a 6-pdr. cannon, borrowed from a local reenactors.

Auxiliary

CONNECTICUT

Marble Memorial Settles Here

Tender in its message and appropriate in its setting, the Civil War-era statue *The Returning Soldier* was recently relocated to the Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill from the Darien holdings of the old Benjamin Fitch's Veterans Home.

The 1865 memorial of Italian Carrara marble depicts a cavalry officer consoling the orphaned daughter of a fallen comrade. He is telling her of the battlefield and bringing her a



"The Returning Soldier" being hoisted to its refurbished foundation.

dying message from her father, a war buddy of the officer.

The sculpture, cleaned and rejuvenated just prior to its arrival at its new site, was fashioned in Europe by American artist Larkin J. Meade, who declined any capital gain offered by his business associate, Mr. Fitch.

"The world's best marble," asserts the Lincoln Library of Essential Information, "comes from the famous quarries of Carrara in Italy." Mr. Fitch, the benefactor, chose the artwork for being the most appropriate for a veterans' home.

Long after the statue was shipped from Europe to the Fitch's Home, it was moved to the Spring Grove Cemetery in Darien. It was then hauled to Rocky Hill and erected at the main entrance to the Veterans Home and Hospital.

Conklin-Sellew Camp 55 Auxiliary 20 placed a wreath and rededicated the Civil War memorial at Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill County.

Auxiliary Past National President Catherine Zapatka and SUVCW National Chap-

lain Robert Carroon placed the wreath. Chaplain Carroon gave the invocation and benediction, as well as speaker.

Also present were Judy Trepanier (Aux. 20), Joyce Norman (Conn. PDP), and Sherri Polzun (Aux. 20).

In 1863, Mr. Benjamin Fitch, a wealthy merchant in Darien, opened his home to returning soldiers, and built a hospital with help from other merchants. This hospital was in continual operation until 1940, when the state purchased land in Rocky Hill and built a facility there. The veterans - Civil War, Spanish American War, and WWI - were transported to the new facility in 1941.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Department's 109th Encampment took place at the Westborough, Mass., Wyndham Hotel April 28 and 29. Working meetings took place on both days. Reports were given by the officers and committees, and resolutions were enacted. The women joined with the Sons of Union Veterans, enjoying their own 118th Encampment, in a joint opening, as well as a memorial service on Friday. This was followed by a "campfire," where the national representatives were introduced. The program was highlighted by a slide show and presentation by Paul Kenworthy in a Zouave uniform. He was later accompanied by Patri Pugliese when they demonstrated a saber drill. The New England Region Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Tom DiGuiseppe, gave a talk on the Confederate flag flying in Columbia, Georgia [sic]. A short skit, dated in the 1940s war years, then closed the evening's festivities. Saturday's activities were punctuated by the election of department officers for the next year.

Cynthia Brown is President, Eleanor Becotte Vice-President, Barbara Mayberry Secretary-Treasurer, and Liz Kelly is Patriotic Instructor. Chaplain is Adell Hotaling, while Ellen Siefert, Jackie Presbrey and Jeanine Maynard are Coun-

cilors, and Eleanor Becotte is Press Correspondent. This slate was installed by Frances Murray of Maine, representing National President Mary Jo Long, who was unable to attend. A combined banquet incorporated the reading of letters and proclamations from Senator Ted Kennedy, Mass. Governor Paul Cellucci, Senator Pamela Resor and other public officials. We all were thrilled by the very moving performance of Sally Raffanello, portraying Mary Todd Lincoln, who talked about Mrs. Lincoln's womanly role in the Civil War. A raffle of money, books and various handmade items ended the evening and weekend.

NEW JERSEY

New Auxiliary Installed

On January 28 officers from the New Jersey Auxiliary and the National Auxiliary came to Vineland, N.J., to install **Cornelia Hancock Auxiliary 1** and its officers. The Cornelia Hancock Auxiliary is attached to **Lyon Camp 10**. The installation ceremonies were held at the Vineland Historical Society.

