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*Remembering those who "Saved the Union,"  
and the Memorial Day traditions of May 30th.*



# Not Forgotten

A wreath from the President of the United States is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War dead in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day each year.



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Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149 and Sgt. Jones Bradbury Auxiliary, Media/West Chester, Department of Pennsylvania, SVR Honor Guard, conduct memorial services at the Union Hill Cemetery in Kennett Square on Memorial Day. Those in attendance were, from left: First Sgt. Reed Howard, Ryan Owen, Wally Jones, Patrick Jones, David Jones, Peter DeLuke, Richard Brooks, Arnold Owen, Christopher Owen, David McCardle, Bill Clinton, Lt. Andy Lefko and Barbara Hervey. (Photo courtesy of R.C. Brooks)

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**ON THE COVER:** The grave of Union veteran Harrison Long is located in the public cemetery at Benzonia, Michigan, which is the hometown of Civil War historian Bruce Catton. In his book, *Waiting for the Morning Train*, Catton described Long and his fellow veterans as "pillars of the (Benzonia) community; the keepers of its patriotic traditions, the living embodiment of what it most deeply believed about the nation's greatness and high destiny." In describing Benzonia's cemetery and the passing of the area's Civil War veterans, Catton wrote, "One by one the old men went up to that sun-swept hilltop to sleep beneath the lilacs, and as they departed we began to lose more than we knew we were losing. For these old soldiers, simply by existing, had unfailingly expressed the faith we lived by; not merely a faith learned in church, but something that shaped us as we grew up. We could hardly have put it into words, and it would not have occurred to us to try, but we oriented our lives to it and if disorientation lay ahead of us it would come very hard. It was a faith in the continuity of human experience, in the progress of the nation toward an ideal, in the ability of men to come triumphantly through any challenge. That faith lived, and we lived by it. Now it is under the lilacs."

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## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### General Orders Series 2002-2003

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#### GENERAL ORDERS 10

1. Pursuant to Regulation Chapter II, Article I, Section 8, the State of Georgia is hereby removed from the geographical jurisdiction of the Department of Tennessee. At the present time there are no SUVCW Camps operating in the State of Georgia.

Ordered this Eighth day of March, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 11

1. Effective May 1, 2003 all Camps and Departments are directed to use only the most current version of authorized SUVCW forms when filing membership applications and reports with the National Secretary and Executive Director. The most current version of all SUVCW forms are available on the SUVCW web site (suvvw.org) and can easily be downloaded. Those who cannot access the website may request a copy of the necessary application or form from the Executive Director.

2. All applications, forms and reports must be legible and completed in accordance with the directions or instructions pertaining to the application, form or report.

3. Any application, form or report that does not meet this directive will be rejected by the National Secretary or Executive Director and returned to the originating Camp or Department.

Ordered this Thirteenth day of March, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 12

1. Pursuant to Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 5, the charter of the James B. McPherson Camp 1 in the State of Georgia is hereby revoked and the Camp is disbanded effective immediately.

2. Pursuant to Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 4, All past and present Camp officers of the above said Camp are to turn over to the National Executive Director any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the Camp Charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

3. All Brothers of the aforementioned Camp are to be notified by the National Membership-at-large Coordinator of this revocation and transfer forms are to be sent with the notice.

Ordered this Sixteenth Day of March, 2003

#### GENERAL ORDERS 13

1. A request has been received from Don Palmer, Commander, Department of Missouri, to approve the acceptance of the surrender of the Charter of the Col. R. B. Palmer Camp 73.

2. The membership of the aforementioned Camp has fallen below five members and the Camp has requested permission to surrender its Charter. Approval of this request is hereby granted.

3. Pursuant to Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 4 all past and present Camp officers of the above said Camp are to turn over to the Department of Missouri any and all properties of said

Camp including but not limited to the Camp Charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this Sixteenth Day of March, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 14

1. A request has been received from Ron McCracken, Commander, Department of Florida to revoke the Charter of the Winfield Scott Hancock Camp 2.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution Article VI, Formation and Disbandment, Section 2. "The Commander-in-Chief upon recommendation of the Department Commander shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any Camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order," the Charter of Winfield Scott Hancock Camp 2, Department of Florida, is hereby revoked effective immediately.

3. All past and present Camp officers of above said Camp are to turn over to the Department of Florida any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the Camp Charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

4. All Brothers of the aforementioned Camp are to be notified of this revocation and transfer forms are to be sent with the notice.

Ordered this Third day of May, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 15

1. At the request of the Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee, a special committee on Ritual and Ceremonies is hereby created for the purpose of updating and revising the Ritual and Ceremonies of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. This special committee will function under the direction of the Program and Policy Committee.

3. The following SUVCW Members are hereby appointed to serve on this special committee on Ritual and Ceremonies: Richard Williams, Chairman; Ken Hershberger; Richard Orr, PCinC; John Mann; and Bruce Butgereit.

Ordered this Third day of May, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 16

It is my extreme pleasure to announce the creation of the following new Camps:

1. L. G. Armstrong Camp 49 in Boscobel, Wisconsin with date of rank from 8 January, 2003.

2. Charles W. Canney Camp 5 in Rochester, New Hampshire with date of rank from 2 February, 2003.

Congratulations for a job well done to all of the Brothers who worked to get these Camps formed.

Ordered this Third Day of May, 2003.

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## Hannibal Hamlin V Speaks at Lincoln Day Dinner

By Robert E. Grim

C-in-C, SUVCW

The Great Great Great Grandson of President Lincoln's first Vice President was the featured speaker at the annual Lincoln Day dinner of McLaughlin Camp 12 in Mansfield, Ohio. Hannibal Hamlin V, an Assistant Professor of English at Ohio State University, gave a family oriented biography of his famous ancestor. The man who was almost president (had he not been replaced by Andrew Johnson when Lincoln ran for re-election in 1864) was a noted political figure from Maine. Before his election as Vice President, he had served in the Maine legislature, the U. S. House of Representatives and interrupted his third term in the U.S. Senate (1848-1861) to serve as governor of Maine in 1857.

Hannibal's father, Cyrus Hamlin, was one of seventeen children born to Eleazer Hamlin and his two wives; Lydia Bonney and Sarah Bryant. Eleazer selected unusual names for several of his children including Asia, Africa, Europe, and America. Hannibal enlisted as a private in the Maine Coast Guard during the Civil War while, according to Hannibal V, two of his sons Charles and Cyrus reached the rank of General in the Union Army.

After he left the Vice-Presidency Hannibal returned to the U.S. Senate from 1869-1881 and served as minister to Spain in 1881 and 1882 during the administration of President Chester A. Arthur. He then retired to a quiet life in Maine

## General Orders (Continued from Page 2)

#### GENERAL ORDERS 17

1. Brother Walter W. Bosch, a Member of General George H. Thomas Camp 19, Department of Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed a National Aide in recognition of his recruiting three new members into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. Pursuant to my General Order 7, dated 16 January, 2003, Brother Walter W. Bosch is authorized to wear a piece of ribbon in the National Colors behind his membership badge as a sign of his recruiting achievements.

3. I hereby commend Brother Bosch for his efforts and encourage others to follow his example in recruiting worthy Brothers into our Order.

Ordered this Eighth day of May, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 18

1. Brother John Williams, Commander of the Captain David L. Payne Camp 2, Department of Oklahoma, is hereby appointed a National Aide in recognition of his recruiting three new members into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. Pursuant to my General Order, 7, dated 16 January 2003, Commander John Williams is authorized to wear a piece of ribbon in the National Colors behind his membership badge as a sign of his recruiting achievements.



**MANSFIELD, OH: Attending the Department of Ohio's McLaughlin Camp 12 Annual Lincoln Day Dinner are: (Left to Right) CinC Robert E. Grim, Ohio Department Commander James Houston, Ohio Junior Vice Department Commander Brad Tilton, Hannibal Hamlin V, McLaughlin Camp Commander Bruce Phipps, and PDC Ralph Shadel.**

where he died suddenly on July 4, 1891 at the age of 81.

