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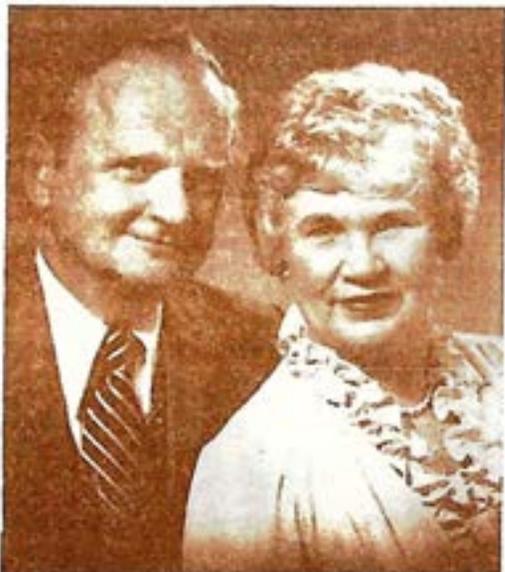
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New National Officers

For the second time in our 101 years, a husband-wife team shall serve as our Commander-in-Chief and the National President of our Auxiliary. Richard C. Schlenker was elected our Commander-in-Chief. He is a veteran of World War II and active in the Wheaton, Md. VFW and American Legion.

He joined our Order by descend from Pvt. Daniel B. Schlenker, Co. G., 167th Penna. Regt. and later a Comrade of Hermany Post No. 606, Penna. GAR of Steinsville, Pa.

He is active in the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Descendants of Colonial Tavernkeepers and the Society of the War of 1812.

Bro. Schlenker is a strong believer in service to God and country. He is active in many community projects including a

number of years leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. He is an ordained Presbyterian Elder.

In 1946, he married Dorris R. Weidner and together they are the proud parents of four daughters and two sons.

Dorris Weidner Schlenker was elected National President of our Auxiliary.

Sister Dorris has been active in the Maryland Dept. first as an officer of Reno Auxiliary in Hagerstown, a series of offices in the Maryland-Delaware Dept., the Organizer of a new Auxiliary to Lincoln-Cushing Camp in Washington, D.C. and in the National Organization the most successful fund raiser in one year as the Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor.

She is a credit to her community taking an active role in the Wheaton, Md. American Legion Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts of America, a founder of the Wheaton Meals-on-Wheels program and a fund raiser for the local Heart, Cancer and Leukemia societies annual collections.

Like Brother Dick, she is extremely active in her church having been ordained as a Presbyterian Elder and Deaconess and serving as a church trustee.

The officers and members of both the Sons and Auxiliary wish our Commander and National President the very best wishes for a successful administration.

Reception Nov 6

A joint reception in honor of Comdr-in-Chief Richard Schlenker and Natl. President Dorris Schlenker will be held November 6th at 6:00 pm. Dinner being served at 6:45 pm at the Radisson Hotel, 700 King St., Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Banquet reservations are \$15.50 each. Please send your check to Dept. secy. Marion C. T. Townsend, 800 Euclid Ave., Wilmington, Dela. 19809 (telephone 302-764-9760).

Providence, RI Encampment

Our 101st National Encampment proved to be one of the busiest conventions the Sons have held in recent years. The encampment sponsored by the Dept. of Massachusetts was held in the elegant Biltmore Hotel in downtown Providence, RI.

At 3 pm on Aug. 15, the Sons Chaplain Roy Smith & Aux. Chaplain Elizabeth Mellor conducted a joint memorial service in memory of deceased members, officers and the GAR, PC-in-C Ken Wheeler eulogized PC-in-C Richard Wyman and PNP Minnie Madeiros eulogized PNP Flora Bates. PC-in-C Chester Shriver & PC-in-C Norman Furman gave tribute to deceased Sons while Auxiliary deceased officers and members were remembered by PNP Eileen Combs and PDP Jacquelyn Johnston. The congregation sang "Faith of our Fathers," the theme hymn selected by Auxiliary National President Ann Willeke and concluded a most dignified service with the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The Grand Army Campfire program as revived by their descendants began promptly at 7 pm with a band concert presented by the 215th Army Natl. Guard Band of Mass. PC-in-C William Haskell served as Master of Ceremonies. The Colors were advanced by the Sons of Veterans Reserve in attendance and the Color Guard of the 215th Army Natl. Guard. Commander-in-Chief Harry Gibbons, Auxiliary Natl. President Ann Willeke and Ladies of the GAR Natl. President Lois Reffner each brought their greetings. Mass. Senator John F. Parker gave an address relating the importance of the Civil War to the present and urged each of us to continue the efforts of our ancestors toward freedom and justice for all.

