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BETTY J. WOERNER

National President

Betty J. Woerner was honored to be elected and installed as the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 12th, 1987 at the 102nd National Encampment which was held in Buffalo, NY at the Buffalo Hilton Hotel.

She has been attending the National Auxiliary Encampments only since 1983 and has served as National Aide, Color Guard, Guide and Council Member. In August, 1986 she was elected to the office of National Patriotic Instructor and was very successful in raising funds from the Members to promote the continued good works of our Patriotic organization.

As a member of A. Podrasnic Auxiliary #18 in Upland, CA she has been the Department President of California and Pacific Auxiliary for the past five consecutive years. Prior to that she held offices of Department Vice President and Guide.

She first joined in 1943 where she attended Stanton Auxiliary #8 meetings in Inglewood, CA. She was active as Color Guard, Assistant Guide and became Auxiliary President in 1953. She also served as Color Guard at the National Encampment in Long Beach, CA in 1954.

She is the daughter-in-law of the late Frank Woerner who was the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1967. His wife, Bessie Woerner, served as National Chaplain and was involved in many other duties for the Auxiliary when they traveled together to the National Encampments.

Mrs. Woerner's eligibility comes from her late husband, Robert Christian Woerner III, who was a World War II Veteran who served in the South Pacific Theatre of war. He was named after his great-grandfather, Major Robert Christian Woerner who when arriving in America from Germany joined the Union Army during the Civil War. A Camp is named in his honor in Hoboken, NJ where he raised his family after the war ended. They later all moved to California during the 1920s.

Mrs. Woerner was employed by the State of California as an Employment Representative until her retirement in 1980.

She was an active member of the First Lutheran Church of Inglewood, CA.

During the past year she was very actively involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary, General William S. Rosecrans 3261 in Gardena, CA and is currently serving as a trustee.

She is also an active member of the Torrance Ladies of the Elks, Auxiliary to BPOE Lodge 1948, Torrance, CA.

Her future plans include traveling and keeping physically and mentally active.

She is looking forward to the coming year as the Auxiliary National President with pleasure and enthusiasm. She considers it a great honor to have been elected to serve the Members of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Camps. This year it will be coast to coast — from Commander-in-Chief Richard Partington in Pennsylvania near the Atlantic, to National president Betty J. Woerner, California and the Pacific.



RICHARD O. PARTINGTON

Commander-in-Chief

Richard O. Partington was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 106th National Encampment held in Buffalo, NY.

Brother Partington's great grandfather, William H. H. Ogden, Sr. served as a Corporal in Co. B, 4th Pennsylvania Reserves throughout the war.

Joining Camp #200, Philadelphia, in 1938, Brother Partington attended his first National Encampment in Pittsburgh, PA in 1938. He has been active ever since first serving as a member of the Reserves, and then serving in various offices. He was elected Department Commander in 1962 at Erie, PA.

A graduate of Temple University, he holds a BA, STB, and an STM degree. In 1984, at the age of 62, he retired after serving for 33 years as Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church which was organized and built under his leadership.

He has served on the Board, and is a member of several organizations including the F&AM, the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania and the Union League of Philadelphia.

He and his wife, Shirley, have a daughter and son and two grandchildren.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
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1. I want to thank all the Brothers who elected me to the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 106th National Encampment in Buffalo, NY. The New York Department and especially the Committee on Arrangements are to be complimented on planning such a wonderful encampment.

2. All correspondence addressed to this office should be sent to the above address. Financial reports and requisitions for supplies should be addressed to the National Treasurer. Regular business should be addressed to the National Secretary.

3. Although we regretted doing so, increased costs, which cannot be avoided, compelled us to raise the per capita tax, beginning January 1st, to \$5.00 per member, the application fee to \$20.00, and the National Encampment Registration Fee to \$7.00. Increased expenses are being kept as low as possible relative to the costs necessary to our organization. It is hoped the Brothers realize our needs, and will cooperate in this small increase.

4. Another necessary fund raising activity is the Patriotic Instructor's Fund and the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief's Fund. Both of these funds, while voluntary, are necessary to the good of our order, and it is hoped that as many Brothers as possible will make a contribution.

5. As you know, it is impossible to attend the many activities of our organization. It is my intention to try to attend when humanly possible. In order to make my plans accordingly, it is suggested that dates and locations relative to these activities be sent to me as soon as possible. Already, however, there are conflicts and I hope you will understand.

