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Twenty-Ninth Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Under cloudy skies the 29th annual ceremony to commemorate the death of Abraham Lincoln was held on Monday, April 15, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. Representing the Sons of Union Veterans was Commander-in-Chief Eugene E. Russell who spoke on the topic, "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield." Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief William H. Upham represented the Commandery-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and told those assembled how his father as a young soldier just released from a Confederate prison had met with President Lincoln in the White House. Sixty-one veterans, patriotic, hereditary, and civic organizations presented wreaths in memory of our 16th President. Music appropriate for the occasion was provided by the George Washington Middle School Band of Springfield. Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. (Reactivated) under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham, a ceremony co-chairman, served as the official honor guard.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Judge Joe Dees of Vandalia, Ill., spoke about the "spark of patriotism" and our need to reignite that spark as we honor the memory of the Emancipator. Among the notables present in addition to Brother Russell and Companion Upham were Jennie B. Russell, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Helen V. Dutch, President of the Illinois Dames and representing the National Dames of the Loyal Legion; Shirley E. Wool, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Kay Marie Hoecker, National President, daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc.; and Anita Clark, Past Department President

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Photos by Marlin Roos
Lincoln, IL



Left to right: William H. Upham, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion; COL Robert M. Graham, 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. and ceremony co-chairman; Eugene Russell, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of the Union Veterans; and Thomas L. W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman and presiding officer.

representing the National President of the Women's Relief Corps.

Commander Martin P. Dutch of the Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion gave each luncheon guest a copy of a photograph of Abraham Lincoln made by Alexander Hesler of Chicago in 1860.

Among the organizations that presented wreaths were the Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the Loyal Legion that participated were Illinois and the Central Illinois Detachment of

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3
Series 1984-85
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"CALL TO GLORY"

1. First and foremost and if nothing else — the Banner. Latest word is that Bob Wolz has sent out all overdue copies, including my first of Fall 1984. Some may have been seen in bulk to Departments and some to individual members. In any case I ask the cooperation of all in seeing that all members receive the copies that are rightfully due them. If not printed correctly, the last four figures of my phone number should be 1724. From now on please send to me any complaints about not receiving the Banner.

2. Banner under new Editor Bob Gregory: his first edition (Winter 1985) has been proofread and in the hands of the printer. Distribution should begin within a week, in some case to individual members and in others to Departments. He is working already on the Spring edition, hoping to have it out by late April. He should be commended for tackling forthrightly a very demanding job under unprecedentedly difficult conditions.

3. I hope Departments and Camps can now get down to routine business, with Banners to provide information and boost morale. With new officers elected and installed — congratulations and best wishes to all for successful administrations. The usual reminder that reports must be submitted to National by July 1.

4. The 104th National Encampment will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Wilmington, Del., August 10-15. Let's have a good turnout in spite of the hiatus in our internal communications. The justifiable threats to withhold per capita payments, sans Banners, must not jeopardize the seating of delegates.

5. Renewed efforts should be made to secure new members. Give every support to the membership officers — Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury and Coordinator of Membership at Large Past Commander-

in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker. Send me names of Brothers securing 3 or more new members for National awards.

6. Our National fund raisers need your cooperation more than ever before. The contributions received by Patriotic Instructor Charles Corfman are the mainstay of our patriotic work, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts needs funds for worthy special projects.

7. I participated in Lincoln birthday activities at the Philadelphia Camp and Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D.C. Wreath laying ceremonies at the latter were inspiring and unforgettable. I very much appreciated the honor guard from the Lancaster Fencibles, led by 1st Sergeant Carl Hulsart, and the display of the Commandery flag.

8. Visitation to the Department of California and the Pacific was made in October. Many other invitations have been received. Where there are conflicting times, every effort will be made to resolve such complications, with no offense intended if the impossible wins out. I do not wish to impose my presence on any Department not desiring a visit from the Commander-in-Chief, but there are a few not yet heard from.

