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## Maryland Charters New Camp

### *Command-in-Chief Medert makes presentation on Lincoln's Birthday*

On February 4, 1996 at the Holiday Inn in Wilmington, Delaware, the Maryland Department had a dinner to commemorate the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Dr. James Valle of the History department of Delaware State University talked about the Maple Leaf Project - an underwater investigation of a Civil War ship.

The Department had the honor of having as its guests Commander-in-Chief David Medert and National Auxiliary President Margaret Atkinson. the Commander-in-Chief presented the General Alfred T.A. Torbert Camp No. 1862 Charter to Maryland Department Commander Bill Neal, who is a charter member of the Camp. Unfortunately, the heavy snow in Sussex County made it difficult for many of the new camp members to attend.

Commander-in-Chief Medert recognized Camp Commander Marvin Schelhouse and

Bill Neal for their recruiting and efforts in establishing the General Torbert Camp with Certificates of Merit. Also, Medert presented the membership badge to Michael Allabaugh and War Medals to David Carney, who served during the Korean Conflict, and James Neal, who saw duty in Vietnam.

National Auxiliary President Atkinson brought greetings and an update on the activities of the Auxiliary. Captain Robert Bateman explained the function of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and recruited several new members.

Also celebrating the occasion were the National Chief of Staff Andrew Johnson, National Quartermaster Elmer Atkinson, Past National Auxiliary President Dorothy Hilyard and Past Department Commander Peter Dixon.



L-R: Andrew Johnson, William Neal, David Medert and Margaret Atkinson

## National President attends Lincoln Birthday Event in Washington D.C.



Irene G. Looker, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, participated in the annual celebration of President Lincoln's birthday held in Washington, D.C. She is shown above during the wreath laying ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12th, marking the 187th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Also pictured is Tim Parks, a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The annual event included a weekend of activities starting with a banquet on Saturday night hosted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Sunday saw a service held in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church which Lincoln attended during his Presidency. The concluding event was held on Monday with a luncheon hosted by Peter Dixon.

# The Journal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic  
and to the Soldiers and Sailors who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"

General Order No. Eleven  
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Headquarters  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Washington, DC  
May 3, 1868

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

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion. What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reville of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or coming generations that we have

forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

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

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



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

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

By the Command of:

General John A. Logan  
Commander-in-Chief  
Grand Army of the Republic

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Greg,

Two items for our Brothers:

Wearing of the membership Badge:

At the last National Encampment and at other times, I have been approached by several Brothers with questions as to the proper wearing of the Badges of our Order. I have consulted with the National Regulations, but there exists some gaps in the protocol.

I will be making recommendations in my report to the next National Encampment to amend the National Regulations to include such a protocol. This will include such areas as, order of Badges, which can be worn with other Badges, what other Orders' Badges can be worn with ours, the place of re-enactment decorations and the wearing of our Badges etc.

I am seeking the input of my Brothers. Did the G.A.R. have any such protocol? What are the military regulations for wearing decorations? What has been done in the past?

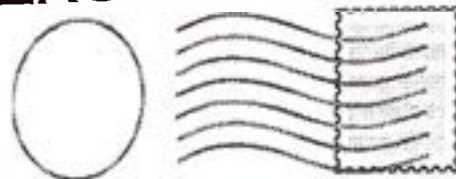
Any help will be greatly appreciated. If responses come quickly enough I hope to publish an article in The Banner before the Encampment with ideas and suggestions.

Regulations of the Order:

In researching old proceedings and the Digest of Decisions of the Order, I have found mention of two publications. One is SONS of VETERANS BLUE BOOK of the Order. This was also known as GRIFFIN'S SONS of VETERANS BLUE BOOK. The second is CUSHINGS MANUAL. Does any Brother of the Order possess a copy, that I may obtain a photocopy?

Yours in F., C., & L.,

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Dear Mr. Hayes,

I would like to update the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on our efforts to identify the 2,300 unknown Union soldiers buried at the Florence, SC National cemetery (the former site of the Florence Stockade). Thanks to the contribution of many of your members, we now have a data base of more than 450 of these Union soldiers. We have received numerous copies of widows' pension applications, Rolls of Honor from various regiments, and entries from diaries during the past year. Each of these contributions has helped us identify soldiers buried in unmarked graves at Florence.

While much has been done, we are far from our goal of identifying all the Union soldiers buried in Florence. I would asked that interested members of your organization continue to supply our chapter with the name, rank, unit and state, birth date, death date, and reference source for soldiers believed to be buried in the Florence National Cemetery in unmarked graves. A great source of information, but unavailable to our genealogical chapter, are the "Rolls of Honor" published after the war by various states. Perhaps individual Camps or Departments within the Sons of Union Veterans can undertake a project to examine these Rolls of Honor and add any identified soldiers to our data base.

Our chapter will be happy to share information from our data base with your membership. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a all requests for information. To contribute information or to ask if an individual soldier is buried at the Florence SC National Cemetery, please write:  
Cemetery Committee  
Old Darlington District Chapter  
P.O. Box 175  
Hartsville, SC 29551-0175

Sincerely,

John L. Andrews, Jr.  
Vice President  
Old Darlington District Chapter  
S.C. Genealogical Society

Dear Greg,

A few months ago National Member-at-Large Coordinator, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. published a small blurb in The Banner seeking local Camp organizers in the State of Florida. The response was astounding. After many months of searching for organizers we were inundated with volunteers. To-day, six months later, Florida is forming a Department with three existing Camps in hand.

With that success in mind, I go to the well again to seek Brothers to bring Camps-at-Large to other untapped areas. While there is no place where local organizers are not at a premium, the Order is in dire need of help in the following areas: Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Kentucky. Other areas that are making progress but could use an extra hand or hands are: Washington, Oregon, Kansas, Nebraska and Arizona. Also, the Departments of Colorado, Wyoming and Vermont need organizers to revitalize their Departments.

While no one can say that it is easy to undertake organizing a Camp, you will receive a great deal of assistance and support from the National organization. No special experience or skills are required - other than the conviction that our Order needs to be enhanced by the tens of thousands of eligible people joining with us. If you can make the commitment to working for the creation of an SUVCW Camp in your area, please contact me. Thanks.

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## GENERAL ORDERS

Number 4

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1. I am pleased to announce that our National Legal Staff which was created last fall to assist Camps and Departments, has been a great success. In General Order #3 I reported that five Brother attorneys had signed on. I am proud to announce that five additional Brothers have volunteered to work on the National Legal Staff. They are as follows:

Brother Hugh A. Jones, Esq.  
Pennsylvania  
Brother Ron Turo, Esq.  
Pennsylvania  
Brother James M. Gallen, Esq.  
Missouri  
Brother Daniel H. Miller, Esq.  
Kentucky  
Brother Donald H. Sheffy, Esq.  
Maryland

We would like to see an attorney from each Department sign on to assist the National Counselor. To be eligible one must be a member or associate in good standing in the SUVCW.

