



## THREE NEW DEPARTMENTS FORMED

### Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief David Medert flew to Ft. Meyers, FL on Saturday May 18 to present the Charter to the newly formed Department of Florida and to install the newly elected Officers.

Members representing the three Camps currently active in the State were on hand at the Ft. Myers Historical Museum to witness the occasion. Officers of the Department who were installed were : Dr. Ron Bair, Department Commander; Warren Gentzel, Department Senior Vice Commander; James Hayward, Department Junior Vice Commander; Leland Smith Department Sect'y/Treas; Robert M. Jones, Richard Beyer and Ellis Goe, Council. Department Commander Bair announced the following appointments: Jonas Bair Historian; Brice Scalley, Color Bearer; & William Stevenson, Patriotic Instructor. Bair said that a number of other appointments will be forthcoming.

C-in-C Medert presented Certificates of Merit to Bros. Bair and Gentzel for their outstanding efforts in organizing the Department. Department Commander Bair presented Bro. Medert with a Patriot's medal and surprised him with a framed enlarged photo, inscribed, of the only existing GAR Hall south of the Mason-Dixon line, located in St. Cloud, FL. Bair also announced that the sons of the Department will be instrumental in establishing a museum on the meeting Hall. The project has the full support of the local town administration, the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of St. Cloud. The GAR Hall is located only minutes from Disney World. With the support of the State of Florida application has been made to the Federal government to declare the Hall a National Historic Site. Thomas McKean Camp No. Three in Palm Beach County.

### Department of Missouri

On June 4, 1996, Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert, authorized the formation of the third new Department this year. The Department is forming with four (4) existing Camps-at-Large from Missouri: Gen. William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65 of St. Louis, Phelps Camp No. 66 of Springfield, Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 68 of St. Louis, and the Richard J. Oglesby Camp No. 61 of East Prairie. "I am very pleased to authorize the formation of this new Department for our Brothers in Missouri", commented Commander-in-Chief Medert, "They have worked diligently to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and to carry on the important work of our Order". Installation is scheduled for late July, with Commander-in-Chief Medert and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis scheduled to attend.

### Department of Tennessee

On Saturday, April 20th, Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen R. Loomis, traveled to the historic city of Jackson, Tennessee to participate in the activation of the Department of Tennessee and install its officers.

Representatives of all three Camps which formed the new Department of Tennessee greeted the Commander-in-Chief and other guests. Those Camps are: Memphis Camp No. One of Memphis, Fort Donelson Camp No. 62 of Dover and Farragut Camp No. Six of Savannah. The Department has over 75 Brothers. Charles C. Yates was elected as Department Commander, Edward J. Duffel elected Senior Vice Commander and John E. Anderson became Junior Vice Commander.



Florida Department Commander Ron Bair and Commander-in-Chief David Medert

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# 1996 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



Participants who attended the Lincoln Tomb ceremony this year in Springfield, IL were greeted by cloudy skies, unseasonably cool temperatures, and a blustery wind out of the northwest. But that setting did not deter their faithfulness in honoring Abraham Lincoln on the date of his death, April 15.

Tom Johnson opened the program with a tribute to the late Edward G. Pree of Springfield who passed away last November. Mr. Pree was a ceremony co-chairman at the time of his death and was a valued friend to many associated with this event.

David R. Medert brought the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief and talked about the importance of patriotism not only in Mr. Lincoln's era but in our own time as well. The Hon. Michael P. Sullivan, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion brought greetings from MOLLUS. The Springfield Municipal Band played appropriate selections. Elements of the 114th IL Vol. Inf. under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham took part. SGT/MAJ J. Stephan Hall of the 114th Reg. sounded 'Taps' to close the ceremony.

At the luncheon at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel, Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, OH, a noted artist, illustrator, and author of Lincoln subjects, spoke on the art of photography during the Civil War and the photographs taken of Mr. Lincoln. His talk was illustrated with a number of interesting slides. He also distributed and signed a print

for those who wished to have one as a memento of the occasion.

The National heads of each of the Allied Orders were present except that of the Ladies of the GAR was represented by Janice Corfman, PNP.

Dr. Wayne C. Temple, chief deputy archivist for the state of Illinois and a Lincoln scholar in his own right, introduced Mr. Ostendorf.

