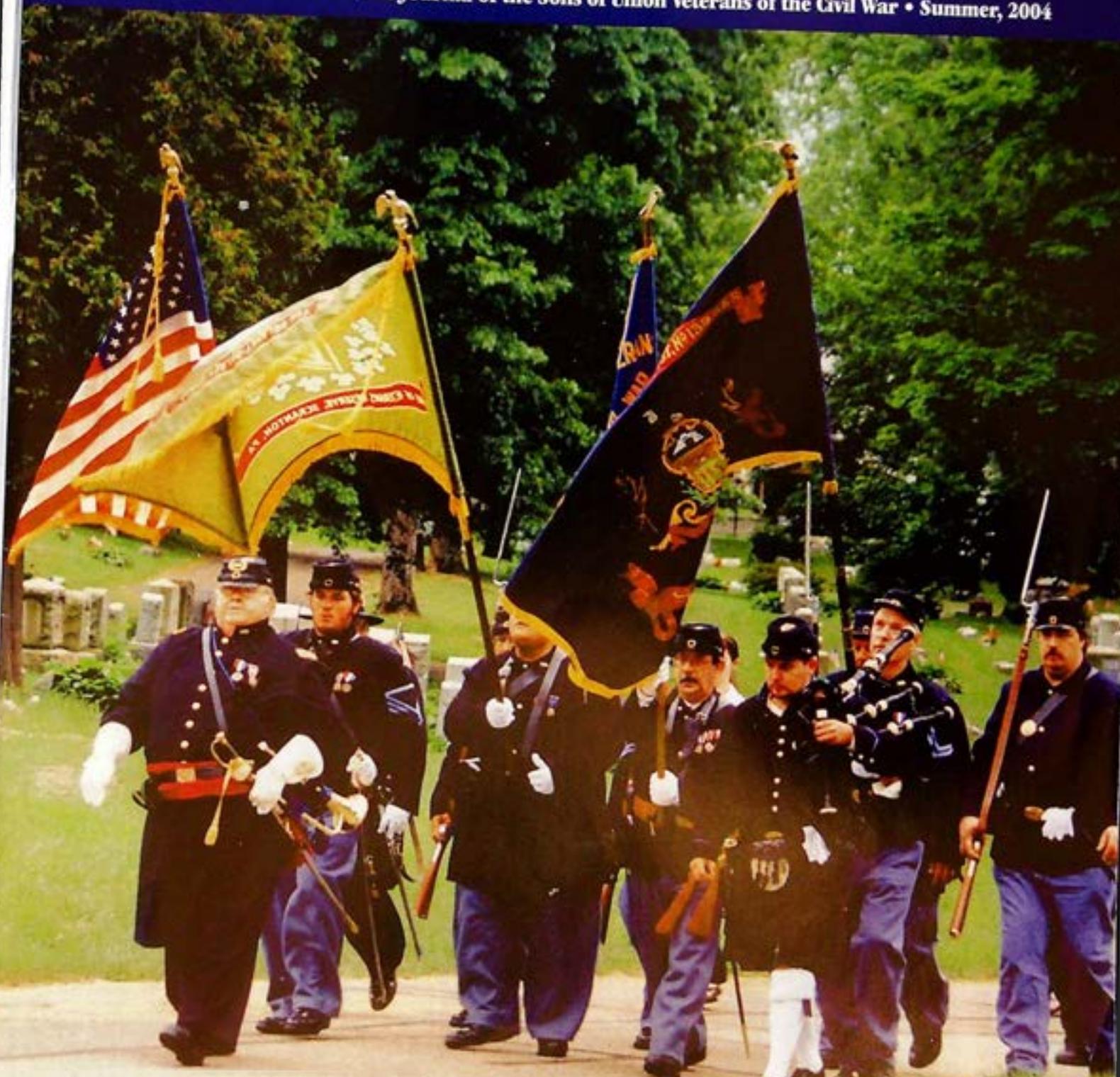
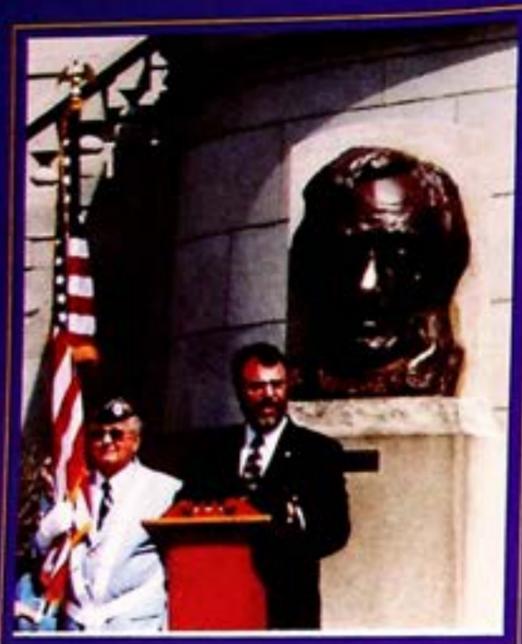


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The Delaney-Delacy Guard, SVR, marches to Scranton's 104th annual observance of Memorial Day. Story on Page 19



Commander in Chief Kent Armstrong, above, delivers comments during the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield. At right, Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor Mary Fritz carries the National Auxiliary colors into the ceremony while, below, C-in-C Armstrong poses with members of the SVR's 4th Military District, after the Ceremony.



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ON THE COVER: The newly formed Delaney Delacy Guard of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Scranton, PA, prepare to participate in the 104th annual observance of Memorial Day at the Dunmore Cemetery near Scranton, PA. The observance, the longest continuous running service in Northeastern Pennsylvania, is conducted every year by Ezra Griffin Camp 8 and Auxiliary 10 of Scranton. The event marked the first public function for the new SVR unit.

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General Order No. 18

I have the honor to announce the following gesture of gratitude toward our Brothers who are serving our country, in Harm's Way. There are several Brothers currently on active duty with United States military forces in active combat zones and thereby unable to respond to traditional membership renewal requests. Therefore, our National Council of Administration has voted unanimously that any Brother serving in an active combat zone as of March 31, 2004 shall be exempt from paying the 2004 National per capita dues. Our Order has a history of waiving the national per capita payment in such instances and we are proud to do so again, under the present circumstances.

To request the waiver of national per capita, a Camp must indicate on a sheet of paper the names, rank and unit of each Brother being exempted. Please note that the Brother must be in an active combat area/zone to qualify for the exemption. For purposes of implementation, any Brother deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan shall be deemed to be in an active combat zone.

All Departments and Camps therein are respectfully and patriotically encouraged to likewise waive Department and Camp dues for these Brothers for the year 2004.

2. To honor another special group of Brothers within our membership, I want to recognize all of our current Members and Associates who served in any branch of the armed forces during World War II. Delegates to our National Encampment in 2001 approved a donation of \$5,000 toward construction of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. and I was directed by then C-in-C George L. Powell to present the check on behalf of our Order. In keeping with our organization's tradition of honoring American veterans of all wars, I plan to be in Washington, D.C. when the "National WWII Memorial" is dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004. It will therefore be my pleasure and privilege on that date, to issue Certificates of Recognition to our Brothers who served during WWII.

I respectfully request that our Departments ask their respective Camps to inform me of those Brothers within their membership who served our country in uniform during WWII. Please include name, rank, branch of service, unit therein, and service dates. Camps-at-Large and the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator are hereby asked to also furnish this information. Thank you.

3. Monitoring and promoting the proper care and upkeep of Civil War veterans' graves as well as the monuments and

memorials that honor them, is a primary purpose of our organization. We are all volunteers in this great Order but there are some who go 'above & beyond' in service to the memory of those who honorably served to Save the Union. In appreciation of these efforts, it has been my pleasure to issue Meritorious Service Awards to Brothers who have been instrumental in the restoration or conservation of existing G.A.R. Monuments and other Civil War related Memorials that honor Union soldiers, sailors, and marines.

