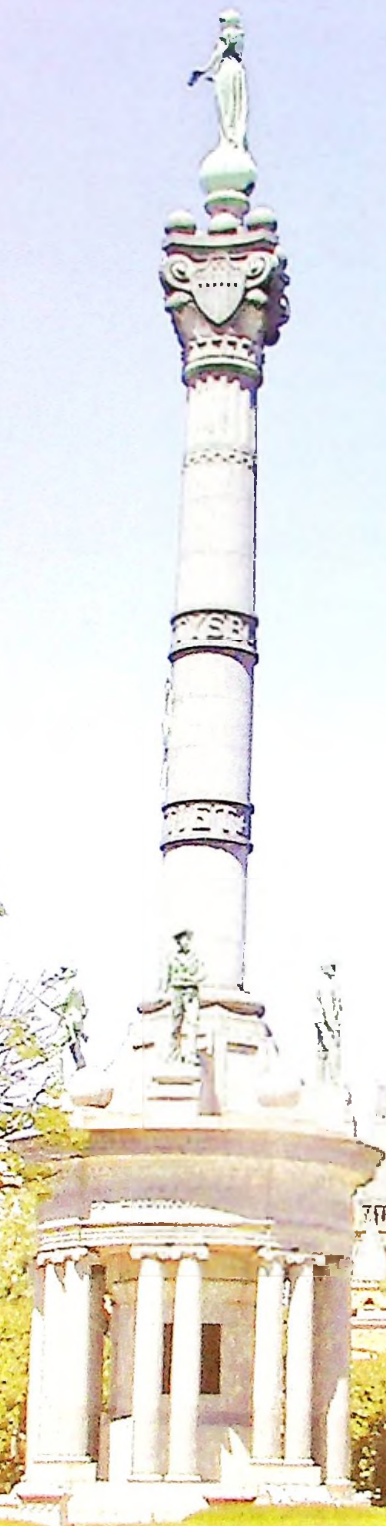


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*The Soldiers and Sailors Monument  
of Scranton, Pennsylvania*

# \$250,000 obtained for Soldiers and Sailors Monument

It has stood guard over the busiest street in the city of Scranton, Pennsylvania for more than a century. Towering some 104 feet above surrounding buildings and in front of the historic Lackawanna County Courthouse, its massive size is supported by a foundation sunk some 40 feet below the surface, constructed of solid masonry through the former Diamond Vein of this community - the world capital of Anthracite Coal.

The Soldiers and Sailors Monument, from the massive bronze tablets telling the tale of Gettysburg and the grand march in Washington at war's end, to the four copper soldiers standing guard about the base of the center column with a massive 14-foot high sculpture of Victory holding her sword and wreath - represents the community's admiration for the men in blue who toiled to save the union.

But time has not been kind and as with all monuments to our heroes, weather has taken its toll. Pieces of the copper statuary have fallen off and the entire structure is in need of cleaning and repointing - the project pricetag some \$250,000.

Enter Lt. Alan Sweeney of the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR in Scranton. Alan, long a member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 and president of the Lackawanna Historical Society, has made it his mission to restore the historic sculpture in his home town.

"Our adjutant is one of those individuals who quietly goes about doing great things to leave his community better than he found it. Working long hours without any tribute - the way he likes it - Alan has been busy: The Maine Monument in Nay Aug Park, the President McKinley Monument in Central City, the Sheridan, John Mitchell and Washington monuments on Courthouse Square have all been the recipients of this man's attention," said Capt. John M. Hart Jr., commander of the Guard.

During the rededication ceremonies on the Sheridan Monument in April of this year - the monies raised through dona-



tions arranged by Lt. Sweeney and the Sons of Union Veterans - it was announced that the SVR would join with the Lackawanna Historical Society in an effort to save the massive Soldiers and Sailors Monument located only yards away.

"Lt. Sweeney took the initiative and wasted no time in taking on the responsibility to raise this massive amount. He completed a multi-page research report on the monument, including the history, the report of a conservator and budget to present to the county commissioners. And after one meeting he was able to secure their support to fund the restoration," Hart explained.

The Commissioners, Robert C. Cordaro and A.J. Munchak, have been moving forward to restore and improve the Courthouse complex since taking office two years ago. The building, which was the setting for the famous case on child labor in the mines fought by noted American Counselor Clarence Darrow, is being totally restored to its original grandeur as well as being greatly expanded with the construction of two wings by the new commissioners. The new construction is being designed to compliment the architecture of the original structure.

"Lt. Sweeney was quick to identify the need and the commissioners were farsighted enough to see that the need was real thereby guaranteeing that future generations of Americans will benefit from the work initiated before the turn of the century by the Grand Army of the Republic," Hart noted.



Lt. Alan Sweeney of the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, left, is issued a commendation by Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels for his efforts to secure funding to save the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Scranton, PA during the annual Pennsylvania Encampment this June - ironically in Scranton.

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ON THE COVER, CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RSTORATION takes a giant leap in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as plans are unveiled to expend some \$250,000 to restore the massive Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Lackawanna County Courthouse Square. Announcemet was made at the rededication this past April of the General Phillip Sheridan Monument on the same courthouse square that the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, would join with the Lackawanna Historical Society in raising funding for the project. Lt. Alan Sweeney, adjutant of the Guard and president of the Historical Society, made the key connection in arranging for a \$250,000 grant by the county commissioners to bring the project to fruition. Story on inside front cover.

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*CinC Steve Michaels joins members of the New York Department at the annual U.S. Grant Tomb Ceremony in New York City April 24th, 2005.*



*and at left joins the Council of Administration at the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield. From left: PCinC Ed Krieser, Charlie Kuhn, Robert Petrovic, CinC Michaels, PCinC Danny Wheeler, Nat. Treasurer Max Newman, PCinC Al Loomis, and JVCinC Jim Pahl.*



*At right, in the procession to General Sherman's grave at St. Louis' Calvary Cemetery Feb. 27th, escorted by MD Commander Maj. Jack Crothe, to his right.*



*And in Providence, Rhode Island April 1st, DC Joe Hall, PDC Bob Bromley, PDC Brian Guiot and CinC Michaels tour the Battle Flag Collection and original artillery pieces at the Rhode Island State House.*

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War General Orders Series 2004-2005 Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief

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### General Orders No. 13

1. It is my pleasure to appoint Brother Frank P. Fourre, Dept. of Wisconsin, as National Aide, in recognition for recruiting three new brothers into the Order. He's received a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear behind his membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue).

2. Any Brother, who has recruited at least three new members in the 2004-2005 administrative year, will be declared in General Orders as a National Aide and be issued a National ribbon, to be worn behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new members during this time, will additionally receive a Certificate of Merit. The National Organization's Major Stevenson Award will be presented to the Brother, who has recruited the greatest number of new Members, Associates and Juniors, nationally, at this year's National Encampment.

3. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported through the Department Secretaries.

### General Orders No. 14

1. It is with great pleasure and pride that I present, with the approval of the Council of Administration, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to PDC Todd A. Shillington, Department of New York, for his tireless efforts, maintaining contact and working with legislative, Department of Defense, law enforcement and news media personnel, ensuring that a Civil War cannon was returned to the Kendall, New York, cemetery.

