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## REMEMBRANCE DAY, 2002



Inclement weather does little to dampen the spirits of those who traveled to Gettysburg for the solemn ceremonies at the Woolson Monument and at the Angle. Sons of both the North and the South gather for the ceremonial handshake at the wall, right.



**TOP RIGHT:** SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim welcomes those who braved cold and rainy weather to honor all who fell at Gettysburg. James Getty once again delivered Abraham Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address.

**AT LEFT:** Cynthia Smith of Williamstown, N.J., seated at left, and Nancy Moll of Westchester, PA, are escorted to the annual Blue and Grey Ball by C. William Uhlinger, left, and Frank Bradford. Proceeds of the Ball benefit monument restoration each year.

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**ON THE COVER:** The Soldiers' National Monument in the Gettysburg National Cemetery was dedicated on July 1, 1869. The prominent semi-circle of Union soldier burial plots radiate out from this sixty foot tall memorial. Randolph Rogers created four allegorical sculptures around the base, representing War, Peace, History and Plenty. Atop the monument stands a female figure representing the "Genius of Liberty."

The Gettysburg National Cemetery was dedicated on November 19, 1863, with President Abraham Lincoln delivering his "Gettysburg Address" from a speakers' platform that historians position east of this monument's location, just inside the bounds of the adjacent Evergreen Cemetery. This year marks the SUVCW's 46th "Remembrance Day" Ceremony, held each year on the Saturday immediately preceding November 19th.

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## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Orders No. 3 Series 2002-2003

Robert E. Grim, Commander-in-Chief

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1. A request has been received from Alan L. Russ, Commander, Department of Kansas, to revoke the Charter of the Pawnee Camp 15.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution Article VI. Formation and Disbandment, Section 2. "The Commander-in-Chief upon recommendation of the Department Commander shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any Camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order." the Charter of Pawnee Camp, Department of Kansas is hereby revoked effective immediately.
3. All past and present Camp officers of above said Camp are to turn over to the Department of Kansas any and all properties of said Camp including but not

limited to the Camp Charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

4. All Brothers of the aforementioned Camp are to be notified of this revocation and transfer forms are to be sent with the notice.

By Order of:  
Robert E. Grim  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PC in C  
National Secretary



Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim and several of his fellow Brothers from Ohio's Henry Casey Camp 92 celebrated the Camp's 10th anniversary in conjunction with a combined testimonial luncheon for CinC Grim, Department of Ohio Commander James Houston and Ohio's ASUVCW Department President Amy Miller. The special function took place on October 26, 2002 at the historic *Red Brick Tavern* in LaFayette, Ohio (midway between Columbus and Springfield on the 'National Road'. This famous "house of hospitality" has served the public since 1837 and has been visited by six Presidents of the United States.

[Photo by Editor]

## The 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry

By Roger L. Olsen, PDC

H. A. Grant Camp 24 - Connecticut

L. A. Tiff Camp 15 - Massachusetts

Increased recruiting from throughout Connecticut followed President Lincoln's call for "300,000 more" volunteers in 1862. The 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment was mustered into United States service at Camp Foote in Hartford on August 23, 1862 and departed with 1,015, recruits (mostly untrained) on Aug. 25.

The "Gallant Fourteenth," as it would come to be known, fought in major battles, skirmishes, and the long siege of the Confederate capital at Richmond, Virginia. The regiment was mustered out on May 31, 1865.

The unit's losses were: 132 killed-in-action; 65 who died of wounds; 169 who died of disease; 6 missing; 416 discharged (mostly for disability caused by wounds); for a total of 788 casualties. Recruits were regularly sent to the regiment, to keep its strength near or at regulation level.

Combat (or "seeing the elephant," as it was known) first came to the 14th at the Battle of Antietam, three weeks after their departure from home. Following their *baptism of fire*, the regiment was involved in every important battle of the Army of the Potomac, ending with the surrender of Lee's Army at Appomattox.

The 14th distinguished itself at the Battle of Fredericksburg with gallant charges against Marye's Heights. A British officer assigned to Lee's staff recorded in his journal that "no men on earth could be braver than those who thrice essayed to carry

Marye's Heights." During these charges the 14th took 122 casualties. Nearly every soldier in the attack had bullet marks on his uniform or accoutrements.

On the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg, the 14th (with the 2nd Corps) was in the thick of the fighting and repelled a major Confederate charge. The 14th's Sharps' rifles mowed down the Confederates on their front and to the left. The unit took 40 prisoners, captured five enemy battle flags, and subsequently three of the 14th's bravest were awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Gallant Fourteenth would see a total of 16 battles and be involved in 16 skirmishes before they were mustered out of US service. Many enlisted men rose up through the ranks and left the service as officers. A *bon mot* about the 14th during the Civil War was, "He who joins the 14th will be a Captain or a dead man in a year's time." Post war reunions of the 14th Connecticut were always held on September 17, the anniversary of the Battle of Antietam.

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

See Page 1 for details.



## Sgt. Enderlin receives Medal of Honor Marker

By Robert E. Grim  
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

On June 23, 2002, several veterans from across Ross County, Ohio joined descendants of Sergeant Richard Enderlin at his gravesite in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe to witness the unveiling and dedication of a Medal of Honor grave marker in his memory.

Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and introduced Ray Alpert from the Medal of Honor Society who informed the assembled guests about the history of the Medal of Honor.

American Legion Post 62 provided a Color Guard and Bill Jones of VFW Post 108 served as chaplain. The VFW Post also provided the rifle salute squad. A special guest at the ceremony was Sgt. Enderlin's great grandson Richard Enderlin, Jr.

