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Newly Elected National Officers



**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
HARRY J. GIBBONS**

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 100th Annual National Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pa., August 9th to 13th 1981.

Brother Gibbons is a Life Member, and his eligibility to our Organization is two fold, his paternal grandfather Harry J. Gibbons, served in Company C-141st Regiment, New York State Volunteers three years, and died in Point Comfort, Virginia 1863 during his enlistment before the war was over.

His maternal grandfather Eli Stevens, enlisted in Robert Brown's Co. F-89th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, in Windsor, N.Y., which fought at Gettysburg, Antietam, Bull Run, and was mustered out in 1865, he lived until 1913.

Brother Gibbons joined P.G. Cook Camp 223, in 1946 and served in all Camp Offices, and was elected N.Y. Department Commander in 1969, after holding many Dep't. offices. He is currently the Press Correspondent in N.Y. Dep't.

Our Commander-in-Chief has held appointed and elected offices in the National Organization, namely Historian, Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, Jr. Vice Commander, and Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Gibbons is a graduate of Buffalo State Teachers College, and attended University of Buffalo, he holds a Life License for teaching Industrial Arts and Vocational Technical Subjects in N.Y. State. He taught Automobile and Aviation Mechanics in Burgard High School, in Buffalo, N.Y. 35 Years and served in the 65th Regiment N.Y. Guard, 1941 to 1945 as 1st Lieutenant, as Motor Officer, member of the Univer-



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT
ANN E. WILLEKE**

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 95th National Encampment held in Philadelphia, August 9-13, 1981.

During the Civil War her grandfather, Private Frederick Willeke, served in Company I, 14th regiment of Connecticut for three years. Sister Ann joined the Auxiliary in 1931. She became Department President in 1943. On the National level she has been Press Correspondent, Chief-of-Staff, Vice President, and Council Member.

Ann retired after working for 30 years at Connecticut General Insurance Co. She is a member of St. Bernard Church in Rockville, where she teaches C.C.D. and is a member of the Ladies Guild.

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Bro. Harry and Sister Elsa have three sons and two granddaughters, Sister Elsa Gibbons, is the N.Y. Dept. President of the Auxiliary and very active as Patriotic Instructor in Circle 91 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, for 1981-82.



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1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 100th Annual National Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pa. August 9th to 13th, 1981-Command has been assumed and Headquarters established at the above address.

2. A roster of elected and appointed officers is printed elsewhere in the issue of The Banner. Committee appointments are as follows:

3. As your Commander-in-Chief, I am asking for your full Support and Co-Operation from each officer and member of our Organization for the coming year. It behooves us, each and every member to try a little more effort to improve and enlarge our Beloved Order. Membership should be our by-word and aim, as this is an Organization's life blood.

4. My theme for the year is DESIRE-DETERMINATION-DEVOTION-and DEDICATION we must, Desire to carry on our Heritage, and inform the public of our aims; Determination to do our best in getting new and young members; Devotion to our Allied Orders of the G.A.R. we need each and every one to help, if we are to exist and carry out our Obligation to the utmost. Dedication-this word means so much to each member and if we dedicate ourself to the Organization and "To perpetuate the Memory of The Grand Army of the Republic" teach Patriotism, History of Country, Love and Honor of our flag, Co-operate and Participate with other Patriotic Organizations proper observance of National Holidays, and especially of Memorial Day, of all Holidays we are bound to improve and gain Membership.

5. Department Secretaries: Please send the Name and Address of your Depart. Jr. Vice Commander, to our National Jr. Vice C-in-C-George W. Long, he will welcome your response on Membership.

6. As in past years each member securing three new members will be appointed National Aide and receive the National Ribbon for his badge. Also the member securing five new members will receive the Certificate of Merit. Please notify me on this, when members are eligible.

7. We must have the CORRECT ADDRESS of each member for The BANNER, as the return of each BANNER is very costly.

8. I would like to commend our Patriotic Instructor, James G. D. Marley, of Massachusetts, for his outstanding work in his office. I have re-appointed Jim, because he is a very capable and enthusiastic worker for our Order. Please support him this next year. You will hear more from him later.

