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## SAVE THE G. A. R. MUSEUM CAMPAIGN

After many years of patching and partial repairs, our roof is deteriorating rapidly. In June, rainwater started entering the northeast corner of the roof, soaked down through the front wall, spread across the second floor ceiling and caused the ceiling tiles to fall. It then cascaded down the stairway and puddled on the floors of the first level museum rooms. Fortunately, no artifacts were damaged and another temporary repair to the roof has halted further damage.

We had just received the completed architectural survey of the building when this problem occurred. Although the survey listed many repairs and improvements needed in the building, it stated a new roof was a priority.

The estimated amount to replace the roof and cornices is \$43,000. We are pleased to announce the Fund Raising Committee has succeeded in obtaining a \$7,500. grant from the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania and have been approved for a \$10,000. grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs through the assistance of State Representative Chris Wogan of Philadelphia.

In addition to the above grants, the generous response of many groups and individuals have assisted us in raising half of the needed funds for the roof. It has been most encouraging to receive donations not only from the Philadelphia community, but friends in other States, and we are very optimistic that we can obtain our goal by Spring, 1990. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!** A committee consisting of Joyce Halley, Minetta Willis,

John Kaithern, Martin Wilson, Herbert Kaufman, and Margaret Atkinson are formulating plans for a fund drive aimed at foundations, businesses, members, and friends. If you are aware of any organizations or businesses who might be of assistance, please notify the committee.

We sincerely appreciate the support that has been shown by those of you who have responded to our urgent request to help save the museum by contributing to the roof restoration fund. We are appealing to those of you who have not yet contrib-



uted to consider the traditions that live on as a result of the museum, and the museum's programs that contribute significantly to the education of our young people. Our goal is to have a museum that not only preserves our American heritage, but also serves to educate all Americans in the continuing importance of the Civil War in the history of the United States.

While museum volunteers catalog, clean, and do minor re-

pairs, the building recently sustained substantial water damage that requires professional restoration of the roof. As a result of recent violent rain and wind storms the roof of the museum developed a grave leakage problem. While the artifacts were saved from ruin, the building was severely damaged. The roof must be completely replaced before we can start to repair the interior.

There are a few organizations that provide funds for such emergencies, so we must appeal directly to you at this time of crisis. We seek your financial assistance to help us replace the roof and repair the damage to our historical building. Your tax deductible contribution of \$5, \$10, \$25 or more will be used to assure that the artifacts will be preserved, and that the museum and its educational programs will be available to you and your children for many years to come.

The museum continues to be open to the public, with a different special presentation, on the first Sunday of each month. We cordially invite you and your family to revisit the museum at that time, or attend the Civil War Roundtable held on the third Monday monthly.

**WILL YOU HELP US? WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT THE HISTORICAL COLLECTION IN OUR MUSEUM AND SAVE THE BUILDING FROM FURTHER DETERIORATION. ANY AMOUNT WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

Please send your check made out to the G.A.R. Museum, 4278 Griscom St., Phil., PA 19124.





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### THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Thomas L.W. Johnson

Protecting the U.S. Flag - Following the Labor Day recess, the Flag Protection Act of 1989 passed both houses of Congress easily and became Public Law 101-131 without the President's signature. President Bush had favored the passage of a constitutional amendment.

On October 4, 1989, the Senate passed the measure by a vote of 91 to 9, and the House followed suit on October 12 by a vote of 371 to 43. As enacted, the Law declares that the burning or otherwise defacing of a flag is punishable by a fine and imprisonment of up to one year. The measure is described as "content neutral" in that it deals only with the act of defacement without regard for the political message which may be implied. In so doing the words, "knowingly casts contempt upon" were deleted from the existing law in an effort to respond to the objections to free speech limitations raised by Supreme Court in the case of Texas v. Johnson.

