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Moore elected Sons' Commander-in-Chief

By R. C. GREGORY
Banner Editor

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 14, 1993 — Allen W. Moore of Kokomo, Ind., was elected commander-in-chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the National Encampment here.

Commander-in-Chief Moore brings a long list of SUVCW service to his new position, serving last year as senior vice commander in chief, and in several other national offices. He served junior vice commander in chief, and as chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee and of the Program and Policies Committee. Other national committees on which he has served include Constitution and Regulations, GAR Records, Credentials, and 125th Anniversary Events.

In his home department of Indiana, he has served as commander for two years and as senior vice commander, junior vice commander, council member, and counselor.

His involvement in Sons began in June 1981 when he became a member of Sons at the Indiana Department Encampment in Indianapolis. He served as

commander of the Ben Harrison Camp, No. 356, at Indianapolis for two years and has been camp secretary-treasurer for six years. In 1982, he reorganized the Orlando A. Somers Camp, No. 1, at Kokomo, and served as its commander for five years. He is a life member of SUVCW.

He traces his eligibility in Sons on Pvt. Cornelius F. Whitehouse, Co. B, 15th Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, who is C.-in-C. Moore's great great grandfather. Whitehouse enlisted at the age of 31, leaving behind a wife and three young children. After serving about 18 months of a three-year enlistment, Whitehouse was discharged because of disability; he had contracted typhoid fever in a march between Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. His younger brother, Harrison J. Whitehouse, enlisted with him and in the same regiment.

For 40 years the Commander in Chief taught business education and English in the high schools of Goshen, Kokomo and Indianapolis in his home state, and for 17 years served as chairman of the business education department. For more than 30 years he taught in the adult education program in night school.

A native of Anderson, Ind., he was educated in the public schools of that city and was graduated from Anderson High School. He attended Anderson University for two years on a scholastic scholarship, and then transferred to Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He received his bachelor's degree from Ball State in business education and English, and a master's degree in business education. He also completed one year's graduate work after his master's at Ball State.

He has been married to the former Barbara E. Tilley of Clarion, Pa., for 41 years. The Moores have four daughters and five grandchildren. His wife Barbara and three of his daughters are members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Barbara is also a member of the Ladies of the Grand



Portland G.A.R. monument rededicated

By R. C. GREGORY
Banner Editor

PORTLAND, Me. — The Lady of Victories stands, with sword down-pointed in one hand, with olive branch in the other, stands high above all traffic in



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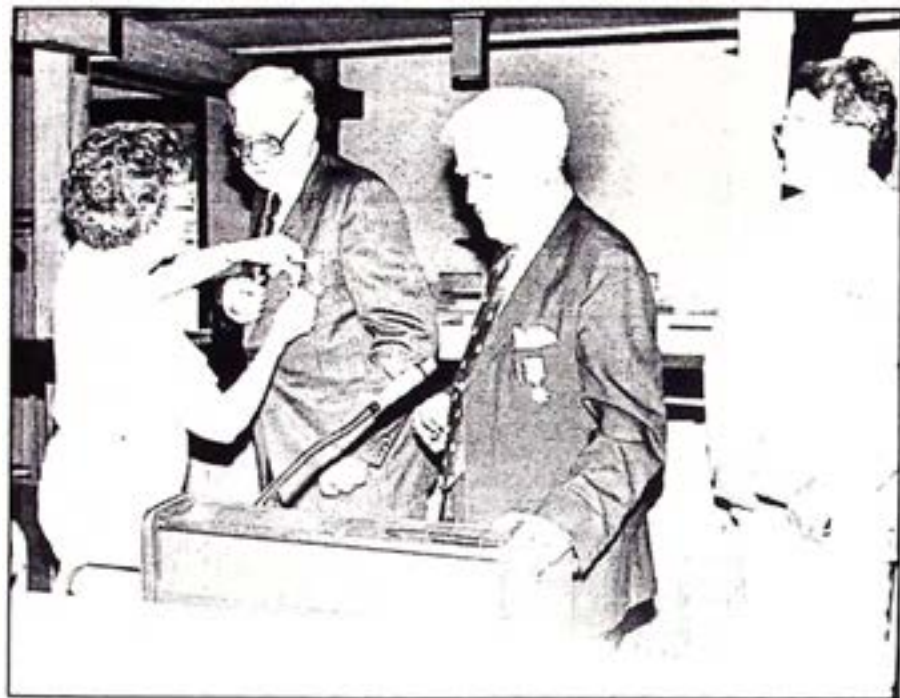
1. It is hard to believe that this will be my last General Orders. Time goes fast when you are kept busy and enjoy the work. I cannot find the words to express my thanks for the courtesies, gifts, hospitality, and friendship given to me during my travels. I have seen a lot of old friends and made a lot of new ones as I travelled across our beloved country.

2. A special thanks to my Officers and Council; without them nothing could have been accomplished. *The Banner* was one of my main priorities and that was corrected by appointment of Editor Rus Gregory and the addition of National Membership List Coordinator Richard Williams. They worked along with the National Officers from Michigan, National Secretary Jim Lyons, History Book Coordinator Gary L. Gibson, and Members At Large Coordinator J. Douglas Park to take over the job of preparing *The Banner* for mailing. Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Corfman also assisted by doing the mailing.

3. My other priority was to increase membership. This was accomplished by a recruiting team composed of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore Jr., Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison; and all Department and Camp junior vice commanders, along with Member at Large Coordinator J. Douglas Park. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Moore and his Committee on Program and Policies were responsible for an advertising program by placing SUVCW ads for recruits in periodicals.

The replies from the ads were addressed to the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, who sent Sons information to the inquirers and notified the Departments in which the inquirers lived. The Departments would then contact the closest camp. If there was no Department where the inquirers live, the inquiries were turned over to the Membership At Large Coordinator who would contact the would-be members.

I do not have the final numbers of new members for my year, but I know we have more than 3,000 members, the largest membership for more than 33 years. I have issued 12 Certificates of Merit to members who recruited five or more new members and 10 National Ribbons for 3 or more new members. The top recruiter is Past Ohio Department Commander David Medert with 25 new members.



Changing of the guard

Margaret Atkinson pins the Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel on husband Bud's lapel near the end of the National Encampment in Portland, Maine, marking the end of his year in office. At the lectern, Lowell Hammer, also a Past Commander-in-Chief, who presided over the ceremonies. At right, Allen Moore, the incoming Commander-in-Chief, waits to be formally installed in office.

