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# Scrapbook from Gettysburg



*Remembrance Day  
Photos by  
Cher Petrovic*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander in chief Don Darby, in white coat, and General David V. Meddert, commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, to his immediate right, march with their aides to the opening of Remembrance Day Services in Gettysburg in November of 2005.*



*President Lincoln (James Getty of Gettysburg) arrives by carriage to deliver the address at the Woolson Monumet.*



*Wreaths presented by the Allied Orders adorn the Woolson Monument on Remembrance Day.*



*The Delaney Delacy Guard of Scranton files onto the field in front of the Woolson Monument, above, as Commander in Chief Don Darby prepares for his remarks to those assembled for Remembrance Day 2005. Below, members of Ross Camp 1 present the colors at the annual observance which in 2005 was returned to the Woolson Monument from The Angle.*





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ON THE COVER - In an early morning mist the statue of Father Corby continues to bless those who gave the supreme sacrifice on the fields of Gettysburg in 1863. Please turn to Page 5 for details of the honors given Father Corby at The University of Notre Dame. Photo by John M. Hart Jr.

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#### General Order 007 2005-2006

1. Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that I report the deaths of two Real Sons.

2. On 24 December 2005, Brother Julius Cogswell Ward, age 84 answered his final muster. He was the son of Rev. Julius Augustus Ward of the 46th Wisconsin .

3. On 26 January, 2006 , Brother Claremont Deem, age 95, answered his final muster. He was an active member of the General Benjamin Fearing Camp 2, Department of Ohio.

4. All charters, the National Web site, and membership badges will be draped in black for thirty (30) days from the date of this General Order  
Ordered this 3rd Day of February 2006

#### General Order 008 2005-2006

1. The Department of Southwest has voted to approve the change of their Department name to the Department of Texas during their Department Encampment June, 2005. The Department, being unable to locate their original charter, also voted at that time to request a new charter. Following the vote of the Encampment they requested that the Commander-in-Chief grant the name change and new charter.

2. I, as Commander-in-Chief, find this request to be well taken and approve the name change of the Department of Southwest to the Department of Texas.

3. In regard to the issuing of a new charter, I approve that request as well with the following provision:

a. To retain the Department original date of rank, the replacement for the lost charter will include all the names of the original charter members of the Department of Southwest. If these names can not be located, the space will be left blank. This General Order will be af-

fixed to the back of the replacement charter.

#### General Order 009 2005-2006

1. By a majority vote of the Council of Administration, a Press Release was approved for issue to the news media, and State and local government entities.

2. Camps and Departments are directed to give the widest possible dissemination of this press release. The release is as follows:

“The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War wishes to take this opportunity to alert the public to an unfortunate trend in recent years to desecrate Civil War Memorials erected in honor of the men who fought in the Civil War. The biggest problem centers on Civil War Memorials that include Civil War Cannons. In an all too typical scenario, individuals claiming to repre-

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sent a Civil War Museum approach local officials they perceive to be responsible for the Civil War Memorial.

In point of fact, these individuals are private collectors or persons acting on behalf of private collectors. They make the local officials aware of how valuable the cannon is and suggest it may be in danger of being stolen or damaged. They offer to buy the cannon and place it on display at a museum where it will be safe for everyone to enjoy. They agree to substitute a reproduction so the local community will still have a cannon, and it will require little or no maintenance.

The price offered to the local officials is always far less than the real value of the cannon memorial. However, it is always in the thousands of dollars and the local officials, often being pressured for operating funds, see nothing wrong with the arrangement since they will still have a cannon reproduction for display purposes.

In most cases the local officials, be they government, civic or veterans groups, are unaware that they probably do not hold legal title to the cannon they propose to sell. Most of these Memorial cannons were placed in cemeteries, public squares or community parks by local Civil War Veteran's organizations (GAR) or their descendants such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). The SUVCW is a Congressionally chartered organization and the legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Many of these cannons were either given to the GAR or loaned to the GAR or SUVCW by the United States Government. Those on loan from the United States Government must be returned to the government if they cease to be a Civil War Memorial.

Regardless of ownership, these Civil War memorials should not be desecrated. They are priceless relics placed by our ancestors to remind us of the sacrifices they have made not only for themselves, but also for future generations. The placement of these Civil War Memorials generally involved impressive dedications ceremonies attended by the entire community, including widows and children of fallen soldiers. The understanding everyone had at the time of placement of these Memorials was they would remain as a permanent memorial; not until the community felt an economic need to sell them.

The public would be outraged if a modern memorial to military veterans were to be sold just because it had a monetary value. When the SUVCW discovers the desecration of a Civil War Memorial, it takes an active role in trying to preserve the memorial and recover the cannon. In several cases not only have local officials been embarrassed regarding their actions relating to Civil War Memorials but also in recovering the cannons it proved costly. Those who buy these cannon from local officials are always willing to sell them back; but at a much higher price. Every community should be vigilant and avoid involvement in trying to enhance their General Funds at the expense of our Civil War veterans.

## Ceremony at Notre Dame commemorates Father Corby

A commemorative ceremony was held on the University of Notre Dame campus on November 12, 2005, honoring Father William Corby. The ceremony was held to honor his service as a Chaplain in the Irish Brigade during the Civil War and establishing Grand Army of the Republic Post # 569, Department of Indiana. The ceremony was held in front of Corby Hall, the location of a duplicate statue of Father Corby giving absolution on the Gettysburg Battlefield. David D. Porter, Camp # 116 in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame, and the Army ROTC Unit were involved in planning the commemorative ceremony.

Camp Commander Jack Shaw, acting as Master of Ceremony, introduced Father William Seetch for the opening prayer followed by Father Jim King, C. S. C. who related a biographical sketch of Father William Corby. Commander-in-Chief Don Darby followed with a description of Notre Dame Post # 569, Grand Army of the Republic, which was formed by Father Corby.

The "Company Singers," composed of members of Champion Hill Camp # 17, Department of Indiana, sang two selections, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Shall We Gather at the River." Department of Indiana Commander Gib Young is the leader of the "Company Singers."

Porter Camp Senior Vice Camp Commander Mike Downs introduced the following individuals who placed memorial wreaths in front of the Father Corby statue.

