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Don Roberts

Donald L. Roberts of Candor, New York joined the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, to give numerical strength to an old Camp. Meetings were held in a hall built in 1894 by the Sons of Veterans, that gave equal use to Post No. 505 Grand Army of The Republic.

He has claimed his eligibility through his maternal Great Grandfather Byron Cronk that served in Co B of the 21st New York Calvary, and was wounded in an engagement with "Mozby's Rangers." Also his maternal Great-Great Grandfather Richard Taylor who was mortally wounded in front of Petersburg, VA and died.

He has held the office of Camp council member, Secy.-Treas., Sr. Vice Commander and Camp Commander; in the Department of New York he served on the Credential Committee, as Department Council member, as Jr. Vice Dept. Comm. and Dept. Commander, currently NY Dept. Secy.-Treas. In the National Organization serving on Credential Committee '78, '79, '83, Committee on Legislation 1980-81 as National Patriotic Instructor 1979-80, National Chief of Staff 1981-82, National Personal Aide 1982-83, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief 1983-84, as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief 1984-1985, elected to the Honorable Office of Commander-in-Chief August 14, 1985.

A 25 year member of Grange No. 1466 of Candor, past Cub Scoutmaster, past President of the Methodist Men's Club, former member of the Official Board of that Church. Served on Civil Defense as Air Raid Warden, in Aux Civil Defense Police, Tioga Co. Sheriff's Aux. Police, as Deputy Sheriff and Town of Candor Police.

Born to a farm family April 1, 1924, and enjoyed Country Farm Life until 1953 when he went to industry, serving an apprenticeship of a tool and model maker in a small machine shop. In 1957 gained employment with IBM in Owego, NY. He served in various machining and assembly positions until Retirement April 1, 1984.

My interest is in the Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War and collecting memorabilia and records of The Grand Army of The Republic to add to my collection that I am setting up for Public display, and for reference to those choosing to use it.



Malice Toward None

A synopsis of the 104th Annual National Encampment held at Wilmington, DE August 11-14, 1985:

65 Delegates present, 10 not present, 75 registered.

Approved:

Wide circulation of new officer names.

Dept's. inform C-in-C of annual meetings.

Usual support of continuing ceremonies.

Life Memberships for infant sons.

Attempt to inventory remaining GAR property.

Placing ads in Civil War interest magazines.

Restore separate Secretary and Treasurer offices.

Submitting officer reports to Nat. (Please Turn To Page 5)



Isabelle Roberts

Isabelle J. Roberts was elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 99th National Encampment held at the Raddison Hotel, Delaware, MD on August 14, 1985.

A member of Auxiliary 49, Owego, New York she has served all offices in her Auxiliary and Department except that of Secretary and Treasurer, becoming Department President in 1982. Sister Isabelle served the National Organization as Chief of Staff, Personal Aide, Color Guard and Page. She has always been active in Auxiliary work.

She is eligible to membership in our organization through her great-great grandfather, Charles Bradbury, Bat. B 13th New York Lt. Artillery. He was killed in action at Winchester, PA.

She has been an active member of the United Methodist Church as a member of the official board, Women's Society, Sunday School and Bible School teacher and counselor for teen center. Also served her community in PTA, 4-H, Cub Scout Den Mother, "Abes' Pride" Drill Team Counselor and bringing program on the Civil War to the Schools.

No longer working, she was a Certified Dietician's Assistant. Her hobby is dollmaking and collecting, and researching and making period clothing to use in "Living History" presentations.



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"OUR COUNTRY
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1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 104th National Encampment held in the Rad-dison Hotel, Wilmington, Delaware August 14th, 1985 I have established headquarters at the above address for personal communications. Financial reports and requisitions for supplies should be addressed to the National Treasurer, and regular business should be addressed to the National Secretary. Special information may be mailed to the committee concerned with that topic.