2. It is apparent that his actions also resulted in several similar memorials, throughout the nation, being investigated for ownership and potential return to their original sites.

3. PDC Shillington's vigilance and perseverance serve as examples to all.

Ordered this 5th Day of May 2005.

### General Orders No. 15

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother George Weldon Thomson Clark, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War and a WWII veteran, on April 6th in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He was 90 years old. As a member of Daniel Chaplin Camp 3, Bangor, Department of Maine, Br. Clark honored the memory of his father, Edwin T.S. Clark, who served as

Ordinary Seaman aboard the USS Maria A. Wood.

2. All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National Website, are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Clark's family.

Ordered this 11th Day of May 2005.

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## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration Meeting April 16, 2005 Springfield, Ill.

The National Council of Administration meeting was held at the Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL on April 16, 2005. Voting Council Members present were: C-in-C Stephen A. Michaels, SVC-in-C Donald E. Darby, JVC-in-C James B. Pahl, National Secretary Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Of Administration Members Robert B. Petrovic, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., D. Brad Schall, and PC-in-C Kent Armstrong. Council Members David Stephen and Leo Kennedy were excused. Past Commanders-in-Chief present were PC-in-C Al Loomis and PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. Also present were Chief of Staff Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Executive Director Lee F. Walters, National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, and National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit.

As he called the meeting to order, C-in-C Michaels asked for a moment of silence to pause and ask for God to extend His blessings on Brothers in distress, including PC-in-C Keith Harrison, whose mother passed away about a week ago, and for Brother Frank Tucker of Massachusetts who recently lost his wife. National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski then offered a moving and thought provoking invocation. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by C-in-C Michaels. National Quartermaster Wheeler, noted that all Council Members not wearing their membership badge were require to pay a penalty of one dollar, as per the decision of the previous Council Meeting. Secretary Bennett dutifully paid his dollar and then called the roll of Council of Administration Members, and noted the Past Commanders-in-Chief and guests who were present.

Chief of Staff Palmer distributed the National Officer and Committee reports, and offered his appreciation for the dramatic improvement in the number of reports received for this meeting over the last meeting. He expressed his belief that with more reports received, the Council will have a better view and understanding of the state of our Order. Brother Palmer noted several staff changes, and commented on the reports he felt required special attention, identifying the reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, the National Civil War Memorials Officer, the National Graves Registration Officer, the Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, National Webmaster, the Committee on Legislation, the Remembrance Day Committee, and the Ebay Committee as

possibly containing issues which need to be addressed at this time.

Officers present who wished to give a verbal report were then given an opportunity to do so. This was done by the National Secretary, the Patriotic Instructor and Chairman of the Committee on Americanization and Education, the National Quartermaster, the Chairman of the Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, and the Co-Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund.

C-in-C Michaels then asked for a report on Communications. National Secretary Bennett reported on, and turned over to the National Treasurer, a check from the US Grant Camp 101 in Detroit, MI for a replacement Charter, an Application for Permission to Form a Camp of the SUVCW from the Pvt. Silas Gore Camp 141 of Towanda, PA, Department of Pennsylvania, Brother Steven Hall, Camp Organizer, and a request for permission to waive National per capita for a Brother from the William B. Keith Camp 12, Department of California & Pacific, currently serving in a combat zone. C-in-C Michaels reported on a communication he received via our Executive Director from the Citizens Flag Alliance, who provided us with a Super Tracker report of our Congressional Representatives and their positions on a Flag Amendment, or other legislation to protect the flag from desecration. PC-in-C Krieser noted that a National Encampment has already voted to support a flag protection amendment.

The Council was then directed to a listing of all Department Encampments and other events which might require or invite a visitation from our Commander-in-Chief or other National Officer. C-in-C Michaels noted that there were four events still not covered, and asked for volunteers from the Council. Treasurer Newman noted that Council Members representing the Commander-in-Chief at any of these events must submit an expense report, with their receipts, to the C-in-C for his approval, prior to reimbursement. Secretary Bennett volunteered to attend the Department of Connecticut Encampment on May 21, 2005. Brother Kuhn reported he will check his schedule to see if he can attend one of the other uncovered events.

C-in-C Michaels then asked the Council to determine what the further duties of Nathan Orr will be with regard to the Graves Registration database, now that the database is up and running online. Discussion followed, concluding with a decision to locate and review the original contract

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and see how and if the subject of future maintenance is addressed, and if a payment is currently owed to Brother Nathan for his work. The possibility of the Graves Registration Database software being adapted for use with the Civil War Memorials Database was briefly discussed, noting that the National Civil War Memorials Officer would indicate when he was ready to move in that direction. Secretary Bennett expressed his concern that experiments in using the database have, on some occasions, found information that was so incorrect that it made one question whether the data was input correctly, or whether fields may have shifted resulting in soldier data aligning with different individuals. Other Council Members expressed concern over outside individuals, or even multiple individuals within our own organization, being given authority to enter data and make changes. C-in-C Michaels agreed to bring these concerns to the attention of National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe. The Council's conclusion was that all of these problems or concerns would be addressed, now that the database is finally online.

Treasurer Newman noted one correction to his Treasurer's Report. He then answered questions or offered clarification where requested regarding the remainder of his report. Treasurer Newman then announced that he would provide the Council with copies of the budget with blank lines next to each item so that Council Members could indicate if there are any expenses or line items which need to be adjusted. National Quartermaster Wheeler then commented on the manner in which he will change the way shipping and other supplies for the Quartermaster will be purchased and accounted for.

Senior Vice C-in-C Darby noted, and confirmed with Treasurer Newman, that we would be approximately \$400 over budget on publication of The Banner.

SVC-in-C Darby then asked if a motion was needed in order to increase the budget to cover this expense. National Counselor James Pahl indicated that this could be handled at the Pre-Encampment Council Meeting as necessary. Treasurer Newman then announced that he will not be resigning his position as National Treasurer, after resolving his health issues. He received a round of applause, and much support from those assembled.

National Patriotic Instructor Butgereit then asked what the procedure was for ordering a new supply of ROTC medals. It was noted that this is the duty of the National Quartermaster, and National Quartermaster Wheeler informed the Council that he would place the order the following day. The possibility of "drop shipping" these medals directly to Brother Butgereit was then discussed and Brother Wheeler agreed to explore that possibility.

Treasurer Newman then asked the Council to let him know if there was any additional information that they

needed in understanding the finances of our Order, and also offered to print additional reports, or different reports, if they would be helpful. He also noted how the auditors equate each member paying dues, whether for a full year, half year, or quarter of the year, with a full year's dues of \$18, thereby creating a disparity between our records, and the auditors' calculations. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Pahl noted that regardless of the auditors' inability to understand the workings of our Order, Treasurer Newman is doing a far superior job to our previous National Treasurer (Brother Pahl).

SVC-in-C Darby asked about the Certificates of Deposit owned by the Sons, including some in Pennsylvania that are earning very low rates of interest. It was also noted that several of our smaller accounts or investments might be combined to create larger sums earning higher rates. A motion was made by PC-in-C Armstrong, seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, to authorize Treasurer Newman to re-invest funds that are coming due in June and August at a higher rate. Council Member Kuhn asked for the adoption of a friendly amendment to consolidate other funds, even CDs not yet due and even if small penalties are incurred, in order to gain higher interest rates. The amendment was adopted and the motion was approved unanimously.

