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# GENERAL ORDERS

Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson, National Headquarters, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7

1. I am pleased to announce the reactivation of William McKinley Camp No. 21 of the Department of Ohio to be located at Lancaster, Ohio. The Order thanks Donald Grant for his leadership in this matter.

2. The charter of the Isaac Murphy Camp No. 1 of Arkansas is withdrawn because of membership decline.

3. Department secretaries will advise the National Chaplain (Rev. Dr. Jerry Carroon, 23 Thompson Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107, (860) 521-8974, <jcarroon@ctdiocese.org>, of the deaths of brothers since August 1998. Your prompt attention to this duty will assure that they are remembered at the National Encampment Joint Memorial Service.

By order of: *Andrew M. Johnson*  
Commander in Chief

Attested: *David Hann*  
National Secretary

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8

1. All brothers are advised that a change will be proposed to Article VI, Section 4 to our Constitution. The change proposes to remove the reference to "provisional" camps since provisional camps are no longer created per action of the 1998 National Encampment.

2. Department commanders are reminded that department delegates can only be seated at the national encampment when:

- Department per capita dues are fully paid for the year.
- Form 49, Installation of Department Officers, has been completed and submitted to the National Secretary.

Commanders will please contact department secretaries and treasurers to assure that both of these actions are completed in the month of July 1999.

By order of: *Andrew M. Johnson*  
Commander in Chief

Attested: *David Hann*  
National Secretary

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 9

1. NOTICE OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT - All brothers are notified that the 118th annual encampment of the SUVCW will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., from 20-21 August 1999. The encampment will be held at the Adams Mark hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241 with a joint memorial service on 19 August 1999. Please consult THE BANNER for details.

2. COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GAR - All brothers encouraged to participate in the SUVCW events commemorating the final encampment of the GAR in 1949. The events include wreath laying by national heads of the Allied Orders at Monument Circle in Indianapolis, a tour of the Veterans War Memorial and a commemorative banquet at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. A 50th anniversary badge will be given to each participant. Make your reservations for the banquet using the form in THE BANNER. If you plan to use the free bus service to and from the commemorative events on 19 August 1999, make your plan known to Ed Krieser at 1999 Encampment Committee, Box 65, Valparaiso, IN 46385. This will assure that an adequate number of buses can be scheduled.

3. I urge all brothers of the Order and sisters of the Allied Orders to attend these special events to honor the last meeting of "the boys in blue."

By order of: *Andrew M. Johnson*  
Commander in Chief

Attested: *David Hann*  
National Secretary

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10

1. The Commander-in-Chief makes the following awards and congratulates the recipient Brothers:

a. Abraham Lincoln Award (Most Outstanding Camp) - George W. Anderson Camp 58, Department of Michigan.

b. Cornelius Whitehouse Award (Most Outstanding Brother) - The New Jersey Department. While the intention of this award is to recognize an individual brother for outstanding service, no system exists to adequately make this judgment among more than 6,400 brothers. I have chosen the New Jersey Department to receive the award in recognition for their united, even single-minded excellence in their Civil War Memorials Assessment Program.

c. The Marshall Hope Award (Best Newsletter) - The Camp Blair Courier of Austin Blair Camp 7, Department of Michigan.

2. Remaining national awards will be announced by the National Secretary on the basis of recruitment and membership statistics furnished by the departments.

By order of: *Andrew M. Johnson*  
Commander in Chief

Attested: *David Hann*  
National Secretary

# GENERAL ORDERS

Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler, National Headquarters, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SERIES 1999-2000

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief  
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1. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief by the assembled delegates at the 118th National Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 21, 1999, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address and all correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.

2. All business correspondence should be sent to David Hann, National Secretary, PO Box 386, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

3. All supply requisitions with payment should be sent to: Elmer F. Atkinson, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116.

4. All bills and requests for payment should be sent to the Hon. James B. Pahl, National Treasurer, 445 W Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519.

5. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to William Mason, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 3235 Emmons Avenue Apt 109, Brooklyn, NY 11235-1140.

6. The confidence that my Brothers have shown in me is greatly appreciated. I express my thanks to those who supported me and especially to the Brothers of the New York Department. A special thanks also to the Department of Indiana for hosting the Encampment in the spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic's (GAR) last encampment 50 years ago. A special thank you to Brother Edward Krieser for his hard work and dedication to this event. Also, to the rest of the committee, a big thank you.

7. Our Order was founded on the principles of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. We, the blood relatives of the noble soldiers who wore the blue, we owe our ancestors to look to fraternity, show charity for the differences of others, and loyalty to our nation and to the SUVCW. Let us all, National, Camps, and Departments, always work in the direction of the good of the Order.

8. We need to continue all our efforts in the direction we worked hard in during PCinC Andrew Johnson's term of office. Graves registration marking, Civil War memorial registration and restoration, locating GAR and SUVCW records, and commemorative events and celebrating the deeds of the "boy's in blue" needs to be continued. We must continue to lead in a consolidated national search for memorials, monuments, graves, and GAR and SUVCW records. Let us move into the 21st Century knowing that at the end of the 20th Century we gave this a complete 100 percent effort.

9. We now have our online application form back on the Internet. As passed at the National Encampment, we have set for the first year of membership at \$10 application fee and \$25 dues. The National Order will enroll them into the Order and then send check and application on to Department Junior Vice Commander. The Department Junior Vice Commander will place the individual into the Department Membership-at-Large Camp or on to the nearest camp. This will make it easier for potential members who apply for membership via the Internet to join faster and more conveniently.

10. Only camps can retain members. Too many recruits are lost each year. Let's try to offer interesting and perhaps challenging programs. The camp that meets once a year cannot retain members.

11. My Commander-in-Chief's calendar is designed to best serve the Order. Please extend your invitations as early as possible to assist me in making my itinerary. I will attend as many Department Encampments and events as time and overlapping dates will permit.

12. The Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies at Gettysburg are designed as a means of remembering the GAR and paying homage to it members. Brothers are encouraged to attend this event on November 20, 1999.

13. All members of the Council of Administration are advised there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:00 A.M., Sunday, November 21, 1999.

14. I have a new award I would like to present to all departments with in the Order. A framed certificate will be presented to all those departments that install three camps into the Order in 1999-2000. Please help me reach my goal by presenting this certificate to all departments.

15. The Banner is your newsletter. We are striving to put it back on time and give you four issues; which is what all fellow Brothers deserve. Please also note that individual problems concerning the newsletter should be addressed to the publisher, Edward Krieser, 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383-9069 or email [capted@crow.net](mailto:capted@crow.net)

16. Information about the ill and bereaved should be brought to the attention of the National Secretary or myself. Please feel free to contact our National Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Robert G. Carroon, 23 Thompson Road, West Hartford, CT 06107. We need to give proper attention to the needs of these members or their family.

17. I have established three new special committees:

a. National Committee on eBay Surveillance. This committee will be in charge of policing all Internet sites for illegal sale of grave markers:

b. National Committee on Special Banner Issue. This committee will be used for recruiting, listing of officer, etc. (this would be an eight or 12 page insert in a Banner; hopefully this year); and

c. Committee for Reviewing Applications for an Executive Director. If any Brother is interested in applying for the position of Executive Director, please send your resume to Chairman Richard Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251.

18. As we all know, the Civil War soldier and GAR loved their music. It is and should be ours to protect and not lose throughout our history. I have appointed a National Aide Musician, Ivan Frantz Jr., 1126 Hanover Road, York, PA 17404-6218. Watch for his article in a future Banner.

19. Recruitment has always been #1 priority, and without a doubt it is the lifeblood of our Order. Not only do we grow in numbers but our financial base is increased as well. As in the past, each Brother who secures three new members will receive a ribbon for his badge. Those who recruit five new members will receive a certificate of merit.

20. On behalf of the Order, I would like to extend congratulations

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## Order Elects Danny L. Wheeler Commander-in-Chief for 1999-2000

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Danny L. Wheeler of Ithaca, New York, as Commander-in-Chief at its 118th National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21. This encampment marked the 50th anniversary of the last encampment held by the Grand Army of the Republic. Brother Wheeler is the 113th Commander-in-Chief since the beginning of the SUVCW in 1881. He is the 14th from the Department of New York.



Commander-in-Chief Wheeler was born February 10, 1944, in Ithaca. The oldest child of Harry and Margaret Wheeler, he has a younger sister residing in Illinois. A lot of his early childhood was spent with his grandmother, who was President of the local chapter of the Woman's Relief Corp. It was many years after her passing when he discovered the SUVCW. His mother was also a member of W.R.C.

Brother Wheeler is a 1963 graduate of Ithaca High School, has completed studies in Sales at Dale Carnegie, and has attended many sales seminars throughout his career. He is currently a sales consultant for the Ithaca Pennysaver, a position he has held for the past 15 years.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler is a life member of the SUVCW. His great great grandfather, Jerome B. Kelley, served as a private in the 45th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Pvt. Kelley was discharged in 1864 due to wounds received at Petersburg, Virginia.

Brother Wheeler joined the SUVCW January 12, 1984. He organized Sydney Camp 41, Dept. of N.Y., in Ithaca in 1988. He has held many camp offices including Camp Commander of Camp 3 three times and Camp Treasurer seven times. On the department level, he has served as Dept. of N.Y. Commander three times, 1991-1994, and Department Counselor four times. Nationally, he has served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Historian, and National Patriotic Instructor. Brother Wheeler also served five years on the National Committee on Americanization and Education, two years as its chair.

CinC Wheeler has been a member of Company E, 148th New York, Sons of Veterans Reserve for 16 years. This 37-year-old unit is the oldest SVR unit in the state.

Brother Wheeler has always felt his greatest contribution was sharing his knowledge of the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic with local schools and through lecturing and writing on the subject. In addition, he has

organized and restored nine monuments in the Ithaca area, and designed and erected a new monument in the city's Dewitt Park. The latter monument was requested by our forefathers in 1888 but had not been completed. The mayor of Ithaca has placed him in charge of all military monuments for the city. In 1992, his interest and knowledge of monument restoration resulted in the publication of a book by the Dept. of N.Y. on G.A.R. monuments for the 125th anniversary of the G.A.R. in N.Y. Just before this past Memorial Day, he completed work on a World War I monument.

Brother Wheeler married Miss Betty Vann in Ithaca. They have three children and six grandchildren. Sister Betty has been very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and in the Auxiliary to the SUVCW in Ithaca, having served twice as President of VFW Post 961 Auxiliary, as Past President of the Ithaca Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and current Vice President of Dept. of N.Y. Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler is very proud of his family – who has backed him from the start. He rightfully brags of four generations within one camp – his father, son, grandson, and himself. His oldest granddaughter is a member, along with her grandmother, in the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

## Burial Honors for Civil War Vet

reported by Kent Armstrong, Commander, Dept. of Michigan

The Department of Michigan, SUVCW, and DUVCW were proud to render their respect to Daniel C. Calkins and his descendents May 29. The Sons and Daughters had the very rare privilege of conducting burial rites for a Civil War soldier – a New York man who was born in 1841 and passed away in 1900.

Mr. Calkins enlisted in Co. F of the 181st N.Y. Volunteer Infantry September 20, 1861. His enlistment form described him as being 21 years old, 5'-8" tall, with a light complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. He was a carpenter by trade. On July 25, 1862, he transferred to Co. D of the 50th N.Y. Engineers. He served with this unit until his term of service expired in 1864.