On Monday morning, A Joint Opening with our Auxiliary was held under the direction of Chiefs of Staff Donald

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GENERAL ORDERS #1
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"With Malice Toward None"

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 101st Annual National Encampment at Providence, R.I. on August 18, 1982, command is hereby assumed with headquarters established at the above address to which personal communications may be directed. Regular business should be referred to the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.
2. Department of Massachusetts is commended for the excellent arrangements and service given as hosts of the National Encampment.
3. Standing Committee appointments have been made and all officers, Committee chairmen and members have been notified. All previous appointees are hereby relieved and gratitude offered to those who expended so much time and energy for the good of the order. It is expected that all retiring officers and committee chairmen will effect a smooth transfer of information to their successors.
4. The Committee on Legislation will pursue efforts to return Memorial Day to May 30.
5. John B. Davis of Virginia Beach, Va. is appointed Aide to act as liaison to USS Monitor National Advisory Committee.
6. Jerome L. Orton of Syracuse, N.Y. is appointed Aide to co-ordinate the writing of the History of SUVCW.
7. Graves Registration Officer William W. Vanderhoof will compile a register of burial sites of our qualifying Civil War ancestors as they are furnished to him.
8. Brothers who recruit three new members will be appointed Aide and will be issued a National Ribbon to be worn through the next National Encampment. Those who recruit five new members will be awarded a Certificate of Merit.
9. Members are reminded of the support needed for the National Patriotic Instructors Fund to uphold our patriotic work and the

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund to continue promotion of our Order.

10. Camps are now electing new officers for the next year. We congratulate those assuming new duties and pray that they may give inspiring leadership which will result in a closer and growing brotherhood.
11. Departments and Camps-at-Large are reminded that quarterly reports and remittances are due in the National Secretary-Treasurer's office at the end of December, March, June and September and that the year end statistical reports for National Encampment are prepared in early July.
12. Information regarding the ill and bereaved should be forwarded to headquarters in order that proper attention might be given.
13. The Commander-in-Chief's travel itinerary will be planned to best serve the total organization. Invitations should be made early in order that most efficient plans may be made.
14. Departments should report encampment information by November 30th in order that a complete schedule may be published in the January *Banner*.
15. The Commander-in-Chief's special project this year will be to assemble a complete set of National Encampment Proceedings and Banners for inclusion in the GAR-SUVCW Collection.
16. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg is when we pay homage to the Grand Army of the Republic. Many of us will gather there on November 20th. Those who cannot are urged to hold suitable ceremonies in their camps.
17. Warm congratulations and a pledge of close co-operation and support is extended to Sister Dorris W. Schlenker, Auxiliary National President; to Sister Lois Reffner, Ladies of the GAR National President; to Sister Dorothy Archdeacon, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans and to Sister Lurene J. Wentworth, National President of the Women's Relief Corps. May your administrations be most successful.
18. All Camp and Department Secretaries are requested to submit up-to-date membership rosters to the National Secretary and Banner Editor. Direct mailing of the Banner has resulted in an unusually high percentage of mail being returned as undeliverable. We must

correct this as the Banner is our only link with many members.

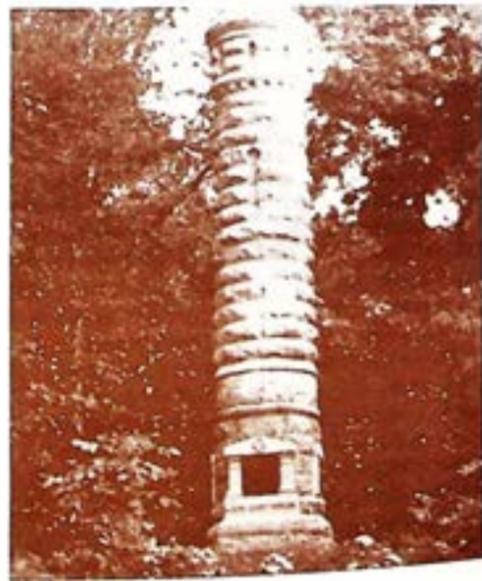
By order of:

Richard C. Schlenker
Commander-in-Chief 1982-83

Attest:
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By action approved at the 101st Annual National Encampment held in Providence, Rhode Island August 15-18, 1982, the Department Secretaries and Camp at Large Secretaries, are to forward a complete list of every Member and his address, to the NATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER prior to December 31, 1982. The purpose is to update our National Headquarters with every Camp and its membership in compliance to the request of the Internal Revenue Service.