Enderlin's ancestor served in Company B, 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. On July 1, 1863, the 73rd OVI arrived on the battlefield at Gettysburg. The regiment was under continuous heavy rifle fire from Confederate forces to its front. This action continued day and night through July 2nd with both forces attacking and retreating many times with neither side able to hold onto any new ground.

Private Enderlin witnessed the wounding of a fellow soldier in his Company but the man lay too close to the Confederate lines for any help to reach him while the battle raged. After nightfall, Enderlin could not bear hearing his comrade's calls for water and crawled out to him when cloud-cover darkened the moon. Crawling on his stomach, the 18 year old Private Enderlin managed to pull Private George Nixon (age 43) onto his back and then return to the safety of Union lines - the effort taking nearly two hours.

Several days later, Pvt. Nixon succumbed to his wounds and was buried in the Ohio section of the Gettysburg National Cemetery. George Nixon was from Vinton County, Ohio and had fathered several children. One of his great grandsons (Richard M. Nixon) became our 37th President of



the United States of America.

Private Enderlin's company commander promoted him to Sergeant on the spot and later recommended him for the Medal of Honor which was finally granted to him in 1897. Sgt. Enderlin held the rank of Colonel in the Civil War veterans organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). He was known by this title for the rest of his life.

Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert (left) served as Master of Ceremonies during a Medal of Honor Marker dedication for Sgt. Richard Enderlin in Chillicothe, Ohio. A special guest at the ceremony was Richard Enderlin, Jr. (second from left) the great grandson of Sgt. Richard Enderlin. Also in attendance were Ohio Department Commander James Houston (center) Donald Darby Commander of the SVR 3rd Military District and member of the National Council of Administration (second from right) and SVR Commander Brig. General David V. Medert (right) wearing his Knights Templar uniform representing the Masons of Scioto Lodge 6. Richard Enderlin was very active in the Masonic fraternity.



Editor's Note: "Colonel" Enderlin passed away in 1930 but nothing was placed at his grave to indicate his act of heroism nor that he received our nation's highest recognition for valor. Thanks in large part to the efforts of PCinC David R. Medert, the situation has been corrected and the public given an example of the SUVCW's work that we can all be proud of.



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## Council of Administration Meeting November 17, 2002 - Gettysburg, PA

To facilitate expedience of the meeting Members of the CoA were given electronically transmitted copies of Officer and Committee Reports prior to this meeting. The CoA appreciates this effort and encourages all Officers and Committee Chairs to continue this in the future.

The meeting of the Council of Administration (CoA) was called to order by C-in-C Grim at 8:04a.m. The Roll Call of Officers was read and all ten elected, voting members of the Council were present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Robert E. Grim, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels, National Treasurer, Max L. Newman, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, Council of Administration Members PC-in-C George L. Powell, PDC Donald E. Darby, PDC Ronald B. Gill and PDC Robert M. Petrovic. In addition were National Washington DC Representative PC-in-C Andrew M. Johnson, National Encampment Site committee Chairman PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman, Washington DC Representative Emeritus PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C David R. Medert, PC-in-C Richard D. Orr, National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl, and Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters.

Treasurer's Report was given after which PC-in-C Orr reminded the body of the money in the vanguard fund that was losing rather than gaining interest. It was agreed to leave it alone for now.

At the request of the 2002 National Encampment, SVC-in-C Kent Armstrong gave a comparison findings report of the BANNER cost with other sources of production and distribution. It was indicated that we were still within or lower than the industry standard in cost vs. what we get for our money. BANNER production facilitator Brother John Hart entered with a question whether to approve BANNER insertion order from Time-Warner Production Company. It was moved by PC-in-C George Powell to approve it and was seconded by PDC Donald Darby. The motion received unanimous approval of the CoA.

JVC-in-C Stephen Michaels gave his report on recruitment advertising in various publications. A brief discussion ensued on whether we are currently able to compare our advertising expenses to new members and if it can be a valid comparison. It was decided this was difficult to evaluate since many PC-in-C's are still receiving applications and information requests addressed to them as JVC-in-C.

The Council received and approved request for audience from the Auxiliary National President Cynthia Brown and Past National President Margaret Atkinson. They indicated that they are requesting approval from the SUVCW that ex-

cess funds from the Albert Woolson Memorial restoration fund be redirected to the restoration of descriptive plaques that are scattered over the Gettysburg Battlefield. They were making this request of our approval since the National Organization of the SUVCW made a sizable contribution to that fund. SVC-in-C Armstrong Moved to approve, PC-in-C Powell second. The Council unanimously approved the request of our Sisters.

PDC Darby indicated there was a request from the Ohio Department National Encampment Host Committee to know how much financial support was going to come from the National Organization for the 2003 encampment. After discussion, the host committee would get the \$500 GAR Campfire allocation from the GAR fund per usual practice. The host committee would get the \$1000 designated in the budget as Encampment Committee. The \$1500 in the budget identified as Encampment Expenses would be split with \$500 being dedicated to the Site Committee expenses and \$1000 being retained for Encampment expenses — duplicating and unforeseen expenses.

National Secretary indicated direction was needed on a Camp that requests a name change but not a new Charter. It was decided by the Council in compliance with previous C-in-C ruling on name and place of meeting changes that since the name of the Camp was an integral part of the Charter it would be required to surrender current Charter and apply for a new Charter with the \$25.00 chartering fee and all the valid information needed to make new Charter. The Camp did not have to go through the whole rechartering process. The National Secretary was instructed to inform the Department Commander of this decision.

