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Wishes that come true



Colors of the Commander in Chief are carried by Michigan brothers to signal the beginning of the parade.



The Millin Guard, comprised of men from Pennsylvania. New Jersey, New York and Maryland, stand formation in preparation of the parade.



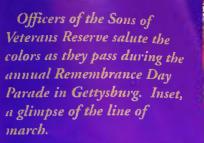
Brothers register for annual SVR Breakfast.



Auxiliary National President Barbara Mayberry, right, lays wreath at the Woolson Monument.



The Shillington Boys, far left, watching Remembrance Day Events. At left, the 102nd US Coloured Troops Pass in Review.





CinC Pahl, left, lays wreath at the Arthur Woolson Monument during morning ceremonies on Remembrance Day. At right, Brothers Bill Mock and Dave Acheson man the grill during Sunday's pancake breakfast at the Gettysburg GAR Hall.





All is fine at the annual Blue and Grey Ball, left

You're Invited: Annual Lincoln Ceremony





All are invited to participate in the 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 142st anniversary of President Lincoln's death at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery at 10 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

The Headquarters Hotel: State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street.

Room rate is \$86.99 for double or single. A full breakfast buffetnis included. Call 1-217-528-5100 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans."

Reserve your room by March 7, 2007

After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released and the rate will revert to \$103.99. Ground level parking near the hotel lobby and across 1st Street is free.

Shuttle service will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Wreaths must be delivered c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 14th.

Departments, Camps and Auxiliaries please indicate by letter your intention to present a wreath, ride the shuttle and/or attend the luncheon no later than March 17th.

The Luncheon will be held in The Inn at 835 at 12 noon. The Inn, located at 835 S. Second St., is about four blocks south of Adams St. Premier Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln impressionists Max and Donna Daniels will present "Lincoln's Farewell Address to the People of Springfield" and "The True Story of the Gettysburg Address." Luncheon cost is \$23 per person. Send the number of those attending, their names, and a check covering the total cost by April 1st to:

Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

P.O. Box 65, Valparaiso, Indiana 46384

Make check payable to "National Organization, SUVCW."

Cancellation of lunch no later than April 1st.

The Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill., at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on Illinois Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use highways 29 and 123 or 97. Additional information will be available at the hotel and luncheon.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvcw.org) or contact PCinC Alan Loomis at: arlsuvcw@aol.com or 219-464-1332.



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ON THE COVER - This year's Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg featured 11 year old Grant Brackner, who rode in uniform, in President Lincoln's carriage. Young Brackner is from Utah and has Cystic Fibrosis. He contacted Make-a-Wish and asked to be in the parade. He received visits from many of the Brothers before the start of the parade, including CinC Pahl, who presented him with a Junior badge. Later, he watched the parade from the reviewing stand with Capt. William C. McQuilkin, USN. Commanding Officer USS Gettysburg, CG-64 and Executive Officer LCDR Bill Daly. The USS Gettysburg will soon be sent to sea for a lengthy deployment.

THIS STATUE, LEFT, of a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War was spotted next to the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg during the last National Encampment. Seemingly frozen in time, he appears in an SVR uniform and was sculpted in an unknown color medium. What is it really? Turn to page 18 for the answer.

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DID YOU KNOW? Oak Ridge Cemetery is the second most visited cemetery in the U.S., surpassed only by Arlington. Dating to 1855, the grounds comprise 300 acres. Lincoln's Tomb sits on 12 acres, owned by the State of Illinois. The tomb's granite was quarried in Quincy, MA.

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Remembrance Day Photos by Cher Petrovic and PCinC Steve Michaels

U.S. Grant's daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris Jones is buried there, as is MG John A. McClernand.

Moses Broadwell, 3rd New Jersey Reg., is the only Revolutionary War veteran buried there. Fourteen Union soldiers are buried on an island in the middle of a roadway in the cemetery. Their graves surround a monument, which bears the names of 40 officers and enlisted men, erected in 1874. Most of the men are buried throughout the cemetery with their families. From Barringer, Floyd S. MD: A Walk Through Oak Ridge Cemetery, Sangamon Cty. Hist. Soc. 1967

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War General Orders Series 2006-2007

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GENERAL ORDER 2

- 1. November 12, 1881, the Davis Camp #1, Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania was formed at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by Brevet Major August Plummer Davis. Eleven boys were present at the meeting. These are the charter members of Davis Camp #1 Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania (also the charter members of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). Harry T. Rowley, John Sieferth, Walter Morris, Herbert A. Davis, John D. MacFarland, Henry Maxwell, E. W. Wilker, Ernest W. Lehman, A. P. Hays. George L. Moreland and William L. Feer. This being the 125th anniversary of our great Order, the Commanderin-Chief calls upon all Departments and Camps to appropriately remember and commemorate this important date in our history. 2. A series of questions have arisen that have caused me to issue rulings to interpret our National Regulations. They are as follows:
 - A: A Camp Organizer need not be a brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He should be one of the applicants who is joining with others to form a new Camp.
 - B. Old Camps that no longer exist cannot be brought back to life. The brothers so wishing may use the same Name and Camp number, subject to the approval of the Department Commander. But they need to proceed as if they are beginning a totally new Camp. If the old charter still exists in their possession, they may retain it for historical purposes. This old charter shall be photographed with enough resolution to see all of the details and be forwarded to the National Secretary for National's records.
 - C. An applicant was relying upon the service of an ancestor, who originally served in Confederate forces. Some time later, he signed a loyalty oath and then served in Union forces. Is the applicant eligible for membership? Ruling: We will accept into our membership, a person whose Confederate service was involuntary, they left Confederate service just as soon as they could escape and come north. If the Confederate service was voluntary, even if they subsequently took the oath of loyalty and served the Union, descendants are not eligible to membership in the SUVCW through that ancestor.
- 3. As installation of Camp officers is to be completed by January 31 of each year, Form 22s are to be submitted by Camps to their Departments no later than February 15th of each year, and that Departments must submit copies of these reports to National by February 28th of each year, with exceptions permitted only by approval of the Council of Administration.

Ordered this 14 day of October, 2006

GENERAL ORDER 3

- Recent events have demonstrated that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Lincoln Death Day Association have different objectives and goals.
- As a result, it has been determined the Order shall no longer assist the Association in their Lincoln Death Day ceremonies and shall withdraw all financial and other support.
- Any permission for the Association to use our name symbols, badges or other protected items is withdrawn. Any brother participating in future operations of the Association are doing so individually and not as a member of the Order.
- Pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article IV, Section 6, brothers Robert Graham and Jon Austin are hereby removed from the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance.
- Brother's Nick Kaup and Ed Krieser, PCinC are hereby appointed to the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance.
- Pursuant to the job description of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ceremonies to pay tribute to our 16th President and remember his death, shall be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007.
- As the observances began as and have traditionally continued as a cooperative effort between this Order and The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, efforts will be taken towards the formation of a joint committee. to continue these observances as it was always intended.

Ordered this 23rd day of October 2006.

GENERAL ORDER 4

- On October 31, 2006, President George W. Bush issued a Proclamation, urge all Americans to observe November 5 through November 11, 2006, as National Veterans Awareness Week. The proclamation states in part: "I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our we erans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Federal State and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to support and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs."
- I call upon my brothers to take appropriate measures to honor those within our Order who have honorably served our country in our armed forces, to remember our brothers now serving in our military forces around the world today and to appropriately o serve Veteran's Day and National Veterans Awareness Week (Please turn to Page 6)

PCinC Charles F. Griffin had distinguished career

Written and researched by PCC Stephen B. Bauer and Dr. David W. Wiley, Ben Harrison Camp 356. Indianapolis. Go to http://suvcw.org/pcinc.htm to view other Past Commanderin-Chief biographies.

Destined to become a Sons of Veterans Commander-in-Chief, an Indiana Attorney General and a distinguished community leader, Charles Freemont Griffin was born in 1857 to John Elihu and Melissa Ann (Scott) Griffin in Henry County, Ind. His father served as a major and paymaster during the Civil War.