C-in-C Michaels then brought up the subject of travel allowances, and the possibility of increasing these allowances in light of rising costs of fuel and transportation. Specifically, C-in-C Michaels noted that Executive Director Walters easily spends far more than his allotted amount of \$1000 per year in attending the annual National Encampment and Council Meetings. Brother Walters confirmed that he regularly spends more in travel expenses than he is reimbursed for. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the Executive Director's travel allowance be increased by \$1000. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Newman. SVC-in-C Darby offered a friendly amendment to increase the allowance by \$2000. This amendment was accepted by Brothers Pahl and Newman. The motion passed unanimously and Counselor Pahl will draft an amended contract for the Executive Director that reflects this increase.

The subject of the C-in-C and his designees, and their travel allowances, was then discussed. PC-in-C Armstrong moved that the current amount of up to \$300 per travel available to Council Members representing the Commander-in-Chief specifically at Department Encampments be increased to \$500, with his authorization and approval of submitted receipts. This was seconded by Brother Wheeler and passed unanimously. Brother Wheeler cautioned the Council to remember that we do the things we do, including travel, for the Boys in Blue, and that sometimes these expenses must come out of our own

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pockets. All were in agreement. Brother Wheeler then suggested that, in line with the motion just passed, the Commander-in-Chief's budget for travel should also be increased to help cover the many expenses incurred by Commanders-in-Chief. PC-in-C Armstrong moved that the C-in-C's budget be increased from \$5000 to \$6000. Council Member Schall suggested that this might not be enough, and offered a friendly amendment to increase this amount to \$7500. Treasurer Newman offered the amendment that the increase be 60%, raising the amount to \$8000. Following discussion, including opposition to that large an increase by some members, PC-in-C Wheeler moved that there be an increase of \$1000. This was seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. Council Member Schall offered a formal amendment that this increase be raised to \$2500, which was seconded by Brother Kuhn. The vote on the amendment passed unanimously, and the amended motion passed unanimously as well, with Brothers Darby and Pahl abstaining. Brother Wheeler then moved that the \$2500 increase just approved be extended to include the current Commander-in-Chief. This was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby, and approved unanimously.

Commander-in-Chief Michaels then reported that the Presidents of the Allied Orders, specifically the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the G.A.R., had been contacted in writing regarding the need

for an increase in the contribution made each year towards our National Encampment. C-in-C Michaels specified a need for an additional \$150. The Auxiliary has indicated that they will agree and are prepared to offer payment.

The Ladies of the G.A.R. have not yet responded. Some discussion then ensued as to where and to whom the Auxiliary should send their payment, and it was agreed that the payment should be sent to the Host Department, and will be reflected on their report to the COA. A lengthy discussion ensued, regarding Allied Orders, contributions, exactly what is included with an attendee's registration fee, and what might be covered by additional fees. It was agreed that no further action will be taken with regard to the Sons' request for an increased contribution from the Auxiliary and LGAR towards Encampment expenses. Should the contributions be made, they will be accepted with appreciation. And if not, then that decision will be accepted as well.

Furthermore, in the interest of increasing the fraternity and harmony within our Allied Orders, it was agreed that all attendees will continue to be treated equally and will be provided with the same materials, including badges, as the Sons.

The Commander-in-Chief then called a short recess. Upon continuation of the meeting, Secretary Bennett asked for clarification on certain information that was requested on the recently revised Annual Report Forms 27/27a and 35/35a as well as the monthly Camp Status Report Form 30, and the procedures for filing each of these reports. After much discussion, the Council came to agreement on exactly which information was required on the different forms, and exactly when the different forms are to be used. Secretary Bennett will create instructions for each of these forms. It was noted that the revised Camp Annual Report Form does not ask for the date of death of deceased members being reported for the first time with that report, as do the Department Annual Report and the Camp Status Reports.

Also, where the reports ask for changes in membership numbers or information since last report, it is unclear if that refers to last Annual Report or last Status Report. In some instances it is one, and in other places it is the other. C-in-C Michaels asked SVC-in-C Darby and the Program & Policy Committee to look into and clarify this on the forms. It was further confirmed that following the possible submission of a Camp Status Report noting December changes to a Camp's membership, no Camp Status Reports are to be submitted in January, February or March. Following the Camp Annual Report which reflects the status of the Camp on March 31st, and may show changes that have

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occurred during the first quarter, changes are once again reported using Camp Status Reports in May though December.

National Quartermaster Wheeler remarked that some Camps were concerned by the requirement that they provide bank account information on the Camp Annual Report forms and the possibility of identity theft.

Council Member Petrovic then reported on the status of work on the 2005 National Encampment, including the purchase of ribbons, and proposals for photographic services. Specific requirements for photography were discussed, including the use of 35 mm film instead of digital, the use of archival albums, and specific numbering protocols for proofs. Brother Petrovic suggested that two sets of prints be produced, with one set for National and the second set as a gift to the outgoing C-in-C. Products and packages, a list of specific pictures to be taken, and prices were discussed, resulting in a motion by JVC-in-C Pahl, seconded by SVC-in-C Darby to adopt to following photography package:

\$50 per roll of film + developing (4 or 5 rolls provided by Encampment) Double Prints and a CD-Rom disk to be produced 1 set to National in an archival album CD-Rom with index for National to use in creating duplicate prints 1 set to the outgoing C-in-C in an archival album

The Encampment Host Committee selects and retains the photographer.

The motion passed with only Brother Pahl in opposition, out of old habit.

In part to cover increasing costs of the National Encampment, including the aforementioned photography package, and also to attempt to enable those responsible for the Encampment to have better information on the expected number of attendees, it was proposed that the Encampment registration fee be raised to \$10 for advance registrations, and \$15 at the door. This was moved by SVC-in-C Darby, and seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. The motion passed unanimously.

PC-in-C Krieser reported that the 2004 Encampment Proceedings are completed and in print. Copies will be mailed to members of the Council who have not received them, and they will also be available at the Encampment in New Hampshire. Brother Krieser also noted that PC-in-C Richard Orr has reported that Brother Glenn Knight is finished with his, which will make three sets of Proceedings to be mailed out this year. Brother Krieser and Brother Darby both spoke of the high quality product that we are now producing with the assistance of the new stenographer. It was noted that, as a Congressionally Chartered organization, copies of our Proceedings are provided, and must be provided, to the Library of Congress.

C-in-C Michaels then called upon PC-in-C Al Loomis to

report on the Lincoln Bicentennial. Brother Loomis passed around a packet of information that included a proposed letter to the Federal Lincoln Bicentennial Commission asking for permission to produce a Lincoln Bicentennial medallion - much as the Grand Army of the Republic produced for the Centennial celebration. Brother Loomis went through and explained the Federal Commission's application, and then showed a sketch of the potential medallion design. The Council discussed the designs, and whether the item should be a medallion or a coin. Brother Kuhn moved that the Council approve the presented medallion design, and that it be produced as a bronze medallion. Other metals and appearances were briefly discussed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. PC-in-C Loomis requested approval of the Council to send his letter and application to the Federal Commission. This was moved, seconded and unanimously passed as well. Brother Loomis noted that there are State Commissions created in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and that he has been given a position on the Indiana Taskforce.