9. REMEMBRANCE DAY! NOVEMBER- 21st, 1981 A day to Remember and HONOR our Grand Army of the Republic, with our Allied Orders of the G.A.R. This is a day of real Remembrance, and one each member to try to attend. Gettysburg, Pa. is a wonderful place to visit and REMEMBER.

10. DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS: I sincerely will try to visit as many Departments as possible, but I must have the Dates and Locations of your Encampment. Please advise me, as this is a very important item for my itinerary.

11. My sincere congratulations and best wishes to Miss Ann Willeke, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Bessie Coates, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Lucy Mawson, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Also my very best and sincere wishes to the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc., May all of these Allied Orders have a most successful and Happy, Healthy Year. I pledge my loyal support to all Allied Orders.

12. My congratulations to Tom Graham, Editor of THE BANNER our Official quarterly Publication, who has been re-appointed for the next year, best wishes Tom, you do a mighty fine job for the Organization.

13. Many thanks to all the delegates who elected me as your Commander-in-Chief, I appreciate this high honor and I shall try hard to do my best to improve our Beloved Organization, with help and co-operation from all, I know we will.

14. To all my elected and appointed officers and committees, my fondest hopes and wishes for a most successful year in 1981-82.

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At this time I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who extend kindnesses or presented me gifts at the 100th National Encampment held in Philadelphia, August 9-13, 1981. I was sincerely pleased and shall remember your kindness for years to come. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I believe I have written thank you notes for all gifts. I received but one. It is a gold key ring with a fingernail clipper attached. I could find no card with it, but I'll be sincerely pleased to write a deserved thank you if whoever gave the gift will contact me.

Richard E. Wyman,
Past Commander-in-Chief

Report of the Senior Vice Commander

The Delegates at the Centennial National Encampment adopted two resolutions which this office will have the responsibility of implementing.

1. There shall be established a "Senior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs Fund" to be used for the "promotion of our Order."
2. There shall be established a "Committee on Program and Policy of which the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be Chairman with four members for 4, 3, 2 and 1 year terms respectively, with one being appointed each future year for a four year term as one retires."

The new fund replaces the Centennial Fund which is discontinued, having served it's purpose and netted \$3000.00 during it's lifetime for which heartfelt appreciation is given to the many Brothers who supported it over the years.

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Members of the new committee appointed by CinC Gibbons are: Robert J. Wolz, Ohio, 4 yrs.; Miles E. Harrington, Mass., 3 yrs.; Charles E. Sharrock, Colo., 2 yrs., Wayne Pyle, Cal., 1 yr. and Albert A. Morey, N.Y., 1 yr.

As the committee sets out to establish it's goals and procedures, suggestions from the general membership are sought and should be directed to the chairman.

A project already under way is an exchange of ideas for improving camp programming. Letters soliciting successful camp practices and events have been sent to 160 Department and Camp Officers. It is hoped the results may be published early in 1982.

Richard C. Schlenker
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Report of Junior Vice Commander

At the 100th Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, held in Philadelphia, I was elected the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Thank you every one. It is my duties top promote ways to increase membership. One way is to always carry a membership blank and something to write with. Also to advertise, every Department, and Camp should advertise in the local paper or other media. Take a friend to your meetings to talk to other members. Above all advertise.

Yours in F. C. & L.
George W. Long
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Amendments

The following amendments to the Regulations were adopted by the National Encampment August 9-13, 1981 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Chapter III, Article II, Section 5, the period of time for completion of payment for a life membership is increased from one year to three years. The entire Section 5 therefore now reads as follows:

"Section 5. Life memberships are hereby established, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the Permanent Fund of the Order. The annual interest thereon shall be paid by the National Treasurer to the member's Camp, during his natural life, in lieu of his dues. The cost thereof shall be \$150.00 to and including the age of 59 years; \$125.00 from the age of 60 years to and including the age of 69 years; and \$100.00 from the age of 70 years; of which cost not less than one-third shall accompany the application and the remainder shall be paid at the convenience of the member within three years from the time of the application."