Officers in attendance were National President Mary Joe Long, Dept. of N.J. President Jill Lamb, Dept. Treas. Florence Spring, Dept. Sec. Ruby Kissinger, Dept. Chaplain Carole Gunby, Dept. Chief of Staff Susan Jamieson, Co-councilor Margaret Atkinson, and SUVCW PCinC Bud Atkinson and Dept. JVC Buzz Smithcors.

Officers elect for the Cornelia Hancock Aux. are President Viola L. Smithcors, Vice Pres. Patricia Wilhelm, Sec./Treas. Bonnie Meyers, Chaplain Mary Maxwell, Patriotic Instr. Cherie Wilhelm, Trustees Maryann Dougherty, and Councilor Buzz Smithcors.



Auxiliary 1 in Philadelphia, Pa., swears in two Junior Members, Kathryn Iannitto (left) and Sarah Indan (right), with Assistant Guide Betty Adams and Guide Anne Iannitto, PDP, at a joint meeting with the Sons. Looking on is Dept. of Pa. Cmdr. Chuck Young. The Auxiliary meets at the G.A.R. Museum at 4278 Griscom St. in Philadelphia's Frankford section.



"THE RETURNING SOLDIER" REDEDICATED
Left to right, are Nat'l VP Mary Scofield, DSVC Roger Olson, PNP Catherine Zapatka, Mr. Shepard of the American Legion Dept. of Conn., Nat'l Chaplain Robert Carroon, VFW Dept. Cmdr. Ben Lond, PDC Edgar Prince, Legion Dept. Vice Cmdr. Frazier Brinaley, DAV Dept. Cmdr. Elwood Lechaisse, and PDP Emma Prince.

Cornelia Hancock is great great cousin to President-elect Viola Smithcors. Miss Hancock was an active nurse after the Battle of Gettysburg and the Wilderness Campaign. A Quaker, Cornelia was born at Hancock's Bridge, Salem County, New Jersey. Her father, a fisherman, was Thomas York Hancock, the son of John Hancock, who was a son to William Hancock who was massacred by British soldiers at his home during the Revolutionary War.

TENNESSEE

Fort Donaldson Auxiliary 1 of Dover, Tenn., recently elected officers for 2000: Aux. Pres. Cindy L. Duffell, Clarksville, Tenn.; Vice Pres. Kathy Smith, Cross Plains, Tenn.; Sec.-Treas. Lacie J. Duffel, Clarksville, Tenn.

Auxiliary 1 was activated in August of 1997, and has members in the middle Tennessee/western Kentucky region.

ERRATUM

CORRECTIONS TO THE BANNER FEBRUARY 2000, VOL. 104, NO. 2

The Banner unintentionally failed to credit Brother Eric D. Richhart, Secretary-Treasurer for the Dept. of Colo. and Wyo., for writing and submitting the story (page 9, February issue) on the new G.A.R. monument in Salt Lake City.

Contrary to recent rumors, as reported on page 11 of the February issue, the G.A.R. Memorial Hall Museum, in St. Cloud, Fla., has no plans or intention to sell the ca. 1914 G.A.R. hall that is its home.

The museum, located at 1101 Massachusetts Ave., St. Cloud, continues to welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Sons travelling in the area, are especially invited to view the exhibits on display there.

The 66th annual meeting of the New England Regional Association will take place at N.H. Veterans Association Hall, located on Lakeside Ave., at Weirs Beach, in Laconia, N.H.

ROSTER

ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

Franklin C. Bergquist, Commander, Department of Kansas, e-mail changed to freehold@swbell.net

From the National Press Correspondent, ASUVCW

I did not have the honor of knowing Sisters PNP Margaret Schroeder or PNP Florence Jansson, but I did know PNP Sister Emma Wheeler. These three Sisters have gone 'Home' to our Heavenly Father and I hope that their families and Auxiliaries will take comfort in the knowledge that they have at last reached the eternal peace we strive for each day.

