



## Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



On a pleasant, early spring morning about 250 people gathered at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL, to mark the 130th anniversary of the death of our sixteenth President. The date, April 15, the Saturday before Easter, marked precisely the date of Mr. Lincoln's demise. He was shot on the evening of Good Friday, April 14, 1865, and died the next morning.

Brief addresses were given by Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and by William H. Upham, jr., a past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The Springfield Municipal Band, under the direction of Gene Hass, played selections appropriate for the occasion. Elements of the 114th IL Vol. Inf. Reg. were joined by members of the 24th MI Vol. Inf. Reg. as a combined honor guard. Members of those units escorted the wreath-bearers and fired a memorial salute at the close of the ceremony. The original 24th MI, a unit of the famed Iron Brigade, served as an Honor Guard for President Lincoln's casket and accompanied it back to Springfield for burial in May of 1865. Taps was sounded by J. Stephan Hall of the 114th IL.

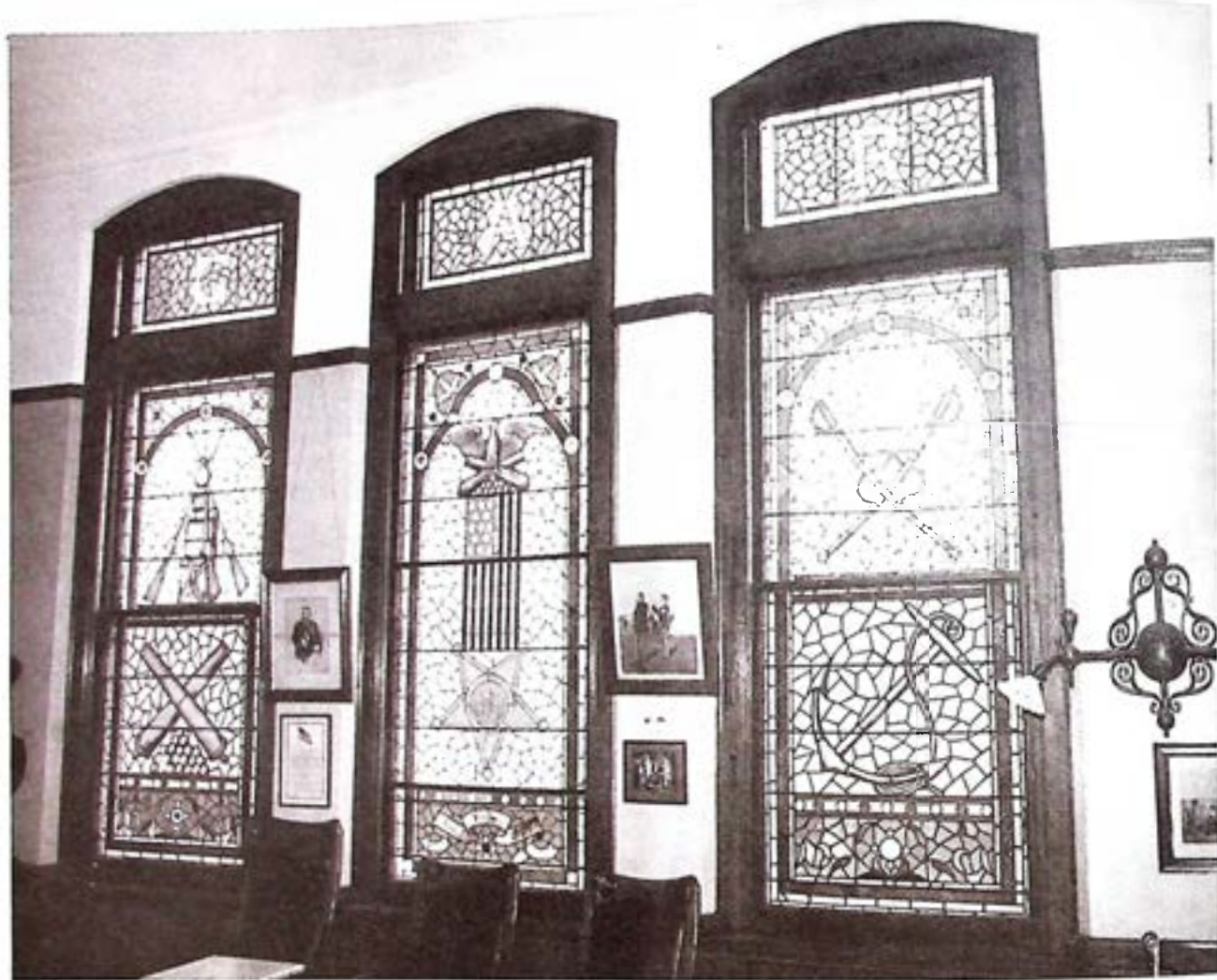
Represented by wreaths this year were the Departments of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin, and the Department Auxiliary of Wisconsin. Camps represented were the C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. One, Milwaukee, WI; John A. McClermand Camp No. Four, Springfield, IL; Gov. Henry A. Crapo Camp No. 145, Flint, MI; William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp No. 65, St. Louis, MO; and David D. Porter Camp No. 116, Valparaiso, IN.

Co-Chairs for the event were Col. Robert M. Graham and Edward G. Pree, Esq. of Springfield, and Thomas L. W. Johnson of Madison, WI.

*Thomas L. W. Johnson*



"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Soldiers and Sailors who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"



Pictured above are the stained class windows in the Vernon Town Hall, Vernon, Connecticut. The Town Hall was built in 1889 in memory of the soldiers from Vernon who died in the Civil War.

In 1890 the Hall was dedicated and turned over to the Burpee Post No. 71 of the G.A.R. The local S.U.V.C.W. Camp has maintained the Hall in modern times. It is said to be the one remaining original hall in Connecticut. Contained within its walls is a fine collection of Civil War artifacts contributed by the Veterans themselves.

All four services of the War are depicted on the two side windows - the stacked rifles of the infantry and crossed cannons of the artillery on the left, and the crossed sabers of the cavalry and rope and anchor of the navy on the right.

Information from S. Abbot, Municipal Historian  
Photograph by Joseph Saternis



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# Letters to the Editor

The April issue, featuring the obituary of Col. Matt Urban drew two responses:

To Gregory Hayes,  
Managing Editor - The Banner,

Reference is made to 'cover story', Volume 99, issue 2, April 1995.

The Article includes the statement that LTC Urban was awarded the "Congressional Medal of Honor"

First, I congratulate the writer for the verb "Awarded", rather than a most common error that he "Won" it.

Second, the writer is in error when our Nation's highest award is referred to as "Congressional Medal of Honor". President Lincoln designated that award as "The Medal Of Honor". The word "Congressional" has never been and is not a part of the medal's title.

Sincerely,

MSG. Albert L. McMullin, USA (Ret)

To The Editor-in-Charge  
The Banner

Dear Sir,

I am a member of the Medal of Honor Historical Society, not to be confused with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society which consists of the actual recipients. In addition to ones own area of special interest, members of the Historical society work to correct errors or omissions in military records, insure that all deceased recipients have the appropriate headstone, expose all impostors, and, in general, protect the image of the Medal and those who earned our Nation's highest tribute. By the way, as of this writing, there are only 184 living Medal of Honor recipients.

My main sphere of expertise deals with the military service of Audie Murphy. Ever since the war, Audie routinely has been referred to as the "Most Decorated Soldier of World War II". The title of most decorated can certainly be debated in

relationship to other heroes. However, it is quite evident that Audie was more decorated than Colonel Matt Urban. There is no doubt that Colonel Urban was a highly decorated war hero and I take nothing away from his military achievements.

I feel that your carte blanche acceptance of Colonel Urban's exaggerated claims in your April 1995 newsletter has done a great injustice to the memory and contributions of Audie Murphy. I hope you will carefully review the enclosed data and, in all fairness, consider a correction in a future issue.