Chapter III, Article VII, Committees, there is added to Section 1 the addition of a standing committee on program and policy so that the entire section 1 now reads as follows:

"Section 1. The regular committees of the National Organization shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Legislation, Military Affairs, Membership, Americanization and Education, Lincoln Tom Obserance, Remembrance Day, Fraternal Relations, and Encampment Site. A standing committee on Program and Policy shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief; the chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; each year one member shall be appointed for a term of four years; and the purpose of this committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

Chapter IV, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Sections 1 and 2 were amended to read now in their complete texts as follows:

"Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall constitute the authorized military feature of the Order. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp guard or unit for parade and service under the auspices of the Camp with which such unit is associated.

No member of said Camp guard or unit shall wear rank above a full colonel at any time.

"Section 2. To be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, a brother shall be a member in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Members of the ladies organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic may affiliate with subordinate units and be identified as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Nurse Corps with uniform, dress and duty conforming to that of the period of the Civil War. Members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Nurse Corps shall not pay dues, file forms or have rank structure, nor shall they carry weapons or serve on any artillery piece, ride as cavalry, serve as infantry, or participate in any hazardous activity while in uniform depicting nurses of the Civil War era or during any Sons of Veterans Reserve battle enactment. Said nurses shall not at any time wear the regulations uniform of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Joseph S. Rippey
Chairman of Committee on
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NEW JERSEY NEWS

The Fall meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100, the State Camp, will be held October 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Coach and Four Restaurant in Highstown. An interesting Civil War History-related program will follow dinner and a short business meeting.

Members of Garfield Camp No. 4, Trenton, enjoyed a motion picture portraying important military events of the Civil War and stressing the social, economic and geographical factors which forced the South to capitulate, at its meeting on September 17th.

Anyone traveling to Trenton would enjoy stopping at the Meredith Havens Civil War and Fire Museums which are housed in an attractive setting in the Fire Headquarters Building and are open to interested visitors seven days a week. Memorabilia for cataloging and display will be gladly received by Chief Daniel George, P.D.C. of N.J., at Fire Headquarters. Garfield Camp was able to initiate the Civil War Museum as a result of the interest and hard work of now-deceased Bro. Havens and the encouragement of Chief George.

The Department's annual Lincoln Luncheon will be held Saturday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Coach and Four Restaurant, Highstown. Dean R. K. Ackerman of Drew University, Madison, N.J. will speak on "Lincoln Through the Eyes of Grant and Sherman."

Congratulations from the Department to Susan and Hugh Jamison on the birth of their son. And the sympathy of the Department is extended to the family of Anita Weber, member of Aux. No. 9 in Orange.

NEWS OF CONNECTICUT

In June, the East Hampton Auxiliary held their Annual Picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Squire, other members attending represented Rockville and New Haven.

The Department President and five other Sisters and one Son attended the National Encampment in August.

Connecticut is very proud to have had P.N.P. Ann Willeke elected to the Office of National President — this the first time that Connecticut has had a National President. Sister Ann belongs to the Rockville Auxiliary No. 5, and she is a very conscientious worker and we are sure she will serve the National Auxiliary in a way to make us proud of her. Her Reception will be held at the Ramada Inn in East Windsor on October 24th, 1981 — more details will be out later.

The Department will hold it's annual Fair in East Hampton on October 3, 1981.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucktail Camp No. 42 of Port Alleghany will receive their new camp Charter with 23 names to be inscribed on it. The 115th annual Lincoln Dinner will be held at McAllister's, 1811 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Saturday, February 13th, 1982. The price will be \$14.50, with reservations to Frank M. Heacock, Sr. General George G. Meade Camp, No. 16 of Reading will observe their 100th anniversary with a dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 1981 at the Reading Motor Inn. Brother C. Leroy Stoudt is serving as general chairman. Pennsylvania

From the National Patriotic Instructor 1980-81. I wish to thank everyone and your Departments for your splendid cooperation and generous donations for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. A grand total of \$1714.26 was contributed. Marjorie M. Smith

Department Encampment Finance and Site Committee will hold a meeting at the Reading Motor inn prior to Camp 16's 100th Anniversary dinner. The meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. To the Pennsylvania Department each and everyone of you; the entire delegation at the 100th annual encampment wish to thank you for all the hard work, time and effort you put in making this celebration such an important time in the lives of we members. Anyone who missed this national missed a lot.