Hannibal Hamlin V is the son of Professor Cyrus Hamlin who was the son of Hannibal Hamlin, M.D., who was the son of Cyrus Hamlin, M.D., who was the son of Brig. General Charles Hamlin who was the son of Vice President Hannibal Hamlin.

3. I hereby commend Commander Williams for his efforts and encourage others to follow his example in recruiting worthy Brothers into our Order.

Ordered this Twenty-Third day of May, 2003.

#### GENERAL ORDERS 19

It is my extreme pleasure to announce the creation of the following new Camps:

1. Gen. John Sedgewick Camp 10, National Camp-at-Large, located in Salem, Oregon with date of rank from 1 May, 2003.

2. Gen. A. S. Diven Camp 77, Department of New York, located in Elmira, New York with date of rank from 3 May, 2003.

Congratulations for a job well done to all of the Brothers who worked to get these Camps formed.

Ordered this Twenty-Fourth Day of May, 2003.

By Order of:  
Robert E. Grim  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

## Diligent research has uncovered two flags of great

By Joseph C. Meyer  
General W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2  
Department of California & Pacific

In late December 2001, my research on Union Civil War flags led me to request a copy of the finding aid to the papers of Major General William Starke Rosecrans from the University of California, Los Angeles. My objective was to see if the general had left any personal papers that might have elaborated upon his General Orders, No. 41, of December 19, 1862, which authorized the first known set of flags for a Federal Western theater army.

During my review of the finding aid, my attention was drawn to the intriguing entry "Box 123-2 flags." I suspected that one of the flags might be the general's Army of the Cumberland headquarters flag. The second flag remained a mystery.

I contacted Victoria Steele, head of the Charles E. Young Research Library, Department of Special Collections, at UCLA, who had the box brought to the special collections reading room for examination by her staff. I explained to her that General Orders, No. 41 (G.O.41) called for an eagle to be painted on the headquarters flag.

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The initial examination of the contents of Box 123 revealed that it contained two silk national flags, and one of them bore a striking resemblance to the "eagle flag" of my description.

The description of the second flag, also a national color, caught me completely off guard. That banner bore an inscription written upon a linen square sewn across its stripes, stating in part, "Army of Western Virginia."

The information constituted a remarkable historical find. These were the headquarters flags from the only two independent commands (a command directly answerable to the War Department or the commander in chief) to which Rosecrans was assigned during the Civil War: the Army of Occupation, West Virginia, Department of the Ohio, and the XIV Army Corps, Department of the Cumberland.

The events that led to the use of the Army of the Cumberland's eagle flag began eight weeks before the issuance of G.O.41, when Rosecrans had been ordered to relieve Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell, commander of the Army of the Ohio. The War Department stipulated that Rosecrans' new command be reconstituted as the XIV Army Corps, Department of the Cumberland.

The order detailed that the general's headquarters flag be "the National flag, 6 feet by 5, with a golden eagle below the stars, 2 feet from the tip to tip." That flag would remain officially in use for slightly more than four months. During that time, the XIV Corps, fought the sanguinary Battle of Stone's River, or Murfreesboro, which began on December 31, just 12 days after the release of the order.

Shortly after the battle, the command was again restructured and officially became the Army and Department of the Cumberland. On April 25, 1863, Rosecrans issued

General Orders, No. 91, which elaborated a second flag system for his command. The pattern prescribed for his headquarters flag, however, remained exactly the same. Rosecrans used the eagle flag throughout the rest of his tenure as commander, from April 25 to October 19, 1863. Within those six months his army conducted the Tullahoma campaign, crossed the Cumberland Mountains and forced the evacuation of Chattanooga by General Braxton Bragg's Confederate Army of Tennessee.

The eagle flag was flown at the great two-day Battle of



## significance to Union General William S. Rosecrans

Chickamauga on September 19 and 20, 1863, which resulted in the Union army's retreat back into Chattanooga, the subsequent siege by Bragg's forces and the eventual removal of Rosecrans from command on October 19. When Rosecrans left Chattanooga for Cincinnati, he may have carried with him the eagle flag that had accompanied him in camp, campaign and battle for some 10 months.

The flag in Box 123 that matches the eagle flag's description is a machine-stitched silk national flag, measuring approximately 60 and a half inches on the staff edge and 71 inches on the fly edges. The canton measures 32 inches high and 24 inches wide.

The golden eagle device is beneath the canton and superimposed over the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th stripes. The eagle is finely painted in yellow and brown tones, effectively producing an overall rich, golden effect. The unveiling of the flag's full details must await the painstaking process of professional textile preservation.

Enough is visible, however, to see the remarkable artistic detail. Within the shield upon the eagle's breast, the artist painted stars that have an almost photo-etched quality. Fine shading has been given to the talons and to each arrow tip and shaft feather, while each olive and leaf has been equally detailed.

The majority of the canton is missing, but enough material remains to show that the stars are placed in a vertical line approximately 4 inches from each other and 4 inches from the leading edge of the pole sleeve.

Based upon his initial examination of the eagle flag photos, Howard Michael Madaus, a nationally recognized Civil War flag expert expressed the opinion that the flag's characteristics suggest that it was made by John Schilleto & Company of Cincinnati.

It now seems apparent that after the war Rosecrans kept the flag among his personal effects, most likely as a treasured reminder of his experiences and personal associations as commander of the Army of the Cumberland. Given the historical circumstances of his removal from that command, and his own later statements concerning it, we may believe that this flag took on great significance for him. We can only speculate with what emotion he may have shown the flag to any of his old veterans who sought him out in California years later.

Before his service with the Army of the Cumberland, the events following the First Battle of Bull Run and the disastrous rout of the Union army back into Washington had resulted in Rosecrans' receiving his first independent command on July 23, 1861. Immediately after the fiasco, General-in-Chief Winfield Scott telegraphed Maj. Gen. George McClellan, then in charge of the Army of Occupation. His message read; "Circumstances make your presence here necessary. Charge Rosecrans, or some other general with your department and come hither without delay."

McClellan chose Rosecrans to assume command of what was then known as the Army of Occupation, West Virginia, Department of the Ohio.

Rosecrans led that force until March 11, 1862, some 7 and a half months, during which the organization was restructured and renamed twice: First it was designated the Department of Western Virginia, and then as the Mountain Department.

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# NY GAR Hall on National Register

By Dale Theetge, Commander  
Schuyler F. Smith Camp 193, Dept of New York

Schuyler F. Smith Camp 193 and Auxiliary 11, located in Halsey Valley, NY have announced that their meeting place, the GAR Hall of Hagadorn Post 505, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is believed to be the only such building in New York state, built by and for Civil War veterans - used exclusively by them and their Allied Orders to this day.

The Hagadorn Post of the GAR was Chartered at Halsey Valley in 1884. While meetings were first held in rented rooms at some of the local hotels, the veterans and their newly formed Sons Camp, which would take the name of Schuyler F. Smith in honor of the Post's Commander at the time, built their own meeting hall in 1894. Aside from electricity, which was added in 1937, and a hose supplying water from the local fire department, which came only recently and is only turned on upon request, the building has remained the same for more than 100 years. At one time, the GAR Post held meetings downstairs, while the upstairs was used for dances and other functions, a high ceiling and a stage at one end of the room making the space ideal for such events. Two outhouses exist for the use of Members and guests. Both the ladies' room and mens' room are accessed from outside the building. Heating is by means of coal or wood-supplied stoves and the meeting room stands as it did 100 years ago. Many pictures, certificates, and other artifacts remain on display in the building including a large mural of Andersonville Prison Camp, where Schuyler F. Smith was a prisoner.

The Hall, still the largest public building in Halsey Valley, remained the property of the GAR until they disbanded in the 1940's. The Smith Camp, SUVCW, and then their Auxiliary, have owned the building and property since that time.