1. National Organization, SUVCW  
Commander-in-Chief Don Darby
2. Department of Indiana, SUVCW  
Department Commander Gib Young
3. David D. Porter Camp # 116, SUVCW  
Camp Junior Vice Commander Cody Shaw
4. Champion Hill Camp # 17, SUVCW  
Member George Foster
5. Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison,  
PCinC, SUVCW

A closing prayer was offered by Camp Chaplain Ed Krieser, PCinC, followed by three volleys fired by the 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the 35<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. The 7<sup>th</sup> Indiana Light Artillery fired a salute of three rounds followed by taps.



George Foster, member of Champion Hill Camp #17, Department of Indiana, presents wreath at Father William Corby statue during Father Corby Ceremony at the University of Notre Dame Nov. 12, 2005

Taps was played by Chaplain Mark Heath, PCC, Austin Blair Camp # 7, Department of Michigan.

A color guard composed of flags representing the Commander-in-Chief, Department of Indiana, 27<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, David D. Porter Camp, Champion Hill Camp # 17 and the Notre Dame Army Reserve Officers Training Corps participated in the ceremony.



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## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration Meeting November 20, 2005 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby at approximately 8 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moving opening prayer was then offered by National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. After the roll call of officers, the following were recorded present:

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn  
National Secretary Michael S. Bennett  
National Treasurer Max L. Newman  
National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler  
Council Member Leo Kennedy  
Council Member D. Brad Schall  
Council Member James Hanby  
Council Member Daniel Murray  
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief Stephen

Michaels

National Washington D.C. Representative and Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson

Additional Past Commanders-in-Chief present included George L. Powell, Elmer F. &ldquo;Bud&rdquo;

Atkinson, Charles W. Corfman, and Gordon R. Bury, II.

Guests of the Council of Administration were: National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, National Chief of Staff Henry Shaw, PCC, National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe, PDC, National Webmaster Ken Freshley, Executive Director Lee F. Walters, PCC, Banner Publisher John Hart, Pennsylvania Department Commander Eric J. Schmincke, PCC, and SUVCW Charitable Foundation Board Member Robert Petrovic, PDC.

To begin the meeting, Commander-in-Chief Darby noted that he has signed four new Camp Charters since our National Encampment in August, and 492 new members have been registered since May 1, 2005, indicating a welcome growth to our Order. C-in-C Darby then reported that as National Chief of Staff Shaw has assembled all of the National Officer and Committee reports submitted, he will give an abbreviated report of those which may require immediate attention. Oral reports from Officers will then be accepted from those present who did not submit written reports previously. These reports will be limited to five minutes.

The report of National Webmaster Ken Freshley was examined, with the potential purchase of available SUVCW domain names to be the first matter for discussion; interrupted only by a request for Chief of Staff Shaw to pay the required \$1 penalty for failure to wear his SUVCW membership badge to the meeting. Brother Freshley reported that the price will be \$7.95 per year to secure the domain names suvcw.net, suvcw.biz, suvcw.us, and suvcw.info, with a likely discount if we should purchase each of them for a minimum of five years. A motion was made by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn, and seconded by Council Member Leo Kennedy, that the SUVCW secure these four domain names for a period of five years, to ensure that they are not taken and used by others.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief James Pahl inquired as to whether these domains could then be set up so that someone who entered any one of them would be redirected to our suvcw.org website. It was confirmed that this would be possible and would be the intention of the National Webmaster. The motion was then passed unanimously. It was noted that the suvcw.com domain registration is currently held by a domain squatter, and Brother Freshley agreed to make contact with this individual in an attempt to obtain this domain name as well.

Brother Freshley then addressed the subject of available

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suvcw.org e-mail addresses which are currently not being used by our Order. If they are to be provided to anyone, Brother Freshley recommended that they should only be used as alias addresses, so that received messages are forwarded from those addresses to the users; existing personal accounts and do not take up our allowed space on the server(s).

It is believed, from previous discussion and investigation, that approximately 20 suvcw.org e-mail addresses might be available. Council Member Kennedy expressed concern that messages sent by users of suvcw.org e-mail addresses might be misconstrued by others as official messages from the SUVCW. Brother Kennedy suggested that the limited number of available addresses be provided only to Past Commanders-in-Chief. JVC-in-C Kuhn refined this suggestion to become a motion which indicated that the addresses should be provided to our past Commander-in-Chiefs free of charge.

Each year, the outgoing Commander-in-Chief will be provided with one of these addresses until the available addresses are all in use, after which time the Past C-in-C with the earliest term of office will be asked to surrender his address, so that the newest PC-in-C may have one. This motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. PC-in-C Powell asked, as one who would benefit from this, if there should not be a nominal charge for the use of the suvcw.org addresses, suggesting \$25 per year. JVC-in-C Kuhn expressed his belief that the Order could easily afford to provide these addresses to its Past Commanders-in-Chief without charge as an additional thank you for their service, especially as there is no additional cost for doing so.

The motion passed with only Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Pahl voting in opposition.

The report of our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief was next looked at, with emphasis on Brother Kuhn's concerns regarding significant delays experienced by some individuals attempting to join our Order, due to what appears to be slow action on the part of some Departments or Camps. Part of Brother Kuhn's suggested remedy would be increased use of the internet to allow an applicant to apply, pay dues, and be assigned to a Camp all while online. C-in-C Darby noted the importance of a signature in order to process a membership application completely and SVC-in-C Pahl added that amendments to our Constitution and Regulations could be required for the proposed procedures. SVC-in-C Pahl moved that Brother Kuhn work with the National Webmaster to develop a plan outlining recommended remedies for his concerns to present to the Council by or before the mid-year COA meeting for their review. The motion was seconded by JVC-in-C Kuhn and passed unanimously.