Departments of our Order that participated included Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin. A record number of Camps also took part they included Gen. John A. McClelland Camp No. Four, Springfield, IL; David D. Porter Camp No. 116, Valpariso, IN; Wm. T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65, St. Louis, MO; Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 65, Missouri; C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. One, Milwaukee, WI; Col. Henry Hamden Camp No. Two, Madison, Wisconsin; and General George A. Custer Camp No. One, Chicago, IL.

Department Auxiliaries from Iowa and Wisconsin took part as did C.K. Pier Auxiliary No. Four of Milwaukee, WI.

Special thanks are due to Robert M. Graham, Ellinore K. Johnson and Kevin Burg for their significant contributions to the outcome of the day.



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**SAVE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE**

At the March 9th Council of Administration meeting in Grove City Ohio, it was agreed to endorse the Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS) Project and have the SUVCW become participants.

The SOS! program is a joint project of the National Museum of American Art, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property.

According to SOS! documentation, the project consists of almost all volunteers working to help preserve and maintain all types of outdoor American art. For the most part this consists of statues and sculpture.

For this purpose, the National Organization of the SUVCW believes an alliance between our organization and SOS! will be beneficial to both.

The goals of SOS! are three:

- ⇒ Document every piece of publicly accessible outdoor sculpture in the country.
- ⇒ Remind Americans of their history through their local sculpture
- ⇒ Help local groups conserve and maintain their sculpture.

With the experience and resources of the SOS! group local Camps can benefit and preserve their local Civil War monuments.

SOS! offers regional workshops, fund raising kits and conferences. And, as stated above, experience.

The COA authorized the formation of a committee to begin work with SOS! and start information flow both ways. This committee, is chaired by Brother Kent Armstrong of the Department of Michigan, and assisted by Bros. Danny Wheeler and David Turpin.

Shortly in the mail, all Brothers will be receiving an information kit about SOS! and contact names and numbers. When available Brother Armstrong will contact all Department Commanders with a liason name for their area. We encourage all to participate.

**History Book Update**

In speaking with the publisher on May 17, I found I was in error when I announced that the History Book will be released in June. The books will be mailed from the publisher around the first week of August. It is hoped that the Brothers will receive them shortly afterwards. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Gary Gibson, PDC



**ENDORSEMENT**

The Department of Maryland, in 109th Annual Encampment assembled at Frederick, MD on 27 April 1996, did unanimously endorse Col. Andrew M. Johnson for the National Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and will nominate him at the 115th National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio in August. Brother Johnson is a three year member of the National Council of Administration and also serves as National Chief of Staff.

**MASTER LIST OF ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE THE PROTECTED BADGES, EMBLEMS, SEALS AND SYMBOLS OF THE ORDER**

The following is the list of entities or individuals who have received authorization to use any of the Order's protected badges, emblems, seals and symbols (herein after referred to as "symbols") since the creation and adoption of the Order's policy at the 113th National Encampment. If any individual, entity, Camp or Department, is not included on the master list of those authorized to reproduce these symbols as maintained by the National Secretary and National Quartermaster, then the said use is in violation of the National Organization's Policy on the Use of Protected Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols, and all production of said material must cease. Permission to use such protected symbols may be sought, but not necessarily approved, by writing the Council of Administration care of the Commander-in-Chief, outlining the use and time-frame of the request. If you believe that you have received previous authorization use the protected symbols and do not see your name listed below, please contact the National Secretary as soon as possible. The Policy On the Use of Protected Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols was presented on page 18, of the Winter 1995 issue of The Banner.

- Department of Indiana - produce an embroidered Emblem for sale on clothing items.
- Department of Michigan - produce an embroidered Emblem and Coat of Arms for sale.
- John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Department of Michigan - reproduce the Emblem on a mirror-tray.
- Benjamin Harrison Camp No. 365, Department of Indiana - reproduce the Emblem on a name tag.

- ◆ Balch Brothers, West & Company - produce grave flag holders with Emblem.
- ◆ Dondero, Inc. - produce miniature badges of Order.
- ◆ Johnny Johnson Sports - produce National, Department and Camp flags.
- ◆ Kohl Associates - produce symbols on clothing.
- ◆ Mathew's Bronze Company - reproduce Emblem as an attachment for grave stones.
- ◆ Simon Brothers Company - produce all badges, service bars, tie clasps and tacks.
- ◆ Smith Brothers & Logsdon - produce ties with Emblem.
- ◆ Edward W. Krieser, Kokomo, Indiana - reproduce the Emblem on annual Membership Cards.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**Number 5**

Series 1995/1996  
National Headquarters  
16 Shawnee Drive  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148

