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## 28TH LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

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National heads or their representatives assembled near entrance to Tomb. (Left to right): Ethel Johnson, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Gordon R. Bury, representing the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Lurene I. Wentworth, National President, Woman's Relief Corps; Alexander P. Hartnett, Commander-in-

Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion; Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, representing Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Helen V. Dutch, Sr. Vice President, Dames of the Loyal Legion; and Bessie Smith, PNP, representing Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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### "STRIVE ON"

1. Department Encampments have now been completed and I wish to congratulate all newly elected Officers. May you and your Department face this new year with a rededication of faith and efforts to promote our Order.

2. Official visitations during the past three months have taken me to all the Departments of the New England Region, eastern United States and the Central United States. Conflict of dates has prevented me from visiting all the Departments for which I am regretful.

3. All Department and Camp Officers are requested to study the C. & R. and the Ritual and acquaint himself with the contents. Present lack of knowledge of business of our Order is in evidence and should be corrected. Copies of these can be ordered from the National Sec.-Treas.

4. The following Brothers are appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee.

Miles E. Harrington, Sr. Mass. Chairman  
Ralph E. Peiper, Penna.  
Charles P. Lowe, Iowa  
Charles Corfman, Ohio

5. All other Committees and Appointments will be announced at the opening of the Encampment sessions.

6. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for obtaining 3 new members and are entitled to wear the National Ribbon.

Larry, Swogger, Ralph Shadel, John Hurst, Charles A. Lowe, James Ron Davis, Jr.

Certificates of Merit have been awarded to the following Brothers for obtaining 5 or more new members.

Allen Moore, David Rowley, Sherman Weaver, Edward Moore, Wm. J. Little, and William James.

Congratulations to these Brothers for their efforts in Membership.

7. The 103rd National Encampment will convene in Akron, Ohio, Sunday, August 12th through Thursday, August 16th. Headquarters will be the Quaker Square Hilton and hosted by the Ohio Department who have worked long and hard to make this a very special Encampment. Let's all try to attend.

8. All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves attending the National Encampment in Ohio are requested to bring their Uniforms.

9. This being the last General Order of the current administrative year, I take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to everyone in the many places I have visited and to my many friends for the splendid cooperation and courtesies extended to me and for the honors accorded to my office.

10. Congratulations and appreciation to the officers of my staff, the members of my committees, Department Commanders and each member of the order, for the fine work they have done and for the loyal support they have given me.

11. To my wife Mary Jane Simpson, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Ethel Johnson, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Agnes Brooks, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans and Lurene Wentworth, National President of the Women's Relief Corps, my deepest appreciation for the many courtesies extended to me, and my wish for a most progressive and harmonious Encampment.

12. To my many friends, one and all, all across the Nation, my greetings and best wishes for the greatest future in all their endeavors.

13. To those who have lost loved ones since the last General Order, go the heartfelt sympathy of the entire Organization.

By Order of:

William L. Simpson  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Chester S. Shriver  
National Secretary-Treasurer



In Commemoration of  
the 175th Anniversary of  
Abraham Lincoln's birthday

## Lincoln's Moral Integrity is Lesson For Us Today

A question of great moment to this day and age is whether political questions are important from the standpoint of expediency and material well-being only, or whether they are essentially moral questions.

It is the consistent belief of conservative people that political questions are at base moral questions. This, obviously, was the belief of Abraham Lincoln.

In all of the searchings and probings into the life of this great man for the purpose of identifying the qualities which made him great the moral integrity of his being continuously stands out.

The most astute and at the same time probably the most practical politician in the nation's history, Lincoln is far more greatly honored for his traits of humanitarianism, tolerance, understanding and infinite devotion to the political ideals for which he suffered and died.

It is not coincidence, merely that throughout the years the great political issues which have gripped America have been issues of Constitutional importance. It is in the nature of the Republic that these should be the continual and pertinent matters of concern for all of us. For in these issues are the moral controversies around which the progress of mankind must revolve.

The natural rights of freedom, liberty, security, equality, these are our daily concerns. And in Lincoln's time they were all caught up in the great and all-enveloping issues of Union.