Brought up in Crown Point, Griffin studied law under his father, who had a law practice. He completed a short course at the Spiceland Academy, continued to read the law in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar in 1877. He also served for ten years as superintendent of the Presbyterian School of Crown Point.

Following the political path taken by his father, a state senator from Lake County, Charles was elected Secretary of State in 1886. He was then 29 years old, the youngest man ever to hold that post in Indiana. "No other boy has yet reached so high a position in civil or political life," the

Encyclopedia of Genealogy and Biography in Lake County observed in 1904. He continued in office through January 1891, working with two governors who had Civil War backgrounds: Isaac Pusey Gray and Alvin Peterson Hovey.

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At the 8th Nat. SVUSA Encampment, held in Patterson, New Jersey, Griffin was elected Commander-in-Chief. During his tenure, he reportedly visited every state and territory in the interests of the Order.

In the 1890s, Griffin moved to Hammond, where he opened a law practice with offices in Hammond and Chicago, along with Judge Walter Olds, retired Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice. He also helped form the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago Electric Railway ("The Green Line") and became its president. And he

introduced a new water plant plan for Hammond.

Much like his father, who was a delegate to the 1864 National Convention that nominated Lincoln for his second term, Griffin became a delegate to the 1892 Republican National convention at Minneapolis, which re-nominated President Benjamin Harrison. In addition, he was in charge of Harrison's Chicago Grand Pacific Hotel headquarters. After



Charles 4. Friffin

the convention, Griffin declined the nomination for Governor in favor of Ira Joy Chase, a Past Indiana GAR Dept. Commander, who was elected.

An inveterate joiner, Griffin became a member of Hammond's Sons of Veterans Gen. Charles F. Griffin Camp 39, the Knights of Pythias Lodge 56, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a charter member of the Columbus Club of Indianapolis. From 1884 to 1892, he served in the state militia as captain of a company at Crown Point and later, as a Lt.Col. during the Spanish American War.

Br. Griffin died unexpectedly on December 21, 1902, leaving behind his wife of 22 years, Edith Burhans Griffin, a son, Karl Scott, and daughter, Ida Burhans Griffin. Also left behind were his brothers Horace, the eldest, and Cassius, the youngest. He was interred in Row 12 of the East Section of Maplewood Historical Cemetery, Crown point, Indiana.

Interestingly, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, whose very name is a reminder of the Civil War, supported Griffin's election as the Indiana attorney general, later became a federal judge and gained considerable fame as the first Commissioner of Baseball,

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- To our veterans, I say thank you for your service to
- I direct the full Proclamation of our President, be posted on our Order's web site. Ordered this 3rd day of November, 2006

GENERAL ORDER 5

Hundreds of brothers of this Order, took the time to observe Remembrance Day, by either attending the special ceremonies in Gettysburg. Pennsylvania, or the various activities conducted by Departments and Camps of the Order all across this great country. Through my participation in the Gettysburg event and by viewing photographs forwarded of other observances, I noted countless brothers, proudly wearing their member badge of our Order and honoring both the Grand Army of the Republic and our 16 th President in his delivery of a speech, now known as the Gettysburg Address.

To those brothers who marched in the parades, participated in the observances, and represented our Order in many ways and to those who were able to be with us in spirit only. I convey to each of you, a Job Well Done.

I have been privileged to honor several, both within and outside of our Order, for acts and programs that help keep green the memory of the Grand Army.

To Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Al Loomis, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was approved and awarded at the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for his work on several committees, including the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee and his spearheading the work to commemorate the 2009 anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, recommended by the Commander-in-Chief.

To non-members Alan Chaffee, William Apgar and the Tompkins County. New York Probation Department, a certificate of appreciation for work done in cemeteries, upon the recommendation of National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler PCinC.

To Arthur Wills. Sons of Confederate Veterans, for his efforts in nomination and induction of Major General Jo hn Alexander Logan, into the Raleigh, North Carolina

Centennial Hall of Fame, a certificate of appreciation, upon the recommendation of the Thomas Howard Ruger Camp #1 at Large in North Carolina.

To brother Clark Seum. Department of California/Pacific, the Meritorious Service Award, for his service in World War II, the Korean War, as a Chaplin in both this Order (for longer than anyone can remember) and in a local police Department, and active membership in the Order for over 52 years, upon the recommendation of Department Commander Tadd Campbell, Department of California/Pacific.

To brother William Reynolds, PCC, Department of Pennsylvania, the Meritorious Service Award, for his work in preserving the last resting places of countless veterans and his service on the board of directors of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Museum and Trust in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, upon the recommendation of Richard Orr, PCinC.

To brother Vincent Barker, Old Abe Camp #8, Department of To brother vincent as National Aide, for sponsoring six new members imp the Order

To the members of the Commander-in-Chief's color guard in the recent Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg guard in the Settysourg Pennsylvania, including members of the 14th Michigan, SVR members of Co. B, 102 nd United States Colored Troops, a certificate of appreciation.

Hook forward to presenting several more awards of this type in the coming months.

Ordered this 30th day of November, 2006

GENERAL ORDER 6

During the 122 nd National Encampment, National Color Bearer Jeff Stephen recommended a Special National Committee The purpose of this committee was to inventory all Civil War battle flags in the possession of the Federal government and also the several States and further, to learn the status of each State's preservation program.

In his General Order #2, then Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong appointed brother Jeff Stephen to chair the National Committee on Civil War Flag Conservation.

This Special Committee has not filed any reports, including at the 123 rd, 124 th and 125 th National Encampments and for the Council of Administration meeting recently held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This committee is not functioning.

Therefore, this committee is discharged.

Ordered this 30th day of November, 2006

By Order of James B. Pahl

Commander -in-Chief

Attested: Michael Bennett National Secretary



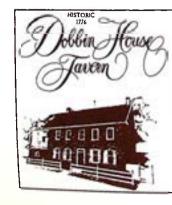
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Arizona honors its last Civil War soldier

By CC David A. Swanson, Picacho Peak Camp 1, Camp-at-Large

Recently Brothers of Arizona's Picacho Peak Camp 1, Camp-at-Large, honored Private Parker Louis Gordon as Arizona's Last Union Civil War Soldier, during a ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix.

Representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans and an honor guard composed of members from the Arizona Civil War Council participated with the Brothers from Picacho Peak Camp.

Pvt. Gordon's great-grandson and Brother of Picacho Peak Camp, Richard McNeil, along with his wife, Jamie, and his sister, Susan Cheyney, were guests of honor. Dick had the original drum Parker used during the war on display in front of

Pvt. Parker Louis Gordon, son of Henry S. Gordon of Franklin, Pa., and Rebecca Young Gordon, from the United Kingdom, was born at Steelville, Ill. On Sept. 1, 1847. He ran away from home several times during the Civil War in an attempt to join the Union Army and finally became a drummer boy with an unknown military unit at age 16. On February 15, 1865, he officially entered military service with the 154th Reg., Illinois Vol. lnf., where he stayed for the remainder of the war.



Left to right: Br. Al Harrica, David Kampf and Richard McNeil with members of the Arizona Civil War Council.

After the Civil War, he eventually moved to Phoenix, where he retired as a grocer. He was a member of the Long Beach, California, GAR Post number 181 and was a delegate to the reunion of Union and Confederate veterans at Gettysburg. Pa, in 1937. Before his death, he was one of two surviving members of the post.

He died in Phoenix on December 5, 1946, at the age of 99 and was interred in the original mausoleum at Greenwood Cemetery.