6. As Commander-in-Chief, I extend to all the members of the Allied family my best wishes for a successful year. Especially do I want to extend my congratulations to:

Mrs. Betty J. Woerner, President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW,
Mrs. Eugenia Reese, President of the Ladies of the GAR,

Miss Mina Minas, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Cora G. French, President, Women's Relief Corps.

7. Please remember and try to attend "Remembrance Day" on Saturday, November 21st at Gettysburg, PA. This is one of the "highlights" of our various organizations and it is well worthwhile being present.

8. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all those Brothers serving on the various Committees, and whose efforts make it possible to carry on the work of this organization and to serve its purpose.

By Order of

Richard O. Partington
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War



THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Thomas L. W. Johnson

Status of Memorial Day — Shortly after the 100th Congress convened in January 1987, Rep. Phil Crane (R-IL) introduced H.R. 108 which would have the effect of repealing the Uniform Holiday Act of 1968 and returning Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Columbus Day to their traditional dates on our calendar. The bill has been referred to the Subcommittee on Census and Population but no action has been taken by that panel. Of interest is the fact that the composition of that five-member subcommittee has changed so that only Rep. Robert Garcia (D-NY) remains a member and he has relinquished the chairmanship to Rep. Mervyn M. Dymally (D-CA). Other members are Rep. Gerry Sikorski (D-MN), Rep. Constance M. Morella (R-MD), and Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN). Rep. Dymally, a native of Trinidad in the West Indies, represents the southern portion of Los Angeles County in the Congress and is a former Lt. Gov. of California. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1980 and is in his 4th term.

Gettysburg Battlefield Site — On March 10, 1987, the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate

H.R. 797 which would accept the donation of approximately 31 acres known as the "Taney farm" from the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association for inclusion in the National Military Park. The measure would also require a study and report to the Congress on the final development of the site since the boundaries of the Park have never been officially approved by Congress.

Bicentennial of the Constitution — Bills have been introduced in the House and the Senate to make September 17, 1987 a federal holiday in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution. The House bill, H.R. 157, has been reported favorably by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee but has not come up for consideration and a vote on the House floor. The Senate has taken no action on S. 699. With the Congress presently in recess until early September, there is little likelihood that this measure will become law in time to take effect on September 17. However, the recommendation of the House committee will stand as a tribute to the idea.

Commission on National Observances — Again in the present Congress, bills have been introduced to establish a national commission to advise the President on proposals for national observances and thereby relieve the Congress of that responsibility. H.R. 245 has been introduced by Rep. Claudine Schneider (R-RI), and H.R. 998 by Rep. Dave McCurdy (D-OK). In the past, measures like these have not received much attention because Representatives and Senators value the public relations involved in promoting special days or weeks during the year. Neither measure would curtail in any way the authority of Congress to consider the creation of public holidays.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

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Department News

Wisconsin: On Memorial Day, May 25, 1987, Col. E. A. von Frankenberg and the men of "Cushing's Battery" led our Department's tribute to the centennial of the Wisconsin Veterans Home located at King, WS. Known for many years as the Grand Army Home, this facility was started in 1887 by the Wisconsin Department of the GAR and years later came under the jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin and its Department of Veterans Affairs. Centennial events are being observed throughout the year.

Following the lakeside water service, Col. von Frankenberg, assisted by Col. Burton E. Kannenberg, marched the battery to a ridge in the cemetery adjacent to the Home where three Civil War vintage field pieces had been mounted. At the conclusion of the formal ceremony, the battery, under the command of 1/Lt Ronald Aronis, fired an impressive salute. After the ceremonies had concluded, spectators were invited to join the men of the battery for a demonstration of nomenclature and firing procedures conducted by Lt. Aronis. In the afternoon, Col. von Frankenberg hosted a display of Civil War artifacts from his collection which was set up in a squad tent on the grounds of the Home. Ellinore and Tom Johnson joined in the ceremonies as representatives of the Department and its Auxiliary.

At the Department Encampment in June, Col. von Frankenberg and William H. Upham each received the "Good Guy Award" presented to them on behalf of the Department by Commander Tom Johnson for outstanding service in promoting the heritage of the Civil War in the Badger state. Both men are Department officers and have given unstingily of their time and talents on behalf of our Order.

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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.