9. Coming events:

Appomatox Day April 9.

Ceremonies at Lincoln's tomb, Springfield, Ill. April 15.

Ceremonies at Grant's Tomb, New York City, April 27.

Memorial Day, May 27 or May 30.

Ceremonies at Cathedral of the Pines, Rindgo, N.H., May 30.

Flag Day, June 14.

Ceremonies at Mt. McGregor, NY in July, planned by National Historian Jerome L. Orton observing the death of General Grant.

10. Department Secretaries will receive notice of required action at each Department Encampment on an amendment to the Constitution adopted at the 103rd National Encampment in Akron, Ohio and changing the time period for a Provisional Department to acquire permanent status from one year — to three years.

11. I regret to report the death of Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert Lawrence, a 55-year member, and a sparkplug in his Department of N.H., and in the New England Regional Association.

12. To those in poor health and others mourning the loss of loved ones sincere sympathy is extended. Perhaps the only good thing that can be said about a spring (March) edition of the Banner being late is that it may coincide with the final demise of winter "blahs" and the resurgence of hope and good spirits usually associated with the annual phenomena of life's renewal in nature.

By Order of:

Eugene E. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4
Series 1984-85
Commander-in-Chief
3 Hudson Street
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"CALL TO GLORY"

1. Official call to the 104th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be convened at Wilmington, Delaware with headquarters in the Raddison Hotel, 700 King St., August 11 to 15, 1985.

2. I view the issuance of these my final orders in a spirit of gratitude for the opportunity given me to represent our Order in this high position and fondly hope that I may have approached in some small measure the achievements of my illustrious predecessors. Good wife Jennie (National Auxiliary President) and I are deeply appreciative of the many courtesies and kindnesses extended us by the various Departments on our visitations, and find it impossible to thank personally all who contributed to our comfort and pleasure. To me, perhaps the most treasured part of this experience was in meeting people in all the GAR Orders who were formerly merely names but now have become faces and memorable personalities; even more satisfaction in discovering dedicated members, often without portfolio or formal positions, who are nevertheless striving more or less in the background to further the principles of our Organization. Such a short time for a Commander-in-Chief to become acquainted with all the wonderful personalities of our GAR Orders!

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GENERAL ORDERS (Cont.)

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3. I appoint the following Brothers to serve on the Credential Committee: Forest Altland (Ohio), chm.; John Junge (New Jersey); Ivan Frantz, Jr. (PA). Others on this Committee, Encampment Officers, and all Committee members will be announced at the first business session.

4. All members of the SVR in attendance are requested to bring their uniforms for wearing particularly at Sunday night's Campfire. The uniformed branch of our Order is more than just the showcase part of the SUVCW, it denotes a dedicated desire to give a living realistic witness to those patriotic principles that the rest of us only talk about.

5. Sister Jennie and I have made a genuine effort to fulfill our obligations to the Department Encampments. Sincere apologies to any missed because of travel conflicts. Other representations were to the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC, Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill, and the Cathedral of the Pines Rindgo, N.H. on Memorial Day.

6. Several awards of yellow ribbons and Certificates of Merit have been made for Brothers securing 3 or 5 new members respectively. If there are others who should be appointed as National Aides please report to me as soon as possible. All award recipients will be announced at the Encampment and names printed in the Proceedings. Congratulations to those who realize the importance of obtaining replacements due to the natural and inevitable depletion of our membership.

7. Elsewhere in the Banner you will find a more detailed statement on recent Banner problems, as well as comments on other communication matters.

8. Congratulations and best wishes to all Department and Camp Officers in furthering the principles and objects of our valued Order, and also full support from all to next year's elected and appointed National Officers.

9. All Camp and Department reports should be made promptly to the respective Secretaries to facilitate complete reports for the year. National Officers

Eugene E. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

and Committee Chairmen should have reports, concise but informative, typed on 8½x11 paper and ready for presentation at the first day's business session. Any proposed resolutions or constitutional amendments should be forwarded in time for proper consideration by the appropriate National Committee. Voting delegates must present proper credentials, but any member, if not an official delegate may be seated and may attend all business and social functions.