4. With the approval of the Council of Administration, I will present a Certificate of Merit along with a Star to be worn on his badge for Meritorious Service to our Order beyond the efficient and loyal performance of his duties to PDC Charles E. Sharrock, who has served as National Graves Registration Officer for more than a decade.

During this time he has set or been responsible for setting more than 600 600 headstones for Civil War veterans, five of them to Medal of Honor winners in Canada, Kansas, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. By researching records, he has made sure that all Medal of Honor winners buried in Colorado have headstones with Medal of Honor badges on them. He has helped countless persons in locating their Civil War ancestors' graves. Brother Sharrock has done this in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and all expenses incurred have been paid by him.

5. During the past year I have flown to California and travelled more than 9,000 miles by car, visiting nine department encampments, five wreath-laying ceremonies — on Remembrance Day at Gettysburg; Lincoln's Birthday, at the

Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C.; Lincoln's Death Day, at Springfield, Ill.; and Memorial Day at Gettysburg. I wish to thank the officers and membership of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for giving me the honor of representing them at these events.

6. My final thanks go to the President of our Allied Orders who have supported the Sons throughout the year. To National President of the Auxiliary Frances Murray, many thanks for the friendship you and I developed not only between ourselves but for our Orders. May this continue from now on. To National President Dolores Hubbard of the Ladies of the GAR, National President Betty Ann Crozier of the Daughters, and National President Ann Gerlt of the Women's Relief Corps, it was always a pleasure to meet you ladies on my travels. I hope you enjoyed your year as much as I did mine. I am looking forward to meeting with some of you at Portland, Maine, and to all of you I wish an enjoyable, rewarding National Encampment.

By Order Of:
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Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW



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1. I wish to express my gratitude to all Brothers who elected me to the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 112th National Encampment in Portland, Maine, on Aug. 14, 1993. I consider it a great honor to follow in the footsteps of so many illustrious leaders and to represent the descendants of the "Boys in Blue."

2. The Maine Department is to be complimented for planning a delightful 1993 National Encampment and for being an excellent host.

3. All correspondence addressed to this office should be sent to the address above. Requisitions for supplies should be mailed to the Assistant to the National Treasurer. Regular business should be addressed to the National Secretary, and financial reports should be sent to the National Treasurer.

4. Standing committee appointments have been made and Chairmen have been notified. All previous appointees are hereby relieved and thanked for their efforts for the good of our Order. All retiring officers and committee chairmen are expected to transfer information to their successors.

5. Because of successful recruitment efforts by many Brothers, our organization has grown in the number of camps and members during the past year. An on-going, constant recruitment effort is necessary for continued growth. Each Brother securing three new members during my term will be appointed as a National Aide and issued a National ribbon, and each one who recruits five or more new members will be awarded a Certificate of Merit.

6. Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, which is used to pay for recruitment advertising in national periodicals. Donations should be sent to Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, 4209 Santa Clara Drive, Holt, Mich. 48842.

7. The National Patriotic Instructor is soliciting donations for the GAR Memorial Fund, which finances patriotic programs that perpetuate the memory of the GAR. Brothers are urged to send contributions to Patriotic Instructor Gary L. Gibson, 1713 Dorchester, No. 2, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001.

8. It is very important that the National Membership Coordinator be informed immediately of all address changes, deaths, and other membership changes. Please notify Richard A. Williams, 1917 Teel Avenue, Lansing, Mich. 48910, of these changes.

9. The Commander-in-Chief's itinerary is already being planned to serve the total organization. Invitations to special events and Department Encampments should be given early so that conflicts can be avoided and efficient plans made.

10. Please send me information regarding the ill and bereaved so that proper attention may be given.

11. The annual Remembrance Day at

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Some of the 1993-94 national officers and committee members: Front row, left to right: Alan C. Peterson, National GAR Highway Officer; Keith G. Harrison, National Senior Vice Commander in Chief; Allen W. Moore, Commander in Chief; David R. Medert, Junior Vice Commander in Chief; Danny Wheeler, National History Book Coordinator; Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer. Back row, left to right: James T. Lyons, National Secretary; Gary L. Gibson, National Patriotic Instructor; Ed Krieser, National Personal Aide; Kenneth D. Hershberger, Assistant Membership List Coordinator; Peter A. Dixon, Council of Administration; Joseph S. Rippey, Council of Administration; Bud Atkinson, immediate past Commander in Chief and Council of Administration; J. Douglas Park, Members at Large Coordinator; and Richard Schlenker, Washington Representative.

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Gettysburg will be held Nov. 20, 1993. Brothers are encouraged to attend the colorful, impressive ceremonies to pay homage to the Grand Army of the Republic. There will be a parade, a wreath presentation at Albert Woolson's statue, and dinner followed by a military ball.

12. Because communication among our membership is so vital, Departments and Camps are urged to submit news releases and photographs to the Editor of The Banner. This is an easy way to share or learn ideas for programs and projects.

13. I extend congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders on their election to office. Our support and cooperation are extended to Sister Florence Spring, Auxiliary National President; and to the new national presidents of the Ladies of the GAR, Women's Relief Corps, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

14. All members of the National Council of Administration are advised that there will be a meeting of the Council at 9 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, 1993, in Gettysburg at the Headquarters hotel.

15. As in the past, per capita fees and quarterly reports should be sent to the National Secretary within 10 days of the close of each quarter. Your compliance with these deadlines will make the National Secretary's work much easier.

16. As we look ahead to the new year, let us set our goals high and work diligently to achieve these goals. May we strive to promote our Order through harmony, cooperation, and devotion.

17. To all my elected and appointed officers and committees, I extend my best wishes for a most productive and pleasant year. With your help and that of Almighty God, I will strive to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the best of my ability.

By Order Of:
Allen W. Moore
Commander-in-Chief

Moore installed

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Army of the Republic. All four of the Chief's sons-in-law are members of SUVCW.

In the Kokomo community, the Chief served as president of the Kokomo Community Concert Association, as well as a member of its board of directors. He is now completing a three-year term as secretary of the Board of Elders of the First Church of God of Kokomo. He has taught a Sunday school class, served as church pianist, and wrote the history of

the church.

He is a life member of Delta Pi Epsilon, national honorary fraternity in graduate business education, and is a past president of the Pi Chapter. Fraternal and hereditary organizations to which Moore belongs include Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Huguenot Society of Indiana, Society of Colonial Wars, Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirugiens, and Society of Kentucky Pioneers.

His other interests include music, genealogy, photography, travel, and collecting Civil War images. [See related story.]

Information sought on GAR records

The GAR Record Committee, SUVCW, is asking for Sons' help.