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| 196 Nathan L. Harrison | 5/1/87 |
| 197 Winston L. Garesche | 4/15/87 |
| 198 Bruce De Vere | 9/10/87 |
| 199 Albert A. Morey | 9/10/87 |

RECEIPTS:

Per-capita tax assessment on 2,000 members at \$4.00 per member for two quarters	\$4,000.00
Per-capita tax assessment on 2,000 members at \$5.00 per member for two quarters	5,000.00
Registration fees from 70 delegates at \$7.00 each	490.00
Sale of supplies	3,000.00
Auxiliary gift	500.00
Income from permanent fund, savings and investments	3,400.00
New camp application fees and charter fees	100.00
Monthly earned interest on checking account	500.00
Allocated from GAR fund	910.00
Total	17,900.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's expenses	1,800.00
National Treasurer's expenses	900.00
National Secretary's expenses	900.00
Purchase of supplies	2,500.00
Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	1,000.00
Printing and mailing of proceedings: 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1987	4,500.00
National encampment expenses	200.00
Transcribing proceedings	500.00
The Banner	4,500.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel	400.00
Certified public accountant	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total	17,900.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GAR FUND

Student scholarship award	300.00
Lincoln Memorial ceremony	60.00
Lincoln Tomb ceremony	400.00
GAR Remembrance Day	400.00
Memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, SVR	200.00
GAR Campfire program expense	300.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	25.00
Printing of forms for contributions	125.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Allocated to the General Fund	910.00
The committee: Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman George W. Long	Total 2,845.00

Grand Army Remembrance Day

The 30th Annual GAR Remembrance Day was held on Saturday, November 15, 1986, on the 123rd Anniversary Observance of President Lincoln's dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

At 2:00 p.m. the parade moved out from the Gettysburg Recreation Field, proceeding along the streets of Gettysburg, arriving in front of the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield at 2:45 p.m.

The Master of Ceremonies was Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver SVR. During the wreath laying ceremony, the Gettysburg Ceremonial Brass Band, the

11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Fife and Drum Corps and Wayne D. Hill provided music and songs. An Artillery Battery fired a salute during the service.

Following the wreath laying ceremony, a program of Remembrance Day Tributes were presented in the National Park Cyclorama Auditorium. The Honorable Lowell V. Hammer, Retired, former International Security Officer with the United States Foreign Service and Civil War scholar, delivered the address.

In the evening, the 56th Dedication Day Dinner was held at the Holiday Inn, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Past Department Commander and Past Department Presidents Association. After the dinner, Gettysburg College Scholarship Awards were presented to Timothy Gelsinger and Marianne Sheehan.

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31st Annual GAR Remembrance Day Agenda Sat., Nov. 21, 1987 - Gettysburg, PA

- 8:00 a.m. SVR Officers and Unit Commanders Breakfast-Meeting - Holiday Inn Attendance mandatory Breakfast Buffet - \$4.50
- 10:00 a.m. Officers and Commanders meeting Union and Confederate Units Holiday Inn Parade and 1988 Gettysburg 125th information Unit information exchange - Streamer issue Buffet Luncheon follows - \$6.00 (Families may attend luncheon)
- 1:30 p.m. Parade formation - Gettysburg Recreation Field
- 2:00 p.m. Parade steps off - Two Divisions Bayonets and Sabres may be carried in Parade and sheathed upon entering National Park. No Black Powder at any time. Cavalry must remain on paved roadways. Personal conduct should be in keeping with this dignified day of tribute to the North and South.
- 3:15 p.m. Wreath laying ceremony - Woolson Monument - Cyclorama Allied Orders of the GAR - National and State Unit Commanders take charge of their Commands following ceremony for dismissal or independent memorial services.
- 3:45 p.m. Program of Memorial Tributes - Cyclorama Auditorium Guest speaker - Public and all Troops invited No arms permitted in auditorium.
- 6:30 p.m. 57th Annual Dedication Day Dinner - Holiday Inn Reservations \$15.00 to LTC George W. Long, 222 Lincoln St., Lancaster, PA 17603
- 9:30 p.m. Blue-Gray Ball - Holiday Inn Ballroom Donation \$1.00 per person

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1988 Appeal For The G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND



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Once a year, you are asked to support this fund. Only with your help can we keep alive the memory of the G. A. R. and continue the patriotic work we undertake in their memory.

This fund finances many national projects, including the G. A. R. Scholarship, the Lincoln Memorial and the Lincoln Tomb Services, the G. A. R. Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg, the G. A. R. Camp Fire Program, and the Sons of Veteran Reserve.

