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Lincoln Birthday Observance

This year marks the 175th Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Much will be published this year and millions will visit his shrines (over 4 million to the Lincoln Memorial alone).

Congressman Homer Hock of Kansas paraphrased Walt Whitman in a speech in 1923 and expressed our feelings today:

"There is no new thing to be said about Lincoln. There is no new thing to be said about the mountains, or of the sea, or of the stars. The years go their way, but the same old mountains lift their granite shoulders above the drifting clouds; the same mysterious sea beats upon the shore; the same silent stars keep holy vigil above a tired world. But to the mountains and the sea and stars men turn forever in unwearied homage. And thus with Lincoln. For he was a mountain in grandeur of soul, he was a sea in deep undervoice of mystic loneliness, he was a star in steadfast purity of purpose and service. And he abides."

On Memorial Day, 1922 a crowd of 50,000 attended the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial. Each year since on Feb. 12 a birthday observance has been held.

Following this 62 year tradition, this

year's observance fell on Sunday under bright skies and mild temperatures.

Past Comdr-in-Chief Richard Schlenker served as Master of Ceremonies.

The program started this year with a parade down Constitution Ave. of over 400 Union & Confederate troops.

The combined U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard represented today's military.

The Hon. J.J. Simmons III Undersecretary of Interior placed President Reagan's wreath.

Hans Andersen of Iceland, acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps placed the international wreath.

Russell Dickenson of the Natl. Park Service placed the Dept. of Interior wreath.

Twenty eight patriotic societies honored the memory of President Lincoln with wreaths including all five Allied Orders of the GAR, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Dames of the Loyal Legions and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Lincoln Commemorative Birthday Committee which took over this event from the Loyal Legion is to be commended for a job well done.



Sons of Veterans Reserve Celebrates 80th Birthday

The Sons of Union Veterans organized in 1879 in the east as Cadet Corps and in Pittsburgh in 1881 as Camps both were military in nature. Young men of 21, later 18, were drilled and trained like the National Guard of today. In fact, at least 6 states regarded the Sons as part of their militia.

The Spanish American War saw whole regiments called to active duty with their Sons Officers commanding. Comdr.-in-Chief Charles K. Darling could not attend the 1898 Natl. Encampment as he was heading his regiment overseas.

By 1903, these "Sons" were no longer so youthful and desired a more fraternal lodge rather than camping in tents, etc. and so the Sons of Veterans Reserve was formed.

General Order No. 5 Series of 1903 directed changes in the Constitution and Ritual that wherever the words, Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant appear they were changed to Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commander.

And the following added:

1. That the incoming Commander in Chief shall at once appoint and commission a Chief of Staff to command the military dept. with the rank of Brigadier General.

2. The Chief of Staff, by and through the advice and consent of the Comdr.-in-Chief shall formulate proper Laws and Rules for the government of the military dept.; said laws to be promulgated in

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2
Series 1983-84
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1. Best wishes are extended to all Brothers for a Happy and Prosperous New Year and let us dedicate ourselves to work for the betterment of our Order in 1984.

2. All Camps are reminded to hold proper observances for Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th and Appomattox Day, April 9th. These are important dates to our Organization.

3. Due to lack of communications, I did not include Wm. Vanderhoof as the Graves Registration Officer in the 1st General Orders. To replace the late Elton P. Koch as Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee I appoint Frank M. Heacock, Sr.

4. James Hearshman of Iowa is hereby appointed a National Aide for recruiting 5 new members. Let's all try to get a new member for these are the life blood of our order.

5. The National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War presented the Annual Scholarship Award to Miss Judi Hopper of Mechanicsburg, Pa. a History Senior at Gettysburg College.

6. Past Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch suffered a heart attack following the Banquet at Remembrance Day and passed away Sunday, November 20th, 1983 at Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa. All Camp and Department Charters are hereby ordered draped for a period of 30 days.

7. The following are to be commended. **Bro. Jerome Orton** for his continued work as genealogist and work on the S.U.V.C.W. History Book. **Gettysburg Camp No. 112** for a really nice 100th Anniversary Party and the arrangements for Remembrance Day. **S.V.R. Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver** for his efforts in getting the large turnout of Union and Confederate Troops for the parade. **National Military Affairs Committee** for their interest in keeping with the programs and details of the S.V.R.

8. Don't forget to support the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Bro. Thomas W. Graham is working toward his goal of \$2000.00 set by the National Council of Administration.

9. I have received Encampment dates from most Departments. If you have not sent me yours, please do so. I am planning my travel schedule. Any Camps-at-large who would like to have a called meeting, please let me know.

10. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution having been favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, it is by this proclamation a part of the Constitution of the Order: Article VI, Formation and Disbandment. Delete from Section 3 "to Consist of five or more Camps with a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred and fifty members." Thus causing it to read: Section Three. A Department may be formed by the authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Add a new Section 4 reading: A Provisional Department may be created in States having 3 or more regular or Provisional Camps. The Commander-in-Chief may call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Department and election of Department Officers. After one year a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent Department status by the Commander-in-Chief. Sections 4 and 5 will be renumbered Sections 5 and 6.

11. To those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, I extend my deepest sympathy, to those who are ill, my sincere wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

By Order of:

William L. Simpson
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer



GAR
FUND

As you know a goal of \$2,000.00 was set. We are still quite a ways off. We need your help now. Any donation is gratefully accepted. It is only with your help that we as an organization can continue our mandate from the GAR and maintain the quality of our programs like Remembrance Day, Lincoln Tomb services in Springfield, Lincoln Memorial in Washington, the uniformed Son's of Veterans Reserve program and our living memorial in the form of our annual Scholarship presentation. NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL...EVERY DONATION COUNTS TOWARD KEEPING THE MEMORY OF THE GRAND ARMY ALIVE.

Send any tax deductible donation large or small to Thomas Graham, 816 Weymouth Terrace, Newport News, Va. 23666.

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Please be reminded that instructions issued by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. require that, IN ADDITION TO THE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RECORDING ON YOUR IRS FORM 990 WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED IT FOR FILING, YOU MUST ALSO SHOW IN PART I, ITEM 18 (b), OUR NATIONAL GROUP EXEMPTION NUMBER WHICH IS (GEN) 0429.

Keep in mind that each Department Secretary and each Camp Secretary should have filed a Form 990 in accordance with the instructions found thereon WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD OR FISCAL YEAR OF THE CAMP OR DEPARTMENT*. Full compliance with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential and urgent in order to conform to the original tax exemption ruling of the IRS dated June 11, 1941 and to avoid any penalties.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in checking by the IRS and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

The Sons of Union Veterans Federal Employer Identification number is 21-0624080. The IRS requires this number to comply with some banking forms exempt from interest withholding.



Happy Birthday Depts.

Two Sons Depts. are celebrating their Centennial Encampments this year. Rhode Island was chartered Feb. 14, 1884. Michigan was chartered June 24, 1884.

The Legislative Report

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Authorized — The passage of legislation designating the third Monday in January as a federal holiday in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. gave rise to extended discussion not only in the Congress but also in the press of the meaning of a holiday. Should a holiday recognize a significant event like the Fourth of July? Should it honor the memory of fallen servicemen and women? Memorial Day does that. Should it salute the contributions of a national hero like George Washington? What does a holiday cost in terms of time away from the workplace? Does the creation of a holiday give rise to a searching examination each year of why it was established or simply provide another "day off"? These were some of the questions thoughtful legislators and citizens asked themselves as debate concluded on the matter of a holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. As the roll-call votes were recorded it became apparent that the holiday designation represented a movement whose "time had come." In the words of President Reagan as he signed the legislation on November 2, 1983, "So each year on Martin Luther King Day, let us not only recall Dr. King, but rededicate ourselves to the commandments he believed in and sought to live every day."

There are lessons to be learned from the drive to create this new holiday. In our Annual Report for 1983-84, we will attempt to analyze some of the factors that contributed to the success enjoyed by the proponents of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

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general order by the Comdr.-in-Chief; and when adopted shall become part of the Rules and Regulations of the Constitution.

3. Military companies or guards of all Camps through the Order shall be attached to Battalions, Battalions shall be organized into Regiments, and Regiments into Brigades.

Companies shall consist of not less than 23 non-commissioned officers and privates with the proper number of commissioned officers.

Battalions shall consist of from 2 to 4 companies. Regiments shall consist of 2 or more Battalions. Two or more Regiments shall constitute a Brigade.

4. Camps shall be permitted to maintain a firing squad to be composed of not more than 10 men and said firing squad shall not be compelled to become attached to a company, battalion or regiment.

5. Officers of companies shall be elected by men composing the company. Officers of battalions shall be elected by commissioned officers constituting the battalion. Officers of regiments shall be elected by the commissioned officers of the companies and battalions constituting the regiment.

6. All officers above the rank of Colonel shall be appointed by the Comdr.-in-Chief.

7. No unattached or independent companies, battalions, or regiments shall be permitted in any division of this Order where the Military Dept. exists except the firing squad.

8. The Chief of Staff commanding the Military Dept. shall at once appoint the required number of staff officers, said officers to hold the rank specified in army regulations.

9. The Chief of Staff commanding the Military Dept. shall make an annual report to the Comdr.-in-Chief of the condition and requirements of his dept.