I would also like to issue Certificates of Merit to Brothers who have excelled in the work related to our Graves Registration Program as well as the Civil War Memorials assessment project.

Commanders of Camps as well as the Camps-at-Large are encouraged to channel nominations through our National Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials Officers. Thank you.

4. This year marks the 138th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) having been organized at Decatur, IL on April 6, 1866. The Department of Illinois, SUVCW, is to be commended for its annual ceremony that honors Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson (founder of the G.A.R.) at his gravesite in Rose Hill Cemetery near Petersburg, IL. This year's "GAR Founder's Day" program takes place at 2:00 p.m. on April 17.

5. The National Council of Administration (CoA) will conduct its Spring meeting, starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2004 in the "G.A.R. Room" on the second floor of the Huntington County Courthouse in Huntington, IN. Our thanks to the Brothers of Champion Hill Camp 17, Department of Indiana for their assistance with arrangements for us to meet at this special, restored meeting room of the G.A.R. in their locale.

Ordered this 11th day of March, 2004.

General Order No. 19

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Horace N. Rumsey, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of David G. Caywood Camp 146, Department of New York.

Brother Rumsey honored the memory of his father, Horace Rumsey, who served with the 148th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site 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 (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

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

Ordered this 12th day of March, 2004.

General Order No. 20

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother James Madison Gowin, Jr., a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Fort Donelson Camp 62, Department of Tennessee, Brother Gowin honored the memory of his father, James Madison Gowin, Sr., who served in Company B of the 33rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

2. We are proud to acknowledge Brother Gowin's own military service, during World War II, and his recognition as an "Atomic Veteran."

3. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Gowin's family.

Ordered this 26th day of April, 2004.

General Orders No. 21

It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order.

Private Elias Moon Camp-at-Large 2, located at Snellville, GA with Date of Rank from March 3, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Eric B. Peterson, Camp Organizer.

Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, located at Durango, CO with Date of Rank from March 29, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother James Davenport, Camp Organizer.

Cadot - Blessing Camp 126, located at Gallipolis, OH with Date of Rank from April 21, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother James W. Oiler, Camp Organizer.

Jeremiah Smith Camp 1, located at Oklahoma City, OK with Date of Rank from April 28, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Mike Rusk, Camp Organizer.

Sergeant Norman F. Bates Camp 64, located at Grinnell,

IA with Date of Rank from May 25, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Michael D. Hayes, Camp Organizer.

2. The National World War II Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on May 29th and it was an honor to be present and sign over 50 certificates for presentation to SUVCW Brothers across the country, in recognition of their service during WWII. I hope that space can be provided in a future issue of The BANNER, to share a roster of these Brothers with reference to the units they were assigned to. Two of these gentlemen are veterans of the "D-Day" assault on Normandy, the 60th anniversary being observed this year.

3. Congratulations have been sent to Jeffrey Albanese of Goshen, NY and Benjamin Stow of Thornton, PA, recipients of the SUVCW's two annual \$1,000 scholarships toward college tuition & books. I commend the members of our National Scholarship Committee, who had the difficult task of making these selections from 89 worthy candidates who applied.

4. All Brothers are encouraged to observe Flag Day. June 14, 2004 marks the 25th "Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" (7:00 p.m. EDT).

5. A tentative schedule for our 123rd National Encampment has been posted to the SUVCW Web site and should appear in this issue of The BANNER.

6. The National Council of Administration (CoA) will conduct its annual Pre-Encampment meeting, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, in the "Iowa City Room" at the Collins Plaza Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

7. My respect and BEST wishes for successful and productive Encampments/Conventions goes out to all of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been a pleasure to serve in the interests of "F., C., and L.," with: National President Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW); National President Lynne Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR); National President Donna Vaughn, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW); and National President Margaret Lauth, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC).

Ordered this 10th day of June, 2004.

By Order of
Kent L. Armstrong
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration Meeting April 17, 2004 Huntington, Indiana

The meeting opened at 8:10 a.m. with Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Secretary read the roll of National Elected Officers. All were present, as follows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Donald E. Darby. National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson. PC-in-C Robert E. Grim. National Treasurer Max L. Newman. National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. PDC Ronald B. Gill. PDC Robert M. Petrovic and PDC David P. Stephen.

Non-voting members PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman and National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl were also in attendance, as well as National Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters and National Chief of Staff PDC Michael S. Bennett.

National Treasurer Max Newman gave the Treasurer's Report.

CinC Armstrong respectfully reminded the Council of the need for a ruling on whether or not certain G.A.R. artifacts, previously in the care of a Rhode Island Camp, should remain in the care of the Department of Rhode Island (as directed by a previous Dept. administration) or be returned to the Camp of origin. After a lengthy discussion, the National Counselor advised that the CinC could issue a ruling on the matter - based upon which of the options would provide the best storage and preservation of the items, while still making the material available for public viewing.

The Program and Policy Committee proposed numerous updates to the National Organization's Policy Statements on: Unused GAR and SUCVW Graves, The BANNER, and Awards and Recognition. With the Council's approval, the updated Policy on each of these topics will now be posted to the Web site for distribution to the membership.

CinC Armstrong introduced Brother Gib Young of the Camp in Huntington, Indiana, who presented information on liability insurance to the Council of Administration. No action was taken at this time.

It was determined that the 2003 National Encampment Host Committee mistakenly sent a check to the National Organization. Bob Petrovic Moved. Max Newman second to return the check to the Host Committee. Eight (8) votes yes, Zero (0) no and 1 abstention from the vote. Motion passed.

Bob Petrovic moved, Bob Grim second to pay the amount described for the National Headquarters liability insurance. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Grim moved Don Darby second to approve a Pennsylvania Department request to approve its decision to deposit Pennsylvania Department Records in the Pennsylvania

State Archives. This was necessary because the language of the Department Bylaws required Council of Administration approval. The motion passed unanimously.

As the National Executive Director has taken on several time consuming duties for our Order in addition to those listed in his contract, CinC Armstrong proposed that the budget provide a commensurate payment for services rendered. After discussion of this possibility with the National Treasurer, Bob Grim moved Bud Atkinson second to increase compensation to Lee Walters as Executive Director from Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per year effective July 1, 2004. Passed by unanimous vote. A new contract will be drawn up, detailing tasks and compensation.

Bob Petrovic moved. Ron Gill second to cover the expenses of Champion Hill Camp, in Huntington, Indiana for hosting this meeting of the Council of Administration. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CinC Armstrong shared a letter received from the Department of Massachusetts, requesting permission to use the image of the SUCVW Membership Badge in the design of a patriotic bumper sticker, to be sold for the purpose of raising funds to purchase replacement grave marker /flag holders for MA cemeteries. After review of a scaled down, full-color prototype print, Don Darby moved, Max Newman second to approve the request. Approved by unanimous vote.

Bud Atkinson moved, Bob Petrovic second to approve the request of the Department of Michigan to continue producing and selling the embroidered pocket patches of the SUCVW Insignia and the Coat-of-Arms and the gold colored metal "SUV" Hat Badge. Approved by unanimous vote.

CinC Armstrong proposed that the Order henceforth annually place a wreath at the G.A.R. Monument in Washington, D.C. on May 30th, with identification of the SUCVW and a weather protected card attached that provides our Web site address. Bob Grim moved, Bob Petrovic seconded to approve, with a \$75.00 limit to the cost of the wreath. Approved by unanimous vote.

CinC Armstrong proposed that funds be budgeted for the purpose of travel expense reimbursement to Brothers who represent the National Organization on behalf of a CinC at Department Encampments or other designated events that a CinC cannot attend. This would apply to those Brothers who do not have a budgeted allowance, tied to their particular office. Based on input from National Treasurer Newman, Bob Grim moved, Don Darby second that the National Organization establish such an account, with a limit of \$4200.00 (Forty-Two Hundred Dollars) per year and up to \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars) per event, for reimbursement of travel and lodging expense to a Brother who is designated

by a CinC to represent the National Organization at a particular function. Approved by unanimous vote.