In the Senate debate, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas sponsored an amendment which would have specifically banned the public desecration of the flag as a means of addressing the issue of publicity which flag burners seek by their actions. Opponents of the amendment led by Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware objected on grounds that the word "publicly" would infringe on the free speech guarantees cited by the High Court's decision. A motion to kill the Dole amendment carried on a vote of 53 to 47 and the amendment was lost.

Passage of a statutory measure was intended to defuse support for a constitutional amendment on grounds that an amendment was not needed if a new statute would suffice to protect the flag without infringing on one's right to free speech. Legal experts were (and are) divided on the issue of the need to amend the Constitution for this purpose. After passage of the Flag Protection Act, the Senate agreed to take up Sen. Jt. Res. 180 to amend the Constitution as follows:

*Congress and the States shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.*

On October 19, 1989, the Senate voted 51 in favor of the amendment to 48 opposed. Because a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority to pass, the measure was lost. Space does not permit a detailed summary of the pros and cons of the wisdom of passing an amendment on this subject, but the Upper House debated the proposed amendment at length. It is a certainty that the new law will be challenged in the courts and only time will determine the wisdom of the actions taken by the 101st Congress on this matter.

As a side note, an Illinois Circuit Court judge in Chicago ruled on October 31, 1989, that a Chicago city ordinance which bans flag desecration is unconstitutional because it violates First Amendment guarantees and cannot be used to prosecute artists whose works make use of the flag. The decision applies only to the City of Chicago and dealt with artists' images of the flag. Flag burning was not an issue. The ordinance, passed last March, was the result of an artist's earlier display of an American flag on the floor of the Art Institute of Chicago.

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1. Hopefully, our problems with the Post Office are being resolved, and the "Banner" will arrive quicker after publication.

2. The 109th National Encampment will be held Aug 12-15th 1990 at the Hotel Ft. Des Moines, Des Moines, IA. Let's show that this is a National organization. The Local Committee has a fine schedule of events planned.

3. As Department Encampments are planned, I hope to attend as many as possible. Please send your schedules as soon as possible.

4. Contributions to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund are still being received by Patriotic Instructor, Roger A. Wheeler Sr. 3109 E 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50316. Also, the Sr. Vice C-in-C George W. Long, 222 Lincoln St, Lancaster, PA 17603-2718 is receiving contributions for his fund.

5. Word has been received of the death of our good friend PDC,PA, Ralph Peiper. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Esther and their family.

6. The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held on Sat. Apr. 14, 1990, as the 15th is Easter Sunday. (Please refer to page 3 for more details).

7. Department Secretaries -- Please forward the names of Brothers who have secured three, five, or more new members so they may receive proper recognition.

### 34th ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Saturday, April 14, 1990

A memorial ceremony to mark the 125th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 14, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL. The Lincoln Plaza will be our headquarters hotel and the site of the luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or as a Department or Unit Auxiliary President or as an individual member of our Order, you are urged to participate in this commemoration. Individual invitations are not routinely sent to Departments or Camps and their Auxiliaries. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and that (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It is imperative that the number of luncheon reservations desired be indicated. If it becomes necessary to cancel a reservation, please do so at least three (3) days prior to April 14 to avoid an assessment for an unused reservation.

To assure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreathbearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details not later than Saturday, March 24 to: Mr. Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, 1320 North Osborne Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702 Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Saturday, April 14, 1990. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL.

# A Resolution

By  
MR. LONG

Recognizing the militia companies and militiamen of the Civil War.

