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Grant's Tomb: desecrated, abused, neglected

Editor's Note: Almost alone, Frank Scaturro, a senior majoring in history at Columbia University, has brought attention to the appalling condition of Grant's Tomb.

The tomb, located on Riverside

Drive at 122nd Street, New York City, has been desecrated in countless ways — and as Scaturro makes clear in his long report on it, the National Park Service has until very recently ignored the tomb, concealed and denied its

condition, and, in Scaturro's opinion abdicated its responsibilities.

The following piece of Scaturro's still stands, although it is some months old.

At the time of the Grant Birthday ceremonies on April 24, it was announced that the National Park Service had asked for an appropriation to begin cleaning the graffiti from the tomb and to increase the annual budget for its maintenance. That, however, did not happen until after Scaturro went to work.

By Frank Scaturro

I am writing you with regard to a national scandal now in the process of being uncovered.

After two years of working at Grant's Tomb, the final resting place of President Ulysses S. Grant, I regret to report that the Manhattan Sites Unit of the National Park Service, which directly administers the site, has not only failed to follow its mandate to preserve the site, but has compounded an already serious problem.

As the result of neglect and appalling mismanagement, Grant's Tomb, which was once the most popular attraction in New York and one of the most famous buildings in the country, *has become the most desecrated presidential burial site in the nation, and it is possibly the most neglected and abused national park in the country.*

In addition to extensive graffiti, the structure has become the location of a wide array of inconsistent activities, including drug and alcohol use (with frequent crack use), use of it as a bathroom by the homeless who sleep there, extensive littering, and outright damage to the structure itself.

Besides failing to address these issues effectively, the National Park Service (NPS) has installed impediments to what should be the tomb's reverential atmosphere, and it has engaged in the intentional destruction of major features of the site and its archival collection. NPS has also refused to address a variety of other problems, such as lack



Lt. Gen. U. S. Grant

— From Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War

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1. It is very encouraging and rewarding to see the continued growth in membership and the increased participation in ceremonies and observances that our organization is currently experiencing. Many Camps are involved in some very noteworthy projects and activities, which not only perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic but also advertise our own Order in the public sector.

2. To all Brothers who have been ill, I send my best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery. Past Commanders-in-Chief Norman R. Furman and Richard O. Partington have been hospitalized recently. I encourage Brothers to send them a note of cheer or card.

3. I have appointed Robert J. Eck as Camp Organizer for the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp at Roanoke, Virginia; and Allen Nelson of Sanford, Florida, as Camp Organizer in that area.

4. I have appointed the following as National Aides for securing three or more new members:

—Robert E. Grim, 24 new members, Dept. of Ohio;

—Edward W. Parks, 20 new members, Dept. of Massachusetts;

—Gilbert B. Bagley, 10 new members, Dept. of Massachusetts;

—Douglass R. Night, 8 new members, Dept. of Massachusetts;

—Robert G. Carroon, 5 new members, Dept. of Connecticut;

—Guy D. Minor, 5 new members, Dept. of Connecticut;

—Peter Stevens, 5 new members, Dept. of Connecticut; and

—Stephen T. Jackson, 4 new members, Dept. of Indiana.

5. On behalf of the National Organization, I express my sympathy to the families of the following late Brothers:

—Marion Townsend, PDC, Dept. of Maryland;

—Michael Colligan, Commander, Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96, Dept. of Ohio;

—Robert C. McCoy, Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125, Dept. of Ohio;

—Frederick Cupp, Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96, Dept. of Ohio;

—Harry Dayton, McClellan Camp No. 91, Dept. of Ohio; and

—D. B. Snider, McClellan Camp No. 91, Dept. of Ohio.

I request that Camp charters be draped for 30 days in their memory.

6. Recently I signed charter ap-

plications for Camp No. 66 being formed at Toledo, Ohio, and Camp No. 7 being formed at Grand Junction, Colo. We wish the Camp Organizers much success in their recruitment efforts.

7. Brother Peter A. Dixon, Dept. of Maryland, and his committee are to be commended for their dedicated efforts to conduct the Lincoln Memorial Birthday events on Feb. 12 in Washington, D. C. In appreciation of Brother Dixon's work for the Order, I presented him with a Certificate of Merit. Present at the Lincoln Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony were Past Commanders-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, Charles W. Corfman, and Lowell V. Hammer. My personal wreath bearer was Brother John Walls of the Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 of Philadelphia, Pa. I found this to be a very well executed and meaningful ceremony.

8. At the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee luncheon held at Channel Inn in Washington, D. C., Frank Scaturro, a senior history major at Columbia University who used to work for the National Park Service at Grant's Tomb in New York City, was featured speaker. He told of the many abuses and the lack of maintenance of the tomb and urged all of us to write our U. S. Senators and Congressmen to solicit their support for congressional action to restore Grant's Tomb in time for the tomb's centennial in April 1997. Also, please write to the following two legislators:

Hon. Dale Bumpers
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests

229 Dirksen Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Hon. Bruce Vento
Chairman, House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

2304 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, D. C. 20515

9. The Gen. William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65 of St. Louis, Mo., is to be commended for the most impressive and beautiful rededication ceremonies at the gravesites of both Confederate General Daniel M. Frost and Union General William T. Sherman. I was very proud of Brother Stan Prater, chairman, and Brother Thomas Willmering, Camp Commander, to whom I presented a Certificate of Merit. I have also presented a Certificate of Merit to Brother Anthony P. Burk for his many contributions to the Camp and our Order.