In 1881, Calkins left Elmira, N.Y., to homestead land that was granted to him in Oscoda County, Michigan. Upon his death in 1900, he was laid to rest in the "First Elmer Township Cemetery" in Oscoda County. Sometime in the 1920s, this cemetery was abandoned and all bodies interred there were exhumed for reburial in the township's new cemetery approximately 3.5 miles northwest of Mio, Michigan. Somehow, all the graves were relocated except that of Calkins. For seventy-some years, his government issued veteran headstone stood alone – all but over-



The flag draped casket of Pvt. Daniel C. Calkins, administered by Funeral Director Duncan Orr (left) and an unidentified local Amish farmer.

grown by vegetation – on land that had become part of a state forest reserve.

Pvt. Calkins' grave may have remained abandoned if it were not for a few members of the Luzerne, Mich., American

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## LAST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE



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ANNIVERSARY  
COMMEMORATIVE

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

### Last Encampment Commemorative

August 28-31, the 50th Anniversary of the last National Encampment of the G.A.R. has come and gone. Not so the memories of that event of a half century ago.

As our own National Encampment approached, a full commemorative issue of the Banner was on the design table, including the "vintage" cover on the preceding page. Circumstances made it impossible and impractical to see that issue reach print. The chronic deadline difficulties of the past caused the CoA, National officers, Publisher, and I to conclude that the best way to get the Banner back on schedule was to jump directly into this new year.

Even so, we could not help but include this commemorative section—that history could not say we had forgotten our great Grand Army fathers on the golden anniversary of their twilight years.

These pages are, in part, a compilation of news items from around the country at the time of the 1949 Encampment. To keep the sentiments of the event intact, contemporary editing has been kept to a minimum.

This commemorative also gives the Banner the opportunity to display its past. The "cover" of this section models the banner that graced this publication during the Holbrook years from its early days thru 1951. It has been faithfully recreated and colonized.

With this cover in mind, we'd like to hear the consensus of the Brothers. Should we maintain the banner as seen on the front cover page; adopt Brother Peters' design from page 2 of the June issue; or, adopt the Holbrook banner as seen on the previous page beginning this commemorative section?

Mail or e-mail me your preference, and I will tally up the 'votes.' The results will appear in the next issue, pending the approval of the Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and of the Publisher.

Editor Ken Richmond

## Warriors of '60s End Last Parley



**THEODORE A. PENLAND**

Last commander-in-chief of Boys in Blue

[1949] INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 1 (AP)—Six soldiers of '65 closed the historic books of the Grand Army of the Republic Wednesday, too old and tired to fight for more encampments.

After their last parade and "campfire" reminiscences Wednesday night, they go home with their dimmed memories of Antietam and Chickamauga.

In a closed business session they resigned themselves to abide by a decision made last year—that this is the last time the Grand Army meets. Theodore A. Penland, a brisk 100-year-old from Portland, Or., remains commander-in-chief for life.

"There isn't a man here who could come another year—except me," said 108-year-old James A. Hard of Rochester, N. Y. He tried to see the old comrades around him, but the world isn't much except light and dark to him.

Vet Aims at 200

"I expect to live to be 200," he announced. He's the oldest of the 16 surviving members of the GAR.

Waggish Charles L. Chappel, 102-year-old senior vice commander from Long Beach, Cal., couldn't manage more than a fleeting realization of his dream. He's been wanting more encampments and the chance to be commander.

Before the business session opened, he wistfully asked Penland: "Just let me have that gavel for a minute, will you?"

The commander chuckled and let him take it in his hands lovingly.

"This is the last," Chappel sighed as he rode by wheelchair to his hotel room. "But it don't finish me—I've got the only GAR post in America out in Los Angeles."

## GAR Decides Encampment Will Be Last

### Handful of Vets Seen Unable to Carry On

[1949] Indianapolis, Aug. 31 (UP) — Six wrinkled old men, too feeble to carry on, decided today that the 83d encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is the last.

They were the strongest of 16 surviving Union Civil war veterans. But they were weary and old; some were deaf and some nearly blind; and they knew that before them was only death.

All 100 years old or more, they straggled by wheelchair into the final business session of the GAR, once a lusty band of 409,000 men.

#### Started in 1866

Saying little, hardly aware of what was going on, the other five made no protest when Commander Theodore Penland, 100, Portland, Ore., rapped his gavel ending the meetings that began here in Indianapolis in 1866.

"There will be no more encampments," Secretary Cora Gillis announced crisply. "They closed the last business session ever to be held by the GAR. Everybody is satisfied."

Then the aged veterans returned to their hotel rooms to rest for tonight's symbolic "campfire," when they will have their only chance of the four-day meeting to reminisce publicly.

Charles L. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Cal., had promised a fight to reverse a decision made at last year's meeting that the 1949 encampment should be the last.

#### Had Cherished Hope

As vice-commander, Chappel had cherished the hope of being commander, even if "only for 15 minutes," and he wanted the meetings to continue so he could be elected.

But, apparently too weary to fight, Chappel admitted his cause was lost before the meeting started.

"Let me hold the gavel a minute, Penland," he asked as he wheeled into the business session.

The white-haired old veteran turned the gavel in his gnarled hands, caressed it thoughtfully a moment and then shoved it back to Penland. He said no more about this ambition to be commander until later, when he admitted it wasn't bad to be vice-commander.

This was the last chance the veterans had to change their minds about no more encampments, but they passed it up. James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y., the oldest survivor at 108, summed up humorously for his comrades:

"There's not a man here who can go to another encampment but me, and I'm going to live to be 200," he cackled.

### Comrade Joseph Clovese

Joseph Clovese, Afro-American, is the last surviving Civil War veteran in Michigan. He is 107 years old, having been born on January 30, 1844 a slave on a plantation in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. His mother may have been a slave also. She was cared for by her son for many years after the war. He ran away from the plantation to "free his family." There is no information of him ever having married.

After the war he remained in the south working on steamboats on the Mississippi River. He was a wire stringer on the first telegraph line between New Orleans and Biloxi. He moved to Michigan in September 1948 and resides at 18 Deland Ct., Pontiac, Michigan. He makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel who are his old friends from LA.



Joseph Clovese, shown in 1951, at age 107, shaking hands with Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart (U.S. Army retired).

AP Wirephoto

Joseph Clovese joined the Northern forces as a drummer boy while besieging Vicksburg. Later, he was mustered in the colored regiment in Co. G.

He was a member of Post #4 in New Orleans, his former home. When he moved to Michigan, all the GAR posts in that state had disbanded so he became a MAL in the national organization of the GAR. He received his certificate of membership on his 104th birthday, January 30, 1948. He attended the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in August 1949. During the Summer of 1950 he spent 3 months visiting California.

Though born a slave, Comrade Clovese received a good education as a favorite houseboy of his master. Through the years following the Civil War, he grasped every opportunity to advance. Joseph Clovese is a devote Christian gentleman.

[Editor — Comrade Clovese died July 15, 1951.]

From "Last Civil War Veteran in Each State" by ex-Lt. C. Stewart Peterson, Mass. © 1951, Baltimore, Md.

### Robert Barrett

Kentucky's last Civil War veteran and her last member of the Grand Army of the Republic died on January 12, 1951. He was 104 years old. He was commander of the KY Dept. GAR. On his 100th birthday he called a one-man session, re-elected himself Dept. Commander and was sworn into office by R.V. Love, Kentucky Secretary of the GAR. Robert Turner Barrett was the son of Giles and Percilla Rogers Barrett. He was born November 5, 1846.

Mr. Barrett married twice. He was survived by 3 daughters: Mrs. Are Whitaker; Mrs. WF Bateman; and Mrs. May Williams; and three sons: William, Leonard and Tom Barrett. He was the father of 16 children and had 21 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren and 3 gggrandchildren.

He farmed for many years.

Mr. Barrett resided at Princeton. He was a native of Lyon County and lived his entire life in western Kentucky. This was a strongly Confederate section. He made his home with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barrett at Dulaney.

Robert Turner Barrett died on January 12, 1951. He was buried January 16 at Liberty Cemetery in Lyon County.

Robert Barrett served 13 months in the 17th Ky. Cav. and fought guerrillas from Louisville to New Orleans.

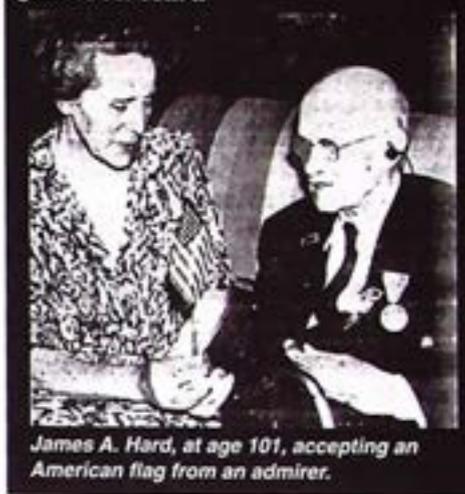
Mr. Barrett never believed in slavery. He joined the Union Army because his father, Giles Barrett, who came to Kentucky from Georgia had served in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War.

The Caldwell County Times of Princeton, KY, upon the passing of Comrade Robert T. Barrett in a splendid editorial, paid this fine memorial tribute to him, in part: "He lived equally a part of the dramatic scenes of 1864 and 1865 (the years in which he was a soldier), and through the first half of the present century.

"Widely varying eras of our local and national history have come and gone within his lifespan. Few of us now living will be spared such a full measure of richly endowed years. And yet we seem to realize that his passing breaks a link which connected our age with that of a distant and cherished past."

Source: Last Civil War Veteran in Each State, © 1951 by C. Stewart Peterson, M.A., Baltimore, Md.

James A. Hard



## Encampment Remembrances

Ivan E. Frantz Sr., PDC  
Ass't. Dept. Sec./Camp Treas.

Four of us members of Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp 33, York, Pennsylvania, traveled to Indianapolis in a 1949 Chevy convertible. From York, we traveled the Pennsylvania Turnpike to New Stanton, using old US 40 on west to Indianapolis. We stayed in an old downtown hotel near the headquarters hotel. The other Camp 33 members were Hiram F. Nickel, H. Albert Nickel (his son), and Joseph M. Owens.

In those days the evening parade was held prior to the opening of the Encampment. Having an old Argus C-3 camera, I positioned myself on the southwest corner of Monument Circle, where the parade was to pass. A TV station camera was to my left.

By the time the parade arrived at the Circle, the sun was setting. I took pictures of the U.S. Marine Band which headed-up the parade, and photos of each convertible carrying a G.A.R. veteran. Due to the sun setting the pictures were on the dark side.

Over the years, I gave a few of the slides away. My oldest son, Ivan Jr., now has the slides. We had the slides at Indianapolis in 1991 for the Encampment, and showed them to a few of the SUV members.

I also attended the Encampment Campfire in the ballroom.

At that time, I had a brother going to college in Fort Wayne. I hopped on a Greyhound bus and went there for a few days, and was unable to attend the Encampment business sessions. Arrived back in Indianapolis at the end of the Encampment. I came back to York with the other Camp members.

In those days, by act of Congress, the President's own band, the Marine Corps Band, was assigned to be the official escort of the Grand Army. This took place for many years prior to 1949.

I knew several ladies of the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. that would renew old friend-

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### Thayne Chamberlain LaBanta

At 95, *Real Son* Thayne LaBanta is a man of few words. LaBanta was there in 1949 and was honored to have had opportunity to witness the last official function of the National G.A.R.

Michigan DC Kent Armstrong visited with Brother Thayne recently, and sent this impressive biography:

Thayne C. LaBanta is a member of the Dept. of Mich. and a "True Son" of a Union veteran of the Civil War. His father was 60 when Thayne, the youngest of four offspring, was born on October 11, 1904.

