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(Left to right) Margaret Hills, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Thelma Pant, National President, Woman's Relief Corps; Catherine S. Zapatka, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Mary E. Petry, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans; and Clark W. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Springfield, Illinois April 15, 1989

The thirty-third annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was conducted at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL, on April 15, a beautiful spring-like day.

Greetings were conveyed by Commander-in-Chief Clark W. Mellor of the Sons of Union Veterans, and by LTC Cyril C. Gumbinger who represented the Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Both men were introduced by Thomas L. W. Johnson who also provided some brief opening remarks of welcome. More than fifty-five organizations were on hand with wreaths. Musical selections were pro-

vided by the Lanphier High School band under the direction of Ms. Cindy Garrettson. The 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham, a ceremony co-chairman, presented the Colors and Sgt./Major J. Stephan Hall sounded Taps following the benediction given by Capt. John L. Satterlee, chaplain of the 114th Regt.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, George L. Painter, National Park Service staff historian at the Lincoln Home Historic Site, gave an interesting account of Abraham Lincoln's home and family life in Springfield in the two decades prior to the Civil War.

Departments of our Order which took part this year were Illinois, In-

diana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, and each was represented by its Dept. Commander except for Ohio which was represented by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman. Department Auxiliaries from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin were represented by their respective Dept. Presidents. In addition, Camps from Des Moines, Iowa, and Springfield, Ill. took part as did local Auxiliaries from Des Moines, Springfield, and Milwaukee, Wis.

Special thanks are due Robert M. Graham, Ellinore K. Johnson and the other members of the planning and arrangements committee for their hard work and dedication to the success of this event.



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1. Once again we are about to meet at our 108th Annual National Encampment being held in Stamford, CT on August 13 through 17, 1989.

The Headquarters will be in the Sheraton Stamford Hotel & Towers, One First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902-2345. See map below.



**Easy access by car, by train or from the airport.** To reach the Sheraton Stamford by car, take Exit 7 northbound or Exit 6 southbound off the Connecticut Turnpike (I-95). LaGuardia and JFK Airports are only 35 and 45 miles away, respectively. The hotel is two blocks from the Amtrak/Metro North Railroad Station, which services midtown Manhattan with frequent express trains.

2. The following Brothers have been appointed to the Credential Committee: Chester S. Shriver, Co-Chairman, PA; Ivan E. Frantz, Jr., Co-Chairman, PA; Edgar A. Prince, Sr., CT; Kenneth Oakley, MA; James O. Lee, IA. The Chairman of the Resolution Committee is Richard L. Greenwalt, PCinC, OH. Chairman of Officers Reports is Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC, MD. The other committees have not yet been assigned. This will be done during the opening session of the Encampment.

3. Please remember the Patriotic Instructor's Fund. It is very important in carrying on the Patriotic work at the National level. All contributions are to be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, Peter A. Dixon, 111 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

4. The Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund is also a very worthwhile

project. It is for the promotional work of the Order. Send all donations to Charles W. Corfman, 9057 State Route 83N, Holmesville, OH 44633.

5. Several awards of yellow ribbons and Certificates of Merit have been awarded during 1988-1989 to the Brothers who have secured 3 or 5 or more new members, respectively. If there are others who should be appointed National Aides, please let me know as soon as possible. I can award them with a yellow ribbon or a Certificate of Merit. All award recipients will be announced at the Encampment. Also, their names will be printed in the proceedings.

At this time I wish to thank each and everyone who has contributed to the expansion of their Camps and Dept. by securing these New Members. Congratulations!

6. Congratulations and best wishes to all Camp & Department Officers in your dedicated work in furthering the objects and principles of our Order.

7. All Camps & Department reports Form 49 should be completed promptly by the respective Secretaries and forwarded to the National Secretary, Chester S. Shriver, so he may make out his report for the year. National Officers and committee Chairmen should have their reports concise and informative, typed on 8½ x 11 paper, and ready for presentation at the first day of business.

8. Any proposed resolutions, recommendations, or constitutional amendments should be forwarded in time so proper consideration may be given by the appropriate committees.

9. Much appreciation to all my Staff Officers, Committee members, and Departments who gave me their loyal support and the many, many courtesies that was extended to both my wife and myself wherever we traveled.