2. The committee of the 104th National Encampment of the Department of Maryland are to be commended for the arrangements, both at the Encampment and the bus tour the day following.

3. A special committee has been appointed to serve this administration, to work with a committee of the Auxiliary on arrangements where the three organizations meeting at National would enjoy the same banquet. The committee: to report at the 105th National Encampment. This committee, consisting of Eugene E. Russell chrm. William Simpson and Richard Schlenker, would also meet with the Ladies of The Grand Army of the Republic, before reporting to have the total requests and requirements of a joint banquet.

4. Standing Committees have been appointed. In discharging all previous committees I wish to thank each of you, for your time, and your dedication, in carrying out the duties of your former assignment. With a member of the National site committee as our newly elected and installed National Secretary, it may be necessary to reappoint a person or persons to serve at our 105th National Encampment.

5. The policy of appointing members as National Aides for securing 3 members is to be continued, and those securing 5 or more will also receive a certificate of Merit.

6. Robert Gregory of Sherrill, NY was appointed to the office of Editor of The Banner to be effective Jan. 1, 1985. Brother Bob has reported to me that some Departments have not given him a copy of their roster. For the editor to mail The Banner he must have the cooperation of others, if the Departments that haven't mailed a copy would do so, it would be appreciated, as the mailing is to be put on a computer for a faster and more complete mailing.

7. The Commander-in-Chief's travel itinerary is to be planned to best serve the membership, if you wish the Commander-in-Chief to visit let me know of your Department Encampment date. At this time I have learned of conflicting dates, and will make the best arrangements possible.

8. The National Organization financially supports several events. Funds contributed to the Organization through the Office of the National Patriotic Instructor fund these events.

9. A special fund of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is to be used in promoting our organization. It is tax deductible, and contributions will be greatly appreciated.

10. Jerome Orton has consented to the reappointment to coordinate the History of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and is to serve this administration.

11. David Orr has accepted the appointment of National Historian and Genealogist and will continue with the duties of that office.

12. Charles Sharrock has been reappointed as National Graves Registrar and will accept any information on Veterans burial plots.

13. Information regarding the ill and bereaved should be forwarded to this office that proper attention may be given.

14. Members are urged to observe Patriotic Holidays, with a program that includes an invitation to other Fraternal Organizations, Veterans groups and the public, or support the programs planned by others in their observance of these patriotic days.

15. Committees of the Grand Army Family continue in their effort to have May 30th observed nationally as Memorial Day.

16. Veteran's Day, November 11th, should be observed and parades locally should be well attended by members of our Order. Your membership medal should be displayed on your apparel, that others may know of our organization's support.

17. Remembrance Day observed nationally by our membership in Gettysburg, PA brings together the unity of both the North and the South as we observe the great number of uniformed troops, in character of the troops that fought and died in a belief that each should have the freedom of thinking and serving. This day observed by the family of the Grand Army of The Republic to pay tribute to those veterans that sacrificed so much 1861-1865.

18. It is known of camps that because of the membership living a great distance from a meeting place do not have regular meetings. It is my wish that Camp and Department Commanders direct their Secretaries to keep in contact with these members with the General Orders, Department Orders, Camp Orders, and any circular.

19. I pledge to serve this Organization to the best of my ability. I wish for the elected and appointed officers of this year much success in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War. I have made some changes in members on standing committees in an effort for more members to have an opportunity to serve in responsible positions. I have recognized our Past Commanders-in-Chiefs by having them serve on committees to give that committee a person that could give advice and counsel if needed and be of great help in preparing reports.

20. New members are always welcome and are needed to fill the ranks, but let us not forget the loyal members that have carried this Organization for these past 104 years.

21. I wish to extend to the National Presidents of the Grand Army Family my best wishes for a most rewarding year. May a year from now look back on this year with satisfaction, and remember the good times, the achievements of the year, and of the effort they put forth to keep the harmony of the National Organization.

Isabelle J. Roberts, National President
of the Auxiliary, to Sons of Union
Veterans of The Civil War.