10. Be sure to contribute as generously as possible to the National Funds that provide the wherewithal for the Sons' patriotic work: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts fund for promotional work and that of Patriotic Instructor Charles Corfman.

11. Appreciation to my Staff Officers, Committee Members, Department Commanders and Secretaries and all others who offered me their loyal support. Special praise to National Historian and Genealogist Jerome Orton for his commendable program of issuing certificates of recognition to first generation descendants of Civil War Veterans. Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker should be recognized for caring for Members at Large. In the absence of recorded material of recent administrations I would have been lost without the valued advice and suggestions of National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver and many other Past Commanders-in-Chief.

12. To the other National Presidents of the GAR family whose paths have pleasantly coincided on many occasions: Lorraine Hebestreit - Women's Relief Corps; Shirley Wool - Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Marie Hoecker - Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Jennie B. Russell - Auxiliary to the Sons (whose presence was more than a coincidence and provided much-needed moral support) - to all may your National Conventions be successful, constructive, and pleasurable.

13. To all in poor health and those suffering bereavement may God's blessing be with you as we all extend our heartfelt sympathy.

THE
LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

Thomas L. W. Johnson



Concern About the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday — When the 98th Congress passed legislation last fall to establish a 10th federal holiday to honor the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it apparently failed to look into the future. The holiday is set to fall on the third Monday in January in a range from January 15 through January 21 beginning in 1986. Every fourth year the President of the United States is inaugurated on January 20 except when the constitutional inauguration date falls on a Sunday and the public ceremony is then held on Monday, January 21.

Had the new holiday been in effect this year, a conflict would have resulted because of the inaugural events scheduled for Monday, January 21, the third Monday in the month. A conflict will occur on Monday, January 20, 1997, unless the Congress acts to adjust the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, perhaps by moving it to the preceding Friday in years when it would coincide with a Presidential inauguration.

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A Federal Holiday for Abraham Lincoln? — It has often been asked why the memory of Abraham Lincoln has been honored on our coinage and currency but not through the enactment of a federal holiday. In this respect it is interesting to note that the House of Representatives on March 17, 1920, passed a measure that would have established the birthdate of our 16th President as a holiday in the District of Columbia, an area where the Congress exercises exclusive jurisdiction. The vote was 180 in favor and 114 opposed, and it came after lengthy debate, not on the merits of Abraham Lincoln's greatness, but on the wisdom of providing another holiday for federal employees. Although the bill passed the House, it died in a Senate committee.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman



National Graves Registrar

National Graves Registrar, Charles E. Sharrock is seeking the locations of all Medal of Honor winners graves. Brother Sharrock has already ordered at least five new Government issued gravestones. He has traveled hundreds of miles doing this work. Some of the gravestones that are more than eighty years old are illegible. A check with the local cemetery office is made to determine the name of the person buried there. Next the State Graves Registration of Veterans is checked. It gives the name, rank, state he served from, location of grave, enlistment and discharge date and birth and death date. After all this is checked a new gravestone or marker is ordered.

Attention S.U.V.C.W. Masons

The Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska in Annual Communication of 1984 authorized the formation of Special Purpose Lodges with membership of five (5) or more.

Under the authority of the Authorization of the 1984 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska — the Grand Lodge is being petitioned for a Special Purpose Lodge Concentrating Effort on the history of Masonry during the Civil War. S.U.V.C.W. masons interested should contact LTC McCandless.

Any Master Mason in good standing, who is a member of a just and lawfully constituted lodge OF ANY Lodge of Ancient craft (Blue Lodge) Masonry which is a lawful Masonic Amits may apply for membership in the Civil War Special Purpose Lodge of Nebraska.