2. All Departments who desire to have the Commander-in-Chief attend their annual encampments or special events in their area are encouraged to submit their requests as soon as possible as conflicting dates are beginning to occur.

3. I had the honor of attending the Camp Crapo winter meeting in Flint, Michigan on the 27th of January where I installed the newly elected Camp Officers. This is a very active Camp and many of its members hold positions at the National level.

During the month of January I also had the honor of installing newly elected Officers in five Camps in Ohio.

4. National Headquarters update: The Council of Administration in November voted to tentatively approve the site of



Harrisburg as a National Headquarters for our Order pending a contract agreement with the Mayor of Harrisburg. This agreement to include square footage of office and storage areas, cost to the SUVCW for this space, terms of lease, etc. A reply has not been received as yet but everything looks very promising.

5. Camps and Departments are again reminded to submit the names of Brothers who deserve to be recognized for their work and dedication to the Order. The report should include the area of accomplishment.

The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruitment and have been authorized to wear the national ribbon behind their membership badge.

John C. Pollard, Sr. California 3 new members  
Alex Park - New York 4 new members  
Danny Wheeler - New York 3 new members  
Albert Orr - Pennsylvania 3 new members  
Fillworth Brown - Massachusetts 4 new members  
Lawrence Corbert - Massachusetts 4 new members  
Paul Huff - Ohio 3 new members  
Jon Silvis - Ohio 3 new members  
Kent Armstrong - Michigan 3 new members

The following Brothers have been issued Certificates of Merit for recruiting:

William Neal - Delaware 5 new members  
Marvin Schelhouse - Delaware 19 new members

The following Certificates of Merit were also issued:

Billy Darnell - Camp Organization  
John Latschar - Remembrance Day  
Gettysburg Park Staff - Remembrance Day  
Dean Lamphere - efficiency in office  
Richard Greene - efficiency in office  
David Wallace - efficiency in office  
Cliff Duugal - assistance to SUVCW  
Kenneth Hershberger - efficiency in office  
William Neal - Camp organization  
Marvin Schelhouse - Camp organization

Additional Brothers working in Camp organization are recognized on page 7.

6. A request was made for Departments to appoint a member to serve as a regional Banner reporter. One state has complied to date. Indiana has appointed Michael Kline, SVC for the Department of Indiana to serve their state. All Departments are encouraged to participate in this program.

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# News from National

## TWO NEW DEPT'S AUTHORIZED

*Departments of Florida and Tennessee soon to be formed*

Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert has authorized the formation of two new Departments. After receiving petitions from the Camps-At-Large in the state of Florida and the Camps-At-Large in the state of Tennessee, Commander-in-Chief Medert has called for meetings to organize these Departments and elect their officers.

The Department of Florida will be formed from the following Camps-At-Large: Winfield Scott Whitehurst No. 1 of Brandon, Winfield Scott Hancock No. 2 of Bokeelia, and the Gen. Thomas J. McKean Camp No. 3 of Lantana. Working closely with National Camp and Department Organizer Richard Greene and National Membership-At-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., these Camps have formed within the past twelve months.

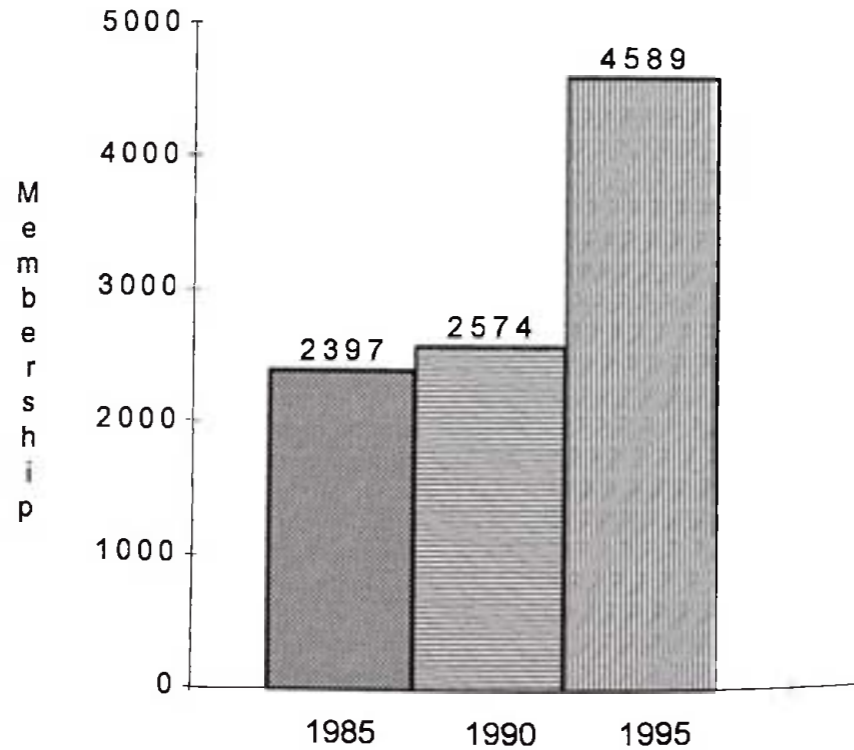
The Department of Tennessee will be formed from the following Camps-At-Large: Memphis Camp No. 1 of Memphis, Fort Donelson Camp No. 62 of Clarksville, and the Farragut Camp No. 6 of Savannah. These Camps have also organized within the past twelve months.

"I am very pleased to see the continued growth of Departments started by the previous administration", said Commander-in-Chief Medert. "I will be attending both Department meetings and look forward toward installing their new Officers." The meetings are tentatively scheduled for April or May.

### JUST A REMINDER...

Just a reminder to all Camps to remember to turn in copies of your Form 22 - Installation of Officers - to your Department Secretary as soon as possible. This will assist in keeping your Department's and the National Organization's membership lists up to date.

Also, please remember to submit a copy of the Membership Application for each new member to your Department Secretary (the quarterly submission rate has only averaged 60% to 80%). Again, this information is used to keep membership lists as up to date as possible. And - Thanks for your assistance!



### SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

As of the end of the Second Quarter of the National Organization's fiscal year (31 December 1995), membership statistics were as follows for all Departments and Camps-At-Large reporting:

TOTAL MEMBERS:	4,589 - this represents a 4.6% increase over the First Quarter
TOTAL DEPARTMENTS:	19
TOTAL CAMPS:	158 - this represents a 3.9% increase over the First Quarter and includes 19 Camps-At-Large

### Patriotic Instructors' Message

Best wishes to all Brothers for a great year. I sincerely hope you all have the best of years and further the cause of patriotism in your communities.