Janice Corfman, National President of
the Ladies of The Grand Army of The
Republic.

Gwenda Matheny, National President of
the Daughters of Union Veterans of
The Civil War 1861-1865 inc.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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August 20th, 1986

Mr. Robert Gregory, Editor
610 East Hamilton Avenue
Sherrill, NY 13461

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have been instructed by the National Council of Administration (meeting in Lexington, KY on the 13th day of August, 1986) to write you regarding the disposition of the BANNER..

Our members (nationwide) are at their wits end as to the back issues not being received regularly.

May I point out, the BANNER is the only knowledgeable means that many of our members (and nearly 500 are Members-at-Large) have pertaining to our several meetings and other activities.

We, the National Council of Administration, desire to learn what the real problem is (problems are) so the issuance may be updated and the regular issues received in the future. For this (these) reason(s), we require a reply from you as to this matter (these matters) within ten (10) days after receipt of this letter.

Your re-appointment was withheld at the meeting of the National Council-in-Chief on the 13th because of the unanswered question or questions.

This will be a meeting of the National Council-of-Administration, Sunday, November 16th, 1986, at 8:00 A. M. in Gettysburg (probably at the Holiday Inn) to finalize the matter. You may attend if you so desire,

We had a fine Encampment in Lexington and wish you could have been with us.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Miller Heacock I
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NATIONAL SECRETARY

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Copies to the Members of the National Council-of-Administration.
(This was sent registered mail, return receipt requested.)



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Charles E. Sharrock
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Robert D. Gregory

Dear Sir and Brother:

Will you please supply me with a photograph of yourself (a good snap shot will do) size 3" x 4" like the one of Donald L. Roberts in this year's program.

I would appreciate it as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Frank Miller Heacock
FRANK MILLER HEACOCK I
NATIONAL SECRETARY

George
I do not have your report
of Patriotic Instructions in my
envelope! JMH



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8 SEP 1986

Robert J. Gregory
Editor, The Banner

Your response to the Council of Administration letter in hand.

Your forthright candidness is appreciated.

Some members were frustrated by your absence at the Encampment and their inability to ask direct questions and get concise answers.

Your problem with distribution is well known to those in key positions who are kept well informed, however the trickle-down method of getting information to the membership does not work in this organization without a regular house organ.

Some of the questions I heard are:

Have any Banners been printed? If so, where are they? Why haven't they been sent to those for whom you do have correct addresses at whatever postage rate it takes to get them out?

Where are the ones you distributed at Wilmington a year ago? Did you only have enough printed to placate those at the National Encampment? Was the same done this year or was a full run made?

Is he making use of the offers of physical labor to get the paper out?

Has he inquired about professional mailing service and costs?

Those are some of the comments I picked up at National.

The October or Fall issue of the Banner is our most important issue with new rosters and Encampment news and special effort on your part to get it out would sure quiet some of the noise.

Many look upon this next issue as a test of your ability to produce. The fact that we are good guys who volunteered to do a good job does not cut much ice if we do not produce.

I wish for you good luck so that your service might be continued.

Fraternally,



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A synopsis of the 105th Annual
National Encampment held at
Lexington, KY August 10-13, 1986

52 Delegates present, 16 not present, 68 registered.

Recommendations
Approved: Usual financial support for continuing ceremonies.
Annual scholarship to CW student chosen by CinC.
Monthly budget and expense report to CinC.
SVCinC and JVCinC have same eligibility requirements
as CinC.
Each CinC responsible for the orders Colors.
Ads should indicate we do no research
Departments furnish Nat. Sec. photocopy of charter.
Establish a Proceedings distribution plan.

