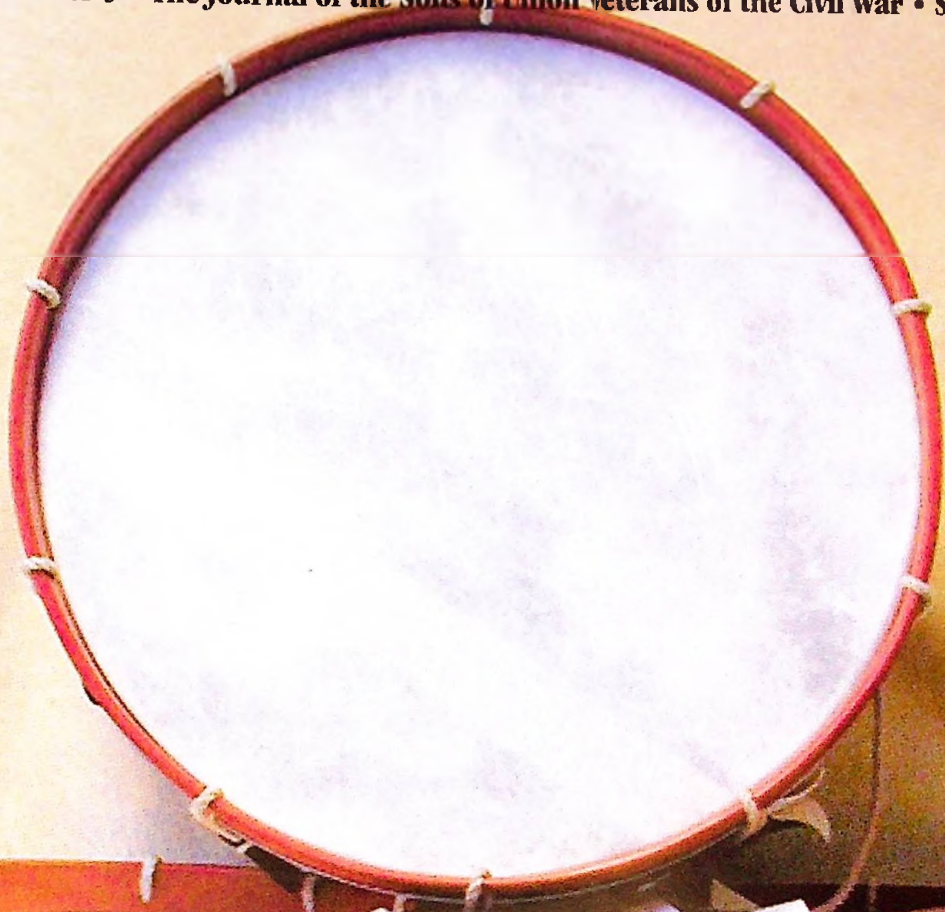


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An overview of the civil war musician

By Brother Joe Korber

The use of music in military operations dates back to ancient times. By 1861 music was still serving a very practical function that went far beyond the more ceremonial role that music plays in today's military.

During the American Civil War music and musicians could be divided into two general categories, bands and bandmen or field music and field musicians. When we refer to army "bands" during the civil war we are generally, referring to brass ensembles with some percussion accompaniment, perhaps a bass and snare drum. These bands could be on the regimental or brigade level. They were often separate from the rank and file and operated almost as a separate company with the drum major or principal musician at its head and reporting directly to staff.

They were important to camp life and ceremonies. Congress however, found them to be an unnecessary luxury and in late 1862, did away with bands on the regimental level, leaving only brigade bands. Some more creative, regimental commanders found ways to circumvent this directive. One commander simply signed all his bandmen up as members of the regiment and then detailed them to continue as a band.

Field music and field musicians, refers to drums, bugles and fifes. Field musicians were part of the regiment's table of operation. Each company was afforded a spot for one drummer and fifer or bugler on their rolls as part of the company. The field music had an important, practical function that goes beyond ceremony. Fifes, drums and bugles were the clocks of the US army. Daily live in camp or on campaign was regulated by the sound of these instruments.

Being the only practical way to communicate to large bodies of men, field music would sound calls or "duties" to announce each of the day's evolutions and events. A typical day would begin at 6 am or earlier with the sounding of reveille followed by fatigue call (announcing work details), surgeons call, breakfast call, call to drill, calls for dinner, supper, retreat (sundown, end of the work day) and finally taps to signify lights out.

There were also other calls sounded for events such as church services, the striking of tents and the calling together of various categories of staff, such as officers call or nco's. There were drum and bugle calls for drill making it possible for an officer to drill an entire regiment without having to raise his voice beyond the hearing of the field musician standing next to him.

There were even calls for the loading and firing of weapons during battle. As these were daily occurrences, the well trained musician knew his calls or duties and the rank and file recognized and responded accordingly and without much thought. A musician was expected to maintain a high level of proficiency and was paid accordingly; musicians received a higher rate of pay than the common soldier did. To be a field



Civil War drums, such as the example at left, are extremely valuable and can be fully restored. The drum at right is a faithful reproduction in use by many musical units today.

musician one had to be at least 12 years old although a great deal were older and a few were younger. The regular army, prior to the war, maintained two training schools for musicians, Newport Barracks in Kentucky and Governor's Island in New York Harbor. These places were utilized to train musician for regular army service. Since the regular service numbered only a few thousand at the out break of the war, most musicians assigned to volunteer regiments either received their training through local militia experience or were trained by the principal musician of the regiment upon enlistment. The US army needed a great deal of soldiers, very quickly and along with that was the need for many new musicians. We know from memoirs and letters that the musician faced the same dangers and hardships of every other soldier. The field musician was often called upon to carry out non-musical duties such as stretcher-bearer, or field hospital orderly. There are recollections of musicians doubling as administrative staff such as quartermaster. There were even occurrences of field musicians picking up the duties of the rifleman and more than a dozen received the Medal of Honor for bravery under fire.

The American Civil War could be considered the pinnacle of military fife and drum. As the army became a more mobile force in the post war years, practicality dictated that bugles would move to the forefront of army field music.

Fifes and drums however maintained its place in camp life well into the early 20th century.

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Our front Cover this edition highlights the work of James Paul Florance, the music master of the Delaney Delacy Youth Fife and Drum Corps in Scranton, PA. Jim got the beat at the age of 15 and has been following a life in music ever since.

In addition to his tireless work with youth in teaching the fife and drums as an avocation, he has made music his vocation as well as president of the Florance Drum Co.

For some five years he has made his love of music work for him in the restoration of antique drums as well as the construction of brand new reproduction instruments.

Working from his studios in rural Wayne County, PA, Jim has been instrumental in equipping many Civil War-era musical groups with their percussion. He can be reached on the internet at www.florance-drums.com



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Plans Readied for 140th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Death

The Crowne Plaza Hotel will serve as headquarters as well as the site of the luncheon following the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel. Mr. Daniel R. Weinberg, proprietor of the Abraham Lincoln Bookstore in Chicago, will be the luncheon speaker. His topic will be "The Assassination of Lincoln."

If your Department, Camp, or Auxiliary wishes to take part in the Tomb Ceremony, please indicate by letter that you will present a wreath. To insure proper listing, indicate in the letter the name of the Department, Camp or Auxiliary (plus Camp or Auxiliary number (#) and Department, plus the name of the wreath bearer.

If you plan to attend the luncheon at 1:00 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, it is important that you send the number of reservations, with names, as well as a check or money order to cover the cost of the luncheon reservations. The cost of the luncheon is \$24.00 per reservation. No reservation will be made if a check or money order is not included. Cancellations need to reach Mr. Clark by Monday, April 11.