10. As my year as Commander-in-Chief comes to a close this will be my last General Order. I would like to take this time to wish my National Presidents of the G.A.R. Family: Sister Catherine Zapatka, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.; Sister Margaret Hills, L.G.A.R.; Sister Thelma Pant, Women's Relief Corp.; and Sister Mary Evelyn Petry, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a very successful, CONSTRUCTIVE, and HARMONIOUS Encampment. It has been a pleasure serving with each and everyone of you Sisters.

11. To all who are or have been sick

I wish a speedy recovery. And to those who have lost Loved Ones, may God's blessings be with you in your bereavement.

**12. ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE! SEND NAMES WITH UP-TO-DATE ADDRESSES TO BANNER EDITOR:**

James Lee  
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**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

**HE NEEDS CURRENT, CORRECT ADDRESSES TO SEND "THE BANNER" TO EACH MEMBER'S HOME, INSTEAD OF BULK MAILING THEM TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OR DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES!**

By order of  
Clark W. Mellor  
Commander-in-Chief



### Commander-in-Chief Scholarship Award

Commander-in-Chief Mellor presented the C-in-C Scholarship Award to Justin T. Bowden of Winthrop, Iowa, who attends Iowa State University in Ames. Justin's qualifications were excellent. He is a 3rd year History Major with a SPECIAL interest in the C.W., is an honor student, made the Dean's List for the 2nd time and finished his 3rd year in the top 3% of his class. He has lineage on both sides of his mothers family. Justin and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bowden were elated at just being honored with this scholarship by the Commander-in-Chief.



### Memorial Day With Davis Star Camp

Our Memorial Day actually started on Sunday, May 28, with project #1. Past Camp Commander John Douglas (Project Manager) recruited Boy Scout Troop 329, of Allegheny Trails Council B.S.A. Sponsored by Memorial Park, U.P. Church, the project was large. The Scout Troop under the immediate supervision of John, placed 3500 flags on graves of veterans of all wars. It was completed at 8:10 P.M.

Memorial Day itself found Davis Star Camp members in many locations. PA Dept. Commander Richard Orr, a member of the Camp was busy at Gettysburg, PA taking part in the ceremonies at Gettysburg National Cemetery.

In the early afternoon, Daniel Nurnberger assisted by members of the Camp placed flowers and a wreath at the Headstone of Mary Tepe Leonard, a female soldier of the Union Army.

Seventy miles away, in Armstrong County, PA, 19 members of the Camp took part in the dedication of a Monument to the Civil War Veterans of Armstrong County, PA. A monument had been obtained by Camp members. This monument was dedicated at River Front Park, because previously there had not been one monument or plaque in the entire county of Armstrong. William McMaster, Sr., Jr. Vice Commander of Davis Star Camp was project manager assisted by William McMaster, Jr.

At Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh, another ceremony was in progress. Members of the Camp were

placing flowers and wreaths on the monument of Brig. Gen. Alexander Hays.



### To The Editor

I am absolutely aghast at the Supreme Court ruling concerning desecration of the Flag of our Country!

As the descendant of men who fought to preserve the Union and protect the Flag during the Civil War I take great exception to this action. The men of the Grand Army of the Republic must be rolling in their graves! These men answered the call when the Flag was fired upon at Fort Sumpter. The cry on the battlefields was to "Rally 'round the Flag, boys". This was the beacon, the strong point, the pride and honor of the soldiers.

The Medal of Honor was created by Congress during this great conflict and a great many of these were awarded to men who went to the extremes of heroism that the Flag should not be lost, touch the ground or be taken by the enemy.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was designated by the Grand Army of the Republic to be its legal heir and successor. We are charged to keep alive the memory of the sacrifices and the guiding principles of the men who served during the Civil War of 1861-1865. Too much blood has been shed in defense of this Flag to tolerate the action taken by the present Supreme Court.

It seems that during the past twenty-five years that great efforts have been made to legitimize every aberration of our society. I am a veteran of the Korean War and I find it hard to believe that the 54,000 men who died in that war, and the more than 8,000 MIAs and POWs still not accounted for in that conflict, would support this action. We served that freedom would continue and rights would be protected.