At long last (after two months of computer problems) I have awarded the first two certificates of appreciation to citizens who faithfully and correctly displayed our nations flag on an ongoing basis. The recipients of these first two awards are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scharr and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aben, both of Dewitt, Michigan. These two names were submitted by Brother Kent Armstrong of the George W. Anderson Camp #58 in Dewitt. Good work Brother Armstrong in putting this new program to use! I must say that Bro. Armstrong was extremely patient in light of his eagerness to present these awards and more than understanding about the computer problems I was experiencing.

We have Memorial Day approaching rapidly and I want to remind all Brothers that this is our most important of yearly observances. You will find General Logan's orders on page two in this issue. Please try to incorporate this important proclamation of the G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief in your Memorial Day program. To those Camps who do not sponsor a program, I would encourage all of you to attend one or more of the ceremonies that will be conducted in your community. This is part of the reason this organization is in existence and an important part of our heritage.

We have an awesome task before us as members of this most honorable organization, and that is to perpetuate the memory and deeds of men who were willing to offer the supreme sacrifice for this country, that it might be preserved.

As always we are in need of your support, not only on a financial basis, but also in your level of involvement. Many of the standards we hold as vital to National Patriotism and in the area of educating our children are being neglected and falling into a sorry state of affairs.

I would encourage all members of this organization to get involved in some area of public education. National Patriotism is one subject best learned through example and encouragement. Get involved in a Scout group as a guest speaker, or arrange to attend a local grade school or civic organization and speak or answer questions on the topic of patriotism. Most groups are always looking for someone to speak and are more than willing to listen. All you have to do is make yourself available. Believe me, you will soon receive more invitations than you can possibly handle.

I would also encourage all that can to help financially support the patriotic activities that are supported by the G.A.R. Memorial fund. We are constantly striving to build a more meaningful experience for our members and the public who attend the various activities that the G.A.R. Memorial Fund helps to support. We therefore need the financial commitment of our members in order to accomplish these goals.

I look forward to receiving more recommendations for the awards program. This is hoped to place our organization and its purpose before the public in a way that perhaps has not been available to Departments and Camps in the past. Only through your efforts can this program become truly successful. I would encourage all Camps to submit at least one name of a local citizen for this award. Surely in all areas there is at least one person who proudly displays the flag on a daily basis.

If you have any questions regarding this program, or if there is anything I can do to be of more assistance to any member of this organization in the cause of patriotism, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note my correct address below.  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David A. Turpin  
National Patriotic Instructor  
6510 Merle Hay Road  
Johnson, Iowa 50131

### Organizers Recognized

Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert has recognized and commended the efforts of some twenty-two Brothers from across the country. These are men who in the past year organized Camps-at-Large and one man, James R. Dark of Texas, who spearheaded the organization of the newly formed Department of the Southwest.

Working with the National Camp and Department Organizer and other National level offices they have formed a groundswell of organizing activity across the country. To a further end many of these Brothers are working with other organizers in forming soon to be launched Departments. After a thirty year hiatus, one new Department formed last year, with three to five more poised to become chartered.

The Brothers recognized by the Commander-in-Chief are:

James W. Dark, Getty Williams, Daniel Lisarelli, John Witt, John Terry, Charles Yates, Edward Duffel, William Damell, Earl Wright, Maurice Ankrom, William Fleck, George Schultz, Larry Fuller, Fred Morgenthaller II, Warren Gentzel, Charles Wilkenson, James Hayward, Ronald Bair, Robert Petrovic, Robert Clanton, William Ward and William Brinkman.

### Brother Completes CD

EPITAPH - A collection of Civil War Songs

This compact disc sung by tenor Robert Trentham, a member of the Oliver Tilden Camp in New York, will be available for purchase in late April. EPITAPH is a culmination of Mr. Trentham's love of American songs and family history. The recording is dedicated to thirty members of his family who fought on both sides of the conflict and their story is briefly told in the accompanying CD booklet. The CD was recorded at Adrian Carr Music Designs and mastered at Sony Studios in New York City.

The Civil War trust of Washington, DC has recently chosen many selections from this recording to be incorporated into their interactive, multimedia computer exhibit, *The Civil War Discovery System*. This exhibit will be introduced at Gettysburg, Antietam and Prairie Grove this spring. After this initial introduction, the CWT plans to make the system available to other

# National Graves Registration Program

At the 115th National Encampment, the SUVCW adopted and put into place an official National Graves Registration Program. A Graves Registration Form, a companion instruction sheet for the form and a computer data base to enter the data collected on the forms was adopted as a part of the program. The purpose of this program is to record the burial site of every Civil War Soldier possible. This will be a program that will most likely take several years and countless man-hours to complete. It will require the cooperation of all SUVCW members, Camps and Departments.

Why are we assuming so large a task? It can be answered in this way. One of the duties the Brothers of the SUVCW is supposed to have, is the perpetuation of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War. One of our specific duties that is spelled out in the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order is that of maintaining and documenting the various memorials to those veterans. A memorial, by definition, includes a someone's tombstone. Therefore, one of our duties as Brothers of this Order, is that of recording the final resting places of the Union Soldiers and Sailors who fought in the Civil War. This is why the National, each Department and each Camp should maintain an active Graves Registration Committee.

Several of our various Camps and Departments have instituted some form of a graves registration program on their own in the past, but it has never been done before on a National basis. By making this a National program, we can combine information from all over the United States (and perhaps world wide) to come up with a single data base containing standardized data on as many grave sites of Civil War veterans as possible. This information eventually will be available for distribution to all Camps and Departments as well as public libraries. A copyright will be applied for to protect the interests of the SUVCW and prevent others from profiting from the work of our members without the SUVCW

sharing in those profits.

To help the Brothers, Camps and Departments implement their part of the program, the Graves Registration Committee thought it would be best to give an overview of how the program is supposed to work, along with some helpful hints useful when filling out the form. You will find a copy of the Graves Registration Form and the instruction sheet on pages 9 and 10 in this issue of the Banner. The form is double sided, the instructions on one side and the form itself on the other. Please feel free to photocopy both. It is not necessary to print the instructions on the reverse of every form, **provided that an instruction sheet is given to everyone using the forms!** This will save money when photocopying. The data base and its fields will be discussed in a later issue of the Banner.

The form is intended to be filled out by members of the Camp by first physically searching a cemetery for headstones of definite, probable and possible Civil War Veterans. These terms are explained on the instruction sheet. As much information as possible should be entered from the headstone, then a thorough search should be made of the cemetery's burial records to help complete the form. While searching the cemetery's burial records, you should keep an eye open for veterans whose grave sites are unmarked by a headstone. There are a surprising number of veterans whose grave sites are unmarked. The next step would be a search of local GAR Post records to try and match names with those found on the forms. You can also find help in your local library through a number of records kept there, including state regimental lists, old newspaper obituaries, etc.