10. Your contributions to the Patriotic Instructor's Fund should be sent to Brother Gary L. Gibson, 1713 Dorchester, No. 2, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001. Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund

finance patriotic programs that perpetuate the memory of the GAR. These are important programs, and your financial support is needed and appreciated very much.

11. I also encourage each Brother to donate at least \$1.00 to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, which enables us to conduct a national advertising campaign in leading Civil War periodicals. The advertising program has brought us many new and strong members. Please send your contribution to Keith G. Harrison, 4209 Santa Clara Drive, Holt, Mich. 48842.

12. The Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 of New York City is holding its annual commemoration of the birthday of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on Sunday, April 24, at Grant's Tomb on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. I plan to attend this ceremony and I encourage all Brothers who are able to attend to support the Oliver Tilden Camp in this worthy endeavor.

13. I trust that members from every Camp in our Order will participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies in their areas. It is very important that we do this.

14. How many new members have you recruited since last August? Each Brother is urged to recruit at least one new member. That would increase our membership to 6,600. Are you aware that SCV obtained more than 2,000 new members last year? We can, too!

15. Now is the time to plan to attend the National Encampment at Lansing, Mich. Let's try to have representation from every Department and every Camp-At-Large. Members-At-Large are also encouraged to attend. The delegate card entitles a member to represent his Department or Camp-At-Large and to transact the business of the National Organization. Let us remember that the election of officer is only one item on the agenda.

16. After the approval of the Council of Administration on Nov. 11, 1993, I signed an agreement with Turner Publishers to publish a historical-pictorial book on the SUVCW. To produce the kind of book we are considering will take about 18 months. The publisher will promote the book to our members, libraries, and military interest groups, and advertise it nationally. The more books sold, the more pages the book will contain. Regardless of the length of the book, the cost will be \$49.95, of which the SUVCW will receive a 5 percent royalty on all books pre-sold.

17. I have appointed Gary L. Gibson as the SUVCW National Liaison with Turner Publishers. Those of you who

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Committee prepares job descriptions for SUVCW

Editor's Note: The National Committee on Program and Policy, 1992-93 and 1993-94 produced *Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, under date of September 1993.

The first segment of this document appeared in *The Banner* for Winter 1994, Vol. 97, No. 2. This concludes the typescript as forwarded to *The Banner*.

Brothers with questions about the job descriptions should address those questions to Sr. VC-in-C Keith G. Harrison, 4209 Santa Clara Drive, Holt, Mich. 48842. He is Chairman of the Program and Policies Committee.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CHAPLAIN

Purpose

The purpose of the office of Chaplain is to conduct such Christian services as directed by the Camp or Department.

Activities

Camp Chaplain. The activities of the Camp Chaplain should include:

1. Conducting prayer at all meetings;
2. Conducting grave site services for Brothers and important dignitaries;

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have photographs and materials of a historical nature are exhorted to send them directly to Brother Gibson. His address is listed in Item 10, above, of these General Orders.

18. I have appointed PCinC Clark W. Mellor as Assistant Chief of Staff.

19. On behalf of the National Organization of the SUVCW, I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Sister Ethel V. Carver, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, who passed away on Jan. 8, 1994, at New Castle, Del.

20. It has come to my attention that Brother Ruel A. Morse of the Maine Department is urging members to send donations to the Joshua L. Chamberlain Museum, 225 Maine Street, Brunswick, Me. 04011. This house, which is a museum, is falling into disrepair and needs financial support for a much-needed renovation.

21. Last, I would like each Brother to ask himself one question: "What have I done this year to make the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a stronger and more vibrant organization?"

By Order Of:
Allen W. Moore
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

3. Conducting memorials for grave dedication or rededication ceremonies of veterans — especially Union veterans;

4. Serving as custodian of the Camp Bible unless assigned to another Camp officer;

5. Preparing an annual necrology of Camp Brothers and submitting the list to Department Chaplain;

6. Serving as coordinator for the Camp's Memorial Day ceremony; and

7. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Rituals and Ceremonials.

Department Chaplain. In addition to the duties of the Camp Chaplain, the activities of the Department Chaplain should also include:

1. Conducting annual memorial service at Department Encampment for deceased Brothers;

2. Providing each Camp Chaplain with information pertinent to their position;

3. Composing articles for Department newsletter as desired by the Department Commander;

4. Preparing an annual necrology of Department Brothers and submitting the list to National Chaplain;

5. Conducting memorial services for current and past officers of the Department; and

6. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR HISTORIAN

Purpose

The purpose of the office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republican, and to members of the Order.

Activities

Camp Historian. The activities of the Camp Historian should include:

1. Maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical and / or photographic material given to or developed by the Camp regarding the Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspaper articles, Post / Camp membership records, Post / Camp meeting minutes; old Post / Camp financial records, photographs, and donated memorabilia.

Department Historian. The activities of the Department Historian would be the same as those for the Camp Historian but carried out on a Department level.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COUNSELOR

Purpose

The purpose of the office of Counselor is to serve as legal advisor to the Commander and to the Camp or Department.

Activities

Camp Counselor. The activities of the Camp Counselor should include:

1. Advising the Commander and the Camp on such legal issues as may come before them; and

2. Upon request of the Commander, providing advice and interpretation of the Camp's and Department's Bylaws, the Order's Constitution and Regulations, and on parliamentary questions.

Department Counselor. The activities of the Department Counselor should include:

1. Advising the Commander and the Department on such legal issues as may come before them; and

2. Upon request of the Commander, providing advice and interpretation of the Department's Bylaws, the Order's Constitution and Regulations, and on parliamentary questions.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GUIDE

Purpose

The purpose of the Guide is to assist the Commander in the floor work of the Ritual during Camp or Department meetings and to follow any orders given by the Commander.