Anyone knowing where a copy of the book "House Undivided" Masons in the Civil War by Allen E. Roberts Macoy Publishing & Mason's Supply Co., New York is asked to notify LTC Robert L. McCandless, 3300 South 46th Lincoln, Nebraska 68506.



Resolutions and Amendments

Amendment

At the 103rd Annual National Encampment of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, held August 12-15, 1984 in Akron, Ohio, an Amendment to the Constitution of our Order, Article VI - Formation and Disbandment, Section four (4) changing the time period for a Provisional Department to acquire permanent Department Status from one year - to three years, was presented with the following changes as noted.

The last sentence of Section 4 will read as follows:

"After three years a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent status by the Commander-in-Chief"

This Amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote of National Encampment in session and therefore is now in order for the proposed amendment to be presented to each Department Encampment in the spring of 1985 for ratification in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution, and if favorable acted upon and ratified by at least 50% of the Departments, it will be proclaimed by the Commander-in-Chief in his General Orders to be published in the Banner preceding the next National Encampment.

Ulysses Simpson Grant 163rd Birthday

On April 27, 1985 The New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion and the National Park Service commemorated Ulysses Grant's birthday with a ceremony from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grant National Memorial in New York City.

In addition Congress, through a joint resolution, designated April 27, 1985 as "U.S. Grant Commemorative Day." The Riverside Church Carillonneur prepared a midday recital of Civil War Songs. All participants were invited to a reception at Riverside Church following the ceremony.

On Sunday, April 28, 1985 the General U.S. Grant Birthday Committee, Department of New York, Camps and Auxiliaries, SUVCW and Cadet Corps of New York held a ceremony at the General Grant National Memorial in commemoration of the 163rd Birthday of General Grant, followed by a dinner and reception at the Stella Dorro Restaurant, hosted by Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City.

Resolutions

Resolutions passed by the 1st Encampment of the Nebraska-Oklahoma Department:

Resolution No. 1

At the FIRST (1st) Encampment of the Department of Nebraska-Oklahoma, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a resolution in regards to the regulations Chapter 3 Article IV was voted to be sent to the National Encampment to be held in Wilmington, Del. in August 1985.

The said resolution is as follows:

Add to Article IV section 1 "A National Tax Officer"

Add to Article IV Section 2 following the words "Council of Administration" the words "And a National Tax Officer"

Add to Article IV Section 4 following the words (or National Secretary Treasurer) the words "and the National Tax Officer"

Renumber the present Section 5 of Article V to Section 6 and add a new Section 5 "The National Tax officer Shall keep an accurate record of the membership of all camps and make a monthly report of the numerical strength of the order. File the annual Tax report for all camps with the IRS based on the quarterly reports of Camps.

The above change is thought necessary as there were 39 camps that had failed to file their annual report with IRS as of Feb. 1985.

Resolution No. 2

At the 1st Encampment of the Department of Nebraska-Oklahoma S.U.V.C.W. it was voted that WHEREAS the PROCEEDINGS must be current in order that an encampment of the National Organization may properly assess the action taken on recommendations made the preceding year NOW THEREFOR It is recommended THAT:

1. Chapter III Article V Section 3 be amended by STRIKING the words "He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the National Encampment"

2. To Chapter V Article 1 Section 2 Add: A New subsection (H) "The Council of Administration shall elect the Editor of the Proceedings and determine the amount to be appropriated in each yearly budget to defray the cost of publication of the Proceedings and Its mailing.



Participants in Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony



Auxiliary to
S.U.V.C.W.

Life Membership

A Life Membership may be purchased by any Auxiliary or MAL Member or as a gift or bestowed honor for a member.

The costs per age are as follows:

Under age 60 years	\$150.00
Age 60 to 69 years	135.00
Age 70 years and over	100.00

Checks should be made payable to National Treasurer, Aux. to SUVCW.

Dues must be paid by the life member for one year after the purchase of her life membership. After the first year, National Auxiliary will pay the dues direct to the Auxiliary for the Life Member.