Respectfully yours,

Stan H. Smith

*Mr. Smith's letter was longer than reproduced here and contained documentation of the awards and decorations given to Audie Murphy. As Editor, I try to stay neutral on issues. In this case, I would say to Mr. Smith that the measure of a man is not in the amount of awards given to him, but in the way he is regarded by those he leaves behind. Audie Murphy may indeed have been awarded "more" medals - so I stand corrected. However, in the end, does it really matter?*

*In the case of the point of Mr. McMullin, I must confess that I do not know the answer. I will defer to my learned Brothers of the Order to clear this up.*

To the Editor  
The Banner

Dear Banner Reader,

I would like to show my appreciation to efforts of Mr. Fred Haney and associates in giving assistance in placing a Gravestone at my great, great, grandfather Isaac Freeman's grave in Silver Creek, IL.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest L. Snider

*Mr. Snider's ancestor, Isaac Freeman, enlisted in Capt. Elisha Hayward Company on May 1st 1861 in Buffalo, New York.*

Mr. Gregory Hayes  
Banner Editor

Dear Greg,

The Old Darlington District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical society is attempting to identify 2,300 unknown Union soldiers buried in the Florence, South Carolina National Cemetery. The National Cemetery is located on the site of the Florence Stockade which was a Confederate prisoner of war camp during the Civil War. During 1864, thousands of Union prisoners were moved from Andersonville Prison in Georgia to the Florence Stockade. From September of 1864 until the end of the war, over 2,300 Union soldiers were interred in mass graves at this location. The site was declared a National Cemetery in 1865 and now covers over 10 acres.

All members of the S.U.V.C.W. are encouraged to determine if they or someone they know had a relative that died at Florence Stockade. Anyone that had a relative that died there are asked to contact the Old Darlington District Chapter with the following information:

1. Name of Soldier
2. His rank
3. Unit and state of service
4. Date of birth
5. Date of death
6. Survivors
7. Reference where this information was found

All inquires concerning this project should include a self-addressed stamped envelope and be sent to the following address:

Cemetery Committee  
Old Darlington District Chapter, S.C.G.S.  
P.O. Box 175  
Hartsville, South Carolina 29551

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan R. Loomis  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief



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# GENERAL ORDERS

## GENERAL ORDERS No.4 Series 1994-1995

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1. Thus far, I have traveled to Iowa, Maryland (actually Delaware) and New Hampshire for Department Encampments and I have a full schedule of additional Departments and special programs lined up. Each of the places which I have visited have been most enjoyable. Given my rather hectic schedule, I may not be able to get back to all the Departments with thank you letters. As a consequence, I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank the Departments which I have visited thus far and to thank in advance those which I will be visiting in the very near future. I would also like to personally thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson, PC-in-C Clark Mellor, PC-in-C Richard Schlinker and Brothers Alan Peterson, Howard Streeter, Jim Dark, Daniel Lisarelli, Dave Wallace, Kent Armstrong, Richard Greene, Dean Lamphere, Gregory Hayes and Charles Funck for representing the National Organization at my request at functions where schedule conflicts prevented my attendance.

2. During this period, I traveled to Springfield, Illinois for the annual death day program for Abraham Lincoln (130th anniversary) where I and the National Presidents of the other Allied Orders placed wreaths on behalf of our respective Orders. The weather was perfect for the outside program. In addition I also traveled to Richmond, Virginia for a special 130th anniversary commemoration of the fall of Richmond. The program entitled, Blue Coats in a Gray City, was orchestrated by Brother Howard Bartholf (Department of Maryland) and was excellent. While I was in Richmond, I was fortunate enough to have time to visit the Museum of the Confederacy, Confederate White House and Virginia State Capitol. I would encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to see these. Time did not permit,

however, any opportunity to visit Hollywood Cemetery where many of the more notable Confederates are buried.

3. I am pleased to announce that during this period I have conferred a Certificate of Merit to the following individuals: Bradley McGowan (Department of Iowa) for almost single handedly raising funds to restore DeMoines Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (see related article in this issue of the *Banner*) and Howard Bartholf (Department of Maryland) for his efforts in orchestrating the Blue Coats in a Gray City program. In addition, I am also pleased to state that I have conferred National Aide status and a Certificate of Merit to the following Department of Massachusetts Brothers for their recruitment activities: Edward Parks (14 members), Edward Hayes (5 members), Alan Peterson (4 members) and Gilbert Bagley (3 members).

4. Based on discussions with National Historian Gary Gibson and Turner Publishing, response to the Order's history book by the membership has been exemplary. As a consequence, it has been recommended by Brother Gibson that the deadline be extended once more in order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate. I am therefore extending the deadline for submission of biographical sketches to Turner Publishing until August 1, 1995 (see advertisement in this *Banner*).

5. The following Departments and Camps-at-Large are to be commended for submittal of their bylaws pursuant to General Orders #1 (Item #8) and #2 (Item #9), Series 1994-1995: Departments - California-Pacific, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and (proposed) Southwest; Camps-at-Large - General William T. Sherman Billy Yank Camp #65 and Fort Duffield Camp #1.

These Department and Camp-at-Large bylaws either have been or are in the process of being reviewed for consistency with the Order's *Constitution and Regulations (C & R)* by National Counselor, James Pahl.

The bylaws reviews were requested and are seen as necessary in order to ensure that the

Departments and Camps-at-Large are keeping pace with the National Organization in terms of operational changes affecting how the Order functions and also to help reduce the number of unnecessary and often fraternally damaging misunderstandings and misconceptions which tend to surface each year within the Order. Outdated (in some cases by 10 to 20 years) bylaws only provide a disservice to our many new members who seek to learn and work within the Order. If we are going to move into the 21st century as an expanding and vibrant Order, it is important that the membership be afforded and encouraged to use the most accurate information available.

6. The following Departments and Camps-at-Large have not (as of 10 June 1995) submitted a copy of their bylaws pursuant to General Orders #1 (Item #8) and #2 (Item #9), Series 1994-1995.

Departments:

- Colorado and Wyoming
- Connecticut
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Vermont

Camps-at-Large:

- Phelps Camp #66
- Lot Smith Camp #1

The National Counselor has been asked to look into the potential *C & R* ramifications of noncompliance with the two General Orders as they relate to seating and participation by the above listed Departments and Camps-at-Large at the upcoming 114th National Encampment. I strongly encourage all the above listed Departments and Camps-at-Large to submit a copy of their bylaws to the National Counselor (James B. Pahl, Esq., 445 W. Maple, Mason, Michigan 48854-1519) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and avoid any possible embarrassment at the August 1995 National Encampment.

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# GENERAL ORDERS



7. The 114th National Encampment will be held 10-13 August 1995 at the Radisson Hotel Columbus North, 4900

Sinclair Road, Columbus, Ohio. The Joint Opening of the Allied Orders will take place at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday afternoon (10 August). All National Officers are requested to be present for the Joint Opening. The pre-encampment meeting of the National Council of Administration will take place at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday night (10 August). The first business session for the SUVCW will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Friday (11 August). Additional information regarding the Encampment (schedule, room reservation information, costs, etc.) is presented in this issue of the *Banner*. I look forward to seeing a large showing of delegates to this Encampment.

8. OFFICER REPORTS - National Encampment reports from elected and appointed National Officers and Standing and Special National Committee Chairs should be typewritten on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper and submitted to National Secretary Dave Wallace (7017 Granada Lane, Flint, Michigan 48532) by no later than Friday, 4 August 1995. Three (3) copies should be submitted. A period of five (5) minutes will be afforded each National Officer and Committee Chair to present his report on the floor of the Encampment. In addition to the 3 paper copies of the report, it would also be appreciated if a disk with the report could be sent to the National Secretary.

9. ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES - The below listed Brothers are appointed to the following 114th National Encampment Committees:

*Credentials:* George L. Powell, Chair; Forrest F. Allland; and Richard A. Williams.  
*Resolutions:* PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson, Chair; L. Dean Lamphere; and Andrew Johnson.  
*Ritual & Ceremonies:* PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt, Chair; Kenneth Hershberger, and Rev. Richard Bradley Long.  
*Audit:* PC-in-C Charles Corfman, Chair; J. Douglas Park; and Robert Grim.  
*Officer Reports:* PC-in-C Gordon Bury, Chair; Rev. Robert Carroon, and Peter Dixon.  
*Constitution & Regulations:* Richard Orr, Chair; PC-in-C Lowell Hammer, PC-in-C Allen Moore; PC-in-C Joseph Rippey; and

James Pahl.