NJ MONUMENT Rededication

The State and the Department of New Jersey invite you to the rededication of their restored First Brigade Monument at Gettysburg, Pa. on October 9th at 1 pm. The monument is located on Sedgwick Ave. (south of the Pa. Monument) about 100 yards off the road on a wooded hill.

Providence, RI

Roberts and Isabelle Roberts. Again, Faith of Our Fathers, the National Presidents theme was carried out.

At 10 am, the first business session of the Sons was opened in ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Harry Gibbons. The reports of all our national officers proved our trust was well placed in their election a year ago and a deep dedication to serve was seen throughout all national committee reports.

The Commander in Chief and National Secretary urged continuance of our national projects: Lincoln Memorial, Lincoln Tomb, Cathedral of the Pines, GAR Scholarship and GAR Remembrance Day. In all, the delegates concurred.

Secretary Shriver's report revealed Honor Roll contributions of \$181.50 and Life Membership purchases of \$850.00. Both these amounts invested in our Permanent Fund. New Members exceeded losses by 21 and 4 new Camps were chartered this past year. PC-in-C Fred Combs, Jr. chaired a certificate committee that presented a new Tri-color Membership Certificate. This attractive design was approved by the delegates and will be available in the near future from Natl. Headquarters at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Two social groups held early morning breakfasts. The SVR Club on Tuesday and the new Masonic Club on Wednesday morning. Both clubs are purely social whose name indicates their interest. No club officers or dues exist in either club.

The Allen Howland Award for total membership gain by a Department was presented to the Dept. of Pennsylvania.

The Constitution & Regulation Committee was one of the hardest working committees with a number of proposed changes submitted to it this year. The text of the adopted amendments appears in this issue of the Banner.

Natl. Patriotic Instructor James Marley gave his financial report of \$1776.00 collected for the GAR Fund with the heartfelt thanks of all Brothers.

The Budget Committee offered a balanced budget of \$24,000.00 which was read and approved.

The final report of the Credential Committee listed 84 registered delegates, 17 not present with 67 delegates voting and present.

Within minutes of the Wednesday noon closing of the encampment, the election and installation of our 1983 officers was held.

Next year's National Encampment will be held Aug. 14-17, 1983 at the Holiday Inn, 88 Spring St., Portland, Maine. We hope you'll plan your vacation to be there.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

The following are amendments to the SUVCW Regulations adopted at the 101st Natl. Encampment:

- Chapter III Article II Membership Section 5, on the subject of life members, there is added at the end of the section the words "No per capita tax shall be paid to the National Organization on life members."
- Chapter III Article IV Officers Section 3 The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers, etc., there is added at the end of this section the words, "except that he shall not appoint the Editor of the Banner."
- Chapter V, Article I Section 2, General Regulations, the subparagraph C is deleted in its entirety. Subparagraphs D & E are renumbered C & D, and D is amended to read "Each Department Secretary is required to mail a complete mailing list of the Department to the editor of the Banner on or before January 1st of each year", and a new section E is added that reads: "The editor of the Banner is required to mail one copy of each issue of the Banner to each member of the Order."
- Chapter V, General Regulations Article III Badges and Decorations Sec. 4 add a new paragraph at the end "Brothers may wear as a button-hole decoration a red, white and blue rosette not to exceed 5/8" in diameter, the central circular disk to be divided into four segments more than half the area being devoted to opposed segments of blue alternating with white, and the band to be composed of alternating red and white.
- Other proposals regarding badges were tabled until next year's encampment.
- The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted by a two-thirds vote as required and it is now in order to submit the same to the Departments for ratification before the 1983 Natl. Encampment:
Article VI Formation and Disbandment. Delete from Section 3, "to consist of five or more camps with a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred and fifty members." Thus causing it to read: Section 3: A Department may be formed by authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Add a new Section 4 reading: A Provisional Department may be created in states having 3 or more regular or Provisional Camps. The Commander-in-Chief may call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Department and election of Department Officers. After one year a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent Department status by the Commander-in-Chief. Sections 4 & 5 renumbered 5 & 6".