In the name and by the authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
To all unto whom these presents shall come,  
Greeting:  
Know that reprising Special Trust and Confidence in our Worthy Brothers

Charles C. Yates, Edward J. Duffel, John Anderson, George R. Dunlap, Clyde J. Getman, James G. Green, Jr., Allen F. Smith, Craig S. Courtney, Larry J. Waggoner, Clyde H. Hayner, Shawn G. Atchely, James E. Green III, Andrew J. Duffel, John Ross, Robert Higginbottom, Billy J. Darnell and Waldemar Williams,

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby constitute them, their associates and successors, a Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be known as The Department of Tennessee and as such they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to conduct the business of said Department in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and the regulations of the Order.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and have caused the Seal of the National Organization to be affixed at Chillicothe in the State of Ohio this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Six and the Two Hundred and Nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

With rank from March 15th, 1996.

By: David R. Medert - Commander-in-Chief  
Attest: David F. Wallace - National Secretary

**Number 6**

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16 Shawnee Drive  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148

In the name and by the authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
To all unto whom these presents shall come,  
Greeting:  
Know that reprising Special Trust and Confidence in our Worthy Brothers

Dr. Ron Bair, Warren Gentzel, James Hayward, Leland Smith, Robert M. Jones, Richard Beyer Ellis Goe, Jonas Bair, Brice Scalley, William Stevenson,

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby constitute them, their associates and successors, a Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be known as The Department of Florida and as such they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to conduct the business of said Department in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and the regulations of the Order.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and have caused the Seal of the National Organization to be affixed at Chillicothe in the State of Ohio this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Six and the Two Hundred and Nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

With rank from March 16th, 1996.

By: David R. Medert - Commander-in-Chief  
Attest: David F. Wallace - National Secretary

**Number 7**

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1. During the course of this administration to date, I have traveled 4475 air miles, 11,477 miles by car with approximately 4500 miles yet to travel on my itinerary. 878 E-mail messages have been received, 338 sent and 367 mailings have been received and 247 mailings have been sent out. It has been a busy but productive year thus far.

2. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis and I traveled to Jackson, Tennessee where we had the pleasure of installing the Officers and presenting the Charter to the new Department of Tennessee. I also presented a Real Son certificate to Waldemar Williams of that Department. We had an afternoon of fellow-ship with our Tennessee Brothers and managed to take a tour of the Shiloh battlefield while there.

3. On May 18th I traveled to Ft. Myers Florida and installed the Officers and issued the Charter to the new Department of Florida. Our Brothers in Florida are very active there and have many plans for the future of their Department.

4. Department Secretaries are to submit the name of their top recruiter in their Department with the number of new members recruited to the National Secretary by July 30th. The top recruiter in each Department that has a minimum of seven new members will receive a minimum GAR lapel pin. The top recruiter in the Order will receive a walnut plaque honoring him for his outstanding contributions to the Sons. All recommendations for these awards are to be submitted to the National Secretary by the Department Secretaries.

5. The following awards have been issued to Brothers of our Order since the last issue of the Banner.

Certificates of Merit:

Donald Cheyenne California Efficiency in Office

Andrew Johnson Maryland Efficiency in Office

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# News from National

## National Patriotic Instructor's Message

The National Encampment is fast approaching and this may very well be the last article I write as your National Patriotic Instructor. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all Brothers who have contributed to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund this year. Without your support, many of the activities that we have established over the years would have to be neglected.

This year I have tried to establish an on-going program of recognition for citizens who faithfully and correctly display their flag. I must say that I have been some what disappointed in the number of requests for certificates of appreciation. As of today I have only issued three certificates. No amount of scolding will ever get this program off the ground. I leave it up to each Camp and Department to help make this a success. I still feel that this is a good tool in bringing our order into the public spotlight. The feedback on those certificates that have been issued has been highly favorable. I hope that my successor will consider continuing this program, perhaps with better results than I have experienced.

I had the distinct honor of representing Commander-in-Chief David Medert at the Rhode Island Department Encampment in April. For an Iowa boy this was quite a trip and one that won't be soon forgotten. I would like to thank Department Commander Gregg Mierka and his wife Mary for their warm hospitality while staying in their home. I have rarely felt as comfortable away from home as at home, but this was not the case with them. Perhaps this exemplifies the true meaning of Fraternity. All the Brothers were extremely warm and friendly in all regards. (This doesn't surprise me however, I was told by all who have ever attended their Encampment that this is the case.)