10. As this will be my last General Order for the year, I wish to thank all the elected and appointed National Officers and the members of the Standing and Special National Committees for all their dedicated and productive work this year. The Order has grown dramatically both in numbers and organization because of your work. As I indicated at the beginning of my term as Commander-in-Chief, I have the best administrative team ever to be produced from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to date. To my sister Allied Order Presidents, Sisters Margaret Atkinson (Aux. to SUVCW), Erceelle Speaks (Ladies of the GAR), Ruth Funck (DUVCW) and Elsie Gould (Woman's Relief Corps), I have thoroughly enjoyed attending with you the various events and department encampments. I trust and hope that your respective National Encampments will be both enjoyable and highly productive. Finally, it is my hope also that someday, all our Orders may once again come together at National Encampments.

11. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Funds. Both funds are integral to the operation of our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert (16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148). Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler (501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850). In both cases, checks should be made payable to the "National Organization - SUVCW". No donation is too small.

12. One of my goals this year has been to streamline, simplify and hopefully make more effective and efficient the workings of the Order. This has taken many forms throughout the year with the computerization of the Order being the most obvious. Other less noticeable efforts, however, have included a strong advocacy for the elimination and replacement of the Order's past dependency on "word of mouth" and "recollection" type of operation, with

one which is more dependent on the use of the Order's *C & R* and the National, Department and Camp job descriptions. Concurrent with this effort has been the beginnings of an evolution within the Order from an organization operating mostly on the personalities of a select minority to a team-based organization operating more dependently on the written word of the *C & R* and therefore better reflecting the will and desires of the majority of the membership as exemplified through the National Encampments. The evolution to which I speak has really only just begun and will not be fully realized by our Order for many years to come; however, the process has begun and cannot be reversed so long as we as an Order continue to elect and appoint qualified and interested Brothers to fill all positions at the Camp, Department and National levels, and so long as we remain cognizant of and actively work together in fraternity, charity and loyalty to fulfill all the responsibilities given to us by the Grand Army of the Republic.

By Order of:  
Keith G. Harrison  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
David F. Wallace  
National Secretary





Civil War Sites in Columbus

On April 12, 1861, Ohio's Senate in Columbus received the news by telegraph. Forty-three mortars and guns lining Charleston Harbor had defeated the Federals at Fort Sumter.

One abolitionist in the chamber exclaimed, "Glory to God." Her enthusiasm for the war was soon matched across the state.

According to the Ohio Handbook of the Civil War by Robert S. Harper, after Lincoln's first call for troops on April 15, militia units and volunteers flooded the capital.

Eventually 30,000 men, one and a half times the population of the city and twice the number requested by Lincoln, arrived. The recruits overflowed Camp Jackson, a temporary encampment, into every hotel and boarding house in the city.

Six days after the bombardment of Fort Sumter the first two Ohio regiments were boarding a train from Columbus to the east.

Harper says that eventually over 300,000 men wore the Federal Blue. The percentage of Ohio's male population serving in the Army was greater than any other state's. The number of "Soldier and Sailor" monuments dotting town squares across the state punctuates this fact. Harper said that three out of five male Ohioans between the ages of 18 and 45 served.

As the war dragged on, camps were set up across the state to muster men into service. Despite this, Columbus would remain a crucial military site. There are still a few landmarks in Columbus to testify to this.

James E. Hilton, Secretary-Treasurer of Columbus's Gov. William Dennison Camp, listed a number of Columbus Civil War sites.

Camp Jackson: The original Columbus bivouac is located at Goodale Park. Hilton said, "It was originally Goodale Park. It was given to the city by Dr. Goodale and it was only to be used as a city park." Hilton said that the park was used for three months at the war's beginning as a rendezvous point for troops embarking to other locations.

Camp Chase: Eventually a larger place was

needed to muster troops in and train them. Camp Chase, on the west side of Columbus, would serve as a troop training camp, prisoner of war camp and detention place for paroled soldiers. Hilton said, "...Basically what's left of Camp Chase is a cemetery, which would have been the southeast corner of the original camp." The entrance to the camp is a metal arch with the words "Americans All." A statue of a Confederate soldier mounted on top of a rock is just inside the cemetery. There are over 2,000 confederates buried in the cemetery.

The Capitol: Ohio's state capital was completed just before the Civil War. President Lincoln stopped to speak at the Capitol while on his way to Washington in 1861. He laid in state there on his way back to Illinois in April 1865. "There are my Jewels", a statue immortalizing Ohio's contribution to Civil War leadership, sits on the Capitol grounds. The work includes grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Stanton, Garfield, Chase and Hayes in relief. There is also a statue of President William McKinley, who served in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the grounds.

Fort Hayes: It was called the Columbus Barracks when it was established in 1863. Hilton said, "It's located in the center of town...it is now part of an arts and design school of the Columbus Schools system. A shot tower and one building date back to the Civil War."

Ohio Penitentiary: When Confederate Cavalryman John Hunt Morgan was captured in Ohio, he and some of his top officers were jailed as thieves in the old penitentiary. Morgan later escaped and made his way back to the Confederacy. Hilton said, "They're still not sure which cell in there belonged to Morgan because so much has been done to it on the inside. But the basic old part of the prison is still there including the wall...There are people in Columbus who are trying to figure out whether they want to make it an arena or shopping center...It looks like it's going to come down eventually."

Ohio Historical Society: Located off I-71 and 17th Avenue, the society's grounds include a museum, archives and reconstructed 19th century village. It is a Mecca for researchers. Civil War historian James McPherson was there a few years ago, sifting through its Civil War letters, diaries and documents.

(Ed. note - The Society is profiled at the end of this article)

Sherman Home: Located in Lancaster, about a half-hour-drive from Columbus, is the birthplace of William T. Sherman. The home contains period furnishings, Sherman memorabilia and a room with Civil War items.

Sherman Monument: Located in Columbus's Franklin park is a monument commemorating Sherman's most memorable quote. In 1880, he told a group of 5,000 veterans, "There is many a boy here today that looks on war as all glory, but boys, its all hell. You can bear this warning to generations yet to come."

Paul Huff Assistant Editor - The Banner

Civil War Collections Prove Vital for Research

Courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society Echoes - Volume 34, Number 6

During the past year, Archivist Gary Arnold has indexed and described hundreds of items as part of the Civil War Guide Project, a long-term process that the Society's Archives/Library initiated in order to make its collections in this popular area of research more accessible to library users.

A review of the Society's many important Civil War holdings reinforces the fact that "Ohio was at the very center in the Civil War," said George Parkinson, division chief of the Archives/Library. "Our holdings reflect the comprehensive role Ohio played in the conflict."

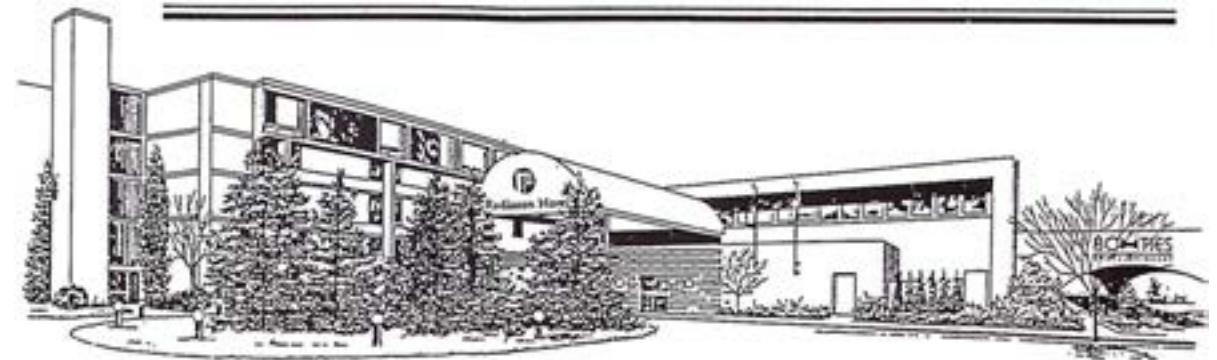
Archivist Gary Arnold, head of the guide project, is describing and indexing the Society's primary (unpublished) source materials related to this crucial time in U.S. history. The Archives/Library currently holds approximately 1,175 Civil War primary collections, with some of these containing thousands of items.