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, Chairman
Constitution & Regulation Committee

SARAH BUSH LINCOLN "The Lincoln Tradition"

By George Cashman,
Former Curator, Lincoln Tomb

It is doubtful if any natural mother could have shown more kindness and understanding than did Sarah Bush Lincoln in rearing her stepson, Abraham Lincoln. While Sarah could not read or write, she had a deep appreciation for education and she encouraged the young Abraham to take every opportunity to read and study. The much maligned father, Thomas Lincoln, sympathized with his son's ambition for an education and sent him to subscription schools whenever there were any in the neighborhood.

The marriage of Thomas Lincoln and Sarah Bush Johnston was significant in bringing together in a humble but comfortable cabin home a widower, a widow and two families of orphan children into one happy and loyal family group. That event came at a most opportune time when the Lincoln children had been deprived of motherly care and affection for more than a year.

Sarah was a kind and loving mother, showering her affection without distinction among all of the children and creating a congenial and helpful home environment for the rearing of a boy of destiny.

Much emphasis has been placed about the early home surroundings in Kentucky and Indiana which has supplied a wholly distorted and unfortunate picture of Lincoln's youth. Abraham Lincoln was most fortunate in the women in his life.

Nancy Hanks Lincoln, his mother, who supplied the moral and spiritual home atmosphere of his early years; Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln, a most remarkable stepmother, who gave him the much needed love and devotion, the inspiration and encouragement which sparked his ambition for betterment, and Mary Todd Lincoln, his wife, a woman, of culture and refinement, who in many ways was responsible for his success.

Abraham Lincoln manifested his great love and concern for the kind stepmother throughout his lifetime in many ways. Of Sarah he said that she had been his best friend in this world and that no son could love a mother more than he loved her.

Lincoln is quoted as having said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Of whom was he speaking? Was it his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, or was it his beloved stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln? We shall never know.

Legislative Report

Status of Memorial Day—Any possibility of action on measures to return Memorial Day to May 30 appears to be dead for the remaining months of the 97th Congress. In a recent letter from Rep. Robert Garcia, chairman of the Subcommittee on Census and Population, he stated, "I regret to advise you that there does not presently exist widespread support for changing the holiday observance. Consequently, we do not plan, at this time, to initiate any action on the bills."

Enactment of Public Laws—During the past year, several events, significant dates and individuals that have played prominent roles in our history have been recognized through legislation, some of which is listed as follows:

- P.L. 97-28 to designate the week of March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week."
- P.L. 97-32 to designate August 13, 1981 as "National Blinded Veterans Recognition Day."
- P.L. 97-43 to designate September 13, 1981 as "Commodore John Barry Day."
- P.L. 97-131 to designate the week beginning with the third Monday in February as "National Patriotism Week."

Commodore John Barry's name may not strike a responsive note with everyone. However, he is considered to be the holder of the first commission granted in the U.S. Navy and commanded the *Lexington*, the first ship purchased and equipped by the Continental Congress for sea duty in the Revolutionary War.

Other legislation recently signed into law by President Reagan included a measure to designate July 9, 1982 as "National POW-MIA Recognition Day," and a bill to authorize construction of a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, D.C.

Legislation Pending—Some measures awaiting action by the 97th Congress include:

- Hse. Jt. Res. 171 to designate a "National Day of Prayer."
- Hse. Jt. Res. 314 to designate December 7 as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."
- Hse. Jt. Res. 261 to designate April 30 as "National Pledge of Allegiance Day."
- S. 2387 to designate the birthday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, January 30, as a national holiday.

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GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY SET

ALL BROTHERS, SISTERS AND FRIENDS are invited to the 26th GAR Remembrance Day on Saturday November 20th, 1982. SVR Officers meeting 10 am. Parade 2:30 pm. Wreath laying and program 3:15 pm. Dedication Day Dinner at the Holiday Inn at 6:30 pm. Blue/Gray Ball after dinner program. This year both the Sons Scholarship and the Auxiliary Scholarship Awards will be presented to Gettysburg, Pa. College students at the Dedication Day Dinner. *Dinner reservations should be made by November 13th* with PDC George Long, 222 Lincoln St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603 with a check for \$11.00 for each desired reservation. Room reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, South Baltimore St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.