Our task to carry on the memory of the G. A. R. is great. This is your pledge to carry on their work — your investment in our Order. No donation is too small. May I count on you? Send \$1, \$5, \$10, or more. It is a wise investment for it pays dividends in patriotism.

Please send your check to me (payable to National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and my annual report will recognize you as a shareholder.

Elmer F. Atkinson, National Patriotic Instructor

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The Grand Army of the Republic Highway — Yesterday and Today

Following the initial success in getting the State of Massachusetts to designate Route 6 as the GAR Highway and in having the road completed to the West Coast, the GAR Highway committee turned its attention to convincing all of the other states through which the road passed to officially designate it as the GAR Highway and to erect markers so naming the highway.

At the 68th Annual Encampment in August 1949, the committee was able to report that legislative sanction officially designating Route 6 as the GAR Highway had been granted by all of the states through which the highway passed except Nevada. At the same time, a generally favorable report was presented regarding the willingness of states to erect SUVCW approved GAR Highway markers. It was recommended, however, that aluminum markers be substituted for iron plate markers then in use which were susceptible to rust and flaking of the printed inscription.

The efforts of the SUVCW Highway Committee in subsequent years were dedicated to the continued urging of states to publicize the route's existence as the GAR Highway, to erect and maintain the GAR Highway markers, to maintain the highway in good condition, to provide statistics on the highway in their state, and to create parks along the highway.

In retrospect the committee deserves considerable credit for its efforts. The Chairman, Brother Allen S. Holbrook, however, provided little optimism at the 73rd Annual Encampment in August 1954 when he reported: "This is a picture, Brothers, of the GAR Highway, as I have been able to get data up to the present time. It is not one of which we are entitled to a great amount of credit, after some ten or twelve years of effort. Yes, we do have a cross country Highway dedicated to our beloved sires, but Pennsylvania has continued to update Route 6 throughout the years since 1934 so there has been some re-routing and realignment.

Ohio: US Route 6 travels through nine Ohio counties involving four of twelve highway districts. A survey of these districts revealed that one GAR Highway

sign remains in Sandusky County, one in the village of Sheffield Lake, three in the village of Chardin in Ashtabula County and one near the Pennsylvania border at the State Line Road. No markers were found in the other counties. A map published by the Geauga County engineers continues to contain references to US Route 6 as the GAR Highway. With the exception of the bypasses of Napoleon, Bowling Green, and Freemont, there have been no significant relocations of Route 6 since 1934.

Indiana: Since its designation as the GAR Highway in 1937, there have not been many major changes or re-routing of US 6 in Indiana. A bypass was constructed around Bremen to relocate US 6 and a portion in Lake County has been re-routed over I-80/I-94 and SR51 instead of Ridge Road. The Highway Department knows of no GAR Highway markers that are still in place. Who knows of it? Ask anyone in general outside of our affiliated organization what and where is the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and nine chances out of ten the answer will be, 'Never heard of it.' Now that we have it, will we be able to keep it? Only time will tell. I feel assured, however, that we will keep it only so long as we fight for it, work for it, and make of it a living, thought-stirring memorial to every one of those who answered Lincoln's call in the '60s, be he General or Private, and who preserved for us a nation united in spirit as well as in name."

In more recent years, the GAR Highway Committee and GAR Highway Officers, after the Committee effort was replaced by the GAR Highway Officer, devoted their efforts to urging state highway departments to maintain Route 6 and the GAR Highway markers in good condition, to collect data on any changes of the routing of Route 6 through the various states, and to enlist the support of SUVCW camps in states through which the Highway passed to work with state authorities to keep Route 6 in the public eye as the GAR Highway.

Status of Route 6 and the GAR Highway Markers in the States Through Which it Passes

The following summary of the current status of the GAR Highway is based upon responses from Departments of Transportation to letters sent to them by the National GAR Highway Officer:

Massachusetts: Unfortunately, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation did not respond to two separate appeals by the GAR Highway Officer for information on the current status of the Highway in Massachusetts. Other information, however, shows that although the construction of Interstate I95 turned Route 6 into a bypassed highway, it remains an interesting route with many reminders of a bygone era.

Rhode Island: Route 6 is still designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Rhode Island and is so designated on the official state highway maps. The Department of Transportation knows of at least one GAR Highway marker that remains in place just over the Rhode Island line from Massachusetts. Unfortunately, it is believed that most of the other markers along the route have disappeared. With respect to changes in the routing of the Highway, it has changed at different times through Providence with new construction and traffic patterns.