Veteran's grave marked

Br. Gene Beals, Col. Federick Hecker Camp 443, researched and marked the grave of Pvt. Edward Naeher, the Last Soldier or Madison County, Illinois. Naeher of Edwardsville died January 27, 1940 at the age of 97. Born in Vienna, Austria, Naeher was a machinist, tool maker and knife manufacturer and was making guns when he enlisted as a private in Co. K, 193rd Penn. Inf. His 100 days company was sent to an area near the Black River in Maryland, where half the men died of disease.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration Minutes - Gettysburg, PA - 11/19/06

PCinC Darby moved that the Lincoln Tomb Committee be authorized to enter into future contracts on behalf of the Order, with regard to the annual Death-Day events. This was seconded by SVCinC Kuhn. There were no opposing votes.

CinC Pahl requested that the Council offer its approval of recent Boardroom votes, for which a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

PCinC Darby moved that a committee be formed to investigate retaining application materials and organizing them in a database, specifically what materials are to be saved, how they are to be saved, and what will be done with them after they are saved. The motion was seconded by JVCinC Medert. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by PCinC Darby and seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler to enter into a contract with Cher Petrovic for photographic services, the Order to pay her \$75 per roll of 24-exposure film, with four or five rolls to be shot. Additional costs for albums, CDs, etc. are to be borne by the National Organization. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by PCinC Darby and seconded by JVCinC Medert that the reports of the committees working on aspects of the electronic application pro-

gram be transferred to the JVCinC's committee for its review, with a proposal for action to be prepared by the JVCinC as soon as possible. A motion by PCinC Darby to terminate debate was passed without objection, as was his original motion.

PCinC Darby moved that the current policy on the use of the name and symbols of the Order be expanded to include authorization for National Committees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hanby and passed unanimously.

PCinC Darby moved that the blue ribbon currently in use on the Sons' ROTC medal be changed to the white ribbon of our Junior badge, that the size of the pin be reduced, and that the current supply of ROTC medals with the blue ribbon be utilized until gone. The motion was seconded by National Treasurer Newman, and passed with only JVCinC Medert in opposition.

PCinC Darby moved that fifty cents of each per capita payment be allocated to the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. The motion was seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, and passed unanimously.

Submitted in F, C, and L, Michael S. Bennett, PDC National Secretary, SUVCW

GENERAL U.S GRANT **BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION** Sunday, April 29, 2007 in New York City

The annual commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant's birthday will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2007 at the National Monument on 122nd Street & Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The ceremony, hosted by New York City's Oliver Tilden Camp 26, includes the initiation of the Camp's new membersand begins at 11 AM.

Each year, "Memorials and Boosters" are solicited from members and organizations to defray the ceremony's cost. Memorials honor our Civil War ancestors or deceased brothers. "Boosters" allow organizations to show their support by having their name and address appear in the printed program. Your support is very much appreciated.

Contact Camp 26 SVC Roy E. Wildenberger, 70-12 53rd Drive, Maspeth, N.Y. 11378 (718-651-8042) before March 15th or go to www.suvcw.org/ny/deptny.htm for more information.





Inquiries and Responses

Edited by Richard D. Orr PCinC O. How may the name of the SUVCW he used in fund raising activities?

A. This is really a multi-prong question. What activities will the IRS allow a 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(3) organization to conduct to raise funds and how may a Camp or Department use the name of the SUVCW under the various National Policies?

The National Policy on the Use of the Name, Emblems, Badges and Symbols of the SUVCW has two pertinent clauses. Clause one (1) states "1. No person, business, organization, government agency or other entity may use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except as provided in the Articles of Incorporation Section 17, without the express written consent of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

This clause controls the use of the name and emblems of the Order, limiting their use to normal business activities and normal functions of the Order. This would appear to prohibit the use of the name of the SUVCW in any unrelated fund raising activity.

Clause five (5) states: "Departments, Camps, current officers and former officers may not authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or reproduce, manufacture, or otherwise duplicate or replicate any badge, emblem, or seal of the Order except as specified in items 3 and 4 above, except that the Nat. Treasurer and Nat. Quartermaster may cause such items to be produced for the National Organization in the performance of the duties of their respective offices."

So, no Camp or Dept. may allow the use of the SUVCW name to be used by another entity without the approval of the Nat. Order. This prohibits fund raising activities conducted by a third party for the SUVCW or the use of our name in conjunction with a fund raising activity of another organization, even when the Camp or Dept. is a member of the organization, unless approval of the National Order is obtained.

The IRS restricts fund raising to those activities that can be legally conducted within the geopolitical area where the Camp or Dept. is located by not for profit organizations. Each Camp or Dept. must determine the local requirements for such fund raising activities and comply with the laws, ordinances and regulations. For example Oklahoma prohibits raffles, so it would not be permissible for a Camp there to conduct a raffle or anything that has the appearance of a raffle. In Pennsylvania, raffles, bingos and similar activities are classified as "small games of chance and require a state permit. The permit is acquired and the fee paid through the treasurer's office in the County where the game of chance will

Beyond these restrictions, the fund raising activities are controlled by common sense, decorum and generally accepted activities by the community in which the Camp or Dept. is located.



Col Bud Atkinson presents annual check to Gettysburg NMP as a result of SUVCW fundraising efforts.

Preserving our own history

By PCinC George Powell

The Pennsylvania Dept., wishing to ensure the preservation of its records, reached an agreement with the State Archives for storing and cataloging Camp and Dept. records. The process of collecting old records and artifacts is ongoing and some very interesting items have been found.

Theodore Pfeiffer Camp 60 turned over six Kraig rifles to the Dept. that had been in its possession for many years. The rifles were on loan to the Camp from the Army and, although they were in excellent condition, the Army wanted them back so that they could be destroyed. Fortunately, a new agreement was reached, whereby the rifles were loaned to the Dept. 'For Display Purposes Only.' As part of this agreement, the rifles were divided between Pittsburgh's Soldiers and Sailors Museum, Scranton's GAR Museum and Philadelphia's GAR Civil War Museum and Library with each receiving 2 rifles.

Two years ago, George G. Meade Camp 16 of Reading, PA, closed its doors due to the lack of members. They counted several Commanders-in-Chief and Nat. Secretaries in their membership. The Camp property turned over to the Dept. Co. was a treasure trove of material. In addition to Camp records, were Auxiliary records, two 1903 Springfield rifles, a GAR Post Charter, two SOV Camp Charters and the Holy Grail of National SUVCW recordsOone of the original copies of the Deed of Conveyance signed by Albert Woolson, bearing the original court and notary seals. How did this valuable document get into the possession of the Camp? It's thought that when a camp member was also serving as Nat. Secretary, documents and records became co-mingled. The Deed of Conveyance was presented to the Commander-in-Chief, who then gave it to the Executive Director for placement in the Nat. Headquarters. The Auxiliary records were turned over to PNP Margaret Atkinson and the two 1903 Springfields were loaned to the Joel A. Searfoss Camp 273 Honor Guard. It is so important to recover the property of any camp that closes. You never know what valuable pieces of history you will find,



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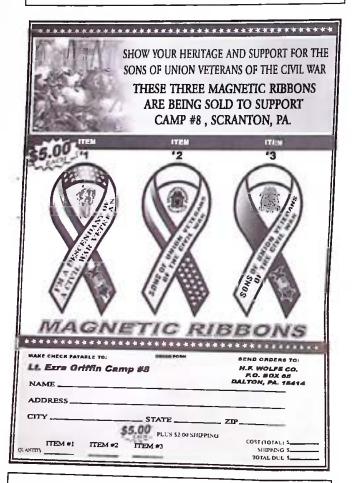
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Region Associations Meet

CENTRAL REGION



From left: Marilyn Rittel-Chaplain; Lee Ann Teller-Sec/Treasurer; Bob Kennedy-Patriotic Instructor; Jeff Stephen-Sr. Vice-Commander; Mary Fritz-Commander; Alan Teller-Jr. Vice Commander; Arlene Rudebusch-Guide and Jack Grothe-Color Bearer. The Conference was pleased to have CinC James Pahl,

The 67th annual Central Region Conference was held Saturday, October 7th at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Iowa. The Conference, presided over by Region Commander Merle Rudebusch, focused on Battle Flag Preservation and featured Mr. Bill Johnson of the Iowa State Historical Society. Later, Jeff Stephen presented information on lobbying legislators in support of Veterans issues, including battle flag preservation. Iowa was successful in recently passinglegislation, which prohibits a cemetery owner from selling, trading or transferring veterans' commemorative property unless authorized by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

NP Patricia Mullenix (DUVCW), PNPs Opal Nelson and Barbara Knopke (LGAR) visit the conference.