OHIO

Ohio was very proud to have a good delegation at the 100th annual Encampment in Philadelphia in August. The delegation was led by Department Commander Charles Corfman SUVCW and Mrs. Janice Corfman, Department President of the Ladies of the GAR. Our annual Encampment at Mount Union College was well attended and it was voted to hold the 1982 Department Encampment in the same place. Sister Lillian Sutton was elected to the Office of Department President of the Auxiliary. Ohio sends congratulations to all the newly elected National Officers and we extend to you an invitation to attend our next Department Encampment in June 1982.

INDIANA

Indiana was proud to send their Department Commander Clifford E. Becker of Indianapolis along with the Department Secretary-Treasurer and SUV colonel Argus Ogborn to the 100th National Encampment held in August in Philadelphia. As a special tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic Ogborn appeared in a full dress uniform of the GAR commander-in-chief at the Sunday evening campfire. The uniform was the type worn in 1881 when the SUV was organized. Thank you for sharing this with us.

NEW YORK

New York sends heartest congratulation to their own son; now the newly elected Commander-in-Chief. New York keeps busy not only with the SUV but also with the Spanish American War Veterans when they were 78th NY Department Encampment United Spanish War Veterans in Schenectady. They learned that at the present time there are 106 living veterans. At the New York State Fair in September the New York Department was represented by the Empire Brigade and the 1st NY Brigade when an authentic campsite was established on the fair grounds and a large collection of Civil War flags and related articles were on display. What a way to advertise!!!

New York Department Camp Fire, certainly was a gala affair. Very musical and it is much to the credit of P.C.C. Norman Feerman and Dept. Musician Rodger Schermer.

MARYLAND

Fledgeling Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary in Washington, D.C. hosted a

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joint buffet-supper meeting with the Camp at the Schlenker residence in July. The poolside fund-raiser was so successful that another is planned for September.

Tandy Carnes and Lori Andersen-Petrie are two newly obligated Sisters.

The Sons obligated William Carnes, Kenneth Cozier and Charles Pelzer who were previously recruited and the newest recruit Michael Petrie age 14 years.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary congratulate Brother Richard Schlenker upon his election as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at the Centennial National Encampment in Phila.

The "First Friday Luncheon" with Loyal Legion in August was well attended. "Roots of the SUVCW" was the topic of discussion.

CALIFORNIA

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 of San Jose, Calif. and Auxiliary No. 12 held Memorial Services on our Grand Army Plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park. (All 400 graves had been flaged the day before)

Speaker of the Day was Past National Auxiliary President Lenore Glass, who recited, by memory, "The Grand Old Soldier." Opening prayer was given by Rev. Clark Seum, a member of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4. Closing Prayer by Auxiliary Chaplain, Doris Cheney.

Honor Roll Sons of Union Veterans

In memory of Issac B. Lotz, Co. B 147 Indiana Vols. from Craig Haffner, California \$10.00

In memory of Pvt. Elisha Hardenperch, Co.D. 156th NYSV from Sheldon F. Coons, Florida \$10.00

From Timothy M. Murphy, Riverside N.J. in memory of Conrad Winfield Scott Stutz Co.B 21st Pa. Cav., 182nd rgt \$10.00

Honor Roll Fund
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans

In memory of Francis Reed Burter from Major K. Dorothy Cleveland, Ret. \$25.00

In memory of Hazel L. Moushey P.N.P. Missouri
from Marion A. Young \$10.00
from Anne's Orchid Club \$10.00
from Dorris W. Schlenker \$10.00
from Past National Presidents Assoc. \$10.00
from Hazel's Little Mules. \$10.00

In memory of Pvt. Timothy Cook, Co.C., 7th W. Va. Cavalry (Formerly 8th Infantry) from Mr. & Mrs. Luther T. Cook, Jr. of California .. \$10.00

Anyone desirous of having more information on the Honor Roll program should contact the National Treasurer Esther G. Peiper, P.O. Box 605, Carlisle, Penna 17013

From Timothy M. Murphy, Riverside N.J. in memory of William Henry Harrison Stutz Co. B 138th Pa. Vol. Inf. \$10.00

