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Thirty-first Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

More than fifty wreathbearers assembled at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL on Wednesday, April 15 to pay their respects to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of the 122nd anniversary of his death. It was an especially significant tribute this year because of the attempted desecration of the Tomb which occurred about ten days prior to the ceremony. With great skill and effort, all of the graffiti was removed from the edifice so that the ceremony could proceed as planned.

Brief addresses were made by Gordon R. Bury II, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and by William H. Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Despite an occasional light drizzle, the Griffin High School Band played several appropriate selections during the program. The 114th Vol. Inf. Regt. furnished a color guard and Capt. John L. Satterlee officiated as chaplain. As the wreathbearers took their places, they were accompanied by a solemn drum roll provided by Pvt. Joe Richiusa. At the close of the rites, Taps was sounded by Sgt./M J. Stephen Hall.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Dr. William Anderson, President of West Shore Community College near Ludington, MI gave the principal address entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: A Full Measure of Greatness." He stressed the importance of Mr. Lincoln to our history and to the heritage of our nation. Edward G. Pree, a ceremony co-chairman, gave a moving tribute to the memory of George L. Cashman.

Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the rites at the Tomb and served as toastmaster at the luncheon. As the program was about to conclude, he and Ellinore K. Johnson were presented with a handsome statuette of a Union



Left to right: Florence Rodgers, National Treasurer, Women's Relief Corps; Lynne Bury, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Gordon R. Bury II, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans; Annamae Berhalter, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans; and Esther G. Peiper, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

(Photos by Marlin Roos, Lincoln, IL)

sentry given to them in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to this ceremony by Col. Robert M. Graham, a ceremony co-chairman.

Television stations from Springfield, Peoria, and Decatur provided excellent coverage of the ceremony as did several

newspapers throughout Illinois.

Robert Graham, Edward Pree, and Ellinore and Tom Johnson comprise the planning group for the ceremony. Marlene Carnduff and Ann Morgan as officers of Auxiliary No. 200 of Springfield assisted with local arrangements.



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"THE UNION FOREVER"

1. At the One Hundred and Fifth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans the National Organization established the Office of National Genealogist to aid and assist interested people wishing to join our Order (most especially any potential member-at-large) in search of Genealogical Data, therefore I make the following appointment of a Brother who does genealogical work: National Genealogist — Larry K. Swogger, 205 Pershing Ave. NE, North Canton, OH 44720, (216) 499-4056.

2. For both historic and educational reasons, a video recording will be made of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual National Encampment and its activities. To aid and assist this Office in that undertaking, I have appointed: National Aid (Video Recorder) — David N. Reed, 820 South 9th St., LaFayette, IN 47905.

3. The following appointed is made to the Fraternal Relations Committee: Herbert R. Gage, 601 South Park St., Kalamo, MI 49007.

4. The following individuals should be commended for their efforts on behalf of our Order by having brought at least five new members into the Sons of Union Veterans since last August and as a result they are to receive a certificate from this Office and are hereby appointed as National Aids: A) Richard B. Harris, OK Camp-at-Large; B) Keith Harrison, MI Dept.; C) William J. Little, PA Dept.; D) Donald Pennell, Member-at-Large; E) E. A. VonFrankenberg, WI Dept.

5. This Office is saddened to learn of the passing of three Past Department Commanders, and this Office on behalf of our Order extends to their families our sympathies. Those individuals who have passed to the final encampment are: A) Miles Harrington, PDC, MA; B) Tom Monahan, PDC, PA; C) Homer Savage, PDC, MI.

6. Memorial Day Observances should be conducted by all Departments, Camps, and our members, not only on Monday, May 25th, but on traditional Memorial Day, May 30th which is the

day so set aside by Gen. Logan's Order as Memorial Day (Decoration Day). Additionally Camps and Departments should hold Memorial Services as part of their regularly scheduled activities for all brothers who have passed away since their last meeting.

7. We as a nation are commemorating this year the 200th anniversary of the Constitution under which we enjoy our freedoms and liberties. Let us each reflect on those freedoms and liberties during this 200th year of our Constitution, and most especially on those holidays such as Flag Day (June 14th) and the 4th of July. Let us not forget those who fought to maintain those freedoms and liberties which we hold so dear.