Cedar Rapids Civil War Round Table President Ken Allers, Jr., spoke on "The Symbol of the Flag" during the banquet, which concluded the Conference.

The 2007 Central Region Conference will be held October 6th in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the home of the Gen. Lew Wallace Study & Museum.

The Central Region includes Colorado/Wyoming, Illinois. Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.



MID-ATLANTIC REGION

On Saturday, October 21st, Western Star Lodge 15, F&AM, made its circa 1816 lodge rooms available for the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference. The new region association voted on and approved new by-laws and elected the following:

President: Joseph Seliga, New Jersey Vice President: James Hanby, Delaware Secretary/Treasurer: Dale Theetge, New York The Mid-Atlantic Region consists of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania. Virginia and West Virginia.

In photo at left, first row, from left: PDC Joseph Seliga, PDP, DUV, Dorothy Prentice, TP, DUV Pearl Allen and NY, SVC Robert Dauchy. Second row, same order: NY, DC Earl Allen, PDC Dale Theetge and NY JVC Peter Lindemann.

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Brothers participated in a dedication ceremony at the Trinity Church Cemetery in Portland, CT, celebrating the placement of a new marker on the grave of CSA BG John G. Pratt.

Last Summer, the Dept. helped locate General Pratt's grave, with the assistance of the Connecticut Commandery of MOLLUS, and the CSS Tallahassee Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1816, John Galbraith Pratt moved to Landry Parish, Louisiana in 1845 where he became a merchant and a sugar cane planter. He was an ardent states rights delegate to the 1860 Democratic Convention in Charleston, SC.

He was commissioned a colonel of militia, but five days after the attack on Fort Sumter, was elevated to Brig. Gen. of the 1st Brigade of the 4th Div., Louisiana State Militia. When the Division was reorganized. Pratt was put in command of the 9th Militia Brigade. On 12 October 1863, he was captured and sent to a New Orleans prison, where he was paroled. When the war ended, Pratt returned to Connecticut, where he died in Portland on 30 July 1866, and was buried in Trinity Cemetery. A large and imposing monument to Pratt and his wife. Mary Ann Hall, was placed at his grave, but no mention was made thereon of his rank or service.

On the 140th anniversary of his death, the great, great grandson of Gen. Pratt. Mr. George Pratt Munson, and other descendants traveled from many parts of the country to take part in the dedication ceremony. The parade was formed under the command of PDC Don Reid, Dept. of CT, and included the descendants of the Pratt family. Color guards included Co. K. 14th Conn., SVR, the Conn. Commandery MOLLUS, the Dept. of Connecticut SUVCW, the CSS Tallahassee Chapter MOS&B, and the CT ASUVCW. A brief welcome was given by Robert G. Carroon, PCinC MOLLUS, followed by an invocation by Rev. Halsey Stevens, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. The marker was unveiled by George Pratt Munson and family and Mr. Munson gave a few brief remarks. Following a moment of silence, military honors were provided by the firing of a salute by members of the 8th CT Volunteers, taps and the playing of "Dixie."

FLORIDA

On November 18th, the first ever Remembrance Day Ceremony sponsored by the Dept. of Florida was held in Mt. Peace Cemetery, St Cloud.

The day featured the presentation of the Colors by the Amzi D Harmon SVR members Michael Farrell, Don Johnson, Richard Dwyer, Harvey Linscott, William Cavins, Phillip Hinman, and Bob Chandler commanded by C. D. "Buck" Custer. DC Harvey Linscott led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the Patriot Project singers presenting "America the Beautiful" and Rev. Bob Chambers' Invocation. City Council Members Hon. Mickey Hopper and Wade Davis brought greetings, and reflections on Remembrance Day and the valiant efforts of the federal soldiers to preserve the Union.

At this point in the ceremony a representative of each of the Allied Orders brought greetings and laid a wreath before the Unknown Dead monument. DC Linscott represented the SUVCW; Theresa Cobb, represented the WRC; Linda Smith and Danielle Kennedy represented the DUVCW; Barbara Tyler, represented the LGAR; and Caroline Hinman represented the ASUVCW.

The Gettysburg Address was read by PCC Clair D "Skip" Whitlam, dressed in period costume as Abraham Lincoln. The Patriot Project then presented "America," followed by the firing of a salute over the graves of Medal of Honor recipient Amzi D Harmon and Lucius L Mitchell, first Union veteran to die in the St Cloud GAR colony.

The Rev. Chambers gave the Benediction and the Patriot Project favored the assembly with "Amazing Grace." Taps was sounded by Jack Murphy of the Osceola Veterans' Council. The assembly exchanged handshakes as a sign of peace and unity before visiting the graves of over 300 Union veterans interred at Mt Peace and departing for home.

ILLINOIS



The Illinois Department rededicates the Ilinois Monument with a commemorative plaque t the Vicksburg National Military Park. From left: PCC Steve Westlake, Superintendent Mnika Mayr, Vicksburg NMP holding plaque; Dept. JVC Larry Wachtveitl and Dept. SVC Everett Nylund.

The 100th anniversary of the Illinois monument at Vicksburg National Military Park was marked with a rededication on October 28-29th. The Dept. of Illinois's PDC Nick Kaup worked with Park personnel to coordinate the event, which included the Chicago Light Artillery, the Chicago Merchantile Battery, and the 33th Illinois Vol. Reg. Band. Custer Camp 1 and the CLA provided a commemorative plaque, which was presented to Park Superintendent Monika Mayr.

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INDIANA



Department of Indiana, senior Vice Commander, Jack O. Shaw (Third from left) - Venard Chambers, Active Member, David D. Porter Camp #116 (forth from left) - David D. Porter Camp. Junior Vice Commander, Cody, H. Shaw (5th from left) - Hecker Camp #443 Camp Commander, Greg Zelinske (far right). Also in the photo are three members of the 17th Missouri.

This past Labor Day, a ceremony was held in Olive Branch, Ill., to honor Reverend Nathan London, at the location where London founded the New Hope Baptist Church in 1882. Near the same location, Alexander County named the London School in his Honor. Nathan London left a legacy in this community he called home and died at the age of 109.

Nathan London (Lundy) was born into slavery on March 14, 1830. He was self-educated and very quick to adapt himself in any situation. At 33, he enlisted in Company D, 5th Reg., U.S. Colored Troops. He was appointed Corporal and later promoted to the rank of Sergeant. London saw action at the Battle of Milliken's Bend, LA, on June 7th, 1863. This first major battle between Union black troops and the Confederate Army was part of the Vicksburg Campaign.

After his service, London settled in Olive Branch, where he passed away in 1939 at the age of 109. Sargent London's great grandson, Venard Chambers is an active member of Indiana's David D. Porter Camp 116, Valparaiso.

IOWA

On June 16-18, 2006, brothers from Co. B. 20th Iowa Vol. Inf., SVR, stood guard over the original Civil War flag of Company B, 28th Iowa Vol. Inf. The flag was on display at Thunder in the Hills III, a reenactment held at Heritage Farm Park near Clermont, Iowa.

The Masons temporarily turned over the care of the flag to Dept. of Iowa brothers of Abernethy Camp 48 and Charles H. Huntley Camp 114, who were charged with the 24 hour honor guard under the direction of 1st Sgt. James Wolf, SVR. Co. B,

20th Iowa Vol. Inf., SVR serves as the SVR Honor Guard for both Camp 114 and Camp 48.