I would like to thank all the Brothers who have sent in articles and information over the past year for my use. Your support and encouragement has gone a long way to make my duties more enjoyable and rewarding.

This is the first year that the job responsibilities of this office have changed substantially in several decades. I hope that I have been able to help establish a course upon which to build in the coming years.

Again, thank you to you all for a most enjoyable year as your National Patriotic Instructor. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Columbus in August.

As always,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David A. Turpin  
National Patriotic Instructor.

### JUST A REMINDER...

Just a reminder to all Camps to remember to turn in copies of your Form 22 - Installation of Officers - to your Department Secretary as soon as possible. This will assist in keeping your Department's and the National Organization's membership lists up to date.



### THIRD QUARTER STATISTICS

At the end of the Third Quarter of the National Organization (31 March 1996), membership statistics were as follows for all Departments and Camps-At-Large which filed required reports:

TOTAL MEMBERS:	4689 - This represents a 2.4% increase over the Second Quarter.
TOTAL DEPARTMENTS:	19
TOTAL CAMPS:	162 - This represents a 1.9% increase over the Second Quarter and includes 20 Camps-At-Large.
31 MARCH 1991 COMPARISON	
TOTAL MEMBERS	2531
TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	17
TOTAL CAMPS	118 - This includes 2 Camps-At-Large.

### SUMMARY OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS FROM THE 9 MARCH 1996 MEETING

The Report from the Special National Committee on Life Membership which included recommendations on an updated schedule for Life Member dues covering more age categories, changes to the Constitution and Regulations (C&R), a cutoff date for the existing Life Membership program, and the creation of a three-member Standing National Life Membership Investment Committee was referred by the Council of Administration to the National Counselor for review and report back to the Commander-in-Chief with an outline of the steps and time-lines needed to have the issue legally brought before the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief requested that upon receipt of the National Counselor's review, the Committee's proposal, minus the proposed dues schedule, could be sent to the Departments for their review and passage at their respective Encampments, and then forwarded to the National Encampment. The proposed dues schedule needs further review and could be included as an amendment if the program passes.

The Council approved a motion to drop the multi-color format from the Order's official letter-head; that Departments and Camps be afforded, through the National Quartermaster, letter-head incorporating the SUVCW and GAR membership badges on top and the bottom language "Legal Heir of and Representing Grand Army of the Republic"; and when ready, that an example of the letter-head and a brief article be placed in *The Banner* indicating the necessity for using the prescribed letter-head.

The number of Camp Organizer Packets to be provided to each Department was reduced from five (5) to one (1). Each packet will be replaced as a request to organize a new Camp is received by the National Secretary.

The Council endorsed the "Save Outdoor Sculpture" (SOS) Project as a worthy project for all Camps and Departments, and further encourages their active participation in the project.

The Council approved a Special National SOS Committee, to be composed of three (3) members, to coordinate the SUVCW's participation in the program, to act as a liaison with the Departments and Camps-At-Large, and

to coordinate publication of the program in *The Banner*. Brother Kent Armstrong (Michigan) was appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as Committee Chairman.

The Council approved a motion to provide only upon request, a SOS Fund-Raising Kit to all Camps-At-Large. Departments would be responsible to purchase their own kit. An article will be placed in *The Banner* advising the membership of the availability of the kits and the name of the contact person.

The Council approved a motion to offer SOS the opportunity to use the Order's printer to affix membership labels to fliers to be provided by SOS, and to mail the said materials provided that SOS pay for the printer's time and pay for the postage.

The Advertising Editor of *The Banner* was directed to contact the SOS Program Assistant to discuss advertising rates.

The Council approved a motion to extend the Order's contract with its accountant, Geraldine Orr, for a period of 25 months. (Note: Richard D. Orr abstained from voting).

The Council approved a motion to have certificates prepared for presentation to Past Camp Commanders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Commanders-in-Chief. The certificates should be without borders, have the appropriate color seal attached (Blue - Camp, Red - Department, and Gold - National) and be designed to be signed by the appropriate level Commander (Camp/Department/National).

The Council approved a motion that two generic certificates be made for use and signature by the Commander-in-Chief to acknowledge the election and appointment of Brothers to National offices.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed a Special National SVR Committee (PC-in-C Harrison - Chair, Brothers Richard Williams and L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.) to establish a field on the SUVCW membership list for SVR status of SUVCW members and associates. The list will be updated on a semiannual basis based on a list provided to the Membership List Coordinator by the SVR Adjutant General. The Committee is to report to the Commander-in-Chief as soon as it has completed its task and implemented its program.