The Smith Camp, located in a very remote and rural part of New York State, had a resurgence of interest and activity in 1998. At that time, PCinC Danny Wheeler and several Brothers of Sydney Camp 41 in Ithaca, NY joined as Dual Members and began to attend meetings to assist the Camp with projects.

Today the Camp is continuing to grow, as is Auxiliary 11. Together, they have undertaken many projects to help stabilize and preserve the building - the most significant of which was the recent re-coating and re-sealing of the deteriorating metal roof (via the efforts and generosity of Past Camp Commander, and Schuyler F. Smith descendent, Bernard Smith).

More needs to be done in order to ensure that this GAR Hall will endure for future generations. Anyone who would like to see this historic Hall preserved would be



*109 Years of Service. The GAR Hall in Halsey Valley, New York, now on the National Register of Historic Places. - [ Photo courtesy of Michael Bennett, PDC*

welcome as a Brother of the Camp. Financial donations and assistance with some of the physical work on the building would certainly be most appreciated as well.

## New SUVCW Webmaster Sought

The current Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Webmaster will be stepping down at the end of the 2002-2003 administrative year.

The purpose of the office of National Webmaster is to ensure that the Order's Internet presence operates in an efficient and effective manner at all times. The National Webmaster is a practitioner of web communication for the Order and is responsible for all aspects of the Order's web presence, including web content development, technical operations, daily maintenance and subject to the concurrence of the National Council of Administration, its business management. The National Webmaster should be familiar and possess skill with HTML layout, coding and design, ASP, JavaScript, graphics, PERL, MS SQL and MySQL, and Adobe Acrobat. He should also be familiar with the capabilities and limitations of both Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Browsers.

SUVCW Members and Associates interested in volunteering and being considered for appointment to this National position should forward their statement of interest to the National Council of Administration at the below address.

Edward J. Krieser, PCinC, National Secretary  
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## PA, NJ FORM REGIONAL ASSOCIATION EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

By Joseph F. Seliga,  
New Jersey Senior Vice Department Commander

The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) have formed an exploratory committee to consider the establishment of a regional association. A regional association will provide us the means to capitalize on the different skills of Brothers and Sisters in our Departments to improve our ability to: (a) publicize the activities of the SUVCW and Allied Orders; (b) develop new Camps; (c) rejuvenate moribund Camps; (d) develop Camp membership, both by increasing membership of Camps and by encouraging more active participation of current Brothers; (e) raise funds for programs; (f) reinforce interrelationships between the SUVCW and the Allied Orders.

At present there are four members of the exploratory committee, two from the New Jersey Department: Michael Horgan, Past New Jersey Department Commander and Joseph F. Seliga, Senior Vice Commander, New Jersey Department, and two from the Pennsylvania Department: John McNulty, Department Council, and Eric J. Schmincke, Junior Vice Commander, Pennsylvania Department. Joseph F. Seliga was elected chairman of the exploratory committee.

Invitation letters, signed by the Commanders of both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Departments, were sent to the Commanders of the Maryland and New York SUVCW Departments and the Presidents of the Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania Departments of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Presidents of the West Virginia, District of Columbia, New York, and Pennsylvania Departments of The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Presidents of the New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania Departments of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and the Presidents of the New York and Pennsylvania Departments of the Woman's Relief Corps. Each Department was requested to: (a) consider joining a regional organization; (b) include a discussion of the establishment of a Mid Atlantic Region at their 2003 Department Encampment; (c) if their membership elects to join a regional organization, to nominate two delegates to the Exploratory Committee.

If the proposals are accepted at the Department Encampments in 2003, the first Conference, a one day event, would be held in the Spring of 2004. This would be preceded by a meeting of all exploratory committee members to be held in the Fall of 2003, either at the GAR Museum on Griscom Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or at the New Jersey National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. To date, the exploratory committee has developed an outline of activities. These include: preparing a presentation for the 2003 Encampments of those organizations who are interested in a Regional Association, an organizational structure for the Association, a method of funding for the Association and an outline of the content of the first Conference. Work has begun on all of these topics.

At the present time, proposals to form a Regional Association are on the agenda's of the 2003 Department Encampments of the SUVCW in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The New Jersey and Pennsylvania SUVCW Departments hope that a Mid-Atlantic Regional Association will result from the work of this exploratory committee.

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# New Hampshire Camp in its 121st year of service!

By Daniel W. Murray, Commander  
Department of New Hampshire

W.W. Brown Camp 1 was organized in Manchester, NH in September 1882. Frank H. Challis secured a list of Brothers and the Camp was mustered on September 23, 1882. (Frank H. Challis was also the first elected First Grand Division Commander.) The name W.W. Brown was selected in honor of his



being the 7th NH Regimental Surgeon. He was also the GAR Post 3 surgeon.

The Camp originally met in the Louis Bell Post 3 GAR Hall in Manchester. The building, owned by the city, was sold and torn down in 1979. The Camp had no permanent meeting facility until 1995 when it moved to the GAR Room at the Fuller Library in Hillsborough, NH. This was the last meeting place of GAR Post 25. The original furnishings remain along with many of the photographs. The previous SUVCW Camp in Hillsborough, turned in its Charter approximately twenty years ago. The Auxiliary 7 also meets at the library in Hillsborough.

W.W. Brown is believed to be the oldest SUVCW Camp in continuous and uninterrupted existence in New England.



This photo was taken at Memorial Day services held in 2002. Brothers of Camp 1 flank W. W. Brown's headstone. The flagpole, to the right, was erected by Camp 1 in 1916. It was refurbished and rededicated in 2002. L to R: Elliot Hardy; David Proper, PDC; Stephen Scarcello, PDC; Everett Hardy, PCC; Daniel Murray, Dept. Cmdr.; Robert Tarbell; Howard Leonard; Bruce Hardy; Richard Moody, PCC. [Photo courtesy of Dan Murray]

## Remembrance Day Banquet

The banquet, in the Eisenhower Inn, is open to all. The dinner has been sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of Pennsylvania (formerly South Central Pennsylvania) for at least 70 years. When initiated, it was held in the Hotel Gettysburg on the square.

If you would like to attend, contact Brother Ivan Frantz, Jr., 1126 Hanover Road, York, PA 17404-6218. Telephone: (717) 225-5470. Email: musictrains@juno.com  
The cost is \$23.00 per person.

# SUVCW Military Service Award

The SUVCW MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL (with Department colored ribbon) is authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. If a Brother is qualified for this medal, as well as the SUVCW WAR MEDAL, the Brother may purchase both, but may only wear one medal or the other at any one time. [Reference = REGULATIONS, Chapter V, Article III, Section 3, subsection G of the C&R.]

To obtain this medal, an applicant must submit the following 4 items to the National Quartermaster -



1. Completed and signed Form 8 Military Service Medal Application, available on the National website (<http://suvchw.org/ftp/form8.pdf>).
2. A copy of the applicant's Honorable Discharge (DD-214) from United States military service.
3. A completed order form (Quartermaster Price List, Form 1). See website or Spring 2003 BANNER.
4. Payment in Full for the item (plus shipping & handling) via personal check or money order, made payable to "National Organization, SUVCW."

# Real Son Initiated

By PDC Timothy H. Downey,  
Signals Officer, Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5,  
Department of Kentucky

Kentucky's Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5 initiated its first Real Son on April 19, 2003. Brother Charlie Brock of Laurel County, KY (born February 16, 1914) is the son of Private Amon Brock, 49th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Pvt. Brock enlisted on June 27, 1863 and was mustered into Company E of the 49th KVI on September 19th of that year.

The initiation was held at Brock's church with approximately 50 friends and family members in attendance. Camp 5 Brother Robert Baker (who was instrumental in recruiting Bro. Brock and setting up the initiation) acted as master-of-ceremonies. The initiation was performed by Kentucky Department Commander Doug Windle, PDC Timothy Downey, and Bro. Tracy Lucas. Brother Brock was presented with his certificate from the National Organization, SUVCW, and his membership badge. He was given an additional certificate from Camp 5 as well as an

SVR badge, representing membership in A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards. The Camp Wildcat Battlefield Preservation Society also presented Brock with a certificate. After the service, Brother Charlie led his Camp Brothers to a nearby cemetery, where his father is buried.