Don Darby moved, Bud Atkinson second to purchase a transcription machine and to discontinue paying someone to attend the National Encampments to transcribe the event. The tapes can be copied and then sent to any transcriptionist to make a written electronic version. Approved by unanimous vote.

National Counselor Pahl informed the Council that new information has been acquired, indicating that our Congressionally Chartered organization is eligible to be designated by the Internal Revenue Service with 501(c)(3) non-profit status. [The SUCVW is currently recognized as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.] Bud Atkinson moved, Bob Grim second to pursue obtaining the 501(c)(3) tax status for the National Organization. SUCVW. The \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) fee to come from the contingency fund. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Atkinson moved, with Second by PCinC Grim, to modify a previously approved motion - related to contacting the ASUCVW and LGAR regarding the possibility of an increased donation from those Orders toward the expenses of hosting a combined National Encampment (to be effective for the 2005 National Encampment of our Orders). Motion approved unanimously.

Don Darby moved, Bud Atkinson second to not exchange publications with other Organizations. Approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned. [The "Pre-Encampment" Council meeting will take place on August 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.]

APPENDAGE - The "Electronic Boardroom" votes, made between the 11-16-03 and 04-17-04 Council of Administration meetings were:

1. Minutes of the November 16, 2003 Council meeting approved unanimously.

2. Motion by Max Newman Second by Ed Krieser to make procedural changes to the "Guidelines for the National Credentials Committee" so that:

1.) All National Encampment Pre-registrations be sent directly to the National Credentials Committee;

2.) The pre-registration blank form is put on the National Web site and in the hands of the BANNER Editor (or printer) by a date prior to the Winter issue of the BANNER. (The only exception to #3 being that since the Winter issue of the Banner has already been published for 2003, that it shall appear in the Spring 2004 issue of the Banner to take effect immediately to be applicable for the 123rd



CC Gib Young, Champion Hill Camp 17, Dept. of IN, Dr. George Schul, Huntington, IN, Prof. James Adams, Manchester College, were recognized by Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, right, for their work in restoring the GAR Room in the Huntington County Court House during the C of A Meeting.

National Encampment in August 2004.);

3.) The Credentials Committee shall, on a weekly basis, inform the Host Department Committee with an updated head count total of how many members are planning to attend;

4.) The Credentials Committee shall send the collected pre-registration fees to the National Treasurer on a two week basis, since the checks need to clear the banks for both the National Organization and the individuals; and that

5.) These changes take effect immediately. 9 (Nine) votes yes, 0 (Zero) votes no.

3. A request by the CinC to exercise summary discipline was approved with 8 (eight) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no. The CinC as well as the Sr. Vice CinC did not vote. Copies of the full complaint may be obtained from the National Secretary.

4. Moved by Don Darby, seconded by Bob Grim to reimburse Council of Administration Member PDC Robert Petrovic for his expenses incurred in assisting Department of Iowa with National Encampment planning. 8 (Eight) votes yes and 1 (One) abstention.

5. Don Darby moved, seconded by Bob Petrovic the following: Whereas a number of Brothers currently on active duty with the United States Military Forces are in active combat zones, Whereas these Brothers cannot respond to requests for payment of dues, Whereas this Order has a history of waiving the National Per Capita Dues in such instances, Therefore be it resolved that any Brother serving in

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48th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Representatives of over 60 groups present wreaths

by PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson

The 48th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony featured a sunny and cloudless sky with temperatures in the low 70s...ideal for an outdoor event. This year, the ceremony attracted representatives of some 60 hereditary, veterans and civic organizations, who paused to pay homage to the sacrifices made by our 16th President.

Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong in his remarks, commented on the premonition of death, which Mr. Lincoln experienced just a few days before his assassination. He regretted that Mr. Lincoln did not live to carry out a positive Reconstruction of the south, in the hope that post Civil War history might have been different. CinC Armstrong closed his remarks with the traditional reading of Lincoln's "Farewell Address to the Citizens of Springfield," as he departed the Illinois city on February 11, 1861, and headed for Washington, D.C.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Dr.

Daniel W. Stowell, director and editor of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln/Lincoln Legal Papers, talked about Mr. Lincoln's qualities as commander-in-chief and

his popularity with the Union soldiers. Mr. Lincoln saw brief service in the Black Hawk War, as both an enlisted man and as an officer, but had no formal military training. He had opposed our entry into the Mexican War as a member of Congress. Yet in 1861, by virtue of his rise to the presidency, Mr. Lincoln became the Commander-in-Chief of armed forces loyal to the Union. To the common soldier, he became Father Abraham, a man with a care worn countenance, who appeared to suffer along with the troops. The soldier vote overwhelmingly supported the re-election of President Lincoln in 1864 with about 78% of that vote cast for the president. Dr. Stowell closed his talk with a recitation of Walt Whitman's "Oh Captain, My Captain."

PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson presided at the Tomb and at the luncheon program. However, in deference to a weak back, he asked PCC Alan G. Hembel to handle the roll call of organizations and their respective wreath bearers. This was graciously done by Br. Hembel.

The Springfield Municipal Band played several pieces and sounded spirited in its rendition of familiar marches. The 114th Illinois Vol. Infantry led the marching units that included colors from various hereditary and veterans organizations. Taps was sounded by Sgt. Maj. J. Stephen Hall with the echo sounded by Sidney Bick, past commander of the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois.

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Kentucky Sons honor Mexican War Veteran

On Armed Forces Day (May 15th), Sgt. Elijah P. Marris Camp 5 and the Company A, Capitol Guards, SVR, assisted in the grave dedication of a Mexican War veteran at the Lexington, Kentucky, Cemetery. The heavy rains had dropped to just a drizzle by 1pm.

Pvt. Charles E. Mooney, enlisted under Cassius M. Clay, in Co. I, Kentucky Mounted Volunteers and served from June 9th, 1846 to October 1st 1847. He was captured at Encarnacion (south of Buena Vista) and was held POW for 11 months. He made three unsuccessful escape attempts before being exchanged at Tampico. During his life, Mooney was a printer, new dealer, confectioner, grocer, saloon owner, editor, actor and a doctor. He had been in an unmarked grave for 103 years.

Mr. William Bozic of Austin, Texas, National President of the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans (DMWV) was main speaker at the ceremony. He remarked that, "Mooney's life would make a great movie, but he had so many adven-



National DMWV President William Bozic speaks at the ceremony.

Honor Roll

Pvt. Crosby John Graves
121st New York Vol. Infantry
By Robert E. Graves

Sgt. Francis N. Gibson
1st BN., 13th U.S. Infantry Regt.
By James Gibson Matthews

LtC. Henry Hartford
8th New York Volunteer Infantry
By John Henry Hartford

Pvt. Reuben P. Blake
Co. E, 81st Indiana Vol. Inf.
By Robert Blake Reid

Henry G. Collins
By George H. Thomas Camp 19
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Honor Roll donations are a tribute to any Union soldier/sailor or departed Brother in whose memory a donation (\$10 min.) was submitted to the National Treasurer.



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Real Son Welcomed Into the Order

On March 4th, 2004, the General Benjamin D. Fearing, Camp 2 of Marietta, Ohio, inducted into their organization a man who is the "Real Son" of a Union Veteran.

Mr. Claremont Deem was received as an esteemed member of the Camp by its members and family at a ceremony that took place at the American Legion Hall in Marietta.

Mr. Deem, age 93, a resident of Kanawha in Wood County, West Virginia, is the son of Cpl. John Deem, who was mustered into Co. E, 11th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry on August 28, 1862.

Cpl. Deem remained with the Regiment until it was mustered out on June 17, 1865.

He's buried in the Westfall Cemetery, Smithville, West Virginia, and his tombstone denotes his Civil War service.