Washington DC Representative PCinC Andrew M. Johnson reported briefly on the several actions taken or underway in the nation's capital:

- Pursuing leads regarding private burials of veterans in Europe in rental graves subject to disinterment and mass grave disposal.
- Watching congressional bills of interest to the Order.
- Contacted Institute of Heraldry regarding a Michigan request for Michigan unit campaign credit; referred it along to the US Army Center for Military History.
- Contacted Department of Veterans Affairs concerning proof required to qualify for veteran status.
- Contacted National Park Service regarding adding name(s) to existing monuments.
- Contacted National Archives for Maryland Department Camp searching for burial records of Civil War veterans at

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*Pictured above is Ron Tunison's seven foot tall bronze sculpture of Elizabeth Thorn, unveiled before a large audience in Evergreen Cemetery at Gettysburg during the cold and rainy morning of Remembrance Day, 2002.*

*The sculpture serves a greater significance, as The Gettysburg Civil War Women's Memorial, dedicated to the memory of countless Gettysburg area women, affected by the battle there. Elizabeth's husband had been the caretaker of Evergreen Cemetery before he enlisted to serve in the Union Army. While he was away, Elizabeth took over the cemetery caretaker duties, assisted by her elderly father. After the battle, they buried 91 soldiers - Elizabeth helping dig the graves in rocky soil, while six months pregnant. The Department of New Jersey's newest Auxiliary to the SUVCW is named in her honor. [Photo by Editor]*

## New Auxiliary formed in New Jersey; name honors Gettysburg woman

By Margaret Atkinson, PNP  
ASUVCW

National ASUVCW President Cynthia Brown traveled from her home in New Hampshire to institute the Elizabeth Thorn Auxiliary 14 at Mullica Hill, New Jersey on October 13, 2002. This is the third new Auxiliary to be formed in the Department of New Jersey in the past three years, largely due to the cooperation of the three New Jersey SUVCW Camps that recruited the new members. Officials of the Auxiliary expressed their gratitude to the 'Sons' (many of whom attended the ceremony) for their assistance in strengthening this Department.

It was a unique installation, in that it was held during a Living History weekend sponsored by the GAR Civil War Museum of Philadelphia. All present gathered under the trees on the camp grounds as the new ladies were obligated as members by National President Brown, who then proceeded to hold an election of officers and declare the new Auxiliary an official unit of our Order.

She was assisted in the ceremonies by New Jersey Department President Erin Swope, Past National President Florence Spring, and Past National President Margaret Atkinson.

Caitlyn Mossbrucker, newly elected President of the eleven member Auxiliary, was presented with the Charter by the National President and received a gift of a gavel from the Department of New Jersey. Meetings of the new Auxiliary will be held at the same times and locations as the Louis Francine Camp 7, with which they are affiliated.

They chose the name for their Auxiliary to honor a Gettysburg citizen by the name of Elizabeth Thorn. After the three day battle, although six months pregnant, Mrs. Thorn, aghast at the sight of the dead bodies strewn on the battlefield, personally undertook burying the first ninety-one soldiers interred at the site.



*Officers and members of Thorn Auxiliary 14. [Photo courtesy of Cynthia Brown]*



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# The Minutemen of 1861

By Douglass R. Knight, Commander  
William L. S. Tabor Camp 162  
Department of Massachusetts

On 12 April 1861, Confederate forces commenced firing on Federal Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina-and thus began the greatest war in American history: more men (over 620,000) were killed in the Civil War than in all other wars combined.

On 15 April 1861, newly inaugurated President Abraham Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 militiamen to volunteer for 3 months of active duty to suppress the Rebellion against the Constitution, and to defend the lawful government of the United States.

All of the northern states responded promptly in raising their assigned quotas, and in forwarding their troops to the Federal government in Washington. Within 48 hours of President Lincoln's urgent call for troops, two infantry regiments from Massachusetts (the 4th and 6th) were entrained for Washington. Another two (the 3rd and 8th Mass.) were on trains for Washington within 72 hours. This quick response was due in large part to the Herculean efforts of Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell, then a Brigadier General in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

On 19 April 1861, while en route from Boston to Washington, the 6th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, (led by Col. Edward F. Jones of Pepperell) stopped in Baltimore to change trains for the final leg of their journey. Confronted by a violent mob of rabid Confederate sympathizers, the regiment was compelled to fight for its life, and suffered the loss of 5 men killed and another 36 wounded in action. Despite having to fight their way through Baltimore, the 6th Massachusetts became the first troops to arrive in Washington to defend the Capital. The five soldiers killed in Baltimore were 1st Sgt. John E. Ames, Pvt. Luther C. Ladd, Pvt. Charles A. Taylor and Pvt. Addison O. Whitney of Lowell and Cpl. Sumner H. Needham of Lawrence. They became martyrs, regarded as the very first soldiers to die in defense of the Union.

On 19 July 1861, the 5th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (led by Col. Samuel C. Lawrence of Medford) participated in the first great battle of the war, near Manassas, Virginia (known as the First Battle of Bull Run). The 5th Mass. Lost 9 men killed in action, 2 men wounded in action (to include Col. Lawrence, who suffered a gunshot wound to his side), 23 men captured in action, and 2 men who died of disease (presumably from sunstroke, while marching to the battlefield).

In all, the six New England states would furnish a total of 12 regiments, about 12,000 men, in response to Pres. Lincoln's first call for troops. Collectively, these volunteers were known as the First Defenders, or the *Minutemen of 1861*. To commemorate their patriotic ardor and the alacrity with which they had sprung to the defense of the Union, a number of northern states struck special "Minutemen of 1861" medals.