If you have any old rosters, encampment journals, related books, or newspaper clippings that might be of interest to our members, the committee would like to hear from you.

It is the committee's intention to publish a list of what our individual members have at home and are willing to share with other members. It is not difficult to find what is located in libraries, but the committee is interested in what is in private collections.

If you are willing to share what you have, please call or write Jerome Orton, 213 Dixon Drive, Syracuse, N. Y. 13219-2711; or Charles D. Young, 5109 Marlow Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124-1346.

Notes From The National Secretary

A number of new Camps have been organized since our last set of notes.

Department of Michigan

Henry E. Plant Camp #3, Fruitport, MI
8 Members

Nash-Hodges Camp #43, Blissfield, MI
20 Members

Department of Ohio

Henry Casey Camp #92, Washington
Court House, OH - 23 members

John P. Bruck Camp #96, Hamilton, OH
12 members

Lois Camp #16, Milford, OH - 9 members

Several other camps have been formed but have not reported yet. They are;

Department of Ohio

William T. Sherman Camp #82, Dayton
James A. Garfield Camp #142, Cleveland

Department of Iowa

Gen. Samuel R. Curtis Camp #82,
Davenport

Department of Pennsylvania

Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp #14,
Johnstown
E.D. Baker Camp #101, Warminster

Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 28 — Davis ★ Camp won first prize in the Best of Show and Educational category at the Western Pennsylvania Gun Collectors' Show March 27-28.

The prize brought the camp a check for \$450.

The theme of the exhibit was "Buford's Cavalry at Gettysburg." Dan Nurnberger presented his "Ringgold Cavalry Battalion" cavalry equipment from his outstanding collection, including a McClellan saddle, all bridle equipment, carbine, revolver, and sabre. Nurnberger and his wife also helped by answering questions and distributing information.

Camp Historian William M. Mehaffey provided an article, "Buford's Cavalry at Gettysburg," copies of which were distributed to those interested, and the article was what won the educational part of the award. Also assisting at the exhibit were Art Richardson, Al Orr, Charles Hawkins, and Cheri Ihrig.

A special commendation was extended to Paul Abernathy, camp bugler. Although too young for membership, Paul has participated in all the gun shows, parades, Medal of Honor cemetery ceremonies, and National Encampment. Paul was kept busy manning the tables and answering questions and did not blow his bugle. His mother and grandmother also helped Mehaffey transport his collection.

This was the third annual gun show and Davis ★ Camp has won prizes in two of them. The next show, scheduled for 1994, will have "The Navy During the Civil War" as its theme.

The Banner is the newsletter of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is published in October, January, April, and July each year. Manuscripts are welcome; deadlines are Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 1, and June 1.

Opinions expressed in *The Banner* are those of its several writers and are not necessarily those of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Officers of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from left to right, back row: Martha Johnson, Vice President; Esther Peiper, Director of the Budget; Eileen Coombs, Treasurer; Mary Scofield, Patriotic Instructor; Alyce W. Ponticelli, Council Member No. 2, Hazel Mase, Chaplain; Isabelle Roberts, Chief of Staff; Mary Sampson, Press Representative; Margaret Atkinson, Secretary; Dorris Schlenker, Washington Representative; Beatrice Greenwalt, Historian; front row, left to right: Elizabeth Sharp, Presidential Aide; Florence Spring, president; Frances Murray, Counselor No. 1 and immediate Past President; Florence Jansson, Counselor; and Orma Altland, Member at Large Coordinator.

National Auxiliary to SUVCW reports its Honor Roll contributions

By ESTHER PEIPER
National Treasurer
Auxiliary to SUVCW

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Here is a list of contributions to the Honor Roll of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

—In memory of Robert Werkheiser, PCD, Pennsylvania; from Esther G. Peiper, PNP \$10.

—In memory of Rosanna Wheeler, Charter member of Auxiliary No. 38, Milford, New Hampshire; from Emma Wheeler, PNP \$10.

—In memory of Jesse Morgan, PDP, New Hampshire; from Emma Wheeler, PNP \$10.

—In memory of Jesse Morgan, PDP, New Hampshire; from 4^B Club, Florence Forbey, PNP \$10.

—In memory of Mary (Betty) Kramer, PDP, Pennsylvania; from Esther G. Peiper, PNP \$15.

—In memory of Mary (Betty) Kramer, PDP, Pennsylvania; from Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary \$10.

—In memory of Muriel Griffith, PDP,

New Jersey; from Garfield Auxiliary No. 18 \$10.

—In memory of Edna S. Lambert: From Past President Association \$15.

From Anne O. Clayton, PNP \$25.
From Helen N. Loll, PNP \$10.

From Marion E. Combs, PNP, and Fred Combs, PCinC \$10.

From New Jersey Department Auxiliary \$15.

From Esther G. Peiper, PNP \$10.
From Edna's 24 Ours, Irene Archer \$10.

From Past National President's Club \$10.

From Florence Jansson, PNP \$10.
From Past Department Presidents Association \$10.

—In memory of Beatrice S. Riggs, PNP; from Past National Presidents Club \$10.

From Esther G. Peiper, PNP \$15.

From National Organization, Auxiliary to SUVCW \$15.

—In memory of Mary Seitz, PDP, Pennsylvania from Esther G. Peiper,

PNP \$10.
From Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary \$10.

—In memory of Kathleen Runkle, PDP, Pennsylvania; from Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary \$10.

From Esther G. Peiper, PNP \$10.

—In memory of Evelyn Dustin, PDP, Maine; from Maine Past Presidents Club \$10.

Honor Roll Total \$290.00

In Memoriam

WILMINGTON, Del. — Frank M. Heacock, 83, of Wilmington, Del., died July 25.

He had been a member of Bradbury Camp No. 149 since 1926. He was a past camp commander, past department commander, and past Commander-in-Chief.

He is survived by three sons. His burial was in Cumberland Cemetery, Lima, Pa.



One of two original Grand Army Highway signs was presented to Danny Wheeler, Department Commander of New York, by Alan C. Peterson, National GAR Highway Officer, at the National Encampment in Maine. At left, PCinC Bud Atkinson; at right, National Historian Jerry Orton.

Portland monument

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Monument Square.

The draped, classical figure and the base and plinth on which she stands is Portland's Grand Army of the Republic memorial, dedicated in 1891. She memorializes the Portland men who served in the Civil War among the 73,000 men Maine sent to save the Union.

Lady of Victories was re-dedicated during the 112th National Encampment of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in an impressive afternoon ceremony Aug. 14.