*Editor's Note: PDC Downey has been elected as the Commander of the new Provisional Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) in Kentucky and he is recruiting 'Companions.' For more information, please write to him at 632 Apache Trail, Danville, KY 40422 or [downeytimothy@hotmail.com](mailto:downeytimothy@hotmail.com). His phone number = (859) 236-6104.*



Camp 5 Brothers visiting the grave of Private Amon Brock, Co. E, 49th Kentucky Infantry are, Left to Right: Robert Baker; Doug Windle, Kentucky Department Commander; Private Brock's son, Charlie; Timothy Downey, PDC; Tracy Lucas.

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# Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

By Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC  
Chairman, National Committee  
on Lincoln Tomb Observance

Summerlike weather greeted participants and friends of the 47th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony held on April 15 to honor Abraham Lincoln on the date of his death. Representatives of some sixty organizations heard Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim describe Mr. Lincoln's life in Springfield prior to his election to the presidency. C-in-C Grim closed his remarks with the traditional reading of Mr. Lincoln's last address to the citizens of Springfield, given on February 11, 1861, as he prepared to depart with his family for the journey to Washington, D.C.

Earlier in the ceremony, the Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee Chairman respectfully reminded the audience that we have an obligation to honor our national heroes on the date of their death as well as on the date of their birth.

The Springfield Municipal Band played selections appropriate to the occasion. Color Guards were provided by the 114th Illinois Vol. Infantry Reg't. and by the Department of Illinois. Korean War Veterans Association.

Dr. Bryon Andreasen, Research Historian for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, gave the principal talk at the luncheon following the ceremony at the cemetery.

Dr. Andreasen used the story of the "Leaping Lincoln" to illustrate the fact that historians and scholars do not always agree on the details of a particular incident. In this particular instance, historians differ as to the location of where Mr. Lincoln, a member of the Illinois House of Representatives, was supposed to have tried to jump out of a window with a couple of Whig colleagues to prevent a vote on a matter and keep the opposition from gaining a quorum. At the time, December 1840, the Capitol in Springfield was unfinished and the House Chamber was not ready for occupancy. The House of Representatives met in a local church. Scholars and biographers differ as to which church, but in Dr. Andreasen's estimation, the weight of evidence indicates it was the Methodist Church. Using material and stories like this, Dr. Andreasen



C in C Robert E. Grim speaking at the 2003 Lincoln Tomb Observance.

kept his talk both entertaining and informative.

The Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary were represented by Departments and local units from throughout the Midwest to include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In addition to C-in-C Grim, National President Cynthia Brown represented the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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# Real Sons Share History



A number of Eighth Grade students from Blaine-Sumner Middle School in Peoria, Illinois have spent the past several months collecting narratives from men whose fathers served in the Union Army during the Civil War. To date, 13 young historians have participated in the project, some of whom continue to work on the assignment almost daily. The ultimate goal of these students is to produce a book suitable for publication that will include biographical sketches for each of the Union soldiers who have been researched. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Gia Harris, Dominique Nathan, and Brittney Jackson. In the back row from left to right are Aaron Baker, Rashika Pinkney, Dorian Grayson, Eighth-Grade English and American History teacher Tim Pletkovich (who is also a Brother of Colonel John Bryner Camp 67, SUVCW in Peoria), Nick Brown, and Kwame Lobdell. [Photo courtesy of Brother Pletkovich]

# Michigan GAR Hall marks its Centennial

By Bruce B. Butgereit, Commander  
Department of Michigan

Michigan's Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 sponsored a centennial celebration and rededication of its meeting place, the GAR Hall at Marshall, MI on September 7, 2002. The Hall was built in 1902 at a cost of \$3,000 and served as the meeting place for the Comrades of Colegrove Post 166 of the Grand Army of the Republic. It remains today, the best-preserved GAR Hall in Michigan. The cannon on the lawn was added in 1906. It is a 30-pound Parrott Rifle that was used during the Civil War.

Post 166 met regularly in this Hall between 1902 and 1924. Afterwards, the Hall was rented for use as a church, a dance studio, and as an ice cream parlor. When Marshall's VFW Post was organized after World War II, they used the Hall for their first meetings.

In 1977, the Marshall Historical Society bought the building from the City of Marshall for \$1. Since then, they have restored the building and transformed it into a historical museum and archives for local history. The museum features an excellent collection of Civil War items donated by local families.



[Editor's Note: GAR Post 166 was named after Private Calvin Colegrove, the first man from the Marshall, MI area to die during the Civil War (killed-in-action at the Battle of Bull Run in 1861). The Post was formed in 1883 and met at various locations until the veterans were able to raise the money for their own facility. After the Post's disbandment, its last surviving member, Arthur J. Phillips, died in 1934.]

# Council of Administration Meeting

## March 8, 2003 - Sandusky, Ohio

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by the Commander-in-Chief. The meeting of the Council of Administration (CoA) was called to order by C-in-C Grim at 9:11 a.m. EST. The Roll Call of Officers was read, voting members of the Council were present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Robert E. Grim. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser, PDC Donald E. Darby, PDC Ronald B. Gill and PDC Robert M. Petrovic. In addition were National Washington DC Representative PC-in-C Andrew M. Johnson, PC-in-C David R. Medert, National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl, and Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters, National Chief of Staff Scott Baker, National G.A.R. Highway Officer Jon B. Silvis, Department of Ohio Commander James H. Houston and Department of Ohio Junior Vice Commander Bradley A. Tilton.

The Minutes of the previous meeting being distributed and approved over the Internet in November 2002 led to dispensing with the reading of those minutes. The report of Electronic Boardroom votes was given as follows:

1. To set the subscription rate for the BANNER at \$12.00 per year. 9 (nine) votes yes, 1 (one) non-vote.
2. To approve minutes of Post Encampment Council of Administration meeting on 11 August 2002 in Springfield, Illinois. 10 (ten) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
3. To continue the free subscription distribution of the BANNER to those individuals listed in the 1998 Policy Statement for the BANNER, plus providing a free subscription to the past National Presidents of the Auxiliary. 8 (eight) votes yes, 2 (two) votes no.
4. To post on the National Website "fill-in" capable enhanced forms of the Order. 10 (ten) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
5. To pay hosting fee to put the online Graves Registration Project on the Internet. 9 (nine) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no, 1 (one) non-vote.
6. To obtain a credit card in the name of the National Organization. 10 (ten) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
7. To adopt as National Policy Statement the letter written by C-in-C Robert Grim concerning slavery in the presentation of the National Park Service at Civil War Battlefields. 10 (ten) votes

yes, 0 (zero) votes no.

8. To contribute balance of the Gertrude Janeway allowance to her nephew to help pay for funeral expenses. 9 (nine) votes yes, 1 (one) vote no.

Treasurer's Report was given and approved. National Treasurer Max Newman indicated that he did not convert the series E bonds to series H bonds because the current return on Series E bonds was higher.

Moved by Max Newman, second by Robert Petrovic to adopt suggestion by auditors to include Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director and National Patriotic Instructor in the list of National Officers that are bonded.

Motion by PDC Don Darby, second by Robert Petrovic to offer to extend contract for doing the next National Encampment Proceedings to Rebecca Pratt. Passed by those present.

CinC Grim read a proposed "Resolution of Recognition" to the Ohio Veterans Home for its historical ties to the GAR and the courtesy extended to the SUVCW in hosting our meeting at their facility. CinC Grim then entertained a motion to accept the resolution as written. So moved by Kent Armstrong, second by Max Newman and passed by those present. CinC Grim signed the letter which was framed under glass by Ohio Department Sr. Vice Commander Jon Silvis who also made the arrangements for us to meet at the home. The document was then presented to the facilities Museum Curator Dorothea Lofquist with the Council in attendance. C-in-C Grim also presented the home a copy of a book printed under the name of SUVCW James McPherson Camp #66, Department of Ohio, compiled by National Chief of Staff Scott Baker titled "Civil War Veterans Buried at the Ohio Veterans Home." (There are 2,059 Civil War veterans buried at the home.)