The next items of business dealt with the SUVCW Graves Registration Database and the report of National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe, PDC. Pennsylvania Department Commander Eric Schmincke was also

present to help clarify technical issues. Brother Lowe's report addressed the Council's request, following the 2005 National Encampment, to investigate the addition of enhancements to the existing database, and to determine the feasibility/costs were such enhancements to be added by the present database designer/programmer, Brother Nathan Orr, or if an independent software company or individual should be retained to redesign the database using new software. Nine suggested enhancements to the database were presented to Brother Orr, and his estimates for time and cost were provided. Following extensive discussion on the database and the graves registration program, a motion was made by JVC-in-C Kuhn and seconded by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler to have the first seven enhancements on the Graves Registration Officer's list completed by Brother Orr. A friendly amendment was made by C-in-C Darby to separate the motion into two parts. This was accepted by Brothers Kuhn and Wheeler, and the amended motion addressed only the first three enhancements:

1. Adding SEA (lost/buried at sea) a searchable feature for the Cemetery State field. 2. Adding MIA (missing in action) as above. 3. Making the Medal of Honor field searchable to determine number and names of recipient. This motion passed unanimously and National Secretary Michael Bennett was directed to make contact with Brother Orr and to establish an agreement regarding the Council's expectations, a deadline for completion, and price.

A second motion by JVC-in-C Kuhn then noted that, as it was determined that Brother Lowe, with input from members of his Committee and the COA, felt confident he could create a set of business rules for the functioning of the database, he should do so and report back to the Council by the mid-year COA meeting, or sooner if possible. As it is hoped that Civil War Memorials will be added to this database, it was directed that National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington and his Committee should be included in the creation of these business rules. The motion was seconded by Council Members Leo Kennedy and D. Brad Schall, and passed unanimously.

With much appreciation and recognition for the hard work of Brother Orr in bringing the graves registration database into existence with his own database program, it was agreed that the current software will not allow the graves registration program to easily expand and change as is now evidently required. Therefore, the Graves Registration Committee will also begin to research an alternative database program that will enable the growth and adaptability desired to continue permitting the program to move forward. PC-in-C Andrew Johnson, as one of the National Officers with whom this project first began, noted that in a few years, if not already, this graves registration database will be the brightest star in our

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organization's crown.

The matter of the printed Graves Registration Brochure was then discussed, comparing the printed version available from the National Quartermaster with a full-color brochure that could be regularly updated as needed and made available free of charge on the SUVCW website. Brother Wheeler noted that he has sold perhaps five of these brochures since being elected National Quartermaster, and that placing the brochure on the website will cause no great harm to his sales, but will prevent the surplus of brochures that may accumulate and then quickly become outdated if he were to continue to have them printed and made available for sale. A motion was made by JVC-in-C Kuhn and seconded by Council Member Schall that the Graves Registration Brochure be placed on the National Website and made available to anyone who would like to download and print it, rather than be offered for sale by the National Quartermaster. The motion passed unanimously.

It was then reported that the Department of Missouri is requesting permission to use the SUVCW name and images of the SUVCW crest and badge on items relating to the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis, MO. It was moved by SVC-in-C Pahl and seconded by Council Member Hanby that a license to use the Sons' name and images of the SUVCW crest and badge on 2007 National Encampment items be granted to the Department of Missouri. The motion passed unanimously.

C-in-C Darby showed a Civil War book to the Council which a company would like to offer for sale to our membership for \$40, providing a \$5 commission to the SUVCW for each book sold. One of the authors of the book is a member of the SUVCW. If approved by the Council, the SUVCW Charitable Foundation will use an advertising page in the Banner to promote this sale. A motion was made by National Quartermaster Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Schall, for the Foundation to take on this project and make the book available for sale to our members. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion then took place regarding the date of the Council's next meeting. Due to holidays and a variety of other conflicts, March 11, 2005 was selected, with the location tentatively set for Milwaukee, WI.

A membership certificate was then shown to the Council of Administration that was created by Lone Star Camp 1, Department of the Southwest. As an official document offered for sale by the National Quartermaster, with National authority, a Camp may not produce and distribute their own membership certificates, even at no charge to their own members. The National Secretary will make the Lone Star Camp aware of this.

C-in-C Darby then opened the floor for the receipt of oral reports from Officers present.

SVC-in-C Pahl noted that the next issue of The Banner was currently at the printer and hopefully would be circulated within a week. This year's second issue is

expected to be ready for publication by Christmas, with issues 3 and 4 back on the normal schedule. He noted that many photographs were taken during the Remembrance Day weekend, the best of which should be featured in the next issue.

National Secretary Bennett then gave a report and passed out a written summary of his activities for the previous three months, including the four new Camp Charters prepared since the National Encampment, and the assistance and documentation provided to the many other Camps having received permission to form. Other work has included the creation of an updated Department Officers list containing contact info for the five key Officers from each Department, and having that posted on the National Website, as well as compiling and having posted a similar list for our Camps-at-Large.

With permission and assistance from the Commander-in-Chief, Secretary Bennett has also been able to present each new matter on the Council's Electronic Boardroom prior to the start of voting, so that the specific motions can be read and understood. Updated Electronic Boardroom vote reports have been provided to the National Webmaster for posting as new matters have been decided.

Brother Bennett assisted with the reassignment of e-mail addresses and passwords to those new to the Council, and to those whose Office has changed. Camp Officer Election reports were also sent to all Camps-at-Large, along with instructions and an offer of assistance should it be needed. Secretary Bennett then offered his apologies for the length of time he has taken in assembling the minutes from the Post-Encampment COA meeting. The minutes will be e-mailed to the Council for their review upon Brother Bennett's return home.

National Treasurer Newman then presented his written financial report. As always, the report was most comprehensive and little discussion was required. In an attempt to save time, Brother Newman simply offered to answer any questions. All was found to be in order. Brother Newman did mention that he's currently offline, with computer difficulties, but that he hopes and expects to be back up and running shortly.

National Quartermaster Wheeler reported that it has been his pleasure to serve the Order as Quartermaster since the last meeting of the Council, and noted that he continues to work on new projects. It was noted that many vendors are raising prices, and that he is working to maintain the lowest possible costs for our members. Brother Wheeler added that orders are up and sales are up, with more than \$3000 in sales made at the National Encampment alone.

Brother Wheeler noted one incident in the past few months in which an order broke open in the mail, as was

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confirmed by a note from the post office acknowledging a damaged parcel. Brother Wheeler suggested the Brother whose order this was make a report to the Post Office. As it was not insured, the purchaser was given the opportunity to send another payment and reorder, which he did. Also, a pair of SUVCW cufflinks was returned by a Brother in damaged condition. As the Quartermaster could find no record of the sender having made the purchase in the last year, and no guarantees are made with regard to items purchased from the National Quartermaster, the cufflinks were returned to the individual who made the complaint.