Our nation was founded on the principle of freedom, WITH RESPONSIBILITY. All rights have limits. My right to extend my arm ends when it contacts my neighbor's nose. Even the First Amendment right to free speech has some limits, for instance, shouting FIRE in a crowded theater, is not protected.

To equate desecration of the Flag with a form of speech is ludicrous! I feel certain that the framers of the Con-

stitution never had this in mind.

One of the most vivid images of World War II was the picture of the Marines raising the Flag on Mount Suribachi. That image must never be tarnished.

Respectfully in F, C & L  
James T. Lyons  
Michigan Dept. Commander

### 1989 Central Region Conference

The 1989-90 Central Region Conference will be held in Des Moines, Iowa on October 14-15, 1989, at the Valley West Inn, I-235 & 35th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa. Reservations for conference should be in to Jo an Wheeler, Jr. Vice Commander, 3109 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50316 prior to October 1, 1989.

The Valley West Inn is offering a rate of \$39.95 per night. This includes Saturday afternoon, evening and Sunday morning breakfast. There is an 11% Hotel/motel/state and federal tax. This would make the motel cost \$44.34 total. Check in time is 12:00 noon on Saturday, check out time is 12:00 on Sunday. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY BY CALLING VALLEY WEST INN — PHONE 515-225-2524.** Conference starts at 12:00 noon on Saturday. The topics to be covered are "Your favorite C.W. personality" and election of officers. Banquet will follow afternoon session with Guest speaker. Sunday morning will wrap up conference with completion of business meeting and installation of new officers.

You will need to confirm reservations for the conference so that we will have head count for the banquet by submitting your reservation to Jo an no later than October 1, 1989, with your check in the amount of \$15.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to Valley West Inn for the banquet but be paid in advance.

**ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND FROM ANY STATE ARE MORE THAN WELCOME. WE WILL BE HOSTING NATIONAL OFFICERS AT THIS CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE SO IT WILL BE A GREAT TIME TO VISIT AND RELAX WITH YOUR NATIONAL OFFICERS AS WELL AS YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM THE SONS AND AUXILIARIES.**

# Son of Civil War Veteran Remembers the Sacrifice

SUE CHRISTIAN  
GAZETTE SPECIAL WRITER

Theodore Barnea, 76, is one of six Michigan men who are living sons of men who fought in the Civil War. Barnea, a 50-year member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, helped start a camp in Kalamazoo in the 1930s.

Gary Gibson, 27, is the great, great grandson of a sergeant of the Civil War. Gibson, a 10-year member of the national organization, helped start a new camp in 1985 after Barnea's had folded.

Barnea is the oldest member of the Kalamazoo camp, Gibson is one of the youngest. Both have an active interest and pride in the war and what it meant to American history, and to themselves as the ancestors of veterans.

"It is an honor to belong even if you're a great, great grandson," said Barnea of the organization. "It is an honor because it (the Civil War) was the beginning of freedom to any nationality that lived here."

Barnea will be recognized as a "Real Son" and presented with his 50-year membership badge at the 100th Department Encampment of the Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War convention on Saturday, June 3, 1989.

"I honor my father for what he did and I also honor the others that fell along side him," Barnea said. "He cried when Lincoln died; my mother said he loved Lincoln."

Barnea's father, Munroe, is buried in Mountain Home Cemetery on West Main Street.

Munroe Barnea was 73 when his son was born; his wife was 22. The soldier died of a heart attack when Theodore was 3 years old. Munroe enlisted in the Union Army in New York in 1861. He was shot in the back and in the shoulder during his service; one of 282,000 Union soldiers injured in the war.

Some 224,000 Union soldiers of the two-million man Army died of disease or in battle.

Barnea still receives a government pension check, now at \$73 from the original \$12, because he is a handicapped son of a union veteran. Barnea was treated for a mastoid infection when he was 5 years old which



Theodore Barnea, son of a Civil War veteran, straightens out a flag on a veterans grave. With him in a replica of a Civil War uniform is Gary Gibson, great, great grandson.

resulted in the paralyzation of his right leg.

Barnea has kept the memory of his father, and thousands like him, alive through his activities. He wrote the Banner, a quarterly Civil War newsletter published in Naperville, IL to discover how many sons of Union veterans remain. The retired jeweler also commanded the John P. Reilly Camp No. 12, the Kalamazoo chapter of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, before it disbanded.