10. The Military Dept. shall at all times be subject to the orders of the Comdr.-in-Chief.

11. The Military Dept. shall be known and titled "Sons of Veterans Reserve".

The uniform shall consist of dark blue blouse, light blue pantaloons, fatigue or dress cap of the U.S.A. and campaign hat, laced leggings, woven web belt and such arms as desired and adopted by the companies constituting the SVR. Insignia of rank and pantalon stripes shall conform to U.S. Army regulations. The Commissioned officers may have the Division mark of their Division appear on the breast of the

Eagle which is embroidered on the cap.

12. On and after the adoption of these amendments to the Constitution it shall not be lawful for any member of the Order, not connected with the military dept. of the Sons of Veterans Reserve to wear any insignia of rank or side arms except the miniature rank straps and chevrons now in use by Camp officers.

Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio who was an active SUV member arranged to equip all SVR troops with Army surplus and have the Federal Gov't. recognize them as a military training component.

Pennsylvania was the largest military unit so it served as the model for all others.

The July 1915 report shows Penna, with 190 officers and 2796 enlisted men. Other active SVR Depts. were Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Calif., Illinois, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Washington and Wisconsin for a total of 343 officers and 4879 enlisted men. Brig. Gen. Edwin Amies of Altoona, Pa. commanding.

The SVR remained active through the 1930's. Then in most areas it was dormant or dissolved by the parent order.

In the late 1950's when our Gen. U.S. Grant III was named chairman of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, the desirability of fielding a "Union Army" for the Centennial reenactments and pageants was apparent.

In 1960 the Natl. Military Dept., SVR was organized. The U.S. was divided into 6 military districts for command purposes and again Pennsylvania Brigade served as a model for company organization, etc.

The Natl. Military Affairs Committee appointed by the Comdr.-in-Chief governs the Reserve program. It elects the Commanding Officer of the SVR. Most companies still elect officers as outlined in 1904.

The SVR has participated in almost every Civil War observance. It is usually one of the first invited to participate in Civil War Commemoration. It is the visual link of our heritage to the Union Blue of Mr. Lincoln's Army and later the Grand Army of the Republic. It is the only "reenactment" army that can directly trace its lineage for so long a period and has Federal recognition. It is unique!

Its members usually equip themselves with Civil War style uniforms and equipment at their own expense and travel great distances each year at their own expense to represent the SUV and the SVR.

All the Sons and Staff of the Commandery in Chief congratulate all our Brothers who have enrolled in the SVR Program. Happy 80th Birthday and many more.

Senior Vice Comdr. Report

Under the Constitution, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief chairs the Program and Policy Committee. We need your help. What do **you** think and feel about the Sons. What should we be doing to make a stronger organization?

Also after you've made your donation to the GAR Memorial Fund, your contribution to the Sr. Vice Comdr's. Fund is appreciated. This fund is used to promote our organization. Make your check payable to Chester Shriver, Natl. Secy-Treas. and send it to me. Eugene Russell, Sr. V. Comdr. 3 Hudson St., Malden, Mass 02148.

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERS

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

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

The Life membership goes into effect only after full fee has been paid. Each year interest is paid to the Camp Treasurer in lieu of the life members dues. The interest to be paid Jan. 1, 1983 is \$8.00. Camps and Depts. are exempt from paying National per capita tax on these members.

Welcome Life Members

No. 143 George McDonald, II
New Jersey _____ \$150.00
No. 144 Robert U. Werkheiser,
Pennsylvania _____ 100.00
No. 145 Norman A. Bowen, Ohio _____ 125.00
No. 146 William Lester Griffin,
New Jersey _____ 125.00

Important Banner Changes

The Banner editor is a voluntary position...after 18 years of self employment, I have changed jobs. This is one reason for the change of address of the Banner. We have again changed printers...for one nearer my employment. The last printer was an hour away.

We have hired as a mailing service two of our members. The editor will edit news only.

Hopefully, you will be receiving the BANNER on time.

DEADLINES MUST BE MET...THE FOLLOWING ARE NEW DEADLINES: SPRING Issue, APRIL 1; SUMMER Issue, JUNE 10. Departments meeting later, but wanting amendments, endorsements, etc. included in the Summer Issue going out July 1 must have Dept. Council take action early.

I hope you approve of these changes. They are to improve our direct mail efforts.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Mail your check made payable to Natl. Organization, SUVCW only. These will be sent to headquarters from now on AFTER they are recorded and your subscriptions entered. DO MAIL TO THE BANNER EDITOR WHO WILL SEND YOUR CHECK TO National.

The New Banner Address is 462 East Main St., East Palestine, OH 44413.