Brother Kreiser reported that the Charitable Foundation is actively working on By-Laws, and should have a draft ready for review in a couple of months.

Also, new products will be made available for sale by the National Encampment in New Hampshire. Discussion was then held regarding the availability of advertising space in The Banner for the Foundation. While some members of the Council expressed their belief that it had previously been decided that 2 issues per year of The Banner would feature free space to the Foundation, PC-in-C Krieser noted that the minutes from the Post-Encampment COA Meeting report that space would be provided in every issue. Secretary Bennett agreed to review the audio recordings from that meeting to ensure the accuracy of the minutes. Brother Darby noted that the Quartermaster and the Foundation will be utilizing four pages out of each issue. National Quartermaster Wheeler suggested that neither entity requires two pages per issue, as a page of photographs is not needed in each and every issue.

Brother Petrovic noted that it is difficult for Brothers to identify items either from the written description or from photographs alone. Brother Darby added that our new printer provided four extra color pages at no additional cost, without which, some of our color pages, perhaps the photo pages under discussion, would have been in black and white. On behalf of the Foundation, Brother Petrovic asked if a website page could be provided for providing information about the purpose of the Foundation, as well as for photographs of merchandise available for sale and an order form. JVC-in-C Pahl noted that Departments are asked to pay \$60 per year for hosting a site within the National website, and suggested that the Foundation

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should be required to do the same. Secretary Bennett reported his belief that advertising is prohibited within the National website, at least on Camp and Department sites within the National site. Brother Petrovic then asked if the Foundation could produce copies of The Banner for sale on CD-Rom. A motion was made by PC-in-C Armstrong, and seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler to proceed with the sale of The Banner on CD. A friendly amendment was made by Brother Pahl to follow the suggestion of PC-in-C Richard Orr to authorize the Foundation to act as an agent of the SUVCW in manufacturing these CDs, and then license them as an exclusive distributor. The motion passed with the abstentions of Brothers Schall and Pahl.

C-in-C Michaels reported on the inquiry from PC-in-C Powell regarding the availability of suvcw.org vanity e-mail addresses. Brother Darby suggested that, if addresses were to be made available for a price, a full year's payment should be required up front, rather than paying month to month. The subject was tabled until more detailed availability and pricing information can be obtained. It was further discussed that domain names similar to suvcw.org are available, such as suvcw.com, suvcw.info, suvcw.net, etc. and that other entities could obtain them. These domains could be acquired by those with animosity towards our Order, with opposing views to our own, or even simply by other organizations or individuals we might not want to be associated with, and might cause confusion or negative public opinion about the SUVCW. National Quartermaster Wheeler moved that we purchase all "suvcw" sites available. Brother Pahl suggested that we find out how many sites we are talking about before taking that action. The subject was tabled until investigation could take place into how much money this would cost annually, based on the number of domain names to be registered.

Patriotic Instructor Butgereit was then given the floor to present some of the projects and publications he has been working on this year: a flyer on U.S. Flag facts, a flyer with information on an adopt-a-school program for use within the SUVCW, a mourning or death certificate, and a Patriotic Instructor's Handbook. All of these were created with the intention that they be placed on the National website, free to all of our members and also available to the general public. All were very well received by the members of the Council. C-in-C Michaels directed that the certificate be forwarded to the Program & Policy Committee for their review, and that the approved form be made available through the National Quartermaster. Brother Pahl indicated his work towards creating a new SUVCW "Redbook" that would be on CD-Rom and would feature all SUVCW forms and publications. He estimated that it should be com-

pleted by the 2006 National Encampment, and that Brother Butgereit's publications should be included. Brother Darby moved that until such "Redbook" is created, all of these pamphlets should be placed on the National website. The motion was supported by Brother Pahl and seconded by Brother Wheeler. C-in-C Michaels offered the friendly amendment that even after a "Redbook" is created, these items should remain on the website. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Kuhn then reported on Remembrance Day, beginning a discussion on the location to be used for the SUVCW ceremony. Brother Kuhn reported that since the ceremony was moved to The Angle several years ago, attendance at the ceremony has decreased. He added that some Confederate re-enactors have viewed the SUVCW's move to that site as an intrusion on their own ceremony. Many Union units and SUVCW Brothers also agree that the move was a mistake which detracts from our original purpose. On behalf of the Remembrance Day Committee, Brother Kuhn expressed their belief that it would be desirable to move the ceremony from The Angle back to the GAR Monument and made a motion to that effect. This was seconded by Brother Wheeler. Brother Darby noted that the move to The Angle first took place in response to both the Confederate and Union re-enactors bypassing the ceremonies at the GAR Monument. Brother Darby asked for a definition of what Remembrance Day, and our event, is about. Brother Kuhn offered that the day likely means something different to everyone. He further noted that the 19th of November is the day of the dedication of the National Cemetery and Lincoln's address, and that this was the reason the parade was first started. C-in-C Michaels expressed his belief that all arguments had now been heard.

Brother Pahl moved the previous question. Further discussion ensued, and Brother Darby repeated his belief that the Sons need to define what the purpose of the event is, and the rest will become evident. The motion to return the SUVCW ceremony to the GAR Monument passed unanimously. Brother Darby moved that the Order define the reason for the ceremony and put it in writing. Brother Pahl moved that this matter be referred to the Remembrance Day Committee. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Brother Kuhn then moved that the parade be held at 1:30 PM instead of 1:00 PM this year, and this year only, to accommodate the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania's event this year. This motion was seconded by Brother Wheeler and passed unanimously. Brother Kuhn continued to note that information has to be disseminated quickly through press releases in publications such as the Civil War News to spread the word about the change of time, the newly defined reason for the event, and that there are rules for the event including

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attire and conduct.

C-in-C Michaels then asked Secretary Bennett to report on a recent update from National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington regarding the theft of cannon from Kendall, NY. Brother Bennett reported that the cannon illegally sold by the Town and Town Supervisor of Kendall, NY to Kenneth Watterson are being returned. While admitting no wrong-doing, Mr. Watterson has stated that, noting the trouble the Kendall Town Supervisor seems to have gotten himself into, the matter is not worth a man losing his job. Despite our apparent victory in this matter, progress continues in other New York cannon theft investigations, and it is hoped that prosecutions will take place. Meanwhile, in Trinidad, CO, the TACOM office and Department of Defense are going after cannon removed from Kit Carson Park. C-in-C Michaels then asked for the Council to vote on the Resolution drafted by PC-in-C Johnson, asking for the support of the American Legion in our "saving cannon strategy." Brother Armstrong moved, and Brother Darby seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

National Quartermaster Wheeler brought up a request he has received to provide samples of SUVCW medals, specifically the War and Military Service medal, for display in a museum. JVC-in-C Pahl reported that he has had a similar request from another institution. After discussion, it was agreed that the medals are only to be made available for purchase by individual Brothers for their own use.