The flag started its journey in 1862 when it was sewn by the ladies of Marengo and presented to Co. B, 28th Iowa Vol. Inf. In 1863, the company served in the Vicksburg campaign, taking part in every battle leading to the surrender of Vicksburg. After the surrender of Vicksburg, Lt. James Sargent, in very ill health, resigned his commission and returned to Iowa. His company presented the flag to him in appreciation of his heroic leadership. In about 1881, he migrated to Yankton in the Dakota Territory; still possessing the company flag.

He joined the Masons in 1882, and when he died in 1899, the flag was passed on to his son, William F. Sargent, who presented the flag to his lodge. Over time, the flag was forgotten. The priceless folds were rediscovered decades later during a "house cleaning project" at the Yankton Scottish Rite Temple. The South Dakota Masons decided to return the old flag to its Iowa home, and in 2004,

the flag was presented to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The flag is currently displayed at the Iowa Grand Lodge Library in Cedar Rapids.



Brothers from Charles Huntley Camp 114 and Abernathy Camp 48, Dept. of Iowa, stand guard over the original Civil War flag of Co. B, 28th Iowa Vol. Inf.

KANSAS

It has been Wichita's Cpl. P. Coyne Camp 1's custom to hold its May meeting off site and perform a ceremony in honor of Memorial Day. This year, the Camp went to the Andover, KS, cemetery to honor the Civil War ancestor of Br. Marine Wolf. Marine's grandfather, Aaron M. Wolf, served with the 53rd Reg. Indiana Inf. The "Last Soldier Ceremony" was performed, the color guard provided the colors, a 3 shot volley was performed, and Marine gave some history on his grandfather. Marine still

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farms some of the ground that was given to his grandfather under the Homestead Act. Several brothers either attended or participated in the event, while many of Marine's family members observed.

While at the cemetery. Camp Commander Dale Rouse performed the short form initiation for three new members - Allen V. Wolf, Ted L Wolf and Charles D. Coblentz.

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence has taken on two projects this year. A Lawrence Journal World reporter called Br. Bob Wandel for help with an article he was writing on Lawrence's forgotten cemeteries and the Adam's Cemetery was supposed to have a Civil War Veteran buried in it. After the reporter. Br. Wandel and PCC Roy Lafferty tramped around in the woods for several hours, they found the grave of Pvt. Robert Hughes, 2nd Kansas Vol. Inf., who had fought at the battle of Wilson's Creek. Pvt. Hughes died while on furlough in February 1862. The Camp cleaned up the cemetery, removing trees, one that threatened Hughes's head stone, and put the fence back up around his grave. The cemetery's upkeep will be an ongoing project for the Camp.

The second project is the GAR Monument, located in Pioneer Cemetery on the Campus of the University of Kansas, where 18 members of the 13 Wis. Inf. are buried. In January, the Camp discovered the monument had been missing its plaque since the 1920s. This went unnoticed because overgrown juniper bushes had obscured the monument for many decades. With the help of the Memorial Fund, the Camp had the plaque recast and the University of Kansas Endowment Assoc. removed the bushes. It was then discovered that the monument needed restoration as much as it needed a plaque. Costs to repair and replace the brick and stucco are estimated to be about \$2000. The Camp hopes to have the restoration complete by Memorial Day 2007. Those wishing to help, may send checks made out to Churchill Camp #4 to Br. Wandel, 2731 Bonanza, Lawrence, KS. 66046. Please write "GAR Monument" in the memo on the check.

MICHIGAN

Members of Nash-Hodges #43 Camp of Blissfield. MI, helped restore the Civil War era monument at the Franklin Twp Cemetery at Tipton to its former glory this past year.

The 33 foot tall memorial to the 33 soldiers, as well as the many other soldiers who served from Lenawee County, was first dedicated on July 4, 1866. In the ensuing 140 years, the elements had caused serious erosion of the inscriptions. In the summer of 2005, the monument was taken apart and portions of it were sent to Lansing. MI for re-engraving. By Memorial Day 2006, the monument was back in position with new engraving, including a stone spike at the very top. This spike had been lost in a 1965 tornado. Several members of Camp #43 and the 4th Michigan, Co. G, re-enactors and others hand sanded pieces of the monument, bringing back the intricate detailing. All pieces were scrubbed with an industrial bleach to kill off mold and clean hard to reach areas.

The rededication, on the 140th anniversary of its original dedication, included hundreds of re-enactors in period uniforms. Several speakers the Michigan State Legislature appeared to give praise to the re-dedication effort. To make the presentation complete, President Lincoln [Bill Ames of Washtenaw County] gave a stirring rendition of the Gettysburg Address. Also in attendance was General Ulysses S Grant, several SUVCW camps and local military and veterans units. A Civil War period brass ensemble played fitting music and patriotic songs were sung.

As the program came to an end the local minister read off the names of the 33 men while ladies in period attire placed flags by the side of the monument containing the name.

The grandson and several cousins of the 33 soldiers listed on the monument were escorted with flags, so they could place them in honor of their ancestors. For each name read, the bell at the nearby church was tolled. All of this was followed by a full 21 Gun Salute and Taps, with an echo.

The monument is located on Tipton Hwy, just north of M-50, in the center of the Franklin Township Cemetery in Tipton Michigan, about 5 miles west of Tecumseh, Michigan.

NEW YORK



On September 30th, Julia Hibbard Tent 71, DUVCW, hosted a luncheon at the Landmark Inn in Bouckville to honor DC Earl Allen, Homer Searles Camp 114. Sister Pearl Allen served as master of ceremonies. There were 50 guests, who attended the event, including Pres. Abraham Lincoln (alias John Bayliss) and PCinC Danny Wheeler. Earl was elected Department Commander this past June.

MASSACHUSETTS

The City of Beverly, 18 miles north of Boston, recently decided its GAR Hall was surplus property and wanted to sell it. The SUVCW had sold the building to the city in 1960, on

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Honoring Union Veterans – A Tale of Two Eagle Scouts

On October 7th, seven wreaths were laid for seven veterans. The dedication ceremony for seven new veterans' grave markers was held at Mt. Lebanon, pennsylvania's St. Clair Cemetery, the culmination of Robert Ryan's Eagle Scout project, which began in 2005. 17-year old Ryan is a member of Troop 323, Whitehall.

After seeing a *Banner* article, describing an Ohio scout who restored veterans' flag holders, Robert's father, Davis CC Tim Ryan, encouraged him to attend a Camp meeting and ask for ideas.

Br. Robert Lloyd suggested a project at St. Claire Cemetery. Robert agreed and spoke with a cemetery board member. The 2-acre cemetery has spotty records covering its nearly 1,000 burials. First, all veterans buried in the cemetery were mapped. Then markers for the Civil War vets and flag holders for all the veterans were installed. Receiving new headstones were:

Pvt. Mathew Black, Co. E, 101st PA Vol.
Sgt. Thomas Boss, Co. A, 101st PVI
Pvt. Joseph Couch, Co. H, 62nd PA Vol. Inf.
Henry House, USN (USS Blackhawk, USS Grampus,
USS Great Western)

Daniel McCartney, Battery A, 204th PA HA George B. Milholland, Co. B, 77th PVI Pvt. Wm. Quigg, Battery L, 204th PA HA

Robert Ryan joined Davis Camp and completed his Eagle Board of Review this past September. More on the cemetery, the veterans, and the project may be viewed at www.stclaircemetery.com

In 2005, while completing over 160 graves registrations in Anamosa, Iowa's Riverside Cemetery, Robert Mitchell Camp 206 found six unmarked Union soldier graves, which suggested an Eagle Scout project. The county historical society, also helping with the registrations, put local Eagle candidate Ryan Husmann in touch with the Camp, which agreed to sponsor Husmann. The Scout was guided in researching the soldiers' genealogy, ordering new headstones from the Department of Veterans Affairs and setting them with the help of his troop. Those receiving headstones were:

Pvt. Andrew Bennett, Co. F, 16th WI. Inf. Pvt. Jeremiah K. Bishop, Co. C, 140th PA Inf. Pvt. Issaac H. Brasted, Co. L, 1st NY LA Pvt. Oliver Brundage, Co. F, 13th IA Inf. Pvt. Amster B. Cook, Co. E, 31st IA Inf. Pvt. Garret Slingerland, Co. F, 18th IL Inf.