Discussion took place on method of overseeing the Website for Graves Registration once it is established. Commander-in-Chief appointed special committee to look into the matter with PC-in-C Ed Krieser to chair.

PC-in-C Andy Johnson indicated as a point of interest to all Brothers of this Order for future consideration. The Smithsonian Institution regarding preservation of flags in their possession including the donated GAR flags has started "re-housing" them, meaning unrolling, removing pole and bags, etc. and re-rolling using acid free paper.

Program & Policy Committee Chair Armstrong presented existing samples of Form 12 (Statement of Account), Form 13 (Quarterly Report of Camp Council), and Form 14 (Camp Treasurer Delinquency Notice) and asked opinions on their further relevance in the Order. Moved by Ed Krieser, second by Don Darby to discontinue the use of forms 12, 13, and 14. Passed by vote of those present.

Moved by Kent Armstrong, second by Ron Gill to apply the number "9" to the Application for Life Membership and the number "10" to the Life Member Reimbursement Form. Passed by those present.

(Please turn to Page 18)



### GENERAL ORDER 2003-2

#### 22 March 2003

1. Effective 08 February 2003, 1st Sgt. Lance E. Stevens, SVR, Commander of Company D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 07 February 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

### GENERAL ORDER 2003-3

#### 22 March 2003

1. Effective 01 January 2003, 1st Sgt. Randel O. Baehr, SVR, Commander of Battery M, 1st Missouri Light Artillery, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and is appointed Public Information Officer of the Fourth Military District.
2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

### GENERAL ORDER 2003-4

#### 22 March 2003

1. Effective 10 February 2003, 1st Sgt. Bob E. White, SVR, Commander of Battery A, 3rd Iowa Light Artillery, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 09 February 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

### GENERAL ORDER 2003-5

#### 22 March 2003

1. Effective 08 February 2003, 2nd Lt. Donald E. Darby, SVR, Adjutant of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 07 February 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

### GENERAL ORDER 2003-6

#### 22 March 2003

1. Effective 08 February 2003, Captain Mattin W. Lowery, Jr., SVR, Commander of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 07 February 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

### GENERAL ORDER 2003-7

#### 3 June 2003

1. Effective 07 August 2003, 1st Lt. Timothy H. Downey, SVR, Commander of A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, Third Military District, is commissioned Captain, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshal for the 122nd National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This commission and appointment expires at 2400 hours 10 August 2003.

2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the 122nd National Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the Commandery is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

David V. Medert  
Brigadier General, SVR  
Commanding

Attest: Henry E. Shaw, Jr.  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

## SVR UNIT WALKS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ITS NAMESAKE

Four members of 2nd Platoon, Co. G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, had the privilege of walking in the footsteps of the original Company G, almost 141 years after those men first established Fort Bowie at Apache Pass in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeast Arizona. These Brothers participated in a Post Cemetery rededication, and hiked over 2 miles at an elevation of 5,000 feet over trails that were originally trekked by their Company G predecessors. They were further honored to be included in the Color Guard that raised a garrison-sized National Colors over the second Fort parade ground on the flagpole that dates back to 1894.



*Ft. Bowie, AZ (National Park Service Historic Site): Left to Right - Brothers Scheib, Quigley, Velasco, and Roosevelt in support of a Mountain Howitzer similar to the one used to fight off Cochise and his band in the Spring of 1862 as the California Column entered the Apache Pass. [Photo courtesy of Glen Roosevelt]*

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Summer H. Needham Auxiliary 128 of Lawrence, MA, continues the practice of presenting a yearly monetary award and Certificate of Recognition to an outstanding graduating female cadet in the Lawrence High School JROTC Program. Shown is Auxiliary 128's secretary/treasurer Cynthia Brown (National President) with Brenda Candelario, the happy recipient. (Photo courtesy of C. Brown)

## Memorial Day Walking Tour

By Julie Esty, President  
Auxiliary 10, Pennsylvania ASUVCW

The ladies of Auxiliary 10, Scranton, PA followed Memorial Day Services with a walking tour of the Dunmore Cemetery.

The Sons of Union Veterans, Lt. Ezra Griffin, Camp 8 have been conducting services in Dunmore for over one hundred years. The Auxiliary walking tour was a first for the ladies. Auxiliary members, some in period dress, did informational talks at the gravesites of a few of Scranton's Civil War Veterans.

Despite rainy weather and lots of puddles, approximately thirty people followed Mary Jo Long, Judy Wolfe, Christine Schaefer, Lori Jones and Julie Esty through the cemetery. Included as stops on this year's tour were Ezra Ripple, Andersonville prisoner of war and former Mayor of Scranton; Isiah Everhart, Surgeon with the 8th PA Cavalry; Colonel Henry Martin Boise, a member of Ellsworth's Zouaves; Colonel William Monies, Member of Company B 30th PA Regiment and former Mayor of Scranton; Lt. Ezra Griffin, the Camp's namesake, and Corporal Irvin Payne, Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient.

The tour was very well received by those in attendance. Auxiliary 10 hopes to make the tour an annual event.



## Auxiliary News



The 112th Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Westborough, MA, April 12, 2003. The annual business meeting was attended by 34 members and guests representing the four Auxiliaries of the state as well as Maine and Connecticut. new officers were elected for the upcoming year, Barbara Mayberry of Auxiliary 10 as the new president. Eleanor Becotte, outgoing president, presented a Scholarship from the Department to Crystal Munnis. Crystal is a senior at Bristol-Plymouth Technical Regional High School and lives in East Taunton, MA. Her aunt, Jacqueline Presbrey, is a member of Auxiliary 10, while her uncle, Wendall Presbrey, held the post of Commander of Camp 26. Crystal created a website for both organizations. She participated in numerous ceremonies and has appeared in full period dress with the 20th Massachusetts Infantry re-enactment group. Having recently been accepted at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA, she plans to begin classes in the fall. The curriculum will be computer network and information systems and she is striving for a Bachelor's degree and hopes to go on to attain her Masters. We all wish her the very best in achieving her goals. (Photo courtesy of Cynthia Browne, NP of the ASUVCW)

# Restoring Ohio's Frost GAR Hall

By James H. Houston, Jr.  
Commander, Department of Ohio

It was in 1896 that Union veterans using local wood from the area built the H. G. Frost Post 341 GAR Hall in Frost, a rural hamlet in eastern Ohio. They even paneled the first floor of the two-story structure in Ohio Buckeye wood.

But over the years this treasure of the past has experienced the ravages of time. Paint on the outside of the clapboard building began to peel badly, plaster on the walls cracked, the roof needed work, and the foundation was not secure.

Recognizing that actions were needed quickly to preserve the Hall, three ladies from the area: May Frost, left; Betty Coen, center and Judy Morgan - all Past Ohio Department Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans -



mounted a campaign to raise money for the Hall's preservation. They got donations and held a bake sale. With the initial funds they were able to get the outside scraped and painted last summer. Next, they plan to work on the tin roof, walls on the second floor, and the foundation -- that is, when they can get the funds to do it.

Today the 111-year-old John S. Townsend Camp 108, SUVCW, meets in the Hall and is assisting the Auxiliary in their preservation efforts.

There are only two other GAR Halls in Ohio still regu-



Fresh paint brightens the 107 year old GAR Hall, [Photo by M. Wayne Lowery]

larly used by GAR descendants - one in Mansfield and the other in Circleville.

If you would like to help save Frost GAR Hall, consider sending a donation to: PDP Judy Morgan, 8250 Frost Rd., Coolville, OH 45723.