C-in-C Steve Michaels then reported on a request from the Department of Kansas Camp located in Beloit, KS, which has recently undergone a re-organization and would like permission from the Council to conduct Camp Officer elections no later than the end of May, 2005. Brother Darby moved and Brother Pahl seconded that permission be given to the Camp for this extension.

Brother Kuhn reports that the National Organization has been asked to provide and present a wreath at a ceremony held at Pt. Lookout, Maryland in October. C-in-C Michaels noted that he will be attending the Department of Maryland Encampment next week and will make inquiries there about this event. Brother Kuhn then asked if the name "Sons of Union Veterans" can be used on a medal to be struck for use at an event to be held by the Department of Pennsylvania at the site of Andersonville Prison. When informed that permission of the Council would be required, Brother Kuhn made that request. A motion was made by Brother Armstrong, and duly seconded by Brother Wheeler, that permission be granted. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Director Walters then showed a sample of the SUVCW license plate being offered for sale by the Hartranft Camp, under license from the Sons of Union

Veterans.

SVC-in-C Darby mentioned that PC-in-C Johnson and others would like to see the War Medal, Military Service Medal and Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Medal created in miniature. Counselor Pahl indicated that the Constitution provides for a palm to be worn on the miniature Membership Medal to signify the War Medal. To create a new miniature medal would require amending the Constitution and Regulations.

Secretary Bennett discussed updates and changes he believes are needed to Form 50, Instructions for Forming a Camp. C-in-C Michaels directed that Secretary Bennett work with the Program and Policy Committee with regard to this.

Treasurer Newman mentioned that he needs to be informed of the Employer Identification Numbers of new Camps. As Form 54 contains, or should contain, that information, Secretary Bennett will forward copies of this form to Treasurer Newman as they are filed and approved.

JVC-in-C Pahl noted that there is no link on the National Civil War Museum website leading to the SUVCW National site. It was suggested that the museum be contacted and that a request be made.

Brother Pahl also reported on an inquiry received from a gentleman in Australia who is interested in obtaining and placing US Government headstones for unmarked Union veterans graves in Australia. The Department of Veterans Affairs reported that they will ship headstones outside of the US. Assistance is needed in assembling the information required in order to apply for stones. Secretary Bennett volunteer to contact and work with this man on this project.

Patriotic Instructor Butgereit requested that ROTC certificates be printed professionally, as was previously done. National Quartermaster Wheeler asked that the certificate file be forwarded to him so that he could attend to this. Brother Butgereit also noted that, according to our Ritual, a blank form is to be provided by the Department Patriotic Instructor. No standard form exists. C-in-C Michaels referred this matter to the Program & Policy Committee for its review.

National Chaplain Kowalski reported that he has been contacted by Auxiliary Chaplain Mary Fritz, regarding the Joint Memorial Service to be held at the National Encampment, and further stated that he will be coordinating much of this. Council Members present shared their recollections of how this observance has been held. C-in-C Michaels suggested that Past National Chaplain McAfee would be a good person to contact for information on last year's Memorial Service.

With no further business to come before the Council, the C-in-C asked Chaplain Kowalski to offer a closing prayer and, following that, closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Michael S. Bennett, PDC  
National Secretary



## HISTORY OF THE SUVCW FILII VETERANORUM (part IV)

By Robert Wolz

National SUVCW Historian

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Camps, armed and unarmed, held "Field Days" at the District or State level to allow competitions in drill and marksmanship. Attendance at summer training allowed their military skills to be further improved.

This universal military training resulted in numerous Sons serving in the Spanish American War, thus becoming veterans in their own right and helping create the United Spanish War Veterans whose chapters were also known as "Camps" and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Son's Commander-in-Chief Charles Darling was unable to attend the 1898 national encampment as he was with his regiment overseas. Commander Darling issued General Orders #2 Series of 1898 stating: "Companies, Regiments, possibly brigades, would spring from our organization throughout the land, should the call be made; but all must be duly accepted and mustered by the constituted authorities and by them officered. It is fully expected that our members will perform their duty, whenever the path of that duty lies, and here it is believed the matter may be safely left. [xxv]. Two Sons of Veterans companies were mustered from Michigan - Co. L, 33rd Michigan Infantry, and Co. B, 35th Michigan Infantry. Co. L, 33rd Michigan made up entirely of members of the Michigan Divisions, Sons of Veterans, USA. Twenty-six companies from Indiana volunteered, but only six companies actually were mustered into the Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Many individual Sons volunteered for service in the Spanish American War from all the States. A War Service Medal was authorized to honor those veterans who were Sons members who served in combat [xxvi]. Congress donated captured Spanish cannon to supply the bronze to manufacture it. They were hallmarked on the reverse, "Sons of Veterans, USA War Service and bear an individual serial number." A numbered certificate bore the same number as the badge and was presented to the members of the Sons who saw combat in the Spanish American War. A 115 page book entitled "The Roll of Honor of the Sons of Veterans, USA" was published in 1899 listing the Sons who served with honor in the Spanish American War of 1898.

**A New Century and Numerous Changes to the Order**  
Many members of the Sons of Veterans, USA themselves now reaching mid-life and the appeal to encamp in the field and pursue military training no longer the same

appeal as it did to them as young adults. In 1903, the Sons of Veterans, USA became a fraternal lodge with officer's titles changing to Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer, Guard and Guide.

At various times, resolutions were made to admit lineal descendents of Union veterans into the Grand Army of the Republic. Everytime the old soldiers soundly defeated these resolutions. For example in 1904 at Boston, a GAR committee report read:

"That incorporation of members of the Sons of Veterans with membership in the Grand Army of the Republic with a view of perpetuating the name and record possible of our Order when those whose lives and services made that name and record possible shall have passed away, will leave the name only remaining, wholly without support in the fact of an army service membership to justify its continuance. That to admit members of the Sons of veterans to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic upon any footing whatever is regarded as inimical discord in the Post meetings; weaken the affection of the old members for the Order and hasten the day when few of the old soldiers will be found in its councils, and we are, therefore, opposed to such admission." Similarly, resolutions on several occasions were made to change the Sons of Veterans name to the Sons of the GAR [xxvii]. Again, the Grand Army of the Republic rejected the idea every time.

### Memorial University: A Tribute to the GAR.

In 1900, the Sons undertook their grandest project of all: the creation of Memorial University. This was a fully accredited college dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic [xxviii].

In 1902, the Liberal Arts College opened in Mason City, Iowa. A number of programs were planned including a teachers college, a business school, a music school, a military training school and a college of oratory. One large limestone building was completed. This building housed 30 classrooms, a chapel to seat 400 and a large library. Mason City, Iowa was selected because it was in the center of the country with roads and rail lines making for easy access. Unfortunately, its central location was a distance from any population center. While the Iowa Department of Education accredited the college, enrollment was always low with most students on scholarships and fewer than 50 students enrolled.

Theodore Roosevelt was to give the dedication address. It is unknown if he did, but numerous Allied

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## National Graves Registration Database Online

by Bob Lowe, PDC

National Graves Registration Officer

The SUVCW National Graves Registration Project was established in 1996. Since then, hundreds of dedicated people from within and without our Order have graciously devoted thousands of hours of their time and energy visiting cemeteries, recording, verifying, researching and entering the final resting places of Civil War veterans.