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut are known to have struck such medals for the troops of their respective states. In Massachusetts, the "Minutemen of 1861" medals were also engraved with the intended recipient's name. Today, any descendant of these *Minute-*

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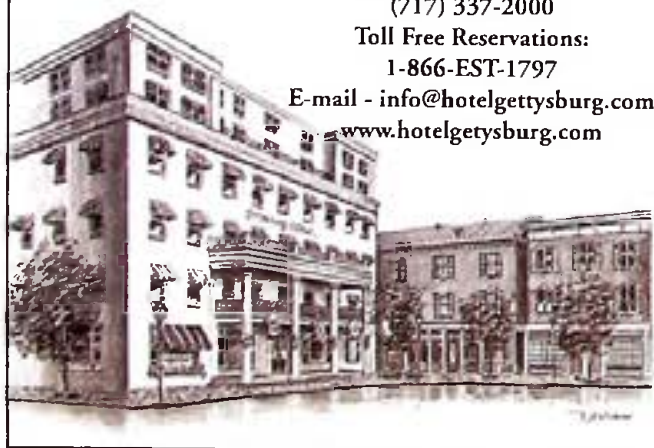
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# 2002 Central Region Conference well-attended

The Departments of California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin gathered in St. Louis on October 5th for the 66th Annual Central Region Conference (CRC). The day began with tours of Jefferson Barracks, given by the curator, and U.S. Grant's Farm, provided by a U. S. Park Ranger.

Later, during the CRC business meeting, members approved the manufacture of the five-sided Past Region Commander's Badge and its distribution to qualified members. The position of Historian was created to preserve the photos and records of the region. And a committee was appointed to update the ritual's language.

Attendees then participated in a program, conducted by JVCinC Steve Michaels, who chairs the Conference's Steering & Training Committee. Using research gathered by Missouri Department Commander Donald Palmer, participants examined the needs of educators and youth patriotic organizations, veterans' organizations and government agencies. Led by Seminar leaders CinC Robert Grim, Danielle Michaels, Don Palmer, and Jack Grothe, they then suggested ways of marketing the Allied Orders to those groups, addressing those needs.

Outgoing Region Commander Russ Kirchner presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Brothers Steve Michaels and Don Palmer for their conduct of the conference program; Brother Jack and Sister Margaret Grothe for coordinating the tours



*Pictured above are the incoming elected Central Region Association officers for 2002-03. From left to right: Commander Thomas Crawford (Indiana), Senior Vice Commander Margaret Grothe (Missouri), Secretary-Treasurer Donald Palmer (Missouri), and Junior Vice Commander C. R. Stephen (Iowa). Appointed Officers, not pictured, include: Patriotic Instructor Merle Rudebusch (Nebraska); Chaplain Jerome Kowalski (Illinois); Historian Alan Teller (Indiana); Guide Ronald Aronis (Wisconsin). [Photo -Russ Kirchner, PDC]*

and conference site; and Brother Thomas Crawford, for his administrative and preparatory work for the conference.

The Department of Michigan, SUVCW, will host the 2003 Central Region Conference in Grand Rapids (date and other details to follow).

# New England Regional Association

The New England Regional Association (NERA) was organized Sept. 28, 1935 and holds an annual meeting at the Weirs (Laconia) New Hampshire on the 3rd Saturday in July. Each year's meeting is held at a former GAR Hall, now owned by the New Hampshire Veterans Association.

The Weirs was established by various GAR Posts as a special summer vacation area on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. The Association's Fall Meeting took place on Oct. 19th at Sturbridge, Massachusetts and the Spring Meeting is scheduled for late March in Maine.

Officers for this year are: Commander - William T. Ryerson, Sr., PDC (Massachusetts); Vice Commander - Rev. Louis E. Drew, Jr., PDC (New Hampshire); Secretary - Major Edward W. Parks, PDC (Massachusetts); Treasurer - Joseph A. Plante (Rhode Island); Chaplain - Merlin T. Doyle, PDC (Vermont); Guide - Robert H. Knight, PCC (Massachusetts); Signals Officer - Kevin P. Tucker, (Massachusetts). There is also an Auxiliary to NERA. The ladies and gentlemen have separate meetings in the morning and then join for lunch, followed by a joint meeting in the afternoon.





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**GENERAL ORDER 2002-30**  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
10 November 2002

1. Effective 14 October 2002, Captain David E. Allyn, SVR, Chief of Staff of the Sixth Military District is appointed Commander of the Sixth Military District.
2. This Appointment will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.
3. Effective 14 October 2002, Captain Mark S. Wilson, temporary Commander of the Sixth Military District, is relieved of his duties as temporary Commander.

**GENERAL ORDER 2002-31**  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
10 November 2002

1. Effective 10 August 2002, Second Lieutenant Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., SVR, Adjutant Gettysburg Blues, Second Military District, is commissioned Major, SVR and is appointed Provost Marshall of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

**GENERAL ORDER 2002-32**  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
10 November 2002

1. Effective 10 November 2002, Private Edward J. Krieser, SVR, National Headquarters Company, is commissioned Captain, SVR and is appointed Chief of Staff of the Third Military District.
2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Brigadier General David V. Medert  
Commanding Officer  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:  
Lt. Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr.,  
Adjutant General  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

## Remains of Confederate officer return home

By Cynthia Brown  
National President, ASUVCW

The remains of Confederate Navy Lieutenant Edward J. Johnston were exhumed from Fort Devens at Ayer, Massachusetts on October 12, 2002 for transport and reburial next to his wife's resting-place in the family burial plot at Fernandina, Florida. Several descendants of Lt. Johnston witnessed the special ceremony, which was enhanced by fife & drum, a bagpipe band, and Color Guard from the USS Constitution. Dignitaries who addressed the crowd included Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Kelly, Director of Veterans Affairs in Massachusetts.

Lt. Johnston was a Confederate Prisoner of War at Fort Warren in Boston Harbor when he died. He was initially

buried at Fort Warren, then moved to Governor's Island, and later to Deer Island before reburial at Fort Devens in 1939.