For further information on Life Membership, contact Esther G. Peiper, Nat'l Treasurer, PO Box 605, Carlisle, Pa. 17013.

Auxiliary Honor Roll

- In Memory of Nathalie E. Linnell, P.D.P. of Connecticut
- From Massachusetts P.D.P. Club, \$10.00
- From Dorris W. Schlenker, P.N.P., \$10.00
- From Minnie's Whaler's Club, \$10.00
- From Irene's Keystone Girls, \$10.00
- In Memory of Pearl Z. Bowen, P.D.P.
- From Massachusetts P.D.P. Club, \$10.00
- In Memory of Sarah Hull, P.D.P. of Connecticut
- From Mary, Ann, Alyce and Joan, \$10.00
- From P.N.P. Dorris W. Schlenker and P.C.C. Richard Schlenker, \$10.00
- In Memory of Gladys B. Sallman, P.N.P. & P.D.P. of Illinois
- From Department of Illinois, \$10.00
- In Memory of Connie Zdonick, P.D.P.
- From P.C.C. Richard Schlenker & P.N.P. Dorris W. Schlenker, \$10.00
- In Memory of Elton Koch, P.C.C. of Penna.

BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1984-1985

RECEIPTS:

Per-capita tax assessment on 2,700 members at \$4.00 per member	\$10,800.00
Registration fees from 80 delegates at \$5.00 each	400.00
Sales of supplies	2,454.00
Auxiliary gift	500.00
Income from permanent fund, savings and investments	4,300.00
New camp application and charter fees	100.00
Total	18,554.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's expenses	\$ 1,800.00
National Secretary-Treasurer's expenses	1,300.00
Purchase of supplies	2,500.00
Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	1,800.00
Printing and mailing of Proceedings 1982, 1983 and 1984	6,000.00
National encampment expenses	200.00
Transcribing proceedings	300.00
The Banner	3,500.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel	400.00
Certified public accountant	500.00
New department charters	100.00
Fire and extended coverage insurance	54.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	18,554.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE G.A.R. FUND

Student scholarship award	\$ 300.00
Lincoln Memorial ceremony	50.00
Lincoln Tomb ceremony	400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day	400.00
Memorial at the cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, S.V.R.	200.00
G.A.R. Campfire program expense	300.00
Fraternal relations committee	25.00
Printing of forms for contributions	100.00
Lincoln's birthday national commemorative committee	25.00
Major Davis plaque	450.00
Total	2,275.00

From P.C.C. Richard Schlenker & P.N.P. Dorris W. Schlenker, \$10.00	Penna.
In Memory of Ella Ruggles, P.D.P. of Penna.	From Esther G. Peiper, Nat'l Treasurer, \$10.00
From Ann, Mary & Alyce of Connecticut, \$10.00	From Emma Wheeler, P.N.P. (Mom), \$10.00
From Esther G. Peiper, Nat'l Treasurer, \$10.00	In Memory of Margaret McKinney, P.N.P. of Penna.
In Memory of Margaret Carter, P.D.P. of Md.-Del.	From National Auxillary S.U.V.C.W., \$15.00
From Emma Wheeler, P.N.P. (Mom), \$10.00	From Past National Presidents Association, \$10.00
In Memory of Madge Fullerton, P.D.P. of	From Esther G. Peiper, Nat'l Treasurer \$10.00



Wisconsin: The annual Patriotic Luncheon was held in Milwaukee on February 16 to honor the birthdays of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Wm. McKinley. LTC Burton E. Kannenberg, SVR gave a talk on the life of President Lincoln which he illustrated with slides. PNP Ellinore K. Johnson recited the "Gettysburg Address" from memory, always one of the highlights of the program. Guests for the occasion were Dept. Commander Tom Johnson and Dept. President Louise Hernke together with PNP Ethel Johnson of the Ladies of the GAR who represented Dept. President Lilyan Behnke. This event is jointly sponsored by C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 4 and the Washington Circle of the Ladies of the GAR. Toastmistress was Genevieve Arndt of the Washington Circle.