From the beginning, one thing was missing - the means for the SUVCW and general public to search and view the results of our labor on the Internet. As the number of registrations grew to its current 326,000+, it was also apparent that duplication of effort and a waste of time was reaching an unacceptable level.

Now, nine years later, the National Graves Registration Database is available to all. The database was activated February 22, 2005. It can be found on the website index of the SUVCW National Website ([www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org)) or directly at ([www.suvcwdb.org](http://www.suvcwdb.org)) This will make all original registrations available for viewing by the general public, as well as allowing for new registrations to be entered through our online program. We have worked to avoid them, but there may be a few "start up" problems requiring our attention. So please be patient. For the time being, only new graves registrations will be entered through the "submitter" area. Once we are assured this has been successful, we will address the "updating of previously entered records."

There are two sections/areas in the online program: Public Area (for viewing/searching only) Submitter Area (for those with approved accounts and allowed to enter registrations)

Regarding the "Submitter Area:

1. An individual, Camp, Department applies for an Account, which is either approved or disapproved by the National Graves Registration Officer (National GRO).
2. Approved submitters enter a grave registration(s), it is automatically checked for duplication. If passed, it is allowed to be submitted, but is not in the main database.
3. The submitted record(s) goes to a "holding area," where it is reviewed and either "approved" or "disapproved" by the National GRO.
4. Records passing the above criteria still are not a part of the main database until the National GRO or designee enters one additional area and inserts it/them into the data base.

This system is not fool proof, but should reduce fictitious entries to an absolute minimum. Updated or additional information concerning previously submitted registrations should continue to be submitted to the National Graves Registration Officer. Naturally, submissions for those without computer access or preferring not to use this tool will be accepted through regular mail or email by Department Graves Registration Officers or, in their absence, the National Graves Registration Officer.

It is our hope that this online database program will promote increased interest in the SUVCW National Graves Registration Project and take us to an entirely new level of achievement. Depending on the source referenced there are between 4.2 and 4.8 million Union Civil War Veterans. Due to mass burials, unreported battlefield losses, burials at sea and other circumstances, we can never expect to register all Union graves, but with your assistance we will succeed in honoring the "boys in blue." to the best of our ability.

Special thanks to Brothers Nathan Orr and Leo Kennedy, PDC, without whose efforts, this database would never have reached this successful launching.

Please direct all inquires concerning the National Graves Registration Project or Database to National Graves Registration Office Bob Lowe, PDC, via phone at (619)588-9148 or email at [Cavalry21@cox.net](mailto:Cavalry21@cox.net).

### History of the SUVCW

Orders members attended. While sentiment created the Memorial University, members were asked to donate to its maintenance [xxix]. With low enrollment, the financial burden became too much. In 1911, the Sons voted to close the University. There were only 75 students enrolled in the entire college and 38 were from Mason City itself [xxx]. The building was used until the late 1980s by the Mason City, Iowa School system [xxxi].



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# Ancestor's sidearm finds its way home

Submitted by Bro. Robert Figenshu  
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24  
Dept. California and Pacific



Lawrence Fiegenschuh was born in France of German immigrant parents, on August 23, 1823. In 1848, at the age of 25, he immigrated to the United States and settled in Philadelphia. He was 5'7" tall, with blue eyes and brown hair. He held jobs as a boatsman, potter, bartender, wood carver, lager (Beer wagon) driver, a freight mover and lamplighter.

In December of 1862 Lawrence enlisted in the 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry which was being formed at that time by Capt. William Page in Philadelphia. Lawrence reported to Company A of the 18th at the Fairfax Court House (VA) at the rank of Corporal. The regiment was assigned to the defense of Washington. A few months later he, and others, were reassigned to Company L, which completed its complement.

At some point between February and mid June of 1863, the 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment was under the command of George A. Custer and then Brigadier General Elon Farnsworth. This was the Third Division, First Brigade, Army of the Potomac. The Division Commanding General was Kilpatrick and General Pleasonton was Commander Cavalry Forces.

Corporal Fiegenschuh saw action at Chantilly, the Battle of Hanover, as well as skirmishes at Hunterstown and Gettysburg. At Gettysburg, he participated in a cavalry charge on July 3rd against the infantry of the First Texas and the 5th Alabama and, later that afternoon, fought in a dismounted engagement against Confederate Cavalry. In this action, General Farnsworth was killed.

On July 4th, the 18th Pennsylvania and the First Vermont Cavalry pursued Lee's retreating Army and caught up with a large contingent of Confederates in downtown Hagerstown, MD. Companies L and M or the 18th Pennsylvania were ordered into town to see the strength of the enemy.

The Confederates poured out of the side streets and a large skirmish ensued with the Pennsylvanians suffering considerable casualties. It was here that Corporal Fiegenschuh was captured, and it is believed that he lost his Colt Army Model 1860 sidearm. He was listed in the Company Roster as Missing in Action and later as a Prisoner of War. He was held at Belle Isle POW Camp, near Richmond, VA.

He was paroled and reported back to Federal Cavalry Service in Washington, D.C. In January 1864, he was Honorably Discharged by Surgeons Certificate as he was

ill. Lawrence Fiegenschuh died of Tuberculosis on November 8th, 1871 at 48 years of age and is buried at Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, PA.

And so one would think that the story ended.

However, late in May 2004, Brother Robert Figenshu, Camp 24, Department of California and Pacific, received an email from a complete stranger, Mr. Robert Spencer of Doncaster, England. The email informed Brother Figenshu that his Great-grandfather's Civil War revolver was purchased by Mr. Spencer at an Antique Show in England.

Mr. Spencer had an interest in the American Civil War, did the research with the serial numbers through the National Archives, Colt Manufacturing Company, and the Springfield Research Service in Virginia. One thing led to another, and eventually Mr. Spencer found Brother Figenshu, contact was made, and later on a purchase was consummated. So, One Hundred and Forty One years later, Corporal Fiegenschuh's revolver was found in England and ultimately returned to his ancestors, where it will rest in peace.

## Honor Roll

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Gen. G. H. Thomas Camp 19  
Department of Pennsylvania

Donald Scott Hartzell  
Downington, PA Camp 19  
By Gen. G. H. Thomas Camp 19  
Department of Pennsylvania

Alvin Ackley Caulkins  
Company A 7th Minn. Infantry  
By Jack A. Searle  
Alden Skinner Camp 45  
Department of Connecticut

Sgt. John Tait  
Company G 24th Michigan Infantry  
By Kent L. Armstrong, PCinC  
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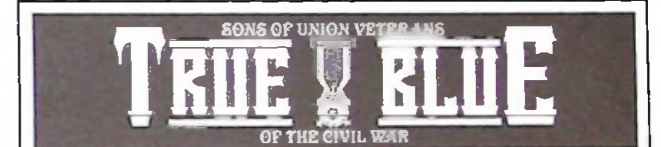
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# Department News

## KENTUCKY HONORS VETS FROM TWO WARS

Submitted by John A. Mills, PDC  
Department of Kentucky

On Sunday November 7, 2004 veterans from two of America's wars were honored by Sgt. Elijah P. Mars Camp 5, Department of Kentucky and seven other Veterans organizations.