## Honor Roll

Pvt. J. Christian Appelfeller  
Co. A, 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
Co. F, 44th Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
By Charlotte M. & Lee F. Walters, PCC

Pvt. George W. Bennett  
Co. D, 111th New York Volunteer Infantry  
By Col. Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC

Pvt. Thomas H. B. Fale  
Co. K, 2nd Rhode Island Vol. Infantry  
By Michael T. Lannigan

Pvt. John Fetzer  
Co. C, 73rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry  
By Jeffrey L. Vaillant

Honor Roll Donations are a tribute to any Union soldier/sailor or departed Brother, in whose memory a donation (\$10 min.) was submitted to the National Treasurer. See Page 1 for address.

Pvt. William H. Ganson  
Co. F, 196th Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
By Charlotte M. & Lee F. Walters, PCC

Pvt. Philo D. Hartman  
Co. F, 13th Illinois Volunteer Infantry  
By Jesse W. Ives & James R. Ives

Pvt. John Olinger  
Co. K, 197th Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
By Jeffrey L. Vaillant

Pvt. Archibald Pierson  
Co. B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry  
By Jeffrey L. Vaillant

2nd Lt. James B. Riker  
1st Battery, Vermont Light Artillery  
By Robert E. Verney, Sr.

Pvt. George Siddall  
Co. H, 2nd Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry  
By Joseph W. Bonner

Pvt. James W. Smith  
Co. K, 14th U.S. Infantry (Reg. Army)  
By Michael T. Lannigan

Pvt. Edgar Albert Walters  
Co. E, 195th PA Vol. Infantry  
By Charlotte M. & Lee F. Walters, PCC

Pvt. Edwin F. Warner  
Co. F, 1st Maryland Vol. Infantry  
By Jesse W. Ives & James R. Ives

Sgt. August Woellert  
Co. I, 180th New York Vol. Infantry  
By James P. Waltzer

Thomas E. Wright  
Brother, SUVCW  
By Old Abe Camp 16,  
Dept. of Kansas

## Cushing Camp 5 sponsors local "Ancestor Day"

By Kent A. Peterson

Wisconsin Senior Vice Department Commander

Cushing Camp 5 recently held two "Ancestor Day" workshops open to the general public. Expanding on an idea first expressed by PDC Ronald Aronis, Camp 5 decided to try to see if there was any interest for the public to find out whether they had an ancestor who served for the Union during the Civil War.

Meeting rooms were reserved at the local public library in two cities. Each was equipped with Internet access as well as microfilms, books, rosters and maps to provide the information base required. Members of Camp 5 who have experience in genealogical research brought their own laptop computers with ancestry databases installed.

A steady flow of people came, some with no information and some with research already begun. Some had folders of newspaper clippings, tintypes of ancestors and one even had parts of a GAR medal carefully preserved.

Mrs. Sue Koefler of Kewaskum, Wisconsin brought in a very old family album full of tintypes. She said that her husband had his side of the family researched and was trying to do her side. She recently inherited the album and suspected that one of the pictures was of Gottlieb Velle of Co. G, 28th Wisconsin Vol. Inf. She said rumor had it that he died of pneumonia right after returning from the war. We verified the picture by uniform and insignia, and verified his service record. We were able to



verify pension records showing he didn't die for many years after returning.

For more information about organizing an "Ancestor Day" in your community, contact PCC Ron Aronis (RMAUVCW@aol.com), Alan Wambold (awambold@tcbi.com), or Andy Bollen (andbit@nconnect.com) for suggestions. The event was an unqualified success and Camp #5 has scheduled additional workshops in other nearby cities.

[Photo by K. Peterson]

## Meritorious Service Medal to Brother McCullough

Sea Girt, NJ: Custer Camp 17 Historian Robert Bowell (at left) and General Thomas Sullivan (center) congratulate PDC Clark McCullough (right) during a special ceremony at the NJ National Guard Training Center on April 10, 2003. The State of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs presented its Meritorious Service Medal to Brother McCullough in recognition of his service to our country during the Viet Nam War.



## My Civil War Ancestor

### Confederates In My Attic! Lt. Gen. James Longstreet, C.S.A.

By William T. Ryerson, Sr., PDC  
Department of Massachusetts

In July of 2002, my stepfather, Wightman Shearer Tyson, better known to me as "Ty", passed away. He would have been 102 years old in October, having been born in Macon, Mississippi in 1900.

Although Ty was my step dad for 34 years, I had known him all of my life, as his first wife was my uncle's wife's sister, and my relationship to his was more like that of an uncle rather than a step dad.

Ty grew up in Starkville, Mississippi and Atlanta, GA. After graduating from Mississippi State College in 1923, he served in the U. S. Army as a Second Lieutenant, and then for five years as Deputy Chancery Clerk of Noxubee County, Mississippi. He next got a job with the United Fruit Company, in Guatemala, where he met his first wife, Thelma England. They moved to Medford, Massachusetts, and Ty became an examiner with the Shawmut Bank. Eventually, Ty retired to Warwick, Massachusetts, in 1965.

With my knowledge of his background, and my interest in genealogy and history, I asked Ty many times about growing up in the South, and inquired whether he had any relatives that fought for the Confederacy. All he ever answered was "Ah, you want to hear about that stuff". On joining the SUVCW about twenty years ago, I proudly showed Ty my membership card. He handed it back to me with no comment.

At his Memorial Service, held on August 3, 2002 in Orange, Massachusetts, the minister gave a beautiful accounting of Ty's journey through life, starting with, "Wightman S. Tyson, born in Macon, Mississippi the 10th child of John Anderson Tyson and Fanny Longstreet, niece of General James Longstreet, CSA". I almost fell out of my chair! Inquiring of my stepsister after the service, I found that his mother died when Ty was very young and he

was raised by another of General Longstreet's nieces, and that his foster father was a Confederate Veteran by the name of "Shearer", (the middle name that Ty adopted). This kind and gentle "Son of the South",

whom I had known all my life and was my stepfather, pulled a good one on me, never telling about his Confederate family, (of whom he was most proud) and keeping his Civil War connections to himself, as he lived out his long life in "Union Territory".

His Great uncle, James Longstreet entered West Point from Alabama, graduated in 1842, and was wounded at Chapultepec, in Mexico. With two brevets and the staff rank of major, he resigned his commission on June 1, 1861, and joined the Confederacy. Longstreet made three mistakes that have denied him his deserved place in Southern posterity: 1. He argued with Lee at Gettysburg. 2. He was right. 3. He became a Republican.

Longstreet opposed attacking at Gettysburg, in favor of maneuvering Meade out of his position. Longstreet, who had come to believe in the strategic offense and the tactical defense, was proven right when the Confederate attacks on the second and third days were repulsed.

Later in the war, at the Wilderness, he was severely wounded in the confusion of battle, by Confederate troops. He recovered and resumed command during the Petersburg operations and commanded on the north side of the James. Lee's "Old War Horse" remained with his chief through the surrender at Appomattox.

After the war he befriended General Grant and became a Republican. He served as President Grant's minister to Turkey. He also served as commissioner of Pacific Railroads under McKinley and Roosevelt, from 1897 to 1904. Criticized by many former Confederates, he struck back with his book. From Manassas to Appomattox. He outlived most of his high-ranking postwar detractors. He died and was buried at Gainesville, GA, on January 2, 1904, the last of the high command of the Confederacy



## REMEMBERING THE GAR

(Sandusky, OH) Wreath presented at the GAR Monument on the grounds of the Ohio Veterans Home, following the SUVVCW National Council of Administration meeting March 8, 2003. From left: Robert E. Grim, C in C; Dorothea Lofquist, Ohio Veterans Home Museum Curator (former USMC); Col. Andrew M. Johnson, USA Retired, PC in C; David R. Medert, PC in C; James B. Pahl, National Counselor; Robert M. Petrovic, elected member of the Council of Administration (CoA); Harrison Scott Baker II, National Chief of Staff; Kent L. Armstrong, SV C in C; Stephen A. Michaels, JV C in C; PC in C Edward J. Krieser, National Secretary; Max L. Newman, National Treasurer; Donald E. Darby, elected member, CoA and National Patriotic Instructor; Ronald B. Gill, elected member, CoA.