8. The Sons of Veterans Reserve as the National Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans will hold its 15th Annual National Encampment at Geneva, NY on July 3-12 and that event will be hosted by The Empire Brigade, SVR in conjunction with the City of Geneva, NY. Interested parties may contact for further details: Jack Hilyer, 20 North Morrell Street, Geneva, NY 14456, (315) 789-5762.

9. Your National Offices continue to strive to overcome the difficulties surrounding the prompt issuance of the Banner on a quarterly basis. More information on this subject will appear in the next General Orders, in the meantime be assured that your National Offices are working on this matter.

10. All National Officers are hereby requested to submit to the National Secretary by July 20, 1987 a complete typed report of the activities of your office. This is again being done so that copies of Officers reports made be made and distributed to each delegate assembled at the National Encampment. Any National Committee which at this time has any materials or preliminary reports that they wish to submit to be included are urged to do so.

11. Departments through their Dept. Sec. should make every effort to forward to the National Treasurer per capita tax on a timely basis, and should also send the Departments Certificate of Election to the National Secretary so that the information may be properly recorded.

12. The One Hundred and Sixth National Encampment will be held August 9-12, 1987 at: The Buffalo Hilton Hotel (at the Waterfront), Church and Terrace Sts., Buffalo, NY 14202, (716) 845-5100. Reservations should be made prior to July 7, 1987 and should be guaranteed by a major credit card or a deposit.

Anyone needing assistance or information should contact the General Chairman of Arrangements of the New York Dept. Host Committee: Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester, NY 14620.

13. Sons of Veterans Reserve Members attending the National Encampment are urged to participate in the Sunday, August 9th Campfire Program in full dress uniform (Class A Uniform) and their ladies are likewise urged to attend in period dress. The Campfire Program is a time during the Encampment when the SVR members present may assist their parent Order by adding to the meaning of the occasion by bringing forth both the National Colors and that of the Commandry-in-Chief in the Union Blue Uniforms which reflects the uniforms our forefathers wore 125 years ago in the War of the Rebellion.

14. Sons of Veterans Reserve members are here advised that there will as always be a SVR Breakfast Tuesday, August 11, 1987 at the One Hundred and Sixth National Encampment of the SUVCW and those SVR members which can attend are urged to do so.

15. All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are urged to support the Sons of Veterans Reserve in their endeavors to hold next year the 16th Annual Encampment of the SVR during July 1-4, 1988 as the official re-enactment of the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in Gettysburg in conjunction with the town of Gettysburg and the State of Pennsylvania. More details to follow in the Banner and from Gen. Shriver.

16. A special note of thanks is here given to the Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who assisted this Office in the Rededication of the National Cemetery and Park at the Shiloh Battlefield Site in Shiloh, Tennessee. In addition to that Rededication with the assistance of the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and several of that organization's members a Joint Memorial Service was held to pay tribute to the Union Soldiers who are buried at the Shiloh National Cemetery. These observances were a part of the 125th anniversary activities commemorating the Battle of Shiloh.

17. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans should take as active a part as possible in the various commemorative (Please Turn To Page 3)

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activities, as taking place the next three years will be many 125th anniversaries of the battles and historical events which our forefathers were engaged. It is our heritage and duty to see to it that those commemorative events are both fitting and proper as a tribute to the boys that wore the blue to maintain this nation as a union under God, with its freedoms and liberties which we, their descendants enjoy today.

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1. The following appointments are hereby made to the Credentials Committee: a. Forest Altland, OH; b. George Long, PA; c. Ralph Peiper, PA; d. David Reed, IN; e. James Lyons, MI.

2. It is with great pleasure that I announce the Fall-Winter 1986 Edition of the Banner has been printed and is in process of distribution to the membership at this time. Your National Officers continue to strive to resolve all the problems associated with the publication and distribution of the Banner to our members, but the above does show positive signs of the resolution of those problems. More on this matter will be resolved at the National Encampment.

3. Wishes are hereby extended to the following for a harmonious and prosperous National Encampment: a. Esther Peiper, National President of the Aux. to the Sons of Union Veterans; b. Lynne Bury, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; c. Annamae Berhalter, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; d. Cora French, National President of the Women's Relief Corps, Aux. to the Grand Army of the Republic.

4. Best Wishes for a speedy recovery are hereby extended to Cora French, National President of the Women's Relief Corps who has been ill these past several months and we wish for her good health in time for her National Encampment.