Thayne drove his father to veterans' reunions and learned about the Civil War from the eye-witness accounts by "old soldiers" who befriended him. In June, 1928, Thayne became a member of Austin Blair Camp 7 in Jackson, Michigan, and continues to actively participate in camp projects. He held the position of Camp Commander on three occasions and served as Department Commander in 1946-1947. A printer by trade, Thayne has dedicated his talents to his camp and department on countless occasions through the years.

Brother LaBanta was honored at the 1998 SUVCW National Encampment when then CnC Orr presented a special 70-year pin to him at the banquet.

Later that month, at Michigan's largest Civil War muster, Thayne was presented with a special tribute from the office of Michigan's governor and a certificate of recognition from the SUVCW Dept. of Mich. The occasion saluted him for his 70th years as a member of the SUVCW, his faithful service to our organization and the fact that he is one of so few surviving "True Sons."

### Derick Dean Banta

Derick Dean Banta was born August 5, 1844, of Quaker parents and served in the Union Army from August 7, 1862 to March 6, 1865. Dean, as he liked to be called, enlisted at age of 18 at Kankakee, Illinois, serving as a Private in Co. F, 76th Illinois Vols. The regiment disbanded at Chicago on August 4, 1865.

After the war, Dean became a chemist, opening a shop in Chicago. Unfortunately, he lost nearly everything in the Great Fire of 1871. In 1877, Derick Dean Banta changed his name to Dean LaBanta. He later moved to New York, helping form the First Regiment of New York, an "Independent, Self-sustained Militia of Temperance Men" over 1200 in number. Dean married Ida Florence Chamberlain in 1896. They moved to Jackson, Michigan, where Dean joined Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, G.A.R. Dean LaBanta passed away February 20, 1926.



Left: "Dean" Banta, then 18, just after he enlisted. Right: Dean LaBanta before his death at age 81.



Badge from the 83rd National Encampment

## 6 GAR Members Hold Last Encampment

INDIANAPOLIS [Sept. 1, 1949] —(AP) — Six old civil war veterans agreed sadly yesterday that this is the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The matter wasn't even brought up," said Miss Cora E. Gillis of Jamestown, N.Y., GAR secretary, at a news conference after the closed session.

Charles L. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Calif., apparently allowed his campaign for more encampments to drop after one wistful gesture.

Before the session started, Chappel implored Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland, 100, Vancouver, Wash.

"Just let me have that gavel for a minute, will you?"

Chappel is senior vice-commander.

Penland chuckled and allowed the Californian to wave the gavel a few times.

Miss Gillis reported Penland and Chappel will keep their offices for life through a resolution adopted this morning.

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## Remembrances

ships with some of the band members.

By act of Congress, the United Confederate Veterans always had Gen. Pershing's own, the U.S. Army Band, as their official escort.

In its heyday, The Grand Army made some of today's veterans groups look small.

Albert Woolson, last man of the G.A.R. was at Indianapolis in 1949. I can say that I saw all six of those men who were there.

I joined Ruhl Camp 33 in September 1941 at 15½ years of age, and was a member of the Camp's SVR Company. I'm now 72 years old. My two sons, Ivan Jr. and Karl, grandson John and myself have 104 years of continuous membership in the Ruhl Camp.

### Albert T. Morris, Eaton, Ind.

I am a veteran of War II and have been an American Legion member for 53 years. In 1949, I was a delegate to the National Convention of the Legion, which was held at the same time as the Last Encampment of the G.A.R. I missed the Legion convention so I could see the last Camp Fire. I saw the parade and then went to the Indiana Ballroom for the last Camp Fire. There were five old veterans — four white and one black. The black veteran had his son or grandson as his escort, and, as I remember, his escort was a Captain in the Army in full dress blues. It was very impressive and a never to be forgotten experience for me.

My grandfather and seven of his brothers were veterans in the Union Army. Granddad was in the Ohio Home Guard as he was too old and was missing one eye. One brother was killed. One was a 1st Lt. The rest were noncoms or privates.

### Jerry Carroon

My dad took me to Indianapolis to see the "Parade" ... I was only 12 years old and don't remember anything about it except that we stood in front of the drugstore across from Monument Circle and couldn't see much.



Last National Encampment ribbon.

## HANDCLASPS BRING TO AN END G.A.R.'S LAST ENCAMPMENT

By the Associated Press.

[1949] INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 1. — The Grand Army of the Republic broke up for the last time today.

Six old veterans are scattering to the four winds, never to meet again, at least in formal encampment. They signed and sealed the decision in their only business session Wednesday.

Then for more than an hour, veterans of later wars marched behind the separate cars in which the six tired old soldiers rode in a twilight parade.

The war memories were few and fleeting in the "campfire" session that closed the 83d and last encampment. "I was a drum major," offered Albert Woolson, 102, Duluth, who was named junior vice commander Wednesday.

Theodore A. Penland, 100, Vancouver, Wash., waved happily from the back of an automobile seat all along the parade route. At the "campfire," he sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

Mr. Penland received a diamond-studded past commander's badge, though he'll now be commander for life. The badge, pinned on his blue uniform by his grandson, Eldon C. Geyer, East Lansing, Mich., recognizes his service for the past year.

"I have a hobby," reported James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, "to receive a kiss from most of the ladies in the land."

"I am among all my friends," said Joseph Clovese, 105-year-old Negro veteran from Pontiac, Mich. "White friends," he added with a happy smile. "I hope we shall all meet in Heaven together."

"I get pretty tired," apologized Robert Barrett, 102, Princeton, Ky.

Chatty Charles L. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Calif., didn't get to the farewell ceremony. He was warned to take it easy after collapsing Monday night.

Until the last member dies and the G.A.R. is at last disbanded by the U. S. Supreme Court, the relics will be in charge of Cora E. Gillis, Jamestown, N. Y., G.A.R. secretary.

After the disbanding, the last records go to the Congressional Library. Flags, badges, and the seal go to the Smithsonian Institution.

## 6 Tired Old Vets Disband G. A. R.

[1949] INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31. (UP)—Six tired old vets decided today that the Grand Army of the Republic, once more than 400,000 strong, has held its last encampment.

All centenarians or more, the six gathered in an hour long business meeting. Commander Theodore A. Penland, 100, finally rapped his gavel and the only business session of the historic gathering, the last of a series which began in 1866, came to an end.

Charles L. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Calif., had promised a scrap for more encampments and for the honor of succeeding Penland as commander in chief.

The scrap didn't come off.

## Issue of Special Stamp For G.A.R. Favored

In the May 4 issue of The News there appeared a very interesting and enlightening letter by Grove McClellan relative to Resolution 35 introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Thomas E. Martin of Iowa. This resolution would empower the postmaster general to issue a commemorative 3-cent stamp which would have its initial sale in Indianapolis during August when the last convention of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held.

We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are greatly interested in the issuance of this proposed stamp which would commemorate the passing out of existence [sic] of this famous organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. Our organization nationally is bending every effort to have the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service approve the resolution and advocate its passage.

It is true that there has been an overabundance of special-issue stamps during the last few years and the subjects contained thereon have run the gauntlet from the sublime to the ridiculous. This year Congress has also received innumerable requests for special issues commemorating everything under the sun and it cannot be blamed for trying to call a halt to this bothersome matter.

However, Mr. McClellan is correct in his statement that the present generations have little or no conception of the meaning of the initials "G.A.R." nor have they any knowledge to any great extent of the Civil War and its meaning to our country. Brave men fought, bled and died to preserve this great nation as a unit, one and inseparable, and today the remaining few are representative of the hundreds of thousands who have answered the call of the Great Commander.

Therefore, we urge every patriotic citizen to write the Hon. Tom Murray, chairman of the House Committee, and the postmaster general asking them to approve the issuance of a commemorative Grand Army of the Republic stamp.

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## Time, 6 Old Vets Thwart Ailing Hiram Gale



HIRAM GALE

"Don't Disband G. A. R."  
—(Post-Intelligencer Photo.)

## 1949 Remembered

50 years ago the hearty few gathered one last time. Six of sixteen gathered enough strength to attend this historic event. While the G.A.R. would continue in name, all that could be done by these men had been done. Everyone there knew this chapter in history would close with the last rap of the gavel, with the last hand shake.

The following is excerpted from the pages of the September 1949 edition of THE BANNER.

VOL. 53, NO. 5 — The State of Indiana, the citizens of Indianapolis and the members of the allied organizations worked hard to make the 83rd and final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the finest and most memorable one ever had. The lack of flags and decorations usually in evidence in Encampment cities was partially made up for by the warmth and manner in which the delegates were received by the good Indiana people. Six G.A.R. Comrades were in attendance this year. They were: Theodore A. Penland, Oregon, 100 years; James A. Hard, New York, 108 years; Charles Chappel, California, 102 years; Albert Woolson, Minnesota, 102 years; Robert Barrett, Kentucky, 102 years; Joseph Clovese, Michigan, 105 years. These six old men transacted the business and carried out the closing ceremonies in disbanding the organization that was started in the same city eighty-three years previously by some 240 delegates attending the first En-

campment in 1866.

The official program opened for all organizations on Sunday morning when services were held at the First Baptist Church at 10:30 o'clock. Services in memory of departed Comrades was held at 2:30 p.m., in the Indiana Ballroom. At these services, really the opening of the G.A.R. Encampment, their colors were brought into the beautiful Indiana Ballroom and placed on the rostrum by past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, C. Leroy Stoudt and Neil Cranmer of the Sons of Union Veterans. These colors remained there during the entire Encampment, until the Campfire on Wednesday evening, at the close of which, while the U.S. Marine Band played 'Taps,' when they were retired for the last time by Brothers Lambert, Stoudt and Cranmer. This was a beautiful and touching ceremony, which was attended by an overflow crowd in the spacious auditorium. Brother Cranmer carried the National Colors, while Brother Lambert carried the Grand Army Flag, and Brother Stoudt carried the Commander-in-Chief's Flag. It was announced by Miss Gillis that the set of three colors would now be presented to the Smithsonian Institute for permanent display there.

A plaque commemorating this final Encampment, and placed on a prominent place on the steps of the Soldiers Monument in the Circle (the first time anything was ever allowed to be placed on this monument), given by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, was dedicated by them at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

## GAR Vet's Collapse Didn't Last Long

INDIANAPOLIS [August 30, 1949] — (AP)—The last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic got the best of one civil war veteran last night, but not for long.

Charles L. Chappel, 102-year-old senior vice commander from Long Beach, Calif., collapsed on the way to a reception in the office of Gov. Henry F. Schrieker.

He was revived shortly after he was taken to a hospital room in the convention hotel. But he was taken to the veterans administration hospital here.

Dr. J. W. Thom, VA physician at the hotel, blamed his collapse on "exhaustion." At the hospital, heart checkups were made on the veteran while he clamored to go back to his hotel room. When doctors reported his heart all right, he was returned to the hotel an hour later.

James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N. Y., also was too tired to attend the reception after a banquet given by the women's relief corps [sic].

But not Commander Theodore A. Penland, 100-year-old commander-in-chief from Vancouver, Wash.

"I belong to 36 different orders," he told the auxiliary women, "and

all of them are good to me."

As an afterthought, he added, "I compose songs and sign them—yes, I really do."

Today's program for the veterans is a comparatively light session of receiving greetings, followed by an "unofficial meeting" tonight.



## Did 1949 Mark the End of the G.A.R.?

Even before 1949, the G.A.R. had done all that could be done for those within the Order, for veterans, regardless of era, for its heroic dead, and for the sake of patriotism.