Brother Wheeler also suggested that only the listing that appears on the National Website be used for publication in The Banner, as he will keep that updated.

Lastly, it was reported that more than \$1300 in sales were made in Gettysburg during the Remembrance Day weekend.

A report from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation was then made by Brother Robert Petrovic, who noted that National Webmaster Ken Freshley will soon be creating the Foundation's website, providing information about the Charitable Foundation as well as a complete listing of merchandise currently available for sale. Following the launch of the website, the Foundation will then begin to solicit grants. New products planned for sale include grill ornaments featuring the SUVCW badge and SVR items.

C-in-C Darby then asked PC-in-C George Powell, in his capacity as Chairman of the National Encampment Credentials Committee, to provide the proposed Credentials Committee job description to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for their review prior to presentation to the next National Encampment. PC-in-C Darby also noted that the proposed new National Encampment credentials policy remains on the COA's Electronic Boardroom for those who have not yet voted. While a majority on the Council have already voted in favor of the new policy, the vote is not yet closed. Council Members were encouraged by the C-in-C to cast their votes by November 22, 2005.

The subject of sales of merchandise at National Encampments then was discussed, in light of complaints by a Department that the sales by the National Quartermaster and the Charitable Foundation, which took place inside the Encampment meeting room, both were a distraction from the business meeting, and served to reduce sales of Camp and Department items which were relegated to an adjacent room.

National Quartermaster Wheeler noted that he attempted to shut down his sales immediately when the gavel dropped, indicating the resumption of the business meeting, but that it was difficult to entice some Brothers to leave his tables at times. It is Brother Wheeler's opinion that most of his business was done at the start of the day, on breaks, and at lunchtime. He further noted

that the National Quartermaster has offered merchandise for sale inside the meeting room at National Encampments for many years, and that the presence of these items - most of which relate to the operation of the Order - and the ability for Brothers to purchase them at the Encampment and save on shipping is a service to our membership.

Brother Petrovic, on behalf of the Foundation, agreed that the Quartermaster has, historically, been present in the meeting room with merchandise for sale. He further noted that items sold by the Quartermaster and the Foundation, produce income that benefits the entire organization and all of its members, unlike the Camp and Department sales which benefit individual projects or subgroups of the Order. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding sales by the Quartermaster and Foundation inside the meeting room when the Encampment was not in session, space requirements, as well as the placement of the Credentials Committee table inside the meeting room as well. A motion was made by JVC-in-C Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Hanby, that so long as space permits, both the National Quartermaster and Charitable Foundation will be permitted to offer merchandise for sale within the meeting room of the National Encampment, provided that they not conduct business while the Encampment is in session. The motion was passed unanimously, with National Quartermaster Wheeler abstaining.

Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury then addressed the Council meeting regarding the possibility of funds being raised for the Order through cooperation with corporate entities, by which donations may be made to the SUVCW and deductions will be earned by donors. An example was given in which an individual obtaining a mortgage through PC-in-C Bury's company would cause a \$250 donation to be given to the Memorial Fund in their name, and that individual would earn the \$250 tax deduction. C-in-C Darby suggested that the Charitable Foundation, as a 501(c)(3) entity, should oversee such a project and that a presentation should be made to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Before asking Brother John Hart to address the Council, C-in-C Darby offered his congratulations, echoed by many, for the contribution of Brother Hart's Delaney-Delacey Guard Fife and Drum Corps during the events of the weekend. Many agreed that these youth were second to none, and several parade participants noted that they would be honored to march behind them any time. C-in-C Darby's only request was that Marchin Through Georgia, despite it being a post-Civil War song, should be added to the group's play list.

Brother Hart then spoke about The Banner, confirming that the current issue should be in the mail during the coming week. He also presented his idea that having an appointed Editor for The Banner, serving under the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, would provide both continuity and a seasoned and experienced controlling hand to ensure

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# HISTORY OF THE SUVCW FILII VETERANORUM (part IV)

## The Death Benefits Association

Life insurance was a luxury of the rich and many organizations created mutual life insurance companies to attract and retain members. The Masonic Orders, Odd Fellows, Knights of Macabbees and most other large fraternities and already offered insurance benefits. For several years and numerous pages of proceedings the debate raged at the Sons of Veterans USA. State laws were being enacted to protect individuals from fraud on the part of these lodges and to ensure if premiums were paid benefits would also be paid.

As an alternative to a full-scale insurance company, the Sons of Veterans, USA and their Auxiliary organized a "death benefits association" in 1893 within their membership to provide some form of insurance for members or their spouses.

A monthly premium of 20 cents was sent into the death benefit association. At the time of a death, a subscriber's family would receive \$100 to \$250 in death benefits, if the member had paid their dues to the Sons or Auxiliary, the monthly premiums had been paid and they had been a subscriber for a year. In the year 1914, the Commander-in-Chief reported \$22,000 in benefits had been paid out the previous year. These death benefit societies fell from favor as life insurance became more readily available to the masses. The Sons Death Benefits Association actually closed its books in the mid 1960s.

During World War I, numerous grandsons went off to war. The Sons of Veterans USA with its Auxiliary collected \$26,426.65 for ambulances to be sent overseas. These grandsons formed the American Legion at the close of the war.

As the Grand Army's ranks were quickly thinning, the Sons members were allowed to serve as Post, and later Department, Secretaries for the GAR. This position was always extended without voice and without vote in the Post or Department. If no Sons were available, the position was offered to other members of the Allied GAR Orders.

Katherine Flood and later Cora Gillis, both Past National Presidents of the Daughters of

Union Veterans, served a number of years as the GAR National Secretary. The Sons of Veterans had a membership of 51,130 dues paying members in 1920.

## A New Name: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

In 1923, to avoid confusion from the sons of Spanish American or sons of World War I veterans, the Sons of Veterans, USA adopted "a resolution asking the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to name a committee representing that Organization to confer with a committee to be named to represent the Order of the Sons of Veterans USA to consider among other things, a change in the name of the Order of Sons of Veterans that would more clearly indicate and designate of whom the Order consists". The Grand Army of the Republic's 59th National Encampment officially approved the name change to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on September 3, 1925. A resolution was adopted by the Sons "to take such legal action as may be necessary to cause the corporate name of the Order of Sons of Veterans United States of America to be changed to that of "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". Similarly, the Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary also changed their names on September 3, 1925.