Camp 206 had already planned a Ghost Walk through the cemetery on Saturday evening, October 28th, and so a dedication ceremony earlier that afternoon seemed appropriate. The local VFW Commander spoke, the Anamosa Veterans Rifle Team fired a 21-gun salute, two cannon were fired by the 3rd lowa Lt. Artillery and Taps was sounded by a high school student. Later that

evening, Eagle Scout Husmann and members of his Troop 67 acted as guides, taking small groups of visitors to five Civil War era stations.



17-year-old Robert Ryan's Eagle Scout project culminates in ceremonies dedicating seven new veteran grave stones. Ryan is a member of Troop 323, Whitehall.



Eagle Scout Ryan Husmann in Anamosa, Iowa's Riverside Cemetery where he undertook his Eagle Scout project in replacing Civil War grave stones.



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the condition that it was to be used only for veterans.

Recently, the city solicitor had advised the city that the SUVCW was no longer in existence and even their widows were dead.

Quick action by Dept. SVC Kevin Tucker informed the city that we (and our spouses) are alive and well. This put a halt to any sale talk. The city is now discussing preservation and potential building uses with the Department.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, will join Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, SUVCW. Auxiliary 10 and the Lackawanna Historical Society in hosting its third annual Civil War Remembrance Day and Grand Military Ball Saturday, April 21, 2007 in Scranton.

Festivities will take place in both cities of Lackawanna County this year. In the morning, at 11, a join veterans ecumenical service will be conducted in St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. A Grand Military Ball will commence at 8 p.m. in the Century Club of Scranton.

- Tickets will go on sale in early January and can be obtained by going to the website: www.scrantoncivilwarday.com
Capt. John M. Hart Jr., commander of The Guard, said tickets in the past two years have sold out within days of going on sale. "The ball has become a favorite in the commuity. Tickets usually go within two weeks after going on sale," Hart said, stressing the mission of the ball and daytime prayer service is to bring public attention to the work of the Allied Orders.

"Since beginning the ball, our efforts have caught the attention of all three television network associates as well as the print media here in the area," he said.

OHIO

PCinC Robert E. Grim was recently inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame by Gov. Bob Taft at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus. The class of 2006 included representatives from the War of 1812, Civil War, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"These remarkable Ohioans selflessly served our state and country both during and after their military service," Taft said in a media release. "Each one of this year's winners have made tremendous contributions to their communities, professions, state and nation and I am honored to add their names to the distinguished list of Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame members."

A veteran of the United States Air Force. Br. Grim served four years during the Vietnam War and was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Henry Casey Camp 92.

TENNESSEE

Dr. Douglas K. Fidler, Colonel Robert Byrd Camp 8, presented a certificate of salutation on behalf of DC Geoffrey Hintze to Shirley A. Rouse, President of Knoxville Chapter 89, UDC. It marked the dedication of grave markers for two

brothers. Hugh and Harrison Singleton, who fought in a Confederate regiment from Blount County.

In a short address, Br. Fidler, an adjunct history professor at Pellissippi State Tech. Community College, emphasized the importance of all orders representing Northern and Southern Civil War soldiers to support each other's attempts to preserve the memories of our past. This is especially important in Border States such as Tennessee, where family members often supported both sides of the conflict. Blount County, he noted, raised 13 Union and 8 Confederate companies, as well as a significant number of both freedman and former slaves who enlisted in the 1st U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery.

CAMPS-AT-LARGE

On April 17, 1865, Union soldiers were encamped around the capital city of Raleigh. North Carolina, when news came of President Lincoln's assassination. A large band of stragglers, intent on burning the city in an act of revenge, left their camps and headed toward the city with torches in hand. MG John A. Logan, intent on preventing a needless act of reprisal, rode to the front of the advancing mob and ordered them to return to their camps or they would be shot. They still continued on. He then said he would order a nearby artillery battery to fire into them, which caused them to retreat. Federal Officer Thomas Upton, a witness to these events, stated, 'General Logan saved the City, and it owes him a debt it can never repay.'

141 years and one day later, that debt was recognized through the efforts of Mr. Arthur Wills, a charter member of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table, SCV and MOSB. The names of the 2006 inductees included other notables as Dorothea Dix. Andrew Johnson and Leonidas Polk. In recognition of his efforts, MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1 CC Larry B. Blumatte, presented Wills with a Certificate of Appreciation from CinC James B. Pahl during a meeting of the Round Table at the North Carolina Museum of History. Other Camp brothers in attendance were JVC-elect Bryan Salter, Sec/Treas. Kevin Motter, Chaplain/ Historian Wendell Small, Brs. Roscoe Reeve, Richard Ripley and Russell Wunker. CC Blumatte, Brs. Ripley and Motter are also Round Table members.



Pictured from left to right are Brs. Kevin B. Motter, Camp Sec./ Tres.; Wendell Small Jr., Historian/Chaplain; Mr. Arthur Wills of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table and CC Larry B. Blumatte.



Remembrance Day Ball Preserves Memory

By Margaret Atkinson, Secretary, Ross Auxiliary

Remembrance Day Week is always a busy time for Anna Ross Aux. members and an MAL, as they prepare for the National Civil War Ball. In the days prior to the event, the ladies are busy baking goodies to fill the baskets given as prizes during the Cake Walk.

Upon arrival in Gettysburg on Friday, donations of door prizes are picked up from local merchants, who are responding to letters mailed earlier in the month requesting donations.

On Saturday, while some sisters are participating in the parade, others use the afternoon to decorate the ballroom. The evening finds us all at our posts, handling tickets, giving out dance cards, distributing prizes and trying to get in a dance or two. We enjoy assisting the Sons with this yearly Ball.

Although we may be weary as we take down and pack the decorations at 1AM on Sunday morning, we have the satisfaction of knowing we are fulfilling our mission of preserving the memory of those who fought in that momentous battle at Gettysburg by raising funds to maintain the monuments to their bravery in the Gettysburg National Military Park.

New Jersey Sisters conduct Veterans Day Presentation

Members of Cornelia Hancock Aux. 10 and Lyon Camp 10 conducted a Veterans Day presentation at St. Mary's Catholic School in Vineland, presenting artifacts and information to students in grades 3 to 8.

Dept. Chap. and Aux. 10 sister Lori Yeager showed pictures of ladies who served as Civil War spies. She also showed artifacts from her father-in-law, Herbert "Chip" Yeager, who served in WWII and in the Marines during peace time.

Dept. Pres. and Aux. 10 sister Viola Loder-Smithcors appeared as Cornelia Hancock, a relative of Viola's. She†was a nurse who arrived on the Gettysburg Battlefield with her brother-in-law, Dr. Child, to help the wounded men. She continued nursing until the end of the war,†traveling with the 2nd Corp. Hospital.

Viola also had a picture of her father, WWII veteran Clarence Loder Sr. and all of his medals. Camp 10's Buzz Smithcors spoke on the formation of the GAR, its officers, Encampments, badges and Logan's General Order 11.

Francine Camp 14's John Makos appeared as Secret Service head Allen Pinkerton. He discussed the Service's origins and what it was like to protect President Lincoln.

Lyon Camp 10's Matthew Jordan spoke of the prison camp that his father was in during WWII and showed some of his father's trench-art work.

An American Legion member, who was a Korean War combatant, gave the students a lesson in the Korean language.

The program ended with a question and answer session.