I met Sister Emma at my first National Convention when our own Sister Margaret Atkinson was National President. Having New England relatives and blood I immediately got the biggest charge out of her. When Sister Emma wished to address the floor, she literally hopped over to the microphone to state her case. Her eyes would twinkle as she adamantly bought up her concerns. Once we had a huge discussion over a nickel! But the reports she gave were unsurpassed; everything was listed in columns, which Sister Emma could explain down to a penny. Once at National at the Banquet, I introduced a lady of Southern Persuasion, Rose O'Neil Greenhow. Both Sister Emma and Sister Jackie came and told me how much they enjoyed the first person. (I actually thought I might be stoned) But the Wheeler Sisters assured me that they both had read about Rose and they truly enjoyed 'meeting the enemy.' I imagine those who were lucky enough to have Sister Emma for a teacher would remember what she was teaching them, and this special teacher throughout their lives. Those of us in the Auxiliary who have known Sister Emma will remember her love of our Order, and our Country and when we think of Sister Emma we will indubitable have a smile come to our lips because of the Yankee humor that was never far. When I served our State of Pennsylvania as President, I asked that our more experienced Sisters be Guardian Angels to those of us who definitely need their guidance. Sister Emma no doubt is doing just that in Heaven and Lord knows she probably has all their books in order and everything in it's place. God Bless Sister Jackie and their family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. It is never easy to say "Good-bye" but especially to one who is so full of life. God Speed!

I have done some 'leg-work' for our Auxiliary in Philadelphia to obtain a banner. You cannot imagine how inquisitive people are about our Order. They of course always remember the men in their uniforms but it

was a wonderful way to introduce the women. With luck I may have even got some new ladies to join the Auxiliary. The gentleman who is doing our banner has two daughters who might be interested in our work. Before I found this man I had tried several other businesses and it must have been very comical, me trying to explain to a Korean businessman what our order was and the work we do. Should have filmed it for posterity!

When I was a girl my Grandmother always referred to May 30 as 'Decoration Day.' In the American Heritage Dictionary "Decoration Day" is actually listed and refers to "Memorial Day." Memorial Day is listed as May 30; an U.S. holiday officially celebrated on the last Monday in May in honor of members of the Armed Forces killed in War. Please remember our Civil War Veterans on Memorial Day. If your Auxiliary or Camp do any activities and you have pictures or articles please send them to me for Sister Mary Jo Long's book. Our late great President said, "... It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us-that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion..." Let us not forget our noble ancestors. Honor Memorial Day, as it should be "Decoration Day!"

Auxiliary Sisters of Connecticut, along with the SUVCW and the American Legion, rededicated a monument to Union veterans on the grounds of the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital in early spring. The Auxiliary attends an Allied Orders meeting at the Veterans Home and Hospital every other month and makes several monetary gifts to them during the year.

Sisters, when we witness an instillation we are once again reminded of the oath we ourselves have taken at the altar however many years ago it may have been. It never ceases to amaze me how, in our every day lives, we can apply the duties and beliefs of our organization. Just calling or sending someone a card can mean so much to another's spirit. Flying the flag and remembering those who have gone before us in ceremonies, parades and living histories can instill in children patriotism that may last their lives. Sisters and Brothers, keep up the great work! God be with you till we meet again!

- Anne L. Iannitto

Allied Orders

Maine

The Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Department of Maine, will be holding their Annual Encampment June 22 thru 25. The Encampment will be held in Waterville at the Best Western Waterville Inn on Main Street, just off I-95 at Exit 34.

The DUVCW will meet Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23. The Auxiliary to the SUVCW will meet Saturday morning, June 24, and the Sons will hold their meeting on Sunday morning, June 25, at 9:00 a.m.

An Open House for the Allied Orders will be held Friday evening, and the annual banquet will take place Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m.

For further details, you may contact Eric Boothroyd at (207) 277-3947 or <boothroyd@somtel.com>.



National Encampments of the Allied Orders

The WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, has re-elected Mary Phelps as its National President. The Woman's Relief Corps will also hold its National Convention at the Ramada Inn South, in Springfield, Illinois. The dates are August 5-9.

The National Headquarters are located at 629 South Seventh, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-522-4373.