If the Union were dissolved, or if it were impaired, the Constitution and its guarantees would have no meaning for anyone. If the Union were allowed to disintegrate there would be only chaos, and liberty and freedom and equality would disappear because without the Union there could not be law and without law there could be no guarantees of individual rights in any degree.

Lincoln's contribution to us was the permanence of the Union, and therefore the permanence of that system which guarantees for men on earth those vital moral necessities which can be enjoyed only under the law.

Our law is the guidepost for a government which derives its power from the consent of the governed, and to dramatize this George Washington directed that in building the new White House it be set not on the hill but in the valley below.

The Capitol was placed on the hill to symbolize the eternal supremacy of the legislative branch as the policymaking body of the Republic.

This concept was saved for us by Lincoln. It was strengthened beyond destruction by him, and although attacked many times and in many ways, both externally and internally, it remains as the nation's bulwark against the loss of its Constitutional liberties.



## Legislative Report

Thomas L. W. Johnson

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday** — By action of the Virginia Legislature, a holiday commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been established on the third Monday in January and will be celebrated on the same day that Virginians honor the memories of two Confederate generals, Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. This was the result of ten years of effort to bring about this recognition of Dr. King in the Old Dominion State.

In late March Colorado lawmakers voted to create a State holiday in honor of Dr. King on the third Monday in January beginning in 1986. In Wisconsin, legislators returned a similar bill to committee because of fiscal implications for the State's budget.

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The Maryland Legislature is considering the adoption of an alternative to the Old Line State's traditional song, "Maryland, My Maryland" which was written in 1861 by James Ryder Randall, a Maryland native then teaching in Louisiana, who was outraged at the news of the wounding of a classmate by Union troops as they marched through Baltimore. The words of the song urged Marylanders to join Confederate Virginia. Unflattering references to Abraham Lincoln and the Northern cause made the song a rallying cry for Southern sympathizers. Now a Baltimore County schoolteacher wants the State to adopt new lyrics that sweep away references to the passions aroused by the Civil War. Proponents of that alternative have argued that the old words are a "despicable Confederate fight song dripping with hate." Opponents of change have responded that new verses would be "tampering with tradition" and would not reflect the history of Maryland as well as possibly set a bad precedent for the creation of alternative State symbols.

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**English As the Official Language** — By action of the Indiana General Assembly, English is now the official language in the Hoosier State. The sponsor of the measure, Sen. Joseph Corcoran said that its purpose "is to make sure that English is the first

language" of instruction in the schools. No one is quite sure how the new law will be carried out. It is reported that about 5,000 schoolchildren in Indiana are now enrolled in schools where Spanish is the primary language used in the classroom.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
Chairman

### THE VIEW FROM HERE

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the Editor, and not necessarily the official position of the SUVCW.

Convention time is almost upon us...resolutions with high resolve are coming into Headquarters for action.

One resolution should be considered for the future of our country is at stake. **We MUST REDUCE the Federal Deficit.**

Most organizations agree. The Democratic National Platform calls for budget reform and President Reagan and the Republican Party want reform. The time is **NOW** for immediate reform.

While we are small, our organization has always stood loud and tall for Americanism.

The Small Business Conference recently held in Washington, DC declared "the huge and growing deficit will cause the return of high interest rates, inflation, higher unemployment and a decreased standard of living for all Americans."

We feared "creeping socialism" — we must also fear run away spending by our government.

As individuals and as an organization our voices must be heard.

What can we recommend to our elected officials to reduce the deficit:

1. Freeze federal spending for 1985 at 1984 fiscal levels with future cost of living increases to be less than the increases in the Consumer Price Index.

2. Push for the passage of a balanced budget amendment. Ask your candidates where they stand and vote accordingly.

3. Write your Senators and Congressmen urging they give the president more flexibility in veto power by adopting one line veto. How many times have important needed legislation had lots of pork barrel amendments tacked on.

This one line veto would allow the President to grant Social Security benefits without building a million dollar court house in Texas as part of the package.

4. Urge adoption of the Grace Commission recommendations for business-like

management of the federal government. It's time big government realizes the money supply can run dry.