Connecticut: Although no change has been made in Route 6's designation as Grand Army of the Republic Highway, considerable relocation of Route 6, approximately 50%, has taken place in Connecticut. Only a few of the markers remain and are located in the Eastern section of the state. Since instituting a strict policy about 15 years ago of erecting only essential signs based on safety, need to know considerations and funding limitations, the State has not replaced signs considered non-essential, but has with participatory funding erected and maintained signing associated with the nation's bicentennial.

New York: In New York, Route 6 continues to bear the GAR Highway designation. In the town of Cortlandt, Route 6 is still on the original GAR Highway alignment. However, in Yorktown and Sommers most of the route is on new alignment. In Yorktown, Route 6 used to follow what is now East Main Street and the present Route 6N in Westchester and Putnam counties was probably "old" Route 6. Highway Department officials recall a GAR Highway marker near the intersection of Route 6N and East Main Street in Yorktown, but they cannot confirm that it is still there.

Pennsylvania: As in Rhode Island, Route 6 continues to be designated as the GAR Highway in Pennsylvania and it is so marked on the state's official

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transportation map. The earlier porcelain and wood GAR Highway markers have been replaced with aluminum signing commemorating the highway.

Illinois: Route 6 still carries the name GAR Highway in Illinois. It follows essentially the same alignment across the state as it did when it was originally constructed. Grand Army of the Republic Highway signs are still located along this highway in Illinois and in 1975 new signs were erected to replace those that were missing or in need of replacement.

Iowa: The GAR Highway in Iowa continues to follow the route of US 6, although there have been some changes in routing and jurisdiction of the highway. At three locations, US 6 has been shifted to Interstate 80 and the old alignment is now either an unnumbered primary route or has been transferred to the jurisdiction of a county. GAR Highway markers exist at 29 locations in Iowa. Twenty-three of these are still on the route which is designated as US 6, while the other 6 are on what is now designated as an unnumbered primary or county route.

Colorado: While US 6 is still designated in Colorado as Grand Army of the Republic Highway, it has undergone extensive changes through the years. US 6 has been fragmented by construction of the Interstate System and now serves local traffic only, primarily through towns bypassed by Interstate Highways 70 and 76. Unfortunately, none of the GAR Highway markers appear to remain in Colorado.

Nebraska: Although the Nebraska Department of Roads recognized Route 6 as the GAR Memorial Highway, confirming legislation was never provided by the Nebraska Unicameral. Nevertheless, markers designating it as the GAR Highway were installed along the highway throughout the length of the state at about 15 or 20 mile intervals. There were a few extra signs left for maintenance replacement. In the course of time, because of maintenance requirements, vandalism, and theft, this extra supply was exhausted. The Department of Roads does have one of these markers preserved in their permanent historical collection. However, it appears that there are no longer any GAR Highway markers in existence on US 6 in Nebraska at this time. The alignment of US Highway 6 has changed very

little throughout the years in Nebraska, except for some relocation in urbanized areas, such as Omaha and Lincoln.

Utah: For fifty years after its establishment in Utah in 1936, US Route 6 or Grand Army of the Republic Highway maintained the same alignment. In recent years, however, a portion of the highway in southeast Utah has been replaced with Interstate 70. Unfortunately, the Utah Department of Transportation reports that there are no longer any markers along US 6 designating it as the GAR Highway. Nor have the official Utah State Highway maps for the past thirty years shown US Route 6 as the GAR Highway.

Nevada: Although portions of Route 6 through Nevada have additional route numbers of Route 50 or 95, it appears to follow the path of the original Route 6 when it was designated the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. A review by the Nevada Department of Transportation of the photolog of Route 6 revealed no GAR Highway markers along the Route. While several Department staff members recall seeing such markers in the past, none have been seen in the last several years.

California: A small portion of US Route 6 remains in California. This section runs through Bishop, CA between Route 395 and the Nevada state line. The highway over the years has been absorbed into newly constructed freeways and none are referred to as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. In Los Angeles, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway followed what is now Figueroa Street to San Pedro and then followed San Fernando Road out of the city. All of the markers and monuments are gone.

Conclusion

In view of higher highway maintenance costs and budget limitations in most states, it is unlikely that we can persuade state highway departments to undertake a greater effort in maintaining, restoring, or adding new GAR Highway markers along Route 6. It is realistic, however, to urge state Departments of Transportation to continue using the GAR Highway designation for Route 6 on its official highway maps, in tourism material, and in Department publications. Similarly, we can keep the memory of the GAR Highway alive through articles in touring magazines and publications; in newsletters and

publications of city, county, and state historical societies; and in Civil War related magazines and publications.