In 1928, the National Encampment of the GAR authorized the Sons of Veterans to assume the Grand Army's place in conducting Memorial Day Services. This seems to be a response to later veteran's organizations attempting to usurp the gar's intention that, as founders of Memorial Day, they and their heirs should always lead Memorial Day Services. The Great Depression took its toll on most organizations as unemployed men and families could not afford the luxury of paying dues. In 1934, the Sons membership stood at 28,618.

In 1935, the Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment passed a resolution creating four Regional organizations of Sons and Auxiliary for the purpose of encouraging fellowship. These were the New England Region, the Eastern Region, the Central Region and the Western Region. The format usually included a

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speaker and a dinner meeting. Some regions later added round table discussion groups to their dinner meeting.

The years of World War II and the Korean Conflict saw grandsons and great grandsons of Civil War veterans once more answering freedom's call and returning to form their own veteran orders again. In 1953, Sons of Union Veterans membership stood at 8863. In our early years, the Sons operated under the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania incorporation of the Sons of Veterans, USA. Eventually, they became a corporation of the State of Illinois. In 1911, they considered seeking a federal charter, but decided to wait and learn from the GAR's effort to obtain a Federal Charter. They continued to operate under the Illinois Corporation until 1954.

In 1954, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War became a federally chartered organization by act of Congress under Public Law # 605 enacted on August 20, 1954. Notable among the

incorporators were General Douglas MacArthur, Major General Amos Fries and General U.S. Grant III. In 1956, upon the death of Comrade Woolson, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was named the legal heir of the Grand Army of the Republic. The US Code was revised in 1998 and an updated Federal Charter was granted under Title 36 US Code - Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies and Organizations - Chapter 2003 The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Civil War centennial bought some renewed interest to the Sons of Union Veterans organization and a number of young men came into our ranks, but the American Bicentennial soon came to the forefront and some of these living history enthusiasts moved on to the bicentennial events and left the Sons. The 1970's saw the Sons reach a low point in membership as American society underwent a number of changes. Some assumed the Allied Orders had gone out of existence with the Grand Army of the Republic. Some were anti-military as an aftermath of the Vietnam War and finally, to

many, all fraternities seemed passé. Men were working multiple jobs or simply came home to watch television and were unwilling to join anything. Men and women's lodges were simply a relic of the Gilded Age - a distance memory of the past for many. The Sons of Union Veterans membership in 1978 stood at 2560.

The 1980s and early 1990s has brought forth a new wave of membership inquiries. Television series, like "The Blue & the Grey" & Ken Burn's "The Civil War", have brought renewed interest in the American Civil War. Genealogy has grown as a popular pastime and the internet has allowed hundreds of thousands to "discover" their roots and their eligibility to one of the Allied GAR Orders.

In 2002, the Sons membership stands at 6,350 members in 26 Departments. For more information, all of the Allied GAR Orders can be found on the WorldWide Web: <http://www.suvcw.org>

Today with increasing membership and financial strength the Sons have active committees focused on Civil War grave registration and preserving Civil War monuments, historic sites and artifacts. They are aggressively guarding memorials and hold them as a public trust for future generations to enjoy. They annually offer two college scholarships.

The 2001 Commander in Chief Edward J. Kriesar put it this way: "In joining our organization we take on a solemn responsibility. Those of us that served in the military call this type of responsibility, DUTY. We have a duty to continue to preserve and perpetuate the memory of our Fathers who saw their duty and performed their duty to the best of their ability. We, their heirs, can do no less.



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quality and timely production of our newsletter. The present system provides for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to serve as the sole Editor, usually taking the first two or more issues to learn the job, only to then turn the position over to his successor after, at most, the fourth issue. SVC-in-C Pahl, as the present Editor, was asked to report on this concept at the Council's mid-year meeting.

Brother Hart also noted that he has been working on a few other problems, one dealing with the Department of Connecticut and some zip codes in that State not receiving The Banner. It is hoped this problem may now be rectified. In conclusion, Brother Hart thanked the many Brothers who expressed their sympathy and heartfelt wishes to him after his wife's passing, and said he would remember that until his dying days. Brother Hart then received a round of applause in return, as appreciation for his fraternal and dedicated service to the Order.

A five minute break was then taken by the Council.

The matter of sending a contribution for hurricane relief, tabled by the Council in early September, was brought up for further discussion. A motion was made by JVC-in-C Kuhn, and seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, with an friendly amendment by Council Member Schall, that the matter should be left as outlined in C-in-C Darby's General Order 3, whereby each Brother is encouraged to live up to the Charity portion of F. C. & L, and contribute to the Hurricane Relief Fund of his choice. The amended motion passed unanimously.

C-in-C Darby mentioned that a Brother in Louisiana reported that, as a result of the hurricanes, the home of Jefferson Davis has been severely damaged. Noting that Davis was a Secretary of War under President Buchanan, and also led a Regiment of U.S. Troops in the Mexican War, this Brother asked if the SUVCW would contribute funds towards historical restoration. A request to this Brother for additional information and a point-of-contact for such donations has, thus far, gone unanswered. JVC-in-C Kuhn moved that, should such information be forthcoming, the matter be handled in the same way that the Council voted to address general hurricane relief, leaving such contributions up to the personal beliefs and generosity of individual Brothers. National Quartermaster Wheeler offered a second to the motion. It was further pointed out that this historic site will be eligible for, and will likely receive, substantial Federal funding, and may not require additional assistance. It was agreed that the subject should be tabled until it is clearer what the future holds for this site, and Brothers Kuhn and Wheeler withdrew their motion and second.

Information regarding potential unmarked burial locations of Union soldiers on a Louisiana battlefield may also be provided by this Louisiana Brother, which the Council can address at that time.

JVC-in-C Kuhn moved that the Council approve the

continuation of the SUVCW's current policy to waive dues for any Brother serving in an active combat zone. This motion was seconded by PC-in-C Steven Michaels, and passed unanimously.

JVC-in-C Kuhn moved that specific income and expense line-items in the budget be created for Remembrance Day, to include wreaths and program. The motion was seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler and passed unanimously.