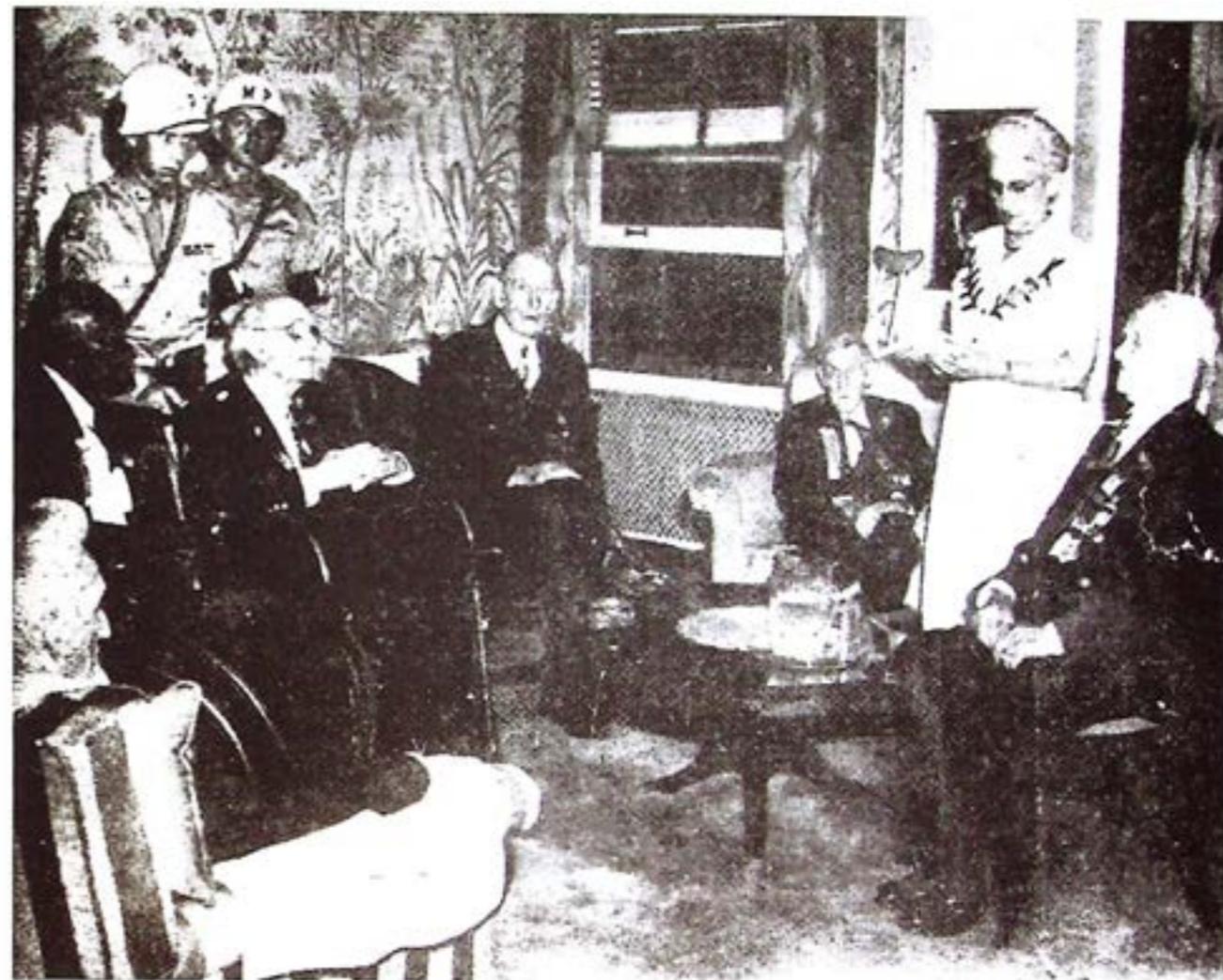
Did the 1949 National Encampment mark the death of the G.A.R.? At least one of our Allied Orders thought so. They went so far as to proclaim the date on their stationery.

The G.A.R. was made up of men of foresight. From the Proceedings of our 75th National Encampment in 1956, "...the Grand Army made ample provision for the functions of their Order after the last Encampment could be held; and specified that the G.A.R. would exist ... until the last man had passed away." Those provisions were made in the form of House Bill No. 1869 of the first session of the 68th Congress on June 3, 1924.

Officially, the G.A.R. came down to the last man, Comrade and Brother Albert Woolson, and the date August 2, 1956.

As each of us knows, much of the work of the G.A.R. shall never be complete. We, as its Sons and heirs, were called to carry the flame, that the past will not dim, that the patriotic spirit inspired by the G.A.R. will continue with the generations.

# GAR Vets Pose for Final Picture



**TAPS** The last photo of the GAR taken at its final encampment in Indianapolis shows, from left, Robert Barrett, Princeton, Ky.; Joseph Clovese, Pontiac, Mich.; James

A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.; Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.; Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Cal.; Cora Gillis, Washington, D. C., secretary; Theodore A. Penland, Portland, commander. (AP)

## They Say "Mine Eyes Have Seen . . ."

Sept. 27, 1949 — The hot sun and the crowds tired six old men who met at Indianapolis last month. They had all passed the 100-year-mark. Two were in wheel chairs and one was blind. Coming from coast to coast, they had gathered for the 83d annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. They had decided that this was to be the last meeting of an organization that had once numbered more than 400,000. Now there were but 16 of these thousands left—and only six of them physically able to be in Indianapolis.

Charles L. Chappel, aged 102, had flown to the meeting from Long Beach, Cal. As senior

vice-commander, Mr. Chappel was in line for commander if the GAR had held one more encampment. He would have liked this. But Mr. Chappel, who had fainted at Indianapolis, died on Monday in a hospital of his home town, where he had long been a familiar and famous figure.

On the day after Mr. Chappel's death, another member of the GAR, James P. Martin, the last Civil War veteran in his state, died at Sutherland, Iowa, at the age of 101. Mr. Martin, bedridden for several months, was one of the too feeble ten who did not get to the last encampment.

So the count dwindles and the owners of

once "jubilant feet," too weak to march, cease step with time. A part of history dies with each of these men, some of whom were boys of 15 and 16 when there was a Ridge at Gettysburg, when Shiloh and Chancellorsville made headlines, and the banks of the Chickahominy were red. A few of these men saw Abe Lincoln plain. All of them have lived long with their memories, old battle songs, and their flag. They have lived to see vast new wars and new veterans as young as they themselves were when the GAR had its first encampment in 1866.

They have a greatly earned right now to drop out of step. A nation who sees them go, one by one, honors old eyes that have indeed "seen the glory." —New York Herald Tribune.

# GENERAL ORDERS

SERIES 1999-2000

Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler, National Headquarters, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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work together at all times to reach our goals. We are and always will be Brothers and Sisters bound together in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

21. All percapita tax and other quarterly reports are to be forwarded to National Secretary on time.

22. We had at the 118th National Encampment an amendment to National Regulations. We instituted a new Article X under Chapter II; however, we did not provide a section number for the second item. In order to resolve this, under this Article, there will be a Section 1, Member-at-Large, and a Section 11 authorizing regional associations between departments.

23. The Graves Registration Committee has been assigned the task of locating all Union Veterans Graves. Brother Leo Kennedy and his committee are prepared to take all information you can send. Help the Order go over 100,000 before the 21st Century.

24. All Department Commanders of Departments through which the GAR Highway passes are to assure that Department GAR Highway Officers provide copies of information concerning the GAR Highway to the National GAR Highway Officer.

25. Brothers are reminded to support the National Patriotic Instructors Fund, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund, National Headquarters Fund, and Permanent Fund.

26. Appointments of non elected National Officers, Standing Committees, Special Committees, and National Aides have been made. All officers and committees may be found on our National Web Site (<http://suvchw.org>).

27. This Order should never rest until Memorial Day is returned to May 30th. Please write letters to your legislators in your state. Let's not give up. We need to return Memorial Day to the sacred day our forefathers meant it to be.

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Attested: *David Hann*  
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October 31, 1999.**

Though the deadline date for this position may have already passed, if you are interested in applying for this position, you are nonetheless urged to contact PCinC Orr - as indicated above - absolutely as soon as possible.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2

1. My headquarters is established at 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850. Telephone: 607-272-7314. Mail requiring the personal attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be addressed there.

2. The Order provides your C-in-C with the opportunity and means to award two scholarships each year to deserving youth. Each scholarship is awarded for tuition and books to high school seniors and collage students contingent upon their enrollment at an accredited four year collage or university. Application blanks are available from me at the above address or by electronic form at <http://suvchw.org>. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2000. Selection will be made by me in consultation with the Order's National Scholarship Committee. Shortly after June 30, 2000, checks will be written.

3. I have formed two more Special National Committees that I feel will make the National Order more efficient. The first is the National Award for Most Outstanding Brother Committee. The Chairman of this Committee is George Shadman, P.O. Box 64, Watkins Glen, NY 14891-0064; 607-535-7360; <[shadman148@aol.com](mailto:shadman148@aol.com)>.

A letter has been mailed to all Department Commanders explaining that candidates' name must be submitted no later than June 30, 2000.

The second is the Best Newsletter Committee. All newsletters are to be sent to me. I will review them and then send them on to the Committee for review. The Chairman for this Committee is Jeff Nix.

4. All Department Secretaries, please report all new Camps within your Department to our Camp and Department Organizer: Donald G. Denison, 1321 Danby Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850-9408; 607-272-2234; <[dgden@aol.com](mailto:dgden@aol.com)>.

Please include the name of the Brother who served as Camp Organizer. He will receive a certificate that I have prepared for this service. Two certificates have been awarded already to Department of California, one to Brother Lynn Hoadley for organizing the General W.S. Rosecrans Camp #2, and one to Brother Donald Scholl for organizing the General Alfred Pleasanton Camp #24. Let's see a lot more new Camps in our organization this year.

5. As we all know, Camps and Departments have problems in retaining members. As an organization, we need to key in on the new member and make him feel wanted. Too many times, we sign them up and then don't communicate with them. Communication is inexpensive and pays big dividends.

6. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more members: Jeffery E. Sams, Ken Richmond, and Harley Crain.

7. I would like to commend the Iowa Department in its quest to preserve the battle flags from their state. Anyone interested in donating can e-mail Steve Sprague Chairman at [ssprague@kccinter.net](mailto:ssprague@kccinter.net).

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1882	Pa.	1919	Pa.	1956	N.Y.	1993	Ind.
1883	Maine	1920	Neb.	1957	Maine	1994	Mich.
1884	Pa.	1921	Ill.	1958	Calif.	1995	Ohio
1885	Ohio	1922	Ind.	1959	R.I.	1996	Ind.
1886	Ohio	1923	Pa.	1960	Va.	1997	Pa.
1887	Ill.	1924	Ohio	1961	N.Y.	1998	Md.
1888	Ill.	1925	Md.	1962	Pa.	1999	N.Y.
1889	Ind.	1926	Mass.	1963	N.Y.		
1890	Kan.	1927	Pa.	1964	N.Y.		
1891	N.Y.	1928	Calif.	1965	Ohio		
1892	Mich.	1929	N.Y.	1966	Calif.		
1893	Mass.	1930	Ill.	1967	Mass.		
1894	Ohio	1931	Ind.	1968	Pa.		
1895	Kan.	1932	Pa.	1969	N.J.		
1896	Pa.	1933	Ohio	1970	Ill.		
1897	Mass.	1934	Mass.	1971	N.Y.		
1898	Ill.	1935	Mass.	1972	Pa.		
1899	Ohio	1936	N.Y.	1973	Mass.		
1900	Pa.	1937	N.Y.	1974	Pa.		
1901	Md.	1938	Mass.	1975	Pa.		
1902	Ind.	1939	Calif.	1976	N.H.		
1903	R.I.	1940	Minn.	1977	N.Y.		
1904	Ill.	1941	N.J.	1978	Ohio		
1905	Ohio	1942	Maine	1979	Pa.		
1906	Pa.	1943	Pa.	1980	N.H.		
1907	N.Y.	1944	Mich.	1981	N.Y.		
1908	Md.	1945	Mass.	1982	Md.		
1909	N.J.	1946	N.Y.	1983	Pa.		
1910	Mass.	1947	Mass.	1984	Mass.		
1911	Ind.	1948	Mich.	1985	N.Y.		
1912	Conn.	1949	Pa.	1986	Ohio		
1913	Pa.	1950	N.H.	1987	Pa.		
1914	N.Y.	1951	Iowa	1988	Mass.		
1915	Ohio	1952	Wa. & Or.	1989	Ohio		
1916	Ill.	1953	Md.	1990	Pa.		
1917	Pa.	1954	Md.	1991	Md.		