Resolutions
Approved: Support for returning Memorial Day to May 30.
Back Commemorative Comt. Advisory Act in Congress.
\$400 Contribution for Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.
Procedure for ordering CW Veteran headstones.
New C&R booklet in 1987.
Regulations Ch5, Art. 11, Sec. 2, change "majority"
to "two thirds".
Comte. of 3 to study feasibility of signing US Rt 6,
the GAR Highway, at state boundaries.
Site Comte. contract for exclusive use of meetingrms.
Refer NMAC Chmn. report to oncoming NMAC.
Support Mich. efforts to return Memorial Day to May 30.
Establish a National Parks Committee.
Explore Jr. Memberships or Children of GAR.
Delegate may represent only one Department.
Dual Memberships.
No substitute for Star Spangled Banner.
Support Conference on Veterans Affairs.
Increase fraternal relationships with SCV.
Establish Liaison with SCV.
\$150 for station banners.
Budget of \$20,126.00
Distribution of Budget with first General Orders.
IGAR to join our banquet in 1987.
Remembrance Day, Saturday November 15, 1986, Gettysburg.
1987 Encampment, Aug 9-13, Buffalo NY, Waterfront Hilton.
1988 Encampment invitation, Lansing MI Radisson.
1989 Encampment invitation, Conn. or Iowa.

Elected: **Commander-in-Chief** Gordon R. Bury, Ohio.
Sr. Vice C-in-C Richard O. Partington, Penna.
Jr. Vice C-in-C Clarke W. Mellor, Mass.
Council of Admin. George W. Long, Penna., to 1987
 Donald L. Roberts, NY., to 1987
 Joseph S. Rippey, NY., to 1988

Appointed **by Commander-in-Chief:**
Counselor William L. Simpson, Penna.
Chief-of-Staff Norman R. Furman, NY.
Chaplain Willard G. Estridge, MD.
Patriotic Instr. Keith G. Harrison, Mich.
Historian David Orr, Penna.
Graves Registration Charles E. Sharrock, Colo.
GAR Highway Lowell V. Hammer, MD.
Washington Rep. Richard C. Schlenker, MD.
Personal Aide Ralph Peiper, Penna.

Council of Administration:

Pre-encampment meeting Sun. 8/10/86
 Appointed Encampment Audit and C&R Committees
 Accepted reports of Sec., Treas., MAL Coord. & Banner Ed.
 Discussed Banner situation, Tabled to Post Enc. meeting.
 Noted Col. CAL #100 now part of Col. Dept.
 Discussed Buffalo Hotel contract.
 No CPA willing to handle our small acct. Search continues.
Post-encampment meeting Wed. 8/13/86
 Voted no change in fiscal year.
 Voted delay in appointing Banner Editor until next meeting.
 Set next meeting for 8am, Sun. 11/16, Holiday Inn Gettysburg.
 Sec. to correspond with present Banner Editor.
 Set NPI goal at \$2000.
 Set Life Member fee to Camps at \$7.
 Hire stenographer to take minutes at next encampment.

Current membership: 2558 members 143 camps

Alan B. Howland Membership Award: Department of Michigan, 21 new mbrs.

Auxiliary to SUVCW Nat. President Mrs. Esther Peiper
 POB 605 Carlisle, PA 17013

Ladies of the GAR Nat. President Mrs. Lynn Bury
 RD1 Box 172 Marshallville OH 44645

Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War Nat. President Mrs. Annamae Barhalter
 1416 Old Wyomissing Rd.
 Reading, PA 19610

GENERAL ORDERS (Cont.)

Lorraine S. Hebestreit, National President of the Women's Relief Corps Auxiliary to The Grand Army of The Republic.

Donald L. Roberts
 Commander-in-Chief
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2
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1. Brothers Welcome: a new year is upon us, let us strive to gain new members and also retain the Brothers that have served this Organization faithfully for many years. We should consider their "ideas," while making good use of the knowledge and experiences of our long-time members. Give new members an opportunity to serve, in offices and on committees with proper counsel, for the future of our Organization rests with them and how well we have laid the ground work.