(Photo by James H. Housgon, Ohio Department Commander)

## Council Meeting

(Continued from Page 12)

Since the Council of Administration anticipated further debate on the requirements for the War Medal would be at an end as of its last meeting in Gettysburg but it still continues as an issue with the membership, it was moved by Don Darby, Second by Ed Krieser to instruct the committee on Constitution & Regulations to draft language to discontinue the War Medal. Of the voting members present there were seven (7) votes to approve the motion, zero (0) votes against and one (1) abstention.

Based upon recommendations from the National Committee on SUVVCW Alternative Funding (reported at the meeting by CinC Grim) Kent Armstrong made the motion that the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation" be created as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation, thus allowing charitable donations to be made from corporations and individuals that now do not or cannot donate to the Order itself - as the SUVVCW is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(4) nonprofit corp. It was stressed that "Charitable Foundation" be part of the title and that the new corp. be permitted to use the Name and Symbols of the Order with its title. Additionally, that they be permitted to use the Emblem of the Order to produce and sell various items to the Order's membership. Brother Don Darby asked for a "friendly amend-

ment" That they be permitted to use the emblem and name of the order to produce and sell merchandise not already licensed to a Camp or Department including jewelry. And, to add that the Board of Directors for the aforementioned Foundation be Brothers Bob Petrovic, Linn Hoadley, Henry Shaw, Jon Silvis, James Houston, Harrison Scott Baker II and PCinC Ed Krieser when they accept the position. The "friendly amendment," mandating that the Board of Directors be SUVVCW Brothers in Good Standing was accepted. Brother Darby then seconded the motion. Seven (7) votes yes, zero (0) votes no and one (1) abstention.

Moved by Don Darby. Second by Steve Michaels to allocate Special Projects Fund (up to \$1300.00) to the SUVVCW Charitable Foundation to cover its start-up costs such as printing pamphlets, getting proper permits and/or charters for its creation within the State of Ohio. Passed by those present.

Executive Director Lee Walters expressed the need for an additional storage cabinet at the National Headquarters. Moved by Don Darby, second by Kent Armstrong to purchase the cabinet from the appropriate budgeted fund. Passed by those present.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C National Secretary

## Final Muster

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of the following Brothers:

Donald Culp	Desmond Dutcher, <i>Real Son</i>	Leonard Frost	Byron E. Weed II
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Col. George L. Willard Camp	John S. Townsend Camp	Carpenter-Welch Camp
Camp 20 (Michigan)	154 (New York)	108 (Ohio)	180 (Michigan)



THE OHIO/KENTUCKY ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

REQUESTS THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE

**TWO THOUSAND AND THREE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**  
OF THE  
**ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

GREATER CINCINNATI/NORTHERN KENTUCKY  
AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> 2003  
DRAWBRIDGE INN, FORT MITCHELL, KY



122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
117<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to the SUVVCW  
117<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the GAR



You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 2003 Encampment in suburban Cincinnati at Ft. Mitchell, KY. Cincinnati, "Queen City of the West," is within 100 miles of three state capitals - Columbus, OH, Frankfort, KY, and Indianapolis, IN, and is a transportation hub for the region.

The Drawbridge Villager Premier Hotel is the official hotel for this Encampment. The Hotel is located adjacent to I-75 / I-71 at Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike), about 6 miles south of the Ohio River, and about 7 miles from the Cincinnati/No. KY International Airport. Free airport transportation is provided. Parking at the Hotel is also free.

Hotel reservations can be made directly with The Drawbridge by calling (800) 354-9793 [In KY, (800) 352-9866]. Deadline for reservations is July 17, 2003. Two categories of rooms are available at the special Encampment rate: Main Building, \$79; and

Garison Building, \$69. The Garison is a separate motel-style building located approximately 100 yards behind the Main Building across the parking lot. Both buildings are single-quad occupancy. When making reservations, please indicate that you are with the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. More hotel information is available at [www.drawbridgeinn.com](http://www.drawbridgeinn.com).

There are over a dozen restaurants in and adjacent to the Hotel, with menus varying from fast food to full service.

In addition to easy access by interstate highways, the Hotel site is convenient for those arriving by air. The Cincinnati/No. KY International Airport is a hub for Delta and Comair and is also served by five other carriers including: United, Northwest, Continental, American, and Skyway.

Also, for those wanting to explore downtown Cincinnati or the No. KY waterfront, a shuttle bus runs every half-hour from the Drawbridge Inn.



THE DRAWBRIDGE Villager Premier Hotel



# Civil War Memorial Service/Tour To Kickoff National Encampment

A special Civil War Memorial Service is being planned for 7pm Thursday evening, August 7 in connection with the start of the 2003 National En-campment of the Allied Orders of the GAR in Ft. Mitchell, KY.

The program will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in Cincinnati. (Transportation will be provided from the Drawbridge Inn.) Spring Grove was founded in 1844 and Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's wartime Secretary of the Treasury and later Chief Justice, was a principal organizer. To-day Spring Grove is the second largest private cemetery in the Nation.

Services will be conducted by the National Chaplain of the SUCVW and include participation by the ASUCVW

and LGAR. In addition, the 6th OVI Re-enactor unit, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Pipe & Drum Corp. and an artillery unit are on the program.

Within Spring Grove's 400 developed acres is the final resting place of well over 2,000 Union veterans. The Memorial Service will be held in Section 21 where 1,000 soldiers from 9 different states are buried in three concentric rows. Beyond Section 21 are buried 41 Union General Officers, including Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker, four Generals from the "fighting McCooks of Ohio", and Cincinnati's own Gen. William Lytle, killed on the battlefield at Chickamauga. The bus tour following the Service will visit these sites.

## NOTICE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DELEGATES

All Delegates attending the 122nd National Encampment must present a valid Credentials Card (Form 2) signed by their Department Secretary (qualifying National Officers by the National Secretary) when signing in at the Encampment. National Camp-at-Large members will need to contact the National Secretary for their Credentials Card. The Credentials Committee cannot register anyone without it. Do not mail your Credentials Card with you pre-registration form.

Department Secretaries: You may now download and print Form 2 from the National SUCVW web site. Printed Form 2's

are still available from the National Quartermaster.

Registration hours for the 122nd National Encampment will be: Thursday, August 7th, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, August 10th, 7:30 am - 11 am & 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Saturday, August 11th, 7:30 am - 12 noon (or the lunch break for the business session, whichever is first.)

Your 122nd National Encampment Credentials Committee John R. Mann, Chairman, Ed Dowd, Larry Roach

## Inquiries and Responses

By Richard D. Orr, PCinC

**QUESTION:** Who may wear the membership badge suspended from the National gold ribbon and the Department red ribbon?

**ANSWER:** This question has been asked by several Brothers. There appears to be some confusion over the wearing of the National gold ribbon from previous practices. At one time Life Members were authorized to wear their membership badge suspended from the gold National ribbon. This practice only lasted a few years and the authorization in the C&R was repealed several years ago. Currently, only elected National Officers are authorized to wear the membership badge suspended from the National gold ribbon. Those officers are: The CinC, SRVCinC, JRVCinC, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, and three

members of the Council of Administration.

It has been customary for the CinC to authorize those who recruit a given number of new members to wear a piece of ribbon in the National gold color behind their membership badge for the duration of the particular CinC's term of office. This is worn behind the badge. The badge is not suspended from the National ribbon.

The other badges which are suspended from the National gold ribbon are the CinC badge, PCinC badge and 50 year member badge.

The Department red ribbon is authorized for all elected Department officers. This includes the Department Commander, Sr. Vice Department Commander, Jr. Vice Department Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 members of the Department Council.