Activities

Camp Guide. The activities of the Camp Guide should include:

1. Ensuring that the Camp room is in proper order and that the altar and stations are properly arranged;

2. Instructing candidates for membership per the instructions of the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials;

3. Acting as an escort for all visitors;

4. Ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting; and

5. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

Department Guide. The activities of the Department Guide would be the same as those for the Camp Guide but carried out at the annual Department Encampment.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COLOR BEARER

Purpose

The purpose of the Color Bearer is to care for the Camp / Department colors

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and to assist the Camp / Department Guide during the Camp / Department meeting.

Activities

Camp Color Bearer. The activities of the Camp Color Bearer should include:

1. Placing the altar cloth and an unopened Bible on the altar prior to the opening of the Camp;

2. Placing station banners as the stations prior to the opening of the Camp;

3. Assisting the Guide in ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting;

4. Presenting the United States Flag during the Pledge of Allegiance by the Camp;

5. Attending to the altar and stations by removing the altar cloth, Bible, and station banners following the close of the Camp; and

6. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

Department Color Bearer. In addition to the duties listed for the Camp Color Bearer, the activities of the Department Color Bearer also include:

1. Encouraging each Camp to obtain the United States Flag, an altar cloth, Bible, and station banners;

2. Encouraging each Camp to display the United States Flag at all Camp ceremonies; and

3. Encouraging each Camp to maintain its United States Flag and the ritualistic equipment in a clean and appropriate condition.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GUARD

Purpose

The purpose of the office of Guard is to secure the door to the Camp or Department meeting and to admit only those Brothers and visitors who are qualified or entitled to enter.

Activities

Camp Guard. The activities of the Camp Guard should include:

1. Securing the door of the Camp meeting;

2. Checking dues receipts or cards of Brothers and admitting only qualified Brothers and authorized visitors;

3. Allowing no one to enter during the opening or closing of the Camp;

4. Allowing no one to enter during the initiation of candidates; and

5. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

Department Guard. The activities of the Department Guard would be the same as those for the Camp Guard but are car-

ried out at the annual Department Encampment.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Purpose

The purpose of the Graves Registration Officer is to locate, record, ascertain the condition of and bring to the attention of proper authorities the need for repair or replacement of the grave markers / memorials of Civil War veterans buried in the jurisdiction of the Camp or Department.

Activities

Camp Graves Registration Officer. There is no provision in the Order's Regulations for a Camp Graves Registration Officer; however, many Camps have such an office.

The activities of the Camp Graves Registration should include:

1. Conducting an inventory of the cemeteries located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries and documenting the presence of Civil War veteran grave markers and memorials;

2. Bringing to the attention of appropriate governmental agencies the existence of grave markers / memorials in need of rehabilitation or replacement;

3. Assisting private parties and governmental agencies in the completion of applications for new federal grave markers for Civil War veterans; and

4. Providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War veteran grave markers / memorials to the Department Graves Registration Officer.

Department Graves Registration Officer. The activities of the Department Graves Registration Officer would include the same as described for the Camp Graves Registration Officer but carried out on a Department level.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

Purpose

The purpose of the Department Organizer is to organize local Camps within the jurisdiction of the Department.

Activities

The activities of the Department Organizer should include:

1. Obtaining the names and addresses of all applicants for membership and Brothers living in close proximity of each other in those areas where no local Camp exists and ascertaining their interest in forming a new Camp;

2. Holding pre-organizational meetings with the interested parties to in-

struct them as to the requirements for Camp organization, and chartering and to provide them information on the Order's Constitution and Regulations and the Department's Bylaws.

3. Obtaining a Camp number for new Camps from the Department Commander;

4. Holding Camp organizational meetings and serving, in the absence of the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander, as the installing officer; and

5. Ensuring that all new Camp organization and chartering paperwork is completed and fees are submitted to the Department Secretary / Treasurer.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER

Purpose

The purpose of the office of GAR Highway Officer is to ascertain the condition of the GAR designation signage of Route 6, the GAR Highway, as it passes through the state and to bring to the attention of proper authorities the need for repair of the highway and / or replacement or repair of the signage.

Activities

The activities of the Department GAR Highway Officer should include:

1. Locating and ascertaining the condition of all GAR designation signage;

2. Reporting missing or damaged signage to the appropriate state official;

3. Researching state laws and legislation affecting the highway; and

4. Reporting to the National GAR Highway Officer.

In Memoriam

Joseph C. Moran, Commander, Department of Vermont, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 27. His funeral was held in Cambridge, Mass., on March 30, 1994.

Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore requests that charters be draped for 30 days.

Correction

In the Winter issue of The Banner, the name of Fred H. Combs, PCinC, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Past Commanders in Chief, SUVCW. Formerly of Trenton, N. J., he now lives at 1621 Koy Drive, Sebring, Fla. 33872. He was a founding member of Lincoln Camp No. 100 and is a life member. He served as CinC during 1969-70.

The Editor regrets the omission.

Mail Call: apologies, moral decline, political correctness

To The Editor:

I have just received (Oct. 26, 1993) my latest edition of The Banner, Vol. 97, No. 1, and felt I had to write a letter to the editor.

As usual you have put together a fine piece of work. You have a hard job putting together this voice of the SUVCW and I would no doubt say that not too many people would relish the job you have.