Such an effort is likely to reach a greater audience and promote a greater awareness of the Highway than the highway markers which are seen only by those transiting the route. In this connection, it is interesting to note that a library group in Johnston, Rhode Island learned of my letter to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and wrote to me asking if I might provide some information on the GAR Highway for the group to use in a local newsletter since the Highway passes directly through Johnston. The information was, of course, provided with the request that we receive a copy of anything published.

THE GAR HIGHWAY IS NOT DEAD, BUT LIVES ON! Although some changes in the alignment of US Route 6 have taken place, it continues to bear the name Grand Army of the Republic Highway. This has never been changed by the states through which it passes. The GAR Highway will die only if we let it die by failing to keep alive the history of this continental thoroughfare which was named to honor those who fought and died to preserve our Union.



Gettysburg Remembrance Day Set

All brothers and sisters and friends are invited to the Grand Army of the Republic 31st Annual Remembrance Day on Saturday, November 21, 1987.

A parade of 2,000 plus Civil War reactivated troops with bands and Fife and Drum Corps plus other units will step off at 2:00 p.m. marching through Gettysburg, to the Woolsen Monument for the wreath laying ceremony and followed by the formal Program of Tributes in the Visitors Center Auditorium of the National Park.

Saturday evening the 57th Dedication Day Dinner, hosted by the Pennsylvania Past Department Commanders and Past Department Presidents Association, will be held at the Gettysburg Holiday Inn. The Dinner will be followed by an interesting and entertaining program as usual. During this program, Student Scholarship Awards will be given.

At 10:00 p.m. Saturday, a Blue/Grey Military Ball will be held at the Holiday Inn, with the men wearing their dress blues or greys and the ladies in the period dresses.

National Geneologist Report

Editor's Note: This report was previously prepared for an edition of the Banner that was not published and is being presented to you now.

By Jerome Orton

Enclosed you shall find a number of articles pertaining to a number of various subjects that I feel are very important to our beloved order. Will you please be so kind as to let other members of our order know of them, as I am sure that there will be some? If there are any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me. I am here to help you to the best of my ability.

There are many men and women still alive who can say that they are a real son or daughter of a Civil War veteran. That is, they can proudly say, "My father fought in the Civil War." My own camp has three and one is a black man.

The Commander-in-Chief has graciously pre-signed certificates that will be issued to the individuals, whether members or not of the Allied Orders. Three bits of information are needed. Name and address of individual (or person to receive it for the person), father's name and unit or ship that Civil War service was done with. There are many and over the past three years I and the Commanders-in-Chief have issued over 400 certificates.

Listed below are the widows still receiving pensions according to the VA as of January. I have located 4. Do you know of any? Please let me know if you know of any.

Arkansas, Dora Potter, widow of Daniel Potter; **California,** Mary K. Lemley, widow of Bazel Lemley; Julia Seal, widow of John R. Seal; **Colorado,** Daisey Anderson, widow of Robert Ball; D.C., Mary T. Cavanaugh, widow of James H. Cavanaugh; **Florida,** Nena S. Feagle*, widow of William M. Mosley; Minnie A. Taylor*, widow of Daniel C. Rainey; A. Osteen*, widow of Sim Osteen; Demcy D. McCreary, widow of John S. Dick; Marie Johnston, widow of James Johnston; **Kansas,** Mattie Brown, widow of Francis M. Brown (lives in Kansas City); Enos J. Divelbliss, widow of Justin O. Hottinsein (lives in Humbolt); **Maryland,** Hedwig A. Smolinski, widow of Joseph Smolinski; **Mississippi,** Bessie M. Winstead, widow of Charles M. Win-

stead; **Missouri,** C. B. Pool, widow of Charles Pool (have article on her); **New York,** Julia K. Schoenherr, widow of John Schoenherr; **North Carolina,** Novella Scott, widow of General W. Scott and Bertha B. Welton*, widow of James L. Welton; **South Carolina,** Daisy W. Cave*, widow of Henry B. Cave; **Tennessee,** Ruth M. Randolph, widow of Frank Herrell and Gertrude January, widow of John January; and **Texas,** Altha Wallace*, widow of George W. Wallace and Susan E. Springer, widow of Davis Springer. The * denotes Confederate widow.