GAR FUND

A goal of \$2000.00 has been set for our Patriotic work. The GAR Memorial Fund pays for all our Natl. projects. Please make any donation you can made payable only to the Natl. Organization, SUVCW and send to Gordon R. Bury, II, The Octagon House, RD 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio 44645.

Regional News

New England Election

The New England Regional Assn. of Sons and Auxiliary met on July 17 at the Weirs, N.H. Elections were held with the following results: For the Auxiliary: President, Aura Moituro; V. President, Martha Baldwin; Secretary, Joyce Norman; and Treasurer, Ruth Appleby. For the Sons: Commander, William Perry; Vice Cmdr., Miles Herrington; and Secy-Treas. Charles Hooper. The next meeting will be held October 16-17 at the Brown Derby Hotel in Montpelier, VT.

Central Meets

The Central Regional Assn. of SUVCW & Auxiliary will meet October 9 & 10. This year's host will be the Dept. of Wisconsin. Regional Commander William Reed will preside. ALL Brothers and Sisters are welcome to attend. This year a roundtable discussion will center on Confederacy and all in attendance will have the chance to participate. First session begins at 2 PM on Oct. 9. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel: Steeplechase Inn, N 12, W26500 Golf Road, Pewaukee, Wisc. 53072 Telephone 414-547-0201.

THANKS

Past Natl. President Ann Willeke and Past Comdr-in-Chief Harry Gibbons express their appreciation to one and all in the Allied Grand Army Family for your many gifts and expressions of kindness during the past year and especially at the Providence National Encampments.

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AUXILIARY ENCAMPMENT NEWS

The 96th Natl. Encampment of the Auxiliary convened at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, RI with Natl. President Ann E. Willeke presiding.

On Sunday morning, interdenominational church services were held for early registrants of the Sons, Auxiliary and Ladies of the GAR. At 1:30 the Natl. Council was called into executive session. A beautiful Joint Memorial Service under the direction of Sons Chaplain Roy Smith and Aux. Chaplain Elizabeth Mellor was held in memory of our Departed Sisters. Sister PNP Minnie E. Madeiros paid special tribute to PNP Flora Bates who died this last year. Our Natl. President's theme "Faith of Our Fathers" was used in both the Joint Memorial Service and the Joint Opening on Monday.

The GAR Campfire proved most enjoyable to all in attendance with greetings being brought by President Willeke, Comdr. Gibbons, and LGAR Natl. President Reffner. The Band Concert was excellent!

Monday started with the break of dawn . . . a Department Presidents Breakfast at 7 am. At 9:30 the Joint Opening with the Sons was held under the direction of Chief of Staff for the Sons and Auxiliary Don & Isabelle Roberts. The National Aides formed "golden arches" through which our Natl. President and Comdr-in-Chief, followed by the Natl. staffs of Sons and Auxiliary and finally the Past Natl. Presidents and Past Comdr-in-Chief passed. A beautiful service with Norm Furman singing to our Natl. Officers.

The Sons retired to their meeting room and our Encampment was called to order in ritualistic form. Reports of Natl. Officers beginning with President Willeke were given. All of Monday and most of Tuesday was taken up with the reading of officers reports, committee reports and reports of the Departments. Dedication to serve our Order was seen throughout.



In Memoriam

Mildred R. Webster
Past Natl. President
who passed away
Sept. 16, 1982

"THE BLUE AND THE GRAY"

"Bruce Catton's The Blue and The Gray," an eight-hour mini-series set during the American Civil War is planned for broadcast on the CBS Television Network in November with Stacy Keach and John Hammond in the starring roles.

According to William Self, Vice President, Motion Pictures for Television and Mini-Series, CBS Entertainment, "The Blue and The Gray" is the most ambitious television project the Network has ever undertaken. Five years in development, the drama covers the tumultuous period of American history from John Brown's trial and hanging in 1859 to Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865. The story includes 781 scenes, all of which were filmed on location at 102 different sets in northwest Arkansas and Oklahoma. Many of the battle scenes were filmed at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park site of an actual Civil War battle in Arkansas in December 1862.

The production utilized 175 speaking roles, 4,500 extras, hundreds of horses, and a wardrobe whose replacement value has been ascertained at \$20 million. Cameramen shot 410,000 feet of film, of which 44,020 will appear on screen.