In this, his final journey, Lt. Johnston was honored with a State Police escort throughout the various states between Massachusetts and Florida. Reburial took place on October 26.

The undertaking was made possible by the cooperative efforts of many Civil War related organizations along the entire East Coast, including Round Tables, re-enactor units, the UDC, SCV, and the federal government.

Invited guests included members of Auxiliary 128 of Lawrence Massachusetts: Elizabeth Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Nancy Sullivan President of 128, and Cynthia Brown National President. SUVCW Brothers Dana Frost, Douglas Jenkins and Ellsworth Brown provided escort.

## Plans Readied for 138th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Death

Members of our Order are invited to participate in a memorial service to mark the 137th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death to be conducted on

*Tuesday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.*

The Renaissance Springfield Hotel will serve as Headquarters as well as the site of the luncheon following the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel. Dr. Bryon Andreasen, Research Historian at the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency, will be the luncheon speaker. He is the historical consultant to the "Looking for Lincoln Heritage Program."

If your Department, Camp, or Auxiliary wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that you will present a wreath and make a specific number of luncheon reservations if you wish to attend that function. To make reservations and assure a proper listing of your organization and name of your wreath bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details no later than Thursday, March 20 to Ronald E. Clark, Co-Chairman, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, 2305 Sutherland Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702

If you plan to attend the luncheon, it is imperative that the number of reservations and the names involved be conveyed to Mr. Clark by the March 20 date. Cancellation of luncheon reservations must be made known to Mr. Clark by Thursday, April 10 at the latest.

Wreaths may be ordered for delivery at the Lincoln Tomb from local Springfield florists. If you choose to do that, instruct your florist to have your wreath delivered c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 15.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling 1-800-468-3571 or directly to the Renaissance Springfield Hotel at 1-217-544-8800. Mention Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Lincoln Tomb Ceremony when calling for special room rate.





## Department of Vermont marks Medal of Honor graves

By: Thomas P. McKenna, PDC

Some of America's greatest heroes are buried in Vermont. Thirty-two recipients of the Medal of Honor are buried here, but only a few years ago, less than half of their graves were marked to show that they had earned their nation's highest award for valor. Now all of them are marked and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took the lead in accomplishing that.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide a special bronze plaque to mark the graves of Medal of Honor recipients if their existing grave markers do not include the words "Medal of Honor." Several individuals and organizations obtained VA plaques to mark the graves of some Medal of Honor recipients in which they had a special interest. However, the fact that they had found those graves indicated that there might be others not marked.

The Department of Vermont obtained a list of the Medal of Honor recipients buried in Vermont from the Medal of Honor Historical Society and assumed responsibility for finding the graves of all 32 men on that list and placing VA markers on any that did not show the recipient had earned the Medal of Honor. It was decided to have volunteers collect information on all the graves, even those known to be marked, so it could be given to the Vermont Historical Society when the project was complete.

Volunteers signed up to visit specific graves and record: how to find the cemetery; how to find the grave; what inscriptions were on any grave markers; and contact information for the official in charge. That information was necessary to obtain any needed plaques.

Fourteen graves were not marked to show the veteran had earned his nation's highest award for valor so the Department obtained VA plaques for them. Department Commander Dan Witcher personally mounted the plaques on granite bases donated by the North Barre Granite Company. Ceremonies were then scheduled to dedicate the new plaques and also

honor any other Medal of Honor recipients buried in the same cemetery.

We were surprised to discover that some Medal of Honor recipients' graves were not marked to show they had earned that honor. When we learned that all but one of the 32 was a Civil War veteran, we knew that locating and marking all the Medal of Honor graves in our state was definitely a project that the Sons of Union Veterans had to do.

Any other Departments that find they have unmarked Medal of Honor graves, may obtain VA Form 40-1330 (used to order bronze plaques) by calling their nearest VA office.



A wreath is placed on the grave of a Medal of Honor recipient by, left to right: Tom Keyes, Commander of the Vermont Department, VFW; Jim Rader, representing Congressman Bernie Sanders; and Thomas P. McKenna, Past Department Commander of the Department of Vermont, SUVCW. PHOTO BY: Ginny Gage

## Civil War veterans' graves threatened in New Hampshire

By Daniel W. Murray

Commander, Department of New Hampshire

A proposal was made to relocate the remains of veterans who are buried in Park Cemetery, Tilton, NH to the New Hampshire Veterans' Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. Kenneth Tarr, former commandant of the NH Veterans Home, put the proposal forth. He said that in 1989 the Park Cemetery Commission said they were running out of room to bury residents of the Veterans Home. The veterans buried at the Park Cemetery were former residents of the Home. They have been buried there since 1896. The older section contains 88 graves in a plot marked with Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) cornerstones.

The proposal to move the remains was supported by both the American Legion and the VFW at their respective state conventions. Mr. Tarr was seeking the approval of the Tilton, NH Board of Selectmen.

Dan Meehan, Granite State Camp 5 Commander, read about the proposed move and notified Daniel Murray, Department of New Hampshire Commander, SUVCW and Bonnie Tolman, Department President ASUVCW. Commander Meehan arranged an interview of the three of them for local cable TV at the Park Cemetery on September 19, 2002. A case was stated why the remains should not be moved and that the Sons (SUVCW) were the rightful owners of the lot through the *Deed of Conveyance*.

They also went to the selectmen's meeting on October 3, 2002. The Park Cemetery Commission could not prove ownership of the plot and they did not want to go to court over it. The chairman of the cemetery commission also said they had originally approached the Veterans Home for help in maintaining the graves - not that they were running out of room. At the end of the hearing the selectmen voted not to support the removal of the remains to the NH Veterans' Cemetery.