When the forms of confirmed veterans have been completed they should be turned over to the Camp's Graves Registration Committee. The committee should then review the form to make sure it has been properly filled out and completed. Then information from the form should be entered into the Camp's local version of the data base. Periodically,

the Camp will forward a copy of their local data base to the Department's Graves Registration Committee, where it will be combined with data bases from other Camps within the Department to be entered into the Department's version of the data base. The Department will then forward a copy of its data base to the National Graves Registration Committee to be combined with data bases by other Departments and National Camps-at-Large to form the National data base. All data bases kept by Camps, Departments and the National **must** be able to read and write to Borland's dbIII data base. Any data base or spreadsheet currently in use that is 100% dbIII compatible may be used, but all information exchanged must be in the dbIII format. Macintosh users should be sure their programs can flawlessly read and write to IBM language dbIII programs.

All of this transfer of information is intended done to be strictly by computer, either by exchange of disks, tapes or possibly through the internet. By using this method of information transfer, the Camps and Departments will not incur the costs of copying paper forms and mailing them. It will also eliminate the problem of paper form storage at the Department and National levels; something that given time, could become enormous. In all likelihood the forms will never again be referred to, once the information is entered into the data base. Naturally, this will require someone at the Camp and Department level with a computer to volunteer their services to the respective Graves Registration Committee. In the event a Camp cannot provide someone with a computer to enter the information on disk, it will become necessary for the Camp to forward the forms to another Camp or the Department (or to the National, if a National Camp-at-Large) for entry into the database.

So much for how the program is intended to work. Let's proceed to the Graves Registration Form and its

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National Organization  
SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

## National Graves Registration Instructions & Form

### Please Read These Instructions

Take your time when filling out this form and fill in as many blanks as possible clearly and legibly. Fill out as much information as possible. The cemetery name should be entered on each form, in the event it becomes separated from other forms from that cemetery. When filling out the lines for cemetery address and location, only the first form for a given cemetery need be filled out, as long as the forms for that cemetery are kept together (stapled or kept in one envelope).

#### Top of form, left side:

- Definite Veteran - A military or private headstone with unit and/or rank or some other identifier of Civil War service inscribed on the headstone. Only definite veterans are to be entered into the SUVCW National Graves Registration database.
- Probable Veteran - A headstone with a birth date ranging from 1810 to 1850 with a GAR or other Civil War veteran organization marker. Must be researched for further proof of veteran status.
- Possible Veteran - A headstone with a birth date of 1815 to 1848. Cross check name with local lists of Civil War Veterans census, GAR Post members, cemetery burial records, etc.

Top of form, center: Note also if the Civil War veteran was Union or Confederate. If Confederate, the information will be passed on to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Top of form, right side: If you observe any grave sites of definite veterans of other wars, Revolutionary through Spanish American, record these and the information will be passed on to the proper organizations.

#### Standard abbreviations (Please do not use any abbreviations other than those listed here)

State	Branch	Rank	
AL = Alabama	ND = North Dakota	INF = Infantry	PVT = Private
AR = Arizona	NE = Nebraska	CAV = Cavalry	CPL = Corporal
AK = Arkansas	NH = New Hampshire	ART = Artillery	1CPL = 1st Corporal
CA = California	NJ = New Jersey	HART = Heavy Artillery	2CPL = 2nd Corporal
CO = Colorado	NV = Nevada	LART = Light Artillery	3CPL = 3rd Corporal
CT = Connecticut	NY = New York	E&M = Engineers & Mechanics	SGT = Sergeant
DE = Delaware	OH = Ohio	SS = Sharp Shooters	1SGT = 1st Sergeant
FL = Florida	OK = Oklahoma	MAR = Marines	2SGT = 2nd Sergeant
GA = Georgia	OR = Oregon	CT = Colored Troops	3SGT = 3rd Sergeant
IA = Iowa	PA = Pennsylvania	SC = Signal Corps	CSGT = Commissary Sergeant
IL = Idaho	RI = Rhode Island	MC = Medical Corps	OSGT = Ordnance Sergeant
IN = Indiana	SC = South Carolina	VRC = Veterans Reserve Corps	QSGT = Quartermaster Serg.
KS = Kansas	SD = South Dakota	HQ = Headquarters	SMAJ = Sergeant Major
KY = Kentucky	TN = Tennessee	DIV = Division	LT = Lieutenant
LA = Louisiana	TX = Texas	AC = Army Corps	1LT = 1st Lieutenant
MA = Massachusetts	UT = Utah	NAVY = Navy	2LT = 2nd Lieutenant
MD = Maryland	VA = Virginia		CAPT = Captain
ME = Maine	VT = Vermont		MAJ = Major
MI = Michigan	WA = Washington		LTC = Lieutenant Colonel
MN = Minnesota	WI = Wisconsin		COL = Colonel
MO = Missouri	WV = West Virginia		BGEN = Brigadier General
MS = Mississippi	WY = Wyoming		BBG = Brevet Brigadier General
MT = Montana	DC = District of Columbia		MGEN = Major General
NC = North Carolina	(Other) = Write In		BMG = Brevet Major General
			LGEN = Lieutenant General
			GEN = General
			DRUM = Drummer
			BUGL = Bugler
			HOSP = Hospital
			Steward
			MUS = Musician
			PION = Pioneer
			SURG = Surgeon
			ASUR = Assistant Surgeon
			ENS = Ensign
			AQM = Assistant Quartermaster
			AAQM = Acting Assistant Quartermaster
			ARTF = Artificer
			WAG = Wagoner
			BSM = Blacksmith
			VSUR = Veterinary Surgeon
			(Other) = Write In

Cemetery Burial Records should also be checked for burials without markers or headstones!

### PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Return Completed Forms Initially to Camp or Department Graves Registration Officer (if one exists) for entry into Camp and Department databases; otherwise return completed form to National Graves Registration Officer for entry into SUVCW National Graves Registration Database.

National Organization  
SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Graves Registration Form

Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year Day Month Year Days Months Years

- |   |                                      |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Definite Veteran | CIVIL WAR                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Revolutionary War    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probable Veteran | <input type="checkbox"/> Union       | <input type="checkbox"/> War of 1812          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Veteran | <input type="checkbox"/> Confederate | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican War          |
|   |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian War           |
|   |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish/American War |

Unit Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regiment Number/Ship Name U.S./State Branch Company Rank

Please use the standard abbreviations found on the Graves Registration Form Instruction sheet

Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year Day Month Year

Cemetery Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City or Village Township County State

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest crossroads and directions from there to cemetery

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|--|--|--|
| Military Headstone?                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Army of the Republic<br>Marker (Flag Holder)                  |
| Headstone Needs Replacing?               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Order of the Loyal Legion<br>Marker (Flag Holder)          |
| Headstone Needs Resetting?               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Marker _____  |
| Private Headstone or<br>Family Monument? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Cemetery Burial<br>Records Checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Your Camp: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Number Department

Survey Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach Extra Sheet if Needed for Comments  
Day Month Year

Refer to Instructions for where to Submit Completed Form. This Form may be Photocopied

Michigan Families Receive National Patriotic Instructor Award

In the Fall/1995 issue of The Banner, National Patriotic Instructor David A. Turpin announced that his office would "issue a certificate to citizens who faithfully display our Nation's Flag, not only on national Holidays, but throughout the year." Two families in our locale came to mind - who not only fly our Country's flag year-round, but have it properly lighted at night. It was our pleasure to honor them with the first of such awards, "presented by the National Organization, SUVCW" dated February 26, 1996, under the signature of Brother Turpin.