5. Create a national sales tax. No one ever said government was free. A sales tax is the fairest of all taxes for everyone pays it. There are no loopholes and logically the rich who spend more likewise pay more.

We are not partisan in our plea — America needs your voice. Carefully think about these recommendations.

Let the National Organization favor a balanced federal budget with the above recommendations to achieve that goal.

Send copies to both Mandale-Ferraro and to Reagan-Bush.

Then **YOU** act. You write the Presidential candidates, your congressman, senator and the candidates for that office.

Lastly **register and be sure and VOTE** in November for all of us.



To give the victory to the right, not bloody bullets, but peaceful ballots only are necessary. Thanks to our good old Constitution, and organization under it, these alone are necessary. It only needs that every right thinking man shall go to the polls, and without fear or prejudice vote as he thinks.

It is in order that each one of you may have, through this free government which we have enjoyed, an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enterprise, and intelligence; that you may have equal privileges in the race of life, with all its desirable human aspirations.

Allow all the governed an equal voice in the government; that and that only is self-government...Finally, I insist that if there is anything that it is the duty of the whole people never to intrust to hands other than their own that thing is the preservation and perpetuity of their own liberties and institutions.

It is not the qualified voters, but the qualified voters who choose to vote, that constitute the political power of the state.

President Lincoln



## They Met at Shiloh

by Richard Hines, N.J. Dept. Sec.-Treas.

Many men, unknown at the time, but later to make their mark in life, met on the bloody fields of Shiloh.

If you have ever visited our National Battlefields, you must have been impressed by the haunting verses of a poem, "Bivouac of the Dead", made popular by the Civil War but actually written in 1847 to commemorate the American dead at the Battle of Buena Vista by Capt. Theodore O'Hara who served on Johnstons staff at Shiloh. John L. Clem, nine years old, ran away from home to join the 3rd Ohio. Turned down by the Ohio Regt. he went along with the 22nd Mich. as a drummer boy and though not on the muster rolls, drew a soldiers pay of \$13.00 per month. After a shell smashed his drum at Shiloh he was enlisted as a regular drummer. He fought at Chicamauga, was taken prisoner and exchanged. He was made a Sergeant at the age of twelve. Wounded twice during the Atlanta Campaign, he sought admission to West Point after the War but was rejected because of poor schooling. President Grant appointed him 2nd. Lieut. in the regular Army. He retired as a Maj. Gen. in 1916.

Albert Woolson Sr. with a Minnesota Regt. was wounded at Shiloh and sent home. His fourteen year old son, Albert, then volunteered as a drummer boy and became the last Union Veteran of the Civil War. John Rowlands, born in Wales, shipped as a cabin boy to Louisiana and was

adopted by a New Orleans merchant whose name he took. He enlisted in the Dixie Grays and was taken prisoner at Shiloh. He enlisted in the Federal Artillery, then returned to England. He came back and enlisted in the Union Navy. Later he returned to England and gained fame as a journalist and explorer in his search for Dr. Livingston in Africa. He was knighted by Queen Victoria as Sir Henry Morton Stanley.

Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace, a lawyer from Crawfordsville, Ind., after service was selected a member of the Military Commission that tried the Lincoln Conspirators, also as president of the Commission that tried Capt. Henry Wirz for war crimes at Andersonville. He was sent as Governor to New Mexico Territory during the Lincoln County War. He was the author of three novels, one of which was "Ben Hur: a Tale of Christ". He served as Minister to Turkey and died in 1905 after a long life of public service.

John Wesley Powell, Captain of Artillery, raised his arm to signal his battery and was struck by a minie ball in the elbow. His arm was amputated but he stayed in service and was discharged a Major. He was the first to explore the Colorado River its full length and to thoroughly explore the Grand Canyon. He was Director of the U.S. Geological Survey for 14 years.

Coming on the field the second day was an Ohio Brigade under Col. James A. Garfield, later to become President of the United States. These are some of the men who faced each other at Shiloh.

I mean to say nothing which shall hereafter embarrass me in the performance of what may seem to be my duty.



(Left to right): Gordon R. Bury, representing the Commandery-in-Chief, SUVVCW; Col. Robert M. Graham, 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt.; and Thomas L. W. Johnson, assembled near entrance to Tomb.