## Auxiliary Elects Mary Jo Long National President, 1999-2000

Mrs. Mary Jo Long was installed as the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 22, at the 113th National Encampment at Indianapolis. She had previously served as Vice President on two separate occasions. She also served two terms on National Council. Sister Mary Jo's eligibility is through Martin Wilmore, who served with the 132nd Pennsylvania, Company K.

Mary Jo has also served at the Department level in numerous offices and still continues her duties as her Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer. She was instrumental in the reactivation of Auxiliary 10, Scranton, Pa.

A resident of Duryea, Pa., she has lived in Michigan, New Jersey and Scranton, but always seems to return to the place of her birth. She and her husband, Joseph, who is a very active member of the SUVCW, share two daughters and one son. A second son is now deceased. Eight grandchildren fill the couple's lives with a good deal of excitement.

She belongs to the American Legion and Purple Heart Auxiliaries, and holds an office for

one of them. A very active member in her church, she finds the time spent there on volunteer work very worthwhile. For several years, when her children were younger, she also taught Sunday School. She usually provides baked goods for most of the church's functions.

An avid reader on her own, she spends a lot of time reading to her grandchildren. Husband Joe has just about every Civil War book printed, so there is never a shortage of books in the Long household. In her "spare" time, Mary Jo bakes cakes for two restaurants and another place of business in her area. She also loves to attend her grandchildren's sports activities. In general, life is always full and busy for her.

National President Long looks forward to traveling and meeting her Auxiliary Sisters along the way.

*Mary Jo Long, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, elected at the 113th National Encampment of the ASUVCW.*



## SUVCW Seeks Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Per action taken by the Council of Administration, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is accepting proposals from qualified individuals for a fee for services contractual position of Executive Director/Executive Secretary. This position will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the SUVCW. A complete job description and information are as follows:

### JOB DESCRIPTION

1. This is a fee for service contract position. Nothing shall be construed to indicate that the Executive Director/Executive Secretary is an employee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

2. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall provide their own office space at their expense. Adequate space shall be provided by the Executive Director/Executive Secretary to store current active records of the SUVCW. Current active records include the current year and the two previous years. The SUVCW shall procure secured permanent storage for all inactive records. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall be granted access rights to retrieve, return and place new records in stor-

age. The records to be maintained by the Executive Director/Executive Secretary do not include the financial records of the SUVCW except as needed to fulfil the requirements of Federal and State law regarding the availability of financial records to the public.

3. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall not be an elected National Officer or appointed National Officer of the SUVCW.

4. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary has no authority to make policy decisions on behalf of the SUVCW.

5. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall report to the Council of Administration of the SUVCW. The Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW shall provide direction and guidance on all policy issues and the day-to-day operations to the Executive Director/Executive Secretary. Such guidance may be solicited from the Council of Administration at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief.

6. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall be proficient in the use of word processing software compatible with Microsoft Word 7.0 and Corel WordPerfect 6.1, database software compatible with dBASE III DBF format.

7. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall become familiar with the major projects of the SUVCW and maintain liaison with National Committee Chairs and appointed officers, and to this end shall assume the duties of the Chief of Staff. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall brief newly appointed National Committee Chairs on the status of the committee's work.

8. The Executive Director/Executive Secretary shall assume all duties of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

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Death notices and the Final Muster do not appear in this issue. They will return with the winter edition of The Banner.

# Council Takes Early Action At National Encampment

Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson called the meeting of the Council of Administration (CoA) to order at 9 a.m., August 18, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Budget 1999-2000:** National Treasurer James Pahl presented the Financial Report and Proposed Budget for 1999-2000. The comparison of General Fund Actual Expenses versus Budget for 1998-1999 showed excess expenditures for two line items – transcribing of Proceedings and depreciation on the computer. Brother Pahl moved that the 1998-1999 budget be amended to authorize those categories where expenditures exceeded the budget. His motion was seconded and passed.

*Camps would be able to request up to \$500...for Civil War memorial preservation projects.*

**Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund:** Brother Pahl said he planned to ask this Encampment to increase National per capita by \$1 per year (25¢ per quarter) to support this fund [The Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund was previously approved by the CoA, and received a \$100 donation toward it in 1998-1999]. Camps would be able to request up to \$500 from this fund for Civil War memorial preservation projects. The CoA members would review these requests and approve them subject to availability within the fund. Per PCinC/Assistant National Secretary Richard Orr, Camps requesting funds should be required to fill out a form to provide all necessary information for the request – also that there should be an assurance that there be “in kind” service performed by the Camp members requesting funds in support of a grant.

**Discussion ensued on “reserve funds”:** PCinC Orr advised that the last budgets – and the 1999-2000 proposed budget – have included “reserve funds.” In effect, we’re budgeting to spend more in general funds than we’re taking in via member dues. The increase in membership isn’t covering the increase in expenses. We haven’t raised per capita in 10 years. It was moved by National Treasurer Pahl and seconded by PCinC Orr that National per capita be in-

creased by \$2 per year – \$1 toward general fund expenditures and \$1 toward the Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund. Passed with one no vote. It was moved and seconded that preliminary approval of the 1999-2000 budget as amended pending action of the Encampment. Motion passed.

**G.A.R. Foundation, Inc.:** it was moved and seconded that the CoA formally endorse and establish a working relationship with the G.A.R. Foundation, Inc., and that the seats on the Board as proposed be accepted. Motion passed.

**SUVCW Financial Advisor:** PCinC Orr presented and moved a proposal from Bill Few Associates recommending investments for SUVCW Funds. There was a second. National Treasurer Paul strenuously objected to one of the recommendations in the proposal – Disney Corporation – because of many of Disney’s objectionable practices. The original motion by PCinC Orr was: That CoA engage Bill Few Associates as financial advisor and accept its proposal subject to modification by the National Treasurer as needed to support cash flow. Brother Orr amended his motion so as to delete the Disney Corporation for prospective investments. The amendment was seconded and passed unanimously. The original motion as amended was then passed unanimously.

**Springfield, Illinois, Event:** The National Military Affairs Committee was tasked with investigating a proposal to expand Lincoln Death Day activities in Springfield, Ill., to be similar to Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. This would provide the exposure to a big event in the west. PCinC/Committee Chairman Atkinson reported that the people in charge of Lincoln Death Day activities didn’t want to relinquish control over the event but said that the Sons of Veterans Reserve could parade and then participate in the event. However, Death Day is observed on the actual date of Lincoln’s death [February 15] so the ceremonies do not always fall on the weekend. It would be difficult to schedule a midweek event for the SVR and get much attendance. An alternative would be to support the Stevenson G.A.R. observance in Decatur, Ill., which does fall on the weekend. Discussion of this issue was tabled pending action of the Encampment and would be taken up again at the CoA Meeting on Sunday, August 22.

**Special Issue of the Banner:** Discussion centered on a special issue of the Banner to be placed in libraries, schools, doctors’ offices, etc. as a generic issue to promote the Order. Camps could purchase copies at cost for distribution. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler expressed a concern that until the problem of meeting distribution deadlines is solved it is unwise to talk about a special issue. PCinC Charles Corfman suggested that the special issue could be combined with a regular issue, which would save distribution and printing costs. This could be in insert/supplement which could then be stocked by the National Quartermaster (per PCinC Orr). CinC Johnson stated this is an issue to be worked out between the Publisher and Editor and that we don’t want to interfere with the regular Banner. It was moved and seconded that during 1999-2000 the Publisher (working with the Editor) cause an insert to the Banner as a recruitment tool – if feasible – and that the incoming CinC appoint a special committee to prepare the material to relieve the burden from the Editor. Motion passed.

**Turner Publishing Company:** National Quartermaster Atkinson asked if the Banner could run an ad from Turner Publishing Company for its existing excess stock of the *History of the SUVCW*. There would be nothing the Order gets out of this other than the ad revenue. PCinC Orr reminded everyone present that income gotten this way is considered by the I.R.S. to be “unrelated business income” which is taxable. Consensus was that since the book has only about three pages of “history” and that the rest of the book is member biographies, few people who haven’t already bought the book would want it – but that Turner Publishing’s ad probably wouldn’t warn people about these shortcomings. Moved, seconded and passed that Turner be told the SUVCW “isn’t interested” and to trash the excess books.

**Encampment 2002, Springfield, Ill.:** The Department of Illinois has submitted a bid to host the 2002 Encampment in Springfield. This would be a good site – especially as Lincoln’s home, grave site, etc. are nearby. The bid was turned over to the Encampment Site Committee for action.

**Other:** Council Member George Powell presented his report as eBay Watchdog report. PCinC Orr reported that the oil portrait of A.P. Davis which graced the cover of the last Banner is in need of restoration – estimated to cost \$2,200. It was moved (PCinC Orr) and seconded (SVCinC Wheeler) \$2,200 from the Special Project General Fund be used to restore the Davis’ portrait; motion passed.

PCinC Orr reported on the outcome of the Scranton Cannon case. The judge ruled in Ezra

Griffin Camp’s favor and awarded \$48,500 in damages plus interest. The defendant was Russ Pritchard III. The ruling also stated that the deed of conveyance from the G.A.R. included “real property.” This precedent set in Pennsylvania may apply in other states. The cannon in question is believed to be now in the possession of Hank Williams Jr. There may be a way to get it back from Williams – as a donation by Williams, or purchase by the Camp with the awarded funds – since the Camp wanted the gun back rather than money right from the start.

The Department of Florida wrote requesting funds which reverted to National when a Florida Camp-at-Large (which was never a part of the Department of Florida) folded. However, the Camp in question owed \$825 in back per capita when it closed. Dept. of Fla.’s letter said that the Camp had turned over \$900 but the National records showed only \$800 was turned in – so National was still owed \$25. It was moved and seconded that since all assets are held by Camps and Departments in trust for the National Organization, said assets turned over when a Camp-at-Large or Department ceases to exist are property of the National Organization and cannot be reclaimed. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Glenn Knight be named “Banner Editor Emeritus.” Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,  
Kenneth Hershberger  
National Secretary pro temp

## 2000 National Encampments

Lansing, Michigan  
Thursday, August 17, 2000  
through  
Sunday, August 20, 2000

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
119th Encampment

**Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War**  
114th Encampment

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**  
113th 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.*

# Post-Encampment CoA Meets August 22

The post Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration was called to order at 7:08 a.m. by Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler.

Present were CinC Wheeler, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief George Powell, National Treasurer James Pahl, Council of Administration Members Gary L. Gibson, PCinC David Medert, PCinC Andrew M. Johnson, Kent Armstrong, and National Quartermaster PCinC Bud Atkinson. Non-voting members included PCinCs Richard Orr, Richard Greenwalt and Charles Corfman. Absent was National Secretary David Hann. Council Member Gibson appointed National Secretary, pro temp.