Gary Gibson learned about his great, great grandfather at age 13 while at his grandmother's home; he stumbled across a diary the soldier kept during 1864.

"On January 1, 1864, he mentions it snowed all day and one boy nearly froze to death," Gibson remembered. "He talks about going out on picket duty and about drilling his men."

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was founded in 1881 as the "Cadet Corps" of the Grand Army of the Republic. The state department of the organization was chartered in Michigan three years later. In 1890, the Orcutt Camp was begun in association with the Grand Army Orcutt Post No. 79.

Currently, eight camps have been established throughout the state. The newest Kalamazoo camp, with a membership of 21, is the Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20.

Any male descendent of an honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine may join the organization; a copy of the ancestor's military service record is required for membership.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participate in civil war reenactments, wearing duplicates of the Union uniform. The group also speaks at local elementary schools about the war, and cares for the Civil War Memorial at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo.

"Slavery was not the main issue the Civil War was fought over," Gibson said. "It wasn't until President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in the middle of the war that slavery became a big issue. It was actually fought over the right of a state to separate itself from the country."

"The Civil War means we are a strong nation; one nation under God indivisible," Gibson said.

## SUVCW Life Members

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

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

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

223 Kenneth R. Fuhrmann	12/10/88
224 Donald R. Hewitt	12/10/88
225 George J. Weinmann	2/1/89
226 Gregory W. Ohletree	2/1/89
227 Walter G. Carroll	2/1/89
228 Melvin James Bradley	2/1/89
229 Stephen P. Astel	3/10/89
230 Grover R. Huff	3/10/89
231 Andrew E. Overby	3/10/89
232 Earl Richard Smith	3/10/89
233 Joseph James W. Heston	3/10/89



## WELCOME, Harper's Ferry Camp #6!

Fort Meyer, VA., 29 April — It was announced here today at the Maryland Department Convention, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, that the new Harper's Ferry Camp of S.U.V. will be Camp number Six.

The Charter Application from The Harper's Ferry Camp was endorsed by the Maryland Department Commander, Willard G. Estridge, and was presented then to Commander-in-Chief Clark W. Mellor, who was present at the meeting. The Application for a charter will now be forwarded to The National Secretary to have a Charter drawn up and issued to the new Harper's Ferry Camp, the Maryland Department Treasurer, Marion C. T. Townsend, having duly reported receipt of the Charter Fee from the members of the new camp.



## THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Thomas L. W. Johnson

**Extension of Holiday Commission** — On May 9, 1989, the House of Representatives approved legislation to extend the life of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission by five years. Earlier the Senate had passed an identical measure. It provides the Commission with a five-year budget of \$1.5 million with expenditures planned at a rate of \$300,000 per year during that time. The panel has not received a federal appropriation since its creation in 1984 until now. The Commission will not actually receive its first payment until the money is written into an appropriations bill and enacted by the Congress.

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**News for VA Volunteers** — In response to expressed concerns about liability as a volunteer for the Veterans Administration, Sen. Dennis DeConcini of Arizona has introduced S. 520, the Volunteer Protection Act of 1989, which would provide legal immunity for volunteers of non-profit organizations who are acting in good faith while performing duties with those organizations. The bill urges the Congress to provide "full and complete immunity from suit . . . provided that the damage or injury allegedly caused by the volunteer is not caused by the willful or wanton misconduct of such volunteer." The measure also encourages the states to enact legislation of their own on this subject by providing a 1 percent increase in social service grants to those states that pass volunteer protection legislation by fiscal year 1991. A bill with identical provisions has been introduced in the House by Rep. John E. Porter of Illinois. (Information on this latter item was taken from the May 1989 issue of *The American Legion* magazine.)

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
Chairman



**California:** The Annual California Dept. Convention of 1989 (March 17-18-19) held at Grover City, California was honored to have as guests, Commander-in-Chief Clark W. Mellor of Worcester, MA and National Auxiliary President, Catherine Stocking Zapatka of Newington, CT. During the convention, Commander-in-Chief Mellor installed the Department's new officers for 1989 . . . Dept. Commander, Col. William B. Sawyer (Ret.); Sr. Vice Commander, Wayne Pyle; Secretary, Don Cheney; Treasurer, Elmer Wohlgenuth.