The 114th Annual National Encampment of the LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will be held August 9-14, in Lansing, Michigan. This encampment is in conjunction with the 119th Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW.

The DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR will have its National Convention in Springfield, Illinois, August 9-14. Roena Bayes has been elected National President.

The National Headquarters can be contacted at 503 So. Walnut, Springfield, IL 62704, 217-544-0616. The Illinois Department will be in charge of the convention, which will be held at the Ramada Inn South. Jane Grizzell is the chairwoman.

Regional

NEW ENGLAND

All members in good standing of the SUVCW and the Auxiliary are invited to attend the annual meeting of the New England Regional Association, to be held Saturday, July 15 at N.H. Veterans Association Hall, located on Lakeside Ave., at Weirs Beach, in Laconia, New Hampshire.

CENTRAL

The 2000 Central Region Conference will be hosted by the Department of Indiana at Valparaiso September 30 through October 1. Members/Associates and Auxiliaries to the Departments of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Wyoming are fraternally invited to the conference.

Arrangements have been made with two hotels in Valparaiso for this event: **Holiday Inn Express** (\$70 rate), 760 Morthland Dr. (US Route 30), 800-465-4329; use confirmation #62173558 to avoid confusion. **Super 8 Motel** (\$72 rate), 3005 John Howell Dr. (NW corner of IN 49 & 2 on Valparaiso's east side), 800-800-8000 or 219-464-9840; use confirmation #30924. Other motel options (no rooms blocked): **Fairfield Inn** (\$89), 2102 East Morthland Dr. (US 30), 800-228-2800 or 219-465-6225; **Courtyard** (\$99), 2301 E. Morthland Dr. (US 30), 219-465-1700.

A tour begins at 9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 30, in the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso. The Opera House was built in 1893 by Chaplain Brown Post 106, G.A.R., as a Porter County Civil War Memorial. The post had to lobby the state of Indiana Legislature to change the law so they could build an auditorium rather than the usual monument of brick, stone and mortar. David D. Porter Camp 116 recently donated a copy of the circa 1900 Chaplain Brown Post composite photo of post members.

The second stop on the tour will be the Old Jail Museum, located next door to the Opera House. Among items housed in the museum are the charter and records of the Chaplain Brown Post. In addition, there are records of the David D. Porter Camp dating back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. Other exhibits include two tree trunks with solid shot cannon balls, grape shot, and shrapnel that were brought back from Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and Chickamagua, Ga. The museum is housed in the old Porter County Jail, in use from 1871 to 1974.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2's Historic Decoration/Memorial Day Reenactment

Tuesday, May 30

Arlington National Cemetery at 5:00 P.M.

Assemble at 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot in front of Fort Myer Chapel to travel by car caravan into the cemetery grounds for the ceremony

Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1871, marked the first year that Confederate soldiers were honored and memorialized along with the established tradition accorded Union soldiers since the ceremonies were initiated in 1868. The orations/addresses and prayers that were offered reflect this feeling. However, American flags were only placed on Union burial sites. There were no Confederate officers involved in the exercises.

After entering the cemetery, we will begin a procession in front of the Custis-Lee Mansion and proceed to The Tomb of the Unknown Dead of the War Between the States led by "The Gettysburg Blues," 1st Lt. John A. Price II, SVR, Commander. Cannon salutes will be rendered using a 3" ordnance rifle fired by Officer Donald K. Steiner, Historic Weapons Specialist with the U.S. Park Service and his crew from Fort Washington. The U.S. Marine Band, who played in 1871, will be represented by a brass quintet from "The President's Own." The original music performed in 1871 will be sung by a choir. The speeches of Lt. Gov. Woodford of New York and the Hon. Frederick Douglass will be recited at the Old Amphitheater and Rosstrum, originally dedicated in 1868. The Amphitheater, recently refurbished, will be rededicated during the ceremony with Mr. John C. Metzler Jr., Superintendent of Arlington conducting this portion of the service. A floral creation as described in the newspapers of the day will be presented in tribute at The Tomb of the Unknowns. Most of the exercises will be conducted in the Amphitheater.