### True Son Blakely witnesses unveiling of Michigan Cavalry marker

Pictured at right, are students and Junior ROTC cadets of Central High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan witnessing the unveiling of a restored historical marker at their school on October 9, 2002. At center, standing to the right of the boulder and plaque is 99 year-young Brother Edward Blakely, a "True Son" of a Union veteran of the Civil War. As Brother Blakely's father, Egbert, served in Company E of the 10th Michigan Cavalry, it was very fitting for him to help rededicate the bronze memorial plaque, erected in 1912 to honor Michigan's 6th, 7th, and 10th Volunteer Cavalry Regiments and 13th Battery of Light Artillery that had trained on the grounds where Central High School now stands.

Assisting Brother Blakely with the unveiling was Ms. Anne Scovell (left of the plaque), a great grand niece of General James H. Kidd, originally with the 6th Michigan Cavalry.

The ceremony was officiated by Department of Michigan Commander Bruce Butgereit and included remarks from local government dignitaries and school officials.



Editor's Note: This special program was the result of a combined effort by various Allied Orders of the GAR that serve the Grand Rapids area. They are: Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1, SUVCW; Champlin Corps 41, WRC; (which just observed its 115th anniversary); Eva Gray Tent 2, DUVCW. Michigan's other "True Son," Harold A. Becker, was a special guest at this ceremony, which attracted favorable attention from all of the local media.





*Rededication of Civil War Cannon Memorial at Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Past Department Commanders Clark D. McCullough and Robert V. McKnight helped the Ocean Grove Historical Society get the Delafield Rifle back after it was taken from the banks of Wesley Lake, two and one-half years ago. {Photo courtesy of Daniel J. Lynch, J.r.}*

## Ocean Grove, NJ Cannon Returned

*By Clark D. McCullough, PDC  
Gen. George A. Custer Camp 17  
Department of New Jersey*

The combined membership of the Department of New Jersey's Lyon Camp 10 (Vineland) and Gen. George A. Custer Camp 17 (Middletown) marched in Ocean Grove's July 4th Parade with re-enactor units honoring the 6th and 7th New Jersey Infantry Regiments and the 22nd U.S.C.T.

After the parade, a rededication ceremony was held in Founders Park, the new home of the *Lt. George Potts Cannon*. Representatives of the Libbie Bacon Custer Auxiliary and Hancock ASUVCW joined Brothers of Camps 10 and 17 to hear the public addressed by: Philip May, President of the Ocean Grove Historical Society; Theodore J.

Naronzanick, Monmouth County Freeholder; State Court Judge William Jeremiah; Mayor Patricia Munroe; Clark D. McCullough, PDC and current New Jersey Department Commander Clarence "Buzz" Smithcors.

*Editor's Note: Brothers McCullough and McKnight were instrumental in garnering the support of NJ State Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos and Norman Robertson toward the passage of NJ Senate Bill #1263 which is now Public Law 1999, Chapter 377. The legislation protects New Jersey's Civil War Monuments and Cannons from theft, destruction, and vandalism.*

## GAR Charter Returned

*By Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander, Department of Pennsylvania*

The Charter of Grand Army of the Republic Post 100 has been saved from the hands of private collectors by the Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the philanthropic efforts of a Mr. Hoffman of *Civil War Preservation* at 3650 Nazareth Pike 144, Bethlehem, PA.

In the spring of 2002, Post 100's Charter came onto the market. Mr. Hoffman was able to obtain this Charter and graciously donated it to the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW for safe keeping and visibility to future generations.

GAR Post 100 was formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and functioned until its last members died off in the early 1900s. The Charter has been forwarded to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Military Museum in Pitts-

burgh for restoration, archiving, and display. The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall is one of two official repositories for GAR artifacts for the Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This Charter can be viewed there during their normal business hours.

For some time, the property of GAR Posts has been popping up for sale in various locations. Charters such as Post 100's have been sold on the Internet as well as through private dealers and auction houses for unusually high sums. How each of these items have come onto the market bespeaks of the demise of the GAR and the handling of GAR property by our organization over the past years. Our Order has done much in recent years to police this type of sale but these items still continue to appear.

The Pennsylvania Department would like to thank Mr. Hoffman of *Civil War Preservation* for his kindgenerosity and encourage all Brothers to keep an eye open for like items for sale in various locations.

### OLIVER TILDEN CAMP 26 OF NEW YORK CITY SUVCW GENERAL U.S GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE 2003

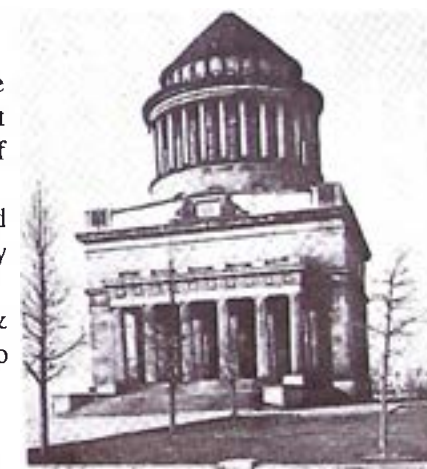
The annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003**, at the National Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The ceremony, which includes the initiation of new Brothers of the Oliver Tilden Camp, will begin at 11 a.m.

Each year, the General U. S. Grant Birthday Committee solicits "Memorials and Boosters" from the SUVCW membership and other organizations to help us defray the cost of the ceremony.

Your financial support of this effort is very much appreciated. Please copy & complete the form below and return it with your check or money order, payable to "Oliver Tilden Camp 26, SUVCW."

Send the completed form and payment to SVC Roy Wildenberger, 70-12 53rd Drive, Maspeth, NY 11378-2124. You will receive a copy of the program.