5. It is with great Thanks that I express my feelings to the many Departments and Officers that have extended many courtesies to me during my visits to Department Encampments this year. I also thank all those who have presented to me many tokens and mementoes by which to remember this great year of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

6. I thank all the National Officers and Committee Members who have assisted this Office in conducting the business of the Order this past year, and pledge my support in turn to assist them in any manner that I can.

7. Members are reminded to continue to seek out new members and to promote our Noble Order.

8. Members attending the 106th National Encampment are reminded to get their reservations in to the Buffalo Hilton Hotel as soon as possible. We look forward to working with all the delegates assembled in Buffalo from August 9th through the 13th and having a very good, prosperous, and harmonious Encampment. (Rates: \$54 Single, \$66 Double, and Additional person(s) are \$12 each).

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Department
News

Wisconsin: At the Dept. Encampment held in Milwaukee on June 14, resolutions were passed that favored a return of the observance of Memorial Day to May 30, supported the concept of a Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, and requested that a national conference on veterans affairs and the future of veterans benefits be called. At the Grand Army Family Banquet in the evening, William H. Upham, a member of Henry Harnden Camp 2 and Commander-in-Chief of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, was the principal speaker and stressed the importance of understanding the heritage left by the Civil War. National President Janice Corfman of the Ladies of the GAR brought greetings from her organization. John Zewiske from the VA Hospital in Milwaukee gave an historical account of the origins

of the facility that date back to the post Civil War era and described features of present-day care available in a modern setting. Re-elected to new terms of office were Dept. Commander Tom Johnson and Dept. Auxiliary President Rhoda Lemanski.

In August, Bro. Leonard A. Weisensel of La Crosse, a member of Camp 2, was presented with a certificate from the National Organization attesting to the fact that he is the son of a Union veteran, Lawrence Weisensel, Co. "H" - 1st Wis. Regt., Heavy Artillery. Bro. Weisensel is also active in the Veterans of World War I and a collector of political memorabilia.

MIA Observance at Delafield, WI

Echos of GAR reunions long past could be heard in Cushing Memorial Park on Sunday, August 17, 1986, when the City of Delafield, WI paused to honor MIAs from the Vietnam Conflict and earlier wars. The ceremony featured the dedication of a new monument erected on a grassy hillside just below a tablet honoring the Unknown Soldier of the Civil War which was placed there by the Wisconsin Dept. Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans in August of 1930.

Coordinator for the event and master of ceremonies was Col. Burton E. Kannenberg, SVR. Greetings were extended by Delafield Mayor Robert Savrnock. Elinore K. Johnson, PNP, spoke on the association of Cushing Memorial Park with the GAR and the Allied Orders in Wisconsin over the years. State Senator J. M. "Mac" Davis of Waukesha, addressed those assembled on the significance of honoring the MIAs. Dept. Commander Tom Johnson praised Delafield officials for their interest in the park and their efforts to maintain and improve its facilities.

Choral tributes were rendered by the Christ the King Lutheran choir. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Very Rev. Jack Knight, Dean of Nashotah House, an Episcopal seminary. A memorial salute was fired by a squad from the 2nd Wis. Vol. Inf. from West Bend, WI, under the command of Col. E. A. von Frankenberg. Members of American Legion Post 196 and VFW Post 10517 formed an honor guard for the rites.

Col. Kannenberg and the City of Delafield are to be congratulated for their persistent efforts in arranging to make this ceremony a reality.



THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Thomas L. W. Johnson

Overhaul of Federal Gun Control Legislation — On July 9, 1985, the US Senate passed S. 49, a measure authored by Sen. James McClure of Idaho and designed to amend the Gun Control Act of 1968. The vote was 79 to 15 in favor of the bill and represented a compromise between proponents and opponents of the existing law. The new legislation known as the Firearms Owners Protection Act of 1985 would do the following:

1. Define "engaging in the business" to clarify when dealers, gunsmiths, makers of ammunition and importers must have a license.
2. Permit face-to-face out-of-state purchase of firearms from dealers if sale and possession are legal in the state of purchase and in the purchaser's home state.
3. Clarify procedures for dealer sales of firearms from his private collection.
4. Establish guidelines for inspection of dealer records.
5. Require mandatory penalties for use of a firearm during commission of a federal crime.
6. Limit seizure of firearms only to those specifically involved in a criminal transaction.
7. Allow interstate transportation of unloaded, inaccessible firearms, making any state or local law or ordinance prohibiting such transportation null and void.
8. Codify existing regulations permitting dealers to sell at certain gun shows.
9. Remove requirement for affidavit for the purchase of less than 50 pounds of black powder for sporting purposes.