2. I wish to congratulate The Daughters of Union Veterans of The Civil War, 1861-1865 Inc. on obtaining their Congressional Charter Dec. 9, 1985. Sisters, I know you must be very pleased for I know how hard and long many of you have worked to make this possible.

3. Brothers we should hold commemorative services for observing President Lincoln's birthday in February, GAR Day and Appomattox Day in April, and Memorial Day in May with a program, extending invitation for others to attend. News, radio, TV coverage is always welcome.

4. Special Aides have been appointed again this year to serve this administration. Membership 5 members: Ernest Snider, Frank Tucker, Joseph Gauthier and William Excell. Jerome Orton for his continued work in locating and recognizing real Sons, Daughters and Widows of Union and Confederate Civil War Veterans. Brother Jerry has placed over 450 certificates of recognition with these people in the last few years. A certificate to Brother Robert McCandless, for the continued efforts in gaining

members in his provisional Department. Also Merit awards to the Brigade carrying the Commander-in-Chiefs Banner in the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA, and the Lancaster Fencibles for the Honor Guard in Washington, DC at The "Lincoln Memorial" Feb. 12.

5. A letter from The Banner Editor reporting the many problems he has encountered this year. The long wait for some Dept. membership listings, the difficult task of trying to make out the correct addressees because some were handwritten from the Dept. Secretaries, and finally waiting for the computer printing of 3,000 address labels. A promise that by June 1986 all Banners would be current issues.

6. Let's not forget our fundraising projects, The National Patriotic Instructor, William Little, is recording contributions of the NPI, GAR Fund, and Gordon Bury has the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief fund, a low profile fund to be used for the good of the order.

7. Dates of Department Encampments 1986 as reported to this office:
 California-Pacific, Grove City, April 11, 12, 13.

Colorado-Wyoming, Col. Springs, June 1, 2.

Connecticut, Meridian, May 3, 4.

Iowa, Des Moines, July 10, 11, 12.

Maine, Waterville, June 20, 21, 22.

Maryland, Wilmington, April 26.

Massachusetts, Auburn, April 19, 20.

Michigan, Clare, June 6, 7, 8.

New Hampshire, Merrimack, March 27, 28, 29.

New Jersey, Gibbston, June 5, 6, 7.

New York, Rochester, June 15, 16, 17, 18.

Ohio, Alliance, June 20, 21, 22.

Oregon-Washington, disbanded 1984-85.

Pennsylvania, Stroudsburg, June 15, 16, 17, 18.

Rhode Island, Rumford, March 15.

Nebraska-Wyoming, new 1984-85.

8. With the information received and by invitation I have made travel plans that will take me across the United States, California and Maine. I have called to make arrangements to meet Brothers on this crossing in Colorado, Nebraska, and Missouri. If your date does not appear on my Encampment report or the dates are incorrect please let me know of the correction so a correction may be made in a following General Order.

9. National Encampment will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, August 10-13,

1986, early arrival Aug. 8th with stay over privileges to Aug. 15, Fri. to Fri. In a discussion with Charles Corfman, my new appointee to the National Site Committee we felt that now is the time to inform our members of the change on the committee. We also wish to clear up some confusion as the National Site for 1986.

Site Committee: Charles W. Corfman, 9057 State Rte. 83 N, Holmesville, Ohio 44633 CO Chrm., the Committee person in charge of arrangements. Phone (216) 279-4393. Norman R. Furman, 99 Conant Drive, Buffalo, NY 14223, CO Chrm. Phone (716) 834-9385. William W. Haskell, 109 Burkeside Ave., Brocton, MA 02401k CO Chrm. Phone (617) 586-5774.

Room rates as follows: Single occupancy \$49 a day, double \$55 a day, triple \$65 a day, quad \$65 a day.

The Site Committee members listed above are to serve through this administration as Co Chairmen: with Charles Corfman, in charge of arrangements and he has the support of this office as well as the other members of the National Site Committee. I am also asking for the support of all of our members, to make this 1986 105th National Encampment a success. The National Secretary should be mailing the National Encampment registration forms to Department Secretaries soon.