Thank you for your kind consideration and continued support. We remain, Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, The General U. S. Grant Birthday Committee Memorials & Boosters are to be postmarked no later than 03/31/03.



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## Atkinson honored by NPS



*A highlight of this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony at "The High Water Mark" on the Gettysburg battlefield was a special presentation made to PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson by National Park Service Ranger John McKenna (assistant to Gettysburg NMP Superintendent John Latschar, who was called away this year). Pictured above, is PCinC Atkinson accepting the Park Service's expression of appreciation on behalf of all who attend the National Military Ball each year - hosted with volunteer efforts made by the SUVCW, ASUVCW, and LGAR. The purchase of tickets to the 2001 Ball provided for a donation of \$4,500 that the Park Service will use toward the restoration of 240 cast-iron tablets that describe the various actions in the battle.*

## CORRECTIONS / UPDATES

Fraternal Relations Chairman Keith D. Ashley's e-mail = kdashley2@hotmail.com

PCinC George L. Powell's e-mail = glpsuvcw@comcast.net

Duties of the Tennessee Junior Vice Department Commander will be handled by Steven Pearce, who will continue serving as Dept. Secretary-Treasurer.

Area Code changes for National Auxiliary Officers - Council Member #1 Faye Carlisle = (570) 635-5083  
Historian Beatrice Greenwalt = (330) 823-6919

## Council of Administration

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St. Elizabeths Hospital in the District of Columbia.

g. Invited the CoA and the CinC specifically to attend the recreation of an original GAR ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on 30 May 03. Reminded the CoA about the Lincoln Birthday events surrounding 12 Feb 03.

h. In contact with the Smithsonian Institution concerning the donated GAR and National colors from the last GAR Encampment. The Smithsonian is performing some degree of restoration and conservation on its battle flag collection in which the GAR flags are included.

Per the decision of the 2002 National Encampment for the forms of the Order to be placed on the National Website various forms were looked at and amended as to language and format. They were then approved by unanimous ballot to be used as amended. The forms were Transfer Form 4, Transfer Form 4-1/2, R.O.T.C. Award Application Form 7, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers Form 22, Camp Annual Report Form 27, Camp Status Report Form 30, Department Annual Report Form 35, and Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers Form 49.

It was moved by PC-in-C George Powell, second by PDC Robert Petrovic to create and have available Life Member Certificates which passed by unanimous ballot. Design of the certificate was approved as presented by National Secretary Ed Krieser with change to use the likeness of the Camp Ribbon Membership Badge with Life Bar. Passed by unanimous ballot.

National Secretary Ed Krieser moved that the requirements for the War Medal be changed to the last Constitution and Regulations Committee recommendation, minus all reference to the National Defense medal. Also, that a copy of the DD214 be required to prove military service and participation in military conflict. It was second by PDC Don Darby, who added a friendly amendment to grandfather all those currently in possession of the War Medal. The amendment and motion received unanimous approval.

PC-in-C Bud Atkinson moved, PDC Bob Petrovic second to approve design of Military Service Medal as presented. 9 yes votes and 1 abstention. The medals are to be produced and made available as soon as possible to the membership.

PDC Don Darby moved, SVC-in-C Armstrong second, to allow Memorial and Monument funding of \$200.00 per Camp/Department request toward Last Soldier Project. It was unanimously approved.

PDC Darby Moved, PC-in-C Atkinson second, to allow SUVCW emblem alongside GAR Badge on plaques for Last Soldier Project. 9 yes votes and 1 no vote. Motion passed.

Moved by PDC Don Darby, second by PDC Bob Petrovic,

to give this Year's Founders Award to Devin Hilty of Steubenville, Ohio. Received unanimous approval vote of CoA.

C-in-C Grim informed the Council that the next meeting would be March 8, 2003 at Sandusky, Ohio. More information forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

## Minutemen of 1861

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*men of 1861* who has his ancestor's medal, should cherish it as an esteemed memento. It is a sacred symbol of his ancestor's patriotic ardor and honorable military service during the greatest and bloodiest war in American history.

*Editor's Note: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts had approximately 5,000 "Minutemen of 1861" medallions struck - one for each man who served in the units mentioned above. Of these, approximately 2,000 went unclaimed and remained in the custody of the Massachusetts Militia" - eventually to be placed in the care of the Massachusetts National Guard Museum and Archives at Worcester. Unfortunately, approximately 100 of the medals have been stolen and sold at "Civil War Collector Shows."*

*The museum director (Colonel Len Kondratiuk) describes the brass medallions as approximately 2 inches in height, having a rectangular bar at the top, with a single chain hanging from the bar, supporting a round disk. The words, "Massachusetts Minutemen 1861" appear on the bar. The front of the medal exhibits the Commonwealth's Coat of Arms / Seal. Wording on the back of the disk recognizes the recipient as a volunteer of the militia who entered U.S. service in response to President Lincoln's first call for troops in 1861. The name of the intended recipient is engraved on the edge of each disk.*

*Anyone who may see one of these special medals is encouraged to record the name found on the edge and contact Col. Kondratiuk by telephoning (508) 797-0334 or writing to him at 44 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609. Museum records can then be cross-checked to determine if the medallion is stolen or one that has legitimately traded hands over the years.*



## Final Roll Call for Real Son Rev. H. L. Stimmel

It is with sadness that we record the passing of another "Real Son" of a Union veteran of the Civil War. The Reverend Howard Lincoln Stimmel, Member of the Col. George L. Willard Camp No. 154, Department of New York, died July 9, 2002 at the age of 95.