As a member-at-large of this organization, I have always taken a great deal of pride in our order and what it stands for. I have to say, however, that I felt somewhat embarrassed by the tone and content of your article "And it still goes on." which appeared in the Spring 1993 edition. I thought the war was over in 1865 and we were well down the road to purging sectionalism from our hearts, minds, and spirits. That particular article only served to open up old wounds and divisiveness.

With all the many worthwhile programs, events and activities that our organization undertakes both on a national and local camp level, we, and you as editor, should be devoting all your precious space to reporting those items. Let's leave the editorial posturing, commentary and rhetoric out of our newsletter.

If that particularly insensitive article had been left out, perhaps you would have been able to publish the information on the Libby Prison Rededication program which was held on Sept. 18. As it was, your mention of it was after the fact. By the way, Libby Prison is spelled "Libby," not "Libbey."

As a born and raised true Yankee, I have spent the last twenty years living here in the Capitol of the Confederacy. I have established many worthwhile and rewarding relationships with my friends in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and

the Daughters of Confederate Veterans. I fear that I will have to spend the next twenty years apologizing for your article.

I hope that you will print this letter and accept it as a piece of creative criticism from a brother SUVCW. I remain, sir,
Very truly yours,
Howard E. Bartholf
MAL, SUVCW

Editor's Note: I not only am delighted to publish Brother Bartholf's letter, I remind him that even the Supreme Court of the United States has held that debate in a democracy must be robust and wide-open.

Consistent with that, I quote excerpts from The New York Compatriot, The Newsletter of the Gen. Archibald Gracie Jr. Camp No. 985, Sons of Confederate Veterans, New York City, Vol. III, No. 2, Nov. 1993:

"... Thomas Jefferson, great Southerner and great American, told us that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It is also the price of maintaining our precious Confederate heritage. In the age of Mosely-Braun we must be constantly alert to attacks on and distortions of the Cause of our forebears. The forces of the "chronically offended," presently arrayed against Confederate monuments, flags, and anthems are formidable. They are remarkably vulnerable to counter-attack from our side, they do not expect us to fight back; they imagine that we will cave in, repudiate our heritage and befool the graves of our ancestors as did the craven "Southern" Senators who voted with Mosely-Braun against the flag of their fathers. That such fathers would have such sons is a commentary on the moral decline of American public life in this sorry age."

—Dr. Michael S. Kogan
Commander

"... Once again, we are at the battlements defending the South. The psychological mugging of the U. S. Senate and the fight on its floor over the extension of our insignia patent revealed the vast scope of ignorance of history that has swept our elected officials. They, along with many citizens of our country, will be educated only if we do the job. The schools have failed, the media have failed, and the government has failed. The fight is in remembrance of the gallant men and women who sacrificed everything for their vision of independence, and for their descendants whose birthright and heritage are systematically being destroyed in the name of political correctness..."

—Elizabeth Gardner Weddington

United Daughters of the Confederacy

And, finally: "If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.
U. S. v. Schwimmer, 279 U. S. 644, 653.

Camp is trying to save home of Gen. Reynolds

Most students of the American Civil War know the name of Major Gen. John F. Reynolds and of his tragic and untimely death at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863.

What most Civil War students don't know is that the former Reynolds family home, on the first block of West King Street, Lancaster, Pa., is a porno shop.

The goal is to rescue Gen. Reynolds's former home and protect it from further harm and, then, to restore it to its former glory. Our efforts are just beginning and at this time we are asking for Letters of Support to take to possible funding sources.

We ask the Commanders of every SUVCW Camp to send a letter of support to J. D. Jenkins at the following address:

Michael A. Riley
2542 Blacksmith Way
East Petersburg, Pa. 17520.

We will keep you posted as developments occur.

J. D. Jenkins
Commander

Gen. George H. Thomas Camp No. 19

Missouri Sons rededicate grave of Gen. Sherman

On Sunday, Feb. 27, 1994, the Gen. William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65, of St. Louis, Mo., held a rededication ceremony at the grave of Gen. Sherman at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Guest of honor was Brother Frederic Sherman Cauldwell Jr., a member of SUVCW and a great great grandson of Gen. Sherman.

Presenting the wreath on behalf of SUVCW were Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore and Camp Commander Thomas Willmering.

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of lighting and signage, neglect of the surrounding grounds (which present safety hazards to passers-by), and refuses to recognize President Grant's highest rank at his own resting place.

(Editor's Note: A presidential flag customarily flies at the tomb or other site of a former president. It appears that a sitting president must order a presidential flag for such use.)

Further, NPS spent a \$50,000 appropriation on mosaic benches that inconsistent with the site's purpose.

The problems of both desecration and the threat to public safety have become immense, and they are allowed by a system that lacks the incentive, the will, and the organization to administer Grant's Tomb in accordance with even the minimal standards a presidential tomb should follow.

The NPS has further compounded the problems in numerous ways, including violations of the 1916 National Park Service Organic Act, the 1935 Historic Sites Act, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Federal Personnel Manual. It is unfortunate that while Grant's Tomb falls under the same national policy of historic preservation as our presidential memorials in Washington — the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Washington Monument — sites surrounded by elites — the federal government has adopted a policy that subjects Grant's Tomb, which is surrounded by large numbers of economically-disadvantaged racial and ethnic minorities, to inequitable treatment that corresponds to the relative deprivation of its neighborhood.

(In my complete report I discuss the problems facing the site, including mismanagement and abuses on the part of the NPS, and I offer long-term solutions.