Brother John A. Mills, PDC, located the unmarked graves of two Civil War Veterans and one of the Spanish-American War. The three veterans, all from Lexington, Kentucky were in unmarked graves at the Lexington Cemetery. Meredith R. Cozine, Corporal, Company I, 9th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, was born in 1847. He enlisted in the Union Army from August 10, 1862 and was mustered out with an Honorable Discharge on September 11, 1863. Brother Cozine was a member of E.L. Dudley Post 54, Grand Army of the Republic. He died of heart problems November 20, 1922 at the age of 75.

Frank R. Davis, Private, Company A, 6th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry was born in Key West Florida, August 3, 1839. He enlisted on June 18, 1861 for three years and served until February 2, 1863 when he was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability. Brother Davis was also a member of E.L. Dudley Post 54.

He was buried on August 14, 1929. As the Dudley Post was disbanded in 1927, it is reasonable to assume that he did not receive military honors for his burial.

Marshall Cole, Company C, 1st Regiment Kentucky Infantry, U.S. Volunteers enlisted in the Army on May 13, 1898. After the completion of training he sailed to Puerto Rico on August 16, 1898. Soon after arriving in Puerto Rico, he contracted Typhoid Fever and died at the hospital on October 7, 1898. He was 21 years old. Pallbearers for Marshall Cole included Captain Oliver Redd, formerly of General Joe Shelby's staff in the Confederate Army, Private C.H. Bales, Co. D, 2nd Kentucky Volunteers and private E.F. Zimmerman and John P. Nelson, Co. C, 1st Kentucky Volunteers.



*"Before Manassas, there was Mexico"*

Many Civil War leaders and troops got their start in the war with Mexico. Leaders like Grant, Sherman, McClellan, and many of the soldiers they commanded saw action in the Mexican War.

The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans is an organization of men and women who have an ancestor or just an interest in the Mexican War of 1846-1848.

Please visit [www.dmwv.org](http://www.dmwv.org) for membership information and an application, or send a request with SASE to DMWV, Membership Dept., Box 830482, Richardson, Texas, 75083-0482

*Descendants of Mexican War Veterans*

Mr. Bob Orbach, historian of Lexington's American Legion historian, the featured speaker at the ceremony said "Poor is the nation that has no heroes, and shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."

Brother John A. Mills, PDC, discovered the unmarked graves as part of the SUVCW Grave Registration Project. "So far, we've documented 150 to 175 Union Veterans."

PDC Mills arranged to order the headstones from the Veterans Administration. Local veterans and military groups raised the \$115 to install each of the three markers at Lexington. "This is an good example of cooperation between our Order and other Veterans groups in a common goal," said Brother Mills.

## Department of Missouri

### Union Civil War Soldier Comes Home

Submitted by Charles E. Funck III,  
Commander, Department of Missouri

Corporal John P. Byrne of the 21st Missouri Infantry is finally coming home to be laid to rest. He died in 1920 and was cremated. His sealed urn was placed on a shelf in a storage mausoleum waiting for someone to bring him home. After an extensive search by a niece, he was located and will be buried next to two of his brothers, Harrison and Lucian, who also fought for the Union.

Funeral and burial arrangements are being made for Saturday, May 28, 2005. The wake and vigil will run from 12:00 noon on Friday till 12:00 noon on Saturday at the Payne Funeral Home and at the Courthouse in the center of Memphis, MO. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, and Patricia Mullenix, Junior Vice National President are assisting the family with these arrangements to give this soldier a Veteran's service.

Full military rites are being organized by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, John McNeil Camp 62, Vern Stottlemire, PDC and Missouri Department. For information visit <http://www.duvcw.org>

## Department of New Jersey

### FRANCINE CAMP PRESENTS JROTC AWARD

Louis R. Francine Camp 7, Department of New Jersey, presented the JROTC Award this year to Sister Caitlyn Mossbrucker, PAP, Elizabeth Thorn Auxiliary 14. Cadet Mossbrucker is a sergeant in the Washington Twp. High School JROTC Program.

In addition to her auxiliary activities, Sister

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Mossbrucker is an active re-enactor with Co. D. 12th New Jersey. She performs both civilian and military impressions. She has participated in several fund raising event to help the cause of monument preservation. Currently she is involved in a joint project of the Thorn Auxiliary and Francine Camp to erect a monument to the men of the 12th New Jersey. The monument will be erected and mark the site of the training ground called Fort Stockton.



Brother Wayne Johnson, Sr. VC of the Col. Louis R. Francine Camp #7 and Cadeet Caitlyn Mossbrucker, PAF, Elizaeth Thorn Auxiliary #14 of New Jersey.

## Department of Ohio

### Past C-in-C Robert Grim to lead Sons of Colonial New England

At the recent annual meeting of the National Society Sons of Colonial New England held at the Army and Navy Club in Washington D.C., SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim was elected Governor General.

PCINC Grim will serve a two year term as national

leader of this heritage organization. He succeeds Dr. Dane L.C.M. Galles of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Society Sons of Colonial New England is dedicated to preserving the records, documents and relics pertaining to the history and genealogy of New England prior to July 4, 1776. Membership is open to men, age 18 or older, who can prove lineal descent from an ancestor born in any of the present six New England States (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut) prior to the adoption of the Declarations of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Brother Grim's membership is based on his descent from his 4th Great Grandfather Benjamin Wait who was born in Watertown, Massachusetts and later founded the town of Waitsfield, Vermont. Benjamin Wait served in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolutionary War.

Following the American Revolutionary War Wait was appointed a major general and served as head of the Vermont State Militia.

PCinC Grim, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, is national deputy commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). He is the national Registrar General of the General Society of the War of 1812. At the local level his is president of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Chillicothe, Ohio and is active in several genealogical and historical societies.



Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, left, with Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson.

## Department of Pennsylvania

### Camp 8, Auxiliary 10, SVR and others rededicate Sheridan Monument

Heavy rains did not dampen the spirits of members of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8, Auxiliary 10 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, as they rededicated the newly refur-

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bished Phillip P. Sheridan Monument on Lackawanna County Courthouse Square April 2.

Festivities got underway at the GAR Hall in the morning with a parade featuring visiting sons and two Civil War bands to the monument. Two Pennsylvania National Guard generals offered remarks and musicians from the 28th Regimental Brass Band and the Delaney Delacy Cadet Fife and Drum Corps played as a wreath was laid at the stone, restored with funding from the community and the Sons of Union Veterans.

A reception was conducted by Camp 8 following at Scranton Fire Bureau Headquarters and later that evening some 125 attended what has turned out to be the first annual SVR Ball in Scranton. The ball will benefit the local SVR unit's Cadet Youth Fife and Drum Corps program which now boasts 48 students.

## Annual Gettysburg Remembrance Ball aides park monument restoration

The annual National Civil War Ball sponsored by the National Order of the Sons will be held at 9 PM on Saturday November 19, 2005. This event will follow the day's Remembrance Day programs and parade commemorating the dedication of the Battlefield by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863.