**Banner** – There was discussion on accepting paid advertisement. It was decided to table discussion until we find out the ramifications from the aspect of the IRS/tax status.

The publisher of the *Confederate Veteran* is not interested in taking us on. The timeliness of the Banner is a concern of all. The SVCinC will follow up. The CinC has appointed a committee to put together a generic, eight-page history/info “pull-out” section to be placed in an upcoming issue of the Banner. The purpose would be to have something that could be placed in public areas, i.e. Doctors’ waiting rooms, etc. to promote the Order, and get it out to the membership for distribution.

It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Brother Ken Richmond as Banner Editor. It was indicated that it was not necessary to re-appoint this position every year. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

Brother Dean Speaks (Kansas) asked about the mailing of the Banner and the timeliness of the membership receiving it. It was indicated that problems could lie in the local post offices (4th Class mail).

**Executive Director** – We have a job description and a proposed contract. Discussion ensued on ways of advertising and filling the position. The SVCinC was directed to contact the Banner Editor and include an ad in the next issue. The ad and job description will also be placed on our web page. A lengthy discussion ensued on if we want to limit applicants to members of the Order. It was agreed we would accept outside applications.

A deadline for accepting applications was

proposed as October 1, 1999. The Council agreed to have the e-mail responses addressed to PCinC Orr. The Special Search Committee appointed by the CinC: Orr, Pahl and Armstrong. This committee will screen applicants and narrow down to whom they think are qualified applicants. These will then be presented to the CoA for consideration.

**Gar Flags In The Smithsonian** – The CinC will set up committee to investigate condition of the Grand Army of the Republic material in the position of the Smithsonian.

**Camp Seals** – The question of the availability of seal presses was brought up on the floor of the Encampment. The National Quartermaster will have information placed in a future issue of the Banner.

*Annual Dues For Membership-at-large set at \$25.00*

**Annual Dues For Membership-at-large (MAL)** – A motion was made and seconded to set dues at \$25.00, with \$10.00 application fee. Motion passed.

**Life Member Interest Payment** – A motion made and seconded to set payment to camps at \$6.00. Motion passed.

**On-line Application Form** – A discussion ensued on any changes that need to be made on the form. None decided on.

**Policy On Graves Registration** – A motion was made and seconded to have the Programs and Policy Committee consult with Communications and Technology Committee on data bases and re-write the policy. Motion passed.

**Charters** – A discussion took place on the printing of new camp charters to be “Y2K” compatible. Topics included size of charter, who/where to print, use of acid-free paper, etc. The National Quartermaster was directed to obtain estimates on printing 500 and 1,000.

**eBay On-line Auctions** – A discussion took place on policing eBay for veterans’ grave markers. We will need to keep on them. A special committee has been set up by the CinC to take over the job from Brother Powell. It will not only police eBay, but any other on-line auction house.

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**Sons of Veterans Reserve**  
Military branch of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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## From the Adjutant General

SVR Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Grim, Adj. Gen.

### SVR Membership Badge –

The new SVR Membership Badge is currently available for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 for mailing and handling from PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson, Col. SVR, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 16116-3719.

### SVR Unit Citation Award –

Units are reminded that this award is available to units "for exceptionally meritorious service in promoting the goals and objectives of the SVR and the SUVCW which clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The SVR Unit Citation is a ribbon which is worn over the right breast of the wearer. Subsequent awards to the same unit will be awarded a Bronze Star for placement on the ribbon."

The awards will be presented by Brig. General David V. Medert at the annual Remembrance Day SVR Breakfast in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 20, 1999.

### SVR Meritorious Service Medal –

A Silver Star worn on the SVR badge. Awarded to those members who demonstrate outstanding meritorious service specifically on behalf of the SVR. It

may also be awarded to those members who recruit a minimum of ten (10) new members into the SVR in a calendar year.

### SVR Distinguished Service Medal –

A Gold Star worn on the SVR membership badge. Awarded to those members who demonstrate exceptional service of duty that reflects upon the accomplishments and prestige of the SUVCW and SVR on a national scale. Recognition shall be for extremely difficult duty which clearly aids the SVR in furthering the SUVCW mission objectives.

### SVR Membership Cards –

We are currently in the process of redesigning our membership card. The new card will have the new SVR logo on it. If you have requested cards please be patient. We hope to have them available before the end of the year.

### SVR Membership Certificate –

We are also working on a membership certificate that we hope to have available before the end of the year.



[Editor's Note: Deadlines for nominations for the Unit Citation, MSM and DSM has passed. The SVR membership badge is now available as indicated. Membership cards and certificates are pending as indicated.]

## SVR SPECIAL ORDERS

### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1999-1

April 26, 1999

Effective 18 August 1999, Private Edward J. Krieser is commissioned Captain, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshal for the 118th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This commission and appointment expires at 2400 hours 22 August 1999.

The duties of Provost Marshal for the 118th National Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the Commandery is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

Robert E. Grim  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1999-2

April 26, 1999

Effective 1 May 1999, Captain Anthony Waskie is commissioned Major, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshal for the 43rd Remembrance Day weekend. This commission and appointment expires 21 November 1999.

The duties of Provost Marshal for the Remembrance Day is to handle parade registration and provide information to parade participants, oversee the line up and superintend parade activities, and act as liaison between the SVR and the Remembrance Day committee. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Council of Administration meets Sunday, November 21**

### California & Pacific

August saw the return of the SUVCW to two of our nation's largest metropolitan areas with the organization of two new camps in the Dept. of Calif. and Pacific. After a 35-year absence, the SUVCW again has a presence in America's largest city with the reconstitution of the Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 in Los Angeles on the 21st. With 29 charter members under the leadership of Commander Linn Hoadley, Camp 2 has already begun the project of locating and inventorying G.A.R. and Allied Order artifacts and papers in Patriotic Hall. The Camp will meet on the 2nd floor of the old G.A.R. Hall, erected in 1925, the same site where the G.A.R. met from the 1880s until the death of its last Lost Angeles member in 1953.

The Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp 24 was organized with 16 charter members on the 31st of August for the East Bay (San Francisco) area. According to Commander Brad Schall, the Camp's initial project will be to establish "Civil War Clubs" at Oakland and Union City high schools to promote the study and proper appreciation of this period of our nation's history. The Dept. now has a total of seven camps – treble the two camps it had just five years ago.

### Indiana



Orlando A. Somers Camp 1 of Kokoma, at the Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

This year, members of the Orlando A. Somers Camp 1, Kokoma, participated in three Memorial Day ceremonies. On May 30, the traditional Memorial Day, the Camp conducted its third annual ceremony at the G.A.R. Monument in the Estates of Serenity Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Following this ceremony, the group traveled to Riverside Cemetery at Gas City, Indiana, where they conducted a memorial service at the grave of Pvt. John C. Adams, the last Civil War veteran in Indiana.

On the following day, the Camp, along with numerous other organizations, presented a wreath at the Civil War Monument at Crown Point Cemetery in Kokoma.

Participating in these ceremonies were Brothers John Pormen, Gary Griffith, Stephen Bauer, Tom Crawford, Alan Teller, Cody and Lance Stevens, Ned Baker, Carl Brookshire, Brian Henry, Randy McNally, Richard Winger, and PCinC Allen Moore.

Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps also participated in the Marion and Gas City ceremonies.

Memorial Day ceremonies conducted by David D. Porter Camp 116, Valparaiso, Indiana, included the dedication of a new government headstone on the grave of Rev. James Caldwell Brown, Chaplain of the 48th Indiana Vol. Inf. and a Memorial Day program held at the Port County Courthouse in Valparaiso.

The first ceremony took place at the Old City Cemetery with the dedication of the headstone on the previously unmarked grave of Rev. Brown.

Brown established the 1st Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso in 1840, as well as other churches in Porter and Lake Counties. Rev. Brown enlisted in the 48th Ind. in 1861, but contracted Typhoid in 1862 and died in a military hospital in Kentucky. The G.A.R.'s Chaplain Brown Post No. 106 was named in his honor when established in 1882.

Members of Camp 116 assumed the responsibility of marking his grave with an appropriate marker so that future generations would have a visible reminder of his sacrifice, as well as the final resting place of the Post 106 namesake.

The dedications ceremony included a prayer by the 1st Presbyterian Church's present



David D. Porter Camp 116, Dept. of Ind., participants at the Memorial Day headstone dedication of Rev. James C. Brown, at Valparaiso.

pastor, vocals by the church's choir, flowers and sprigs placed by the wives (in period dress) of camp members, the bagpiping of Amazing Grace by one of the camp's members, followed with a three volley salute by members of Co. E, 9th Ind. Vol. (reenactors). The sounding of Taps concluded the ceremony.

Following the dedication, David C. Porter Camp members conducted the annual Memorial Day ceremony on the lawn of the Porter County Courthouse.

### Maryland

7th West Virginia Camp 7 Chaplain Randy Ours recently served as an honor guard for "Abraham Lincoln" at a dinner held by the Grant County Arts Council at the public library in Petersburg, W.Va. Dennis Morris of Romney, W.Va. portrayed Mr. Lincoln. Also pictured, in period dress, is Randy's wife, Carol.



7th W.Va. Infantry Camp 7 hosted a Blue-Gray picnic at Welton Park at Petersburg, W.Va., June 12 (see photo above). The camp hopes to make this an annual affair. Besides camp members, the picnic was attended by members of two camps of Sons of Confederate Veterans – McNeil's Rangers Camp 582 from Moorefield, W.Va., and Gen. James Bogg's Camp from Franklin, W.Va. Also attending were members of the Pendleton County Order of the Bonnie Blues. The camps are also working together on cleaning up and restoring Fort Mulligan, a Civil War fort that had grown up with brush over the years. The camp plans to have it open to the public in the very near future.

## Dept. Encampment Organizers

Be sure to get your encampment dates and places into the Banner before the next issue.

## Michigan

The Department of Michigan proudly announces the formation of a new camp. The official opening of **Carpenter-Welch Camp 180** occurred June 27. Department Chaplain William McAfee is to be commended for his efforts as a "spark-plug" in making a long awaited camp in Washtenaw County a reality. The Camp will give new life to the names of the G.A.R. Posts that served Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, plus the number that was assigned to the Ypsilanti Post. This brings the number of active local chapters of the SUVCW in Michigan to 24, in addition to the Department's one Camp-at-Large.

## New York



With the Ithaca Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sydney Camp 41 Color Guard serves in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Ithaca Civil War Monument. The Camp's color guard participated in five Memorial Day weekend observances.



Sydney Camp 41 Treasurer Danny Wheeler at the camp's July meeting, held at the Ithaca Civil War Monument. The following month, this member's nationwide

Brothers elected him Commander-in-Chief.

## Ohio

The members of **Gen. James B. McPherson Camp 66**, Toledo and northwest Ohio, are very active participants in the Graves Registration program. The McPherson men have collected and recorded the final resting places of over 13,000 Civil War soldiers in the area, which may be a record for an individual camp.

The camp has developed a special program known as The Memory Keepers. In coopera-

## Memorials Preservation in Ohio



Left - l. to r.: Dept. JVC Donald E. Darby, DC David V. Medert (under cannon), and PCinC David R. Medert apply a more appropriate paint job to a cannon in Northwest Ohio. Mission accomplished - l. to r.: DC David V. Medert, and his PCinC father, David R. Medert.

tion with the DUVCW's Harriet Brubaker Tent, Fostoria, Ohio, camp members have "adopted" Civil War veteran's graves and GAR monuments. Members who "adopt" the graves or monuments are responsible for the care, upkeep, and decoration of said sites for a period of three years. The camp presented the sexton of Willow Cemetery in Oregon, Ohio, with an award for his care, at personal expense, of the GAR monument in that cemetery. The monument had been painted with an off color aluminum paint in the 50s, and is now in near pristine condition.