Hostess's for the convention were Peggy Mann and Thelma Crawford who graciously offered their lovely home as our meeting place in Grover City. Peggy and Thelma are members for Auxiliary #12 of San Jose, CA.

All enjoyed a wonderful fellowship together and the weather was delightful.

**Indiana:** The Ben Harrison Camp #356 of Indianapolis held its spring meeting on April 16 at the World War Memorial. The speaker was Dr. Robert E. May, Professor of American History at Purdue University. He spoke on "Contrasting Leadership Traits of President Lincoln and Jefferson Davis." Five new members were initiated: Dene Stratton, Dale Grubb, Olen Gowens, Jim Abshire, and Gary Manley. Initiate Dale Grubb is a member of the Indiana State Legislature. Allen Moore secured all five new members and participated in the initiation conducted by Commander Harry G. Becker, M.D.

The Department of Indiana is pleased to announce that GAR Memorial Highway signs have been placed along U.S. 6 in Indiana. The Indiana General Assembly had authorized and directed that these signs be erected along U.S. 6 in 1937, but none of these markers were still in place. The Department of Indiana, S.U.V.C.W. began contacting state legislators in July of 1988, who in turn contacted the Director of the Indiana Department of Highways. After determining the cost of fabricating and erecting the signs during the fall, the signs were placed along U.S. 6 in late 1988 and early 1989. In addition, the Director of the Highway Department con-

tacted the State Tourism Development Office about using the GAR Highway designation in tourism material. This included printing the information on the official state map printed and distributed by the state.

It is recommended that SUV Departments that U.S. 6 traverses contact state legislators about restoring and maintaining these signs.

**Iowa:** The 106th Annual Department Encampment of the S.U.V.C.W. & Allied Orders was held June 9-11, 1989, at Days Inn, Capital City, Des Moines, Iowa. Department Commander Roger A. Wheeler Sr. officiating. All officers were present with the exception of the Dept. Jr. Vice Commander and Dept. Treasurer who were excused. Iowa was honored to have in attendance 3 National officers, Commander-in-Chief, Clark W. Mellor, S.U.V.C.W. National Aux. President, Catherine Zapatka & National President for the Ladies of the G.A.R., Margaret Hills.

The S.U.V.C.W. & Allied Orders met for a joint reception on Friday night, June 9, 1989, to welcome and greet the National Officers and enjoy a special social time together.

June 10, 1989, brought forth business meetings for all. Many things were accomplished. Commander-in-Chief Mellor initiated 2 new members for Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75. They were Jerry Conkel and Benny Hotop both of Des Moines. Department By-laws were discussed and approved by the membership. Commander-in-Chief Mellor approved and signed the By-laws with his blessing. The following were elected & installed by Commander-in-Chief Mellor on Sunday, June 11, 1989.

Department Commander, Roger W. Wheeler, Sr.; Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, James O. Lee; Dept. Jr. Vice Commander, Lt. Steve Thurman, USAR; Dept. Council, 1. Ray Niffenegger, PDC; 2. Merrill Anthony, PDC; 3. Adrian Wheeler; Dept. Secretary, Capt. Martin Lucas, USAR; Dept. Treasurer, Lyndon Kelley.

Department Auxiliary business commenced with Department President Janice N. Cross presiding. Five new members for Aux. #8, to Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75, were initiated by National President Catherine Zapatka. They were, Wanda Kelley, Mary Ann Moriarity, Ruth Gervais, Debbie Cuthbert & the youngest Aux. #8 member, Jennifer A. Haines, age 12. The following are the newly installed

officers for the Dept. Aux. which took place on June 11, 1989.

Dept. President, Karon S. Moll; Dept. V. President, Mary Houchin; Dept. Council, 1. Janice N. Cross, PDP; 2. Bernice Woodford, PDP; 3. Lucille Wheeler; Dept. Secretary, Nellie Hawley, PNP; Dept. Treasurer, Myrtle Young; Chaplin, Joan Wheeler; Dept. Patriotic Inst., Mary W. Wheeler; Chief of Staff, Ruth Wheeler; Counselor, Grace Hansen; Personal Aide, Jennifer A. Haines; Press Correspondent, Janice T. Blue.