Based on information presented by the Special National Headquarters Site Committee about the response from the Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, regarding the interest expressed by the Order in locating its headquarters within the City's new museum facility, it was the consensus of the Council that the Order should initially ask for 750 square feet of space. The Committee was also directed to find an estimate of the cost of utilities for this square footage, and to obtain an estimate of the cost of insurance.

A discussion regarding the question of Dual Membership was tabled.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed a Special National Ad hoc Department Formation Committee (Richard Orr - Chair, J. Douglas Park, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., and PC-in-C Harrison) to develop a program to help make it attractive to Camps-At-Large to form Departments or some other supra unit.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed a Special New Carlisle National Committee (Lester Kern - Chair, Ivan Frantz, Sr., PC-in-C Atkinson and an attorney from the National Legal Staff) to investigate the disposition of the Order's records at Carlisle Barracks, and, if possible, secure the return of ant records in anticipation of the Order moving to a permanent headquarters.

The National Quartermaster was authorized to sell Sons of Veterans Reserve related materials.

The Council approved a motion for Brother Edward Krieser to produce a laminated Life Member Card. National Life Membership Coordinator, Richard D. Orr, will work with Brother Krieser on the selection of color and wording for the card.

The Council approved a request from the Department of Indiana to produce embroidered patches using the protected symbols of the Order as a fund raising project.

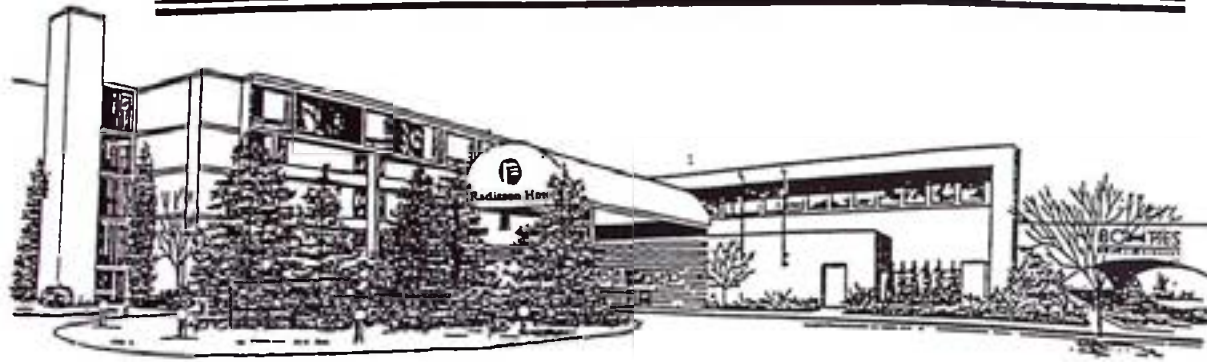
The Council authorized Kohl Associates to use the protected symbols of the Order and to begin the marketing of merchandise pursuant to their proposal (polo shirts and light-weight jackets), provided that such marketing does not duplicate other authorized fund raising projects

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# Radisson

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## 1996 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE - COLUMBUS, OHIO

The 1996 National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc., will be held jointly August 8th through the 11th at:

Radisson Hotel Columbus North  
4900 Sinclair Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229  
(614) 846-0300

Wednesday 7 August 1996

7:30 PM - Council Meeting - ASUVCW (at Headquarters)

Thursday 8 August 1996

9 AM to 11 AM - Registration  
9:30 AM - Rehearsal for Ritualistic Work - ASUVCW  
10:30 AM - Rehearsal for Joint Opening - ASUVCW  
1:00 PM - First Business Session - ASUVCW  
4:00 PM - Joint Opening  
6:00 PM - PC-in-C's & Past President's Banquet  
7:00 PM - Council of Administration Meeting - SUV

Friday 9 August 1996

7:00 AM - Department & National President's Breakfast  
8:00 AM - Registration Opens - SUV & Auxiliary  
9:00 AM - First Business Session - SUV & ASUVCW  
11:30 AM - Lunch (Club Meetings) - ASUVCW  
Noon - Recess - SUV  
1:00 PM - Second Business Session - SUV  
3:00 PM - Patriotic Instructor's presentation - ASUVCW  
4:00 PM - Recess - ASUVCW  
5:00 PM - Recess - SUV  
7:00 PM - Band Concert  
8:00 PM - Campfire Program  
9:00 PM - Courtesy Hour (immediately following Campfire program)