Listing for presenting a wreath and/or reservations for the luncheon should be sent not later than Monday, March 20th to Mr. Ron Clark, Co-chairman, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, 2305 Sutherland Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, at (217) 529-7777 or by fax at (217) 585-1373. Reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, 3050 South Dirksen Parkway, and can be made by calling (217) 529-7771 or by fax at (217) 529-1777. Room reservations should be made not later than Monday, March 14.

Room rates for the Crowne Plaza Hotel are \$110.00 plus tax per night and the Holiday Inn Express at \$70.00 plus tax per night. Rates at both hotels are for either single or double occupancy. When making room reservations, indicate the booking code of: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War OR Lincoln Death Day Association, Inc.

Wreaths may be ordered for delivery at the Lincoln Tomb from local Springfield florists. If you choose to do that, instruct your florist to have the wreath delivered: c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, by 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2005.

*Friday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m.
at the Lincoln Tomb,
Oak Ridge Cemetery,
Springfield, Illinois*



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General Orders No. 8 SERIES 2004-2005

1. I regret to inform our membership that, due to medical reasons, PCC Max Neuman must step down as our National Treasurer at the end of this administration. Br. Max has been a dedicated and loyal guardian of our Order's funds for four years. His sound financial counsel will be sorely missed, as it has allowed our leadership to make sound decisions and move our Order forward.

2. Those who are interested in serving as an Assistant Treasurer, helping Br. Max during his last seven months on the job, are invited to contact Chief of Staff PDC Donald Palmer at (636) 230-3656 or email: pondook@aol.com. A qualified brother will be elected Nat. Treasurer at the 2005 National Encampment to first serve the remaining two years of the unexpired three year term. Service as an Assist. Treasurer will be a distinct advantage.

Ordered this 6th day of December 2004.

General Orders No. 9 SERIES 2004-2005

1. On July 10, 1947, Comrade John R. Grate, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, published his General Order 4. In it, he reminded his Departments that the Allied Orders should be arranged in official programs in the following manner:

Woman's Relief Corps,
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. In keeping with the Grand Army's traditions and wishes, we should be especially sensitive to this protocol when planning events involving other members of the Allied Orders.

Ordered this 6th day of December 2004.

General Orders No. 10 SERIES 2004-2005

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother Hiram Shouse, Jr., a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, on January 1st. As a member of the Col. John C. Byrner Camp 67, Department on Illinois, Brother

Shouse honored the memory of his father, Dr. Hiram Shouse, Sr., who served in the 11th Illinois Infantry.

2. All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National website are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Shouse's family.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2005.

General Orders No. 11 SERIES 2004-2005

1. I'm saddened to report the passing of PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson, long-time co-chair of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, on January 1st. As a 50-year member of our Order, Br. Johnson honored the memory of his ancestors, Pvt. Albert Wemble, Co. K, 3rd Iowa Inf. and Pvt. Demas L. Coe, who served in four Ohio regiments. He was a member of Henry Harnden Camp 2, Dept. of Wisconsin for over 40 years.

2. Brother Johnson's many contributions to his Camp, Department and Region were often eclipsed by his dedicated, steadfast service to the National Order's annual observance in Springfield, Illinois. His vigilance was responsible for the event's consistency and continuity. His name was and is synonymous with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

3. His association with the ceremony began in 1963. Soon he and PCinC George Cashman were appointed the event's co-chairs. After PCinC Cashman's death in 1983, PDC Johnson continued to co-chair the event with PDC Robert Graham, moderating both the ceremony and the luncheon. During the past 41 years, PDC Johnson missed the observance only once.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Johnson's family.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2005.

General Orders No. 12 SERIES 2004-2005

1. Effective this date and in accordance with the C&R,

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration Meeting November 21, 2004 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

The National Council of Administration meeting was held at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA on November 21, 2004. Voting Council Members present were: Cin-C Stephen A. Michaels, SVC-in-C Donald E. Darby, JVC-in-C James B. Pahl, National Secretary Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council of Administration Members PDC Robert B. Petrovic, PDC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC Leo F. Kennedy, PDC Brad Schall. Past Commander-in-Chiefs present were PC-in-C George L. Powell, PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson, PC-in-C Andrew Johnson, PC-in-C Chuck Corfman, PC-in-C Robert Grim, and PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. Also present were Chief of Staff Donald D. Palmer, Jr. Executive Director Lee F. Walters, and Brothers Ron Gill and John Hart.

Following reminders the importance of wearing the badge of our Order to Council meetings and of checking the Electronic Boardroom regularly to ensure that votes are not missed, and to inform the Council if members will be away for extended periods of time. C-in-C Michaels opened the meeting with a moment of silence for PC-in-C Richard Schlenker who passed away in August. An inspirational opening prayer was then given by Brother Charlie Kuhn, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by C-in-C Michaels. Secretary Bennett then called the roll of Council Members, and noted the Past Commander-in-Chiefs and guests who were present.

The large collection of Officer and Committee Reports assembled by Chief of Staff Palmer was then noted and Brother Palmer was asked to summarize or comment on any of the reports he felt required special attention. Brother Palmer identified the reports of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Department Organizer, the Graves Registration Officer, the Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, the National Webmaster, the Committee on Americanization and Education, the Constitution and Regulations Committee, the Committee on Legislation, the Program and Policy Committee, and the Memorial Grant Fund Committee as possibly containing issues which need to be addressed at this time.

A schedule was also provided noting the dates of Department Encampments, noting those which the Commander-in-Chief plans to attend.

When asked for communications and/or bills, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, PC-in-C Wheeler presented a bill for a new Commander-in-Chief's badge to

be kept in the event that the primary badge is ever lost or needs to be replaced. This expense had been approved previously.

Treasurer Newman then reviewed the Financial Report which he had prepared and distributed to those present. He specifically pointed out and explained the balance sheet difficulties with the auditors' understanding of our dues structure were discussed. Treasurer Newman then announced that, with much regret, he will be resigning from the office of Treasurer at the conclusion of this fiscal year due to health-related reasons. The Council briefly discussed ways to proceed with regard to both the auditors and recruiting a new National Treasurer. This subject will be discussed later under New Business.

C-in-C Michaels noted that last year the SUVCW waived dues for members serving in the military. Discussion took place as to whether the original motion included an explanation, and if this policy might be extended through this year or in perpetuity. C-in-C Michaels expressed his belief that, while the Council will most certainly approve future motions to waived dues for our members serving in combat zones, it is a good practice to have such matters come before the Council for regular review and affirmation. Therefore, he suggested that the Council approve this waiver for the year 2005. A motion was made by Brother Kuhn and seconded by Brother Petrovic. The motion passed unanimously.

C-in-C Michaels then informed the Council that a request has been made to reissue the scholarship for Whitley Ashley, who was involved in an automobile accident which delayed her entry into college. Ms. Ashley is now in college, however, the scholarship funds were returned to them SUVCW when she initially, was unable to enroll. Brother Kuhn moved that the funds be forwarded back to Ms Ashley's present school. This was seconded by Brother Kennedy. C-in-C Michaels suggested that we also request a letter from the school she is attending as affirmation that she is now enrolled. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bennett was then asked to report on the letter received from the Department of Illinois requesting authorization to create and distribute their own ROTC/JROTC medal. Discussion between Council officers on this matter has already taken place via e-mail. Before reading the response he drafted, C-in-C Michaels asked Brother

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Bennett to read the original letter making this request, which was done. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the request be denied, which was seconded by Brother Kuhn. Discussion took place which included SVC-in-C Darby's report that not all branches of the military will permit the Illinois medal to be presented to its members if the same award is not available to all of its members nationwide, which clearly the Illinois medal would not be. The Air Force, for example, will not permit a regional award.