Though the Society's Civil War materials are plentiful, there are still items that the Archives/Library would like to acquire.

If you have materials, such as letters, diaries, or photographs documenting life on the Civil War homefront in Ohio, or would like further information, please call Gary Arnold at (614) 297-2500.



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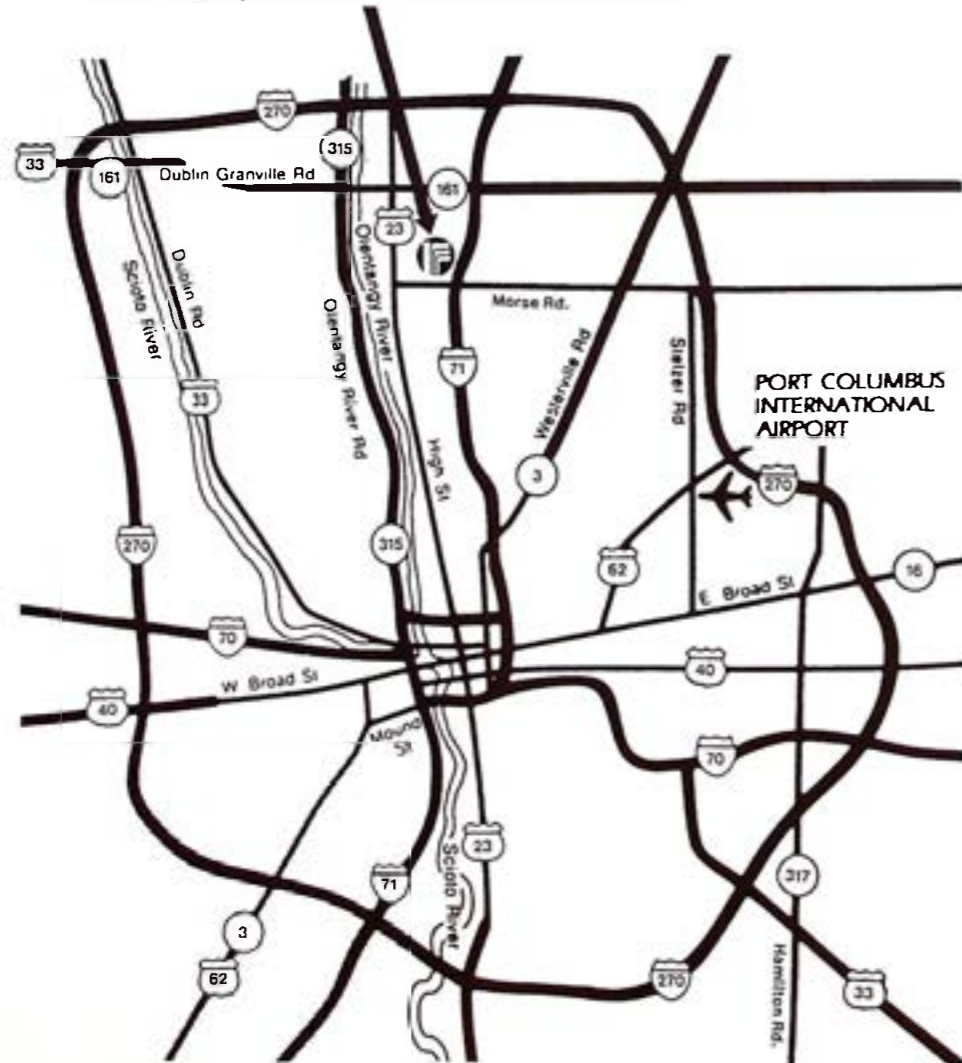




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1995 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE - COLUMBUS, OHIO

The 1995 National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held jointly August 10th through the 13th at the:

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Chairman of Arrangements, Charles W. Corfman, PC-in-C, Margaret E. Atkinson, National President, have provided the following schedule of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Auxiliary) for the 1995 National Encampment:

Pre-Registration, lodging and dinner information appear on pages 9 - 11.

Thursday 10 August 1995

- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Registration
9:15 a.m. - Council meeting - Auxiliary
9:30 a.m. - Rehearsal Ritualistic Work - Auxiliary
10:30 a.m. - Rehearsal Joint Opening
1:00 p.m. - Business session - Auxiliary
4:00 p.m. - Joint Grand Opening
6:00 p.m. - PC-in-C's and Past President's Banquet
7:00 p.m. - Council of Administration Meeting - SUVCW

Friday 11 August 1995

- 7:00 a.m. - Department & National President's breakfast
8:00 a.m. - Registration - SUVCW and Auxiliary
9:00 a.m. - First Business Session - SUVCW and Auxiliary
11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Club Meetings) - Auxiliary
Noon - Recess - SUVCW
1:00 p.m. - Second Business Session - SUVCW
2:30 p.m. - Greetings Received
3:00 p.m. - Patriotic Instructor's presentation
4:00 p.m. - Recess - Auxiliary
5:00 p.m. - Recess - SUVCW
7:00 p.m. - Band Concert
8:00 p.m. - Campfire Program
9:00 p.m. - Courtest hour - Auxiliary

Saturday 12 August 1995

- 7:00 a.m. - Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - Registration - SUVCW and Auxiliary
8:30 a.m. - Business Session - SUVCW

- 9:00 a.m. - Business Session - Auxiliary
Noon - Recess - SUVCW and Auxiliary
1:00 p.m. - Business Session - SUVCW
1:00 p.m. - Business session - Auxiliary
5:00 p.m. - Recess
6:30 p.m. - Joint Banquet - SUVCW, Auxiliary and LGAR
please note: Joint Open House to follow banquet

Sunday 13 August 1995

- 8:00 a.m. - Rehearsal for Joint Memorial Service
9:00 a.m. - Joint Memorial Service - SUVCW, Auxiliary and LGAR
10:00 a.m. - Business Session (if required) - SUVCW
10:30 a.m. - Old and new Council meeting - Auxiliary
Noon - Adjourn
1:00 p.m. - Council of Administration Meeting - SUVCW
(note: 10:30 am if no Business Session required)



Officer Reports

Decoration Day - May 30th

Most people have been taught that Decoration Day was instituted right after The War Between the States, 1861 - 1865. Yet not so many understand why such a day or even why May 30th was selected. History teaches us that the Southern states were practicing such an event to honor the fallen comrades of the late Confederacy. They too selected Springtime. Why? The flowers were in full bloom in late April. While Northern veterans and families liked the idea of decorating graves and holding special services, the northland climate would not permit the flowers to be in bloom everywhere until May 30th. Hence, a tradition began.

The ancient Egyptians honored their people after death with temples, pyramids, pillars, and monuments. They would be fully inscribed with the person's name and deeds. Later generations would see and remember. For those persons the State wished to censure, their names would deliberately be deleted everywhere. They would be forgotten. A physical death followed by a much greater 'memory' death. The ultimate blow they felt could be inflicted in this fleeting lifetime. They were not wrong in their philosophy.

The Boys of '61 built reminders for future generations. A generation that beheld immense human carnage and great feats of sacrifice could not help but be influenced. As time marched on, the veterans knew their numbers would fade silently into history. They are gone yet their memorials still stand. It could be as simple as a lonely cannon standing as a sentinel for a quiet, remote cemetery. Perhaps it was a statue, worn gently by wind and weather, placed in the town square of a local community. The veterans even built towering monuments within the busy inner city environments. These colossal vanguards of time cast their large shadows over office buildings, motor traffic, and pedestrians.

All of these reminders still stand. They will continue to stand testimony as long as our Order and larger society deems them as important. The permanent reminders of the

Grand army of the republic were never intended as idols to be worshipped in a patriotic cult. Such a message was far too abstract for the humble, aging veterans. All of us are citizens within a representative democracy. President Lincoln understood there are constant forces at work which seek to eradicate our method of government from the face of the planet. Our survival depends not so much on the rights of people as to their responsibilities when their country calls. For the GAR generation, the call meant life and limb.