Brother Kuhn then asked if close proximity to an airport was a requirement for Departments selecting potential sites for a National Encampment. PC-in-C Charles Corfman indicated that nothing is mandated, but that there are many things which the Committee would like to see, and strongly suggest. Brother Kuhn noted that shuttle services to an airport really needs to be a requirement for a facility to be chosen as a National Encampment site, as are the presence of elevators if the Encampment is to be held in a multi-level building. PC-in-C Corfman agreed that a multi-floor location can not be considered if there are no elevators. Brother Kuhn suggested that perhaps these things should be made requirements by the Encampment Site Committee, rather than merely recommendations.

Brother Petrovic reported that contracts have been signed with the hotel in St. Louis for our 2007 National Encampment, with room rates of \$92. The dates are August 9-12, 2007, and an airport shuttle is available. He added that the DUVCW will be meeting along with us, and essentially two hotels will be used to accommodate all of our combined needs. The Daughters will also be a part of the Allied Orders Banquet, which will add approximately 100 people to our expected banquet numbers.

PC-in-C Michaels asked SVC-in-C Pahl if the National Auxiliary would be permitted to use a portion of their Auxiliary page(s) in The Banner for recruiting messages or an advertisement. Brother Pahl reported that there would be no problem with that.

National Treasurer Newman reported that since he took office in September of 2001, the Order has been able to significantly increase our gross assets. This had been one of his objectives, noting that the Order had been losing money in some previous years.

With no further business to come before the Council, Chaplain Kowalski was asked to offer a closing prayer.

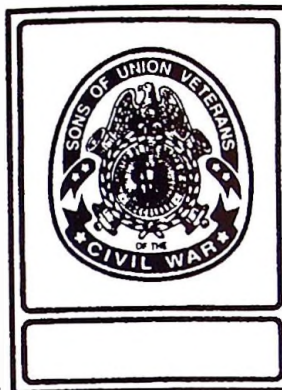
The meeting was closed by Commander-in-Chief Darby at approximately 10:45 am.

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# Department News

## Department of Kansas

### Department Installs Two Camps

This has been a year of growth for the Department of Kansas, with two new camps being installed. Franklin Camp 5 and Mine Creek Camp 6 are the newest additions to the Department.

On September 18, 2005, Mine Creek Camp 6 was installed at the Visitor Center on Mine Creek Battlefield, just south of Pleasanton, Kansas. This battlefield is the only battlefield in Kansas and was the site of the largest cavalry battle west of the Mississippi River on October 25, 1864. The camp plans to work closely with both the Kansas State Historical Society and the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation for the benefit of all. The camp membership includes 24 members, two associates, one junior, and two dual members. The new camp is commanded by Brother Arnold Schofield. Camp organizer was Department Senior Vice Commander Randal Durbin.

October 17, 2005, was the date when Franklin Camp 5 was installed in Olathe, Kansas. The camp is named after the original G.A.R. post in Olathe, the Battle of Franklin. It is the intention of the new camp to promote Civil War education within the community. Camp membership includes 15 members, three associates, five juniors, and two dual members. The new camp commander is Brother James M. Converse. Camp organizer was Department Patriotic Instructor Craig A. Sundell, PCC.

The addition of these new camps brings a total of 40 new brothers into the Department. This, along with significant recruiting by Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 of Wichita, has permitted the Department to pass both the 100 mark and the 150 mark in 2005.

### Central Region Association Conference

The Department of Kansas hosted the 2005 Central Region Conference of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic on October 1, 2005. The meeting was held in Lawrence, Kansas, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center with Commander C. R. Stephen, Iowa, presiding. Although attendance was down this year, 32 people were in attendance.

Saturday morning activities included a tour of the sites in the Lawrence area associated with the infamous Quantrill raid of August 20, 1863. Area historian Deb Goodrich was the tour guide. She also participated in an question and answer session during lunch.

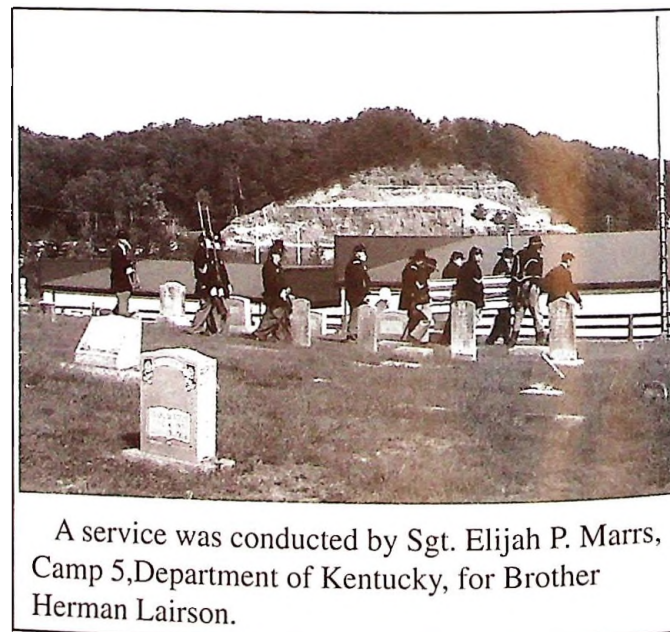
After lunch, Dr. Jay Price, Professor of Public History, Wichita State University presented the topic, "Bridging the Generation Gap." This was followed by the business meeting of the association and the election of officers. The banquet was held that evening, with entertainment being furnished by the "Free Staters." And a good time was had by all.

## Department of Kentucky

Herman Lairson, a charter member of Sgt., Elijah P. Marrs, Camp 5, Department of Kentucky, passed away on October 1, 2005, at the age of 91. He attended Camp 5 functions until the last six months of his life, when he was restricted by his doctor.

He requested that Camp 5 would conduct his service when he passed away, and the Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs, Camp 5, was proud to honor his request. The Camp provided an Honor Guard for the visitation and for the funeral service. The Camp was also privileged to serve as casket bearers from the church to the grave site. Rev. David Gambrel, Chaplain of Camp 5 and Department of Kentucky Chaplain, officiated at the service.