"Bruce Catton's The Blue and The Gray" is based on two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Bruce Catton's personal views and impressions of the American Civil War.

The plot focuses on two related families—one in the North and one in the South—whose lives become interwoven by the various momentous events of the Civil War. The central character who serves as the most prominent link between these families is John Geyser (John Hammond), a talented young artist who leaves his family farm near Charlottesville, Va., to work as an illustrator on his uncle's newspaper in Gettysburg, Pa.

John's first assignment is to cover the trial of abolitionist John Brown. There, the young illustrator meets Jonas Steele (Stacy Keach), a spy, scout and personal bodyguard to Abraham Lincoln. Throughout the next six years, John's encounters with this mysterious government agent will help to shape the boy's life.

With the war imminent, John returns home, where he witnessed the murder of a free black man on the Geyser farm. Shaken, the youth leaves Virginia and refuses to ever defend his native soil. Yet he also finds himself unable to fight for the North, since that might force him to bear arms against his brothers in the Confederate Army.

CENTENNIAL

National Auxiliary Centennial

1883 being the year of our founding, the National Auxiliary will celebrate its 100th Birthday next August at our National Encampment in Portland, Maine.

Contribution appeals to support the event have been kept at a low key until now. This would be the opportune time for you to contribute to the Anniversary Fund to help make it an affair to remember.

Chairlady for the 100th Birthday Fund is Mrs. Minnie Madeiros, P.N.P., 307 Tarkiln Hill Road, New Bedford, Mass. 12745. She and her committee have been making preparations for the past few years. Send your contributions to Sister Minnie but please make checks payable to National Treasurer, Esther G. Peiper.

Also working on the 100th Birthday Committee is Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell, P.N.P., Chairlady on Auxiliary History. She and her committee are doing a great job of keeping us current on things that have gone on in the past.

Local Auxiliaries may want to observe the occasion in their own communities.

Department News

Maryland: The members of Lincoln-Cushing Camp & Auxiliary wish to thank all our friends in other departments who supported Richard & Dorris Schlenker, our nominees for Comdr-in-Chief and Natl. President. We hope many of you will plan to come to Washington, D.C. on Feb. 12 for the Lincoln Memorial Birthday Observance which falls on a weekend in 1983.

Massachusetts: The Sons and Auxiliary Fair will be held in Rockland at the GAR Hall on Nov. 3 from 10 am to 5 pm. Supper will be served at 6 pm.

Michigan: IN MEMORIAM . . . Mrs. Homer Savage, wife of PDC Savage passed away while attending this year's Dept. Encampment. The Natl. Organization extends our sympathy to this dedicated family.

New York: Past Natl. Historian Jerome Orton has donated a new national award in honor of PDC Marshall Hope. This annual award is to be presented for excellence in a newspaper or magazine article pertaining to the Civil War, the GAR or our Order.

Nebraska: Ft. Chickamauga Camp-at-Large No. 21 participated in the 1982 Nebraska Land Days Parade competing against 6000 horsemen and won second place in the Heritage Division. Congratulations.

Ohio: A Reception for newly elected Dept. Comdr. Larry Swogger will be held on October 24 at 3 pm at the Community Christian Church, North Main & Witwer NE, North Canton.

Grant Robert Wolz was born to PDC and Mrs. Robert J. Wolz on June 28th, the day after the Ohio Encampment. Grant attended Providence and at six weeks of age was the youngest "Son" in attendance.

Pennsylvania: PC-in-C Elton Koch presented a 60 year membership badge to Robert Werkheiser of Corporal Weaver Camp at the opening session of our 101 Natl. Encampment. Bro. Werkheiser joined our Order when he was 18 years old in Feb., 1922.

IN MEMORIAM . . . G. Henry Roth, Co-Chm. of the GAR Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pa. died on Aug. 19th. He was former editor of the Gettysburg Times and very active in a number of civic, historical and veterans societies. He will be greatly missed.

Meade Camp No. 16 of Reading will celebrate their 100th Anniversary with a dance on Nov. 13th.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion USA (descendants of Union Officers) is making an urgent plea for help. Much of their vast collection of Union Officers papers need catalogued, bound and preserved. Any donation to help finance this project would be appreciated. Their address is 1805 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

Wisconsin: At the Dept. Encampment Grover Huff was re-elected Dept. Comdr. and Rhoda Lemanski succeeds Evelyn Jung as Dept. Aux. President. Dr. Gerald W. Anderson was proclaimed Dept. "Good Guy of the Year." The "Grover Huff Achievement Awards" were presented to George Nuoffer and to Betty F. Johnson. Congratulations goes to Major Burton E. Kannenburg, SVR for 20 years in the SVR program and to PDC Herman Black on his promotion to First Lieutenant, SVR.