Additional discussion noted the problem that would occur, and did occur with our forefathers in the GAR, if Departments and Camps were permitted to create their own versions of National medals, certificates, and badges. The vote to deny this request was unanimous, and Secretary Bennett was directed to forward a letter to the Department of Illinois noting the Council of Administration's concerns, and the reasons why the request is being denied.

National Quartermaster Wheeler, PC-in-C, then passed around a sample of the Civil War Widow's Badge which our Order still has a small supply. Brother Wheeler also noted that there is a supply of the original program from the Meeting of the Widows event which can be paired with each remaining medal. Approximately 25 medals remain. PC-in-C Atkinson noted that when this subject last came before the Council, it was decided to hold onto these medals as their value has continued to increase. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brother Wheeler for our Order to keep the Widows Badges at this time. Brother Kuhn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion confirmed that, according to the 123rd National Encampment, SUVCW Form 7, the ROTC/JROTC Award Application, is to be revised to reflect the change in wording from "graduating senior" to "any ROTC/JROTC student."

With Lincoln Birthday Bicentennial approaching in 2009, C-in-C Michaels noted that some organizations have already have plans well underway. PC-in-C Al Loomis, as the representative from the SUVCW, has been working to ensure that the SUVCW will be a part of programs and activities which take place during this celebration. Brother Gill added that PC-in-C Loomis is also a member of the Indiana Task force on this project. It was noted that Brother Loomis is C-in-C Michaels' appointed representative and each C-in-C from this year forward will need to appoint his own representative. As a point of information, C-in-C Michaels informed the Council that he has made personal contact with the heads of the other Allied Orders regarding contributions towards the 2005 Encampment and that written communication would soon follow reminding them that a response to the SUVCW's request for additional financial

support from other Allied Orders was to have come this year.

Brother Petrovic then gave a report on the Charitable Foundation's fund-raising/sales efforts during the Remembrance Day Weekend, both at the Blue & Gray Ball and the SVR Breakfast, and additional merchandise they plan to have produced and offer for sale by the 2005 Encampment.

Discussion then ensued regarding expanding the line of National Quartermaster items as well, to include other areas not currently licensed to the Foundation, Departments or Camps. Of particular interest were SVR-related items including buttons and officer's belt-buckles. Brother Schall expressed concern that the Foundation and Quartermaster should not duplicate their efforts leading to an inefficient system. It was clarified that one of the main differences is in the purpose of each. The Quartermaster's office exists to provide items necessary to the operation of the Camps and Departments, and the use of the individual Brothers in their capacity as members of the Order, at as low a price as practical so that these items will be available to as many members as possible. The Charitable Foundation's purpose is to raise funds for use by the Order, by developing and offering for sale items of a luxury souvenir nature, as well as to provide the matching funds often necessary in order to obtain additional grants from outside entities. National Quartermaster Wheeler made the Council aware of notice from some vendors regarding impending price increases, and some corrections which need to be made to our policies regarding shipping and insurance.

Brother John Hart, BANNER publisher, was then given an opportunity to address the Council and answer any questions. He spoke on the special National Officer/Committee insert included in the most recent issue, which was well-received, and addressed the absence of the Special Committees. Brother Hart also noted that we will be changing printers due to hurricane damage suffered by our previous printer, and have also changed mailing houses due to waste factors and other costs associated with the former vendor. The subjects of submission deadlines, circulation schedules, and delivery methods were then discussed. The Council gave Brother Hart a round of applause for a great job, and for a great looking product.

C-in-C Michaels then called upon Brother Kennedy to address the subject of the National Graves Registration Database. Brother Kennedy announced that the database is still not functioning on our National Website, and communication with Brother Orr, whose company was hired by our Order to create and maintain this online database, has been minimal due to Brother Orr's many other family and business obligations.

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SVC-in-C Darby moved that a deadline of December 31st be given to Brother Orr and the company with which the SUVCW has contracted, to get the database completely active online. Should this not be done, all property belonging to the Order, including any source code developed, should be returned, the existing contract will be terminated, and the National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe will be authorized to locate and retain another contractor to take over this project. This motion was seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, and passed unanimously. Secretary Bennett was directed to communicate the Council's decision to Brother Orr. It was also ordered that the minutes from the Mid-Winter CofA meeting in Harrisburg in 2001 be checked to see how much has been paid to Brother Orr and his company prior to any more recent payment(s) by Treasurer Newman. It is hoped that the 3000 grave entries being used to test the workings of the system would not be lost.

Following PC-in-C Atkinson's report that the hotel could not extend check-out time for the members of the Council as a large group was coming in that afternoon, C-in-C Michaels called for a 15 minute recess during which such matters could be attended to.

Under the heading of New Business, C-in-C Michaels asked PC-in-C Ed Krieser to address the Council regarding the printed Proceedings of our National Encampments. Brother Krieser showed a sample of the Proceedings as

they have been published in recent years, bound or stapled at the spine and approximately 6" x 9". He also showed another version that would be 8 1/2" by 11" and spiral bound. The spiral binding would permit the Order to more easily self-publish, as well as print only as many copies as we require, and then easily print more if needed. Of course Proceedings could also be made available on CD-Rom as well. Furthermore, for those who frequently refer to these books, the spiral binding permits the book to be opened and laid flat for easier use. Following discussion SVC-in-C Darby moved that future Proceedings be produced which are 8 1/2" x 11" and use a plastic spiral binding.

That was seconded by Brother Protovic. Brother Kuhn offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to provide the Proceedings digitally on CD-Rom, for a nominal fee, as well. There were nine votes in favor. JVC-in-C Pahl objected out of habit.

The subject was then raised by PC-in-C Wheeler of past years' Proceedings which still have not been completed and published. SVC-in-C Darby repeated his offer to provide a court reporter who would transcribe the recordings from Encampments at a rate of \$3 per page.

Brother Kuhn cautioned that if we were to take advantage of such a service, we should make sure to create copies of all material as a safeguard before they leave our possession. C-in-C Michaels asked the Past Commander-in-Chief present to express their feelings. After some discussion, a motion was made by National Quartermaster Wheeler to accept SVC-in-C Darby's offer to hire a transcriptionist to begin working on the old Proceedings waiting to be done. This was seconded simultaneously by Brothers Kennedy and Schall. Brother Kuhn offered a friendly amendment that only copies be given to the transcriptionist and that original recordings and documents be maintained at our National Headquarters. That amendment was accepted and the motion was approved unanimously.

C-in-C Michaels then brought up a difference of opinion within the Department of New Jersey regarding cataloging the Civil War Memorials in New Jersey. It is the opinion of some that this information should be made available, via their Department Website, to anyone who can benefit from it. Others feel that the Department and/or our National Order has a proprietary interest in this information and that it should be made available through the National Organization, and possibly for a fee. Discussion included clarification that while some information gathered and recorded on SUVCW forms may be disseminated to the public, the forms themselves may not be copied for that purpose. Also, JVC-in-C Pahl stated that, in his opinion,

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the material could and should be made available and spread as widely as possible so long as fees are not charged, citing the purpose of our organization: to keep green the memory of the sacrifices made by the Boys in Blue and their Grand Army of the Republic. SVC-in-C Darby noted that there could be expenses incurred in producing copies of the information and JVC-in-C Pahl agreed that the costs of publishing or duplication could be recovered.