**WHEREAS**, The members of the 118th General Assembly of Ohio wish to take this opportunity to recognize any militia companies or militiamen in the State of Ohio, who actively engaged Morgan's Raiders, as qualified, non-pensioned veterans of the American Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, In the summer of 1863, Ohio was the scene of the northernmost penetration of Confederate forces in the Civil War when General John Hunt Morgan led his troops in a bold raid which terrorized local citizens before he was finally captured in the southeast corner of the state. Local Ohio militia units experienced active duty when they were called upon in emergencies such as this, yet they have never been given the honored status of veterans for their efforts. The Squirrel Hunters, militiamen who protected Cincinnati from Confederate General Kirby Smith, have been fully recognized by the State of Ohio as veterans of the Civil War, while the Ohio militia which engaged Morgan's Raiders have yet to be recognized for their military contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout American history, many men and women have answered our country's call to arms and have labored valiantly to ensure that the United States remains a proud, free, and respected nation. Certainly, the men who fought courageously during the Civil War to preserve the Union and to defend the cherished democratic principles of freedom and self-determination for all mankind should not be forgotten or ignored--for their willingness to fight, and perhaps to die, for our country's democratic ideals was a measure of their faith in our nation. It is, indeed, fitting that we take action to give well-deserved credit to all Civil War veterans for their selfless and courageous efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Because many organizations base membership on the relationship of the applicant to a Civil War veteran, it is important that proper recognition be given to the memories of all those who helped to save the Union in active combat. In recognizing any militia companies or militiamen who actively engaged Morgan's Raiders during the summer of 1863 as duly qualified, non-pensioned Civil War veterans, we encourage any veteran's organizations to consider such criteria in setting guidelines for membership requirements; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That we, the members of the 118th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, acknowledge the local militia units and militiamen who protected their communities and drove Morgan's Raiders from the State of Ohio and, in so doing, recognize them as bona fide, non-pensioned veterans of the American Civil War; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I, Martha L. Butler, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 413, adopted by the Ohio Senate, June 15, 1989.

Martha L. Butler,  
Clerk of the Senate

Senator Stanley J. Aronoff  
President of the Ohio Senate

Senator Jan Michael Long





**Ohio:** At the 1989 Ohio Department Encampment the following resolution was passed:

Regarding the remains of the 20 Revolutionary War Soldiers. The Ohio Department has been continually on record in our objection to the disturbing of Soldiers Graves and we see no reason to change our position now.

These men were interned by their comrades, as a final resting place, and have rested there for 207 years, until their graves were excavated three years ago.

We do agree that, they should be reinterred, but we do not agree that they be put into a crypt as part of the Fort Laurens Museum so that they could be available for further research. These men should be buried in a national cemetery and have their graves marked in the proper manner, with full military honors.

We are asking that letters be written to the following Senators, Congressmen, and to the Department of Veteran Affairs, requesting that this be done.

*Senator John Glenn*

The Honorable  
John Glenn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

*Senator Howard Metzenbaum*

The Honorable  
Howard Metzenbaum  
Ohio State Senate  
Columbus, Ohio

*Congressman Michael Oxley*

The Honorable  
Michael Oxley  
United States Congress  
Washington, D.C.

*Mr. Norman Qualthrough*

Department of Veteran Affairs  
National Cemetery System  
810 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20748  
Attn: Mr. Norman Qualthrough



Dennison Camp #125, joined together for a recent cannon shoot. This Camp was responsible for the Resolution on page 3.

**Indiana:** The Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 of Kokomo, Indiana, held its September 16 meeting at Laughner's Cafeteria. Alan Hinds, a native of Mobile, Alabama, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Battle of Mobile Bay".

On September 17 the Ben Harrison Camp #356 of Indianapolis, Indiana, held its meeting at the World War Memorial. Dr. George Reble, Professor of American History at Anderson University, spoke on Southern women's activities during the Civil War. Dr. Rable recently authored a book on that subject. Roger W. Cutshall was initiated as a new member.

**Maryland:** Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary once again hosted annual Memorial Day Ceremonies on May 30, 1989. These services were held at the Tomb of Unknown Civil War Soldiers from the battles of 1st and 2nd Manassas in Arlington National Cemetery.

Camp Commander John H. Madert, III, welcomed members and guests at the monument at 6:10 p.m. The invocation was given by Brother Frank Foight, Commander of our new Camp at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by the Jr. Vice Commander, Brother Lee Stone.

General John Logan's famous Order Number 11 was read by Camp Sr. Vice Commander, COL Donald Price.