Arranged by First Sgt. Gary Dow of the First Maine Heavy Artillery, a reenactment unit, assisted by his colleagues and Sons in the renaissance Portland camp, the 17th Maine Infantry, and many others, the ceremony was a highlight for many who attended National Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Elmer (Bud) Atkinson was among the speakers who spoke at the re-dedication. The speakers also included the Ann Pringle, the mayor of Portland; representatives of the Allied Orders. Present were representatives of our nation's armed forces.

Maine state Rep. Herbert Adams gave the speech of the day. He recounted the history of the memorial; his theme was its cost — literally and figuratively.

The memorial stands on the site of Portland's first city hall, built in 1825. After the war, the Portland Soldiers and Sailors Association began to debate erection of an appropriate memorial and in 1875, after a competition, chose sculptor Frederick Simmons to design and sculpt the memorial — but no contract was let. It would be 18 more years before the memorial would be completed and installed.

By 1885, the Portland Soldiers and Sailors Association had \$5,000 on hand for the memorial. Another contest was held, but no contract was awarded. In 1886, by a public vote with a 7 to 1 margin, Portland's residents decided to tear down the old city hall and use the space for a Civil War memorial. Finally, in 1888, 13 years after his first entry, Simmons was engaged to design and build the statue at his studio in Rome.

Bosworth Relief Corps entered the fund raising with a week-long fair in March of 1889 and its efforts were capped with net proceeds of \$11,230. On Memorial Day 1889, the cornerstone was laid. Simmons continued his work on the statue in Rome, and work on the base and plinth continued in Portland.

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Here are a group of Union officers and enlisted men; they were waiting, when the photo was taken, for the Saturday night banquet to begin.

Synopsis of actions taken at the 112th National Encampment

Editor's Note: Continuing his practice of many years, PCinC Richard Schlenker, who is Washington Representative for SUVCW, prepared a synopsis of this year's National Encampment in Portland, Me. It is published here with thanks.

By RICHARD G. SCHLENKER
Past Commander-in-Chief

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Eighty-seven delegates were present at the National Encampment; 90 were registered, but three were not present.

Approved were:

- Amendments to the National Constitution to make it coincide properly with the Congressional Act of Incorporation. These amendments have been forwarded to departments and the amendments will become effective when ratified by 50 percent of the departments.

- Similar amendments to National Regulations became effective immediately upon approval by the National Encampment.

- The minimum age for membership remains at 14 years.

- Members at Large have the same ratio of delegates to the National Encampment as Departments.

- Honorary Members may be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief with the concurrence of the Council of Administration.

- Honorary Members pay no fees and have no vote.

- Candidates for Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief must hold the rank of Past Department Commander.

- The Council of Administration will elect the Membership at Large Coordinator, the Membership List Coordinator, and the Camp and Department Organizer.

- Terms of the National Secretary and the National Treasurer shall be for three years beginning in 1995.

- The Council of Administration shall have three elected members serving three-year staggered terms.

- Duties of officers elected by the Council of Administration were defined, including The Membership at Large Coordinator, the Membership List Coordinator; and The Banner editor.

- Life membership fees were increased: \$300 to and including age 59; \$200 from age of 60 to and including age 69; and \$100 from the the age of 70 years.

- Provisional camps must have 15 members to become fully established.

- A budget of \$2,500 for promotion and recruiting.

- Support of Civil War battlefield preservation.

- Support of the GAR Highway Association.

- Camp and Department newsletters were encouraged.

- Recording of locations of Civil War monuments.

- A committee to study feasibility of a National Headquarters.

- Exploration of an 800 telephone number.

- Two scholarships of \$1,000 each.

- Increase of the Commander-in-Chief's travel allowance to \$3,000.

- Append the Commander-in-Chief's General Orders to published Proceedings and to those yet to be published.

- Include the photo and obituary of deceased past Commanders-in-Chief in the Proceedings for the year of death.

- Publish job descriptions.

- Advertise in more periodicals.

- Support of Senate Bill 1033, Shenandoah Valley preservation.

- Support of Senate Bill 119 and House of Representatives Bill 2269 returning Memorial Day to May 30.

- Opposition to using the U. S. Flag for commercial purposes.

- Support for an Amendment to the U. S. Constitution prohibiting physical desecration of the U. S. Flag.

- Support for designating English as the official language of the U. S.

- Holding a Department Commanders' conference at future National Encampments.

- All Departments shall furnish National Headquarters with their current by-laws.

- All proposals regarding Junior Memberships referred to the next National Encampment.

Synopsis of the Council of Administration:

- IRS requires all Camps and Departments to have EINs.

- Approved a publication schedule for unpublished Proceedings, with priority given to 1983 and 1993.

- National Patriotic Instructor's goal was set at \$2,500.

- Set Life Membership rebate to Camps at \$8 each.

- Approved Membership at Large application fee at \$20 and dues at \$15 annually.

- Elected the Banner Editor, Membership at Large Coordinator, Camp and Department Organizer, and Membership

List Coordinator. [See Page 8.]

- Set the next meeting of the Council of Administration for Nov. 21, 1993, at

The 113th National Encampment will be held in Lansing, Mich., at Holiday Inn South, August 12, 13, and 14, 1994. [Friday through Sunday.]

The 114th National Encampment will be held in Columbus, Ohio, at the Radisson North, August 11, 12, and 13, 1995.

Three awards were presented:

- The Howland Award, to the Ohio Department, for the most new members.

- The Grant Award, to the California Department, for the largest percentage of increase in membership.

- The Under Age 40 Award, to the Ohio Department for the most new members under the age of 40.

As of June 30, 1993, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil had 3,148 members in 121 camps, for a net gain of 433 members for the year.

Contributions were:	
GAR Fund	\$2,053.36
SVCC Fund	485.00
Honor Roll	165.00
Patriotic Instr. Fund	2,150.00
Total	\$4,853.36

Portland monument

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By the Spring of 1891, the statue and the side panels were crated and shipped from Rome, although they were delayed and did not arrive until June of that year. On June 21, 1891, Lady of Victories was lifted into place. Formal dedication was held in August that year, 102 years before the re-dedication. The completed cost, Rep. Adams said, was \$35,891.69.

But the "cost" he addressed, the under current of his speech, was to remind his audience of what the memorial symbolizes: the determination to preserve the Union, the loss of life and the other sacrifices of the Civil War, and the sense of dedication and patriotism the memorial expresses. The memorial gave its name to the square in which it stands and it remained the focus of Memorial Day and other ceremonies to the end of their days for members of the GAR. In 1937, 10 veterans rode to Memorial Day ceremonies. By 1947, the last veteran had died.