Union Cavalryman's Grave Marked

Baltimore's James A. Garfield Aux. 1 PP Judy Rollins, along with the help of her two cousins, found the original grave marker and burial place of their great grandfather, George W. Rollins, who is also their Civil War ancestor. He was found buried on the farm where, at the age of 25, he rode off to join the Union Army. The farm is located about six miles from Ripley, West Virginia.

Pvt. Rollins served in Co. F, 7th West Virginia Cavalry, was a company messenger, and according to family history, had several horses shot from underneath him. One of the falls left him with a permanent back injury that plagued him for the rest of his life.

Sr. Judy and her cousins, Col. Joseph Brand, USA Ret., and George F. Rollins, Jr., (at left) installed a new marker this past Veterans Day. During the ceremony following, the family expressed a proud thank you for his service and help in preserving the Union.

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Br. Charles "Corky" Reed mourned

Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 mourns the death of Charter member Br. Charles "Corky" Reed. Br. Reed passed away unexpectedly on September 23rd at his home in San Francisco. He was also a founding and charter member of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 in Santa Rosa, and serving as Camp 24 Sr. Vice Co. and Dept. Color Bearer.

Corky's Civil War ancestors served in Co. E, 134th NY Inf. and Batt. D, 7th NY Heavy Art. Corky followed in the family tradition of serving his country as a naval veteran and a member of San Francisco's American Legion Post 1000.

In addition to his Civil War activities he was a

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May 16, 2005

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Date not known

Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 mourns the death of Charter member Br. Charles "Corky" Reed. Br. Reed passed away unexpectedly on September 23rd at his San Francisco home.

Commissioner on the City of San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission, member of Co. C, 116th Penn. Vol. Inf., Co. M, 7th US Mem. Cav., Colorado Territorial unit. the Schoharie Cty. Hist. Soc., and the NRA. He also portrayed Emperor Norton in many local public and social events.

Corky passed away without family. Camp 24, in the tradition of the GAR and the SUVCW, is taking care of his final service and affairs. Corky's wishes were for his ashes to be spread at the Little Big Horn Battlefield and those wishes will be honored next June.

A Memorial fund has been established at Pleasonton Camp 24. Donations may be sent to Br. Bob Ebert, 2873 Ptarmigan Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. Checks should be made out to SUVCW Camp 24 and Corky Reed Memorial Fund.

National Chaplain's Corner

There are two words that husbands and wives don't say to each other often enough.

There are two words that children don't say often enough to their parents. There are two works that friends don't say to each other often enough

There are two words that we don't say often enough to the Almighty. THANK YOU.

Ten lepers came up to Jesus and asked to be healed. He told them to go and show themselves to the priests they were the ones who had declared the ten unclean, and they were the ones who would have to make the determination that the lepers†were now healed. Later one came back and thanked Jesus for healing him. THE ALMIGHTY KNOWS WHEN YOU ARE GRATEFUL.

How many times have you sat down to eat in your home, with friends or in a restaurant - and failed to thank God for all of the good things He has given you? During the Christmas Season and in the coming months. put on an attitude of gratitude. Show Him that you are grateful for what He has done for you. Let others know of that thankfulness.

Chaplain Jerry

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The picture on Page 3 is of California and Pacific Dept. Cmdr. Will Tisch.

U.S. Grant Hotel reopens in San Diego

By Bob Lowe PDC

Exactly 96 years after its original dedication, the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego was rededicated following a \$100 million nurchase & renovation. This magnificent high-end hotel in the heart of the city was returned to the original opulence present October 15, 1910, when it was dedicated by builder-owner Illysses S. Grant, Jr., in memory of his father.

Co. G, 5th California Inf., SVR provided the color guard. The presenting of the colors was preceded by four members of the ASUVCW in period attire. As the ceremony came to its conclusion, bugles blew, doves were released, confetti dropped from the sky like rain and a huge ribbon surrounding the hotel was pulled down.

All were invited into the hotel, where strawberries in champagne were served and self-guided tours of the public areas were allowed. Hung on a prominent wall was a rare and valuable painting of U.S. Grant.



Tom Helmantoler, Will Tisch, Mim Selgren, Dave Allyn, Bob Lowe at opening of U.S. Grant Hotel. Ms. Selgren is the GG Granddaughter of Grant.

Award recipients announced at Gettysburg breakfast

Six awards were made at the Remembrance Day Breakfast.

Distinguished Service Medal

Cpt. Lindin R. Lairson, Co. of A Co., Frankfort Battalion, 1 Reg. Capital Guards (3rd MD)

Meritorious Service Medal

Cpt. Martin W. Lowery, Jr., Co. of Bat. 1, 1st Ohio Lt. Art. and Dist. Adj. (3rd MD)

1Lt. Eric J. Schmincke, 125th Nat. Enc. Provost Marshal and SVR Dep. Provost Marshal (2nd MD)

2Lt. Harold J. Slavik, Jr., Co. B, 71st PA Vol. Inf. (6th MD) Pvt. Ronnie G. McCracken, Amzi D. Harmon Co. (7th MD)

Letter of Commendation The Gettysburg Blues (2nd MD)





Lt. Eric Schminge, left, is presented with the Meritorious Service Medal by Gen. David Meddert.



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SPECIAL ORDER 2006-03 - 28 November 2006

- 1. Effective 28 Nov. 2006, Maj. Jack G. Grothe, Commander of the 4th Military District, SVR, shall serve as the point of contact for all uniformed troops for the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony to be held in Springfield, Ill., on Saturday, 14 Apr. 2007.
- 2. Mai. Grothe's duties shall include, but not be limited to inviting all SVR and non-SVR Units to the Lincoln Day Death Ceremony. coordinating any activities that may be required for the event, placing uniformed troops appropriately during the event and serving as Provost Marshal for the event.
- 3. As part and parcel of his duties, Maj. Grothe shall include the Commanding Officer, SVR, the Dep. Co., SVR, the Adj. Gen., SVR and the Provost Marshal, SVR in all correspondence relevant to uniformed activities of the Lincoln Day Death Ceremony.

SPECIAL ORDER 2006-04 - 28 November 2006

- 1. Effective 28 Nov. 2006, and in view of his time consuming duties as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, Maj. Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Provost Marshal, SVR, is temporarily placed on a leave of absence until the Monday following the 127th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW.
- 2. During this interim period, Maj. Kuhn is hereby authorized to wear his uniform at any function he so desires and to have afforded to him all rights and benefits of his position as Provost Marshal. . SVR.

SPECIAL ORDER 2006-05 - 28 November 2006

- 1. Effective 28 Nov. 2006, and in view of Maj. Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Provost Marshal, SVR, being placed on a temporary leave of absence, as so memorialized in Spec. Order 2006-04, 1Lt. Eric J. Schmincke is temporarily appointed Provost Marshal, SVR, at the rank of Major.
- 2. All Provost Marshal activities and duties within the SVR shall be coordinated through Maj. Schmincke, including the 126th and 127th Nat. Encampments in St. Louis and Boston, respectively, as well as Remembrance Day in November of 2007.
- 3. Unless deemed otherwise by the next succeeding Commanding Officer. SVR. Maj. Schmincke's rank of Major will expire upon the completion of the 127th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW in Boston in 2008.

SPECIAL ORDER 2006-06 - 28 November 2006

- 1. Effective 28 Nov. 2006, Maj. Jack G. Grothe, Commander of the 4th Military District, is appointed Provost Marshal for the 126th Nat. Encampment, SUVCW. This appointment shall expire at 2400 hours 12 Aug. 2007.
- 2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the 126th Nat. Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the Nat. Encampment is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, SVR, or his designee.
- 3. Maj. Grothe may appoint a staff such as is necessary to assist him in carrying out his duties, but in no event shall any individual be promoted beyond their current rank.
- 4. As part and parcel of his duties, Maj. Grothe shall inform, in writing, the Commanding Officer, SVR. the Dep. Co., SVR. the Adj. Gen., SVR and the Provost Marshal, SVR of all Provost



4th Military District HQ Co. lowers the colors during Trimborn Farm Civil War Weekend.