Saturday 10 August 1996

7:00 AM - Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast  
8:00 AM - Registration Opens  
8:30 AM - Business Session - SUV  
9:00 AM - Business Session - ASUVCW  
9:00 AM - Exchange of Greetings - Allied Orders of GAR  
Noon - Recess - SUV and ASUVCW  
1:00 PM - Business Session - SUV and ASUVCW  
5:00 PM - Adjournment or Recess of Business Sessions  
6:30 PM - Allied Orders of the GAR Banquet - SUV, ASUVCW & LGAR  
please note: Joint Open Houses to follow banquet

Sunday 11 August 1996

8:00 AM - Rehearsal for Joint Memorial Service  
9:00 AM - Joint Memorial Service - SUV, ASUVCW & LGAR  
10:00 AM - Business Session (if required) - SUV  
10:30 AM - Outgoing & Incoming Council of Administration Meeting - ASUVCW  
Noon - Adjourn  
1:00 PM - Council of Administration Meeting - SUV  
(note - 10:30 AM if no Business Session is required)

Pre-Registration Fee is \$7 if post-marked no later than 31 July 1996. The form is in the last issue of The Banner. Registration Fee after July 31st is \$10



# Guidon

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## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held on November 16, 1996 in Gettysburg, PA. If you missed last year, plan on attending this year. There were over 5,000 North and South units marching in the parade. It was a spectacular event. The following information is provided:

6:00 AM SVR Breakfast at the Eisenhower INN (formerly Ramada Inn)

10:30 AM Parade briefing for all Unit Commanders at the Eisenhower Inn

1:30 PM Parade forms at the Recreation Field

2:00 PM Parade commences

9:00 PM Grand Military Ball at the Eisenhower Inn

The parade will move to Zaigler's Grove for the outdoor ceremony. All units will remain with the parade until the ceremonies have completed. Troops marching with bayonets may leave them on their rifles. Officers may carry sabers and salute with the same. Immediately following the ceremony troops are dismissed and may attend an indoor ceremony at the Cyclorama Auditorium.

Tickets for the Grand Military Ball are \$8.00 each. Make checks payable to the SVR Dance Committee and mail to:

BG Charles W. Corfman  
9057 SR 83 N  
Holmesville, OH 44633

There are no forms or registration. We have managed to keep this event as informal as possible. Attendance at the 10:30 AM parade meeting is vital.

Cavalry units must have prior permission. Contact BG Corfman at the above address.

## National SVR Muster

The 23rd annual National SVR Muster will be held at McConnellsville, Ohio July 19 - 21, 1996. The weekend event begins with check-in and setup commencing at 9:00 AM on Friday July 19. Friday evening there will be a joint Union and Confederate ceremony at the Civil War monument in Malta (just across the Muskingum River). This is the only monument in the United States that honors both North and South. Following the ceremony, the Rube Band will be playing on the banks of the river. At 9:30 PM that night firing of cannons will take place with the Union on the McConnellsville side of the river and the Confederate on the Malta side. On Saturday there will be a parade and in the evening, a Civil War Ball. On Sunday, the battle depicting Morgan's raid through the area will take place. For more information contact:

Dr. Robert Richmond  
4455 West State Route 37  
Malta, OH 43758  
(614) 962 - 3200



## SVR Hosts School of the Piece and School of the Soldier

By Captain David V. Medert

On the weekend of May 10 - 12, 1996, the Ohio SVR Light Artillery Association and Dilger's Battery I hosted it's third annual School of the Piece at the Camp Sherman rifle range in Chillicothe, Ohio. Also this year the School of the Soldier was conducted by Captain Terry McKinch of the 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and 1LT James Ruley of the 72nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

BG Charles Corfman, SVR Commanding Officer and overall instructor for artillery, certified over 40 artillerists and qualified approximately 30 more.

The weather was typical for training. Friday was a balmy 85 degrees with sunshine and Saturday was rainy and 60 degrees. Never the less, training went on.

Many new artillerists were onboard to receive instruction on safety, regulations and manning of the artillery pieces. Saturday evening was open for live firing. One individual demonstrated how a 1.5 to 3.5 ounce charge affected a 13 pound bowling ball being fired from a mortar.

Next years school will be in the April/May time frame. Announcements will be made in advance.

Dear BG General Corfman:

I finally got your phone number in!!!!