Following some discussion, Brother Pahl moved that any Department should be permitted to freely publish grave registration and/or memorial information gathered on behalf of the SUVCW so long as they make it available free or charge or that it be sold for no greater than their out-of-pocket expenses. The motion was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby. Brother Kuhn added the friendly amendment that while the data contained in the SUVCW forms may be included, the forms themselves could not be. Brother Kennedy further clarified that information made public should not include names or contact information for individual Brothers who may have collected this data without specific permission of those Brothers. This addition was included in the amendment, which was accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

The subject of retaining a professional photographer to record images from our National Encampment was then raised by C-in-C Michaels. Brother Kuhn suggested that all photographs taken should become the property of the SUVCW, and it was agreed that both 35mm film negatives and digital files should be produced. Brother Petrovic suggested that the host Department of each Encampment could be given the responsibility of retaining a suitable photographer, and further suggested that a local community college could be approached as a photography student might be available to use this event as a class project. Brother Kuhn noted that the Department of Pennsylvania once had a photograph taken of the entire membership at an Encampment, which might be an item desired by Brothers attending a National Encampment. Brother Wheeler reported that he has assembled a large collection of photographs taken by PC-in-C Rippey going back many years, and intends to show them at the 2005 Encampment seek the assistance of those in attendance in identifying some of the people in the photos. C-in-C Michaels asked Brother Petrovic to look into retaining a photographer for the 2005 Encampment with the Host Committee from New Hampshire Department and report back to the Council at the spring Meeting.

JVC-in-C Pahl then discussed the procedures he is now following with regard to the acceptance of membership applications by mail which includes providing contact information directly to Executive Director Walters so that new members will get the on BANNER circulation list as

soon as possible, even before they are reported to National by the Camp and Department they are recruited into. Brother Pahl also noted that he has helped process 75 applications that have come to him since the 2004 National Encampment with still other applications currently being worked on.

C-in-C Michaels then directed everyone's attention to a chart he created listing each Department and when, in the last several years, its Department Encampment was visited by the C-in-C or another National Officer. He also presented a listing of most Departments' Encampment dates for 2005. It was pointed out which Department Encampments he is already planning to attend, and which others might really benefit from a visit from a National Officer, also noting the \$300 travel reimbursement which can be made available to a National Officer traveling to represent the Commander-in-Chief. Officers willing and interested in representing the Commander-in-Chief at any of the Encampments he is unable to attend were asked to make C-in-C Michaels aware of this.

An issue regarding the routing and approval of the Memorials Grant Fund Request Form 62 was brought to the attention of the Council through a communication from National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington, PDC. As grant applications are forwarded to National, he feels there is insufficient communication between the Grant Fund Committee and the National Memorials Officer to ensure that a Memorial Assessment Form 61 is already on file, or that a completed form is submitted with the grant application. Further, if a Form 61 accompanies the grant application then copies of it need to be forwarded to the Memorials Officer as well. C-in-C Michaels will refer this matter to the Program and Policy Committee. Brother Shillington also expressed concerns regarding the format for the new National Memorials Database.

C-in-C Michaels expressed his belief that this will fall into place and can be better addressed after issues with the National Graves Registration Database are handled.

Treasurer Max Newman then circulated an official letter announcing his resignation from the office of Treasurer, to take effect at the end of this fiscal year. With much regret, Brother Newman's health concerns and the instructions of his physician make this decision necessary.

SVC-in-C Darby summarized the feeling of many present by saying we would rather have Brother Newman as a live member than a deceased Treasurer, and suggested that the Order might begin to search for a successor sooner than the next Encampment. C-in-C Michaels suggested that we might utilize the BANNER to spread the word that a Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer is needed to begin taking over some of Brother Newman's



responsibilities as soon as possible.

Brother Kuhn made a motion that members of the Council attending a Council meeting without wearing their membership badge be fined \$1. This was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby. Following discussion of the importance of National Officers wearing their badges as an example for our membership, the motion passed unanimously.

Brother Kuhn then asked if a sample of each National Encampment badge has been kept so that a display could be created at our National Headquarters. It was noted that badges were not always produced, but ribbons or other devices were made. Several Brothers present offered to provide some of these items that they had in their own collections.

C-in-C Michaels asked who would be given the responsibility of creating and maintaining such a display. Brother Kuhn agreed to take charge of collecting and cataloguing. PC-in-C Johnson offered the caution that the SUVCW should not undertake the start of a museum or library work. It was agreed that this project will only be for display at our headquarters.

SVC-in-C Darby asked National Quartermaster Wheeler to provide an updated list of which past years' National Encampment Proceedings he still has a surplus of so that they may be offered for sale to our membership through the BANNER. It was decided that they would be offered for \$5 plus postage.

Brother Petrovic then brought up the subject of having signs created to identify the rooms of our Allied Orders heads at National Encampments. Following discussion, and with concerns for loss, damage or theft, it was decided to take no action at this time.

SVC-in-C Darby requested the Commander-in-Chief to consult with his Counselor, and issue a ruling regarding a Camp requiring a fee in order to transfer out of that Camp. It was Counselor Pahl's belief that this was prohibited by our Constitution and Regulations.

Secretary Bennett asked about the status of old membership records and applications in the possession of our Order at National Headquarters.

As inquiries often come in as to an ancestor's membership or the need for other information which may be included on an application, it would be helpful to know what information we have, and may be able to provide.

Executive Director Walters acknowledged that there are some 7000 records on file at our headquarters, which is by no means a complete record of our organization, and that they are currently in the process of being alphabetized. While there is no guarantee that a specific record may exist, it is possible that it does, and further possible that it can be located.

Treasurer Newman noted that the old AOL e-mail

addresses will continue until December 31st, after which the suvcw.org addresses will remain as the official contact e-mail addresses for members of the Council of Administration.

JVC-in-C Pahl then directed everyone's attention to a hand-out he provided showing images used by our Sons of Veterans Departments as their adopted Department Symbols. He also reported that the preliminary conversations with the IRS officials regarding a change from 501(c)(4) status to 501(c)(3) status have revealed potential difficulties that may prevent this action from being taken without an act of Congress.

Rulings from the IRS have been requested before any further action is taken.

PC-in-C Johnson report that the Schlenker family will let the Order know, through Brother Johnson, if any personal property of PC-in-C Schlenker is not going to be kept by the family, or if any items are to be sold or auctioned. He also noted that the package of materials forwarded to Brother Douglass Knight with the results of the Hearing Council's investigation were returned with delivery refused, and have been turned over to the National Secretary.

Chief of Staff Palmer noted that he would forward copies of the Officer and Committee Reports to PC-in-C Kent Armstrong and Council Member David Stephen.

PC-in-C Powell asked if there were a limited number of suvcw.org addresses available or if, for a fee, members could obtain one. C-in-C Michaels noted that there are only a small number provided to us, but that he would ask National Webmaster Kent Peterson to look into it and report back.

Brother Kennedy expressed his understanding and appreciation to Brother Newman for his dedication and performance as our Treasurer. This sentiment was repeated by Brother Kuhn and Schall, and a round of applause was given by all in attendance. Brother Newman stated that he only tried to do the best he could at the job he was given. C-in-C Michaels noted that due to Brother Newman's efficiency and level of professionalism, the organization has been able to focus on the work of our Order without having our attention drawn away by concerns for our financial stability or day-to-day operation.