The camp developed a very special relationship with Sons of Confederate Veterans' Maj. Benbow Camp of South Carolina. Camp 66 has exchanged flags, artifacts, a number of visits, and hold many of the SCV members as dear friends. In October, Maj. Benbow Camp sent a delegation north to visit the President Hayes Birthday Celebration in Fremont, Ohio, and attended the McPherson camp's meeting and cook out. Included in the group of guests from the "deep south" was the SCV's Forth Brigade Commander, in addition to the Commander of the Benbow Camp.

## Pennsylvania

The Past Commanders and Past President Association of South Central Pennsylvania is again hosting the 69th Annual Dinner commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery on November 19, 1863.

It will be held at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center on U.S. Business Route 15 south of Gettysburg.

All reservations are to be sent to George W. Long, 22 Lincoln St., Lancaster, PA 17603-2718, no later than November 15. Price is \$21 per person. Dinner will start at 6 p.m., Saturday, November 20.

L. to r.: Tent 02 member Julie Huttick (in back), Treasurer Sybil Woodley, Chaplain Cheryl Boley, Patriotic Instructor Rita Antle, Tent President Sarah Anderson, Camp 6 Commander Shawn Atchley, and Real Daughter/Tent member Jewel Huffman.

## Tennessee

The Department awarded the Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent No. 02 of Tennessee, DUVCW, a Meritorious Achievement Award in appreciation of their efforts in locating and bringing to the attention of the public Mrs. John "January" Janeway. Mrs. Janeway, a Tennessee resident, is the last known living widow of a Union veteran.

Brother Shawn Atchley, Commander, **Farragut Camp 6**, presented the honor at the Memorial Day ceremony at Shiloh National Military Battlefield Park. Sarah Anderson, organizer and president of Tent No. 02 accepted the award.

## Wisconsin

The Dept. of Wisconsin held its 116th Annual Encampment in Madison recently. This year's convention marked the first time in 39 years that the Allied Orders had met in the capitol city. Several early artifacts and photos from the Sons and Auxiliary were on display. A history of the host camp, **Henry Harnden Camp 2**, chartered in 1902, was distributed to participants.

Delegates representing five camps acted



on a variety of business, including strategic planning, awards and recognition, advertising, and marking the Iron Brigade Highway in Wisconsin. A new handbook for Juniors was introduced and a complete Department membership roster was distributed.

For the first time in many years, the event started with a Sons and Auxiliary Joint Opening Ceremony. The Sons presented the Auxiliary with a bouquet of flowers. The Auxiliary responded by presenting the Sons with a new altar cloth. The two orders then held a memorial service for departed members of the G.A.R. and the Allied Orders before adjourning to their respective encampments. A special guest from the Woman's Relief Corps attended the proceedings.

During the lunch, members of both orders were recognized for their service. Brother Virgil Matz of Camp 2 received a Certificate of Merit for completing several hundred Union grave registrations. Br. Paul Stache of **Old Abe Camp 8** and Sister Teresa Novak of **Edward Bragg Aux. 6** received certificates for their work and support in forming Camp 8. Br. Randy Novak was awarded a special plaque as Camp 8 Organizer. Br. Jim Brown of **MG John Gibbon Camp 4** was awarded a certificate for his work assisting the State Historical Society in preparing for and promoting the annual Civil War Weekend at Greenbush. Br. Ronald Aronis of **Alonzo Cushing Camp 5** was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his years of dedicated service as Dept. Secretary. Elections followed (see department rosters elsewhere in this issue).

The Dept. of Wis. recently presented its annual Ulysses S. Grant Award to seven military education students for excellence in leadership and academics.

The award was presented to graduates of Wisconsin's various universities. This year, the Dept. presented each recipient with an award certificate, as well as the presentation medalion.

Over 180 people attended this year's Memorial Day Mass and Patriotic Tribute, hosted by **C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1** and **Auxiliary 4** at Milwaukee's historic Calvary Cemetery. Following the Field Mass, celebrated by Father Bruce Schute, S.A.C., uniformed members of the camp led a procession to the graves of four Civil War soldiers who had died at Milwaukee's Soldiers Home (now the Zablocki VA Center). There the SUVCW Memorial Day service was conducted, assisted by Milwaukee Police American Legion Post 415, which provided a



C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 hosts Memorial Day Field Mass at Milwaukee's Calvary Cemetery. At the altar, left to right, are Chaplain Dean Collins, Brother Robert Hall and Father Bruce Schute.

rifle squad for the salute and a bugler for Taps. Following the service, all in attendance were invited to decorate the graves of veterans with U.S. flags provided by the Camp and Auxiliary. All children were given a special commemorative ribbon to wear. The city's four major TV stations featured the ceremony during their evening newscasts.

The coordinator of the day's event was Camp Chaplain Dean Collins, who had worked with archdiocesan and cemetery officials for months in advance.

Later in the day, Camp and Auxiliary members also made appearances at ceremonies at Cushing Memorial Park in Delafield and at the War Memorial in Cudahy.

Uniformed members of **MG John Gibbon Camp 4** marched in West Bend's Memorial Day parade. The membership represents several reenactment units, including the 2nd Wisc. Inf. and Battery B, 4th U.S. Light Artillery.

Officers of **Henry Harnden Camp 2** conducted Memorial Day ceremonies with members of Madison's Veterans' Council at the city's Forest Hill Cemetery. The cemetery is the resting place of Lucius Fairchild and many other Union and Confederate soldiers.

**Old Abe Camp 8** members followed the route traveled by veterans more than 100 years ago as participants in Oshkosh's annual Memorial Day parade. The parade route took marchers and observers to the city's Riverside Cemetery, where Camp Cmdr. Randy Novak read General Logan's General Order #11.

**Alonzo Cushing Camp 5** showed its appreciation for a local official during its Memorial Day ceremony at Cushing Park in Delafield, Wis. The park, established on the original home- stead of the Cushing brothers, is marked by a

large obelisk dedicated to their Civil War exploits. Last year, one of two large bronze plaques was stolen from the monument.

Camp members presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Delafield Police Officer Reid Brueser for his efforts in recovering the plaque. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 Chaplain Dean Collins, a Milwaukee Police officer who had received a certificate earlier for his assistance in the care, was also recognized.

Members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 1 assisted the West Allis Historical Society in placing a Civil War veteran's headstone recently. Excavation

revealed that the original headstone for Alvan O. Johnson, a musician in Co. A, 24th Wis. Inf., had broken off at ground level and had been in the wrong place for many years. Two descendants of Johnson helped members install the new stone in the correct location.

Replacement efforts began last March when an internet inquiry from a concerned citizen led the Camp to investigate the condition of two headstones in Honey Creek Cemetery. One stone was a memorial marker for a soldier buried at Pine bluff, Arkansas, and no replacement could be arranged. The other was for Johnson, who is buried in the cemetery. Burial records at the Society's headquarters adjacent to the cemetery confirmed the Camp's findings.

Alvan O. Johnson was a descendant of officers who fought in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. On August 5, 1862, at 19, he enlisted in Arthur MacArthur's regiment, the 24th Wis. He served until mustered out on June 10, 1865. He died in 1874, eight days short of his 31st birthday.

**Old Abe Camp 8** recently worked to restore what was once called one of the prettiest show places in Oshkosh and a spot of much historical interest. Members performed some preventative and decorative maintenance on the Camp Bragg Memorial, waxing gun tubes, painting iron work and planting a border of flowers. The memorial's appearance is now much improved over what it was only a couple of years earlier.

The Camp Bragg Memorial was erected in 1915 near the military training site used by the 21st and 32nd Wisconsin Infantries. The camp was named in honor of famed Iron Brigade General Edward W. Bragg of Fond du Lac. Four 24# brass cannons, mounted on concrete bases, set off a huge granite boulder, upon which there is a bronze tablet.

## Auxiliary

The ASUVCW Dept. of New Hampshire is in search of 32# cannonballs to replace those missing at the G.A.R. lot in Woodland Cemetery in Keene. Four cannonballs are needed.



At their R & R display, the ladies of Auxiliary 11 share with visitors the work of the ASUVCW and tell about Gen. Griffin, their namesake. The attractive new sign in the foreground helped draw prospective members – both women and men.

but as many as sixteen could be utilized if available. If you can help, contact Bonnie J. Tolman, Dept. Patriotic Instructor, 322 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzy, NH 03431. This project is to assist members of Camp 10, Dept. of N.H.

The General Simon G. Griffin Aux. 11, based in Keene, was chartered April 30, 1908. The group entered its 91st consecutive year of patriotic service with a great display and recruitment effort at the Colony Hill Marketplace. Once a local mill making cloth for blankets and officers' uniforms during the Civil War, it has been converted to retail and office space.

Memorial Day meant a full weekend of events for Aux. 11. The group planted flowers at the G.A.R. lot, attended ceremonies in the local parade, and set up a R & R – Recognition & Recruitment – display at the 5th and 6th N.H. Vol. living history encampment. The weekend ended with a brief service paying tribute to the Unknown Soldier of the Civil War, buried at Stoddard, and thanking the people of that town who have taken care of him for nearly 135 years.



Left to right: Aux. 11 President Lorence Jennison, Vice President Alene Hall, Guide Beverly Marston, and Secretary Bonnie J. Tolman. Photo at Miss Martson's left hand is of Gen. Simon G. Griffin, namesake of Aux. 11 and SUV Camp 10 by Ritz Camera of Keene



Remember to invite a friend to your next Auxiliary meeting!

## Washington State Sons Recognized by House of Rep's Resolution

Washington's statewide Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1 and Port Angeles-based Gen. John W. Noble Camp 28 were recently recognized by the state's House of Representatives in Olympia for their efforts in memorial preservation.

At the invitation of the House, five Sons met in Olympia April 15. One lady "represented" the Auxiliary as a prospective member.

Representative Lynn Kessler had sponsored House Resolution 99-4666 after learning of the camps' work in encouraging the preservation of what is left of the state's original 16 Civil War cannons. These cannons were sparsely distributed among the state's 128 G.A.R. posts during the 1910s.

After the resolution was read, each Brother (and Sister) was introduced by name to the members of the House. Rep. Kessler and several co-sponsors then spoke about the Sons and the purpose of the resolution. The resolution was then put to a vote. It would have passed unanimously – except for one resounding "no" vote by a representative of Southern heritage. The Sons received a standing ovation by the House, followed by a brief reception with Rep. Kessler.