### Address Correction

In the last issue of the BANNER the Appeal forms for the GAR Memorial Fund list the incorrect address for Thomas Graham. Please use this address when sending donations: 816 Weymouth Terrace, Hampton, VA 23666.

Such men, when elected, may prove true, but such votes are given them in expectation that they will prove false.

The most reliable indication of public purpose in this country is derived through our popular elections.



## SUVCW LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift or bestowed honor. Payment may be in full or 1/3 down with the balance paid within 3 years. The fee is invested in our Permanent Fund and established as follows:

Under age 60 . . . . . \$150.00  
Age 60-69 . . . . . \$125.00  
Age 70 & over. . . . . \$100.00

The Life membership goes into effect only after full fee has been paid. Each year interest is paid to the Camp Treasurer in lieu of the life members dues.

## Welcome New Life Members

- No. 147 Keith D. Ashley, Member at Large Pomerroy, OH \$150.00
- No. 148 Kevin Lee Johnston, Milford, NH, Camp No. 38 \$150.00
- No. 149 Keith Allen Johnston Milford, NH, Camp No. 38 \$150.00
- No. 150 Donald L. Roberts Candor, NY \$125.00
- No. 151 DeVene Williamson \$125.00
- No. 152 William J. McCormick Milford, NH \$125.00
- No. 153 Frank J. Tucker Boston, MA \$150.00
- No. 154 Dean Weir Member at Large \$125.00



Wreathbearers assembled in front of Tomb and flanked by members of the honor guard of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. at close of ceremony.

## Twenty-Eighth Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Under threatening skies, the 28th annual ceremony commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln was held on Saturday, April 14, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. Representing the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans was Past National Patriotic Instructor Gordon R. Bury II.

Commander-in-Chief Alexander P. Hartnett represented the Military Order of the Loyal Legion at the rites. Sixty-four veterans, patriotic, hereditary, and civic organizations presented wreaths in memory of our 16th President. Music appropriate to the occasion was provided by the Griffin High School Band of Springfield. Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. (Reactivated) under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham, a ceremony co-chairman, served as the official honor guard.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Springfield attorney Edward G. Pree dedicated his talk to the memory of George L. Cashman who was a key figure in the conduct of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony for many years and curator of the Lincoln Tomb for more than a quarter of a century. Among the notables present in addition to Brother Bury and Companion Hartnett were Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, who represented the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union

Veterans; Helen V. Dutch, National Sr. Vice President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion; Lurene I. Wentworth, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Ethel Johnson, National President of the Ladies of the GAR; Bessie Smith, PNP, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans; William H. Upham, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; Russ A. Pritchard, Recorder-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; and Esther G. Peiper, National Treasurer of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander Martin Dutch of the Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion distributed copies of "Lincoln In Chicago" to each luncheon guest.

Among the organizations that presented wreaths were the Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary from Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin. Commanderies of the Loyal Legion that participated were Illinois, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin together with the Central Illinois Detachment of the Illinois Commandery and the Illinois Dames Society. Local camps from Peoria and Springfield, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo. took part as did local auxiliaries from Peoria and Springfield and Milwaukee, Wis. W. T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65 of St. Louis had a color guard present. A special honor was accorded the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. when its color guard carried the colors of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Assoc. of Cook Co., Illinois.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, a ceremony co-chairman, presided at the Tomb and was the toastmaster at the luncheon. Robert Graham, Ellinore Johnson and he comprise a planning group for the ceremony. Local arrangements for the luncheon were handled by Marlene Carnduff, Ann Morgan and Karen Warren, members of Auxiliary No. 200 of Springfield.