Floral tributes were presented by Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary, Dames of the Loyal Legion, Daughters of Union Veterans, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Following the playing of Taps and closing prayers, the assembly adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Members and guests reassembled at the Fort Meyer Officers Club for a social hour followed by dinner. After words of greeting from the Camp Commander and the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, the newest member of the Camp, William H. Booth, III, was officially inducted.

A most interesting and informative film entitled, "Black Friday--The Night That Lincoln Died", was presented by Frank Hebblethwaite, Ranger, U. S. Park Service. Mr. Hebblethwaite is stationed at Ford's Theatre Museum. In addition to bringing the film to our meeting, he took questions from the floor which provided much added enjoyment. The evening's activities came to a close with a benediction by Brother Frank Foight.

Answering roll call were Brothers Dixon, Hammer, Matteson, Estridge, Madert, Stone, Price, Stucky, O'Brien, Decker, Dolan, Phillips, Allin, Foight, Schlenker, Vondersmith, Billings, Cobb, Laughlin and Booth. Sisters present were Schlenker, Phillips, Morris, Davis, Estridge, Foight, and Hammer. In addition, representing DUVCW were Ellen Beckman and five additional members.

Respectfully submitted in  
F, C and L.  
Peter Arrott Dixon  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Pennsylvania:** Howard W. Long, 87, Scranton, PA, answered his final muster call on April 23, 1989. He was a past camp commander of the Lt. Ezras Griffin Camp #8, Scranton, PA, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association.



Members of Camp #33 are from left to right: Ivan E. Frantz, Jr., Rance Hulshart, Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Carl M. Hulshart and Russell W. Hawk, Jr.

Members of Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl, Camp #33, Department of PA, dedicated an engraved grave marker of a Confederate Unknown Veteran of the Civil War located north of Wrightsville, PA. after the original grave marker was swept away during a flood of the Susquehanna River many years ago.

**Wisconsin:** The 106th Department Encampment was held on June 10 at Milwaukee. Among the actions taken were resolutions of support for the return of Memorial Day to May 30 and for the funding of veterans hospitals in Wisconsin at a level which will provide adequate medical care. The Badger State added its endorsement to that of Maryland in supporting Bro. Lowell V. Hammer for the post of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Awards to ROTC students will continue to be presented during the 1989-90 school year. Bro. Ross T. Dunlop was given the Department's "Good Guy Award" for 1988-89. Camp No. 4 at West Bend received

praise for the quality of its newsletter. All incumbent officers were re-elected or re-appointed to new terms. Speakers at the Grand Army Family luncheon were Mr. Nathan Geraths, director of the VA Hospital at Madison, and Commander-in-Chief William H. Upham, Jr., of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. To close out the day, an impressive memorial service was conducted in honor of our deceased members.

In a brief outdoor ceremony following the Encampment, Dept. Commander Johnson presented Iron Brigade medals signifying 20 years of membership and service in the 2nd Wis. Vol. Inf. to COL. E. A. von Frankenberg and to COL. B. E. Kannenberg. Both men have been longtime members of our Order and of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Congratulations to Bro. George T. Nuoffer on his appointment as the VAVS representative for our Order at the VA Hospital at Tomah, Wis. Bro. Nuoffer is also the Commander of Camp No. 3.

Congratulations to Sister Louise Hernke on her election as National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary. She had been endorsed for that position by the Department Auxiliary at its Encampment. That meeting also passed resolutions of support for the return of Memorial Day to May 30, and the need to provide adequate funds for the VA Hospitals located in Wisconsin.

#### AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs are as follows:

Under age 60 \$150.00  
Age 60 to 69 \$125.00  
Age 70 and over \$100.00

Checks for Life Membership

should be payable to the National Treasurer, ASUVCW, and sent to Miss Helen Loll, Treasurer, 3601 N. Fifth Ave. #107, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Include the name and age of the Life Member; the name and number of her auxiliary treasurer, and the address of her treasurer. Dues must be paid for one year after purchase of the Life Membership. After that period, interest at \$6.00 per year will be mailed each January to her auxiliary as her dues payment for that year.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

21. Jacquelyn Johnson, Aux 38, Milford, NH \$150.00

22. Marsha L. Barnhart, Aux 5, Carlisle, PA \$150.00

23. Jennie B. Russell, PNP, Massachusetts \$100.00

24. Margaret Atkinson, Aux 1, Philadelphia \$125.00

#### 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 Miss Helen Loll, Treasurer, 3601 N. Fifth Avenue #107, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

In Memory of Wilma Pulsifur, PAP Auxiliary 17, Maine, from Frances A. Murray, N.S., \$10.

In Memory of Frances Warner, PDP, Maine, from PCC & PNP Eugene & Jennie Russell, \$10.

In Memory of Elsie Schlenker, Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary MD-DE, from PCC & PNP Eugene & Jennie Russell, \$10.



In Memory of Margaret Miller, PDP, Maine, from Anne's Orchid Club, \$10.

In Memory of Margaret Cromer, PDP, PA, from Esther G. Peiper, PNP, \$10.

In Memory of Ethel Griffin, PDP, NH, from Emma Wheeler, PNP, \$10.

In Memory of Mattie Degenkolbe, PDP, CT, from Past Dept. Pres. Assn. & Connecticut Dept., \$10.

In Memory of Thomas Monahan, PDP, PA, from PDC Ralph & PNP Esther Peiper, \$20.

In Memory of Caroline Pratt, Garfield Aux NJ, from Auxiliary #18, Trenton, NJ, \$10.

In Memory of Gertrude Murphy, PDP, NJ, from New Jersey Department, \$15.00.

In Memory of Miles Harrington, PDP, MA, from PDC Ralph & PNP Esther Peiper, \$15, and PCC & PNP Eugene & Jennie Russell, \$10.

In Memory of Frieda Robinson, Garfield Aux, NJ, from Auxiliary #18, Trenton, NJ, \$10.

In Memory of Gladys Scott, PAP, PA, from Auxiliary #5, Trenton, NJ, \$10.

In Memory of Bertha V. Pederson, PDP, MD-DE, from Marion Manlove, \$10.

In Memory of Margaret McKinney, PNP, PA, from Viola Bremme, PNP, \$10.

In Memory of Ida Bremme, PA, from PNP Viola Bremme, \$10.

In Memory of Lenore Glass, PNP, CA, from PNP Assn., Phil Sheridan Camp 4, \$25, and Phil Sheridan Aux., CA \$25.

In Memory of Betty Finer, PDP, CT, from Aux. 20, CT, \$10, PDP CT, \$10, Ann, Mary & Alyce, \$10.

In Memory of John Finer, PDC, CT, from Aux. CT. Dept., \$10.

In Memory of Harold Scott, PDC,

CT., from PNP Esther Peiper, \$5.

In Memory of Betty Fisher, PDP, CT, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$5.

In Memory of Robert Wagner, PDC, NY, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$5.

In Memory of Raymond Foulkrod, PDC, NY, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$5.

In Memory of Edson Baker, PDC, NY, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$5.

In Memory of Harold Goodman, PDC, NY, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$5.

In Memory of Augusta Sullivan, PDP, CO-WY, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$10.

In Memory of Leona Butler, PDP, MA, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$10.

In Memory of Persis Smith, PDP, VT, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$10.

In Memory of Lena Lemper, PDP, IA, from PNP Esther Peiper, \$10.

In Memory of Charles Carver, MD-DE, from PCC & PNP Richard & Doris Schlenker, \$10.

In Memory of Ada Gladys George, PDP, MD-DE, from PDP Assn. MD-DE, \$10, and PCC & PNP Richard & Doris Schlenker, \$10.

In Memory of Hilda Junge, PDP, NJ, from NJ PDP Assn., \$25, NJ Dept, \$25, Florence's Violets, \$10, and PCC & PNP Richard & Doris Schlenker, \$10.