The Senate bill does not:

1. Allow mail-order gun sales.
2. Restrict legitimate inspection of gun dealers' records.
3. Allow unlicensed pawn shops to sell guns.
4. Pre-empt any state or local laws, except for provisions allowing interstate transportation of firearms.

(The summary of S. 49 shown above was made possible by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.)

In Senate debate on S. 49 amendments were defeated that would have provided a 14-day "cooling off" period before a handgun could be purchased, that would have provided for surprise inspections of gun dealers to insure compliance with the law, and that would have banned the interstate sale of all handguns, including the so-called "Saturday Night Specials" and "snub-noses."

The House version of S. 49 is H.R. 945 and is sponsored by Rep. Harold Volkmer of MO and others. It is now in the House Judiciary Committee which historically has favored strict gun control measures. For better or worse, this issue is guaranteed to generate strong opinions and emotions on both sides whenever it is discussed. It will be interesting to observe how the more urban oriented House of Representatives handles the subject.

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On May 6, 1986, the US Senate gave final approval to the McClure-Volkmer Act which eased several provisions of the federal law on gun control passed in 1968. The legislation makes it easier to buy, sell and transport firearms across state lines, limits record-keeping requirements by gun dealers, and increases the number of people who can legally sell firearms without keeping records. The measure does preserve the ban on interstate sales of hand guns as provided in the Gun Control Act of 1968.

When the Senate passed the bill originally in July 1985, it permitted the sale of pistols across state lines. The House of Representatives did not agree to that provision when it considered and passed its version of the bill in April 1986, and Senate sponsors agreed to accept the position of the House on this issue rather than jeopardize the bill as a whole.

Other provisions include: (1) limiting federal inspections of dealers of firearms to one unannounced visit per year; (2) providing automatic prison terms for use of a firearm during the commission of a violent federal crime and federal drug trafficking offenses, the sentences to be served in addition to any imposed for the crime itself; (3) limiting forfeiture of guns to those weapons individually identified as involved in or used in specific crimes; (4) reducing many unintentional violations of the gun law from felonies to misdemeanors.

Finally, a series of amendments were passed as a separate bill with the agreement of all sides. Those amendments include provisions that (1) requires gun dealers to keep records of all sales from their personal collections; (2) clarifies the requirement that guns must be carried unloaded in separate compartments of a vehicle or in a locked case if a separate compartment is not available; (3) makes clear that the main bill's definition of those who must be licensed to "engage in the business" of dealing in firearms applies to those who provide them at cost, as well as those who sell at a profit.

The issue of gun control has been subject to emotional appeals and exaggerations on both sides over the years. Proponents of fewer controls point to the newly enacted provisions concerning the sale and interstate transport of rifles and shotguns as an example of reasonableness in the relaxation of burdensome controls. Advocates of strict gun control cite the continued ban on the interstate sale of handguns as a major victory for law enforcement. Only time and experience will tell if this legislation will help to redress the balance between competing interests.

Monday Holidays: Time to Rethink — One of the unexpected results of observing Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a federal holiday on Monday, January 20, 1986, rather than January 15, his actual date of birth, was to raise the question of how appropriate "Monday holidays" really are. In its lead editorial for Wednesday, January 15, *The New York Times* said with reference to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

"What would enhance it even more would be to celebrate it today, Dr. King's actual birth date, instead of next Monday, Jan. 20, as Federal law provides. The same is true for the three other holidays that Congress in 1971 untethered from their actual dates — Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Columbus Day. The idea was to create three-day holiday weekends, much desired by labor unions, the travel and tourist industries and many retail merchants.

"These long weekends may be welcome as minivacations, but the oscillations cheapen the observance. When Washington's Birthday falls on Saturday, Feb. 22, and Washington's Birthday Observed falls on Monday, (Please Turn To Page 5)

The Legislative Report

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Feb. 17, the effect is to confuse the public and dilute the holiday. The experience of the last 14 years has made purists of us. Congress enacted well in creating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Let it now take the next step by providing that it and the other holidays worth observing are observed on their proper dates."