Following the ceremony, there will be a Memorial Day Banquet at Fort Myer Officers' Club beginning with the cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the banquet will be Mr. William P. Clark, Manager of Fort Washington Park. His talk is entitled "Fort Washington's Impact on Early American History (1812 and the Civil War)." The cost for the banquet is \$25 per person. Printed programs detailing this historic encounter will be distributed to those attending. Invite interested friends to attend.

Sultana Marker Unveiled

Charles C. Yates, Tenn. PDC



Robert Neyman, Dr. Clyde Geiman, Charles Yates, and Gordon Hale, all members of the Sultana Camp 1, Dept. of Tenn., participated in the Sultana disaster commemoration in Marion, Arkansas, on Saturday, April 1. Approximately 200 people attended the unveiling of the new Sultana disaster marker in front of the Marion City Hall. The event was sponsored by the Arkansas Daughters of the American Revolution. DAR member Mrs. Jeannette Coley was the chairperson of the well planned and organized program.

The event began with the posting of the United States colors by reenactors from the 7th Tennessee Cavalry, Company C, and the 52nd Tennessee Infantry. Following comments by Marion Mayor Frank

Fogleman, Mrs. Jeri Waters, Chaplain for Hetty M. McEwen Tent 1 of the Daughters of Union Veterans, gave the invocation.

Authors Jerry Potter, of Memphis, and Gene Salecker, of Chicago, both of whom have published books on the Sultana disaster, spoke briefly about their work on the history of the Sultana explosion. Mrs. Pam Newhouse, descendant of a Sultana survivor and president of the Association of Sultana Descendants and Friends, spoke on the honor being done those who both died in and survived the sinking of the steamship. Miss Abby Hale, representing the Arkansas Children of the American Revolution, and Gordon Hale, past president of the Arkansas Sons of the American Revolution, passed through the crowd, presenting flowers to the descendants of Sultana victims and survivors in memory of their ancestors.

After the marker was unveiled by Mrs. Coley and Mrs. Otto Oberhelman, Arkansas DAR state commemorative chairperson, members of the Sultana Camp placed a memorial wreath by the marker and conducted a roll-call of the units and states that had persons killed in the Sultana explosion. This was followed by a 14 gun salute to the fallen men by reenactors from the 7th Tennessee Cavalry and 52nd Tennessee Infantry.

G.A.R. RECORDS AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

by Jim Gordon, Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Dept. of Md.

The Library of Congress, contrary to the impression that may have been generated by the November 1999 issue of *The Banner*, has very little information on records of the G.A.R. [NOTE: The article on the Last National Encampment of the G.A.R. stated only that the records of the proceedings of the *Last Encampment* were to be turned over to the LOC. According to the librarian I talked to, these are probably in the general collections of the LOC, possibly in Periodicals] I visited the Library recently and talked to one of the Reference Librarians in the Manuscript Division. He gave me an information sheet which they use to answer questions about G.A.R. records:

"Over the years the Library of Congress has acquired large numbers of published journals of national and state encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic. Many of these journals came from the G.A.R.'s national headquarters: all have been incorporated into the Library's general collections. Published references to their presence in the Library occasionally cause readers to reach the erroneous conclusion that the Library also acquired post charters, membership rosters and correspondence files from the G.A.R. Miss Cora E. Gillis, the G.A.R.'s last national secretary, informed the Library that the national office did not maintain such records. When the national office closed in 1956, published journals still on hand were added to those already donated to the Library of Congress: 'badges, flags and things of that sort' were sent to the Smithsonian.

"Each office of a G.A.R. post or depart-

ment was responsible for maintaining its own files. Although most of the local records have apparently not survived, some were ultimately placed in manuscript and archival repositories. In the collections of the Manuscript Division are the following items: 1) a journal of the annual encampments of the Department of Florida 1884-94; 2) journals of annual encampments of the Department of Nebraska, 1883, 1884, and 1886; and 3) a partial list, with biographical sketches, of members of Burnside Post No. 8 of the Department of the Potomac. The location of other records can be determined by referring to *A Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the United States* (New Haven, Yale University Press, 1981, (75 p.), edited by Philip M. Hamer, and the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*, 1959 --.