Adams asked that in recalling the his-

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Proposed 1993-1994 Operational Budget**

	Gen. Fund	GAR Fund	Perm. Fund	Sr.V.C-in-C Fund
Revenues				
Per Capita Tax 2,800 at \$10	\$28,000.00			
Nat'l Encamp. Reg. Fee	300.00			
Sale of Supplies	10,000.00			
Auxiliary Gift	250.00			
New Camp Appl'n Fees	100.00			
Interest Income	400.00	1,300.00	2,400.00	
New Mem. Reg. Fee 500 at \$5				2,500.00
Nat'l Patriotic Instr.		2,500.00		
Life Membership Fees			2,000.00	
Honor Roll Contributions	150.00		100.00	
Reserve Funds	15,000.00			
Miscellaneous Revenue	150.00			
Transfer fr. Gen. Fund to GAR Fund		MAL 2,000.00		500.00
		15,000.00		1,200.00
Total Revenues Collected	\$54,350.00	\$20,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,200.00*
Expenses				
C.-in-C's Expenses	\$3,000.00			
Nat'l Sec'y & Treas. Expenses	2,000.00			
Purchase of Supplies	7,500.00		450.00	
Office expenses [Printing, etc.]	2,300.00		25.00	500.00
Prntg. Proc'dngs, 82-85; 87-93	7,000.00			
Nat'l Encamp. Expenses	500.00			
Transcribing Proc'dngs, 82-93	2,000.00			
The Banner	9,000.00			
Past C.-in-C. jewel	450.00			
Audit	3,500.00			
Membership Drive				2,500.00
Scholarships	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Lincoln Mem. Ceremony		75.00		
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		400.00		
GAR Highway Assoc. Page				1,200.00
GAR Remembrance Day		300.00		
Mem. Cathedral / Pines		50.00		
Tomb of Unknown CW Soldiers		50.00		
Jefferson Memorial		50.00		
Congress of Patriotic Orgns.		25.00		
Special Projects		1,000.00		
Sons of Veterans Reserve	500.00			
GAR Campfire Program		400.00		
Fraternal Relations Comm.	50.00			
GAR Highway Assoc.		45.00		
Libby Prison Wreath		60.00		
Military Affairs Comm.	25.00			
Patriotic Instr. Appeal Forms		200.00		
National Historian Expenses	50.00			
Publ'ns Committee	40.00			
Bank Charges	50.00	50.00	35.00	
Life Member Payments			1,200.00	
Transfer fr. Gen. Fund to GAR Fund	15,000.00			
Miscellaneous Expenses	385.00		50.00	
Total Expenses Paid	\$54,350.00	\$3,705.00	\$1,760.00	\$4,200.00**
Net Gain (Loss)	\$0.00	\$17,095.00	\$2,740.00	\$0.00***
Budget Summary				
*Gross Revenues			\$83,850.00	
**Gross Expenses			\$64,015.00	
***Net Gain			\$19,835.00	

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Picket Line: Notes from Departments

Maryland

BURKITTSTVILLE, Md. — After seven years, a statue of Orpheus has been repaired and returned to the correspondents' memorial on Stone Mountain. The Civil War Correspondents' Memorial Arch is the only monument to war correspondents and artists in the world. The monument, built with \$5,000 in donations and dedicated in 1896, is located on the former estate of George Alfred Townsend, a distinguished CW correspondent who signed his dispatches with "GATH." The Battle of Antietam was fought at Sharpsburg, a few miles from the memorial.

Connecticut

From the Burpee Bugler, SUVCW, Alden Skinner Camp No. 45, Rockville, Conn., this news:
The Connecticut Department held its annual encampment May 1 and delegates elected the following department officers:
Commander Bradford A. Keune Sr.; Sr. Vice Commander Thomas J. Riemer; Jr. Vice Commander Rober G. Carroon;



Secretary Thomas Durning; Treasurer Peter Stevens; Patriotic Instructor Edgar Prince; Chaplain George Schmidt; Dept. Counselor Michael Riley; Dept. Organizer Ross S. Dent; Dept. Guide Lawrence Jarvis; Delegates to the National Encampment Ross S. Dent and Thomas J. Riemer.

The Connecticut Auxiliary also elected officers May 1. They are: President Mary Schofield; Vice President Emma Prince; Counsels Ruth Huntington, Alyce Ponticelli and Joyce Norman; Treasurer Mary Buchanan; Asst. Treasurer Ann Willeke; Secretary Ebon Wylie; Asst. Secretary Margaret Plaisted; Patriotic Instructor Catherine Zapatka; Chaplain Dorothy Bianco; Press Correspondent Judy Trepanier; National Delegates Mary Buchanan and Emma Prince; Chief of Staff Joyce Norman; President's Aide Heather Hubbard; SOV Aide: Ann Willeke; Greetings Aide Anna Scialla; Musician Ruth Huntington.

Alden Skinner Camp reports membership growth of six, to 45 total.
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New Hampshire

NASHUA, N. H., May 8 — Ken Burns of Walpole, N. H., who produced "The Civil War" television series that swept the country when it was presented, received the 1993 Achievement Award presented by Department of New Hampshire SUVCW.

The award was established by the Department of New Hampshire, according to Carl Linder, a department counselor, "to recognize individuals who greatly advance the study or understanding of the Civil War.

"Without a doubt, Ken Burns's production achieved this purpose. We also take pride in the fact that Ken Burns is a resident of our state."

In a letter to Burns announcing the award, Linder wrote, "Your work has

brought about a renewed interest in the Civil War period. Our organization is dedicated to the preservation of that interest."

Because of a new project on baseball, Burns was unable to be present in Nashua to receive the award. He wrote Linder, in a letter read to the department encampment, said, in part:

"It is always wonderful in the film business to be acknowledged by your peers, but it is an even greater honor to receive an award from those associated with the subject of your work. It means that even for those immersed in your subject, in this case the Civil War, I have somehow avoided the cliches, the pitfalls, the easy assumptions, the outright myths that dog most film work on complex subjects such as this. That I might have passed your stern codes and that you hail from my home state makes this occasion that much more sublime.

"I am only sorry that I find myself unable to attend to accept this award. I am deep into the production of another

huge project — this one on baseball, trying like mad to see if I can get the Red Sox to win a World Series after 1918 — and I just can't get away from all those responsibilities. But my heart is with you and I am extremely grateful."

A few days after the department encampment, Linder called on Burns at his office in Walpole and presented him with his award.