*Editor's note: National Counselor James B. Pahl contributed to this column.*



On April 7, 2003, Brothers of John T. Crawford Camp 43 and Sisters of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary joined with members of the Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead Camp 1960, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) in a military gravestone dedication service for Private James W. Heath, a Confederate soldier who was buried in the Philipsburg (PA) cemetery. From left: Camp 43's Camp Guard, Sisters of the Sarah Crawford Auxiliary, members of the SCV, re-enactors of the 78th Pennsylvania Infantry, and Co. 1, 13th Virginia Infantry. Photo courtesy of Richard Esasenwein, PCC



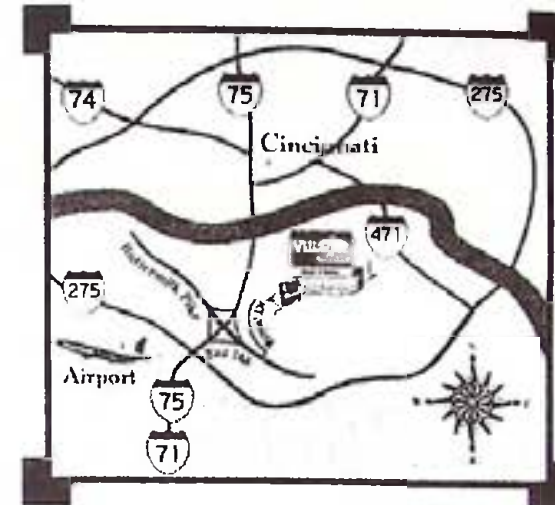
St. Louis, MO: Members of the William T. Sherman Billy Yank Camp 65, Department of Missouri and others are pictured as they enter Calvary Cemetery to take part in this year's program to mark the 183rd Anniversary of General Sherman's Birth. (Photo Courtesy of Charles E. Funck III, Missouri Junior Vice Department Commander)

**Monument to the  
Grand Army of the Republic,  
Washington, D.C.**



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BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STEPHENSON M.D.

**Directions & Forms for the 2003 National Encampment**



To the Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY  
(See Pages 10-11 for Hotel / Reservation Info)

**From Columbus, OH**  
I-71 South to Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike),  
L off the Exit, L at 2nd light onto Royal Dr.

**From Dayton, OH**  
I-75 South to Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike),  
L off the Exit, L at 2nd light onto Royal Dr.

**From Indianapolis, IN**  
I-74 East to I-75 South to Exit 186  
(Buttermilk Pike). L off the Exit. L at the  
2nd light onto Royal Dr.

**From Lexington / Louisville, KY**  
I-75 North to Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike),  
R off the Exit, L at 1st light onto Royal Dr.

**2003 Encampment Pre-Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp/No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current/Highest Past Office (Check only one)**

- CinC     Dept. Cmdr.     Delegate  
 PCinC     PDC     Alternate

Complete form and mail it with check for \$7.00  
payable to **National Organization, SUVCW** and  
send to:

2003 National Encampment Registration  
c/o PCC Ray Nagel  
6600 Betts Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45239

(Pre-Regis. deadline July 28. On-site Regis. \$10)

**Allied Orders Banquet Tickets**

Saturday, August 9, 2003

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Pork Loin @ \$30.00 ea.

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Breast of Chicken @ \$30.00 ea.

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Gen. Lytle Camp #10, SUVCW**  
and send to:

2003 National Encampment Host Committee  
c/o Ken Wilson  
6999 Copperglow Court  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

**2003 National Encampment Official Program Book**

Help support the National Encampment by placing an ad in the Official Program Book. Memorialize your Civil War ancestor or a departed Allied Order Brother or Sister. Congratulate CinC Bob Grim, Aux. NP Cynthia Brown, LGAR NP Sally Krantz, or all three. Honor your Camp, Department, or your Country.

The Program Book will be 8 1/2 "x 11" in size. Costs are: Full Page, \$40; Half Page, \$25; Quarter Page, \$15; Eighth Page, \$10. In addition, general donations to support the Encampment are welcome!

Make check payable to: **Gen. Lytle Camp 10, SUVCW**  
(Please include your email and/or phone number,  
along with name and mailing address.)

Mail your payment and ad copy/wording to:  
2003 National Encampment Host Comm.  
c/o Ken Wilson  
6999 Copperglow Court  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

**Deadline for ad receipt is July 15, 2003**



## Logo Selected for National Encampment

The Ohio/Kentucky Host Committee has designed a special logo for this year's National Encampment to be held at the Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY beginning Aug. 7. The idea for the unique design (at left) came from a portion of the official delegate medal for the 32nd National GAR Encampment held in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky in 1898.

Commemorative Tee and Polo Shirts using the emblem and the words "Allied Orders of the G.A.R., 2003 National Encampment, Ft. Mitchell, KY, August 2003" will be available at the Encampment.

## SVR Centennial Medal

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) has commissioned a medal to commemorate its 100th anniversary. This limited edition medal (only 1,000 produced) will be available at the 2003 National Encampment for SVR members attending - or by contacting PCinC Ed Krieser, 3rd Military District Chief-of-Staff.

The medal (with blue and gold ribbon) has been authorized to be worn on the SVR uniform and by SVR members through 30 November, 2004.



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# CAMP/DEPARTMENT ADS



## U.S. Grant Camp 68 Offerings

### SUVCW & GAR Embroidered Items

Polo Shirts / Satin Jackets  
Denim Shirts / Sweat Shirts

Plus: Address Labels; Coffee Mugs;  
2 x 3 inch Plastic Name Badges;  
Banners with Camp or Dept. Name.  
6 - 8 weeks for delivery.

Current prices? Contact: Mark Coplin,  
9629 Twincrest, St. Louis, MO 63126  
(314) 963-9972  
macnacl@earthlink.net

## SUVCW Pocket Patches / Hat Badge



Emblem Patch (shown above) = \$20  
Coat of Arms Patch = \$30  
Both suitable for breast pocket on blazer  
(made with gold & silver bullion thread)

SUV-Wreath Hat Badge (for kepi) = \$30

*All prices include S & H.*  
*Send check or money order, made payable to*  
*"Department of Michigan, SUVCW" to:*

*Dick Williams,*  
*1917 Teel Ave., Lansing, MI 48910*

## SUVCW BASEBALL CAPS

SUVCW Caps in blue, (solid or mesh,) red, white and yellow \$7.50 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Caps have Sons logo and the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Make checks payable to Sydney Camp 41, SUVCW, or to Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850. For more information, email address is suvcwdw@clarityconnect.com

## GAR GRAVE MARKERS



Each 6" diameter commemorative GAR grave marker is cast with supporting lugs to securely hold its 18" brass or steel mounting stake and a 1/4" diameter flag staff.

### Compare to popularly advertised prices!

Solid bronze markers .....\$21.00  
Aluminum markers .....\$17.00  
U.S. Flags: 8" x 12" on 18" staff..... \$ 1.00

Shipping - \$3.00 per marker  
**(Free if 5 or more markers are ordered)**

Other markers available: Revolution, 1812, Mexican War, Confederate, Indian Wars, Spanish-American, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf  
Please specify the items and quantities desired.

Mail check or money order to: Department of New York, SUVCW  
P.O. Box 1824, White Plains, NY 10602

Questions may be directed to: [spangler@mindspring.com](mailto:spangler@mindspring.com)



### SUVCW Camp & Dept. Flags

Flags	3x5	4x6
Camp	\$400	\$450
Department	\$500	\$550
36 star U.S.	----	\$230
Adjustable Parade Pole		\$52
Eagle		\$22
Spear		\$20
Neck Strap		\$25

Please send check or MO with order. Allow six weeks for delivery. Orders must be typed.

Given Camp No. 51  
9057SR 83N  
Holmesville, OH 44533

### SUVCW Medallions

Suitable for plaques and certificates. Inscribed Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with Son's logo inside center. \$6.50 each, inc. postage. Paper weights: 3 inch granite blocks with Son's medallion. Great Gifts or for your desk \$14.00 includes postage.

Send order and make checks payable to Sydney Camp 41, SUVCW, C/O Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850