During a December meeting with Commander Scott Britton, JVC James Miracle and Marvin Miracle, Mr. Deem related that his father was 69 when he was born and that he was 9 when his dad died on October 22nd 1920. Mr. Deem also told the group about his life adventures and work, which included leaving home at an early age, because he thought his family, "had enough mouths to feed." He has worked at a wide variety of jobs and loves blacksmithing. Many of his blacksmithing items decorate his yard and home in Kanawha.

Following the Induction Ceremony where Mr. Deem was presented with a Membership badge and certificate, along with his Father's military information, beautifully scribed by a Calligrapher, Melinda Miracle, dressed in period attire, served refreshments of punch and cake.



From left: Camp Commander Scott Britton, James Mircl, and Marvin Mircl with Claremont Deem, holding picture of his father John Deem.

Americanization & Education committee Prepares Teacher Resource

The National Committee on Americanization & Education has begun work on a resource for public school teachers to use during their study of the Rebellion. The resource is a list of internet addresses for web pages, detailing or related to the War.

Committee Chair Timothy Downey compiled a list and contacted the Kentucky Department of Education, which publishes a journal for the Commonwealth's teachers. This journal contains a section in which teaching resources and materials are offered to interested educators.

The notice for the resource will indicate that it is available to all who send a SASE to Downey.

The list contains sites that provide general coverage of the War, as well as Kentucky-specific sites. The A&E

Committee suggests that all Departments work on this project. The basic process would be to contact the state's Department of Education to see if it publishes a journal similar to Kentucky's. Then a list of on-line resources for studying the War, including numerous sites that cover a specific state, could be compiled. This list can be made available through the pages of the teaching journal. Requiring a SASE will save funds. A Department may also choose to incorporate the list on its web page and simply provide that address to the journal.

Textbooks tend to contain only broad, basic information. By providing resources that detail a specific state's involvement in the Rebellion, we can provide a valuable resource to our teachers.

Civil War Children Honored in Peoria

This past Memorial Day, May 30th, six children of Union soldiers were honored at Peoria's GAR Hall. The program was sponsored by Col. John C. Byrner Camp 67, the Friends of the GAR, and the Mark Twain Hotel.

The keynote speaker was Br. William H. Upham, Jr., of Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, who is the eldest son of former Wisconsin governor and Union veteran William H. Upham, Sr. The elder Upham served as a private in the 2nd Wis. Infantry, was wounded at the Battle of 1st Bull Run. He was subsequently captured by the Confederate Army and imprisoned in Libby prison. Later, he graduated from West Point. Pvt. Upham held the distinction of meeting both President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The younger Upham was a decorated officer during WWII, serving with General Patton in the invasion of Normandy. He is a retired executive from Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company.

Other honored guests included: Mr. Hiram Shouse, Jr., of Humboldt, Iowa, whose father, Dr. Hiram Shouse, Sr., served with the 11th Illinois Infantry. The elder Shouse, whose arm was nearly amputated after the Battle of Fort Donelson, became a prominent physician and political activist, and was a national delegate for Populist Party Presidential candidate Robert LaFollette in 1924. The younger Shouse is a retired hospital administrator and member of Camp 67.

The three living children of Pvt. Charles Parker Pool, 6th West Virginia Inf. These are Mrs. Florence (Pool) Wilson of Alridge, Missouri, and Mr. Garland Pool and Mr.



Camp 67 Chaplain Tim Plepkovich inducts Real Sons John Pool, Garland Pool and Hiram Shouse Jr.

John Pool of Bolivar, Missouri. Pvt. Pool received a knee injury during the war and underwent an operation to amputate part of his limb. Despite this, he remained an avid sportsman, hunting small game in the Arkansas mountains well into his eighties. He also assisted his rural community during the early years of the Great Depression.

The Memorial Day program, which included Civil War music sung by a trio and recognition of student essay winners, received coverage in the Washington Times.

The event was the culmination of a Middle School student project led by Camp 67 Chaplain Tim Plepkovich. For the past two years, Br. Plepkovich's students maintained correspondence with several Civil War children, obtaining theirs and their fathers' stories.

Council of Administration Minutes

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an active combat zone as of March 31, 2004 shall be exempt from paying the 2004 National per Capita Dues. Furthermore, all Departments and Camps are hereby memorialized to likewise waive Department and Camp dues for these Brothers for the year 2004.

Implementation: To request the waiver, the camp must indicate on a sheet of paper the names, rank and unit of each Brother being exempted. Note the Brother must be in an active combat area/zone to qualify for the exemption. For purposes of implementation any Brother deployed to Iraq or the Afghanistan theaters shall be deemed to be in

an active combat zone. 9 (Nine) votes yes, 0 (Zero) votes no.

6. Don Darby moved, seconded by Max Newman to prepare a letter to be sent to the Allied Orders regarding National Encampment contributions. Eight (8) votes yes and One (1) abstention.

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

Maryland

Antietam Camp 3 of Frederick, recently held a memorial service for PCC Victor H. Gebhart, at his grave site in Hagerstown. Camp Chaplain Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Foster gave a tribute that outlined Br. Gebhart's dedication to the SUVCW principles.

Before becoming a charter member of Camp 3, Br. Gebhart was Junior Vice Commander of Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 in Washington, D.C. Since his retirement from Rutgers University in 1991, he had devoted himself to family research and history. He and his wife, Patricia, enjoyed participating in Civil War activities.

CC Paul Van Hoose, Jr. and Camp Sec. Richard L. Martin assisted in placing an SUVCW grave marker. PCC Charles Odell and CC Van Hoose placed the Camp's wreath. The honor guard included Sgt. James Fisher, Sgt. Walter Evans, Pvt. B. Evans, Pvt. Terry Halley and Cpt. Dan Huff. The piper was Dr. David Madock.



Massachusetts

Friday, April 23rd, marked the start of the most successful Department Encampment in memory. Attendance was at an all time high and the event was held in the only remaining GAR Hall in Massachusetts, constructed almost entirely of native stone.

The building's renovation by the Town of Millford was recently completed at a cost of \$1.7 million. It stands as a tribute to the sacrifices of Union soldiers, atop a hill in the center of town.

The Department donated a 34-star flag to the Hall, which was raised on the front lawn pole during a ceremony conducted by the 11th Mass.

Vol. Inf. prior to the Encampment. Camp 18's fife and drum corps played the National Anthem, as the flag was raised. Foot and vehicle traffic halted in the area to observe the impressive service.

Another highlight of the 122nd Encampment was the Saturday evening banquet, held in the second floor meet-

ing room of the GAR Memorial Hall. A speech was given by SVCinC Stephen Michaels and remarks by Nat. Secretary Edward Krieser. National Awards were presented to L.A. Tiff Camp 15 and Auxiliary 10 for their fund raising efforts to restore a Civil War monument in Belchertown, Mass. Recognition was also given Gen. George L. Hartsuff Camp 50, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Commander Elect John Bates III presented Mrs. Roger Olsen with a plaque, honoring her late husband. A new Department award, honoring her husband has been initiated.

Missouri

The 25th annual observation of Gen. William T. Sherman's Brithday was held in St. Louis on February 29th. The ceremony was enhanced by those who attended: MOLLUS CinC Douglas R. Niermeier; SUVCW SVCinC Stephen A. Michaels; Nat. ASUVCW President Danielle M. Michaels; Central Region Association Commander Maggie Grothe; Missouri Dept. Commander Donald Palmer; DUVCW PNP Ruth M. Funck; Julia Dent Grant Tent 16 President Joy Leistriz; 4th Military District Commander Maj. Jack G. Grothe, SVR; Cpt. Randy Baehr, Co. M, 1st Missouri Lt. Artillery, SVR, Commander; 1Sgt Edwin Eller, Co. C, 34th Reg. Ill. Vol. Inf., SVR; and Cpt. Emmett P. Taylor, III, Co. C, 5th Missouri Cavalry, SVR. The key note speaker was President Ron Bolte, Carondelet Historical Society.