In Memoriam

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Harry Gibbons, Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, died May 20, 1993, in Buffalo.

He was born Oct. 18, 1903, in Binghamton, N. Y. His maternal grandfather, Eli Stevens, served with the 89th N.Y. State Volunteers. His mother was born in Hannibal, Mo., in 1872, after his grandfather drove a team of horses west to take up land granted to him as a Civil War veteran. After his grandmother died, his grandfather returned to Castle Creek.

His father was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and worked on steamboats that ran between Buffalo, N. Y., and Duluth, Minn. He saw President William McKinley fatally wounded at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. His mother was a telegrapher for the Nickle Plate and Pennsylvania Railroad.

Harry received a bachelor's degree from Buffalo State Teachers' College and retired in 1968 after teaching for 30 years at Burgard Vocational High School.

He joined Camp No. 223, Buffalo, on Dec. 2, 1946. He was Department commander in 1969-70, and was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 100th National Encampment in 1981.

He is survived by his wife, PDP Elsa Gibbons, and several children and grandchildren.

Ohio

At the April 8 meeting of Governor Dennis Camp No. 1 in Columbus, Ohio, Camp Cmdr. Jim Hilton and Sr. Vice Cmdr. Greg Brown were each awarded a National Ribbon and National Certificate for bringing into the Order six new members each.

These awards were presented by Ohio Dept. Cmdr. David Medert who represented C.-in-C. Elmer Atkinson. Cmdr. Medert praised and commended Brothers Hilton and Brown for their dedication to increasing membership in their camp, their department, and the national Order.

—Ralph Shadel,
Camp Secretary-Treasurer
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Maryland & Delaware

Annual encampments of the Department of Maryland were held April 24 at the Officers Club at Fort Myer, Va. It was the Sons' 106th and the Auxiliary's 99th.

C.-in-C. Atkinson and P.C.-in-C. Schlenker installed the following officers: Commander Andrew M. Johnson, Arlington, Va.; Sr. Vice Commander Clyde H. Hayner, Seabrook, Md.; and Jr. Vice Commander William B. Neal, Wilmington, Del.

Highlighted were reports of steady growth and renewed interest in the camps, increased community service, support for the GAR Museum, and the planned Maryland monument at Gettysburg, and resolutions to be presented at the National Encampment.

National Auxiliary President Frances Murray installed new officers: President Ethel Carver, New Castle, Del.; Vice President Dorris Schlenker, Rockville, Md.; Secretary Dorothy Hilyard, Wilmington, Del.; and Treasurer Mary Alsip, Hagerstown, Md.

At the banquet honoring retiring Commander Lee Stone and President Florence Foight, well-attended by members from other departments and friends, the guest speaker was Grace Baxter, president of the Civil War Trust. She gave an exciting account of the trust's accomplishments in battlefield preservation during its first two years and of its goals. Hobert Halsey of Elton, Md., was obligated during the program.

—Richard C. Schlenker, P.C.-in-C.
Delayed from Summer Banner

Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary held their first luncheon meeting of the new administration at the Officers Club, Fort Myer, Va., March 27. A social hour started at noon, with lunch at 12:45. The invocation was given by P.D. Cmdr. Frank Foight, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Camp Cmdr. Col. Andrew Johnson.

Col. Johnson gave welcoming remarks and introduced the head table. Two new members were obligated into the order, Brother Kenneth Bass and Brother James Friedline. Officiating was Dept. Cmdr. Lee Stone, assisted by Col. Johnson, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Hayner, and Secretary Hershberger.

Guest of honor and speaker was Jack Wamsley, who has spoken to the camp at past meetings and who is an authority on various military campaigns in U. S. history. Following his previous talk, which covered the year 1861, Mr. Wamsley this time presented commen-

tary with slides covering the first half of 1862; that is, the Valley Campaigns and the Peninsula Campaign. As always, his talk was well received and the slide presentation added much interest to the talk. Future talks will cover the remaining years of the war.

Brothers in attendance were Dixon, L. V. Hammer, John Davis, Foight, Bass, A. M. Johnson, Crump, Mann, Stone, Strong, O'Brien, Odell, Hershberger, Hayner, Bateman, Emerson Smith, Park, Dolan, Matteson, and Friedline.

Sisters in attendance were Claire Davis, Foight, Morris, Hayner, and Bateman. Also in attendance were five guests.

Camp Cmdr. Johnson reminded the membership of the Department encampment, April 24, at Fort Myer. The benediction was given by Brother Foight.

—Peter A. Dixon, Treasurer
Delayed from Summer Banner

New York

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6 and its Auxiliary No. 1 of Rochester, N. Y., hosted a dinner reception for Dept. Cmdr. Danny Wheeler and Dept. President Edith Taulhrod and staff on May 8 at Streb Steak House, Rochester.

Indiana

KOKOMO, Ind. — Edward W. Phillips, a charter member of Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, Kokomo, Ind., died at the age of 90 on June 18, 1992. A grandson of Pvt. Alvin Phillips, Indiana volunteer infantry, he was one of the camp's earliest speakers, presenting an informative talk on his grandfather's Civil War letters.

For 42 years, Brother Phillips had been a history and government teacher in Indiana high schools. His B. S. degree was earned at Indiana University and his M. A. degree at Ball State University, with additional graduate work at Columbia University. He had been one of the camp's most faithful attenders and will be greatly missed. A donation was given to the GAR Memorial Fund in his memory.

—Allen W. Moore,
Commander-in-Chief



The 107th Indiana Department Encampment was held June 12, 1993, at the Holiday Inn-South in Indianapolis. Commdr. Edward Krieser presided, with 15 brothers in attendance

representing five camps. The Commander-in-Chief was represented by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore of Indiana, who installed the 1993-94 officers. The department voted to give a donation of \$25 to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

Richard L. Listenberger, commander of Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 of Indianapolis, conducted an initiation ceremony for Fred Beem Keuthan, a great grandson of Capt. David E. Beem, Co. H., 14th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Capt. Beem was the first volunteer from Owen County, Indiana.

Elected as Indiana Department commander was Gary Dolph, Ph. D., the commander of the Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1 at Kokomo.

A memorial service was held in memory of the late Argus E. Ogborn of Richmond, Ind., who served as Department Commander in 1951-52 and 1979-80.

—Allen W. Moore,
Commander-in-Chief

Each Memorial Day, David D. Porter Camp No. 116 of Valparaiso, Ind., sponsors a ceremony at the county court house square, as this was a traditional meeting place after the Civil War.