With no further business to come before the Council, the C-in-C directed Brother Kuhn to offer a closing prayer and, noting that the next Council of Administration meeting would take place on April 16 in Springfield, IL, Closed the meeting

Respectfully Submitted in F.C. & L.
Michael S. Bennett
National Secretary, SUVCW

Department News

Department of Illinois

By Brother Bob Kurek

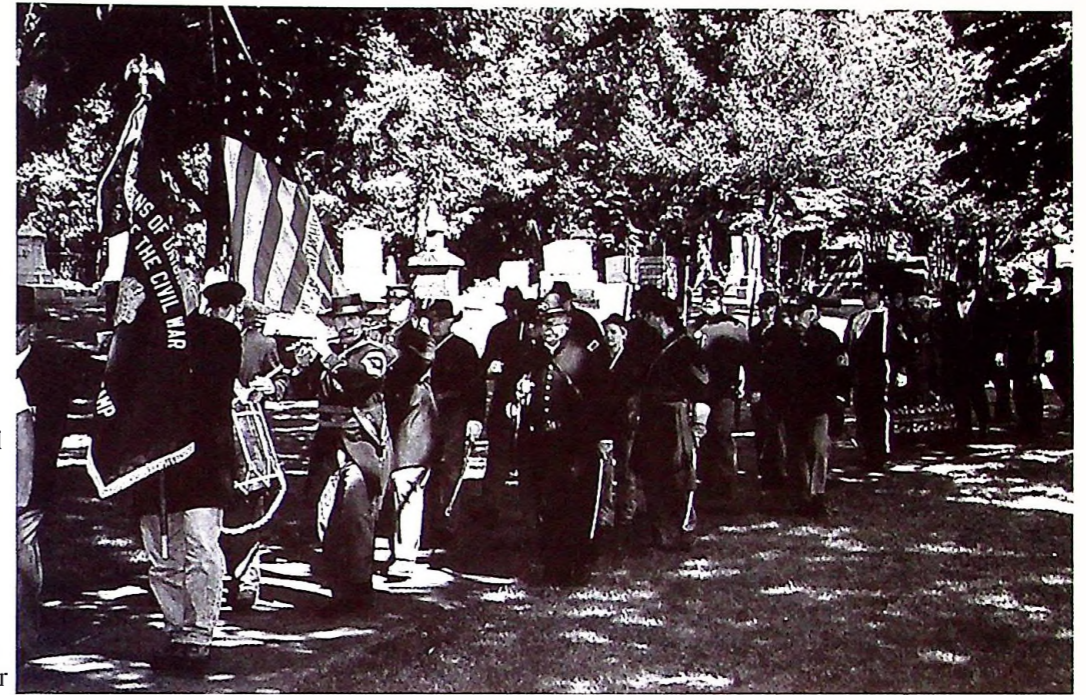
A colorful mixture of Civil War re-enactors, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, VFW, Patriotic Organizations and Bloomingdale Historical Society members paid tribute to Civil War veterans buried in St. Paul Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomingdale, Illinois on Sunday September 12, 2004.

While the ceremony celebrated the installation of four new headstones for John Ehle, 8th Illinois Cavalry; William Goodwin, 8th Illinois Cavalry; Luther Godfrey, 105th Illinois Infantry; and Samuel Downing, 55th Illinois Infantry, it in fact, honored all Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery.

Bob Kurek, Historical Society Gravestone Restoration Committee Chairman and member of P.H. Sheridan, Camp 2, Department of Illinois, SUVCW, began the project to replace headstones several years ago and the ceremony celebrated the completion of Phase I of the project. A fifth stone, for Heinrich Eikenberg, 24th Illinois Infantry, was installed several days after the ceremony. Future projects will be obtaining more headstones as needed and cleaning the ones that need not be replaced.

Guest speakers included President Abraham Lincoln (as portrayed by Max Daniels) and General U.S. Grant (as portrayed by Larry Werline.) Fred Murphy, aide-de-camp to Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels, represented the National Order of the SUVCW, bringing greetings from Commander Michaels.

The military salute was provided by Taylor's Battery of the 1st Illinois Light Artillery and the 1st Michigan Engineers. The honor of presenting the wreath went to Ellen Stortz of the Daughters of the Union, 1861-1865 whose symbolic laying of the wreath represented such diverse organizations as the SUVCW, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Echo Taps were performed by buglers from Bugles Across America and music was provided for by the Mississippi Valley Fife and Drum Corps.

Also in attendance were Camp Commander Steven Westlake of P.H. Sheridan Camp 2 and Camp Commander Stuart Stefany of George Custer Camp 1, Department of Illinois, SUVCW.

Department of Iowa

A Father's Letter

By John Brockway

This is a copy of a letter my Great Grandfather James M. Brockway gave his son George A. Brockway when he left home in the Civil War. George Brockway served in Company B, 35th Infantry Regiment.

"My Dear Son George,

As you are about to leave the paternal home for a new scene of live (sic) I will pen a few lines for you to look at when you are far from home & friends. The Camp will be your home & this discipline (sic) of arms & war your employment. On whatever condition or place the vicissitudes (sic) of war may place you, let patriotism & love of country be your rule of action & union & liberty

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HISTORY OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR FILII VETERANORUM (part III)

By Robert Wolz
National SUVCW Historian

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The Twenty-Second National Encampment of the GAR meeting in 1888 gave the Sons of the Veterans, U.S.A. their official recognition:

"Resolved. That this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of the Sons of the Veterans, U.S.A. and hereby give to the Order the official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recommend that it aid and encourage the institution of the Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A." [xiv]

The uniform for members [xv] was to be a "dark blue flannel, single breasted sack coat, of medium length, four or five large size regulation buttons down the front, and two small regulation buttons on the under seam of each sleeve.

For each three years of service, a diagonal half chevron of red silk service mark was to be sown above these two buttons. Dark blue flannel pants, and fatigue cap, with gold cord, embroidered or metallic wreath in front, containing "S.V." in old English silver bullion embroidery and the number of the Camp. The top of the cap may contain a device, the same to be known as the Division Badge" [xvi]. Camps armed with military equipment could wear crossed rifles for infantry units, crossed cannons for artillery units or crossed swords for cavalry units on the front of their caps. All commissioned Officers were to wear the full dress uniform of the U.S. Army including full size shoulder straps or shoulder knots.

All camps, armed or unarmed, drilled at least monthly using the U.S. Army regulations and encamped in the field. A field uniform in khaki may be found in use in some areas from the late 1890s through World War II. Most units were supplied by the United States War Department with Krag or Springfield 45-70 rifles. In some States, they were regarded as part of the State militia or National Guard. Numerous military uniform items exist with "SV," Filii Veteranorum and the Coat of Arms on them - hats, coats, buttons, buckles, collar insignia all exist. The "SV" buttons, buckles and swords are from the New York "Post System" and the Coat of Arms Filii Veteranorum buttons, buckles and swords are from the Pittsburgh based Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

In 1884, a number of Grand Army men were recognized

and given the past rank of Past Division Commander (Colonel) or Past Grand Division Commander (Major General) and the status of Constitutional Life members. These men were: Major A.P. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Gen. I.S. Bangs of Waterville, Maine; Gen. William E.W. Ross and Col. John Thompson of Baltimore, Maryland; Col. R.M.J. Reed of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Col. John Rodrigo of Newark, New Jersey; Col. William Pierpoint of New Haven, Connecticut; and Dr. Eldridge of Auburn, Maine. [xvii]

In August 1886, a merger [xviii] between the Philadelphia based Sons of Veterans and the Pittsburgh based Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. occurred. As chapters were numbered in each of the organizations, Anna M. Ross Camp 1 of Philadelphia was allowed to retain the number 1, and Davis Camp 1 was given a "star" in place of their number to show they held the position of "the charter camp." They are always referred to as Davis* Camp.

Similarly, nine independent chapters of the Missouri Sons of Veterans merged into the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. in 1886.

Membership growth in the Sons was rapid with over 200,000 members mustered within their first ten years, but only 56,000 were in good standing and paying dues in 1891. [xix]

In 1894, the National Organization voted to institute a three degree ritual. [xx] Recruits would receive separate degrees: Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity. Similar to the Grand Army's experience with multiple degrees, this Son's experiment was short lived and a new ritual was adopted within a single degree featuring all three virtues within two years. [xxi]

SONS OF VETERANS GUARDS

While all members of the Sons of veterans were to be uniformed, not all were armed and equipped with military weapons. The Regulations of the 1880's distinguish between armed and unarmed Camps. The 1888 National Proceedings states 441 Camps are armed and equipped as infantry, 8 as artillery, and six cavalry. [xxii] Finally, in 1891, The Sons of veterans, U.S.A. national organization established a separate "Military Rank," (department). This military department was known as the Sons of Veterans Guards.