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New Hampshire

For the second consecutive year, Charles W. Canney Camp 5 has received the Dept. of New Hampshire Commander's Award. The Camp has been busy this past year with talks and displays both for schools and organizations. The Camp has worked to locate the last Union Veteran in each N.H. community, locating N.H. Civil War monuments and having them inspected and restored if needed with funds raised within that town; and working with towns without a Civil War monument and helping to raise funds, so they get a small monument. The town of New Durham, N.H. was the first to be dedicated on May 15th. On March 8th, eleven members of the Camp were chartered as Co. A, 12th New Hampshire Vol. Inf., SVR.



New Jersey

On February 21, 2004, the members of Lyon Camp 10 hosted a rededication service for the Thomas Sharp GAR Post 2 Monument in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Millville, New Jersey.

Thomas Sharp Post 2 was formed on Jan. 20, 1894 from the consolidation of the previous 2 GAR Posts of Millville: Larnard Tice Post 49 (formed 9/24/1880) and Union Post 55 (formed 8/17/1881). Thomas Sharp Post was still active in 1931. An incomplete Post 2 roster shows a membership of 222 veterans.

Thomas Sharp Post 2 was named for Private Thomas Sharp of Co G 3rd NJ Cavalry. He enlisted on Dec. 23, 1863 and was mustered in on Jan. 6, 1864 for a period of 3 years service. He was killed at the battle of Winchester Va. on Aug. 17, 1864. Thomas had a sister named Jennie Collins who lived in Millville and a brother William Sharp of Cape May County who was also a member of the Post.

The Thomas Sharp Post 2 GAR monument in Mount Pleasant Cemetery was dedicated on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30th 1910. Members of Lyon Post 10 GAR attended the ceremonies, which lasted all day. One of the projects currently being



undertaken by the SUVCW on a national level is the identification and cataloging of Civil War monuments and GAR artifacts. During the investigation it was discovered that the Sharp monument was in need of repair. Our Camp has recently completed the restoration of the monument and thought it proper to rededicate the restored monument to those who erected it.

Some of those in attendance were: Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew (D) NJ Cumberland County Veterans

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Affairs officer P. J. Paden; Members of the Nabb-Leslie Post 82 American Legion; Members of the Millville Veterans of Foreign Wars; Members of the Semper Marine Detachment of Vineland; Representatives from the Millville Army Airfield Museum; 12th NJ Civil War Re-enactors

Guest speakers included: Hon. Jeff Van Drew Dept. Co. Buzz Smithcors Camp 10; Co. Dennis Clowney Camp 10; Chaplain Patrick Peters Cornelia

NERA Meets

By PDC William T. Ryerson

Sons and Auxiliary members from six New England states gathered at the NERA's spring meeting on March 20th. in the refurbished GAR Memorial Hall in Millford, Massachusetts.

Region Commander Tuffy Doyle (Vermont) and Aux. Pres. Mary Willey (Mass.) conducted the morning meetings of their members and after a splendid catered lunch, the joint afternoon session. 1st Military District Commander, Maj. Peter Rotando reported on his units and stated that SVR membership is increasing in New England. New Hampshire DC Dan Murray reported on the plans for the 2005 National Encampment in Nashua. The Dept. of Vermont displayed Memorial Flags used by the SUCVW in past years and suggested that the tradition be renewed. Representatives from each Department gave a review of their Department's activities and announced their Encampment dates. The meeting concluded with the members gathering in a circle and the traditional singing of "Til We Meet Again." The Dept. of New Hampshire will host the Annual Meeting of the NERA on Saturday, July 17th. at the New Hampshire Veterans Association, The Weirs, Laconia, N.H.



NEW YORK - Ogden Farmers' Library Director Patricia Uttaro receives history of the 108th NY Vol. Inf. from PI James Walzer as CC Bruce Glasser observes.

Hancock, Aux. 10 Pres. Lorie Yeager

A wreath in honor of Thomas Sharp Post 2 GAR was laid at the foot of the monument by a Sharp family descendent Donald Sharp.

A wreath in honor of Lyon Camp 10 SUCVW was laid by Patricia Wilhelm, Past President of Cornelia Hancock Aux. 10 ASUCVW.

A wreath in honor of Cornelia Hancock Aux. 10 ASUCVW was laid by Past President Viola Loder Smithcors.



Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 sponsored its fourth annual trip to Gettysburg Battlefield on the 167th birthday of Col. Francine, Saturday, March 27, 2004. The Camp brothers, sisters of the Elizabeth Thorn Aux. 14, and many other day trippers left New Jersey at 7 am and arrived in Gettysburg at 10:20 am.

They then toured the Corporal Skelly GAR Post Hall, led ably by Gettysburg Camp 112 Commander Justin Dorsey. Next, they contributed to the local economy and then loaded up the bus and headed for the McPherson Barn. There Brother Steve Wright and Bill Hollingsworth took the group on a two hour tour in the footsteps of the famous Iron Brigade and their bloody struggle on the sanguine first day's fighting.

At 4:30 pm, the group met at the 7th New Jersey monument, which marks the spot where Col. Francine fell, mortally wounded. PDC David Hann then reviewed Col. Francine's war record and the Camp's history.

Pictures were taken and a moment of silence was observed in Col. France's memory.

At 5 pm, everyone headed to Gen. Pickett's Buffet and attacked the food with such élan as has not been witnesses there since the famous assault of Gen. Longstreet. As the group headed home, door prizes were drawn and a 50/50 was held. By the end of the night, the Camp had made in excess of \$900 for its treasury. It was the most successful trip to date for the Camp. A tour of Culp's Hill is being planned for next year's trip.

ROTC Awards Presented



Midshipman John McCarthy with Commander Loomis

PCinC Alan Loomis and PDC Ron Gill travelled to South Bend, Indiana on April 27 and 28th, to present awards to outstanding cadets in the ROTC program at Notre Dame University. This year, this honor was give to one cadet in the Air Force ROTC and two cadets in Navy ROTC for their work in the college and officer training programs.

Cadet Joseph Friel was presented a award during Air Force ceremonies on April 27th. Midshipman 1/C John McCarthy and Midshipman Matthew Klobucher received awards during Navy ceremonies the next day. McCarthy received his commission in the USMC and Klobucher, in the Navy.

New York

On April 18, at Sacred Heart Church in Glendale, Queens, Brother Arthur Kimmms of Capt Oliver Tilden Camp 26 presented two Eagle Scout Certificates to Nicholas D. Lorenzo and Thomas J. Reilly of Boy Scout Troop 427 for there outstanding achievements.

Most are aware that in the days of the GAR, the Boy Scouts of Americae would assist them during there encampments and ceremonies. So the Sons and the Scouts have a common history and bond.



On April 17th, 56 new head stones were unveiled by the Cpt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26 PCC George Weinmann (Cpt. of Co. I, 83rd NYVI(9NYSM, SVR). A memorial service was held for the Col. John Lafayette Riker Post #62 GAR. The colonel served with the 62nd New York Vol Infantry and was killed at Fair Oaks, Va. in 1862. The guest speaker was Capt George Mukenbeck of Co H, 14th Brooklyn, New York. Others in attendance and who said a few words were Camp Commander John Portanova, who is also 2nd Lt. & Adjutant of Co. I, 83rd NYVI(9NYSM). Mr Daniel C. Austin, Jr., Officer of the cemetery, Rev. John O'Halloran, Camp Chaplain; Br. Arthur Kimmms, musician, Camp SVC and Color Guard Sgt Roy Wildenberger; Camp JVC Charles Dono, Brothers Donald Steinmaker, Mark Goret, Phil Kissil and PDC Cliff Henke. Janus L. Weinmann, President of the Green Point Monitor Museum.