(330) 279 - 4393

# Guidon

(Continued from page 7) - COA Minutes currently in existence.

The Council directed the National Secretary and the National Quartermaster to develop and maintain a master list of all those who have received authorization to date since the creation of the Order's policy at the 113th National Encampment. It was further directed that this master list and a statement be published in *The Banner* to the effect that "if your Camp or Department is currently producing merchandise for sale and the merchandise and Camp's or Department's names is not on the master list, it is in violation of the National Order's Policy on the Use of Protected Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols and all production of said material must cease. Permission to use such protected symbols may be sought (but not necessarily approved) by writing to the Commander-in-Chief."

Commander-in-Chief Medert requested that all Standing and Special Committee Reports to be presented at the National Encampment be sent in early to the National Chief of Staff, Andrew Johnson. Brother Johnson will prepare a synopsis and a list of recommendations for each report, and compile them into a handout for the delegates to the National Encampment.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 PM, 8 August 1996, in Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted in F.C.&L.,  
David F. Wallace  
National Secretary

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

An amendment to the National Constitution - Article VII - Membership (this represents an additional section)

Multiple memberships are hereby acknowledged. A member may, if he desires, belong to more than one (1) Camp or more than one (1) Department concurrently. Any member holding multiple memberships must be indicated with the Camp names and numbers on the Quarterly report to the Department Secretary. The Department Secretary must likewise provide the above information the above information to the National Secretary/Treasurer.

## 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry SVR

### SVR Training

Michigan's SVR has been very active in the past few months. There has been one training session in Michigan and one on May 10 - 12. We, along with the Ohio SVR held a joint School of Artillery and School of the Soldier in Chillicothe. The rain we experienced in Ohio, along with it being Mother's Day weekend is the probable cause of the low turnout.

### Memorial Day

The 30th Michigan participated in two services on May 27th - one in Vassar and the other in Corruna, Michigan. Both services were in conjunction with re-dedications of GAR Monuments. Vassar had a wonderful old time ceremony organized by the Commander of the General Phil Kearney Camp, Gordon McAllister. There were Senators and Congressmen along with music, bagpipes, and many, many troops. In this day and age when most have forgotten that Memorial Day was to remember Union soldiers who fought to keep this country of ours together, it is nice to know that people like Gordon keep alive those memories. He deserves special recognition for his efforts.

### School Program

It has been brought to my attention that a number of SVR members are doing special presentations at the public schools. This is a fine way to remember our ancestors and tell the young folks about those brave Union soldiers who died so long ago. However, you must obtain written permission from the School Superintendent and School Lawyer before doing any of this if weapons are involved. We use weapons, muskets, swords and bayonets for demonstrations and these are illegal to bring into school. Members of different reenacting groups have been put in jail, even with written permission. Have fun and educate, but do it with care.

## Remembrance Day

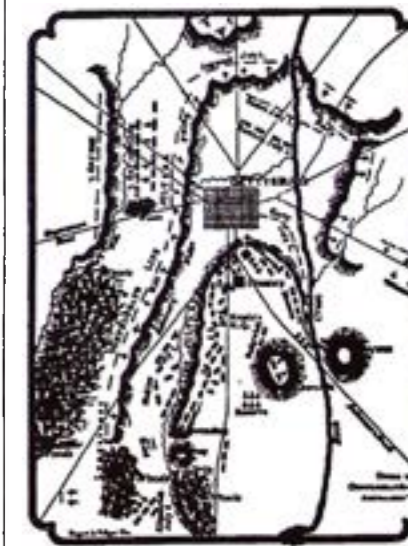
The Michigan Department has, for many years, attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg and interest and participation has grown. We need to rededicate those monuments to Michigan Soldiers. I would like to see twice as many men participate this year. It is truly an event to remember.

### Upcoming Events

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| August 3       | Ceremony of Remembrance, Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| August 10 - 11 | National Encampment                             |
| August 11      | SVR Breakfast, Chillicothe, Ohio                |
| November 16    | Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA                 |

In F., C., & L.,

Terrance L. McKinch  
30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry.