A Company was to consist of a minimum of "21 members uniformed, armed and equipped and shall assemble for drill not less than twice each month." [xxiii]

The uniform for both armed and unarmed Camps was the same. It was to be the regulation fatigue uniform of the US Army with the following changes:

Buttons shall be regulation Filii Veteranorum buttons.

The cap shall have the Division cap mark. A hat wreath would contain the letters "SV" or "SVG" shall be worn by all commissioned officers. Special crossed rifles, swords or cannons with the unit letter in the upper angle, and the number in the lower angle with "SV" reaching across the intersection was to be worn on the front of the cap by enlisted men. The sword belt was to have the Filii Veteranorum buckle. The swords themselves were to bear the coat of arms of the Sons of Veterans on the hilt.

The Commandant was appointed for one year by the Commander-in-Chief, as was an advisory committee of five Brothers. While they could be re-appointed, their term was the same as the Commander-in-Chief. Many new companies were organized in 1892. Unfortunately, the Sons of Veterans Guards was a parallel organization to the Sons of Veterans U.S.A. Companies and Camps competed for the same Brothers. Division Commanders and Regimental Commanders held equal rank and were often at odds. In 1893, the Sons of Veterans Guards voted independence from the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. At the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. in 1894, the national military department was dissolved [xxiv] and companies were placed under control of their Division Commander again.

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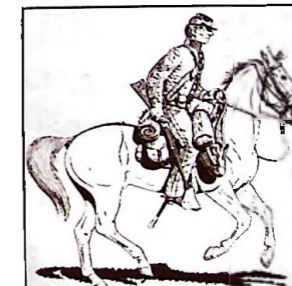
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Department of Pennsylvania

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The 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Pennsylvania Monument at Andersonville, GA will be held on 7 December 2005. According to the National Park Service in Georgia, there were approximately 4,825 imprisoned there representing close to 200 regiments just from Pennsylvania. From these, approximately 1,835 of "those who wore the blue," would take their last breath.

Gettysburg Camp 112 is planning to commemorate this historical event. The day has been reserved through the National Park Service. There is to be a "March of Honor: from Providence Spring to the Stockade and then to the Pennsylvania Monument. The march will be led by the Color Guard, "Gettysburg Blues." It is hoped to have as many people as possible to join in this procession, as well as, carry small PA flags with numbers, representative of all the regiments.

At the Pennsylvania Monument, a "Ceremony," will be conducted in observance of all Pennsylvanians who were imprisoned at Andersonville during the Civil War. It is

Parade to rededicate Sheridan Monument, Gala Civil War Ball April 2 in Scranton

Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, will rededicate the Sheridan Monument Saturday, April 2, 2005 in downtown Scranton. The monument was restored as a cooperative venture by The Sons of Union Veterans and the Lackawanna Historical Society.

All camps and SVR units from Pennsylvania and surrounding states are invited and urged to attend this function aimed at drawing attention to the work of our order.

A military parade will be begin at 11 a.m. from the GAR Museum, Linden and Penn Avenues, and proceed to Lackawanna County Courthouse Square for the ceremonies. Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge, Col. Seamus McCaffery of Philadelphia, a member of Camp 8, will be guest speaker.

A reception will follow at the Lackawanna Historical Society. Later that evening, the 28th Regimental Band will play at a Civil War Ball at The Century Club on Jefferson Avenue. The event will raise funding for the Guard's ongoing monument restoration efforts. Special room rates have been secured for participants at the historic Radisson at Lackawanna Station, located only a block away from the monument. For details, contact Capt. John Hart at (570) 241-1774.

to be a solemn occasion. An attempt will be made to closely follow the century old ceremonial agenda; including an invitation of attendance by the Governor of Pennsylvania. Currently, for those who are interested in taking a bus from Gettysburg, there is an itinerary posted on the web site, as well as, a tentative program schedule for 7 December 2005. There are opportunities to sign up, as well as, other supportive information provided. For more information and continual updates, please visit www.paatandersonville.com or www.gettysburgcamp112.org.

The "Andersonville Committee" of Gettysburg Camp 112 is actively engaged in making arrangements for the park program, and visitor accommodations, etc. with adjustments being ongoing until areas become finalized. Please check the web site as we move into 2005.

A Father's Letter

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be your rallying watch word & down with traitors & up with the Stars your battle cry.

Learn a soldiers duty & unhesitatingly perform it, and let me rest with the fullest confidence & assurance, that I have not placed my Sons on the alter of our Country's Liberty in vain or if it should be your lot to participate in scenes of the gory battlefield where Death, carnage & suffering meet the eye on every side, then in mercy spare the prostrate helpless & suffocating (sic) foe. Never flinch from duty, let the peril be ever so great. Let me sooner learn of your Death than your cowardice.

True & noble traits of character can be displayed in camp as well as in private life, therefore, in every condition in which you may be placed, strive to cultivate, exhibit and maintain a high tone of character. Never associate with profane, lewd or obscene characters. A man is judged by the company he keeps, therefore never associate with any but those whose character is above the calumny and reproach.

Be careful of your health & not expose it unnecessarily (sic).

Be just to others, to yourself & to God. And if through a blessing of a kind Providence, you are permitted to return to us and our country saved, Our Union & peace restored, I shall then have abundant cause to thank God for the Mighty Blessing.

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Patriotic Instructor's Notes - Special Projects, Special Programs

By Bruce Butgereit
National Patriotic Instructor

As I shared in the last issue of the BANNER, the Grand Army of the Republic was actively involved in schools, educating the youth about history, patriotism and the flag. At the 1889 Encampment, it was suggested that Posts adopt a school and present them with a new U.S. flag, "so that children could learn about the flag and the sacrifices that made it what it was today."

In many communities today, local businesses and organizations are volunteering their time to work with students after school on a variety of subjects; reading, music and etc. One way your Camp can get involved in helping the students of today learn and understand our nation's history, is to "adopt" a school(s).

The following offers some ideas and direction for the Adopt a School Program; please remember thatm Camp/Department participation is voluntary.

1. Offer to sponsor an essay contest where the theme could be "What freedom means to me" or "What the flag means to mean."

The contest could be between several schools within a district with the winning school receiving a new U.S. flag; for fairness, if the contest is between schools in a district, it should be elementary vs. elementary, secondary vs. secondary, and high school vs. high school. The contest could also be between grades in just one school with the author of the winning essay being allowed to raise the new flag.

How to implement -

A. Within the Camp, determine what school(s) you wish to adopt.

B. Draft a brochure or handout that you can leave with the school principals or teachers that includes information on the SUVCW, our goals and purpose, and offer to sponsor an essay contest.

C. Make an appointment to meet with the school and present your idea.

D. Should the school wish to participate, discuss the details with the teachers including the theme or subject, how the essays will be judged, and what determines the winner. The essays may be judged on simply content and/or grammar, punctuation, penmanship (if handwritten) - all items to clarify before hand with grade level skill in mind.

E. After the details are complete and a kick-off date chosen, send out a media release inviting local media sources to attend. By doing so, even if only the school

newsletter editor attends, it will be an opportunity to get the word out about who we are. If an entire school is going to compete vs. another school, try to arrange for a school assembly that introduces the contest to all the students at one time.

F. After the contest deadline, meet with the school to review essays and determine a winner.

G. Schedule a day with the school to present them with the new flag and once again, invite the local media sources.

H. Encourage maximum attendance from your Camp (including any Sisters of the Allied Orders who may be active in your area). Hopefully, the school will allow a formal flag raising ceremony where additional tips on flag etiquette can be shared.