Let there be monuments. Let the graves be decorated and let our very lives be testimony that our forebears' struggles were not in vain. their blood spilled upon our ground can give witness to future generations the terrible price they were willing to pay in order that freedom might ring. Some might ask, "was the price too high?" The Boys of '61 wrestled with that question the remainder of their lives. The only sincere answer can be, "It is too high if, and only if, the succeeding generations forget." I pray, 130 years later, that the sacrifice of the Grand Army would shine for all to see.

R. Brad Long
National Chaplain



I have been in contact with the G.A.R. Highway Assoc. in PA and it looks like signs may go up late spring or sometime during the summer.

States that need concentration are: Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California.

As a National Officer I have presented over a dozen Eagle Scout Certificates to date and have represented your Officer on a couple of occasions.

Alan E. Peterson
National G.A.R. Highway Officer

Graves Registration

From the Yuma Pioneer March 20, 1920

Taps sounded for George J. Shopp, a former resident of Yuma.

Shopp was born on the Province of Alsace, France, in the Village of Dorst, on September 8, 1833 and died March 14, 1924 in Denver, Colorado aged 90 years. At the age of 19 Mr. Shopp came to the United States alone and worked for a farmer in Sullivan County, New York for the sum of five dollars a month.

On the 10th day of May, 1861, he enlisted in the 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves. The Regiment was organized at Harrisburg and was soon called to the front by the government to fight the battle with the other troops at Bull Run. After this battle, the Regiment was further organized as part of the 3rd Division, 1st AC commanded by General McCall. During the bloody war Mr. Shopp fought for the Stars and Stripes in most all great battles and was considered by his Officers and Comrades to be one of the bravest of the brave and was honored with the Medal of Bravery.

Daddy Shopp, as everyone liked to call him, was about the last of the members of the G.A.R. Post to pass away. For many years, no matter how far he chanced to be, he returned to Yuma to take part in the Memorial Day exercises.

Charles Sharrock, PDC
National Graves Registration Chairman

(Ed. Note - Brother Sharrock was responsible for obtaining the stone below, along with many, many more)



Charles Sharrock at the grave of George Shopp



# Officer Reports

### Report of the National Secretary

I am pleased to report that our Order has gained 428 new members during the Third Quarter. Also, I am pleased to report that, as of the end of the Third Quarter, membership in our Order stands at 4,025! New member breakdown by Departments and Camps-at-Large is as follows:

California and Pacific	14
Colorado	1
Connecticut	4
Illinois	47
Indiana	23
Iowa	1
Maine	5
Maryland	16
Michigan	37
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	8
New York	25
Ohio	74
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	5
Vermont	2
Wisconsin	14
M-A-L	45
C-A-L #1, Kentucky	23
C-A-L #65 Missouri	9
C-A-L #66 Missouri	1
C-A-L #1 Oklahoma	4
C-A-L #1 Texas	5
C-A-L #1 Utah	4

Welcome to all of our new Brothers!

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,  
David Wallace

#### Remember the S.U.V.C.W. in your Will!

After you provide for your family and other matters, would you consider to include a memorial gift to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? You can designate the way in which your gift should be used to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in 1861 - 1865. your memorial gift, which is tax deductible, no matter how great or small would be used solely to preserve our S.U.V.C.W. heritage.

### SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

## Graves Registration Form

Veterans Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year Day Month Year Days Months Years

Definite Veteran **CIVIL WAR**  Revolutionary War  
 Probable Veteran  Union  War of 1812  
 Possible Veteran  Confederate  Mexican War  
  Indian War  
  Spanish/American War

Unit Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Regiment No. or Ship Name</i>	<i>U. S. or State</i>	<i>Branch</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Abbreviations to use:				
Branch:	Inf - Infantry	MC - Medical Corps	Lt Art - Light Artillery	E & M -Engineers and Mechanics
	Cav - Cavalry	SC - Signal Corps	Hvy Art - Heavy Artillery	SS - Sharp Shooters
	Mar - Marines	VR - Veterans Reserve	CT - Colored Troops	Spell out all others
Rank:	Pvt - Private	Sgt - Sergeant	Cpt - Captain	Col - Colonel
	Cpl - Corporal	Lt - Lieutenant	Maj - Major	Gen - General
	Mus - Musician	Artf - Artificer	Surg - Surgeon	Spell out all others

Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year Day Month Year

Cemetery Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City or Village \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest crossroads and directions from there to cemetery

Military Headstone?  Yes  No Marker (Flag Holder)

Headstone Need Replacing?  Yes  No ( ) GAR

Headstone Need Resetting?  Yes  No ( ) Loyal Legion

Private Headstone or Family Monument?  Yes  No ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Your Camp: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Number Department

Survey Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Please write any comments on the back side of this form.  
Day Month Year

Mail completed forms to:  
Charles E. Sharroch, P.D.C.  
National Graves Registration Committee Chairman  
S.U.V.C.W.  
400 South York Street  
Denver, CO 80209



### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

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24 April 1995

Oklahoma City Red Cross  
601 NE 6th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, enclosed please find a check for \$1,000 to go towards your agency's work with the federal bombing victims and their families in Oklahoma.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic (Union veterans of the Civil War). The purpose of our Congressionally Chartered Order is to foster and preserve the memory of those who fought and died to preserve the Union in 1861-1865. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was created in 1868, in part, to help take care of the widows and orphans of the Union veterans and later became the forerunner of and strong advocate for veterans rights. Although removed by time and circumstances, we believe that we are in some way still carrying on with the GAR's goals with our small contribution and hope that it can be used to (1) provide assistance to the widows, widowers, father or motherless children and childrenless parents which this tragedy has created and (2) acknowledge all the brave and selfless Americans that have been directly and indirectly subjected to and thus far endured the worst of humanity.

Sincerely,

Keith G. Harrison  
Commander-in-Chief

cc: David Wallace, National Secretary





# SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

The Ohio SVR Light Artillery Association and Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, hosted a "School of the Piece" at Camp Sherman rifle range in Chillicothe, Ohio April 22 & 23. 1st Lt. David V. Medert organized the school and was the "Officer in Charge" of the event.

152 men from 15 different artillery batteries took part in the training. It was endorsed by the National Civil War Artillery Association and the American Living History Association.

General Charles Corfman, Commander of the SVR, supervised the classroom and overall instruction of the line. He was assisted by Col. Frank Cutler, Capt. Bob Bailey and Lt. Sean McDoo of Ft. Niagara. Field instructors from Battery I were 2nd Lt. Martin Lowery, Cpl. Wayne McElfresh, Cpl. George Foltz and 1st Private John Barnes.

Battery I of the 1st Ohio Light Artillery was organized from Camp Dennison No. 125. Camp No. 125 was organized by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert in 1988 and now has over 90 members.

The school will be again conducted next year in April and plans are to hold a "School of the Soldier" as well as artillery.

*David Medert  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief*



David V. Medert, son of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was recently appointed Public Information Officer for the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Brother Medert is the Commander of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. He is shown below during a recent meeting of the Gov. William Dennison's Camp No. 145, Department of Ohio.



L - R: David V. Medert, Abraham Lincoln, and Mike Trowbridge

Dear fellow S.U.V.C.W. Brothers,

It is my privilege to introduce you to the Michigan Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. I am writing a few lines to inform you about our Reserve and its activities.

We are the result of the efforts of Major Keith G. Harrison and a few other dedicated men. Our Reserve was reorganized in 1993 by six Brothers. Since then we have grown to a strength of 37. In our Department we are known as the *30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. A*. Recruiting efforts have been very successful and we are looking forward to establishing a second Company. Although our Department has not had the SVR as long as other Departments, we can trace the beginning of the SVR in Michigan to 1939. As reservists, we are very proud of both our National and Department SVR heritage.

In the last two years, we have been privileged to participate in many parades, memorial services and dedication ceremonies. Our last event was at the Michigan Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Here we helped with the dedication of over 100 new headstones. I thought it to be a very moving experience to be involved at a facility where so many of our departed veterans called home.