... The report ... totals 325 pages with appendices. ... The section entitled "The Desecration of Grant's Tomb," in the complete report, provides important details on the wide array of activities,

to the bazaar, that take place at the site. The purposes of my report are numerous and extensive in detail, but the primary aims may be summarized thus:

—The restoration of three perpetual 24-hour military guards, established either by an Act of Congress or by executive order;

—The establishment of regulations concerning respectful conduct on the part of both visitors and employees;

—A restoration of the structure to eliminate the scars of graffiti and to repair other damage;

—Greater recognition of U. S. Grant as President at his tomb;

—The additions of a sign, lights, and a visitors' center for appropriate recognition and interpretation of Grant's life and achievements;

—The revival of patriotic events at the site, especially on Grant's Birthday and Memorial Day (Editor's Note: Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, SUVCW, New York City, has held ceremonies at the tomb on Grant's Birthday for many years, and inducts new members at those ceremonies);

—The restoration of the tomb's deteriorated surrounding grounds;

—The upgrading of exhibits for the visitors' center and a return to a tranquil, reverential atmosphere within the tomb

—A revision of the site's enabling legislation to rename the site "Grant's Tomb National Memorial", and

—Setting April 27, 1997, the centennial of Grant's Tomb, as the deadline for the attainment of these goals.

This report is issued to Congress with the intent of spurring oversight hearings or similar legislative action to correct the situation once and for all. This situation has already evoked considerable response from some officials. As a result of my efforts to inform the public about problems at Grant's Tomb, the Manhattan Sites Unit terminated me as a volunteer at the site. Having been notified of both my report and my termination, Congressman Jerrold Nadler of New York has formally requested Bruce Babbit, Secretary of the Interior, to investigate the situation at Grant's Tomb.

I am now pursuing plans to revive the



Grant's Tomb, New York City: an aerial view



Photo courtesy National Park Service

Grant Monument Association, named after the organization that originally built and administered Grant's tomb.

The association will launch a nationwide campaign to insure the site's restoration in time for its 1997 centennial.

Those interested in contributing or in otherwise playing an active role in this effort should contact me:

Frank Scaturro
1020 Schapiro Hall
605-15 West 115th Street
New York, N. Y. 10025.

I am also asking people to write congressmen to urge corrective action at Grant's Tomb.

Editor's Note: Frank Scaturro told The Banner that he believes letters should be directed to congressmen in the districts where Sons live as well as to the House and Senate Subcommittee chairmen named above.

While roof repair has been requested in the next federal budget, the appropriation for operations appears to have increased from approximately \$370,000 to \$450,000, and that is certainly not enough to provide 24-hour military guards, to say nothing of restoration and repairs. And, as Scaturro makes clear, Grant's Tomb was never completely finished when it was dedicated in 1897.

While no invidious comparison is intended, it should be noted that an appropriation equal to the cost of the recent, well-conducted Richard M.

but was to that many by whom the offense cometh' ... Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away.

... "With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

A great task now lies before Sons and all other Americans for whom heritage and history are not empty words. We need to remember Grant's use of "unconditional surrender" and move upon the works, as it were, of the federal government immediately.

Nixon state funeral would be a beginning for real restoration work.

There are other points to keep in mind: Gen. Grant not only commanded the Union armies to victory, he was President for two terms; troubled terms, to be sure, but he was commander-in-chief for eight years. He also wrote, in his *Military Memoirs*, completed only a few days before his death on July 23, 1885, what several authorities have called the finest military history by any American. Mark Twain published Grant's memoirs and compared them to Caesar's.

It is probably just as well that the decay and desecration of Grant's Tomb come long after the death of the last Union Civil War survivor. GAR members would have been devastated by such appalling conditions. Perhaps the words of Grant's commander-in-chief are enough to remind Sons of their residual responsibilities:

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth. ...

"The Almighty has His own purposes. 'Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come;



Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony draws heads of Allied Orders

By Thomas L. W. Johnson
Co-Chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A cold, blustery April wind greeted participants at the 38th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield on April 15.

This year the event attracted some 45 wreathbearers representing a like number of organizations.

Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore delivered a thoughtful address and concluded his remarks with the traditional reading of "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield."

Edward G. Pree, a co-chairman of the ceremony and a distinguished member of the Illinois bar, spoke on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion because of the late arrival of Donald R. Weber, commander of the Illinois commandery and representative of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Lanphier High School band played appropriate selections, and the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment provided a color guard under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham. The colors of the Commandery-in-Chief and National Auxiliary President were on display, as well as the colors of the Department of Indiana and of Gen. William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, a "first" was established when Mr. Pree introduced the principal speaker, Martha Benner, assistant editor of the Lincoln Legal Papers, who spoke on President Lincoln's career as a lawyer. Mrs. Benner concluded her talk by saying that Abraham Lincoln had become a leader of the Illinois bar. Had he not chosen to run for President in 1860, he would likely have become a lawyer of national stature. This was the first time that a woman has been selected to address the luncheon and her appearance was greeted with enthusiasm.

The national heads of each member organization of the Grand Army family were introduced, and Commander-in-Chief Moore presented certificates of appreciation to Ceremony Co-Chairmen Johnson, Pree, and Robert M. Graham. Mr. Johnson presided at the ceremony and luncheon program.

Units of our Order taking part included the Departments of Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin; and Camps from five states, as follows:

—Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1, Chicago, Ill.;

—Adm. David D. Porter Camp No. 116, Valparaiso, Ind.;

—Gen. Grenville M. Dodge Camp No.

75, Des Moines, Iowa;

—Gen. William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65, St. Louis, Mo.; and

—Col. C. K. Pier Camp No. 1, Mil-

waukee, Wis.

In addition, the Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary and Auxiliary No. 4 of Milwaukee were also represented.