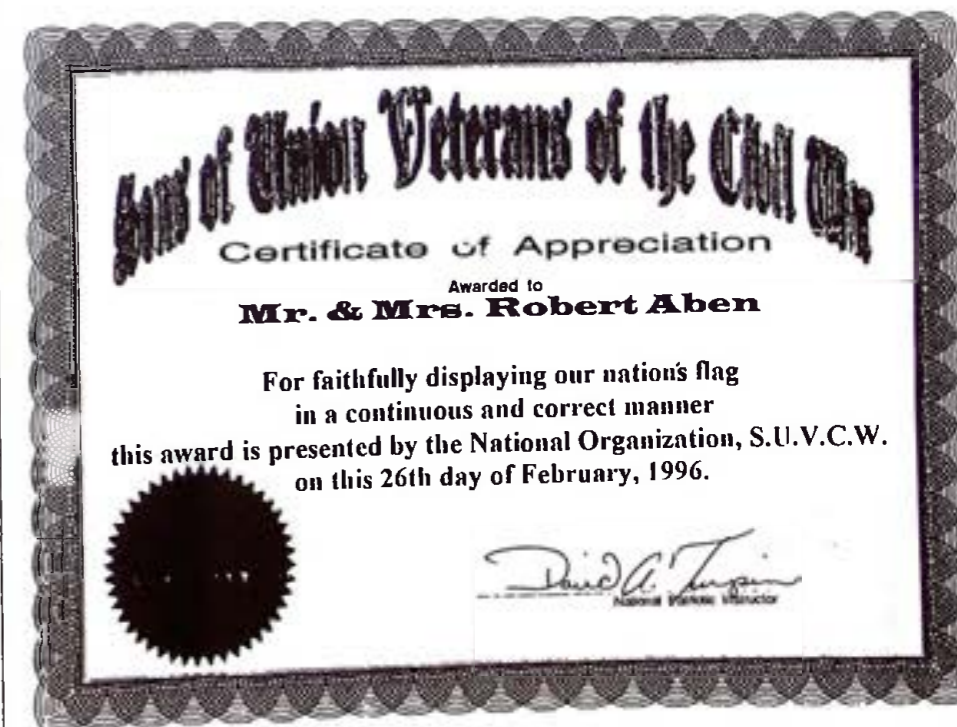
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Aben and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Scharr of DeWitt, Michigan have thus been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation "For faithfully displaying our Nation's flag in a continues and correct manner." A brief presentation ceremony was conducted for each family on March 2nd at City Hall in DeWitt, with the Honorable Michael J. Towns, Mayor, present to offer his congratulations as well. Warm regards were extended on behalf of Brother Turpin, the National Organization, and George W. Anderson Camp No. 58 - Department of Michigan.

Both families expressed their sincere appreciation for receiving this recognition and for the spirit of patriotism we represent. They now know that it was the G.A.R. which began the tradition of Memorial Day and the accompanying tributes to veterans of all wars since. Two local papers will convey this to the public.

We would like to thank Brother Turpin for his initiative, which has afforded us another opportunity to gain public awareness and good will. Representing our Camp were Brothers: Douglas Armstrong, Guide; Mark Pangburn, Secretary/Treasurer & member of our Awards/Recognition Committee; and Kent Armstrong, Commander, George W. Anderson Camp No. 58, Department of Michigan.



L-R: Kent Armstrong, Commander Camp No. 58; Mark Pangburn, Sec/Treas Camp No. 58; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Aben and family; Michael Towns, Mayor - DeWitt



# Guidon

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## General Order 1996 - 1 3 January 1996

1. The Office of Provost Marshall, SVR Special Staff, is hereby created.
2. James E. Hilton, Co. D, 25th OVI, is appointed 1LT and Provost Marshall, SVR. This commission is for a period of three years and shall date from 2 January 1996.
3. Brigadier General Richard C. Schlenker is re-assigned from Deputy Commander, SVR, to Inactive Reserve (Cadre) effective 2 January 1996.
4. Major Keith G. Harrison is re-assigned from Commander, 30th MVI, 3rd Military District, SVR, to Deputy Commander, SVR, effective 2 January 1996.
5. Captain Terry McKinch is assigned as Commander, 30th MVI, 3rd Military District, SVR.
6. Colonels George W. Long and Thomas E. O'Dea are hereby Honorably retired from the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve with the thanks and gratitude of the SUVCW and SVR for their long years of service.

By Order of the Commanding General

Charles W. Corfman  
Brigadier General  
Commanding SVR

Clyde H. Hayner Sr.  
MAJ GS SVR  
The Adjutant General

## General Order 1996 - 2 24 January 1996

1. James B. Pahl, Co. A, 30th MVI, having been elected, is commissioned 2LT, Infantry and Commander Co. A, 30th MVI. This commission is for three years and shall date from 1 July 1995.
2. Daniel V. Graves, Co. B, 30th MVI, having been elected, is commissioned 2LT, Infantry and Commander Co. B, 30th MVI. This commission is for three years and shall date from 29 August 1995

By Order of the Commanding General

Charles W. Corfman  
Brigadier General  
Commanding SVR

Clyde H. Hayner Sr.  
MAJ GS SVR  
The Adjutant General



## From the Assistant Adjutant General Captain David V. Medert

The response to including the Guidon in the last issue of the Banner has been overwhelming. Many Brothers have written or called requesting information on either joining the SVR or how to form an SVR unit. We are still catching up on all the correspondence. There are some common questions from all that we feel could be addressed here.

There is no Membership at Large in the SVR as there is in the SUVCW. You must either affiliate with an existing SVR unit or form a unit on your own. A list of SVR units is available by contacting the Adjutant or Assistant Adjutant General.

To form your own unit, the only requirements are: each member MUST belong to the SUVCW, either regular or associate, and each unit must have a minimum of six members.

For more information regarding these requirements please contact:

Captain David V. Medert  
Assistant Adjutant General  
489 Caroline Dr.  
Chillicothe, OH 45601  
(614) 773-7646  
Email: SUVCW@BRIGHT.NET  
or MCCHEVY@BRIGHT.NET

or

Major Clyde H. Hayner, Sr.  
Adjutant General  
311 East Washington St.  
Fayetteville, TN 37334

Both of us can provide information on units nearest you and provide material required to form your own units.