In Memory of Henevieve Orme, PDP, NJ, from NJ PDP Assn., \$10, and NJ Dept., \$15.

In Memory of Jessie G. Wells, PNP, MA, from PNP Assn., \$10, and Mass. PDP Club, \$10.

In Memory of Marion Leach, Garfield Aux. NJ, from Auxiliary #18, Trenton, NJ, \$10.

In Memory of Pauline Knox, ME, from Frances A. Murray N.S., \$10, and PDP Margaret Joy, \$10.

In Memory of Barbara Mock, PAP, MD-DE, from Aux 3, MD-DE

\$10, and PCC & PNP Richard & Doris Schlenker, \$10.

In Memory of John Stark, PCC, PA, from PCC & PNP Eugene and Jennie Russell, \$10.

In Memory of C. LeRoy Stoudt, PCC, PA, from PCC & PNP Eugene & Jennie Russell, \$10.

In Memory of Chester S. Shriver, PCC, PA, from PCC & PNP Eugene & Jennie Russell, \$10.

In Memory of Irene Murphy Stoudt, PNP, from PNP Association, \$10, PNP Anne O. Clayton, \$10, and Anne's Orchid Club, \$10.

In Memory of Lela Shugart, PNP, from PNP Association, \$10.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY 1989

Remembrance Day, since it's inception in 1957, has continued to grow in scope and importance. The Saturday in November nearest the 19th, when President Lincoln dedicated the Gettysburg National Cemetery, has come to be an annual pilgrimage for the faithful of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Since 1931 the Past Commanders and Presidents Association of South Central Pennsylvania have been sponsoring Dedication Day Banquets in Gettysburg, so it seemed only natural that, following the erection of a monument of Albert Woolson by the Auxiliary to SUVCW in 1956, a day for remembering the GAR was in order and so a new tradition was born. Remembrance Day 1989 was a full weekend of activity as leaders of the Allied Orders assembled, not only to honor our ancestors, but to accomplish business. The National Military Affairs Committee met Friday evening. A Saturday Breakfast was held for the Sons of Veterans Reserve and a Luncheon for parade unit Commanders. The traditional parade stepped off at 2 p.m. with upwards of 3,000 participants.

The massed troops at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove witnessed the wreath laying ceremony by National and Pennsylvania Heads of the five Allied Orders as did nearly 1,000 onlookers. The indoor program at the Cyclorama Auditorium provided opportunity for messages from our National leaders and an inspirational and poignant address by COL. Donald R. Perkins of Washington, DC. The 59th Dedication Day Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn and was followed by the Military Ball held for the troops which assembled. The Council of Administration of the Sons met on Sunday morning, as did several committees. It is interesting to note that due to the efforts of the Reserve in inviting re-enactors to participate in the parade, many units, Union and Confederate alike, hold their own memorial services at places on the battlefield having special meaning for them. Remembrance Day has indeed become an uniting event.

#### Headquarters Bulletin January 1990

1. All Troops are hereby notified that the 17th National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve will be held May 4-6, 1990, at Neshaminy State Park, Cornwell's Heights, PA, north of Philadelphia on the Delaware River, hosted by the 28th Penna. Vol. Infantry, SVR and sponsored by the local Historical Society.

2. Unit Commanders are advised that all units, SVR, independent, re-activated, Union and Confederate alike, are welcome to assemble at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, on February 12 (11 AM) and at Gettysburg Memorial Day--Parade on May 28 (1 PM).

3. All reservists are requested to be supportive of SVR in it's duties

to our parent order SUVCW at the 109th National Encampment in Des Moines, IA, August 12-15, 1990 and in Gettysburg, PA on November 17 at the 34th Remembrance Day.

By Order Of:  
Richard C. Schlenker  
Brig. Gen., SVR Commanding

On 16 August 1989, the newly formed Company A, 1st U.S. Cavalry Regiment, SVR, made application for their camp charter. Recruitment and organizational efforts under the guidance of COL. E. A. Von Frankenberg, Chief of Cavalry, SVR, have been quite successful. As such, the 6th Military District may be reactivated in the near future. Other units in the "District" are expected to be formed or added to the ranks. The Troop has received their first living history invitation from the Park Superintendent at Ft. Stevens for the summer of 1990. Other events and functions are being planned to help promote the Order in the West.