The 182nd Grant Celebration at Grants Tomb was held on April 24th, hosted by Cpt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26 under the direction of Camp Commander John Portanova, 2Lt., Co I, 83rd NYVI(9NYSM), SVR. The master of ceremonies was Camp SVC Roy Wildenberger. The color guard was led by PCC George Weinmann, Cpt., Co. I, 83rd NYVI (9NYSM), SVR, assisted by Co H, 14th Brooklyn under Chaplain George Munkenbeck. Speakers included: Commander John Portanova, National Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong, New York Dept. Commander Todd Shillington, Actor /Historian Patrick Falci, who played A.P.Hill in the Film "Gettysburg" and John Hilliard, Commander of the Archie Bald Gracie Camp, SCV. Guest Speaker was Col. Gregory Stone, at West Point Military Academy Chief of Staff. Br. Robert Fries served as bugler. his year's ceremony was created by SVC Roy Wildenberger & JVC Charles Dono. The Tilden Camp has been hosting this event for about 60 of its 120 years. Music was performed by Arthur Kimmms and Linda Russell. The color guard was led by Cpt. George Weinmann of the Co I, 83rd NYVI, SVR. The 14th Brooklyn, Co. H, was also in attendance. Next years ceremony will be April 24 2005.

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Pennsylvania



Brother David J. Klinepeter of Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, PA was recently recognized for 60 years of service to our Order. PCC Lee Walters presented him a certificate on behalf of CinC Kent Armstrong. In addition to his longtime service as a member of Camp 15, Br. Klinepeter is also a Life Member of the SUVCW. He now serves as Patriotic Instructor and Historian of his Camp. Because of his many years of service and experience, he is wealth of information, concerning the history and activities of both the Sons and the GAR.

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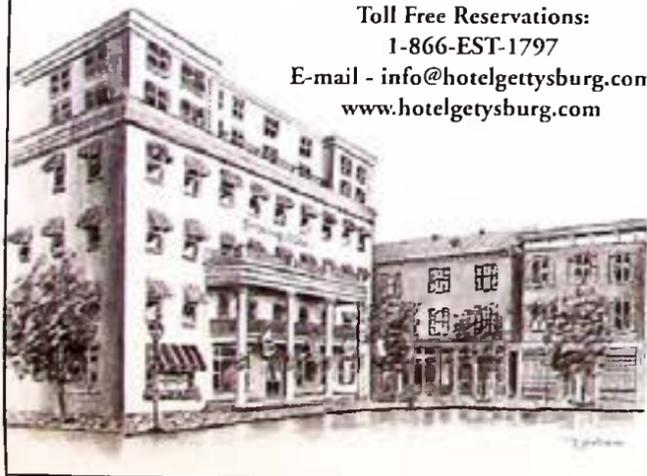
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Ezra Griffin Camp 8 and Auxiliary 10 hosted Pennsylvania Department Commander Lester Kern to an official visit to Scranton May 29 at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station. Remarks were offered by DPC Kern and Camp Commander Howard Wolf. From left: Commander Wolf, Kern, PDC Joe Long Jr., Mrs. Kern and PNAP Mary Jo Long. Commander Kern then presided at a special session of the Camp to induct three new members to the order.

Department Encampment

The Pennsylvania Department recently held its 124th encampment at Williamsport, PA. In attendance were representatives of the Sons, the Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the GAR. Remarks were given by both Commander in Chief Kent Armstrong and Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels. The next encampment will be hosted by Camp 8 and Auxiliary 10 in Scranton June 24,25 and 26, 2005.



PA Department Commander Lester Kern presents Meritorious Service Award to Mr. and Mrs. George Geiger of Bath, PA. Their son, Christopher, died while serving with the armed forces in the middle East. Geiger was a member of Camp 48 in Northampton and lost his life while in Kuwait. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

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Wisconsin Department

After seven years, the Central Region Conference returns to the Wisconsin Department and will be held at Milwaukee's Ramada Inn-South on Saturday, October 2nd. A morning tour of Milwaukee's Historic Soldiers Home Ward Theater and a Rededication Ceremony for Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Boatswain John Breen at Calvary Cemetery are planned.

Following lunch at Turner Hall, headquarters for the 1889 GAR National Encampment, informative and instructive presentations and breakout sessions are planned. This year's topic is "Communicating with the Masses"-- effective ways of "getting the word out" in the Allied Orders.

During the Central Region business meeting, Region Commander, Sr. Maggie Grothe (Henry Harnden Aux. 2) will preside. The banquet that evening will feature American Legion Post #27 Commander Thomas Ludka, who will speak on the GAR's effect on business and society. A reception for the Commander-in-Chief will also be included.

CRC Pre-registration information may be found at www.suvcw-wi.org/crc

Camp-at-Large



C-in-C Kent Armstrong, right, presents charter to members of new Camp-at-Large, Elias Moon Camp 2 in Atlanta, GA.

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"Bleeding Kansas" brought to Silver Screen

By Brother Jim Scheidel

Both brothers Ken Spurgeon and Jon Goering have a passion for the history of our nation and the state of Kansas, and are dedicated to honoring the sacrifice of their ancestors and the preservation of history. In describing our brothers, several terms come to mind. Ken is a scholar, educator, and historian; Jon is aptly described as a journalist, musician, and reenactor. Now, "filmmaker" is added to the description of our brothers, as their first documentary film, "Touched by Fire, Bleeding Kansas 1854-1861," begins production.

The genesis of this project began five years ago while Ken was conducting research for his Masters thesis. His research "triggered a desire to do something about Bleeding Kansas." Initially, he thought of writing a book. His experience using films as teaching tools, as well as involvement in several historical film productions, led Ken to believe that film might be the best vehicle for his narrative. To make this dream a reality, he enlisted the help of friend and fellow brother Jon Goering.

Jon became involved in the project two years ago, after discussing with Ken the possibility of making a documentary film. In the summer of 2003, they formed Lone Chimney Productions and began in earnest researching, writing, and editing the script.

According to Ken, "the scope of the project is larger than you can imagine." Jon agreed that the amount of information "is massive."

Tough decisions had to be made early on as to "what events could

be portrayed within the confines of a 90 to 120 minute documentary film."

As the project's co-writers and producers, their personal career experience and education has greatly aided and guided the development of the script. However, they knew the actual mechanics of filming the project would require an experienced filmmaker. Last fall, they began their search for a filmmaker.

The cost of filming a self-funded project with a limited budget was a large consideration. Ken and Jon's goal was to find a competent and professional filmmaker, interested in bringing their project to the screen, who could work within their budget. They believe they found that filmmaker in native Kansan Nathan Miller. He is a graduate of the renowned University of Southern California School of Cinema Television. Graduates of the school include Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, and Ron Howard. Nathan is the founder of Ride Productions, a local company which supports independent film in Wichita. Nathan will work closely with Ken and Jon in directing, filming, and editing the documentary.

Principle photography of "Touched by Fire, Bleeding Kansas 1854-1861" began on March 13, 2004, at a farm south of Inman, Kansas, and at the old Cowtown Museum in Wichita, Kansas. Filming will continue throughout the summer, recreating several dramatic incidents during the territorial period, which shaped the future of the state.

Ken and Jon have enlisted the help of many of their family, friends, and brothers as members of the production staff, actors, and extras.

Additionally, several distinguished historians including Nicole Etcheson, Thomas Goodrich and Dr. Craig Miner will contribute and discuss their views of the Kansas Territorial period.

The Kansas Territorial period was a very traumatic era in the state and nation's history. The first shots fired in Kansas can arguably be said to have been the opening volleys of a greater conflict that would eventually engulf our nation. The new filmmakers hope their audience will be amazed that "all this really happened in Kansas and the immense role Territorial Kansas played in the formation of our nation." And to perhaps be left wondering "Why didn't I hear about this, in history class?"