This year marked the centennial of the dedication of our GAR Memorial Building, and it was rededicated following our traditional ceremony. Since we have accurate newspaper accounts of the original event, we combined past with present in the rededication.

The building is under a restoration project at this time. Much of the funding for the work has been from private sources, collected by donations and programs put on by David D. Porter Camp and the Community Theater Guild who currently occupy the county-owned building.

—Edward J. Krieser, Secretary
David D. Porter Camp
Delayed from Summer Banner

Site of Libbey Prison to be marked Sept. 18

RICHMOND, Va. — Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans will sponsor a rededication ceremony on Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. for the site of Libbey Prison in Richmond.

Although this famous Civil War prison — which held hundreds of Union officers and was the scene of a daring escape by 108 men in February 1864 —

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Photo courtesy of Carl Linder

Ken Burns, producer of the television series *The Civil War* holds the award presented him by Carl Linder, a counselor of New Hampshire Department, SUVCW, on behalf the department. The new award is intended "to recognize individuals who greatly advance the study or understanding of the Civil War."

Libbey Prison

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no longer stands, the site will be marked.

The original building was torn down in 1889 and was moved to Chicago for the World's Fair of 1892-93. The original site, at 20th and East Cary Streets, is now part of the James River Flood Wall Project.

This joint observance is sponsored under the overall guidance of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Chief Floodwall Coordinator for the City of Richmond.

Descendants of both Confederate guards and Union prisons are being sought. For more information, call or write:

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Editor's Note: Howard E. Bartholf, who provided this information, is also a reenactor; he is 1st Sgt., 1st New York Volunteer Engineers.)

—Delayed from Summer Banner

CW widow lives in Hayden, Colo.

In the small village of Hayden, Colo., in the northwest corner of the state, lives the last widow, west of the Mississippi, of a Union soldier.

Daisey Anderson has been a widow since 1930 when her husband Robert Anderson died in Hemingford, Neb. She married Mr. Anderson in 1922. He fought with the 125th Colored Troops during the last six months of the war.

On pension rolls he is listed as Robert Ball because he used his master's name and later changed his name to that of his father. Daisey Anderson will be 93 on Dec. 14, 1993. She was born in Tennessee.

In 1927 she wrote a small book, *From Slavery to Affluence: The Memoirs of Robert Anderson, Ex-Slave*. It tells of his life as a slave, how he ran away, how he made his fortunes after the war, and how he lost them. The book contains a few interesting pictures of the Great Plains in the 1880s.

Anderson served as color bearer of the GAR Post in Hemingford, Neb. Daisey has a few copies of her book if anyone wishes to obtain it. Her address is PO Box 575, Hayden, Colo. 81639.

—Jerome Orton
National Historian, SUVCW

'And it still goes on': Letters to the Editor from Sons and the Editor's rebuttal

Editor's Note: In the Spring 1993 edition of The Banner appeared a piece by this editor called "And it still goes on." Several readers took exception to that piece. Two complete letters taking exception to the piece, and an excerpt from another are here, followed by a short rebuttal.

To the Editor:

I was quite puzzled by your "And It Still Goes On" section of The Banner this issue past. Are you implying that Georgia or the South were instigators of the Trails of Tears incident? The facts are that that was a blatant crime perpetrated by the U. S. federal government.

I am also confused by your apparent disrespect for Judge Bell. He is one of the finest Americans that has ever lived. And the flag he honored is one that Indians, Jews, Blacks, and whites fought and died under together.

As a Son of the Confederacy, I have learned much of our national "heroes." Lincoln, who in 1858, totally excluded blacks from the human race during his debates with Douglas, is remembered as a "humanitarian."? The sons of the Union honor U. S. Grant? This is a man who owned slaves "overtly," even after 1865, was an alcoholic, and obviously backed the popular American pass time of slaughtering Indians.

I am very proud to belong to an organization that honors President Davis, a man who wanted slavery to end; and Generals Lee and Jackson, two of the ninety percent of southerners who never owned slaves. I am not sure I want to belong to an organization that honors barbarians like Custer, and two-faced politicians like Lincoln. This seems to be an organization which is perpetuating the lies that offend me to my core. If it is, I trust you will tell me so, so I can relieve myself from its ranks.

By the way, as a descendant of the Cherokee tribe, I think the Georgia state flag is just fine. But as the banner that was flying over the government that ordered the removal of the Cherokee from the state of Georgia...

Respectfully,
Darren W. Voyles, member at large.

To the Editor:

I joined the SUVCW as a member at large in 1992. My mother's mother's maternal grandfather was Robert Joseph Taylor of Alpena and Iosco County. He enlisted as a seaman in 1964.

On my paternal side my earliest an-

cestor was a William Cox who apparently settled in Virginia in the early 17th century. Nine generations lived in that state. During the War Between the States, my 4th great grandmother, Anna Wade Cox, lived and died in Floyd County. My other 4th great grandparents were Reynolds and lived across the county line in Patrick County, where J. E. B. Stuart came from. They lived to a ripe old age and died sometime in the 1870s. Many of the nephews and grandsons served in the Confederate Army.

So, I have a little bit of "Yankee" and a long Southern heritage. This might tend to give me a little different interpretation of our American heritage. When I read your story entitled "And It Still Goes On," I thought about how people always say "those Southerners are still fighting the war!" Nowadays it seems it's the "Yankees" and their sympathizers who are out to stir things up again!

As far as I'm concerned, anybody can display any kind of flag they want to. Why should they be ridiculed for their heritage and have their morals and patriotism questioned for it? Do you really know much about Judge Bell and his motives in lobbying for the Confederate Battle Flag on the Georgia state flag? You appeared to be calling him a liar when he put down the KKK for defaming the flag. The current flag of Georgia was adopted legally by their state legislature. If the people down there ever decide to change it, it will be changed. The furor in a teapot over it that popped up this past year never built up much steam, did it?

On my great grandmother Cox's side we are said to descend from a Cherokee woman who was my 3rd great grandmother. I personally get a kick out of how the Cherokee and allied tribes asserted their independence and sided with the Confederate States of America during the war. After all, it would have been a poetic injustice for them to have defended the government that you say was carrying out genocide against them. Yes, I do believe ole General Custer got his due!

I take great interest in all of these matters of our heritage.

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'And it still goes on': Sons' Letters to the Editor with Editor's rebuttal

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To the Editor:

[Excerpt] In an unrelated matter, I don't see how SUVCW gains anything by being insensitive to the Confederate flag issue. Living where I do, maybe I'm more in tune with the Southern point of view than many SUVCW members who live in the North.