I hope this article serves to bring awareness to both our Department SVR as well as the SVR across the country. Dues for the Michigan Department SVR are five dollars per year, payable to Terry McKinch, 7432 E. Potter Road, Davison, Michigan 48423.

In closing I urge all Brothers to consider the SVR. It is service to our Country, our departed veterans & very patriotic.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Lt. Terrance McKinch,  
Adjutant

Attest:  
Daniel V. Graves, Corporal



# S.U.V.C.W. at Mansfield

Four thousand people showed up to the Mansfield Civil War Show in Mansfield, Ohio on May 6 & 7. Sons of Union Veterans were in the crowd buying, selling and recruiting.

The show was spread out between five buildings at the Richland County Fairgrounds on the outskirts of the city. The crowd shuffled between 550 dealers and displays set up in five buildings.

Dressed as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert snagged possible recruits as they passed through the Artillery building.

Assisted by Sons of Veterans Reserve Brigadier General Charles Corfman and Camp Gov. Wm. Dennison Commander Mike Trowbridge, he had signed up 15 prospects at their table by Saturday afternoon.

This was Medert's third year of recruiting at Mansfield. He said, "Last year and the year before I got over forty applications... Everyone here is interested or they wouldn't be here." He continued that relic shows and especially living history



Left to right - Michael Trowbridge Commander, Camp Dennison; David Medert, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Charles Corfman Brig. Gen., SVR

events are great recruitment opportunities. "It's just a matter of setting up the table. I put things on the table to draw their attention. When they are looking at these things, I asked them if they had an ancestor in the Union Army."

Medert dressed for success as well "...One thing about wearing this G.A.R. outfit I have

on today, it breaks the ice for me right off. They know who they were (the G.A.R.), and all I have to do is give them the connection..."

Medert's record speaks for itself. During the time he was Camp Organizer and Commander for the Department of Ohio its membership increased from under 200 to close to 400. Recruiting at shows and reenactments has worked for the James A. Garfield Camp (Department of Ohio) as well. The Camp's recruiting tent was located around the corner from one of the main buildings.

Garfield's Junior Vice-Commander, Bill Smith and Patriotic Instructor, Stephan Shields, have been to numerous shows and reenactments since the Camp as installed two years ago.

Smith said, "When I first signed up, the Camp had only six members. We now have 42 dues-paying-members and ten prospects."

Paul Huff  
Assistant Editor - *The Banner*



L - R: Mark Britton, Senior Vice Commander; Bud Wilkinson, Member; Bill Smith, Junior Vice Commander; all of the James Garfield Camp (Department of Ohio)



# Department News

## Department of California-Pacific

### Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

On June 9th, 1995 the Camp will have the honor of presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Boy Scout Bradford J. Wilbourn of Troop 288 held at his Court-of-Honor in Elk Grove, CA. This is the higher award a boy can earn in Scouting. This is a particularly special situation in that Brad suffers from a congenital muscle disease and has been confined to a wheelchair from birth.

Daniel Bunnell, Commander of the Camp will present the Award to Brad plus a check for \$50.00 honoring his achievement and overcoming adversity.

### Department of Colorado/Wyoming

#### Centennial Camp No. 100

The following Brothers were installed in their positions at the February 5th meeting:

Camp Commander: John R. Buschmann  
Senior Vice Commander - Steve Turbot  
Junior Vice Commander - Geoffrey Hunt  
Secretary/Treasurer - Robert Conklin  
Camp Council - Douglas Wilson, PCC;  
Charles Counts, PCC; Frank Waterous  
Patriotic Instructor - Douglas Wilson, PCC  
Chaplain - Charles Counts, PCC  
Guide - Frank Waterous  
Color Bearer - Aaron Hunt  
Guard - Tashoff Bernton

The annual Memorial Day observance was to be held on May 21st. at Riverside Cemetery.

## Department of Connecticut

### Allen Skinner Camp No. 45

The G.A.R. museum has been renamed to The New England Civil War/G.A.R. Museum. It has also been accepted as a member in the American Association of Museums. The Camp holds its meetings at the Museum.

Planned Memorial Day activities included: Placing flags on the graves of Civil War Veterans at Grove Hill Cemetery in Rockville; Memorial Day Ritual services at the grave of Thomas F. Burpee; and marching in the Rockville Memorial Day parade;

## Department of Illinois

The Department of Illinois held their annual encampment at the Fairfield Inn at Normal on May 13.

Ron Clark of the John A. McClelland Camp No. Four of Springfield was elected Department Commander, Dave Bailey of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2 of Aurora-Naperville was elected senior Vice Commander and Kevin Burg of the McClelland Camp was elected Junior Vice commander. The commander-in-Chief was represented by Alan Loomis, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Brad Long, National Chaplain.

The members voted to amend the Department By-laws to correct or eliminate ambiguous sections and sections that were inconsistent with National By-laws.

A committee was formed to look into the commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the formation of the G.A.R. in Decatur during April 1996.

A new program was approved at the encampment. The Illinois Civil War Veteran Registry Project will collect biographical and genealogical information on all individuals who served in Illinois Regiments or as part of the Regular U.S. Army during the War.

Veterans' files and summary information resulting from this effort will be available to genealogical and historical researchers. If you are willing to contribute information to this effort, please contact the Illinois S.U.V.C.W., c/o David Bailey, Sr., P.O. Box 2314, Naperville, IL 60567-2314

## Department of Indiana

### David D. Porter Camp No. 116

The Camp will be sponsoring the dedication of the "Iron Brigade" historical marker at 1:00 p.m. on July 1, 1995. The marker will be located at the intersection of US 20 and Indiana 49 near Chesterton, Indiana.

Special guests that have been invited for this ceremony include: Governor Bayh, Governor O'Bannon, US Representative Peter Visclosky, State Senator Bill Alexa, State Representative Ralph Ayres, Alan T. Nolan - author of *The Iron Brigade*, Bill Upham of the Iton Brigade Association and past Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, Commander-in-Chief Harrison of the S.U.V.C.W., and Dr. Gary Dolph - Indiana Department Commander.

## Department of Iowa

The Department of Iowa held their Encampment on April 7 & 8, 1995 in Des Moines Iowa and elected the following officers for the term 1995-1996:

Commander: David Turpin  
Senior Vice Commander: Kenneth L. Marlin  
Junior Vice Commander: Dean K. Speaks  
Secretary/Treasurer: Roger Shannon  
Council:  
Roger Wheller, Sr, PDC  
Charles Lowe, PDC  
Merrill D. Anthony, PDC

## Department of Michigan

The Annual Department Encampment was held June 10, 1995 in Lansing, Michigan

The following Brothers were elected at the encampment:

Commander: William Brennen  
Senior Vice Commander: Paul Hodges  
Junior Vice Commander: Don Workman  
Secretary: Richard Lee  
Treasurer: Jim Williams

# Department News

## Department of New York



The 125th New York Vol. Infantry was recently presented with the Reenactor's Award from the New York Department during a living history encampment at Lindenwald, the home of President Martin VanBuren. The 125th NY was so honored because of their accurate portrayal of our ancestors and their efforts in preserving their memory. Attending the ceremony was New York State Department Commander George Shadman (left); James Wolford, 125th NY Regimental Assoc. President; Douglas Smith, New York Department Vice Commander; Captain Richard Straight, 125th NY Vol. Inf. and SVC - Camp No. 145; and William Halpin, Commander, Camp No. 154

## Department of Pennsylvania

### General George H. Thomas Camp No. 19

The April meeting of the Camp had the Senior Vice Commander, Renny Allgyer, present a musical program of Civil War period selections and history.

The Auxiliary to the Camp is sponsoring an essay contest at local schools with the winner to receive a \$50.00 savings bond.

## Iowa's Soldiers and Sailors Monument

In 1887 a memorial addressed to the Iowa General Assembly was formulated in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa by the McFarland Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was sent the other G.A.R. posts in the state for consideration and report, a large majority of them approved and directed that the State Commander lay it before the State Legislature which was to convene the following January.

The memorial simply stated "surely it cannot be regarded as unreasonable that they should desire that what they did and why they did it should be remembered by the coming generations, and therefore the Memorialists pray for the erection of a monument by the state for this purpose.