Photo by Marlin Roos

The Allied Orders were represented at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill., on April 15. From left to right, Dorothy K. Colantuono, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Elsie M. Gould, National President of the Women's Relief Corps; Allen W. Moore, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans; Florence H. Spring, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; and Phylliss L. Houston, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

'Gettysburg,' Sons aid Save the Flags

When "Gettysburg" opened in Lansing last fall, it made money for the Michigan Flag project.

David Downing, PCC, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Lansing and Sunfield, worked on the project. He said, "On the night before the national opening of the movie, there was a sneak preview. Tickets were sold for \$10 each."

The movie was shown at no charge as a fundraiser. The only expense was for rental of Spartan Theatre, and that was half the regular fee. "All the effort was not just to see the movie because the proceeds went toward preserving more than 100 original Civil War battle flags at the Capitol. Many have heard about this project through the adopt-a-flag program: for \$1,000 donation a group can adopt, in its name, an individual flag," Downing said.

The amount raised was \$4,800 — and

it was all donated to the flag project's general fund for all the flags.

Many Sons from Curtenius Guard Camp and other from Flint helped at the movie opening — selling tickets, passing out programs, seating people, and passing out information about SUVCW.

"The 7th Michigan Infantry Fife and Drum Corps provided music," Downing said, and several hundred re-enactors attended in uniform. There was extensive media coverage, with live remotes on TV and radio, as well as newspaper coverage. The money was turned over to the Save the Flags project in a ceremony at the Capitol," he said: The fundraising isn't ended. With the release of "Gettysburg" on video, a Lansing video store is donating \$10 from each video it sells to Save the Flags.

National Historian Orton prepares a list of True Sons and Daughters of the Civil War

By Jerome L. Orton
National Historian, SUVCW

A number of years ago The Banner used to list Real Sons in several issues a year. Below you will find a list of Real Sons and Daughters that I have found during the past year. All the information is accurate as far as I can determine. However, I am certain a few on the list have passed away. If anyone wants a more exact address, I would be willing to provide it if he or she writes to me: 213 Dixon Drive, Syracuse, N. Y. 13219-2711; (315) 488-4076, after 7 p.m.

1. Horace Rumsey, Waterloo, N. Y. Father, Horace Rumsey, Co., 148th NYSV.

2. Ethel Hills Hillgas, Friendship, N. Y. Father, Alfred Hills, Co. B, 179th NYSV.

3. Fred and William Upham, Milwaukee, Wis. Father, William Upham Sr., Co. F, 2nd Wis. Inf.; Class of 1866, USMA.

4. James Fitz Sullivan, New Port Richey, Fla. Father, James P. Sullivan, Co. K, 6th Wis. Infantry.

5. Bertha Hills Durfee, Elmira, N. Y. Father, Thomas Hills, 45th Pa. Inf.

6. David Hills, Tioga, Pa. Father, Thomas Hills, 45th Pa. Inf.

7. Jim Lee Ridner, Tullahoma, Tenn. Father, L. B. Ridner, Co. I, 13th Tenn. Cav., CSA.

8. Tinnier Ridner Carter Anderson, Tullahoma, Tenn. Father, L. B. Ridner, Co. I, 13th Tenn. Cav., CSA.

9. Jonnie Gunn Hall, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Father, John Brooks Hall, Co. A, 37th Tenn. Inf., CSA.

10. Jack Sexton, Memphis, Tenn. Father, Greene A. Sexton, 14th Tenn. Cav., CSA.

11. Samuel Bradley, Nashville, Tenn. Stepfather, Elijah A. Alderdice, Co. G, 12th Ky. Cav., CSA.

12. Frank P. Abraham, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Father, Lot Abraham, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. [101 years old.]

13. Elmer C. Thompson, Ottumwa, Iowa. Father, Alester D. Thompson, Co. A., 182nd Ohio Inf.

14. Jake A. Thompson, Ottumwa, Iowa. Father, Alester D. Thompson, Co. A, 182nd Ohio Inf.

15. John T. Brandon, Albea, Iowa. Father, John Brandon, Co. A, 6th Wis. Inf.

16. Joseph E. Stump, Lebanon, Kan. Father, Henry B. Stump, Co. B, 2nd Mo. Cav. and Co. M, 12th Ill. Inf. [He lives directly across the street from the geographical center of the 48 states. He and his wife, on their 65th wedding anniversary, placed a small public chapel in the state park that marks this spot.]

17. Annie Belle Beasley, Wallace, N. C. Father, Lyman Learned, Co. I, 183rd NYSV.

18. Caroline Walker, Charlotte, N. C. Father, Julius Moss Carter, Co. 4, 43rd USCT.

19. Julia Washington Redmond, St. Charles, Mo. Father, Bird Washington, Co. D, 62nd Mo. CT.

20. John Cambell [sp?], Father, John Cambell, 13th Mich. Light Artillery.

21. Thora McCauley Kron, Doniphan, Mo. Father, J. R. McCauley, 15th Mo. Cav., CSA.

22. Fannie Dawson Mason, Athens, Ala. Father, John Jackson Dawson, 110th U.S.C.T.

23. John Craig, Gettysburg, Pa. Father, John Craig, Co. G, 110th Pa. Inf.

24. Lawrence Dutcher, New Paltz, N. Y. Father, Hiram P. Dutcher, 184th NYSV.

25. Desmond Dutcher, Oswego, N. Y. Father, Hiram P. Dutcher, 184th NYSV.

26. John Hottenstein, Grandview, Mo. Father, Justin Hottenstein, 20th Ill. Inf. [He has three brothers. His mother, Enos Divilbiss, died Nov. 15, 1985, the next to last Civil War widow in Kansas.]