Remember, while we want others to know who we are, it is important to stress how important the school's and student's involvement is in this project - we want to help them grow.

I. It is important to take photos and to write a follow-up report, not only for the Camp's records, but the Department and National levels as well. Too many times, our Encampments lack sharing the successes your experience throughout the year.

J. Present the school and the winning author with a framed color certificate of appreciation.

2. Offer to teach a program on flag etiquette by sponsoring a "Red, White and True Blue" SUVCW Flag Day where your Camp instructs the students on raising and lowering the flag, how to fold it, and other important facts.

This project is less involved but one that is just as worthy of undertaking as the essay contest. In many elementary schools, the students are given the responsibility of raising and lowering their flag which would reduce the size of your audience and create a closer relationship. This type of project can not only be used to increase knowledge of our flag and patriotism, but offers opportunity to be used as a kick-off to other projects such as Civil War memorial restoration fundraising.

3. If you have living historians and/or speakers within your Camp, offer to make a presentation(s) on the Civil War when the students have reached that part of their studies (usually in May).

The choice to participate and the details are up to each Camp - these would be voluntary projects - but by making an effort to reach out to these students on a regular basis, we can make a difference. Should you get involved with either of these projects, please share your success stories with us.

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PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson answers final roll call

Past Department Commander Thomas L.W. Johnson passed away in Madison, Wisconsin on January 1, 2005, suffering from deteriorating health for some time. He was 71 years old.

PDC Johnson joined Oak Park, Illinois Camp 12-100 on December 1, 1950, basing his membership on the service of Pvt. Albert W. Wemble, Company K, 3rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Wemble fought at Shiloh and Vicksburg. Another ancestor, Pvt. Demas L. Coe, served in four different infantry regiments.

Brother Tom served with the U.S. Army as a lieutenant, stationed in Germany during the Berlin Airlift.

By 1960, he had moved to Madison, Wisconsin and took a job in the University of Wisconsin Registrar's office, a post he held until his retirement in 2002. He transferred to Madison's Henry Harnden Camp 2 and soon served as Camp Commander. He also served two terms as Department Chaplain and a member of the Department Memorials and Plaques Committee.

In 1963 he was elected Department Commander and was re-elected twice. During these tenures he appointed a Chief of Staff to raise Department funds, instituted Mid-Winter meetings to keep his Department informed of National and Regions information. Also during this period Wisconsin Governor Warren P. Knowles and State Senator Robert Knowles were initiated into the SUVCW. PDC Johnson continued to serve on the Department

Council and was Department Counselor for most of his successors. In 1968, he began one of many terms as chairman of the Wisconsin Department Encampment.

In 1983, he was again elected Wisconsin Department Commander and served in that position until 1997.

PDC Johnson served as Central Region Commander in 1964. For the next 32 years, he was instrumental in keeping the Central Region Conference alive. It was during this time that he met and worked closely with Past National President Ellimore Johnson. The two were married October 9, 1974. She preceded him in death on October 5, 2001.

Transcending his contributions at the Department and Region levels was his association with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, held each April 15th in Springfield Illinois. In recent years his name was synonymous with the observance

In 1979, PDC Johnson joined the Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and soon after, organized the Wisconsin Department. He served as Department Commander from 1996 through 2000.

On June 9, 2001, PDC Johnson was awarded the SUVCW 50 year badge at the 118th Wisconsin Department Encampment.

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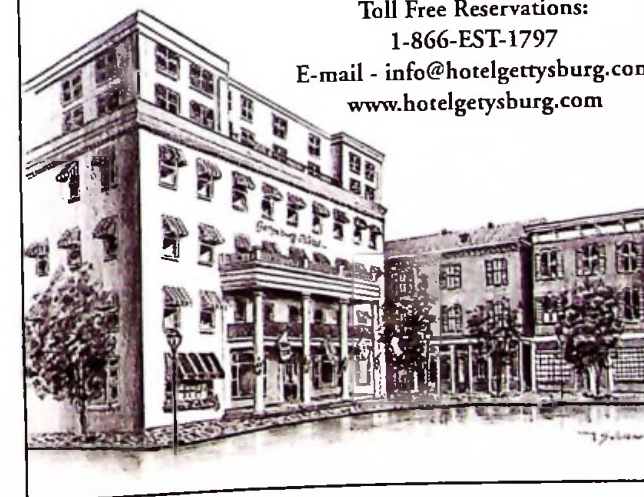
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Washington, D.C. May 5, 1868
General Orders No. 11

1. The 30th of May, 1868 is designed for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late war of the rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may 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 make the breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths 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 to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a possible 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 remain to us.

Let us, at the 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 the solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude - the soldier's and sailor'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 up 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 in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

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

By command of John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief
N.P. Chipman
Adjutant-General

Memorial Day

Robert B. Beath, in his History of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1888, reported the following concerning the incidents which resulted in the issuance of Commander-in-Chief Logan's General Order No. 11.

"Early in May 1868, Adjutant General Chipman received a letter from some comrade then living, as he remembers, in Cincinnati, in which the writer referred to the fact that he had served as a private soldier in the Union Army; that in his native country, Germany, it was the custom of the people to assemble in the spring time and scatter flowers upon the graves of the dead.

He suggested that the Grand Army of the Republic inaugurate such an observance in memory of the Union Dead.

General Chipman thought the suggestion most opportune, and at once made a rough draft of a General Order covering this subject, and laid it, with the letter referred to, before General Logan.

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Patriotic Instructor (Continued from Page 14)

Another way of getting involved in your community includes "adopting" a military unit and since there are a multitude of sources available on the Internet and many of you are involved in other Veterans groups, I'll share just a few that I've looked at; again, this would be a voluntary project.

1. www.adoptaplatoon.org/
2. www.woundedwarriorproject.org/
3. www.soldiersangels.org/

I will soon be sending out surveys to each Department Patriotic Instructor for distribution to the Camp Patriotic Instructors. The Purpose of these surveys is not just to get some insight as to the work Camps and Departments are doing but to also serve as a record of what we do each year.

Important upcoming dates:

February 12 - Union Defender's Day and Abraham Lincoln's birthday

February 21 - President's Day

May 1 - Loyalty Day

May 21 - Armed Forces Day

May 29 - Memorial Sunday

May 30 - Memorial Day

General Logan's Order (Continued from Page 16)

General Logan warmly approved the Order, himself adding several paragraphs. The date selected, May 30, was with the idea of using one of the spring months because of their poetical associations and also to make it late in the last spring month, that it might be possible to find flowers in the New England and extreme Northern States.

There were many who at first doubted the wisdom of instituting such an observance. It was claimed that it would unnecessarily keep alive the memories of the war, and foster animosities that should be buried in oblivion.

Other objects were made to the expense, and that the money for music and flowers could be more wisely spent on the living.

The Grand Army has answered this letter by increasing its benefactions year by year and no good citizen has at any time had reason to observe any force in the first objection. It is a matter of great regret that the name of the comrade who first called the attention of General Chipman to the subject cannot now be recalled.

During the war there had been many instances of the decorating of soldier's graves, and earlier than the date of this Order a "Decoration Day" had been generally observed by ex-Confederates in the Southern States.

General John B. Murray, then a resident of Waterloo, New York, on Sunday May 27th, 1866, marshaled a number of ex-soldiers in that village who decorated the graves of their dead comrades amid appropriate ceremonies. General Murray claimed during his life that he had spoken of this to General Logan at one of the Army reunions. It is also stated that Posts in Cincinnati,

upon the suggestion of T. C. Campbell, afterwards Quartermaster General, paraded in 1867 for the purpose of decorating the graves of their dead comrades.