From Mr. & Mrs. Lee e. Smedley, Tecumseh N.E. in memory of Pvt. George W. Smedley, Co. F. 51st Ill. Vol. Inf. \$10.00

From Norman L. Combs & Fred H. Combs, Jr. PCC, N.J. in memory of Fred H. Combs, Sr. PDC New Jersey. \$10.00

National Historian Report

National Historian, Jerome Orton, is offering for sale envelopes at a cost of 60¢ or \$1 with the CinC autograph, with the Wording, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 100th Anniversary, Nov. 12, 1881-1981. Harry Gibbons, Commander-in-Chief." The cost of arms is in the center. These cachets are suitable for post-marking in any post office throught the nation on our actual 100th birthday, Nov. 12, 1981. Please

send a SASE.

Flags with the wording, "In Memoriam, Sons of Union Veterans," can be purchased for \$2 each if a order of 36 is obtained. There are red, white and blue and about 17x9 inches.

The National Historian will have a scrapbook contest at next years National Encampment. Prizes given to be best. So started putting yours together. Letters will be sent to all interested individuals.

Invitation

51st Annual Banquet

The 51st Dedication Day Dinner-Program at Gettysburg, Saturday evening November 21st, 6:30 p.m. sharp. At the Holiday Inn, South Baltimore Street. Inn now under new ownership with new management for lodging and food services. Come and enjoy the fellowship of members from the five Allied Orders to the G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons will make the presentation of the National Organization's Scholarship to a worthy student of Gettysburg College. The other National Presidents of the four organizations are expected to be present. Attend the Remembrance Day services in the afternoon, join us that evening. Dinner reservations must be made with P.D.C. George Long, 222 Lincoln Street, Lancaster PA 17603 by November 14th with check to accompany reservation. Dinner price is \$10.00 per person.

*Special
Invitation
for our Membership Pressence*

*25th Grand Army of The Republic
REMEMBRANCE DAY
Saturday, November 21, 1981
Gettysburg Battlefield*

*Principle Address:
Maj. Gen. Richard M. Scott
The Adjutant General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

Headquarters: Holiday Inn, Baltimore St.

*Parade: 2:00 P.M. - Recreation Field
Wreath Laying: 2:45 P.M.
Program of Tributes: 3:15 P.M.
Dedication Day Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
Holiday Inn*

*S.V.R. and Reactivated Civil War Troops
(Class A Uniform, Arms, Colors)*

S.V.R. NEWS

by
Major George Shadman

Gettysburg - 1981

"The Mecca for the Civil War reenactor." That was how one senior S.V.R. officer described Gettysburg. And July 4, 1981, lived up to that description when the paramount of historical reenactments materialized. 300 uniformed troops fought a week long downpour of rain to participate in a twenty-five acre stage production of Pickett's Charge.

The event was the 11th National S.V.R. Encampment hosted by the National Staff, chaired by Colonel Thomas O'Dea. Troops mustered from approximately thirty states, Canada, and England. They came together to live history and left not one bit disappointed.

The battle commenced with an artillery duel. Close to fifty Napoleon and Parrot artillery pieces roared, shaking the ground under the troops. The thunderous pounding ended as the rebel forces crested the top of the hill with scores of battleflags designated individual units.

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The infantry took over the show at this point. 2200 muskets fired nonstop for forty-five minutes while the rebs charged into "The Angle." Wave after wave of confederates pressed the attack, but each charge was repealed, littering the battlefield with mock casualties.

When the rebs finally admitted defeat and withdrew top the top of the hill in which they came, the cavalry did their show with a small scale reenactment of Farnsworth's Charge.

When the battle was completed, the troops passed in review and marched in formation back to the bivouac area. Even though every troop was covered with mud from head to toe and wet through to the skin, everyone carried an awe within themselves for the privilege of being able to participate in the greatest reenactment ever staged. And it is the Sons of Veterans Reserve who will hold the honors of that great event forever.

Milestones:

RETIRED: Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Rounds, aide-de-Camp for General Chester Shriver. A World War I veteran, Lt. Col. Rounds resides Ulster, Pa. and was an active member of the 141st Pa. Volunteers, SVR.