The Dept. S.U.V.C.W. hosted the Dept. Banquet on Saturday night with record breaking attendance. Awards were presented to 10 members of the Sons and Aux. for their outstanding dedication and service to the Organization. A GAR Memorial Plaque was given to Rev. C. C. Glenn of Mitchellville, Iowa at the age of 88. The banquet generated new interest from the Adjutant of the Iowa Veterans Home who gave a short presentation on available services to Veterans. He shared information as to the inception of the home originally sponsored by the men of the GAR.

Sunday, June 11, 1989, ended the Dept. Encampment with introductions of new officers & greetings shared by the Sons and Allied Orders. The 1990 Dept. Encampment is already tentatively scheduled. Fund raisers are in full progress and projects have been identified and put into motion. Iowa's unity and cooperation stands as an example, for their motto is:

#### SUCCESS

It is better to have tried and failed than to have done nothing and succeeded.

**Maryland:** The 102nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland was held on Saturday, April 29, 1989 at the Officers Club of Ft. Myer, Arlington, VA.

Department Commander Willard G. Estridge called the meeting to order at 1315 hours.

The following answered the roll call of officers: Commander, Willard G. Estridge; Sr. Vice Cdr., Excused; Jr. Vice Cdr., Excused; Dept. Council 1989, Excused; 1990, Peter A. Dixon; 1991, Lowell V. Hammer; Pat. Instr., Excused; Secretary, Richard C. Schlenker; Treasurer, Marion C. T. Townsend; Chaplain, Lowell V. Hammer; Color Guard, Lee D. Stone; Guide, Absent. Appointed: Jr. Vice Cdr., Frank A. Feight, III; Sr. Vice Cdr., Peter A. Dixon; Pat. Instr., John H. Madert, III; Guide, David Schlenker.

Also registered: Henry P. Laughlin, Raleigh DeGeer Amyx, Elden E. Billings, Charles R. Goolsby, J. Griffin Crump, Ralph G. Peiper (PA), Elmer E. Atkinson (PA). Present: Clark W. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief; Total 17.

The Guide and Guard determined that all present were entitled to remain.

The encampment was opened in due form.

The report of the credentials committee was accepted.

MS&P that the encampment act as a committee-of-the-whole.

The following reports were received and made a part of the proceedings: Commander; Secretary; Treasurer and Council Audit.

The Greetings Committee of the Department Auxiliary, meeting in it's 95th Annual Encampment, was received.

The verbal report of Appomattox Camp and the written report of Lincoln-Cushing Camp were received.

An application for a new Camp in West Virginia was presented by Brother Frank A. Foight, III of Harper's Ferry, signed by the Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief and is to be forwarded to the National Secretary for the issuance of a charter. The Camp will be known as Harper's Ferry Camp #6 and was organized by Brother Foight and Instituted by Past Commander-in-Chief Schlenker. The charter fee was presented to the Treasurer.

Communications received: Lincoln-Cushing Camp — Letter of endorsement of Lowell V. Hammer for Jr. Vice CinC; PA Department Encampment Information; NJ Department Encampment Information; Natl. Genealogist — Letter re: applications.

MS&P to endorse Br. Lowell V. Hammer of Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Washington DC for Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 108th Annual National Encampment at Stamford, CT in August 1989 and so notify the National Secretary.

MS&P to instruct our encampment delegates to oppose any change in the application for membership.

The Commander-in-Chief, Clark W. Mellor brought greetings and national news and urged attendance at the National Encampment.

MS&P to approve the proposed budget of \$950.00 for 1989-90.

The meeting was recessed to visit the Auxiliary Encampment.

The meeting reconvened and the following officers were elected, then installed by National CofA member Ham-

mer: Commander, Peter A. Dixon; Sr. Vice Cdr., John H. Madert, III; Jr. Vice Cdr., Frank A. Foight, III; Dept. Council 1990, Raleigh DeGeer Amyx; 1991, Lowell V. Hammer; 1992, Willard G. Estridge; Secretary 1992, Richard C. Schlenker; Treasurer 1992, Marion C. T. Townsend.