The General Assembly by an act approved April 17, 1888 appropriated \$5000.00 for the purpose of preparing a site and foundation on the Capitol grounds for the erection of a Monument. This same act named six members to a commission with authority to advertise for and examine plans for such a Monument. One of the original commissioners was Senator James Harlan a former member of Lincoln's cabinet, he was also from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa where the idea for the monument was conceived.

They at once advertised for plans and designs as required by the statute, offering a modest premium to be paid to the several authors of those deemed by the Commission first, second and third best. They were requested to send their drawings and models to Des Moines but to withhold their respective names and post-office addresses from the Commission and the public, not to be opened until after the awards should be made. This was to guard against the possibility of prejudice for or against anyone on the part of the members of the board.

Forty Eight competitors responded and after much careful consideration, the awards were made, and when the three sealed packages corresponding to the winning designs were opened by the Gov. in the

presence of the Commission, Harriet A. Ketcham of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa was found to be the author of the design awarded the highest premium, she received \$500.00. Please note that this is the third time that I have mentioned Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The idea for the monument originated there, James Harlan of the Commission was from there and Harriet Ketcham the designer of the monument was also from there. There was immediate criticism of the commissions choice. The Des Moines Register reported that some people were saying that Ketcham's design resembled an equestrian statue of Frederick the Great in Berlin, and that the second place design by Robert Krause of Boston a tall column surmounted by a figure of a soldier had much more popular appeal. The Mt. Pleasant Journal reported that Ketcham's design was indeed original and that she had spent many anxious months in developing her idea.

The Journal acknowledged that there was widespread disappointment and jealousy on the part of other Iowa contestants who were passed over in favor of a woman. The paper argued that these contestants would not have been pleased if an out of state artist had won the competition and that Ketcham had won fairly and honestly.

One can speculate that James Harlan of Mt. Pleasant, a neighbor of Ketcham's and a commission member, probably influenced the commission's decision. Obviously Ketcham had reservations about her design because a year later she presented a revised design that varied drastically from the original. The entire monument had been enlarged and the equestrian figure on the top had been replaced by a tall column crowned with a figure of Victory. It is sad to note that Harriet Ketcham never saw her final design come to fruition, she died of a stroke at the age of forty-six in 1890.

A law was enacted in April of 1890 perpetuating the life of the Commission, it also brought to eight the number of Commission members. The act also directed that the State Treasurer retain in the treasury a contingent part of certain money which it was expected the state would

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receive from the general government, this money was returned from the Federal govt. to the state as repayment for monies supplied by the state at the beginning of the civil war. To be hereafter used for the memorial purposes in the discretion of the next succeeding General Assembly. The Commission was to decide what would be the most appropriate way in which the state could honor its veterans of the Civil War. And it was to report its decision to the 24th General Assembly. Of course the Commission decided to use the monument that Harriet Ketcham had designed. The 24th General Assembly approved on April 7, 1894 an appropriation of \$150,000.00 for its construction to be taken from the funds indicated by the preceding General Assembly.

This act also located the monument on the

site known as " The Old Capitol Grounds." There was a great deal of dissatisfaction with this location. Critics complained that the site was too small and that the monument would be dwarfed by the capitol building across the street. Furthermore, private houses and other structures that abutted the property were both unsightly and a fire hazard.

Despite these complaints the monument was erected on this site, the site remained unchanged until 1913 when the entire area surrounding the capitol grounds was enlarged. Meanwhile in 1911 the G.A.R. complained that it was " almost an insult to the men that it was intended to honor to let the monument remain in its present position".

The group wanted the Monument moved to a site that had been offered by the Des Moines city Council on condition that the state pay for moving the monument. The state was unwilling to go along with this

suggestion. By 1917, the capitol grounds had been enlarged and the site where the monument stands cleared of abutting buildings and debris. The G.A.R. at this time decided that the monument should not be moved. It stands today where it was originally placed.

On Sept. 6th 1894 the cornerstone for the monument was finally laid during an elaborate ceremony. The featured speaker of the day was none other than James Harlan and rightly so. He had been a U.S. Senator and also a member of President Lincoln's cabinet during the war. Harlan stated in his address: " Three or four of the statues will be allegorical signifying Iowa, victory and peace. The others will be made from the figures of real Iowa Soldier's. None of them will be dummies, modeled from the bodies of good looking men picked up on the streets by the artist to be dubbed ideal soldiers, but they

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John R. Birberick

John R. Brood

Mildred Hanson in memory of Pvt. Henry Racy

J.D. Harris in memory of Pvt. David Harris

Lee Bishop Jr. in memory of Pvt. John H. Klumke

Capt. R. Neiss, Jr. in memory of Cpl. George Neiss

Bernard Rash in memory of Pvt. Willaim Guertner

Jacob Fyck Camp No. 154 in memory of John McCashion, PCC

Thomas P. Jarvis in memory of Pvt. Thomas Jarvis

Richard Schlenker, PCC & Doris Schlenker, PNP in memory of Pvt. Daniel Schlenker

Andrew Johnson in memory of George W. Bennett

Robert W. Wiesian in memory of Joseph Menzel

Fred Willshaw in memory of Albert Keep

Lee E. Bishop, Jr. in memory of Pvt. John Klumke

John T. McAniff III in memory of Pvt. Phillip Dutch

Capt. R. Neiss, Jr. in memory of Cpl. George Neiss

Elsa Ricks in memory of Brother Ronald Ricks

Richard Reed in memory of Josiah Reed

Carlyle Reed in memory of Josiah Reed

Charles A. Wilkenson in memory of Levi J. Wilkeson

Robert & Wanda Stevens and Ester Pieper, PNP in memory of Wallace Macomber, PDC Rhode Island

Wilton Ryder in memory of Willaim Washburn Ryder

Robert Frederick in memory of Pvt. Adam Frederick

Clyde Hayner in memory of Pvt. A. Hayner

Ellis C.L. Adams in memory of Pvt. James W. Adams, Cpl. Calmar McCune & Pvt. Richard Levan

Edward B. Fowle Camp No. 14 in memory of Family of Eileen Sisco

Stephan Jackson in memory of Pvt. William Jackson

Robert E. Verney in memory of Pvt. James Browenell Riker

Jeffery A. Smart in memory of Pvt. Thomas Smart

Ray K. Fraunfelter in memory of Pvt. Ruben Fraunfelter

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David E. Allyn



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will be copies of the actual bodies, limbs, arms, heads and faces of soldiers created by God almighty himself to defend Iowa and the nation." These men that were to appear on the monument were selected by their fellow soldiers and submitted from GAR Posts from across the state of Iowa. Harlan assumed " that those not invited to sit for the artist will probably all feel without the slightest twinge of envy or jealousy, that they are properly represented by worthy comrades.

With the death of Harriet Ketcham the Commission hired Carl Rohl-Smith a Chicago sculptor to carry out Ketcham's design. For the most part Smith was faithful to Ketcham's plan with the exception of two of the allegorical figures, History and Iowa. Instead of making History a graceful mother-figure reading to a child as Ketcham had intended, Rohl-Smith made her a gaunt old woman staring into space. She pays no attention to the nude young boy that stands next to her. Instead of a mourning allegorical figure for the opposite side of the monument, Rohl-Smith modeled a seated lush young woman representative of the state's bounty. At a meeting of the Commission in 1894 a motion by Harlan was approved that these two statues be made to more closely resemble Harriet Ketcham's original intent. At its next meeting this decision was reversed on a motion by Cora Weed of Burlington, Iowa.

She pointed out that these were the only ones on the monument that afforded the artist the "

full scope of his genius." On the other hand Harlan in a speech that he gave several years later calls the figure of Iowa a " misconception executed by an artist 'born and educated in the north of Europe."

Although the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument was finished in 1898, the continuing dissatisfaction with its artistic merit and location probably accounts for the fact that it was not formally dedicated until

June 7, 1945 nearly fifty years ago, when enough time had elapsed for tempers to cool and many, if not all, of the original objectors were no longer alive.

The End

It is quite a story, perhaps too long to tell I could go on and on. But I feel that it is all of the controversies that make it a story worth telling, it is a sad fact that only seven G.A.R. veterans (?) were alive at the time of the dedication here in the state of Iowa. I believe that only two were in attendance.