The full text of the resolution:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4666**, by Representatives Kessler, Parlette, Carlson, Fortunato, Esser, Hankins and Thomas

WHEREAS, It is so very important that we sustain and commemorate all Americans whose lives and deeds helped write the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, If we let fade from memory the lessons of the past, as the philosopher George Santayana warned, we are condemned to endure them yet again; and

WHEREAS, An alliance of devoted citizens called Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as dedicated and patriotic an organization as can possibly be imagined, tirelessly endeavors to preserve memorials to those who contended in a most punishing struggle for our country; and

WHEREAS, Our state of Washington, though 25 years away from joining the Union at the time of the Civil War, is home to citizens whose ascendants were engaged in its battles; and

WHEREAS, The federal government upward of a century ago bequeathed to the state of Washington sixteen cannon as a fitting and solemn tribute to the veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Many of these cannon were presented to Washington communities with the hope that they would establish Civil War memorials of their own; and

WHEREAS, Citizen leaders in the city of Wenatchee recently reflected sound and allegiant reasoning in erecting a remarkable Cannon Memorial in their community's park; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians in other communities no doubt also grasp our responsibility to keep in heart and mind the memory of those who came before us; and

WHEREAS, Other communities in our state would be well-advised to emulate the city of Wenatchee in preserving their own decorous hallmarks of commitment to the lives and times of Civil War veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington salute the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and encourage other Washington cities to follow the estimable example set so well by the people of Wenatchee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to Washington members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to the Office of the Secretary of State for ready inspection by members of the public.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4666 adopted by the House of Representatives April 15, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster, Co-Chief Clerk



L. to r.: Camp 1 Cmdr. Rod Fleck, Camp 28 Sec. Richard Waldron, Rep. Lynn Kessler, Camp 1 member Jeff Henningfield, an unidentified Camp 28 member, Camp 1 member Hal Bellerud, and Camp 28 "Auxiliaryist" Zora Davis. Washington House of Representatives photo

## Lansdowne Christian Church: The G.A.R. Church

On June 10, 1904, a deed was issued by Charles W. Hull and his wife, Mary, of Baltimore county in the State of Maryland. This deed was granted to the directors of the Lansdowne Christian Church of Baltimore County (a body corporate), and their assigns in fee simple forever. The property contained a newly constructed church. It was transferred for the sum of \$1.

This in itself was a wonderful act of generosity. The second condition of the deed is what interests us about this wonderful property. It reads:

"That the second Lord's Day in May of each year is to be set apart and observed as Memorial day of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States of America, and suitable services are to be held in commemoration of the brave men who remained loyal to the Government and sustained the Union."

Thus began what was to become "Grand Army Day" in Lansdowne, Baltimore County, Maryland. When the cornerstone for the church was laid, its inscription read, "Hull Memorial Christian Church." June 10th was the day of completion. The Church was dedicated June 12, 1904.

Charles Wesley Hull was a member of Dushane Post No. 3 and had been its Commander. He was proud of his service and extremely loyal to the men and to his beloved Union.

Before the war, Hull was a farmer and a resident of McComb, Hancock County, Ohio. He enlisted at Columbus, and was mustered in January 5, 1864, at Findlay, in the Ohio Heavy Artillery, 1st Regiment. At the end of the war, he mustered out at Knoxville, Tennessee, July 25, 1865. After the war, he moved to Maryland. He died March 17, 1926, and is buried in the family plot at Loudon Park Cemetery in Baltimore.

On June 12, 1904, the dedication day, Mr. Daniel Tatum, Assistant General Inspector, National Staff, Custer Post No. 6, Department of Maryland, presented the National flag in the name of the Department of Maryland to the church organization, this being the only church building in the United States in which the G.A.R. had a vested interest, and above which the National flag floated.

The first annual memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in the Lansdowne Church May 14, 1905.

The memorial windows of the Grand Army of the Republic were presented by the Department of Maryland on October 22, 1905.

There are no records of the wonderful speeches made that day, but the thank you letter from the church to the department reads as follows:

General R.N. Bowerman, Commander,  
Department of Maryland, G.A.R.

Staff and Comrades of the Department of Maryland:

Sincerely yours in Christian fellowship.

We, as officers, for ourselves and in behalf and in the name of all the members of the Hull Memorial Christian Church of Lansdowne, Maryland, wish to tender you all our sincere thanks for the beautiful G.A.R. memorial windows placed in our building and unveiled October 22, 1905, and will pledge ourselves to, as Christian soldiers and loyal citizens, for the safe-keeping and perpetual care of these beautiful emblems of God and Liberty and will ever cherish the memories of the loyal men who fought to sustain the Union.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you in these your declining years is the prayer of us all.

Lewis Reeser, Thos. C. Atkins, Thos. W. Ingels, W.D. Reeser, Scott B. Doing, Centennial Bahr, Trustees.

Through the years, the life of the church has ebbed and flowed. Because it was the only church dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic, it was been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior in 1977. The church celebrated its 75th birthday in 1978.

In the last five years, the church has been beautifully renovated. It has a new organ, and the glorious windows stand as beautiful and fresh as the day they were dedicated.

The following is the remembrance of "Grand Army Day" as C. Joseph Hull, Charles Wesley Hull's grandson, wrote them for the 75th anniversary booklet of the church.

"Then we celebrated Grand Army Day, the community's biggest event of the year. When I was a child, the second Sunday in May was known in Lansdowne as Grand Army Day. Each Grand Army Veteran wore a carnation. A special train brought these G.A.R. Veterans and a contingent of V.F.W. (Spanish American War and Boxer Rebellion Veterans) to Lansdowne, where they were met by the Lansdowne Band, Lansdowne V.F.W., several units of the Boys Brigade, the St. Mary's Industrial School Band, and several drum and bugle corps. They paraded to the church where the G.A.R. Veterans, all more than 70 years old, entered our church for services, while the rest of the parade proceeded through Lansdowne. After the service, the G.A.R. Veterans were served dinner in our Sunday School room by our Ladies Aid." Mr. Hull continues, "after a time of camaraderie memorial and military ceremonies were held. A drill team performed. Patriotic speeches were delivered and a campfire, with a huge iron Civil War messes kettle hat was suspended from a tripod, was lit. At the conclusion of the day, the Veterans were served dinner in the picnic grove, after which they all met at the railroad station and boarded the train for Baltimore."

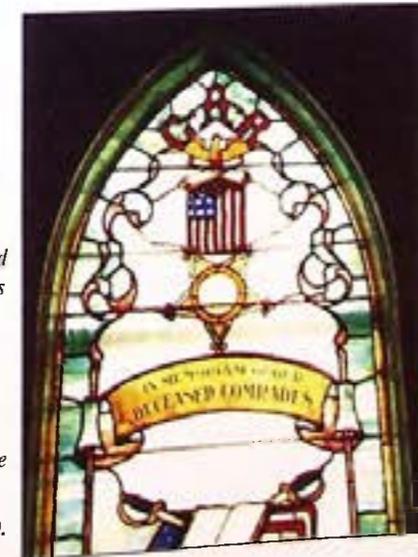
As the years went by, and as fewer and fewer of the old men remained, the service became less and less attended. The Hull family survivors released the church from the original deed.

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Above: the Dushane Corp No. 4, W.R.C., memorial window.

Left: the G.A.R. window, inscribed "In Memory of Deceased Comrades"



## Burial Honors...

Legion Post, who discovered the situation. Working through the state's Department of Natural Resources, the post obtained permission to clear away the vegetation from the grave and mark it with a U.S. flag. A small white picket fence was also constructed around the plot and a "grave-blanket" provided. The American Legion members then set about the task of making arrangements to move Calkins' remains, for reburial near his descendants at the township's new cemetery. These developments were highlighted in a newspaper story that came to the attention of former Mio resident Judy Brown-Kurnick, President of the DUVCW tent at Corunna, Mich. She learned that the American Legion wanted Civil War era honors to be included in the burial rites and, so, plans began for the SUVCW and DUVCW to take part.

Sister Brown-Kurnick is to be commended for all her efforts.

I contacted my counterpart in New York, asking if he would like to provide any special words for the ceremony, in honor of a fellow man from the 'Empire State.' Dept. of New York Cmdr. William J. M. Rave wrote back, stating that, as the ceremony would take place on Memorial Day weekend, he thought that a procla-

mation originally rendered May 1, 1907, by Commander John S. Maxwell, G.A.R. Department of New York, would be fitting.

Imagining the thoughts of the many veterans who had originally read or heard these words, I read with pride the proclamation, noting Comrade Maxwell's quote from our 16th President of the United States.

"Memorial Day should be sacredly observed. It is the Nation's Sabbath; a day of sweet memories and cherished associations; and an occasion which, as the years go by, stirs anew within us stronger feelings of Patriotism and brings to every lover of his Country a fuller appreciation of its true meaning and purpose.

"It is fitting to recall the deeds which this day commemorates. The brave men who fought our battles on land and sea settled the question once and for all that this fair land of ours shall ever be a land of free men and free women, in fact, as well as in name; and they also demonstrated to the world that this Government is not only a union of states, but that it is also a great Nation and that 'Government by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.'"

Brother Rave offered another quotation appropriate to the day and the hour. It was from Mrs. C.E. McKay, a Civil War nurse, who wrote the following thought in her book *Stories of Hospital and Camp* (pub. 1876) -

"And ought we not carefully to teach the

children of the present generation, - charging them not to let their children or their children's children forget what it cost their fathers to leave them a united country."

Commander Rave also funded a floral piece for the casket, placed after our country's flag was folded and presented to the family. Sister Brown-Kurnick employed her florist's skills to create a very nice arrangement that included ribbons and the words "New York."

As the DUVCW tent at Corunna works in mutual cooperation and support with the SUVCW camp there, both are to be commended for their very special part in these proceedings. Several Brothers of Maj. Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 served as pall-bearers and helped man the armed honor guard which was lead by Michigan SVR Commander Kenneth Martin. In addition, Camp 160's chaplain, Bro. Gary Granger, officiated with the utmost reverence and respect.

After the ceremony, all participants were treated to a first-rate luncheon at the Luzerne Legion Post, where it was my honor to present Wally Bartly American Legion Post 162 with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their care for the abandoned grave of Daniel C. Calkins and for their planning and fund-raising - the SUVCW Department of Michigan having donated \$300 - for the relocation of his remains.

## Post-Encampment CoA Meets

**Communications And Technology** - We are still paying for a high-speed line for the Communications and Technologies officer, which we no longer need. A motion made and seconded to shut down the high-speed line. Motion passed. The Assistant Treasurer will contact the officer to let him know we will no longer pay for the line.

**Commemorative Encampment Badges** - Motion made and seconded to have National Quartermaster sell both the Encampment badges and the GAR commemorative badges. The Encampment badge (star with red, white and blue ribbon) to be available to registered delegates who were present. Limit one at \$6 each including postage. The GAR Commemorative badge (eagle with gold ribbon) to be sold first to registered delegates present, limit two at \$6 each including postage. Requests must be postmarked by December 31. After that, badges will be made available to general membership for \$11 each. One of each badge will be donated to the GAR Museum in Philadelphia and to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall at Pittsburgh.

**Minutes Of CoA Meetings** - Motion made and seconded to have minutes of all CoA meetings disseminated to every member of the CoA in a reasonable time after the meeting. For those on line, it can be done electronically, and the Secretary be directed to mail to all members of the CoA, voting and non-voting, the minutes of those meetings. Motion passed. It was asked by the CinC to put in the minutes that we are still waiting on the minutes of the March meeting.

**Printed Proceedings** - The National Quartermaster has received 1984, 1985 and 1989 printed proceedings. Discussion on sending out booklets to all delegates who are still living, and from which account the postage will come from. Bud [Atkinson, NQM] also inquired about what to do with old proceedings. Motion made and seconded to sell them through the Quartermaster for \$5 each. Motion passed.

PCinC Johnson noted that this Encampment has accomplished two things that are essential for the good of the Order, and will make this Order grow, [1] the Executive Director, and [2] the direct intake of applicants into the Order. Membership now can grow; we can make it grow; and he is delighted with those two.

**Honorary Membership** - The Department of New York has requested honorary membership for Bennidict Merrionik. A motion made and seconded. It was indicated that the gentleman's actions, as laudable as they are, do not meet the requirements set down in the Constitution and Regulations. The motion was withdrawn. It was suggested that the Department of New York make him an honorary member in the department or the camp. The CinC could issue a Certificate of Appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will take place at Gettysburg in November.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
Gary L. Gibson, PDC  
National Secretary pro temp

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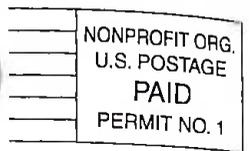


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