Prof. Jay S. Hoar of Maine is writing a history of the last Civil War veterans that lived beyond 1940 or lived to be 100 years old. He has published two books on this subject and will soon have his national study put to print. Although he has uncovered many unknown facts about the GAR and old veterans he still needs your help in finding old veterans who did not belong to the GAR. Even finding facts about the GAR is very difficult in many areas. Please help him.

The Marshall A. Hope Distinguished Author award is now given out yearly at that National Encampment. A sheet is sent along to explain it. We have a number of members that are very gifted in the written word. It is only proper that we reward those who have given of their time, effort and money to get articles published. Please remember that ever since books have been published they have been burned. In many parts of the world, the written word is a very powerful subject.

The State of West Virginia is giving free of charge medals never claimed by their native sons for service. A copy of the letter sent to me is enclosed. The deadline is near so please act soon. These medals are rare and probably will never be offered again. Many have come forth and claimed them.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. will be 100 years old on May 30, 1985. Please support them. They are doing many wonderful projects and are still compiling information on Civil War Union Monuments. They hopefully will publish Vol. II. This book can be obtained from Ellen Beckman, PNP, 7204 Adelpi Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782. If you think that your local Civil War monument has not been recorded for their book please write to her to find

out. She needs to know State, County, Town and Site. Also a glossy black and white to have reproduced.

Duane Baldwin, 3808 Cumbulant Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452 is a member of the Tidewater Area, SUV. He has 100% cotton dark blue tee shirts with the Sons badge on it in back and on the upper left hand front corner. They are of excellent quality and cost \$6 plus postage. If you liked the SUV ties you will like these tee-shirts. He also has windbreakers for about \$38. These two items are a real must if you collect SUV material and are excellent for advertising. Please try to order a dozen if possible.

Roger Hemple, Box 14, South Lyon, Michigan 48178 has the only known complete collection of National Encampment badges of GAR. At present they are on display at the National Headquarters of Women's Relief Corps, Aux. to the GAR in Springfield, Ill. He is offering a B&W photo of them for \$2.50 and color for \$5. It is well worth the money and as he says will help you know what you are buying if you are a collector. He is publisher of the "Great Republic." It is dedicated to the Memory of the GAR and is a great source of information. It cost \$10 a year for 4 issues and will be worth your time to write to him.

Our historical committee is trying to get a draft done for the years 1881-1890. It is very difficult. The facts are confusing and the proceedings run into many hundred of pages. Yes, there has been histories done before and hopefully we will be able to expand on what has been done. This is a **job for a retired man.** Will each Department Commander please send me the name of your Department Historian? Probably more has been lost than will be ever done.

I will propose at National that our eligibility be changed to include descendants of War Governors, soldiers of State service, cabinet officers and others who performed outstanding service. This was once brought up in 1938. I cannot find a 1939 committee report to see what happened.

Any member who has attained 75 years membership, of which there are a few, will be granted a constitutional life membership and our constitution be amended to say so. Anyone who belongs to an organization for 75 years deserves special honors.

"THE UNION FOREVER"

Buffalo, NY

August 9-12, 1987

A Synopsis of the 106th Annual Encampment

55 Delegates present, 22 not present, 77 registered.

Recommendations Approved

Produce total membership list annually.

Appoint membership list coordinator. Project budget for five years.

Fraternal Relations Cmte. work to get all Allied Orders to meet concurrently and at the same place in annual sessions.

Appoint Cmte. of five to coordinate SUVCW representation at CW 125th Ann. events.

SUVCW participate in SVR sponsorship of 125th Ann. of Battle of Gettysburg.

Depts. send JVC names to JVCinC.

Correct the Banner problems.

Continue financial support for usual ceremonies.

Send updated rosters to Nat. Treas. by 31 Dec.

Depts. Fwd Form 49 to Nat. Sec. & Treas. by 30 June.

Inform public of GAR Highway US6. Camps encourage state govts. to sign GAR Highway.

Continue SUVCW membership on DC Lincoln Bday. Comte.

SUVCW make floral presentations at four DC ceremonies.

Rescind directive of Depts. paying for Banner returns.

Banner Editor furnish quarterly printouts to Depts.

Study feasibility of Natl. Hq. with other societies.

Study means to claim GAR property. Study data base management system.

Support for H.R.s 108, 157, 692, 733, 797 and care of Civil War Monuments.

Remembrance Day expense \$400.00.

SVR support \$200.00.

Question Mass. Gov. on non-use of Pledge of Allegiance.



Raise Application Fee to \$20.00.