The Encampment was closed in due form at 1600.

**Michigan:** The Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its 100th Department Encampment on Saturday, June 3, at Lansing, Michigan.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic and educational organization similar to the Grand Army of the Republic and officially recognized as its legal successor. The Sons of Union Veterans was founded by the Grand Army in 1881 and granted its Congressional Charter in 1954 (Public Law 605).

The Michigan Department was created on June 24, 1884, and currently has eight local camps. During World War II, the Michigan Department did not meet. As a result, the Department observed its centennial in 1984.

The Encampment will close with the Allied Orders Banquet on Saturday evening. The Womens' Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will also be in attendance; they also meet at the same time and place as the Sons.

At the banquet, four members will receive special recognition. Theodore Barnea of Kalamazoo, Thayne La Banta of Jackson, and Lowell Orbaugh of Traverse City, are all "Real Sons", their fathers having served in the Union Army during the Civil War. In addition, Don Hoch of Jackson and Theodore Barnea will be presented with their 50 year membership badges. Thayne La Banta will receive his 60 year pin.

The Sons of Union Veterans participates with other patriotic organizations in the proper observance of our national holidays; especially Memorial Day (May 30); seeks out and marks the graves of Civil War veterans; observes the care and upkeep of the Civil War memorials and brings any failure to do so to the attention of the proper authorities; keeps themselves and the public informed of activities and measures that violate or may weaken the spirit and purposes of our country's Constitution and institutions; and encourages in every way possible the

proper teaching of American history in our schools.

**Pennsylvania:** Anna M. Ross Camp #1 in Philadelphia, won the Wyman-Little award for the year 1988-1989. With 24 new members for the year the Camp was in First Place.

Davis Star Camp, after winning the award for two consecutive years, fell to Second place with a new member count of 19.

Thomas Camp #19, under the great effort of Brother George Long increased the membership of the camp from TWO to NINETEEN. Thus with 17 new members, Thomas Camp #19 was in third place. Camp #19 is in Lancaster, Pa.

A number of other Camps had increase in membership to bring the total of new members for the year 1988-1989 to 62. Pennsylvania Department now stands at 534 members as of March 31, 1989.

David B. Orr, Davis Star Camp was elected to be Pa. Department Commander; Richard Orr, Davis Star Camp was elected to the position of Senior V. Commander; Ivan Franz Jr., Ruhl Camp #33, York, Pa. was elected to be Pa. Dept. Jr. V. Commander.

At the 1989 Pennsylvania Department Encampment the following Brothers of the order were endorsed for the positions as indicated:

Commander-in-Chief, Charles Corfman, Dept. of OH; Senior V. C-I-C, George Long, Dept. of PA; Junior V. C-I-C, Lowell Hammer, Dept. of MD; Council of Administrations, Elmer 'Bud' Atkinson, Dept. of PA.

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#### CIVIL WAR PHOTOS

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Wreathbearers assembled in front of Tomb at close of ceremony.

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### IOWA TOOK TO THE ROADS GRUDGINGLY

A motorist driving from Des Moines to Council Bluffs might need just a cup of coffee today. However, 65 years ago the standard equipment would have been overnight gear and a sturdy set of towing straps judging by the 1924 Rand McNally map.

Today we take the road system for granted. Maps show transition from graded paths at the turn of the century to the "Pre-Interstate era" when daytime speed limits were what the driver thought was reasonable and

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proper. During dry months, the driver discovered why motoring was such an adventure in the "Roaring 20's" and in wet months, motoring could be next to impossible.

Pulling Iowa out of the mud was more than figuring out routes and combining materials. Paving roads just didn't happen. Nobody was against having them, the question was "who would pay?" Iowa was one of the last states to get its act together. When people said, "the better the soil, the worse the roads", they generally meant Iowa. One reason was a law stating "most of the cost would be shouldered by adjacent landowners" instead of being spread among all taxpayers. The

farmers just voted when it came time for local bond issues until the law was changed.

Gradually Iowa progressed and was brought into the auto era. Farmers, it turns out, bought more cars per capita in the 1930's than anyone else.

It was a colorful time as Iowans suddenly became more mobile. Even the roads had grand names. U.S. Highway 6, was "THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY" and still is today.

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