"Several collections in the Manuscript Division containing information about the G.A.R. are identified in the bibliographic note in *Veterans in Politics: The Story of the G.A.R.* (Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Press [1952] 523 p.) by Mary B. Deering, E462.1.A1904."

The Librarian that I talked to had copies of pages from various annual indexes of the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* (NUCMC) which indicated where various Post and Department records were located. These were issues of the catalog from 1960 to 1985. The catalog was first published in 1952 and so issues before 1960 and subsequent to 1985 probably have information on where holdings are located. The NUCMC can be found in

the reference section of most public libraries. In the xeroxed copies of the NUCMC indexes, I found information on the departments below in the years shown. These may have been records of the departments themselves or individual posts: 1960: MN, MO, PA; 1961: IL, OH, VT; 1962: IA, NY, WI; 1965: MI, NE, ND; 1966: IL, MA, MN, WV; 1969: MI; 1970-MI; 1971: CA, NV; 1973: OR; 1974: CO, WY.

This is just a representative sample. I know that some of the listings were for individual posts.

If you are trying to determine the location of G.A.R. posts, the best place to look is in city directories. Before the advent of the telephone, city directories where the primary means of locating individuals. G.A.R. posts were listed under "Organizations" and the sub-head G.A.R. or Grand Army of the Republic. The listing will give the name and number of each post, the officers (usually commander, secretary and treasurer), place and time of meetings. In more rural parts of the country, city directories were actually county directories with the county seat being the main listing and the other towns/villages included. The average directory was two to three inches thick. Current and back issues of city directories can usually be found at the main branch of the public library. The NYC Library and the Library of Congress have extensive collections of city directories. In fact, a lot of the LOC collection came from the NYC Library collection.

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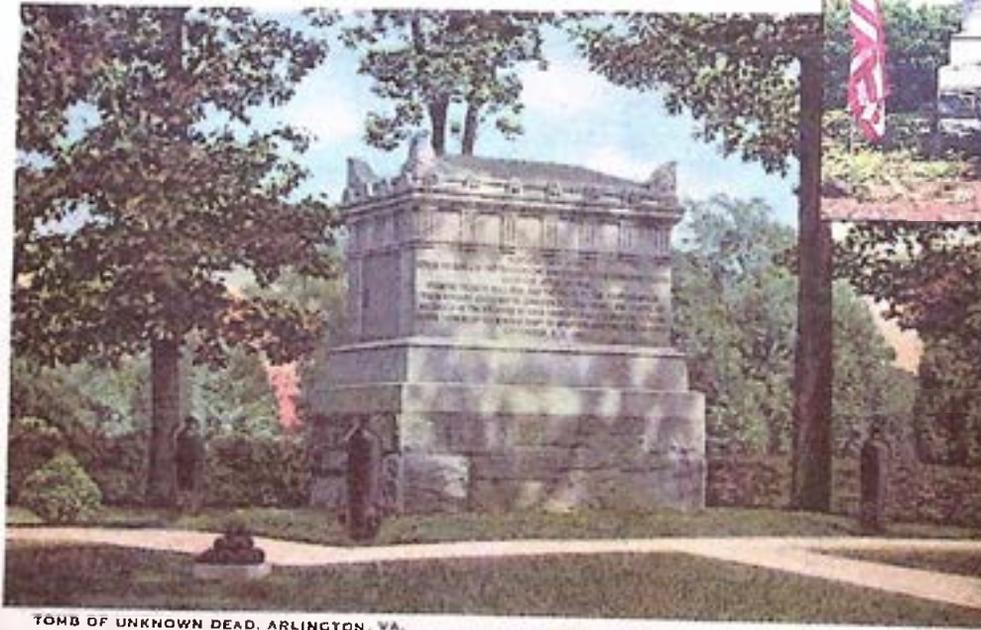
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