# Guidon

## The Sons of Veterans Reserve - A Brief History BG Richard C. Schlenker

The Sons of Veterans, USA, when first organized in Pittsburgh PA in 1881, was military in nature with National, Division and Camp officers using military titles.

Disenchantment arose among the membership with so many non-service men bearing rank that the organization became civilian in nature and the military titles were abandoned. By 1891 however, there was sufficient influence present for a military branch and the "Sons of Veterans Guards" was established. By 1893 the SVG was separated from the National Commandery. In 1894 each division was given jurisdiction over its own military organization.

Many units and individuals served in the Spanish-American War. In the post-war era, agitation began for a National Military Department patterned after the successful reserve program in Pennsylvania. At the 22nd National Encampment in 1903 the "Sons of Veterans Reserve" was officially created as an additional option for SUVCW members who wished to participate in a military program.

SVR members should be aware of a bogus history of the SVR published in the 1970's attempting to make ties to an actual Civil War military organization. The SVR began in 1903.

## Civil War Trivia Captain David V. Medert

Let's test our knowledge of the Civil War.

1. In October, 1856 John Brown went to which state to start a slave insurrection?
2. What was a "Jonah"?
3. What was a "Havelock"?
4. The first successful repeating rifle ever made was used by the Union Army. A brigade of Michigan cavalry under Custer used it at Gettysburg. Name it.
5. What was the nickname of the Union's First Brigade, First Division, I Corps?
6. What was the designation of the Orphan Brigade? Which army did it fight for?
7. Brevet Brigadier General Custer commanded what brigades before Gettysburg? Name the regiments.
8. What type of regiment was the 1st District of Columbia?
9. What type of officers did the Union assign to the newly formed West Virginia units?
10. What was Robert E. Lee's first rank in the regular Confederate Army?

Answers will be in the next issue of "The Banner".

## From the Commander, SVR

Questions have been raised about the rank and commission structure with the SVR. This column is devoted to the officer structure.

"General Staff Officers" are appointed by the Commanding General and serve in key positions on the staff. These positions include: The Deputy Commander, the Inspector General, the Adjutant General, Judge Advocate General, to name a few. Their commissions are for five years. They may be re-assigned or replaced at any time. They pay dues of \$5.00 per year in addition to their regular dues. They wear dark blue shoulder boards.

"Field Officers" are elected by their units. The unit then sends in an Application for Commission. We usually start Unit Officers as 2LTs and promote after a year of satisfactory service. Since they are elected for three years, their commissions are for three years. They pay dues of \$3.00 per year in addition to their regular dues. They wear insignia of Sky Blue (Infantry), Yellow (Cavalry) or Red (Artillery). If an Officer loses his re-election, his commission is not renewed unless there is another position for him to serve.

The Inactive Reserve (Cadre) allows Officers who are no longer active to retain their rank for ceremonial purposes, such as Memorial Day. They pay dues of \$3.00 per year in addition to their regular dues, and are not counted in SVR strength reports.

Units are urged to promote Officers and non-commission Officers on merit and not to merely fill vacant slots.

Effective March 9, I will have a new area code. My address and phone number is:

BG Charles W. Corfman  
9057 SR 83N  
Holmesville, OH 44633  
(216) 279-4393

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companion instruction sheet. Much of the information needed to properly fill out the form may be found on the instruction sheet, so please read and use it. When entering the veteran's name, enter it as found on the headstone or in the burial records. It may differ from the "official" government version, but this is how the veteran spelled his name. When entering dates, you should use the standard genealogical format of two digits for the day, the first three letters for the month and four digits for the year. Thus, October 3rd, 1863 becomes 03 Oct 1863. By using two digits (a zero and a three in this case) for the day you eliminate any question as to whether a digit has been accidentally left out or not. The area asking for age in days, months and years is for use when the person's age is given on the headstone, but either the birth or death date is missing. This will help you calculate the missing date later when doing research. With the exception of whether the veteran has a military or civilian headstone, all the information on the lower part of the form is to help the person filling out the form when doing research or when entering the information into the data base.

As Camp members start to spread out and survey cemeteries, it will become necessary to keep track of which cemeteries have been surveyed, which are undergoing a survey and those that have not been surveyed as of yet. The Camp Graves Registration Committee should maintain a list or data base of all cemeteries in their locality and check a cemetery off when it has been completed. If there is another Camp nearby, this information should also be exchanged with that Camp. This will help to avoid duplication of effort. This information should also be passed on to the Department. Ideally, the Department Graves Registration Committee should keep a list of all cemeteries within the state and check them off as they are reported completed by the Camps. Lacking a statewide list or a data base of cemeteries, the committee should at least maintain a list or data base of cemeteries that have been completed. The exchange of

information between Camps and Departments should be constant. Camps and individuals should also keep the Department informed of which cemeteries they intend to survey in the near future so as to "reserve" those cemeteries for that Camp or individual. Persons wishing to survey cemeteries that are not in the area of their Camp should first check with the Department to find out if those cemeteries have already been surveyed or "reserved". **To help make this project successful, we must all communicate with one another!** It would be very frustrating to find out the cemetery you have spent so many hours on, surveying headstones and researching names, has already been completed by another Brother at an earlier time. All because of a lack of communication.

One problem that must be watched for is that many cemeteries are known by more than one name or there may be more than one cemetery in a given county with the same name. Therefore, when making a list or data base of cemeteries it will become necessary to pinpoint cemeteries by not only their names, but by listing exactly where they are located. This can be done by recording not only their county, but the township and road address (and possibly township section number). Again, this will help to prevent duplication of effort. If a cemetery is found to contain no burial sites of Civil War veterans through a physical search and a Burial records search, a form should be filled out indicating there are no known Civil War veterans in the cemetery and reported as such to the Camp and Department.

If Camps or individuals want to add other information to the graves registration form, such as GAR Post numbers, they should feel free to do so. Information such as this will aid in research. It should be noted that a grave with a GAR flag holder on it is not proof that the person buried there was a member of the GAR or even a Civil War veteran. Many times GAR Posts put flag holders on all Civil War veterans' graves, GAR member or not. Also, over the years these flag holders have many times been pulled

up and reset when the cemetery has been mowed and the result has been that several of the flag holders are now missing from the proper graves and are located at the grave site of non Civil War veterans.

With the above information, individuals and Camps can get started with the field work and research that is necessary prior to entering the information into the data base. In the next issue of the Banner, the data base itself will be featured along with the proper method of entry of information. If you have any questions about the Graves Registration Form or program, please forward them to: John R. Mann - National Graves Registration Committee, SUVCW - 2495 South Washington Road - Lansing, MI 48911-7216.

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National and State parks, historic sites, museums and schools throughout the country.