Among those participating in the film's production are: Kansas Dept. Co. Tom Schmidt, Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, who served as Reenactor Coordinator, Prop-master, and a Reenactor Extra, commanded the company of reenactors:

Kansas Dept. JVC Randy Durbin, Old Abe Camp 16

CC Doug McGovern, Camp 1

Junior Robert Barnes, Camp 1

Andrew Breer, Camp 1

Jon Birket, Camp 1

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National President Danielle Michaels installs Rachell Campbell as president of the new Mary Walker Auxiliary 52 during the Department of California and Pacific Encampment.

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PA Celebrates Appomattox Day

By DP Mary B. Smith

On April 17th, the Department of Pennsylvania observed the close of the Civil War at Appomattox. This year's observance, was sponsored by Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149 and Auxiliary 29.

Ceremonies and wreath presentations were held at the grave of Sgt. Bradbury near historic Calvary Episcopal Church in Rockdale. Auxiliary 29 President Barbara Hervey read the "Call of the Dead." A poem was read and a salute was fired by the Camp and Co. B, 26th Pennsylvania, SVR.

Following the outdoor service, a luncheon was served by the Women's Guild of the Church. Pennsylvania Aux. Dept. President Mary Smith, SUVCW Dept. Commander Al Kern, and Woman's Relief Corps PDP Kate Sienerth addressed the members of the Allied Orders. The featured

speaker from the Brandywine Civil War Round Table stressed the civilized manner in which the war ended, represented by the words and actions of both President Lincoln and General Grant.

The Department's observances of Appomattox Day began early in the 20th Century and have included both formal dinners and luncheons.

Camp 149 and Auxiliary 29's namesake, Sgt. Jones Bradbury, was wounded, imprisoned at Andersonville, released and mortally wounded on April 6, 1865, dying three days before Appomattox.

Auxiliary Raises Needed Funds

By Sr. Jean Lamb, Aux. 1 Trustee

Anna M. Ross Auxiliary 1, Philadelphia, used the 15th Annual Neshaminy State Park reenactment as an opportunity to sell their baked goods. The Auxiliary was able to raise \$335 for wreath presentations, support of U.S. troops in Iraq, Department and National Auxiliary fundraisers, and local charities.

Hundreds of spectators visited the reenactment and a new member was also recruited by Auxiliary 1. Sisters had an opportunity to meet Maine Dept. President Judi Beverage, who is a member of a fife and drum corps, which performed at the event.



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News of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

GENERAL ORDER 2004-09 03 April 2004

1. Effective 03 April 2004, and at his request, Captain Timothy H. Downey, Commander of A Company, 1st Capital Guards Regiment, SVR, Third Military District, is reduced in rank and is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 02 April 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-10 03 April 2004

1. Effective 03 April 2004, First Lieutenant Robert E. Morris, Commander of Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Third Military District, is re-commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 02 April 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.



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GENERAL ORDER 2004-11 22 April 2004

1. Effective 22 April 2004, First Lieutenant Ronald M. Aronis, Commander of Cushing's Battery, SVR, Fourth Military District, is re-commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 21 April 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-12 28 June 2004

1. The Seventh Military District membership having fallen below three (3) Units, the Seventh Military District Headquarters Staff is hereby dissolved and the remaining two SVR Units in the Seventh Military District, specifically, Co. A, 18th US and 18th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, shall report directly to the Adjutant General, SVR.
2. This General Order No. 2004-12 has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of Article III, Section 4 of the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and shall be effective on 28 June 2004.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-13 28 June 2004

1. The Seventh Military District Headquarters Staff having been dissolved by virtue of the terms of General Order No. 2004-12 of this date, all property and money possessed by the Seventh Military District Headquarters Staff shall be turned over to Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding Officer, SVR, or to his designated representative, on or before 20 November 2004 and said property and money shall become the property of the National Headquarters, SVR.
2. This General Order No. 2004-13 has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of Article III, Section 5 of the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and shall be effective on 28 June 2004.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-14 28 June 2004

1. As a result of the dissolution of the Seventh Military District Headquarters Staff, as delineated in General Order No. 2004-12 of this date, Captain Tommy V. Smith, SVR, is relieved of duty as Temporary Commander of the Seventh Military District.
2. Effective 28 June 2004 the temporary commission of Tommy V. Smith as a Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

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46 Enlist to Rejuvenate Scranton SVR

By John M. Hart Jr., Commanding

(Scranton, PA) It all began last Memorial Day when under rainy skies very limited numbers turned out for the 103rd observance of the day by Ezra Griffin Camp 8 in Scranton, PA.

Memorial Day ranks up there with Christmas and Easter as one of my favorite days of the year – not that it is a festive occasion but because of the importance placed on the events of the day by my late father and the fact that my birthday usually falls on the same day as the observance.

As a native of nearby Carbondale I will probably take to my grave remembrances of that annual ritual at Memorial Park underneath the gigantic Civil War Monument. First as a kid with my friends waiting at the feet of those Legion and VFW vets hoping to seize a spent shell from their volleys – for years I felt the parade before the ceremony was actually held in honor of my birthday – then as a member of the Ben Franklin High School Band

and the annual strut down Main Street to pay honor to those who fought to keep us in peace.

As lead trumpet, it was always my honor to play Taps during those services – a tradition I continue to this day.

Last Memorial Day as I witnessed that small turnout and remembering my days in Carbondale and the lessons of my late father I vowed that something would be done to awaken the community and bring some of them back to our observance.

Approximately one month before the planned services this year, we were successful in reactivating the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) in Scranton. Within three weeks we were able to enlist more 46 into our ranks and through the generosity of businesses and friends raised more than \$7,000 to get the initial dozen men in uniform with new muskets and colors to perform an honor guard and firing squad for Memorial Day.

As The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War commemorated Memorial Day for the 104th time at the GAR soldiers' plot in Dunmore Cemetery this year, more than 200 people were massed underneath and near a tent which had been erected. Camera crews from all three major network television stations were waiting as the uniformed contingent of the Sons, marching in front of the Dunmore High School Band, made its way to the ceremonies.

In attendance for the first time in many years was the mayor of the community to offer welcoming remarks and Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell sent a proclamation praising the return of the SVR in the community.

The SVR unit, named in honor of two local Civil War veterans who were recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, traces its roots in the old Scranton City Guard originated in 1878. Originally part of the Sons of Veterans of the United States, predecessor to the Sons of Union Veterans, this new Delaney-Delacy Guard represents the first time in some 60 years that a uniformed contingent of the Sons is active in the community.

As the Delaney Delacy Guard was presented to the community for the first time, the unit's colors were unfurled as its bagpiper played Amazing Grace.

Wreaths were laid by members of Auxiliary 10 and the high school band played a selection of tunes by the great John Phillip Sousa.

The speaker for the day, Brother David A. Heisler, Esq., of Camp 8, questioned the wisdom of making the observance part of a three day weekend which possibly weakens its significance, wondering aloud if the observance shouldn't be returned to the original date. His message caught the ear of reporters in the crowd and the Sons observance led all three network newscasts that day.

And while I have the honor to command the Delaney Delacy Guard, I did remember my trumpet for the day. I was celebrating my 51st birthday and playing taps. It's what my father would want me to do.

4th Military District Hosts Artillery School

On May 22nd and 23rd 2004, over one hundred artillery re-enactors and hobbyists attended a "School of the Piece," hosted by the 4th Military District, SVR, and the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA).

The event was held at the Boscobel Sportsman's Club, Boscobel, WI. The artillery school's curriculum was designed to promote the safe use of cannon in the re-enacting hobby.

Representing historical periods from the War of 1812 to the Civil War, students participated in both classroom and field drills.

The NCWAA is a Civil War re-enactor organization, which promotes the safe operation of Civil War living history artillery units and individuals. Five NCWAA instructors qualified 92 students upon their successful completion of the school. These qualifications are valid for two years.

Attending the school were Cushing's Battery (Battery A, 4th US Light Artillery), SVR; Battery B, 4th US Light Artillery; 8th Wisconsin, Co. C; New Ulm (Minnesota) Battery; 2nd Iowa Light Artillery; 3rd Iowa Light Artillery (all US); Pelham's Battery and Chestnut Light Artillery (CSA); and the Prairie du Chien Militia (War of 1812). Artillerists from as far away as Fargo, ND, attended.