## Tentative Agenda Sons 103rd Encampment

Quaker Square Hilton  
Conference Room B  
Akron, Ohio

### Sun. August 12, 1984

- 11 AM Nondenominational Worship Service
- Noon Registration — Lobby
- 1 PM Dept. Commanders meet with Natl. Chaplains - Ballroom A
- 1 PM Council of Administration - HQ
- 3 PM Joint Memorial Service
- 7:30 Band Concert
- 8 PM GAR Campfire

### Monday, August 13, 1984

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:30 Joint Opening with Auxiliary
- 10:30 Business Session
- Noon Recess
- 1:30 Business Session
- 6 PM Past Comdr-in-Chief & Natl. President Dinner
- 7:30 Auxiliary Exemplification
- 8:30 Sons Exemplification
- 9:30 Courtesy Hour

### Tuesday, August 14, 1984

- 7:30 SVR Breakfast
- 8:30 Registration
- 9 AM Business Session
- Noon Recess
- 1:30 Business Session
- 2:30 Greetings Received
- 6 PM Sons & Aux. Banquet

### Wednesday, August 15, 1984

- 8:30 Registration
- 9 AM Business Session
- Election of Officers
- Noon Recess
- 1:30 Council of Administration — HQ
- 7:30 Entertainment

### Thursday, Aug. 16, Tour Day (Tickets Required)

Historic sites in Akron  
GAR Chapel  
John Brown Home

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For those who want to enjoy your Ohio visit. Call 1-800-Buckeye, Ohio Department of Tourism.



# Battlefield Preservation

by Civil War Roundtable Associates

We share a common cause and common concern with you — the future of Civil War battlesites.

Both of us consider it vital to preserve these historical battlefield sites so that the next generation can see what happened and where it happened.

Several major areas of preservation deserve your attention.

The first is the current and future use of battlefield parks. These locations have already been "saved" from development and have been designated historic battleground parks under the National Park Service Administration. The new problem is how will they be used? Will battlefields, trenches and forts be used as picnic grounds with alcoholic beverages and litter permitted. This is the major battlefield at Kennesaw Mountain, GA in recent months.

Of course, numerous battlefield areas are still in danger of being commercially developed and paved over as new shopping centers.

The newest problem we are contending with is the misguided educational efforts by the National Park Service.

As tourists you visit a battlefield park to see the actual location of the fighting, to see the exhibits of artifacts and learn what happened from the interpretive guides.

Recently under threats of sex discrimination lawsuits the National Park Service has allowed women to dress as men to portray artillery men at Antietam Battlefield, MD.

We feel women should be guides but NOT in men's costume as it portrays a false image of the Civil War soldier to an undereducated public.

We urge you to write letters to your Congressmen and Senators...to help preserve what we've inherited. Hopefully with your help you won't have to tell your grandchildren about the Union forces at McDonald's holding off the Confederate attack from Burger King and finally winning at Wendy's.

Please enlist to save the past for the future. Write Jerry Russell, Civil War Roundtable Associates, Box 7388, Little Rock, ARK 72217.

Thanks.



# "The Lincoln Tradition"

The Late George Cashman, PC in C  
Former Curator, Lincoln Tomb

## The Perfect Squelch

1836 was a presidential election year and Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for re-election to a second term in the Illinois State Legislature. A meeting had been called at the Court House in Springfield to enable the candidates of both political parties to expound their views and virtues for public office. It fell to Lincoln to close the discussion, which he did with force and clarity. It was Lincoln's first appearance on the political stump in Springfield.

As Lincoln entered Springfield on his ride from New Salem he stopped to admire the new home of George Farquer, a leading Springfield lawyer. He took particular note of the lightning-rod atop the house. It was the first one he had ever seen.

Lincoln finished his speech, which was reported as one of considerable ability. George Farquer had become a political renegade by switching his allegiance from the Whig Party to the Democrats. President Andrew Jackson had rewarded him with the appointment as Register of the Land Office. Farquer took exception to Lincoln's arguments and asked to be permitted to speak for the Democrats, although he was not a candidate for any office. Granted permission to speak he said, "This young man must be taken down, and I am truly sorry that the task devolves on me."

He then proceeded to heap sarcasm and ridicule upon the astonished Lincoln, and when he had finished his harangue, Lincoln arose and spoke in his own defense, and among other things he said: "The gentleman commenced his speech by saying that this young man, alluding to me, must be taken down. I am not so young in years as I am in the tricks and trades of a politician, but live long or die young, I would rather die now, than like the gentleman, change my politics, and with the change receive an office worth three thousand dollars a year, and then, feel obliged to erect a lightning-rod over my house to protect a guilty conscience from an offended God."