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Status of Memorial Day -- Rep. Phil Crane of IL has introduced H. R. 1050, which would return Memorial Day along with Washington's Birthday and Columbus Day to their traditional calendar dates. Another measure, H. R. 1876, introduced by Rep. Helen Delich Bentley of MD., would apply only to Memorial Day. Both measures have been referred to the Subcommittee on Census and Population chaired by Rep. Thomas C. Sawyer of Ohio. To date, hearings have not been scheduled on either bill.

Other Measures of Interest -- H.R. 875, a bill to expand the boundaries of the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park, passed the House on July 17, 1989, and is now in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. In April, the House passed H. R. 999, to reau-

thorize the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. That measure passed the Senate in June with amendments; on July 19, 1989, the House agreed to the changes made by the Senate. On May 23, 1989, the House passed H.R. 1414, to authorize the appointment of enlisted members of the Armed Forces to the American Battle Monuments Commission. That bill is now in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

H. R. 27 would authorize acquisition of property for the Andrew Johnson Historic Site to honor our 17th President and Vice President at the close of the Civil War. H. R. 1823 would allow burials in national cemeteries on weekends and holidays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas L. W. Johnson,  
Chairman

#### RECORD PRESERVATION

Life Member  
Ernest L. Snider

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If you have further questions or concerns about this, please call me at (801) 240-3768.

Sincerely,

Keith F. Rose, Supervisor  
Library Acquisitions

## G. A. R. markers back on U. S. 6

by Katherine Bleker  
The Vidette-Messenger

**Valparaiso** - Alan Loomis had four relatives fight in the Civil War, and two of them never came home.

In honor of them and all other Civil War veterans, Loomis asked the state Department of Highways to erect signs designating U.S. 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Last year, Loomis was named Department Commander of the local Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and in June began sending letters to get signs erected.

He got the idea on a trip to see relatives in Shipshewana. As he was driving, Loomis noticed signs for the GAR Highway. He also saw a sign in Seneca, Ill., marking the GAR Highway.

"That's one thing I decided to work back up," he said.

Loomis thought the easiest way to get signs up was to go through area legislators. He sent letters to Rep. Esther Wilson, D-Portage, Rep. Ralph Ayres, R-Chesterton, and former state Sen. Bill Costas.

Loomis also contacted the Illinois Department of Transportation to determine what it cost the state to

put up signs. According to a traffic engineer, it cost \$81 per sign.

Legislators corresponded with John Isenbarger, former director of the IDOH, to push to have the signs erected.

"I had no opposition. I had very good cooperation from legislators



(Photo by Matt Marton)

and the state Department of Highways," he said.

The 22-year Valparaiso resident was a little surprised at how quickly the signs were put up, and gives much of the credit to legislators.

"I thought it would be spring be-

fore they were up. I commend the local legislators for getting it done as quickly as possible," he said.

The GAR Highway was designated by Congress in 1937. Although the federal government designated the highway, each state had to do the same. In the early 1950's signs were erected, but over the years they have disappeared.

According to Gary Abell, Indiana Department of Highways spokesman, signs are now posted wherever U.S. 6 crosses another state highway in Indiana. One hundred signs were made, but not all have been put up. Some will be used to replace existing signs when needed.

The signs cost the IDOH \$13.50 each for a total of \$1,350, Abell said.

The Grand Army of the Republic was founded April 6, 1866, when 12 veterans who had served during the Civil War assembled in a second-story room in Decatur, Ill. They signed a charter application for Post No. 1 with M. F. Kanan as commander. This was approved by Major Benjamin F. Stephenson, who represented the Illinois Department then being formed.

The GAR Highway spans from Long Beach, CA to Cape Cod, MA.

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