It is with regret that we report the passing of Bro. G. Arthur Taylor who was a true son of a Union veteran and a member of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3. We also regret the death of Bro. Richard A. Smith, Camp Commander of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2.

District of Columbia: Sons and Auxiliary Washington Representatives, Richard and Dorris Schlenker have had a busy season bringing the story of the GAR Allied Families to the populace of the D.C. area.

Speaking engagements and appearances before such service organizations as Exchange, Rotary and Lions Clubs; Civil War and American Revolution Round Tables; DAR Chapters and other hereditary society meetings; with participation and tribute presentations on behalf of our orders in ceremonies honoring Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson and War Veterans.



20 YEARS SERVICE

Pennsylvania: In early 1984 Ivan Frantz, Sr. was forced to give up the office of Pennsylvania Department Secretary/Treasurer due to his health. Ivan had served 20 years in this office. At the 1984 Department Encampment in Butler, Pa. Ivan was presented with a plaque to honor those faithful years of dedication to our order. Action was also taken to present Ivan with a life membership in recognition of those years of service.

Indiana: The Indiana Department celebrated its Centennial on June 8, 1985 at the Department Encampment held at the North Meridian Inn in Indianapolis. A special ceremony was held at the grave of Civil War Governor, Oliver P. Morton at Crown Hill Cemetery. Both Confederate and Union reenactment groups participated as well as the Indiana Department Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

PDC ALLEN MOORE
C-IN-C EUGENE RUSSELL

New York: On April 6, the Andrew H. Botts Camp 59 and Auxiliary 49 of Owego hosted a reception and dinner at O'Brien's Restaurant in Waverly for Department Auxiliary President Linda Fields and Department Commander Robert Gregory. P. G. Cook Camp 223 and Auxiliary 8 of Buffalo were the hosts of a dinner and reception for the Department Commander and Auxiliary President on April 14. On April 20, Wilderness Camp 99 and Auxiliary 99 of Candor were the hosts of a reception and dinner for Linda Fields and Robert Gregory.

Several Camps of the New York and Pennsylvania Departments were represented at programs presented to commemorate the 163rd Birthday of Ulysses S. Grant on April 27 and 28 at Grant's Tomb in New York City. The Oliver Tilden Camp of New York City sponsored the ceremony on Sunday, April 28 where Department Auxiliary President Linda Fields presented a wreath on behalf of the Department Auxiliary. Department Commander Robert Gregory presented a wreath on behalf of the Department of Ohio SUVCW. Following the ceremony at Grant's Tomb a dinner and reception was held at the Stella Doro Restaurant in the Bronx, also sponsored by the Tilden Camp. Our brotherhood was saddened by the deliverance of Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Bielby of Rochester to the Eternal Camp on April 20, 1985.

Ohio: On April 20, 1985, ceremonies were held to dedicate a site where on February 15, 1861, Abraham Lincoln's Inaugural train stopped. For many years before his death in 1984, this had been a dream of Portage County Historian Dudley Weaver.

Participating in the ceremony were Hugh Earnhart of Youngstown State University who portrayed Abraham Lincoln as well as Sam Federico, president of Wendy's Food Systems, Inc. which co-sponsored the placing of a plaque installed at the dedication site, and members of the SUVCW, Senior-Vice Commander Dan McGulre, Ohio Department Secretary, PC-In-C Richard Greenwalt and Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief LTC Gordon R. Bury II. Also National Patriotic Instructor Charles Corfman and other brothers. Also represented were Ladies of the GAR and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Lynn Bury represented the Ladies of the GAR.

Lincoln's Birthday Observance 1985

Abraham Lincoln's 176th Birthday Anniversary dawned wet and cold as Washington, DC experienced a 1½" early morning rainfall on February 12, 1985.

As ceremony time neared, the sky cleared long enough for the arriving participants to remain dry, the decision already having been made to hold the ceremony within the Memorial, where musicians, honor guards, participants and spectators were ensured relief from the elements.