Brother Stimmel was born in 1906 at Casselton, North Dakota. He graduated from Jamestown College with a B.A. degree in 1930 and then studied at Boston University, where he received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in 1933. He went on to earn a "Masters of Sacred Theology" the next year. Rev. Stimmel entered the clergy of the United Methodist Church and pastored in New York and Vermont for 40 years. He also became an accomplished musician and organist and wrote four books, including "Riding out the Storms of Life," published in 1996.

Brother Stimmel was one of seven children fathered by Sergeant Smith Stimmel, who was a mem-

ber of a special cavalry unit known as the "Union Light Guard." This unit was the result of Ohio Governor David Tod obtaining permission from the Secretary of War to form a 100 man mounted bodyguard for Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

After the war Smith Stimmel settled near Fargo, in the Dakota Territory, where he practiced law. He presided (as President) over the Dakota Territorial Senate in 1890, when the territory became North and South Dakota. He was a lifetime member of the GAR, serving in all Department offices and several at the National level.

Smith Stimmel's service with the Union Light Guard gave him a unique opportunity to witness the everyday life of President Lincoln. He became a popular speaker and was asked to help dedicate a bust of Abraham Lincoln at Oslo, Norway in 1914. Seven years before his death in 1935, Smith Stimmel published "Personal Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln."

## Final Muster

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of the following Brothers:

Paul Bachmann Gov. Henry Crapo Camp 145 (Michigan)	John G. Deanehan Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 (New York)	Robert J. Karrick James A. Garfield Camp 142 (Ohio)	Vernon L. Pease Albert & James Lyon Camp 266 (Michigan)
Luther D. Burrus Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5 (Kentucky)	Brian H. Gosling Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 (New York)	Herbert G. Lyford, PCC H. E. K. Hall Camp 28 (Vermont)	William Stears Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544 (New York)

## Faithful Brother Lost

The Department of Vermont and our Order have lost a faithful servant of 68 years, who will be sadly missed. Life Member Herbert G. Lyford, PCC, joined the H. E. K. Hall Camp 28 in Chelsea, Vermont on December 8, 1934. Since then, he served in several officer positions including Camp Commander and Department Patriotic Instructor before his death on September 30, 2002. Brother Lyford was 85. The photo at right was taken on the occasion of PCC Herbert G. Lyford (at right) receiving his "65 year badge" from Vermont Department Secretary Treasurer Merlin T. Doyle at the regular meeting of H. E. K. Hall Camp 28 on November 14, 1999. [The Camp was organized on August 10, 1886]



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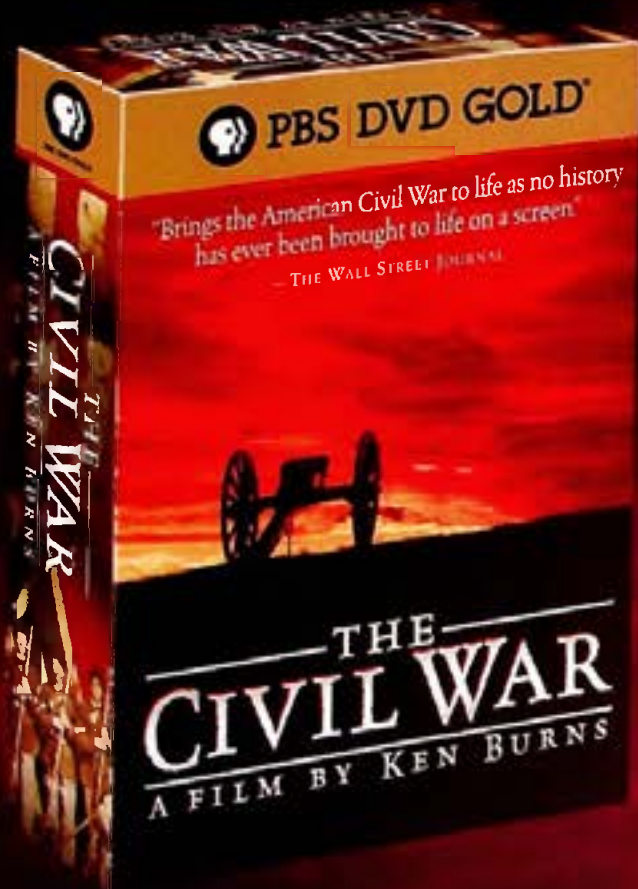
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NAME AND NUMBER

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Please submit a copy of the completed form to the National Secretary, a second copy to your Department Secretary, and a third copy for file, to your Camp Secretary.

The specific committees of your Camp and Department are listed in the applicable Bylaws. The perpetual committees for the National level of the Order are listed below. Committee descriptions and responsibilities are documented in our Constitution and Regulations (C&R) and on the National Website (<http://suvcw.org>).

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# Promoting the SUVCW

The winter months ahead bring cold and inclement weather to many of us but there are still plenty of opportunities available to call favorable attention to our Order. Please consider staffing an SUVCW information & recruiting display at any receptive "Genealogical Fair," Civil War Collector show, Antique Book & Paper show, or Historical Society function in your locale. The 'Story of the GAR and SUVCW' can also be shared in classrooms in the months ahead. Civil War Roundtables should be approached as well.

As stated before, all of our activities can be promoted in a way that makes a good first impression. Through various forms of 'media,' we should continually make the public aware of our accomplishments in the recording and marking of veterans' graves, the preservation of veterans' memorials, the cataloging of veterans' records, and other activities that honor the memory of "The Boys in Blue." Our participation in Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances each year provide another positive example of who we are and what we do. Publicizing our efforts will attract like-minded men to join us as active Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

With this year drawing to a close, please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the various funds of our Order. A list of these funds and the address for our National Treasurer appears at the bottom-center of page 1 in this issue.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent Armstrong  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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