Within Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs, Camp 5, Herman Lairson had two sons, Carlis and Lindin Lairson; a grandson, Tracy Lucas, and three great-grandsons, Zac Lucas, Dustin and Richard Lairson. He will be greatly missed by the Brothers of the Camp.



A service was conducted by Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs, Camp 5, Department of Kentucky, for Brother Herman Lairson.

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## Department of Massachusetts

Havervill's William Jenkins Camp 129 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is taking on the task of honoring some long-forgotten Veterans of the Civil War, whose graves remain unmarked to date.

In the Elmwood Cemetery located on Salem Street in Bradford, there are 179 Civil War Veterans entered into their final resting place. Of these 179, a total of 111 still need grave markers.

The only acknowledgement of the war service for these men is according to the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines book series of the New England States.

Camp 129's project is to obtain proper grave markers that will let all who visit Elmwood Cemetery know that these men also served our country during the Civil War. Once the order forms necessary to obtain grave markers are fill out, they will be sent to Washington, D.C., to be created.

When the markers (plaques) come in, they will be place accordingly by personnel of Elmwood Cemetery and Camp 129 as time and weather permits. Once the final plaque is secured in place, Camp 129 will plan a proper ceremony to honor these forgotten Veterans of America's Civil War.

## Department of New Hampshire

Brother Wayne Parker Wyman, senior living member of Simon G. Griffin Camp # 10, Keene, N.H., Department of New Hampshire, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, passed away in Keene, on September 16, 2005, at the age of 73. Brother Wyman was initiated into the order by his elder brother, Past CinC Richard F. Wyman, on March 1, 1949.

During his 56-year membership, Brother Wyman loyally served Camp #10 in company with two of his brothers and family members of the Auxiliary, participating in numerous Camp programs and events. He held the offices of Camp Jr. Vice and Sr. Vice Commander, 1951-59; Camp Commander, 1960-61, and Council member, 1963-64. Two older brothers were members of the order: Past CinC Richard E. Wyman, and Past Camp and Department Commander, Dr. Leonard A. Wyman, author of "The Union, 1861-1865: A Guide to Civil War Monuments in New Hampshire."

Brother Wyman's Civil War membership forebear was a great-grandfather, Luther Martin Parker of Keene, who enlisted in the Union Army on August 7, 1862, at a private in Co. C., 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. Five companies of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment were raised in towns of Cheshire County, for which fat its Concord, New Hampshire, rendezvous



site on September 19, 1862, was called "Cheshire Camp," and the unit was sometimes known as the "Cheshire Company." Parker was advanced to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant in November, 1864. He died of typhoid on June 30, 1865, and was buried in Savannah, Georgia.

Brother Wyman was employed for 20 years at Keene City Hall, during which time he supervised the maintenance and care of the Post 4 GAR cemetery lot in Keene's Woodland Cemetery, and annual made arrangements for Keene's municipal Memorial Day, exercised on the Common and at Fuller Park.

Brother Wyman served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, and was a member of Keene's Gordon Bissell Post #4, American Legion, and was an active member of the Keene Elks Lodge.

Brother Wyman is survived by his wife of 49 years, Roberta (Garfield) Wyman, a member of Camp #10 Auxiliary; a son, daughter, sister, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services, attended by representatives of S.G. Griffin Camp #10 and members of the Auxiliary, were followed by burial in Monadnock View Cemetery, Keene.

## Department of Pennsylvania

Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8, SUVCW, Auxiliary 10 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, will observe its second annual GAR Remembrance Day Saturday, April 22, 2006 in Scranton.

A highlight of the day-long itinerary will be the annual Appomattox Luncheon at the Historic Radisson at Lackawanna Station at noon.

The day will get underway with a GAR Prayer Service by the Central Scranton Ministerium at the Elm Park United Methodist Church, located one half block from the hotel.

A feature of this year's Appomattox Luncheon will be a one-man play, "Witness at Appomattox" written by 1Lt. Alan Sweeney of the Delaney delacy Guard.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person. Checks should be mailed to Joseph Long Jr., U.S.M.C., Ret... 505 Marcy St. Duryea, PA 18642. Please mark Appomattox Day Luncheon on the check.

Immediately following the luncheon, a benefit Civil War band concert and Ballroom Dance Exhibition will be conducted by the SVR in the main theatre of the Scranton High School. The event will feature the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band of Philadelphia. Tickets will be \$5 and will benefit the Delaney Delacy

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# Remembering Heroes

One hundred years ago, on 7 December 1905, dedication ceremonies were conducted for the Pennsylvania memorial erected by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the National Cemetery at Andersonville, Georgia.

On 7 December 2005, the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of that historical event was held. The focus was on honoring all 4,987 of the Pennsylvania Civil War Veterans who were imprisoned in the Andersonville Prison; of which 1,849 would die there. The rededication was organized by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg Camp # 112.

There was a "March of Honor," from Providence Spring, adjacent to the original North Gate entry to the stockade and continued approximately 3/8 miles to the Pennsylvania Monument. Participants carried one or more small Pennsylvania state flags. Each flag carried the name of each of the approximately 200 Pennsylvania regiments represented.

As some of the participants gathered to make the march, the glimpse of their reflections could be seen on

the surface of the quiet pool of water originating from the spring. That same source would have sustained life for a number of our ancestors 141 years ago. According to record, perhaps by divine intervention, that water came to the surface during a lightning strike to that site on August 16, 1864.

At 1:00 p.m., under the command of 1st Lt. John Price II, the Sons of Veteran Reserve, "Gettysburg Blues," stepped off leading the procession. Their steps in unison echoed from the pavement of Cemetery Road. Continuous stiff breezes forced the color bearers to lean forward, applying force to the staff as the flags proudly displayed their honor of the occasion.

Arrival at the Pennsylvania Monument was such to provide time to make updated announcements and acknowledgements and to permit the "Ceremony" to begin at 2:00 p.m.; as exactly 100 years before. All in attendance were given a red ribbon depicting the event and an informational 100th Anniversary booklet compiled by Brother Dave Sosnowski, Patriotic Instructor of Gettysburg Camp # 112, S.U.V.C.W.

The initial portion of the ceremonial agenda included the Presentation of the Colors, singing of the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation. Opening comments were delivered by National Park Superintendent, Fred Boyles and Lead Park Ranger, Joan Stibitz of the NPS. The Pennsylvania Monument was then presented by Superintendent Boyles back to the people of Pennsylvania for re-dedication.