At 1130 hours, the Lancaster Fencibles, SVR, commanded by SGT Carl M. Hulshart, were observed approaching from the banks of the Potomac River carrying the colors of the Commandery-in-Chief of SUVCW. They were greeted at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial steps by Commander-in-Chief, Eugene E. Russell and Auxiliary National President Jennie B. Russell and their Aides for the day, PCinC Richard and PNP Dorris Schlenker, who had all just paid their respects at the nearby Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The party then ascended the steps to take their respective places for the ceremonies.

The U.S. Navy Band played stirring music until high noon, the traditional starting time for the program, following which official government and organizational representatives rendered proper respects to the 16th President of the United States.

In addition to the wreaths of the President of the United States, the Diplomatic Corps, the Department of the Interior and the District of Columbia, tributes were rendered by 25 other hereditary, patriotic and veteran organizations. Appropriate remarks for the occasion were delivered by Deputy Secretary of Defense, William Howard Taft, IV.

Following presentation of SUVCW and Aux National wreaths by the Russells, Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary of Washington, DC had wreaths placed by Camp Commander and Auxiliary President Conrad and Barbara Mook.

At the completion of the ceremony most of the participants met at the Rayburn House Office Building on

Capitol Hill for luncheon, to reflect upon the events of the day and to enjoy the fellowship of the many other modern day patriots who came from far and wide to honor President Lincoln.

We are pleased the Sons and Auxiliary are members of the committee responsible for ensuring the continuance of this ceremony.

The Commander-in-Chief on Communications

I sincerely hope that most of the serious problems connected with the distribution of the Banner that have plagued our Order for most of two years are being resolved. Five long overdue issues have presumably been distributed in bulk to all the Departments, for redistribution to the entire membership. This method, of course, was not in line with the procedure proposed by National, but most have accepted it as a necessary evil under the circumstances. If any members have not received these past-due copies, this should be reported at Wilmington, and if any Department has extra unneeded copies, they could be returned for distribution where needed. Beginning with this year's first edition, the Banner, under new Editor Robert Gregory, will be mailed direct to all members, requiring submission of up-to-date membership lists by all Department Secretaries.

Another problem in communication within our Order is the National Proceedings. Without this valuable source of information all National Officers and Committee members are at a serious disadvantage in conducting National affairs. This upcoming Encampment must provide a working solution to this problem.

A third area of communication is the providing of Department Orders and notices to Camp members in some form for their quick and easy reference. Reading of Orders at Camp meetings do not seem to give the proper exposure to important local matters.

Without proper distribution of information material at all levels, it cannot be expected that Members will show interest in the programs of our Order.

Eugene E. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

**NATIONAL
MILITARY
DEPARTMENT
SONS OF
VETERANS
RESERVE**



104th National Encampment, SUVCW. 11-15 Aug 1985 at the Radisson Hotel, 700 King St., Wilmington, DE. All SVR personnel attending are requested to report to the Sunday evening Campfire Program at 1900 hours in Class A uniform. SVR breakfast at 0700 hours Tuesday 13 August.

Military and Social Seminar. 20-22 SEP 1985 in Mentor, OH at Lawnfield, the home of President James A. Garfield. Details in earlier Bulletin. Further information from SVR TAG, LTC Gordon R. Bury, RD 1, Box 172, Marshallville, OH 44645.

29th Annual Remembrance Day. 16 NOV 1985 at Gettysburg, PA. Parade originates from Recreation Field at 1330 hours. Honors at GAR monument, Ziegler's Grove at 1445. Tributes in Visitor Center at 1530. 55th Annual Dedication Day Banquet in Holiday Inn at 1830. Blue-Gray Ball following. Contact SVR CDR.

176th Lincoln Birthday Commemoration. WED 12 FEB 1986 at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC. 1200 hours. Contact SVR PIO.