The writer has a few inches of the Farquer lightning-rod which he prizes as a symbol of Lincoln's ability to rise to any and all occasions with alacrity and acumen.



TO Chester Shriver, Natl. Sec-Treas.  
PO Box 24  
Gettysburg, Pa 17325

Quantity	Description	Price	Total
	Rosette	\$ 4.00	
	Membership Badge	14.00	
	Associate Badge	14.00	
	War Medal	20.00	
	Tie Tack (tac back)	3.00	
	Tie Bar	3.50	
	Cuff Links	4.25	
	Lapel Button	4.00	
	Ritual .. Ceremonies Booklet	3.00	

I would like to purchase a Life Membership. Enclosed \$.....  
Please accept my donation of \$10.00 or more to the Honor Roll in memory of.....  
Veterans name.....  
Company and Regiment.....  
My name:.....  
My address:.....  
City, State .. Zip.....

# Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

The following proposal amendments have been received at National Headquarters.

Tabled from last year —

## Regulations Article III Badges & Decorations, Section 7

Change to read:

Especially meritorious service to our Order beyond the efficient and loyal performance of a member's duties may be recognized by the Commander-in-Chief by a suitable citation, in General Orders or by letter.

For Exceptional Service to the National organization the Commander-in-Chief may recommend and the Council of Administration shall award the gold Meritorious Service Badge.

## Notes on Meritorious Service Award:

This badge is to be exclusively awarded to those Brothers who through long dedicated service to the National Organization stand out as deserving of this special award. These will be purchased by the National Organization from the GAR Fund. It should be noted from 1881 to 1913 only 13 of these "Golden Cross" Badges were awarded for Past Grand Division Commanders or for Meritorious Service.

## Amendment to Constitution from Department of Ohio, Article III Eligibility add at the end a new section...

"Each Application for Full Membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be accompanied by complete proof of either the lineal or collateral descent of the applicant from the Union Soldier upon whom his claim for Membership is based."

## Amendment to Constitution from Department of Pennsylvania.

Article VI Formation and Disbandment. Regarding Provisional Depts. change requirement from one year to three years. Thus causing it to read, "After 3 years a Provisional Dept. shall be granted permanent Department status by the Commander-in-Chief".

## From the Department of New York.

Proposed Amendment to the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Regulations, Member Dropped For Nonpayment Dues. Whereas: Per Art. 11, Membership, Sect. 3, "Any member of a Camp who is One Year in arrears in the payment of his Dues may, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped and,

Whereas: This is a direct fine against the Camp, instead of the delinquent Member as the Camp must use Camp Funds to pay Per Capita Taxx on a Member who does not pay his yearly Dues, when due, up to a period of One Year, and,

Whereas: This is an unfair financial burden on the Camps Funds, while the Member in arrears does not contribute financially and in most cases, does not participate at Camp meetings or activities.

Therefore, Be it resolved, That the following Amendment be made to the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by substitution of certain words to Art. 11, Membership, Sect. 3, as follows: Where it states "Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears etc." Delete the words One Year and substitute therefore the words THREE MONTHS.

## From the Department of Ohio: Proposed amendment to Regulations. Chapter III Article II Membership, add a new Section 6.

A. Dual memberships are hereby acknowledged. A Brother may, if he chooses, belong to more than one camp or department.

B. The Brother can only represent one camp or one department at one time.

C. Past rank does not increase the number of votes one Brother may have. The rule of one person — one vote must prevail.

Let none falter who thinks he is right.

It is no pleasure for me to triumph over any one.

Come what will I will keep my faith with friend and foe.

Be sure to put your feet in the right place and then stand firm.

If I were to be wounded personally I think I would not shun it, but it is the life of the nation.

I have no objection to "fuse" with anybody provided I can fuse on grounds which I think right.