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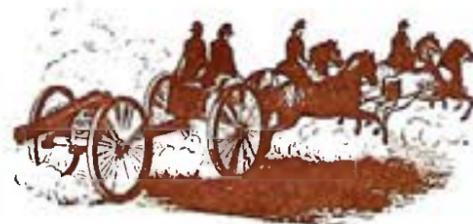
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

1. All SVR Units and Personnel plus all Civil War Re-activated Armies are urged to participate in the 26th Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day observance to be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Saturday, November 20, 1982.

Officers and Unit Commanders Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Dutch Treat Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.
Parade moves promptly at 2:30 p.m.
GAR Remembrance Day Ceremony at 3:15 p.m.
Blue/Gray Ball (Holiday Inn Ballroom) 9:30 p.m.

2. The 12th SVR National Encampment held at Perryville, Kentucky July 4th weekend, 1982, was another very successful event. Approximately 2000 Troops participated in an atmosphere of the "Southern Hospitality" The State of Kentucky provided perfect arrangements. COL James Brown, TIG, SVR Chaired the Committee for the planning and execution of the 12th National and outstanding commendations are extended to the 19th Ohio Regiment, SVR for their service, as Host and Registrations. The pomp and pageantry of our counterparts—The Sons of Confederate Veterans added to the success of the event.

3. The 13th S.V.R. National Encampment will be held on June 30-July 5th, 1983 at Branchport, New York, sponsored by the Branchport, N.Y. Volunteer Fire Department. Co-Host will be the 148th N.Y. Volunteer Infantry, SVR and the 3rd N.Y. Regiment of Cavalry, S.V.R. under the Chairmanship of Major George A. Shadman. REGISTRATION FORMS will be available at the 26th GAR Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.



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Senior Vice Commander's Report

Thank you for your support in electing me Sr. Vice Comdr.-in-Chief. Donations to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund to be used for the "promotion of our order" are being accepted.

The Committee on "Program & Policy" is again seeking your ideas and suggestions. These should be mailed to me. Those received last year were read and discussed at the Encampment and since they would require a change in the C&R, they were turned over to the committee on Constitution & Regulations for study and will be reported on at the 102nd Annual Encampment next year.

Yours in F.C. & L.

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The Legislative Report

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H.R. 2327 would increase the maximum penalties for desecration of the U.S. flag from one year's imprisonment and/or a \$1,000 fine to five years' imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine. No action has been taken on the measure by the House Judiciary Committee.

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Memorial to Vietnam Veterans—The memorial to veterans of the Vietnam War will be completed in time for its dedication on Veterans Day, November 11, 1982. For a time earlier this year it appeared that the fate of the project might be in doubt due to the original design of the memorial which was to include no flags, statues or other reminders of the military contribution to the war. Last January, Interior Secretary James Watt withdrew his initial approval of the design and called for revisions to meet the critics' objections. After intense negotiations, it was agreed that the design would include an American flag, a larger-than-life statue of an American soldier, and in the words of Secretary Watt, a "better and proper" inscription that will bring "honor to all 2.7 million Americans" who served in the war.

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The Council of administration as your board of directors met just before and just after the 101st Natl. Encampment. The following actions were taken:

- Transferred Camp No. 100 in Denver, Colorado to status of a Natl. Camp-at-Large
- Established interest payment of \$8.00 for 1983 to Life Members Camps. This plus tax exemption creates a Life Members dues of \$12.00
- Elected Robert J. Wolz of Ohio as the new Editor of the Banner beginning with the October 1982 issue
- Set a goal of \$2000.00 for the National Patriotic Instructor
- Set the price of the new Tri-color Membership Certificates at \$5.00
- Authorized the printing of Camp Charters as the current supply is exhausted

- Retired General Grant membership trophy to custody of the National Organization as all space for engraving is filled
- Clarified that per capita tax continues on a member in arrears until he is officially notified as dropped
- Considered all the publication problems attendant to the Banner and the National Encampment proceedings.

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