Marshal activities leading up to and including the 126th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW.

SPECIAL ORDER 2006-07 - 30 November 2006

- 1. Effective 30 November 2006, and in view of his time consuming duties as Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, Maj. James B. Pahl, Judge Advocate General, SVR, is temporarily placed on a leave of absence until the Monday following the 126th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW.
- 2. During this interim period, Maj. Pahl is hereby authorized to wear his uniform at any function he so desires and to have afforded to him all rights and benefits of his position as JAG., SVR.

David V. Medert Brigadier General, SVR Commanding

Henry E. Shaw, Jr. Colonel, SVR Adjutant General

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are promoted to:

- 1Lt. Bruce N. Glaser, a member of the 355th Northcoast Vol. Inf., having been appointed Adj. Gen. of the 2nd MD.
- 1Lt. James R. Hanby, Sr., Public Information Officer of the 2nd MD, is re-commissioned a 1Lt.
- 1Lt. Michael A. Paquette, Co. of Co. A, Potomac Guard, having been appointed Chaplain of the 2nd MD.
- 1Lt. William S. Poulton, Jr., Co. of the 355th Northcoast Vol. Inf., having been appointed Inspector General of the 2nd MD.
- 1Lt. Sean W. Shillington, a member of the 355th Northcoast Vol. Inf., having been appointed Chief of Staff of the 2nd MD.
- 2Lt. Charles D. Custer, Commander of Amzi D. Harmon Co., 7th MD,
- 2Lt. Phillip R. Hinman, a member of Amzi D. Harmon Company, having been appointed Adj. Gen. of the 7th MD.

The following personnel is reduced to the grade indicated:

Pvt. Dennis J. Rebman, and is relieved of duty as Adj. Gen. of the 7th MD.

Collecting the Sons

By PDC Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Sons of Veterans War Service Badge- The Bronze Cross

Our Order was organized as a military training component, so it should be of no surprise that our members volunteered for military service. This article will examine combat service badges awarded to Sons of Veterans / Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War members.

Following the Spanish American War, the Sons of Veterans authorized the issuance of a war service badge. Congress donated captured Spanish cannon to provide the bronze. There are six badge variations from 1899 to present. (photo of Span Am badge and reverse of this badge)

Type I is a 1° inch by 1° inch bronze cross. Superimposed upon the bronze cross is a silver memorial wreath with a blue enameled center reading "Filii Veteranorumi MDCCCLXXXI" around a central monogram "USA" in the center. Red Division ribbon is used with no visible pin bar. There is no hallmark, but Charles Robbins was the official Sons jeweler at this time.

The reverse of the Type I badge bears the words "Sons of Veterans USA War Service" and are individually numbered. This badge was only authorized for wear by participants in the Spanish American war.1 The numbered badge and a numbered certificate were recorded at the Sons National Headquarters. These reference books were lost when the Sons headquarters moved from Reading, Pennsylvania in 1949.

Type II was authorized in 1920 for World War I veterans. In 1926, the Commandery-in-Chief discontinued it when the supply was depleted. It has not been determined if the World War I badges were serially numbered like the Spanish-American War badges.

Type III was issued in 1939 and remains in use today. The design was slightly altered. The Bronze Cross remained with its memorial wreath, but the blue enameled center now reads "Preserved By the Grace of God and MDCCCLXXXI" and "SUV" appears in the center. A bar designating the period of service was established for World War II. It was manufactured by Charles Robbins, Attleboro, MA or Joseph Davison of Philadelphia, PA.

Type IV was issued from 1946-1972 with Korea and Vietnam service bars. It was manufactured by August C. Frank Jewelers of Philadelphia, PA, and all badges bear the "Aug C. Frank, Phila, Pa" hallmark

Type V was issued between 1973-1987 with a circular design reading "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and "USA" in the center on the reverse with "War Service" along bottom of circle. It was manufactured by Albert Bachmann Jeweler of Philadelphia, PA.

Type VI. Was issued after 1987 with the same circular design for reverse as described for Type V except .with "War" at top of circle and "Service" at bottom of circle. It was manufactured by Simon Bros., the only supplier of the Gulf War bar. "S" appears in the shield hallmark. Today, all service bars are made by Simon Brothers.

A World War II veteran who joined in 1990, received a Simon Bros. manufactured badge. When the veteran received the War Service Badge might give the holder a clue as to the manufacturer. Today service bars for World War II, Korea. Vietnam and Gulf War are now attached to the War Service Badge to indicate in which war the service was rendered.

During World War I, two Pennsylvania SVR units were inducted into federal service as part of the 28th Div. Penn. National Guard. These brothers were presented with a special Type XI badge: Matt brownish bronze pendant with no visible pin bar. The special ribbon featured 7/16 navy blue on either side of a rainbow center. There's a matching ribbon bar for military uniform wear with hidden pin bar. Box and envelope are marked Eternal Flame. (see photo) It was made by Joseph Davison of PA.

Also shown is the Penn. Nat. Guard badge featuring William Penn. (Pa. NG

Here is a private war combat badge presented to individual members by their camps. One example has been found. Do you know of others? Please

Bob Wolz@Craftsmandesigns.com (photo of front and reverse)

1 Sons of Veterans USA Constitution and Laws Governing the Sons of Veterans USA Edition of 1905 p.21



Type 1 Reverse



Eternal Flame



Pennsylvania National Guard



WWI Reverse



Type 1 Badge



War Badge Bars



WWI Service



WILDER'S BRIGADE APPROACHUNG CHICKAMAUGA
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504	SVR Collar insignia 3/8"	pair	\$15.00			
505	SVR Tie Clasp	each	\$10.00			
506	SVR Membership Badge	each	\$12.00			
507	GAR Commemorative Badge	each	\$11.00			
508	Black Belt with gold tip, 55" cut to size and gold son's belt buckle	both	\$23.50			
509	Presentation Folder for Certificates	items	11.72			
	Blue with Gold Sons Emblem	each	\$1.50			
510	SUVCW Note Cards	5	\$3.00			
511	SUVCW "From the desk of" notepad	50 shts.	\$2.25			
512	Mourning Ribbon	each	\$0.25			
513	American Flag – 3x5 polyester	each	\$8.00			
514	American Flag – 4x6 polyester	each	\$10.00			
515	White Gloves (Circle one) S M LG XL SUVCW Death Certificates	each	\$3.50			
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257		1	\$1.00			
302	Please specify Small Book or Large Book - Price Reduced!	each	\$4.00			
350	Life Membership Bar - Life Member use only	each	\$6.00			
351	Membership Rosette	each	\$7.00			
352	Member Badge	each	\$20.00			
353	Associate Badge	each	\$20.00			
354	Junior Badge	each	\$20.00			
355	Camp Commander Badge - Camp use only	each	\$25.00			
356	Past Camp Commander Badge - Camp use only	each	\$25.00			
357	Department Commander Badge - Dept use only	each	\$30.00			
358	Past Department Commander Badge - Dept. use	each	\$55.00			
3 7 7	Past National Officer Badge – past elected officers only	each	\$20.00			
359	50 Year Badge / 70 Year / 75 Year	each	\$30.00			
360	Miniature Badge (Member, Department Officer, National Officer, SVR)	each	\$8.00			
361	War medal (application must be included)	each	\$23.00			
	Service Bars - Worn On War Medal Only	Cacii	\$23.00			
	World War II Service Bar	each	\$4.50			
	Korean Conflict Service Bar	each	\$4.50			
	Vietnam Action Service Bar	each	\$4.50			-
_	Persian Gulf Service Bar	each	\$4.50	+		
_	Military Service Medal	each	\$25.00		+	
	Replacement Ribbon for Badges	6 in.	\$1.25	+		
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74	For Miniature Badges Only					
	1/8"or ½" stars - bronze, silver or gold Silver Palm	each	\$2.00			
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	Neck Tie - blue or red	36 in.	\$7.00			
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