GAR  
FUND

Today is June 6, 1984, and the free world is remembering D-Day! The day the Allied Forces landed on Normandy Beach to liberate France from the clutches of the Nazi soldiers. Forty years ago, World War II was drawing to a close. Possibly you were a soldier during that war. It is difficult to believe that our great nation has struggled through so many conflicts in our brief history. our independence was written only 208 years ago and all ready our boys have faught and died on battlefields against many nations. Unfortunately, our worst conflict was faught on our own soil and between our own people. The most difficult part of the Civil War was not burying the dead, but burying the hatchet. Not building an arsenal; but building one strong country. After 119 years, we have succeeded in remaining "One Nation Under GOD". Now, as an Organization we have as Abraham Lincoln wrote, "a great task remaining". It falls to us the living to "spread the word". Through our Organization, we can spread patriotism throughout our Nation. It is said that in unity there is strength and by banding together we have succeeded. For example, Memorial Day being returned to May 30, instead of a Monday holiday for Washington's convenience, was brought about by patriotic organizations like ourselves.

Now, I come to you. Make this day, your D-Day...donation day. Please send your check, no matter how large or small to me, so that we may continue to show others, that we still care. Every time we present a flag, or wreath; pledge allegiance to our flag or just cover our heart as it passes by, we are proving to foreign powers that we are proud to be an American. Let us never forget they faught and died to keep us free. Whether it was at Bunker Hill or Pork Chop Hill. Whether they climbed the hills of Normandy or Iwo Jima. Whether it was Chancellorsville, Andersonville or Gettysburg, we have been left with a great heritage. The pride of being an American shows. Just watch any member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Thomas W. Graham



### Department News



### NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

anyone's control the event scheduled as the 14th S.V.R. National Encampment on 1-3 September 1984 at Antietam has been cancelled for this year. The site remains as a possibility for future development.

### Coming Events

The 16th Ohio SVR invites your participation for a reenactment at Algonquin Mills, 4 miles south of Carrollton, Ohio (home of the Fighting McCooks) on Oct. 12-14. Skirmish demonstration on Sat. and Sun. Contact LTC Gordon R. Bury, TAG, RD No. 1, Box 172, Marshallville, OH 44645 for details.

### Central Regional To Meet

The Central Regional Conference of Sons & Auxiliary will be held Oct. 20 & 21, 1984 at Ramada Inn, 4221 State Road 26 East, (jct. I 654 and State Rd. 26) Lafayette, Ind. The room rate of \$29.95 applies for singles or doubles.

As in the past, this is a round table discussion with all attending forming panel groups. The topic is Confederate leaders.

Ohio Department hereby endorses Gordon R. Bury for the Office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

**Wisconsin:** Ceremonies marking the observance of Memorial Day on May 28 were conducted by C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 4 at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, and by Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 and Auxiliary No. 2 at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison. On May 30 Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5 conducted memorial rites at Summit Cemetery near Oconomowoc.

Five Ulysses S. Grant Awards were presented by the Department to outstanding ROTC cadets at ceremonies held in April and May at Marquette University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and at St. John's Military Academy. These awards have been presented for several years as a means of encouraging participation in the ROTC programs.

This spring, citations from C-in-C William L. Simpson were presented to the two actual sons of Union veterans in the Department, William H. Upham of Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, and G. Arthur Taylor of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3.

Herman T. Black, PDC and Dept. President Rhoda Lemanski presented wreaths and officially represented the Badger State at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on April 14 in Springfield, Ill. Raeona Black, PDP presented a wreath on behalf of Auxiliary No. 4.

### General Orders No. 1 Series 1984

A. All S.V.R. personnel attending the 103rd annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Quaker Square in Akron, Ohio during 12-16 August 1984, are required to participate in the G.A.R. Campfire Program on Sunday evening 12 August in Class A Uniform with Medals, but **no arms**. All personnel are to report to General Shriver at 1830 hrs. in the lobby of the hotel.

Additionally all those personnel attending the 103rd National Encampment of the S.U.V.C.W. are requested to participate in the original Military Exemption of the Ritual on Monday evening 13 August. Class A Uniforms are required with Medals and arms with full equipment are requested. Battle Flags and guidons are requested with stands for decoration. All personnel are to report to Lt. Bury at 1830 hrs. in Ballroom C of the hotel.

B. Units which have not yet forwarded strength reports and the according dues for 1984 are requested to do so immediately through the chain of command to the Office of the Adjutant General.

C. Due to circumstances beyond

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