10. I wish to thank those attending the Testimonial at the Holiday Inn in November for the National Auxiliary President Isabelle Roberts and myself. An enjoyable evening was had by all in attendance. Friends from California and Maine were present and several states in between, with about 100 present. I also wish to thank my Camp and Auxiliary, also Auxiliary No. 8 of Buffalo, for the fine evening of Fellowship with real alive entertainment. Thank you again for the gifts of love and for your attendance.

11. My best wishes for those persons that are ill, for a speedy recovery, and my sincere sympathy for those who have lost their loved ones.

12. It has been my privilege to represent the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on several occasions, I am honored. I wish to thank those responsible for their invitations making this possible.

13. There has been questions regarding the ribbon on an associate member's Membership Medal. It is to be of solid blue leaving off the lettering Associate. I have reviewed the Synopsis of the National Encampment for the

past several years, and nowhere do I find where an associate ribbon has been changed to that of a Lineal or Colateral member. Our National Treasurer maintains a supply of Associate Badges with a solid blue ribbon attached.

14. Best wishes for newly elected officers, follow your Ritual in meetings and consult the Constitution and follow the rules, establish bylaws for the discipline of your Camp and Department. If you should need further instruction, please make it known and I will do my best in finding the information you request.

Yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty
Donald L. Roberts
Commander-in-Chief

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1. By this time all Camp Officers should be installed for the coming year. It is important that the Installing Officers Report Form is properly filled out and forwarded on to your Department Secretary with an updated roster of members with corrected addresses for a Dept. Roster that a copy of which must be forwarded to our National Secretary, Commander-in-Chief and the Editor of the Banner.

2. Remember to observe patriotic days of dedication to The Grand Army of The Republic, also the days of special observances, President A. Lincoln's birthday and also the day of his death, and the day of remembrance of the birth of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

3. I commend the Brothers working on membership, for bringing in new members and also those instituting new Camps. Equally important are the members that are doing follow-up work trying to welcome members that have been dropped, back in our Order, and find out the reason that they were dropped.

4. The Banner continues to be our main troubled item. It is my wish that the problems may be resolved at National 1986 or before. It is our National Communication with the total member-



ship of our Order. The membership are cut off and think that for some unknown reason they have been forgotten.

5. Department Encampments have started, and I am planning on attending as many as possible. I have completed my trip West, holding called meetings in some Departments. The called meetings were a learning experience for all attending, the assurance that they were not forgotten was all important. Small problems were insignificant, once they were discussed before the group.

6. Brothers, it has been reported to me by our National Patriotic Instructor, that the response to the GAR Fund is silent. If at all possible we should bring life to that worthwhile fund and also to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

7. We must also remember the families of those who have passed on, and wish for a speedy recovery for those that are ill.

8. We are bound together in a Fraternal Organization that reaches the extreme boundaries of this Great Country of ours. We should be proud to let you know it was a grand experience to travel across this United States of America in the month of March 1986. The weather was in our favor. Started the 1st day of March and returned home the 21st day of the month. The schedule set gave us time to stop and sightsee. Once we reached Missouri we were in new territory, an area unfamiliar to us. Each hour enroute west brought us closer to this nation of ours. The beauty can only be seen and appreciated by the viewer. The rich fertile lands, the mountains, snowcapped as they were, with crops being planted only the viewers turn of the head away. I expressed my wish that I would like to return at another time and follow some of the trails the early settlers traveled and follow the routes of the great cattle drives.

A stopover at the Will Rogers University brought back memories of my boyhood and going to see a Will Rogers movie. On down the road was the Roy Rogers museum which commanded some time and was enjoyable. We stopped at Bollar Dam and took pictures. On Bolar highway as we entered Las Vegas were camping areas and casinos. We stayed overnight at Sam's Place — good food, room rates were affordable and the food was low in price, good and

all you could eat.