General Chipman, however, distinctly remembers the incident as already related, which directly resulted in the issue of the General Orders instituting a MEMORIAL DAY."

From Commander in Chief Michaels (Continued from Page 3)

Chap. III, Art. VII, Sec 1&3, I have appointed PCinC Alan R. Loomis co-chair of the annual Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee, filling PDC Johnson's unexpired term. PCinC Loomis brings a wealth of experience to this assignment. In addition to two years' service on the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, he has organized an annual event, commemorating Fr. Corby at Notre Dame University. He has chaired several Memorial Day Committees, and a Fund Raising Committee for restoring the GAR Opera House in Valparaiso, Indiana. He has served as a museum curator and is a retired teacher with two advanced degrees.

2.PCC Alan G. Hembel, of Henry Harnden Camp 2, Department of Wisconsin, is hereby appointed to fill the remaining vacancy on the Lincoln Tomb Committee.

Ordered this 5th Day of January 2005.

By Order of:
Stephen A. Michaels
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GENERAL ORDER 2004-27 Sons of Veterans Reserve 20 November 2004

1. Effective 31 December 2004, and upon his written resignation, Captain David E. Allyn, SVR, is relieved of duty as Commander of Company G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District.

2. Effective 31 December 2004 the commission of David E. Allyn, as a Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-28 Sons of Veterans Reserve 6 December 2004

1. Effective 01 January 2005, 1st Sgt. Jerry R. Sayre, newly elected Commander of Company G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 31 December 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-29 Sons of Veterans Reserve 6 December 2004

1. Effective 31 December 2004, and upon his written resignation, Second Lieutenant Glen L. Roosevelt, SVR, is relieved of duty as Adjutant of Company G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District.

2. Effective 31 December 2004 the commission of Glen L. Roosevelt, as a Second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-30 Sons of Veterans Reserve 6 December 2004

1. Effective 01 January 2005, Corporal William E. Tisch, newly appointed Adjutant of Company G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 31 December 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-1 Sons of Veterans Reserve 7 January 2005

1. Effective 07 January 2005, Corporal Terry G. Reid, Company D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Third Military District, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 06 January 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Brigadier General David V. Medert
Commanding Officer
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*John Paul Jones, 16 November 1778
in a letter to le Ray de Chaumont*

As we all are aware, we have several of the Order's Brothers in Harm's Way. One of those Brothers Max Riekse, LTC, U.S. Army Reserve was kind enough to send photos of his time in Iraq and some words:

"The picture of President Bush and I was taken when he flew into Baghdad, Iraq last Thanksgiving (2003) and I was lucky enough to receive a very special invitation to that "invitation only" dinner at the Baghdad airport held

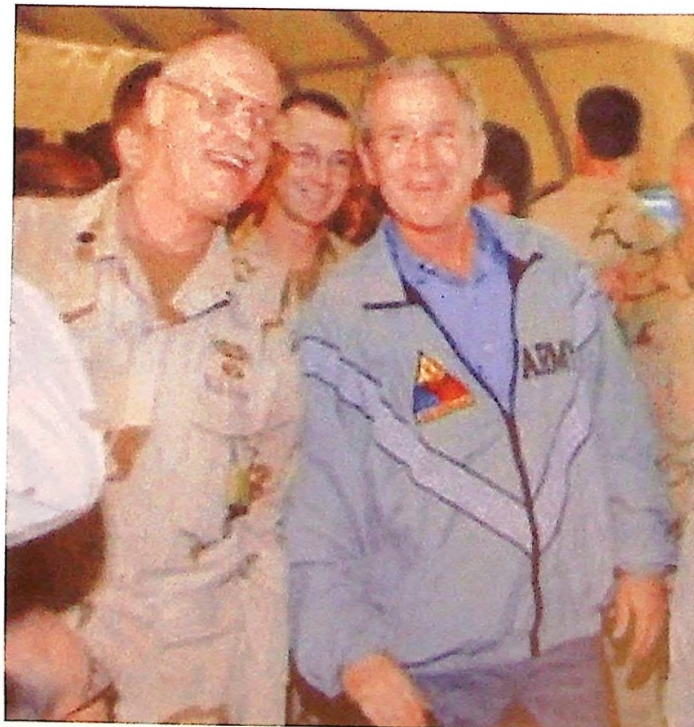


at the main U.S. Army - Bob Hope Dining Facility- mess hall. Besides meeting the President in a combat zone, an honor in itself, I also met Condoleeza Rice, the President National Security Advisor, a very nice person, not at all like the newspapers portray her. The food was a 100% traditional American meal and

was excellent. So was the President who seemed in great spirits. Well-done Mr. President. The other two pictures are was when I was at one of Saddam Palaces up north while I was on a mission, and the other one was taken in front of CPA (Coalition Provisional Authority) when I was dealing with Iraqi oil security.



Iraq. Please keep them in your prayers. They will need them in the difficult months and years to come in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God be with them and bless all who go in harm's way. Sincerely LTC Max Riekse."



I was a Civil Affairs Field Officer conducting and overseeing reconstruction projects north of Baghdad in the heart of the Sunni Triangle, interfacing and working directly with Iraqi nationals. One of the best experiences I had while in Iraq.

I then went to oversee and report on public facility issues for the entire northern half of Iraq at the main military headquarters, Camp Victory, Baghdad. From there I went to CPA, the main Civil-Military Headquarters and worked on oil security issues for all of Iraq. I also attended a great barbecue put on by our British and South African Ex-packs whom we have overseen as they trained up the Iraqi oil police.

South African cooks do an excellent job with steaks.

This Thanksgiving, I am very much enjoyed spending Thanksgiving with my wife and 2 1/2 year old son; and thinking about my fellow soldiers and Americans still in



Brother Everett Nylund, left, receives 2004 Custer Camp 1 (Illinois) Outstanding Brother Award from Commander Stuart Stefany during installation festivities January 24th. Brother Nylund serves as both Camp secretary/treasurer and newsletter editor.



CinC Steve Michaels, left, and Indiana Department Commander Gib Young during the Indiana Department Mid Winter meeting January 22nd.



Camps and SVR units from across Pennsylvania join members of the Union League of Philadelphia in the annual Lincoln Day ceremonies in the City of Brotherly Love. A ceremony was conducted at the steps to the historic League on Broad Street and then a parade made its way through Central City Philadelphia to the Lincoln Monument in Fairmont Park for a wreath laying ceremony. Photo by Brother David Heisler, Camp 8, Scranton



Chicago's Custer Camp 1 and Sheridan Camp 2 were among groups supporting Civil War Month at the DuPage County Historical Museum. Seated, from left; Nat. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Robert Giardi of Camp 2 and PCC Scott Gutzke, Camp 4, Department of Wisconsin. Back row, same order: Lincoln Impressionist Max Daniels and Brooks Davis, both of Camp 1; Steve Stuart of Camp 2, CinC Steve Michaels, CC Steve Westlake and William Kooser, both of Camp 2 and Everett Nylund of Camp 1.

Civil War Preservation Trust President Jim Lighthizer presents CWPT baseball hats to PCinC Andy Johnson and CinC Steve Michaels. While in Washington, D.C., CinC Michaels visited the CWPT in an effort to forge a closer relationship between the SUVCW and the CWPT. Many SUVCW members, camps and departments support battlefield preservation through membership in the CWPT.

DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOTS



IN THE EYES OF LINCOLN – Attending the wreath laying at the 2005 Lincoln Day Ceremony at the Memorial in Washington, D.C., are, from left: MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Doug Niermeyer, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National President Lynn bury; Womens Relief Corps National President Margaret Lauth; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels; Daughters of Union Veterans of the civil War National President "Ozzie" Thompson and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National President Michelle Langley.

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