Brigadier General Charles Corfman (retired), of the SVR, served as one of the instructors. 4th MD Commander Major Jack Grothe and Chief of Staff/Event Coordinator Captain Stephen Michaels provided administrative and logistical support.

Some of the Sons' Rarest Badges

By PDC Robert J. Wolz,
National Historian

The number of inquiries coming to the history committee indicates a wide spread interest in the history of the Order especially the tangible threads that link us to our past, our badges, pins and jewelry.

Several factors came about six years ago, the number of new members in the Sons inquiring about the past, the creation of eBay on-line auctions... a virtual world-wide flea market offering thousands of badges for sale and some inquiries that forced me to re-examine my forty plus years involvement with the Order.

Much of the earliest history of our Order was simply forgotten. The lack of a national headquarters to serve as a depository for our history and the passing of time left a lot of blank spaces.

In 1999, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr discovered a long forgotten letter in the archives of Davis * Camp of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This letter was written in 1888 by Major A.P. Davis, the founder of our Order, and proposed a series of badges to be awarded as recruitment incentives in both the Sons and our newly formed Auxiliary.

While it appears to have originally been for the members of Davis * Camp, the offer seems to have been extended to all the Brothers and Sisters. Our National Constitution and Regulations have always prohibited altering our membership badge, yet the badges described in the letter were to be plated.

Major Davis proposed awarding three types of badges based upon the number of new members recruited. These were silver plated, gold plated and 18 kt gold and enameled badges.

The first membership badge, struck in bronze, has a hallmark with "Nov 12, 1881" and "B.B & B" on the reverse. Our second badge, also struck in bronze, features the coat of arms on the reverse and was patented in 1888. Therefore, these three incentive badges would have been issued in 1889 and are correctly designated Type III, IV and V.

Type III is the 1888 design, with the coat of arms on the reverse, but with both the pendant and pin bar plated in pale gold. This badge was manufactured by Bailey, Banks & Biddle, Jewelers of Philadelphia and awarded by Major Davis to each member recruiting nine new members.

Type IV badge is the same 1888 design badge, with coat of arms on the back, but silver plated on both pendant and pin bar. These were awarded by Major Davis for recruiting five new members. These occasionally appear on eBay for sale and look almost black, as the silver is tarnished.

Type V badges are an enameled design, consisting of a ribbon scroll pin bar, reading "Filiis Veteranorum," an American eagle with spread wings on rocks, and the Sons of Veterans shield featuring crossed swords and stars. The ribbon is gray blue with a gold stripe on each side. This design is unlike any other Sons badge. It was manufactured by Bailey, Banks and Biddle, Jewelers, and probably was

handcrafted without dies due to the extremely small number that were issued.

Several different ribbons have been found with a largely blue center with gold and red edge, and a mostly red ribbon with red and gold edge. No record as to the meaning of the different ribbons has been located in the Son's records. Based upon the 1888 letter that explains the three previous recruiting badges, it's likely that one color was issued for five members, the other for nine members, but this is speculation.

Our Auxiliary was then called the Ladies Aid Society and numbered less than 10,000 members. The Auxiliary badges from the period are difficult to find, based upon their small numbers. Plated Auxiliary badges have yet to be discovered.

These early recruiting incentives are among the rarest badges issued by the Order.

The Major A.P. Davis Badge

Major Augustus P. Davis was the founder of the Sons of Veterans, USA, which was organized in Pittsburgh, Pa. on November 12, 1881. However, several different organizations of Sons of Union Veterans were begun by members of the Grand Army of the Republic. These started as early as 1879 in Philadelphia, Albany, New York, Massachusetts and Missouri. Most had organizational or financial problems and merged into Major Davis' Order within ten years.

Major Davis began a series of recruiting inducements as early as 1889. Three special badges (Sons of Veterans Type III, IV and V) were produced as recruiting offers. About 1893, a bronze oval badge bearing the likeness of Major Davis was issued. This portrait design shows Davis wearing his GAR, Loyal Legion and Sons of Veterans badges. The pin suspension bar is an eagle with outstretched wings, holding an American flag in its claws.

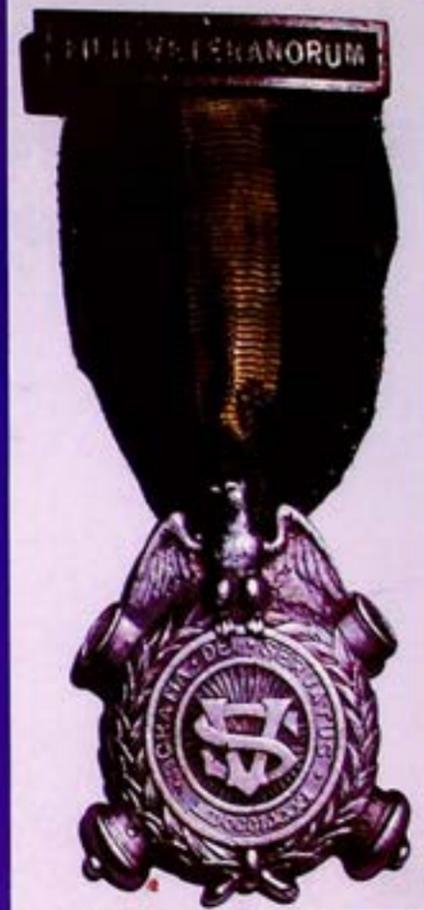
The reverse says "Major A.P. Davis Born at Gardiner, Maine May 10, 1835." The fact, that there is no death date indicates the badge was originally issued while Major Davis was alive. A third variety can be seen at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh, Pa. This one bears a solid black crape ribbon and was issued by Mrs. A.P. Davis to members of the Sons who participated in Major Davis funeral on May 21, 1898.

A fourth variety was issued on May 21, 1998, by Davis * Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Major Davis death. It was struck in pewter, then gold plated and antiqued. The pin suspension bar has two clutch pins on back similar to current military badges.

Brother Wolz joined the Order in 1963 and served in a number of national offices & committees prior to 1976. Today, he is Executive Director of the Harry S. Truman Little White House State Historic Site in Key West, Florida.



Type III Membership Badge



Type IV Membership Badge



Type V Membership Badge

Notice to National Encampment Delegates

All Delegates attending the 123rd National Encampment must present a valid Credentials Card (Form 2) signed by their Department Secretary (qualifying National Officers by the National Secretary) when signing in at the Encampment. National Camp-at-Large members will need to contact the National Secretary for their Credentials Card. The Credentials Committee cannot register anyone without a valid, signed Credentials Card. Do not mail your Credentials Card with you pre-registration form. Department Secretaries: You may now download and print Form 2 from the National SUVCW web site. Printed Form 2's are still available from the National Quartermaster.

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TIME

EVENT

LOCATION

Thursday, August 12, 2004

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Registration
Past Ntl. Pres. & Past CinC Dinner
Registration
Council of Administration Meeting

Lobby
Cedar Rapids Rm
Lobby
Iowa City Room

Friday, August 13, 2004

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon
1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Following Business
1:00 p.m.
Following Campfire
1:00 p.m.

Registration
Joint Memorial Service
Joint Opening
Business Session
Lunch
Business Session
Registration
Department Officers Seminar
Campfire
Courtesy Hour

Lobby
Rosewood Room
Rosewood Room
Oak Room
Oak Room
Lobby
Oak Room
Rosewood Room
Rosewood

Saturday, August 14, 2004

10:00 Noon

Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast
Registration
Business Session
Lunch
Business Session
Allied Orders Banquet
Open House

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Lobby
Oak Room
Oak Room
Aspen-Birch-Hickory
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Sunday, August 15, 2004

Council of Administration Meeting

Iowa City Room

Exhibits

Hickory Room