On to California where we had a called meeting in Los Angeles. Weather in the north kept several away because of the mud slides onto the highway. A very enjoyable stay at P.N.P. Bea Rigg's.

A called meeting was held in Col. Springs. We were met at the US Air Force Academy Visitors Center by the Dept. Secretary, Robert Krasche, and escorted to a Memorial Service, then to a luncheon and later in the afternoon to the meeting. A splendid time was enjoyed by all. At this meeting I informed the Dept. of Colorado that Centennial Camp No. 100 of Denver would like to become a Camp of the Department of Colorado and represent the Dept. at the National Encampment. The matter was discussed and I received a notice after the Colorado Dept. Enc. that Centennial Camp had been received into the Dept. of Col.

The following day I visited Centennial Camp No. 100 and was met by Charles Sharrock and met with the members of that Camp. Business discussed was that if they wished to join with the Dept. of Col. that a letter should be addressed to the Department asking to be taken back into the Dept., which was done.

A stopover at St. Louis at Camp No. 65 Billy Yank Camp also turned out to be of good to all.

This travel across the United States was shared by National President of the Auxiliary President Isabelle Roberts.

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1. Once again information on the National Encampment KY, Aug. 8-14 with registration to start Sunday, Aug. 10, 1986. Afternoon Memorial Service and Campfire in the evening. Business sessions on Monday after joint opening with our Auxiliary, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon.

A tour on Thursday all to be staged at the Radison Plaza Hotel, Lexington, KY.

For the benefit of those using charge cards MasterCard, VISA, American Express and Diners Club are welcome. Rates: \$49 + tax single, \$55 + tax double, \$64 + tax triple, and \$65 + tax quad.

2. The following brothers are appointed to serve as Credential Committee:

A. Elmer F. Atkins - PA Chairman
B. Allen W. Moore - IN
C. Forest Aultland - OH
D. Jerome Orton - NY
E. Kenneth Oakley - MA

All other appointments and committees not already addressed will be announced at the opening session of the National Encampment.

3. Committee chairmen are requested to have their report prepared and ready to read at the opening session of the Encampment. All officers reports should be typed on standard 8x11 paper. Any chairman or officer unable to attend the Encampment should send his report to the National Secretary, Frank M. Heacock.

4. If you have not sent your contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor of the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, please consider the worthwhile events these funds support.

5. Sons of Veterans Reserve members are urged to bring your Class "A" Uniform to be worn at the Campfire program.

6. Again I commend the Brothers bringing in members to our Organization, and others that have been fortunate enough to institute new Camps this year.

7. As my year as Commander-in-Chief comes to a close, I wish to express my sincere thanks to my officers and staff for making this a memorable year for me. The cooperation and continued harmony of my officers have kept this office informed. Members of committees, and Dept. Officers, I also wish to thank you for your kind consideration, in keeping me informed of coming events in your area. To all that have invited me to share in your events and the gracious hospitality during my stay with you I shall always be indebted to you. I cannot say what it has meant to me and to this Organization.

8. I wish to thank my traveling partner this year, Isabelle J. Roberts, National President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, and wish for her a harmonious National Encampment.

To the other National Presidents of our Grand Army Family: Sister Janice Corfman, Natl. President of The Ladies of The Grand Army of The Republic our path has been the same on several occasions and these meetings have always been enjoyable. I wish for you a most enjoyable National Encampment.

To Sister Gwenda Matheny, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of The Civil War 1861-1865 Inc.: an enjoyable National Encampment. The afternoon of April 14th, 1986 that I visited your National Headquarters in Springfield, IL and you and your staff made me welcome. A day I shall not soon forget.

To Sister Lorraine S. Hebestreit, National President of The Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to The Grand Army of The Republic: I wish for you a harmonious National Encampment. I have enjoyed being in attendance at several events where we have had a chance to exchange Fraternal greetings.