RETIRED: Lieutenant-Colonel Harry "the old soldier" Furman, National Public Informations Officer. Originally from Freeville, New York where he organized the 107th N.Y. Vol. Inf., LtCol. Furman now resides in Edenton, North Carolina.

RELINQUISHED COMMAND: At his request, due to health and job reasons, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Cuyler was releaved as commander of the Second Military District. Considered by many as "the father of the SVR in N.Y. State." Lt. Col. Cuyler has been active in the SVR since 1962 when he organized the 148th N.Y. Vol. Inf. He resides in Auburn, N.Y.

PROMOTED: Major Charles Nelson, commander of the New Jersey Brigade, has accepted the office of the Commander, Second Military District. Headquarters will be Box 112 N. Main Street, Shiloh, New Jersey 08353.

PROMOTED: Major George Shadman, commander of the 1st New York Brigade, has accepted the position of National Public Informations Officer.

Upcoming S.V.R. Events

NOVEMBER 20, 21 Twenty-fifth Annual Commemoration of Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pa.

JULY 1982 12th Annual S.V.P. Encampment in Perrysville, Kentucky. The host will be the National Staff, chaired by Lt. Col. James Brown. For information as received.

REGULATIONS
for the
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT
Sons of Veterans Reserve

1981

The following Regulations were ADOPTED and APPROVED by the 100th Annual National Encampment, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 9-12, 1981, and constitutes the cntire SVR Regulations in the Constitution and Regulations of the Parent Organization:

CHAPTER IV
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

SECTION 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall constitute the authorized military feature of the Order. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp guard or unit for parade and service under the auspices of the Camp with which such unit is associated. No member of said Camp guard or unit shall wear rank above a full colonel at any time.

SECTION 2. To be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, a brother shall be a member in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Members of the ladies organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic may affiliate with subordinate units and be identified as members of the Sons of

Veterans Reserve Nurse Corps with uniform, dress and duty conforming to that of the period of the Civil War. Members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Nurse Corps shall not pay dues, file forms or have rank structure, nor shall they carry weapons or serve on any artillery piece, ride as cavalry, serve as infantry, or participate in any hazardous activity while in uniform depicting nurses of the Civil War era or during a Sons of Veterans Reserve battle enactment. Said nurses shall not at any time wear the regulation uniform of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

SECTION 3. The Sons of Veterans Reserve as it now exists or may hereafter be organized shall be governed solely, except as herein stated, by the Rules and Regulations adopted or subsequently modified or amended by the National Military Affairs Committee upon approval by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with National or State laws or the Constitution, Regulations or general welfare of the Order.

SECTION 4. The combined units of the Reserve shall be known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The National Military Department shall be divided into District geographically for administrative and for command purposes. There shall be NO military rank in the Sons of Veterans Reserve higher than a Brigadier General.

SECTION 5. The uniform and regulations shall conform as nearly as practicable to the less advanced United States Army Regulations, preferably nearer to those of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War.

The above revised REGULATIONS governing the SVR shall be distributed to all Commissioned Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Unit Commanders and shall be complied with. They should be attached to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP-SVR) and the Guidelines and Policies of The Commanding General, SVR.

ENDORSEMENT

The Pennsylvania Department SUVCW at its annual Encampment endorsed and will place in nomination at the 101st National Encampment

BROTHER WILLIAM L. SIMPSON
for the office of Commander-in-Chief 1982-1983

ENDORSEMENT

The Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary SUVCW endorses and will place in nomination at its next National Encampment

SISTER MARY JANE SIMPSON
for the office of National President 1982-1983

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows:

- Under age 60 \$150.00
- Age 60 to 90 \$125.00
- Age 70 and over \$100.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within three years. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1981 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

HEADQUARTERS

National Secretary-Treasurer Information Bulletin

- By action of the 100th Annual National Encampment, the Per-capita tax due the National Organization, SUVCW continues at 65¢ per member thru December 31st, 1981. Beginning January 1st, 1982 - Departments and Camps at Large, Per-Capita tax due to National Headquarters was established at \$1.00 per member - per quarter. Information letters have been mailed to the Department Commanders and Secretary plus Camps at Large.
- SUPPLIES/INFLATION CONTINUES:
Effective October 1st, 1981:-
New SUVCW Rosette (still \$4.00 each)
Past Department Commanders Badge.....\$35.00 each
Miniature Badges.....7.00 each
New Ritual and Ceremony Booklet.....3.00 each
War Medal.....18.00 each
Bronze Buttons.....4.00 each
Lapel Button/Tie Tac (Polished).....3.00 each
- The 1982 Supply Requisition forms WILL BE available at your National Headquarters upon request after January 1st, 1982.