(Continued from page 5) General Orders

- William B. Neal Maryland Efficiency in Office
- Dean Speaks Iowa Camp Organization
- George Flagg Iowa GAR Memorial Fund
- James A McCafferty Maryland Efficiency in Office
- Robert J. Eck Maryland Efficiency in Office
- Gene Armistead California Camp Organization
- Charles Davis California Camp Organization
- David R. Curtman Maryland Memorial Day Events
- Albert L. McMullin Maryland Patriotic Leader
- Ronald Bair Florida Department Organizer
- Charles Yates Tennessee Department Organizer
- Robert Beverage Maine 6 new members
- Robert Lennel Maine 5 new members
- Warren Gentzel Florida Camp Organization
- National Aides:
- Otis Evans, Sr Maine 4 new members
- Duane Gettings Ohio 3 new members
- Donal Hazel Ohio 3 new members
- Donald Meredith Tennessee 3 new members

6. The 130th anniversary of the founding of the GAR was celebrated in Decatur, IL which was sponsored by the Department of Illinois. It also included a tour of the GAR Hall at Tuscola. After the event we traveled to Springfield for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (see page 2).

7. We were all saddened by the death of Irene Looker, National President of the Ladies of the GAR. Irene was extremely dedicated to her work and will be missed. Not only had we traveled together many times but she was a dear friend of mine for many years.

8. On August 1, I will attend the opening ceremonies of the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Richmond, VA where I will present greetings from the SUVCW.

9. All committee reports at the National Encampment will be confined to one side of an 8.5 by 11 inch piece of paper. We must conserve floor time as we have a full schedule for the Encampment. Chief of Staff Andrew Johnson will supervise this operation.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution is

printed on page 11.

10. I want to extend my thanks to all Departments where I have attended functions for the generosity and kindness that was extended to me on my visits. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Departments that had invited me to their functions which I could not attend due to prior commitments. I would also like to extend my thanks to the following Brothers who represented me at functions around the country: PCnC Elmer Atkinson, PCnC Richard Schlenker, PCnC Clark Mellor, PCnC George Long, SVCnC Alan Loomis, JVCnC Richard Orr, Patriotic Instructor David Turpin and Commander Robert E. Bartholf.

11. This has been an outstanding year in new achievements for the Order. A National Legal Staff has been formed and is functioning. Complete internet participation including a Web site which has had several thousand inquiries into the SUVCW. Also most of the National Officers are now on E-mail which has made communication more efficient than it has ever been. We have established new Departments and Camps this year and several more lined up to come on-line. The ground work has been laid for the establishment of a National Headquarters at Harrisburg, PA. Hopefully the work can be completed to present the proposal to the National Membership in the near future. The Chief of Staff position at the National level has been given an active role in conducting National business. This position now supervises all standing and appointed committees. Several other new innovations have been put into place this year.

None of this work could have been done without the dedication and expertise of our National Officers both appointed and elected. All I can say is "God Bless them All" for this outstanding volunteer work which they are doing for our Order. They get criticized many times but let us not forget they are doing this work for us at the same time they are supporting and raising families.

12. I have had the pleasure of attending events around the country with our Sisters in the Allied Orders. We have worked well together throughout the year and they are fine folks. No one Order is more important than the others. We are all Brothers and Sisters doing the work set aside for us by the GAR and may we always go hand in hand.

13. I would like to remind all Brothers to

support the GAR Memorial Fund supervised by Patriotic Instructor David Turpin and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund supervised by Alan Loomis.

14. Encampment committee assignments will be made at a later date and announced at the 115th Encampment.

15. I would like to close this last General Order with these thoughts. The GAR was created to die with the passing of its last member. We were created to carry on their work. We will not always agree on issues. We must always work toward solutions in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. even though we may differ we must go forward together shoulder to shoulder in tight formation just as our ancestors did in 61 to 65.

God Bless you all and may peace and harmony always be utmost in our thoughts as we move toward the 21st century.

## Honor Roll

Name	In Memory Of
David F. Wallace	Lew Wallace Maj. General U.S. Volunteers
George J. Duffy	Daniel Knaebel Corp. 114 Inf. P.V. Co. H
James P. Greaves	John Greaves 7 PA CAV Co. H
Danny Shellhammer	Corey Shellhammer
Douglas Eaby	Jacob Eaby 79 PA Vol. INF Co. C
Maurice White	John E. White PFC 5th Marines 22 Bat Co. H
Jeffery Martin	Juan Archuleta Juan Coca

### Banquet Reservation Form

Banquet information:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Sole

\_\_\_\_\_ Childrens

National Encampment Banquet  
Committee  
James Hilton  
4039 Dogwood Ct.  
Grove City, Ohio  
43123-9679

## National Encampment Update

115th National Encampment  
Columbus, Ohio  
August 8 - 11, 1996

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4039 Dogwood Court  
Grove City, Ohio 43123

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