It is heartening to see the position of our Order supported in this manner. Now is the time to let your Representative and Senators know of your interest in this issue and your support for H.R. 84, sponsored by Rep. Phil Crane of IL.

Restoration of Battle Flags — The Connecticut General Court has appropriated funds for the restoration of Civil War battle flags in the Nutmeg State. In Wisconsin a very limited amount of state appropriated money and a larger proportion of private donations are being used to accomplish a similar goal.

Consideration of Commemorative Resolutions — Rep. G. William Whitehurst of VA has announced that of the 240 measures passed in the 1st Session of the 99th Congress, 88 were commemorative bills and resolutions. He supports a proposal that would establish an appointed commission that would pass on the merits of commemorative resolutions and free the Congress of that responsibility.

In Michigan some legislators are questioning the necessity of having to consider a large volume of congratulatory or commemorative resolutions each year. In the present session some 1,891 resolutions have already been introduced. One House member has introduced 40 resolutions in 1985 alone. Costs of research and writing, typing, proofreading and copying total about \$80 each and that does not include the application of the State seal and ribbon and framing or the time involved in floor consideration. These concerns notwithstanding, it is likely that the practice will be continued because it is a popular one and thought to be "good politics."

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L.W. JOHNSON
Chairman

105th National Encampment

Policy and Procedure Committee Report POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING AND MARKING CIVIL WAR VETERANS GRAVES

Policy:

1. To recognize the importance of recording where Civil War Veterans are laid to eternal rest and preserving a part of our history.
2. To have memorial markers placed in National Cemeteries for soldiers whose bodies were not recovered.
3. To record and mark Civil War Veterans graves with Government headstones in all other cemeteries and private property.

Procedure:

1. Obtain the name of the Veteran, Company, State, Enlistment and Discharge date.
2. Talk to the cemetery official about placement of Government headstone for the Veteran at no cost to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.
3. Complete VA form #40-1330 by filling in the information requested in items 1-23. Item 8 is non-applicable for all Veterans through WW I.
4. Mail both copies of the completed application to: Monument Service (42), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. No Government headstone or marker may be furnished unless a completed application form has been received (38 USC 906).
5. On a 3x5 card, write the name, rank, state from where he served, enlistment and discharge dates, if known, and the name of the cemetery where he is buried and send to the National Grave Registration Officer of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.
6. Help obtain Government headstones for all other Veterans graves.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway — Yesterday and Today

By Lowell V. Hammer
National GAR Highway Officer

Having been born in a house in Ligonier, Pennsylvania situated along US Route 30, I knew at an early age that this route was the Lincoln Highway. Over the years and even today, the route is more often referred to as the Lincoln Highway rather than Route 30 by residents of that area. However, until my more recent active participation in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I was unaware of a route named The Grand Army of the Republic Highway. This is perhaps not unusual since Route 6 passed considerably to the north of any of the towns where I resided in Pennsylvania, and I traveled very rarely in that part of Pennsylvania through which Route 6 passed. I suspect that many others have been unaware of the GAR Highway for similar reasons.

Following my appointment as Na-

tional GAR Highway Officer, I began collecting information on the history of this highway as well as soliciting data from state highway departments on the current status of the highway. Although there are those of our Order undoubtedly more knowledgeable of the history of this highway, I would like to share the results of my efforts with the readers of *The Banner*. There follows a brief history of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway prepared from material provided by SUVCW brothers along with a report on the current status of the highway based on responses to letters which I sent to the Department of Transportation of the various states through which this highway passes.

Short History of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway

The idea of dedicating a national highway to the Grand Army of the Republic was conceived in April 1934. This idea has been credited to Brother William L. Anderson, Sr. of the Massachusetts Department. Accepting Brother Anderson's suggestion, a proj-

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Auxiliary to SUVCW

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:

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| 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 Mary E. Kramer, Treasurer, 209 Clark St., Lemoyne, PA 17043.

Life Members

- 18. Irene K. Murphy Stoudt, PNP, \$100
- 19. Dorothy L. Hilyard, PNP, \$125
- 20. Dawn M. Barnhart, Aux. 50, \$150

Auxiliary Honor Roll

The National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have an Honor Roll Book, which is a living Memorial to our deceased Sisters and Brothers. Names are placed in the Honor Roll Book by donations of \$10, \$15 or \$25, to the Permanent Fund of the National Auxiliary SUVCW.