Permanent Fund

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

TO Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

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

Name of Veteran _____

Company Regiment _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved. Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes * Section 170 of the Code of 1954.)

Note From the Editor:

The deadline for articles published in the Banner is the 15th of the following months March; June; September; and December. Articles received after that date are held over to the following publication. In order to maintain a schedule it is necessary for this schedule to be followed. The materials received for the Banner are compiled the evening of the 15th and taken to the printer the morning of the 16th. PLEASE follow this schedule for your mailings. Please try to limit materials to one type written page so that there will be sufficient space for all. This naturally does not apply to General Orders from Commander-in-Chief or the National Secretary's articles. Thank you.

Random Notes

Three members of our organization, who are the survivors of the original signers of our Articles of Incorporation in 1954, enjoyed a reunion at the Centennial National Encampment in Philadelphia in August. They were:

Argus Ogborn, Indiana
Cleon Heald, New Hampshire
C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania

Three young members who will long remember the Centennial Encampment are the 14 year olds who received their obligation and instructions during the Exemplification of Ritual at the Monday evening session on August 10, 1981. They were:

David L. Ubelhor, LaFayette, Ind.
William L. Scott, Ridley Park, Pa.
Gar E. Heacock, Wilmington, Del.

The Sons University

At the close of the last century, a number of our Brothers were inspired by the Grand Army of the Republic school presentations and felt the logical result would be a national university of patriotic instruction.

At the 19th National Encampment held in Syracuse, N.Y. in September 1900, legislation was passed to create "Memorial University," a military co-educational institution dedicated to the veterans and loyal women of 1861-65.

A number of localities vied for the site of this new school. Mason City, Iowa was the successful bidder and the College of Liberal Arts opened in September, 1902. With high hopes the university opened the liberal arts college, a preparatory academy, a military science school, a Normal (for teachers) college, a school of oratory and a music school. A Dept. of Applied Patriotism was established in the belief that students "would be able to forecast the future because (they) knew the past - not merely events of the past, but their trend."

The University became a separate corporation with its trustees appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Rev. Dr. Walter J. Patton was named President. The main hall was a massive 2 story limestone building containing 30 classrooms, a chapel to seat 400, a gymnasium, armory and library. Two private owned dormitories, Lincoln Hall for men and Barton Hall for women, served the needs of the student body. Additional students were housed at more costly private homes in town.

Each year the Commander-in-Chief would make two appeals for the financial support of the university and many thousands of dollars were collected. The Womens Relief Corps and Ladies of the GAR were extremely generous in their support. Some scholarships were created as tributes to a GAR Post and a few were named for individual veterans by their families. However, no large endowments were ever received and many students did attend on scholarships.

Around 1907, the debts began to climb and the bylaws of the university that required it to remain debt free were altered to allow a \$25,000 bond issue. With the uncertainty of the university continuing, the student body dropped to 75 in 1910. The Council of Administration investigated the operation and reported the college was great in concept, but was simply more than we should have undertaken. The proposal to access each of our 40,000 members 20¢ a year for the college was quickly perceived as an attempt to double the per capita tax and the resolution was voted down.

Thus lacking funds, sponsorship and further support the gallant effort of our memorial university ended after only 10 years.

Note: Where obtainable, the full debate and history of Memorial University are contained in the 1911 Sons of Veterans National Proceedings.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

In addition, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have provided for Associate Membership for interested individuals who are ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Such Associates enjoy full rights of membership except that they are ineligible for the office of National Commander-in-Chief. Memberships-at-Large are available for individuals who reside in areas where no Camp or Department of the SUVCW is available. For information contact:

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