27. Frances Campbell, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and Mrs. John Kobus. Father, Albert Woolson, Co. C, 1st Minn. Hvy. Artillery. [He was the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic and last Union veteran; he died Aug. 2, 1956, at 109.]

28. L. E. Orebaugh, Traverse City, Mich. Father, Alfred Orebaugh, Co. K, 27th Ohio Inf.; principal musician, Co. E, 191st Ohio Inf.

29. Thynie C. LaBanta, PDC, Clarklake, Mich. Father, Derick LaBanta, Co. F, 76th Ill. Inf.

30. Dale Collier, Tiffin, Ohio. Father, Harry Judd Collier, Co. F, 140th Ill. Inf. [Life member.]

31. George Darley, Jacksonville, Fla. Father, Benjamin Darley, Co. K, 2nd Ill.

Lt. Artillery.

32. Gladys Bissell, Warren, Vt. Father, Dean Faucett, Co. E, 1st Vt. Cav. [Held in Libby Prison.]

33. Eleda Scribner, Randolph, Vt. Father, Dean Faucett, Co. E, 1st Vt. Cav.

34. Faith Linsley, McFarland House, Barre, Vt. Father, Ransom H. Linsley, Co. A, 6th Vt. Inf. [She was 106 in January 1994.]

35. Margaret Nero, Rome, N. Y. Father, Charles Clinton Covell, 81st NYSV. [She belongs to 19 lineage societies.]

36. Geneva Shelton and Caruth Smith Washington, Las Vegas, Nev. Father, Andrew J. Smith, 55th Mass. Inf. [Caruth is PDP, LGAR, in New York State, and now lives in Las Vegas.]

37. Mamie Carter, PDP-DUV, New York, Bath, N. Y. Father, Robert B. Carter, Co. H, 31st USCT. [Was 100 years old in March 1994.]

38. Col. John Dinsmore, USAF (Ret.), Aurora, Colo., and Emily J. Stevens, Omaha, Neb. Father, Samuel P. Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th Ohio Inf.

Widows of Civil War Veterans: Daisy Anderson has a new address. She now lives at Amberwood Court Inc., 4686 E. Ashbury Circle, Denver, Colo. 80222. She is well and would like to hear from just about anyone. Her husband, Robert Ball (later Robert Anderson), fought with the 125th USCT and was a GAR member. Daisy was presented to Pope John Paul II when he visited Denver last year.

Emily Brozel Rounckles is the widow of Samuel P. Dinsmoor. In the spring of 1924, Samuel at the age of 81 married the 20-year-old Emily Brozel. She is well, and is an un pensioned widow of a Civil War veteran. She may be contacted by writing to her at her son's home, Col. John W. Dinsmoor, 2368 S. Lima St., Aurora, Colo. 80014.

Information on banquet, lodging for 113th National Encampment

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Department, SUVCW, is pleased to host the 113th National Encampment in Lansing. The location is the Holiday Inn South (formerly The Clarion Hotel). This is the same facility that housed the 1988 National Encampment.

The dates for the Sons' Encampment are Friday through Sunday, August 12-14.

Arrangements have been made for the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the GAR to arrive on Wednesday, Aug. 10, with their meetings to start on Thursday, Aug. 11.

Reservations for rooms should be made directly with the hotel and a form

is provided in this issue of The Banner. Please note the reservation deadline of July 11. A map and directions are also provided.

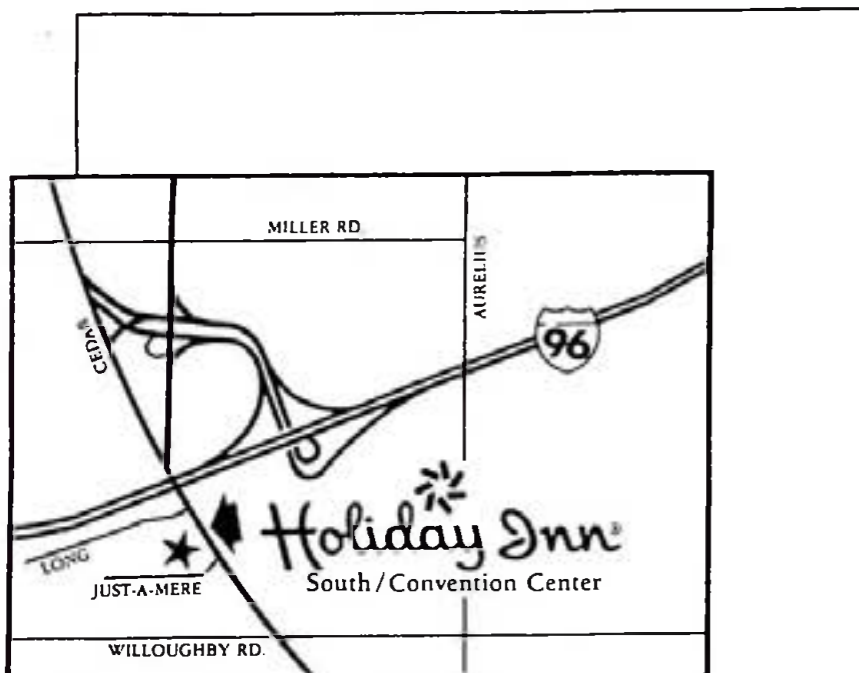
Banquet reservations should be made directly with the Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary. A form is provided for this purpose. The deadline for banquet reservations is Aug. 1.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Lansing in August. A detailed schedule of events will appear in the next Banner.