The CD includes the songs: Our Union Right or Wrong, The Bonnie Blue Flag, The Drummer Boy of Shiloh, The Battle Cry of Freedom, Steal Away, The Rebel Soldier, The Southrons' Chaunt of Defiance, Goober Peas, Dirge for Two Veterans, Epitaph, Mustered Out, The War will Soon be Over John, When Jonny Comes Marching Home, Jeff in Petticoats, When Lilacs Last in the Courtyard Bloomed, and Civil War Portrait: Dixie's Land (Dixie), All my Trials and Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Epitaph can be ordered for \$12.00 plus 2.00 shipping and handling from Spring River Music, Box 1408, Lenox Hill Station, NY, NY 10021. All checks and money orders should be made payable to Spring River Music.



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General Order No. 4

7. I had the honor of presenting a new Camp Charter for the General Alfred Torbert Camp #1862 in Wilmington, DE on February 4. Even though there were 20 inches of snow on that date we had a great turnout. The Charter was presented to Brother William Neal. They assure me that this is just the beginning.

8. I attended the Lincoln Birthday events in Washington, DC on Feb. 10-12 and had the high honor of sitting in the Lincoln pew at the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church where President Lincoln and his family worshipped. The ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial, although the weather was cold, was equally impressive.

9. I would like to remind all Brothers and Compatriots of our Allied Orders of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies to be held in Springfield, IL on Monday April 15. While in Springfield take the time to visit the Women's Relief Corps Museum. The headquarters for the event will be the Lincoln Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

I also understand plans are being made for a 130th anniversary celebration of the founding of the G.A.R. in Decatur, IL on Sunday, the 14th. Information on this event is not available at this time.

10. The National Counselor requests that any Camps or Departments that become involved in legal actions or have the potential for the same to send all the particulars to him as he may want to assign a member of the National Legal Staff to the case as an advisor.

11. All Brothers are asked to contribute to the SVC-inC fund which is supervised by Alan Loomis and the G.A.R. memorial fund which is supervised by the National Patriotic Instructor. A contribution form is included on the back page of The Banner.

12. We have made great progress in

recruiting and name recognition through our Home Page on the Internet. The SVC of the Dept. of Pennsylvania is the Web Master and is ably assisted by members of our Order who are proficient in this field. I am informed that we are receiving about 1200 'hits' per month from persons wanting to know about the SUVCW. Through the Internet and our magazine ads we have had over 700 requests since August for membership applications in the SUVCW.

13. All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to take part in Memorial Day activities to represent our Order and above all the memory of all who have served their country in time of war. We have accepted the task of teaching others respect for our flag and to love and respect our great country for which many gave their lives.

14. There are many new Camps that have been organized in the various states thanks to the dedicated hard work of the Brothers of the Order. I am requesting that Camps be joined into Departments wherever possible. Departments bring better representation and more chances for advancement for Brothers in these areas of the country.

15. The annual service at Grant's Tomb will be held again this year on Sunday, April 28 at 11:00AM at the National Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, New York. This event is sponsored by the Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26.

16. I request that all Camp and Department charters be draped for 30 days in memory of our departed Brothers and in respect for their survivors.

By the Order of:

David R. Medert,  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David Wallace, National Secretary

# Honor Roll

Name	In Memory Of
Jeffery Smart	Joseph A. Smart Corp. Co. B 135 Ohio Vol. Infantry
John Hartford	Col Henry Hartford 8th New Jersey Vol. Infantry
Gary Eichhorn	Charles Lansing Pvt. 1st New York Mounted Rifles
Paul Knuese	Adam Link 10th Wisconsin Vol.
Forest Altland	William H.H. Hall Pvt. 184 Ohio Vol. Infantry Co. C
P. Mark Sullivan	John R. Hall Pvt. 114th Penn. Infantry Co. I
P. Mark Sullivan	Rupert Carney 28th Penn. Infantry Co. C



New Life Members

Number	Name/Dept.
391	Richard Greene Michigan
392	Ralph Michaels Pennsylvania
393	Andrew Johnson Maryland
394	David F. Wallace Michigan
395	Michael Trowbridge Ohio
396	Philip Hicton
397	John Parkinson
398	John Buschman Colorado/Wyoming
399	Richard Reed Vermont
400	Floyd Atkins, Jr. Pennsylvania
401	Samuel Crawford Ohio
402	Robert Mierka Rhode Island
403	Boris Bulatkin MAL
404	Howard Wolfe Pennsylvania
405	Russel Jones Pennsylvania
406	John Dinnsmoor Colorado/Wyoming
407	Waldamar Williams MAL
408	None
409	Roger Rothrock Calif&Pacific
410	Fred Morganthaler NMAL

**National Encampment Update**

115th National Encampment  
Columbus, Ohio  
August 8 - 11, 1996

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

Camp Number \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PC-in-C  PDC  DC

Delegate  Alternate   
Alternate Delegate

Include \$7.00 pre-registration fee and mail to:

SUV National Encampment Committee  
4039 Dogwood Court  
Grove City, Ohio 43123

All forms must be postmarked by July 31, 1996

**Department News**

**Department of California-Pacific**

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21

The Camp held its charter meeting on December 9, 1995 in the 1888 Escondido Train Depot. Miss Phyllis McAlpin, President of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans on behalf of Department Commander Donald Greely, presented the Camp with its Charter. Father A.J. Ryan of the San Diego Camp No. 302 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans donated a United States Flag to the Camp for its use.

The Camp recently completed its first project. Brothers visited Fallbrook, CA, photographing sites associated with Sgt. Pittenger. A highlight of the visit was meeting with a friend of the Pittenger family and being able to handle and examine a sword presented to Pittenger but President Abraham Lincoln.

General George Wright Camp No. 22

Charles Davis was elected Commander of the newest California Camp. They have a membership of 32 and are working on maintaining and repairing the G.A.R. section of the Old Sacramento Cemetery.

**Department of Indiana**

Orlando Somers Kokomo Camp No. 1

Officers for 1996 were elected at the Camp meeting on February 17th. Past Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore installed the following Brothers into their positions:

- Camp Commander - Russel Kirchner
- Sr. Vice Commander - Gary Dolph
- Jr. Vice Commander - Bill Mills
- Secretary - Gayle Eikenberry
- Treasurer - Philip Burgin
- Chaplain - Ned Baker
- Guide - Leroy Hicks
- Guard - Merrill Kenworthy
- Color Guard - Randy McNally

Past Camp Commander Gary Dolph gave a presentation on the Indiana Battle Flags and their current state. Bro. Dolph has been long involved in the Flag program.

**Department of Iowa**

The annual Department Encampment will be held on March 29 and 30 in Des Moines

**Department of Massachusetts**

William Tabor Camp No. 162

On Feb. 3 Commander Douglass R. Knight and Gardner Butman, SVC, attended the Lincoln Day celebration in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Brother Knight also donated five books to the public Library in Salem, N.H. in the name of The SUVCW. On February 19 Bros. Butman and Peterson were awarded Letters of Commendation for perfect attendance at Camp meeting and marching in all parades that the Camp was involved in. Brother Peterson is over 75 years young.