To place a Sister or Brother on the Honor Roll send donation, with name, title, and Department, Auxiliary or Camp name and number to Mary E. Kramer, National Treasurer, 209 Clark St., Lemoyne, PA 17043.

In Memory of Margaret Carter, PDP, of MD-DE, from Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP, \$10.

In Memory of Agnes D. Davis, PNP, of MD-DE, from Past National Presidents Association, \$10.

From PCC Richard and PNP Dorris W. Schlenker, \$10.

From National Auxiliary SUVCW, \$15.

From Esther G. Peiper, Nat'l. Treasurer, \$10.

From Department of Maryland-Delaware, \$15.

From MD-DE Past Presidents Club, \$10.

In Memory of Mae Macomber, PDP, of Rhode Island from Wallace J. Macomber, \$10.

In Memory of Agnes D. Davis, PNP, of MD-DE; In Memory of Margaret McKinney, PNP, of PA; In Memory of Harold J. Beilby, PCC, of NY; In Memory of Ernest G. Wells, PDC, of MA; from Cmdr. in Chief Eugene and Nat'l. President Jennie B. Russell, \$40.

In Memory of Elsie K. Schlenker, Lincoln Cushing Auxiliary, from the Lincoln Cushing Auxiliary and Camp 2 of Rockville, MD, \$25.

In Memory of Frances L. Warner, PDP, J. W. Hyde Auxiliary 11, from the J. W. Hyde Auxiliary 11, Bath, ME, \$10.

In Memory of Charles C. Clark, Jr., Lincoln Cushing Camp 2, from the Lincoln Cushing Camp 2, Rockville, MD.

In Memory of Irene Wohlgemuth, PDP, from Anne Orchid Club, \$10.

In Memory of Myrtle Phillips, PDP, NY, from Edna's 24 ours, \$10.

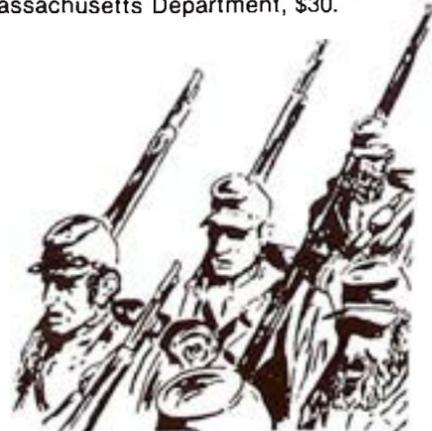
In Memory of Elsie Schlenker, Aux. 3, In Memory of Mary Bauer, Aux. 3, From Auxiliary 3, Maryland-Delaware Department, \$20.

In Memory of Elsie Schlenker, Aux. 3, In Memory of Blanche Lysinger, PDP, MD-DE Dept., In Memory of Dorothy F. Hammond, PDP, MA Dept., from PCC Richard and PNP Dorris W. Schlenker, \$30.

In Memory of Margaret Carter, PDP, MD-DE Dept., In Memory of Blanche Lysinger, PDP, MD-DE Dept., from Past Presidents Club, Maryland-Delaware Department, \$20.

In Memory of Bessie C. Elliott, PDP, MA, from Auxiliary 50, Rockland, MA, \$10.

In Memory of Bessie C. Elliott, PDP, MA Dept., In Memory of Dorothy F. Hammond, PDP, MA Dept., In Memory of Viola B. Fuller, PDP, MA Dept., from Massachusetts Department, \$30.



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Wreathbearers gathered in front of Tomb at close of ceremony.

Note! Errors in Fall/Winter Banner

1. Page 2, Column 2, Number 11, Line 3: should be 1986 (not 1987).

2. Page 3, Column 2, first two lines should have been: Protect Civil War Battle Sites — under a new law, the Archaeological...

3. Page 6, National Officers — The following corrections:

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ect committee was appointed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Headed by Brother Anderson, the committee made a thorough study of existing highways. All members hoped

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that one major highway could be dedicated to the GAR rather than several small ones. Nevertheless, a Cape Cod highway, which had been planned but unfunded, appeared to be the most attractive initial possibility.