15th Annual SVR Encampment. 4-6 JUL 1986 at Hudson, OH. Date firm, full program, all amenities. Contact SVR TAG.

Manassas-Bull Run Re-Enactment. 18-20 JUL 1986. The American Civil War Commemorative Committee is planning a major Eastern re-enactment for each of the five years of the quasiquintennial (125th) of the Civil War. It is hoped a midwestern series will also develop. They hope SVR will sponsor Gettysburg in 1988. Contact Committee Chairman Edwin F. Gentry, 110 West Davis Street, Culpeper, VA 22701.

The National Military Affairs Committee. SUVCW has amended the SVR SOP to provide for a Member-at-Large category; a Headquarters Company to administer the program; a Washington DC Liaison Officer; and included the Uniform and Equipment Regulations adopted by the preceding NMAC, all effective 15 FEB 1985.

Richard C. Schlenker,
LTC SVR
Pub. Information Officer

Panorama

(panorama)...a wide view in all directions, a constantly changing scene. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the Editor, and not necessarily the official position of the SUVCW.

I hope that the Brothers will accept "Better late than not at all" for the "Spring" edition of the Banner. I found that working full time, being Department Commander, Camp Chaplain, Assistant Scoutmaster, Chairman of my Church Trustees and a father and husband and American Legion member, a Pvt in the SVR etc., didn't leave as much spare time to be Editor of the Banner as I had expected. Now that I am a PDC and I am learning (hopefully) to manage my time better, I will try to get the Banner back to its traditional schedule.

My contacts in the printing business aided me in finding a computer programmer to set up a computerized mailing list for the Banner. This should vastly decrease the time that it has taken my wife and myself to address, sort, bundle, weigh and mail the Banners to each of you.

Remembering that our organization is a "Brotherhood," I remind each of you treat and greet others with "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

Tomb Ceremony...

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the Illinois affiliate. Local Camps from Peoria and Springfield, Ill. took part as did local Auxiliaries from Peoria and Springfield and Milwaukee, Wis.

Additional wreaths presented were:

Department of Indiana, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Josie Lipp, Department President; Department of Indiana, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., Barbara Moore, Department President; Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Alan Loomis, Department Secretary-Treasurer; Department of Illinois, Reserve Officers Association, COL Louis L. Myers, Jr., President, Chapter 39; Department of Illinois, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mary M. Staley, Department President; and Paralyzed Veterans of America, James A. Lahr, Springfield Representative.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, a ceremony co-chairman, presided at the rites at the Tomb and served as toastmaster at the luncheon. Robert Graham, Edward G. Pree, Ellinore K. Johnson, and he comprise the planning group for the ceremony. Assisting at the luncheon were Marlene Carnduff, Ann Morgan and Karen Warren, members of Auxiliary No. 200 of Springfield.

The Marshall A. Hope Distinguished Author Award

It is indeed an honor to announce the names of the members of our order who have been chosen to receive the Marshall Hope Author Award for the year 1985.

1. PDC Dr. Leonard Wyman, 51 Beech St., Keene, N.H. Dr. Wymann is cited for his 107 page book, **The Union 1861-1865**, a pictorial history of the over 200 Union Civil War monuments in New Hampshire.

2. Walter J. Lawrence, 3504-A Pestalozzi St., St. Louis, Missouri, a member of Camp #65, is cited for his thesis in pursuit of a Masters degree, at Washington University. It is entitled, **Military Medicine of the Civil War: An overview of the medical treatment in the Union forces of the Civil War as esemplified by two case histories.**

3. Herbert C. Adams, 114 Simmons Rd., S. Portland, Maine a member of Joshua Chamberlain Camp Sons of Union Veterans of Norway-Paris, Maine, is cited for the numerous articles he has written for the Portland Maine Telegram.

4. Member-at-large David L. Dickinson, 6190 Keller Ave., Newfane, NY is cited for his article that appeared in the April 1984 Quarterly of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, entitled, **Story of a Gun.**

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