**Department of New Jersey**

The Brothers of the Department mourn the passing of Walter S. Spring Jr. who answered the final roll call on September 24, 1995. A life member of our Order, Brother Spring was Past camp Commander of Ellsworth Camp No. 32 and a member of the Order for very 40 years.

The 113th Annual Encampment will be held June 8th at the Dutch Inn in Gibbstown, New Jersey.

The Department took in its first Junior Sons in Camp No. 7. John and Thomas Hann are the Sons of Department Commander David Hann.

General Garfield Camp No. 4

Congratulations to the Brothers of Camp No. 7 on reaching the centennial of their existence. The Camp, chartered on February 4, 1896, is the oldest in the Department.

Col. Louis R. Francine Camp No. 7

The Camp recently held an open meeting and display of relics at the Atlantic Library in Hammonton. Among the artifacts displayed were items pertaining to the assignation of President Lincoln brought by one of newest Brothers, Steven J. Wright. Brother Wright is the curator of the Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia.

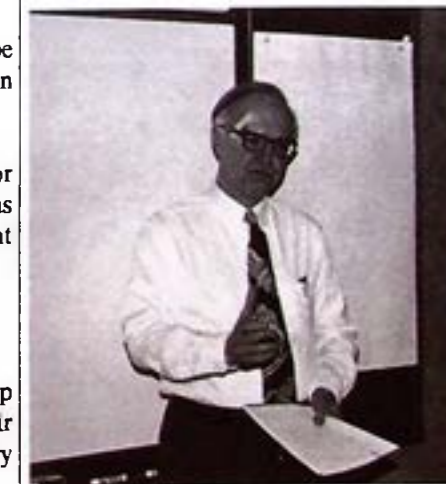
**Department of Wisconsin**

C. K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1

The Camp and Auxiliary hosted their annual Patriotic luncheon recently, honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. Members of Cushing Camp No. 4, Hawks Auxiliary No.1, Fond du Lac Auxiliary No. 3, the United Spanish American War Veterans Auxiliary and Milwaukee's Civil War Round Table also attended the event.

Wisconsin Department Commander Thomas L.W. Johnson (pictured below) was guest speaker and discussed the Lincoln-Douglas debates,

The Patriotic Luncheon hosted by the SUVCW and Auxiliary has been a Milwaukee tradition for nearly 80 years.



## A Soldier of Renown

James Alexander White  
1821 - 1900

By Scott Baker  
James B. McPherson Camp No. 66  
Department of Ohio

James White has the distinction of not only having served in the War of the Rebellion, but also in the Army of Great Britain. While in the armed forces of his mother country, White was one of the men who went "Into the Valley of Death...", immortalized by the poet laureate Lord Alfred Tennyson in his poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade".

His earthly remains lie in the Hendrickson graveyard, some four miles south of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The following is from a bronze marker next to his tombstone:

A Historical Marker  
of the Wyandot Historical Society

Dedicated to the memory of James Alexander White, a soldier of renown.

He was born at Ayre on the river Clyde in Scotland in 1821. At the age of 11 he came to the United States. But when Great Britain and Russia went to war he returned to his native Scotland to enlist. He saw service in seven battles of the Crimean War. Noteworthy was the fact that he was wounded once and that in the battle of Sebastepool, where he nearly lost his life from a saber wound to the head.

His greatest contribution to history was his survival of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in which 625 men mounted on horses charged into battle and only twenty-six survived.

Jimmy White returned to Wyandot County about 1857. At the first call for troops by President Lincoln he enlisted in the 15th Regiment O.V.I. White re-enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment for two years and four months. In 1864 he joined the Ohio National Guard.

In all his Civil War service he committed himself gallantly and without a wound.

While fighting for the Union, White saw action at Gettysburg, Pittsburg Landing and Chickamauga, along with several minor engagements.

James Alexander White accomplished something that many generals but few enlisted men do, he died in his bed. He passed away on September 15, 1900 having lived 79 years. One of his descendants has the famous blue scarf that he wore in the famous charge at Balaklava. It is one of five known to exist.



VALLEY FORGE  
Society of the Descendants

Descendants of officers and men on command at Valley Forge during the Winter Encampment of Washington's Army, 1777-1778, may be eligible for membership in the Society, which convenes each year at Valley Forge.

Junior membership is available for descendants who are under the age of eighteen years.

Inquires are cordially invited. Application forms and requisite information are supplied through the Office of Deputy Commissary General of Musters, as follows:

Deputy Commissary General  
Post Office Box 915  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0915

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Black Confederate Soldiers? Yes - over 90,000 of them! Frederick Douglas called them "real soldiers". Nathan Bedford Forrest said of them that "no better Confederates ever lived." Now new from Southern Heritage Press...

### Forgotten Confederates: An Anthology About Black Southerners

A collaborative effort by both scholars and Civil War buffs, this rare, 193-page compilation includes over 30 photographs, commentary by veterans (including Black Union veteran Joseph T. Wilson), primary sources, modern scholarship, and an extensive bibliography.

William C. Davis, in his review of the book, says that it "breaks new ground" and stated that "neither Confederate history, nor Black studies can afford to ignore it."

To order your copy from the bibliographer of the book (and SUVCW Camp Commander) please say that you "saw it in The Banner" and send:

\$16.50 Check or Money Order  
to  
Gene Armistead  
747 Mycorte Drive  
Escondido, CA 92026

The Ben Harrison Camp #356 Indianapolis, Indiana announces the availability again of name tags for all S.U.V.C.W. members. The tag is made of hard plastic measuring 2x3 inches. White lettering is etched into a medium blue surface and the result is a very attractive and durable name tag. A pin clasp on the backside makes for easy attachment. The price is \$5.00 each and includes shipping and handling.

All orders should include the following: Camp name, number and member's name, as they want it to appear on the tag (see example below). Please print or type the information to avoid errors. To help control our costs we request each camp place one order for all members desiring a tag. Orders will be processed in the order they are received.

We encourage all Sons to participate as the name tag will be of benefit at various functions. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located in the center of downtown Indianapolis and other camp projects. In addition, a Grand Army of the Republic sponsored landmark will get a new look for all to enjoy.

Send all orders to:  
Camp Treasurer  
Carter C. Keith  
4705 North Broadway Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46205

Make checks or money orders payable to:  
Ben Harrison Camp, S.U.V.C.W.  
This offer will end on October 31 1996

See our Web page at [HTTP://SUVCW.org](http://SUVCW.org) under Department of Indiana



SUVCW Contribution Form

Please accept my contribution to:

Amount:

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_ Co: \_\_\_\_\_

GAR MEMORIAL FUND  
(contributions to this fund are tax deductible)

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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S FUND  
(contributions to this fund are tax deductible)

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

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