—James T. Lyons
National Secretary
General Chairman

113th National Encampment, SUVCW

How to reach the Holiday Inn Hotel



Holiday Inn
South/Convention Center

6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan 48911
517/694-8123
1-800-333-8123

From points North (Mackinac Island and Traverse City)
Take 127 South to Grand Rapids/ I-96 Exit. Follow I-96 West to Exit 104 (Cedar Street/Holt) Take Exit 104 and turn left at the light. Go through two lights (2 blocks) and at the 3rd light, turn left. Go under the viaduct and the Holiday Inn Hotel will be on the right.

From points North-East (Flint, Saginaw, Bay City)
Take 69 West to 127 South. Follow 127 South to Grand Rapids/I-96 Exit. Follow I-96 West to Exit 104 and turn left at the light. Go through two lights (2 blocks) and at the 3rd light, turn left. Go under the viaduct and the Holiday Inn Hotel will be on the right.

From points East (Detroit and Canada)
Take I-96 West to Lansing Exit 104 (Cedar Street/Holt). Take Exit 104 and turn left at the light. Go through two lights (2 blocks) and at the 3rd light, turn left. Go under the viaduct and the Holiday Inn Hotel will be on the right.

From points South (Cleveland, Toledo)
From Cleveland and Toledo - Take 23 North to I-96 Go West on I-96 to Lansing Exit 104 (Cedar Street/Holt). Take Exit 104 and turn left at the light. Go through two lights (2 blocks) and at the 3rd light, turn left. Go under the viaduct and the Holiday Inn Hotel will be on the right.

From points South-West (Chicago, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek)
Take I-94 East to 69 North. Follow 69 North to I-96 East to exit 104. Turn left at the first light. Go through two lights (2 blocks) and at the 3rd light, turn left. Go under the viaduct and the Holiday Inn Hotel will be on the right.

From points West (Grand Rapids and Muskegon)
Take I-96 East to Lansing Exit 104 (Cedar Street/Holt). Take Exit 104 and turn left at the light. Go through two lights (2 blocks) and at the 3rd light, turn left. Go under the viaduct and the Holiday Inn Hotel will be on the right.

Banquet Reservation Form

To: Isabelle Roberts, Chief of Staff
P.O. Box 11
Candor, New York 13743

Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____ for _____ Banquet dinners at \$21.00 each.

Name: _____ Dept. _____

Make checks payable to Isabelle Roberts, Chief of Staff.

Deadline for reservations: August 1, 1994

Please check preferred accommodations. If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be confirmed. Rates are subject to 6% sales tax, 5% hotel tax

All reservations must be guaranteed. Include first night's deposit (plus 11% tax) in this envelope to confirm reservations or use your American Express, Master Charge, VISA, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, or Discover credit card. 1-800-333-8123

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The following Brothers have contributed to the Order's Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund during the period Dec. 1, 1993-31 March 1994. They are to be acknowledged for their contributions and for their interest in the promotion of the Order.

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Ernest Snider, Harold Goodwin, Thomas Beach, Thomas Daniels, James Allen, Albert Gross, Grover Stone, Neil Giffey.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund is used in conjunction with fees collected with new member applications to pay for recruitment advertisements in various national publications and magazines.

It is through this national program that our Order has experienced significant growth in the last few years. Brothers are requested to donate at least \$1.00 each to this fund in order to help support the placement of the Order's recruitment advertisements.

Donations, made payable to National Organization, SUVCW, may be sent to Keith G. Harrison, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 4209 Santa Clara Drive, Holt, Mich. 48842.

Mudd judgment now available

On Lincoln's Birthday 1993, an appeal on behalf of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd was heard in a moot court at the University of Richmond by a distinguished panel of judges expert in military and international law.

The Hon. Robinson O. Everett, former Chief Judge of the U. S. Court of Military Appeals, was joined by the Hon. Edward E. Re, Chief Justice Emeritus of the U. S. Court of International Trade, and the Hon. Walter Thompson Cox III, Judge of the U. S. Court of Military Appeals.

The three jurists heard F. Lee Bailey

and Candida Ewing Steel, great grand daughter of Dr. Mudd's trial lawyer, Union Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing, argue that a military court should not have tried a civilian, and that there was insufficient evidence to sustain a charge of abetting John Wilkes Booth in connection with the assassination of President Lincoln.

Two eminent military lawyers replied for the government, Col. John Jay Douglas (Ret.), former Commandant of the U. S. Army Judge Advocate

General's School, and Admiral John S. Jenkins, former Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Navy.

The judgment of the court and opinions of the judges are now available.

To obtain a copy, send a self-addressed and stamped (52 cents postage) envelope (5 inches by 7 inches) to:

Mudd Slip
School of Law
University of Richmond
Richmond, Va. 23173.

Or send \$1.00 and the law school will take care of postage and mailing.

This information was supplied The Banner by George McNamara who heads up the current effort on behalf of Dr. Samuel Mudd.

From the Editor's desk

Your editor has stories or material on hand from every department in SUVCW, as well as material from Members-At-Large and at least a dozen camps. The next issue of The Banner will be a catch-up issue. If you have sent items that have not yet appeared, they will before they have whiskers.

In the meantime, while personal circumstances shouldn't obtrude in public affairs, the last 15 or 16 months have been among the most difficult in my life. Health problems have flared up; a long, long court battle consumed a great deal of time and more energy; and my first attempt to retire didn't stick and, at the request of the newspaper, I returned to work for seven months, most of which were the worst winter we've had since 1936.

So, then, *mea culpa*. This shop is back in operation.

—Rus Gregory
Editor

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