The ball, held annually for the past ten years, has raised thousands of dollars that have been contributed through the G.A.R. Fund to the Gettysburg National Military Park for preserving monuments in the Park. This has been made possible by the support of Union and Confederate military and civilian reenactors.

Held at the Eisenhower Conference Center, Route 15, several miles south of Gettysburg, the Ball features the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band, playing authentic music on original instruments. Dancemaster Phillip Troll guides the participants through the various period dances. There is a cake walk with prizes for the ladies in addition to the door prizes.

Period dress is encouraged, but not required. Cash bar, snacks provided.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance, \$20 at the door. Checks should be made out to "National Civil War Ball" and mailed to Col. Bud Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St. Phila. PA 19116-3719. Enclose stamped self addressed envelope for return of tickets. Due to slow mail delivery, tickets for checks received by the committee from November 11 to November 16 will be distributed at the door. For information, email [Budqmsns@aol.com](mailto:Budqmsns@aol.com) or 215-673-1688.



Sons of Union Veterans from The Col. David Ireland Camp of Binghamton, NY march in Scranton, PA to assist Camp 8 in rededication of the General Sheridan Monument April 2.

**CORRECTION** - The SUVCW 125th Birthday Party that is being hosted by Davis Camp (Dept. of PA.) will be held on November 11, 2006 vice 2005 as reported in the last edition of THE BANNER. The Editor regrets any problems this error may have caused

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News of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-2

1. Effective 28 February 2005, 1st Sgt. Larry A. Roach, Commander of Company B, 20th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Fourth Military District, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 27 February 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-3

1. Effective 21 March 2005, 1st Sgt. Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr., Commander of Company B, 1st Nevada Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 20 March 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-4

1. Effective 21 March 2005, 1st Sgt. Steven J. Welch, Commander of Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery, Sixth Military District, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 20 March 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-5

1. Effective 21 March 2005, at the written request of Major David E. Allyn, Commander of the Sixth Military District and as a result of a reduction in Unit Strength of Co. A, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, from its 2004 total of 31 men to its present total of 12 men, the Commission of James L. Spencer, Commander of Co. A, 5th California Volunteer Infantry is terminated and annulled and he is hereby reduced in rank to 1st Sergeant.

2. The foregoing Commission termination and reduction in rank is not to be construed as disciplinary, but, rather, is in conformity with Article V, Section 2 of the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-6

1. Effective 02 May 2005, First Lieutenant Robert J. Wilhelm, Commander of Co. A, 1st New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Second Military District, is re-commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 01 May 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-7

1. Effective 02 May 2005, Second Lieutenant David G. Martin, Adjutant of Co. A, 1st New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Second Military District, is re-commissioned a Second

Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 01 May 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-8

1. Effective 12 May 2005, Second Lieutenant William E. Tisch, Adjutant of Co. G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, and recently appointed Public Information Officer of the Sixth Military District, is commissioned Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-9

1. Effective 30 May 2005, 1st Sgt. A. Kendall Chew, III, Commander of Co. C, Col. Henry A. du Pont Guard, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 29 May 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-10

1. Effective 30 May 2005, Private David E. Heisler, a member of The Delaney-Delacy Guard, SVR, having been duly promoted, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 29 May 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-11

1. Effective 30 May 2005, 1st Lieutenant Andrew P. Lefko, Commander of Co. B, 26th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is recommissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 29 May 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## GENERAL ORDER 2005-12

1. Effective 13 June 2005, Private Lindin R. Lairson, a member of A Company, 1st Capital Guards Regiment, SVR, having been duly promoted and having been appointed Adjutant, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 12 June 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

## SPECIAL ORDER 2005-1

1. Effective 04 August 2005, Major Peter N. Rotando, SVR, Commander of the First Military District, SVR, is appointed Provost Marshal for the 124th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This appointment expires at 2400 hours 07 August 2005.

2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the 124th National Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the National Encampment is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

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Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr.,  
Adjutant General  
Sons of Veterans Reserve



CinC Steve Michaels and members of the SVR's 6th Military District gather after the California & Pacific Department Memorial Service March 11, 2005 in San Luis Obispo.

Six members of Co. C, 20th Ohio Vol. Infantry, SVR, conduct living history class for fifth grade students from five school districts at Clinton County Fairgrounds, Wilmington, OH. From left standing: Sgt. Marvin R. Seymore, 1st Lt. Robert E. Morris, Cmdr of the 20th; Cpl. Shawn A. Cox and Cpl. Ronnie D. Cox. At right is Pvt. T.J. Braden.



Dunmore Fire Department's 110-foot ladder assists Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, of Scranton, PA in restoration to service of a 1911 50-foot flag pole at the GAR Plot in the Forest Hills Cemetery. Two other flag pole restoration projects are planned by the Guard in 2005.

Scenes from the first of what will be an annual SVR Ball in Scranton, PA. The event, attended by some 125, is used to raise funding to aide the Delaney Delacy Guard in its development of a Youth Cadet Fife & Drum Corps. Some 48 students, between the ages of 8 and 14, benefit from the program.



Arriving at The Century Club, left, for the grand ball with music by the 28th Regimental Brass Band.



Taking light refreshments in the Club's Tea Rooms.





On Feb. 5, 2005, five Auxiliary members: Eileen Tisch and Rosemary Lowe (Sunmer Aux. 128 members at large) Cindy Hodges (Walker Auxiliary 52, CA&PAC), Angie Daley and Helen Masso (MAL, CA & PAC) participate in the 66th annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade. The mile-long parade ended at Redland's Lincoln Shrine, the largest repository of Lincoln memorabilia in the west.



Restoration of the General Phillip Sheridan Monument in Scranton, PA, was funded through donations in the community and through a grant by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Rededication ceremonies were conducted April 2 by the SVR.



Members of the Department of Massachusetts prepare to march to grave of Clara Barton, below, for wreath laying in Oxford, Mass., April 29. In front are Department Commander John Bates and Patriotic Instructor George Maple. — Bill Ryerson Photos



CinC Michaels, left, congratulates newly installed Rhode Island Dept. Cmdr. Joseph Hall during the encampment in Warwick April 2.



CinC Michaels, left, installs officers of the Massachusetts Department in Auburn, Mass. April 30th.



CinC Michaels, left, and Maryland Dept. Cmdr. James Hanby, right, congratulate Delaware's new Castle County Executive, Christopher Coons, after initiating him as a new brother in Wilmington April 23rd.



CinC Michaels, center, with outgoing Department Commander John Irons, left, and new DC Mike Rusk, right, during the Oklahoma Department Encampment May 7th.



Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim, (left) who serves as Treasurer of Henry Casey Camp 92, Department of Ohio, presented on behalf of the Camp, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ROTC Award to Junior ROTC Cadet Megan McCaffey (center) during Ohio's 941st Air Force Junior ROTC awards program held at Laurel Oaks Career Development Campus in Wilmington, Ohio. Conducting the awards ceremony was Unit Commander Leslie S. Buerki, Major, USAF, Retired, (right).



Melissa Darby, right, wife of SVCinC Don Darby, visits Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum on opening day.

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