Donald L. Roberts
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union
Veterans of
The Civil War

Malice Toward None

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Sec. by mid-July.

Submitting camp rosters to Nat. Sec. and Banner Ed. by Jan.

Treas. and Sec. co-ordinate for annual reports.

Life Memberships for 75 years of service to order.

\$400 contribution to Lincoln Tomb ceremony.

Return of Memorial Day to May 30.

Support centennial of death of Gen. Grant.

Support DUVCW charter request.

Support Archeological Resource Protection Act.

Retain Star Spangled Banner as National Anthem.

Support legislation permitting weekend and holiday burials in National cemeteries.

\$200 appropriation for SVR.

Negate proposal for Syracuse Hotel in 1987. Choose other city.

Approve Sheraton Inn for Gettysburg in 1988.

Approve Des Moines invitation for 1989 Encampment.

Training and education for members and officers.

Add bar to War Medal indicating which war served.

Set end date of Vietnam War on War Medal application.

Legislation to indicate country of manufacture of goods.

Support American made goods.

Oppose use of bi-lingual teaching.

Oppose substituting any song for Star Spangled Banner.

Support "English Language" amendment.

Find alternate means of recording proceedings.

\$400 allotment for Remembrance Day.

Budget of \$19,383.00.

Committee to study joint banquet of all three orders at Natl.

Support HR1061 regarding immigration.

Support White Haven, home of Gen. Grant.

Support Mt. MacGregor Grant Cottage.

Defeated:

National Tax Officer.
Requiring more thorough genealogical proof.
Updating of 1924 recruiting report.

Tabled:

Editor for Proceedings.
Dual membership question.

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initiated at Exemplification of Ritual, Mon eve 8/12/85:

Kirk Goodman, NY (14 yrs.), Henry Berry, NJ (14 yrs.), William Yeager, NJ.

Council of Administration:

Pre-encampment meeting Sun. 8/11/85.

Appointed Encampment Audit, C&R and Credential Committees.

Accepted reports of Sec-Treas, MAL CoOrd. and Banner Editor.

Current Membership:

2615 members, 148 Camps, 19 Depts.

Member-at-Large Roscoe C. Butcher, age 95, a "real son," from Long Beach, CA attended and was presented a Life Membership by the Encampment in recognition of his recruiting and publicity efforts on behalf of the order. Brother Butcher made a generous financial contribution.

Noted approval by 17 Depts. of C&R change for Provisional Camp to become permanent in three years.

Post-encampment meeting 8/14/85

Set NPI goal at \$2000.00.

Set fee to Camps for Life Members at \$8.00.

Appointed Robert Gregory as Banner Editor for 1986.

Approved printing of C&R in 8½x11 size.

Considered methods of meeting desired deadlines.

Reviewed status of Smith Camp 21

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.

You all have seen the signs stating, "Wet Paint!", "Pardon Our Dust, We Are Remodeling", or "Warning! Construction Ahead."

You will remember that during the term of the most previous Editor of the Banner, most of you received no Banners for about two years, then your Department Secretaries received huge boxes containing a two year supply of news. Most of you have no idea of how much effort the Editor made trying to perfect a computerized mailing list.

Next came the efforts of your current Editor. Your Editor managed to get one edition published and distributed by hand addressing more than 2,500 copies using a mailing list full of errors and obsolete addresses. Following this he reached partial success with a computerized mailing list and got a second edition completed. This list contained over 2,700 addresses, but now more changes, corrections and deletions or additions were necessary, totaling 440!

Many nights of being up to 1:00 a.m. were involved in comparing each new Department Roster with previous ones to detect any changes to be made to the mailing list.

Referring back to the first paragraph of this message: we hope that the paint is drying, the dust is settling and the grass is again growing over the raw earth and you will begin to receive Banners at where you reside and eventually you will receive news of our organization when it is current.

Remember each day to practice Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

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