Brother Anderson and his committee worked continuously on this project, meeting with little or no success in approaches to Massachusetts State authorities. An attempt was made at the national level to have the Department of Public Roads in Washington, DC designate US Route 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. The committee was advised, however, that this might only be accomplished through state legislation or by the Congress of the United States.

Undaunted, Brother Anderson next prevailed upon Senator Newland H. Holmes of Weymouth, Massachusetts to sponsor a bill naming US Route 6 as the GAR Highway. An effort was then organized through SUVCW camps, the Allied Orders, and other organizations to urge State Senators and Representatives to support the bill. The bill was ultimately passed and sent to the Governor of Massachusetts for his signature on February 10, 1937. Upon the request of Brother Anderson, however, the Governor delayed signing the bill until Lincoln's birthday on February 12.

A ceremony organized by Brother Anderson's committee was held in New Bedford, Massachusetts on Sunday, May 16, 1937 to dedicate Route 6 as the

Grand Army of the Republic Highway. A parade was held prior to the dedication comprised of police units, high school bands, WPA band, the American Legion, SUVCW and Auxiliary, Spanish American War Veterans, and surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The parade ended at Bridge Park also dedicated at that time as Grand Army of the Republic Park. Numerous State and local dignitaries along with representatives of the GAR, SUVCW, Allied Orders, and other organizations participated in the dedication ceremonies. A ribbon cutting, salute by firing battery, unveiling of a GAR Highway marker, and drive over the new highway by GAR comrades beneath low flying airplanes commemorated the event.

At the Massachusetts Department encampment of 1938, Brother Anderson's committee reported that Route 6 had reached the state line of Iowa. In addition, a bill had been placed before Congress requesting that this memorial be continued to Los Angeles, California. When Route 6 was ultimately completed, it spanned the nation from Cape Cod, Massachusetts through Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Utah, Nevada, and California, where it finally reached Long Beach. A GAR marker was erected on the bluff at Long Beach in 1944.

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Resolutions and Amendments

Panorama

A

The following resolutions regarding The Banner were unanimously approved during the Ohio Department Encampment, June 19-21, 1987, with the Department Secretary ordered to send a copy to the National Organization for its consideration and a copy to the Editor of the Banner for publication.

1. The Ohio Department recommends to the National Organization: The use of the Nationals bulk rate mailing permit first class rate to expedite the mailing of The Banner.

2. Be it resolved:

That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, does recommend that the National Organization of The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, for the expediency and efficiency of the mailing of the Banner to the membership, use under the Nationals non profit bulk rate mailing permit utilize first class mail;

Thus eliminating over a month's mailing time, greatly reducing the number of returns, and ensuring prompt forwarding to recently moved members.

In short, do whatever is necessary so that the members will receive information on a timely basis.

B

During the 1987 Encampment of the Ohio Department, June 19 thru 21, the following proposed amendment to the Regulations was passed by the majority vote of those in attendance and the Department Secretary was ordered to forward a copy to the National Organization for its consideration and to the Editor of The Banner for publication.

AMEND CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 2 of the Regulations to read:

The Commander-in-Chiefs term in office should be changed from: (1) one year, to a (2) two year term.

C

Endorsements

During the 1987 Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, June 19 thru June 21, the following endorsements were approved and the Ohio Department Secretary was ordered to forward them to the National Secretary to be presented to the National Organization.

PDC Charles Corfman for the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury II for a second term as Commander-in-Chief.

(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.

Some comments that you might have heard at a Sons of Union Veterans camp meeting during the last three years might have been: "When will we get another Banner?" "Where is my Banner?" "I haven't received a Banner in two years!" or "What is a Banner?!"

Well, maybe all these comments will end soon! Here is a statement similar to Kennedy's famous Inaugural Speech, "What can I do for the Banner?" rather than "What can the Banner do for me?"

Every time that you move, you should notify: (1) the Post Office, (2) your Camp Secretary, (3) The Banner Editor. Also when Camp Secretaries or Department Secretaries send The Banner Editor your latest roster, please list your additions, deletions and changes separately. This would eliminate the need to check every single name on your roster with over 2,900 names on The Banner mailing list.

Let us stop using the excuse that we can't do anything for the "Good of the Order" because we didn't receive a Banner or we didn't get it on time! Instead of criticizing, try to help by promptly (at least quarterly) notifying someone of your roster address changes.

Remember each day to practice: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.



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