Raise Nat. Encampment Reg. Fee to \$7.00.

Raise Nat. per capita to \$5.00 per member Jan. 1, 1988.

Increase advance to Encampment Comte. to \$400.00.

Resolutions Approved

Support return of Memorial Day to May 30.

Appreciation to hotel and Encampment Comte.

Considered

Forming New England Department. Holocaust Museum in DC.

Outside fund raising.

Nat. Encampment meeting days.

Standing Budget Committee.

Jr. memberships.

Scholarship changes.

Associate status.

Terms of office.

Elected

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tington, PA.

Sr. Vice C-in-C: Clark W. Mellor, MA.

Jr. Vice C-in-C: Charles W. Corfman,
OH.

Council of Admin.: Gordon R. Bury,
OH to 1988; Joseph S. Rippey, NY to
1988; Lowell V. Hammer, MD to 1989.

Appointed

By Commander-in-Chief:

Counselor: Richard D. Orr, PA.

Chief of Staff: Norman R. Furman,
NY.

Chaplain: Sherman Weaver, NH.

Patriotic Instructor: Elmer F. Atkin-
son, PA.

Graves Registration: Charles E. Shar-
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GAR Highway: Ray Niffenegger, IA.

Washington Rep.: Richard C.
Schlenker, MD.

Personal Aide: Clarence J. Riddell,
PA.

Historian-Genealogist: David B. Orr,
PA.

Council of Administration

Pre-encampment meeting Sun. 8-9-87.

Reviewed old business: Missing Pro-
ceedings, new Auditor.

Discussed Sec. and Treas. insurance.
Heard Cleaon Heald will benefits.

Accepted reports of Sec., Treas., MAL
Coordinator.

Referred Banner Editor report to en-
campment.

IL Dept. four quarters in per capita ar-
rears.

CO representation at encampment.
Appointed encampment Audit and
C&R Committees.

Post-encampment meeting Wed.
8-12-87.

C-in-C to review Encampment Site
Comte. guidelines.

Combine Banner Summer and Fall
issues, out by 10-15-87.

Name Banner Editor at Nov. meeting.
Set NPI goal at \$2000.00.

Set Life Member fee to Camps at
\$8.00.

Accepted resignation of R. Schlenker
as MAL Coordinator.

Appointed Richard D. Orr as MAL
Coordinator.

Set next meeting for 9 a.m. Sun., Nov.
22, 1987 at Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, PA.

Current Membership

2571 members, 139 camps.

Allan B. Howland Membership Award

Dept. of Pennsylvania, 31 members.

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107th National Encampment SUVCW,
Lansing, MI, August 1988

108th National Encampment SUVCW,
Connecticut, August 1989



32nd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Springfield, Illinois
Friday, April 15, 1988

A memorial ceremony to mark the 123rd anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 15, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL. The State House Inn will be the site of the luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the headquarters hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or as a Department or Unit Auxiliary President or as an individual member of our Order, you are urged to participate in this commemoration. Individual invitations are not routinely sent to Departments or Camps and their Auxiliaries. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and that (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It is imperative that the **number** of luncheon reservations desired be specified. To assure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details **not later than Friday, March 25** to —

Mr. Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee
1320 North Osborne Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 1988. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL.

The Marshall A. Hope Distinguished Author Award

The Marshall A. Hope Distinguished Author Award was established at the 101st National Encampment by Jerome L. Orton, PDC-NY, in honor of the late PDC Marshall A. Hope, a well known columnist of Oneida, NY.

Any member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is eligible for this award. Members who have written books, theses, newspaper articles, etc., may submit them to the committee. Departments may endorse members work or members may submit their own such as in the case of members-at-large.

This year's award was announced at the 106th National Encampment at Buffalo, NY. This award was given posthumously to Dan Gradel, a member of Stewart-Hope Camp 126, New York Department.

Gradel, an Oneida, NY native, wrote the "History Chips" column in The Oneida Daily Dispatch. The column had covered the history of the Oneida Independent Cavalry, which served as General Meade's escort at the Battle of Gettysburg. The Oneida Company's Monument is adjacent to General Meade's Headquarters at Gettysburg.

Panorama

(panorama)... a wide view in all directions, a constantly changing scene. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the Editor, and not necessarily the official position of the SUVCW

"All Good Things Come to Those Who Wait" might seem appropriate now to say, now that the Banner is appearing in some mailboxes more frequently. More bugs are being worked out of the Banner distribution system.

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