For my part to raise funds I am doing the following:

I have had the Hand-Book to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument re-printed, it was first printed in 1898. There are only 1000 copies available for sale to the public. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 for S&H. they can be purchased through me.

Hank Ketcham of Dennis the Menace fame is the great nephew of Harriet Ketcham the original artist. He has done a ltd. edition signed and numbered print to sell to raise funds for the monument. There are 475 prints available at \$100.00 each plus \$7.50 S&H and 50 artist proof prints avail. at \$150.00 each plus \$7.50 S&H. The \$7.50 is a tentative amount, I hope that it is no more than that and it could be less. This project is a 501 c recognized tax-deductible charity, if anyone would care to make a direct donation the check should be made out to The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Fund.

My address is: Bradley S. McGowan 344 S. Maple West Branch, Iowa 52358 phone (319) 643-2806

Department of Wisconsin

C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1

The department of Wisconsin recently presented its annual Ulysses S. Grant Award of Excellence to a Marquette University student.

William J. Zielinski, a Military Science freshman, was recognized for his outstanding military leadership and academics as a cadet enrolled in the school's Army ROTC program.

Brother Robert Wiesian, Department Chief of Staff and C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1 Secretary/Treasurer, made the presentation during the Army ROTC Springs Awards Program in Milwaukee.

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Indianapolis, Indiana announces the availability of name tags for all SUVCW members. The tag is made of hard plastic measuring 2 x 3 inches. White leetering is etched into a medium blue surface and the result is a very attractive and durable name tag. A pin clasp on the back side makes for easy attachment. The price is \$5.00 each and includes shipping and handling. Proceeds from the sale will go to the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located in downtown Indianapolis and other Camp projects.

All orders should include the following: Camp name and number and the members name as they want it to appear. (see example below). Please type or print your information to avoid errors. To simplify the process and control our costs we request that each Camp and MAL organization place only one order with a check for the full amount.

We encourage all Sons to participate as the name tag will be of benefit at various functions. In addition,, a Grand Army sponsored landmark will get a new look for all to enjoy. Send check payable to Ben Harrison Camp, SUVCW, and send orders to Steve Jackson, Camp Commander 306 Edgewood Place East Anderson, Indiana 46011



Offer will end on November 30th, 1995



### A note from the Editor

Our biggest issue yet - and still more to come. It is post Memorial Day - and the heat of summer is here.

When I asked for contributions in the last issue, I expected a few Brothers would start sending items. I was not prepared for the deluge of material that came to my Post Office Box. Even with 24 pages this issue we could not get everything in. So be patient. If you have sent material it will appear in one form or another at some point in time. This was one of the harder issues to produce. Many last minute items kept postponing the deadline. Also, my son, Sam, was born in the middle of production. He's doing well, the Banner is out, the world is O.K.

Next issue we will cover the events from the National Encampment in Ohio. Also a photo-story of the installation of our newest Department - The Department of the Southwest.

As always, please keep sending material. See you in Columbus.

### Passages

Wayne Pyle  
April, 1995

Phil Sheridan Camp No. Four  
Department of California-Pacific

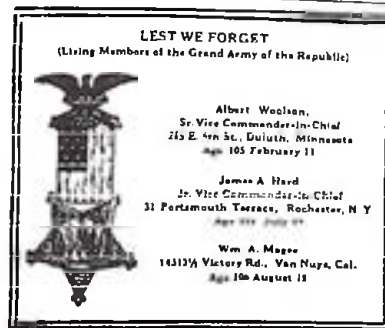
Phil Sheridan Camp No. Four of San Jose, California, mourned the passing of its Camp Commander, Wayne Pyle, in the month of April. Wayne, besides being Commander of Camp No. Four also had the honor of holding the office of Department Commander for two terms. At the time of his passing he held the office of Department Treasurer. Wayne was always dedicated and loyal to the Order and proved himself capable of taking responsibility in whatever office he held. Phil Sheridan Camp No. Four and the Department of California-Pacific mourn his passing and extend their sympathies to his family.

## From Our Pages March - 1952



Spring of 1952. The Order contained 456 Camps and 9,950 members. Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale died in February. Hale served as C-in-C 1945 - 1946

The Headquarters for the Order was in Des Moines, Iowa, in the person of Roy J. Bennett. Albert Lambert was Secretary/treasurer and Banner editor. The upcoming National Encampment, the 71st, was to be held in New Jersey at the Family Fetter Hotels.



### Culmination of A Dream

A dream of a transcontinental highway marked by the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic was realized on February 9 in Long Beach, California, when the Sons and their Auxiliary took part in a ceremony marking completion of the project.

The highway marked as the G.A.R. Highway is US Highway 6, starting at Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod, and ending at Long Beach, Cal. The project was inaugurated in 1936 by PCC Wm. Anderson when he presided at a ceremony in Massachusetts.

Dr. Ralph Barrett, PCC of California and Wm. Anderson, PCC of Mass. took part in cutting a ribbon at the marker at the California end of the highway which crosses 14 states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is the longest highway in the nation, 3562 miles in length.

Duluth, December 30, 1951

Hon. Roy Bennet  
Commander-in-Chief  
S.U.V.C.W

Dear Sir,  
I have recd. your fine words to me. I have no apologize to make to you. As at near age of 105 have to do all my correspondence in person. I have been nearly completely deaf the past yet but recovering lately and hope to meet with you in near future As you represent the future defenders of our country.

Albert Woolson  
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief  
G.A.R.



### Let Us Rebuild the Grand Army of the Republic

by the National Patriotic Instructor  
Danny Wheeler

In the 10+ years I have been associated with the Sons of Union Veterans I feel the best reward is in rebuilding the Grand Army of Republic monuments in your town and county. I have been blessed in helping or leading the way in five monument rebuilding programs and one new monument our forefathers had wanted 100 years ago and did not get.

Let us look at ways to accomplish these things:

1. Take "before" pictures of monuments and show them to organizations that will donate within- money or products (such as paint, concrete, etc.)
2. At your Son's meetings, discuss who will set up work parties etc., who among members can get paint brushes, scrapers, sandblasters or whatever is needed.

When everything is worked out, you will be surprised how effective and how good a monument can look with a little patriotic pride and care. Also don't forget to rededicate the monument. Invite the Mayor, Veterans' groups and the public. After all, it is a great way to say "Here we are." Would you like to be a part of the 7th oldest Patriotic Organization and join a local camp?

### A Personal Thank You

To all fellow Brothers for your personal donations to the National Patriotic Fund and a special thanks to my local Camp in Ithaca, NY, Sydney Camp #41 for the raffle raising \$166.00 for the national fund. If you haven't contributed yet, please feel free to use the form below and thank you again. Hope to see all at national convention.

Your fellow Brother,  
Danny

### Let Us Educate the Next Generation

If our order is to grow into the next century, we must lay the groundwork in our lifetime. Let us work up the programs of the Grand Army of the Republic from 1866 to 1995 - yes, 1995. Let us show the Cub Scout Groups, Kiwanis Clubs and area schools where the Son's took over for the Grand Army of the Republic. Monuments that have been rebuilt, etc.

With our help they can understand General Logan's Orders #11 and the first Memorial Day and why putting flags on graves of Veterans of all wars is more important than a picnic. (After all, picnics and such are more fun when you have done something for your fellow man and forefathers.)

When you attend a service for those who made the Supreme Sacrifice, that we may live free to choose how we want to spend our years, you are saying "We the people care and appreciate the greatest country in the world, the United States of America.

Chairman of Americanization and Education Committee

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

### 1995 Appeal for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund



We are asking for your support. Only with your help can we keep alive the memory of the G.A.R. and continue the patriotic work we undertake in their memory.

This fund finances many national projects including the G.A.R. scholarship, the Lincoln Memorial and Lincoln Tomb services, the Gettysburg Remembrance service, The SVR and the G.A.R. Campfire Program.

Contributions are deductible for tax purposes - Sec. 170 of the Code of 1954

Send form to:  
Danny L. Wheeler - National Patriotic Instructor  
501 Willow Ave.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to the 1995 Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

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Brother Medert,

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