Remarks of Commander Eric Schminke, Department of Pennsylvania, unable to attend, were read by Brother Dave Sosnowski, also Patriotic Instructor of the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W. It noted, "Today you are here to honor the men of Pennsylvania and in a greater sense, all those who perished within the prison walls."

The Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had special commemorative .999 silver medal badges struck, numbered 1 through 300 for this prestigious event. Mr. Fred Boyles was then called to the podium. On behalf of the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W., Commander William Mock, from Bedford County, Pennsylvania presented the Andersonville medal badge (No. 001) to the Superintendent for the National Park Service.

Immediately following, were two very moving and personal speeches from William Mock, Commander and James Michaels, Treasurer, also of Gettysburg Camp # 112. Both had ancestors along with Camp member, Charles George, and others present who were imprisoned at Andersonville.

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Youth Fife and Drum Corps.

It will be back to the Radisson later that day, for a pre ball banquet. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

The second annual Grand Civil War Ball will commence at 8 p.m. in the Century Club, 612 Jefferson Avenue in Scranton. Music will be by the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band of Philadelphia. The event was sold out last year. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Formal dress for both men and ladies is required. Period dress and dress blues greatly admired but not required. The cost is \$35 per couple. Visit the website listed below for more information on tickets.

The project is provided in part by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority with financial assistance from the National Park Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

The ball is sponsored by the Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Lackawanna Historical Society.

Special room rates have been secured at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station for those attending the festivities. Room reservations may be made by calling 1-800-333-3333 or email at [www.radiswson.com/scranton.pa](http://www.radiswson.com/scranton.pa). Room rates are \$98 and please mention the Civil War Ball Orders when making reservations.



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# Canadian Participation in the Civil War

by Robert E. Heath, NMAL, SUVCW.

During the Civil War, some 40,000 plus Canadians served in the Union forces, which included infantry, artillery, navy, cavalry and marines. Some estimates say up to 60,000 served. Canadians killed, missing or died of wounds and illness range from 10,000 to 12,000. Some Canadians also served in the Confederate forces because they were working in the South when the war broke out and they felt obligated to enlist. These numbers range from 200 to 1,200, so their numbers were very small as compared to Canada's contribution to the Union.

Several Canadians were commissioned officers, with many reaching the rank of General, including Jacob D. Cox, John F. Farnsworth and John McNeil.

The Medal of Honor was awarded to 30 Canadians who served in the war. By any measure, these Canadian's represented the qualities of honor, courage, dedication and heroism.

In many regiments from the northern most states, Canadians represented between 10-20 percent of the rosters. In my great-grandfather's 4<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Regiment of Infantry Volunteers, according to rosters, 84 Canadians are listed, being 12 percent of the regiment.

Almost all the Canadians who survived the war stayed in the United States and died and were buried there. These young Canadians enlisted for various reasons, including bounties paid, adventure and also as substitutes. Many of these young men were aware of Negro slaves that had fled the southern United States and had come up to Canada via the Underground Railroad. This situation did not sit well with them and they felt they should do what they could to stop this injustice.

I am saddened to say that most Canadians are unaware of Canada's participation in this great war to uphold the Great Republic and I would think almost all Americans are in the same boat information wise. As a Canadian, I feel these are lost Canadians who fought for a noble cause. I hope one day, that politicians and military brass



on both sides of the border will erect some memorial in remembrance of their service and sacrifice.

Our author is the proud great grandson of Private August Theodore Rucks, Company G, 4<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Robert resides in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



## SVR Scrapbook



SVR Commander David Meddert, at podium above, addresses full house at the annual SVR Breakfast on Remembrance Day Morning in Gettysburg. At right, the general presents the Distinguished Service Medal and the 2006 Commanders Unit Citation to Capt. John M. Hart Jr., commander of the Delaney Delacy Guard of Scranton, PA. Below, members of the SVR gather to break bread and discuss the year's events at the breakfast, held at the Eisenhower Inn.







*The Delaney Delacy Guard of Scranton poses with members of its Cadet Youth Fife and Drum Corps on the steps of the Pennsylvania Monument during annual Remembrance Day ceremonies at Gettysburg. The musicians, aged 8 to 18, practice weekly and participate in many SVR activities in and around Northeastern Pennsylvania.*



*At right, from left Past C-in-C David Meddert with son-in-law, present C-in-C Don Darby and son, Gen. David Meddert, commander of the SVR, pause to reflect during Remembrance Day activities in November, 2005.*



*The color guard of the Gettysburg Blues arrives at the Gettysburg National Military Park for the annual Remembrance Services in November of 2005 as an honor guard of the Sons of the Confederacy files past, right, on their way to services at The Angle. The Sons conducted annual ceremonies at the Woolson Monument once again and during that ceremony presented a significant contribution to National Parks Superintendent Dr. John Latcher as part of the Sons on-going effort to restore the monuments on the battlefield.*



*On Nov. 5, 2005, members from the Department of Massachusetts join members of Camp #18, Uxbridge, in decorating the grave of General Benjamin Franklin Butler. Born Nov. 5, 1818 in Deerfield, NH, General Butler severed in many different commands, including the defense of Washington, DC. His grave is located in a private cemetery, Hildreth Family Cemetery in Lowell, MA. Not far away the grave of his son-in-law, Maj. Gen. Adelbert Ames.*





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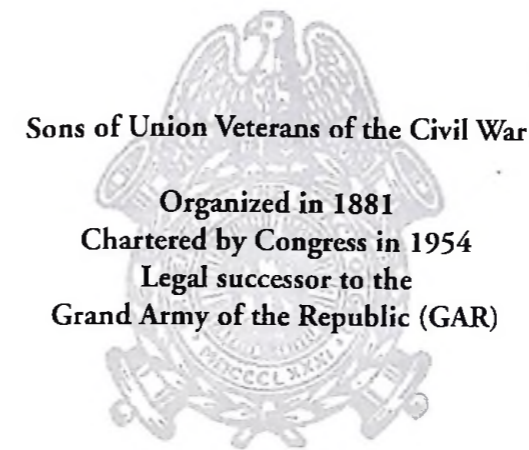
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