Nevertheless, I would be surprised if many of our members don't also have ancestors who fought bravely under the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy — one of my ancestors did. The Southern people are proud of their heritage. Southerners are simply trying to preserve a part of that heritage — a symbol beneath which their ancestors died by the thousands in defense of their homeland. They feel that removing the Confederate flag from the Georgia state flag is an affront to their pride — just one step away from banning it altogether. In fact, I read somewhere that playing the song "Dixie" is prohibited in some schools now. To me this is nothing but reverse discrimination. The fact is, it is fashionable today to attack any symbol or institution belonging to whites — not just white Southerners. By the way, I'm a Hoosier.

Sincerely,
Morris L. Raines
Hawkinsville, Ga.

IN RESPONSE: My concern in the piece was, and I thought clearly, ironical.

1. The current governor of Georgia wants to change the state flag for essential commercial and public relations reason, because of the Super Bowl and the Olympic Games; that is, to make money and offend as few as possible. That's a good definition of common sense, beloved of all Americans: *Common sense is making money without irritating the neighbors or the customers.*

2. Some Georgians say the flag, with its Confederate elements, is part of the state's heritage. Others say that to the degree the flag contains Confederate elements, it is racist. Both groups are correct. To greater or lesser degree, *heritage* can be ambiguous.

3. For any judge to blame the KKK for problems involved in the use of the Confederate flag is ludicrous. On the basis of his quoted words, the judge was standing up talking when he should have been sitting down reading history.

Heritage can never be only a convenience; and truth is sometimes inconvenient. If Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese general tried for the Bataan Death March, had defended himself by saying he was just using

good American precedent, he might have been telling the truth; besides, women and children were not involved in Bataan. Would that defense have justified the Bataan Death March? No. Does anything justify the Cherokee Trail of Tears, then or now? No. Are both the Trail of Tears and the Bataan Death March parts of our heritage? Absolutely.

Mr. Cox says "anybody can display any kind of flag they want to." That sounds better as an abstract principle than as a historical practice. Just how many Nazi swastikas do you want to see flying around the U. S.? How about a few Rising Suns? We have recent German and Japanese immigrants (not to mention factories), and those flags are, presumably, parts of their respective heritages. Would that justify those flags? No.

The plain and simple fact is that the Civil War was about slavery. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest once asked why they [Southerners] were fighting, if the Civil War wasn't about slavery.

About Custer: Custer prior to Appomattox is interesting, if somewhat overrated; Custer after Appomattox simply went bad in his own way. A good many went sour, or worse, in their different ways after the Civil War — in all walks of life. The Civil War heroes who stayed heroes are not a great number. Whatever else, Custer was no James Harrison Wilson, no Wesley Merritt. After the Civil War, Custer met "the greatest light horse cavalry the world has ever known," and we know the results.

The insensitivity charge cuts both ways, as Mr. Raines must surely know. While he alludes to "political correctness," that seems to me irrelevant. All these years the Confederate flag has waved in the Georgia state flag in a curious insensitivity to blacks. The Civil War is regarded by some European historians as one of the most admirable events in U. S. history, precisely because of the slavery question. Again, there's a moral double standard involved in sanitizing *heritage* and *history* to suit contemporary convenience.

At any rate, Brother Raines should ask just who it was raised the statue to Henry [Heinrich] H. Wirz in Andersonville, even as he seeks Mary Chesnut's comments on that infamous place. Should Sherman have ordered civil officials to view that place after liberation? George Patton did something very like that in Germany, with general approval. No one says take down the statue; but no one says *forget* either.

No one says Revise Roger Taney from

history; but we should not forget his Dred Scott decision: it's part of our collective heritage. Even Lester Maddox has his place in gubernatorial history. I should not have to remind SUVCW that many distinguished names from the rosters of the GAR were utterly opposed to rapprochement with their former foes; and it is also true that former Confederate soldiers marched in Gen. Sherman's funeral procession, although the Sioux did not.

Meanwhile, let Georgians debate the flag vs. Olympic Games and the Super Bowl. In Alabama, a governor who was litigating to keep a Confederate flag flying over the Capitol got convicted — on an ethics charge — in April and new Governor Jim Folsom announced he would not restore a Confederate battle flag to the staff above the Alabama Capitol but will fly it across the street at the First White House of the Confederacy.

Like it or lump it, *It still goes on.*



On July 22 the Confederate flag issue was acted on in the U. S. Senate.

The Senate reversed, by a vote of 75-25, granting the United Daughters of the Confederacy a renewed patent on its insignia featuring the Confederate flag.

This renewal patent and renewals for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were, for all practical purposes, courtesy votes. Initially, the UDC patent was approved 52-48 when it was offered as an amendment to President Clinton's national service legislation by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., who is black, raised strong objections.

The Associated Press carried at least two dispatches. It quoted Helms as saying, "There's not an evil member of the UDC. ... There's not a member of the UDC that wants to pick a fight with anybody." But Mosely-Braun said the issue was "whether or not Americans such as myself ... will have to suffer the indignity of being reminded time and time again that at one point in this country's history we were human chattel, we were property, we could be traded, bought and sold."



Past Commanders in Chief who attended the National Encampment in Portland, Me., were, from left to right: Lowell Hammer, the Rev. Richard Partington, Richard Schlenker, Clark Mellor, Richard Greenwalt, Joseph Rippey, Eugene Russell, and Charles Corfman.

Portland GAR monument rededicated

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tory of the memorial his audience also remember its intangible costs, to bear in memory of the cost of peace.

The simple, elegant ceremony drew many Sons who are also re-enactors in their uniforms. Among the officials participating, in addition to Mayor Pringle, Dow, and Atkinson were: Maine Department Commander Otis Evans, Auxiliary President Frances Murray, LCAR President Delores Hubbard,

Maine Grand Master (Masons) George Pulkinen, and uniformed representatives of the Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps.

Eleanor Lowe of LGAR and Encampment organizer made transportation and other arrangements for those attending the ceremony. If rain fell during most of the day when the cornerstone was set in 1889, the weather was nearly perfect for the re-dedication.

Editor's Note: This is a 16-page issue of *The Banner*, in part because of the space needed for the directory of officers, in part because the material is on hand.

The next edition, which will follow within a few weeks, will be, in part, a catch-up edition, since additional photos from National Encampment will appear, as will some stories sent by members.

Keep information flowing. RCG

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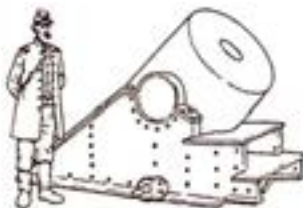
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