Salvage of USS Monitor

PDC John B. Davis,
Sons "Monitor Committee"

On August 29th following several attempts the 1300 pound anchor of the sunken Civil War ironclad, USS Monitor was recovered 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, NC in 230 feet of water where it has rested for nearly 121 years. The Civil War battleship sunk on Dec. 31, 1862 during a storm. While progress has been slow, a number of small personal items have been salvaged in the past and during the summer of 1984 studies will be made to determine if the turret of the ship can be raised next. Perhaps the entire hull may someday be preserved for viewing. The project is being directed by the East Carolina University with the cooperation of the Natl. Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

the SUVCW & SCV meet one day apart, one in Ohio, and the other in Mississippi. Can't both national organizations appoint a committee to see about a JOINT SUV-SCV Encampment in the near future. Of course, both will have to give a little. Perhaps so much pomp can't be given to our Past Natl. officers and the limelight would fall upon current staff. Each would hold their own separate business sessions & elections but we have much in common and the honor & glory we share in a common heritage as descendants of GAR & UCV should be shown to this nation.

Washington, once consisting of the Union Blue, the U.S. Armed Forces, the Federal Govt. and the Foreign Diplomatic Corps, now contains the Confederate Gray, too. While individual SUV Camps have decorated Confederate graves and individual SCV Camps have decorated Union graves in the far off southern towns today we see "Brotherhood" in a reunited nation. In 1912 & 1913 SCV Comdr. W.W. Old & Nathan Bedford Forest, Adt. Gen. invited the SUV to reunions in the South. A couple of years ago, the SUV began discussion to see if the SCV could meet with us. In 1984,

1938 Gettysburg Reunion Remembered

The 75th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg was held over the 4th of July holidays in 1938. This exciting historic event was recorded in the diary of a young SVR private. PDC Richard Partington of Philadelphia shared his memories with us.

June 29, 1938 — Arrived in Gettysburg and registered at the Hotel Gettysburg. Today the first veterans arrived by train. They are being transported by bus to the tent city north of town.

Washed and went out to look over the town. There are many decorations and the store windows have Civil War relics in them. The town is very small and there seem to be very few people on the streets. Perhaps this is because I expected more.

Went to the movies this evening.

June 30 — More people seem to be arriving all the time. The little town is becoming very crowded and appears to be busy.

I went out to the tent city where the northern veterans are encamped. Things are very nice out there. There are boardwalks all over the tent city which connect the various tents so that men can walk or be pushed in wheelchairs easier. There are many wheelchairs with veterans in them, being pushed by boy scouts. The veterans from Philadelphia are coming in, and among them are comrades Kirk, Hanson, Fowler, and Jackaway. (Zachary Kirk was a "Hundred Day" man who served with the 197th Pa. Volunteers; Samuel Hanson served with the 15th U.S. Infantry and served 7 months in Libby Prison; Samuel S. Fowler served in the 84th Pa. Volunteers and is now Quartermaster of the G.A.R.; William Jackaway served with the 72nd Pa.-Phila. Fire Zouaves and was in the Battle of Gettysburg.) During the day, I spent much time with them, especially "daddy" Hanson.

July 1 — The opening services were held today at the College Stadium. Governor Earle of Pennsylvania is here. More people seem to be arriving all the time. I visited the camp and enjoyed getting into groups where the veterans were telling stories of the Civil War.

July 2 — The parade was held this afternoon. We were busy eating lunch in the dining room of the Hotel Gettysburg. Everybody would jump up at one time or another to watch the parade. Among those in the dining room was General Smedley Butler of the U.S. Marine Corps. He wasn't in uniform. Every once in a while a young woman would jump up to look at the parade, and would say, "Come here,

father". Then the General would get up and go over to the window and watch. My grandfather knew him from his days as Director of Public Safety in Philadelphia. He went over to talk with him, and it was then that I met him.

This evening the town seems to be wild with excitement. Part of the Army and the National Guard is here, also members of the Marine Band, and lots of Boy Scouts.

Walking around the center of town I ran into two fellows I knew from Philadelphia. They had their Reserve uniforms on. They had hitch-hiked up to Gettysburg on five dollars. This was all they had. I went back to my hotel room and changed into my uniform, and then we went roaming through the streets.

When it got late, I took these two fellows out to the northern camp and succeeded in getting them, through the help of a National Guard Officer who was a member of the Sons, into an empty tent. The soldier assigned to that tent was from Philadelphia and had gotten sick and gone home.

July 3 (Sunday) — Went out to the camp and found my two friends had gotten their breakfast, free of charge, at the mess tent along with the veterans. We visited the Battlefield and the Army Camp. I then visited comrade Kirk, Hanson, and Fowler (Fowler, being a Nat'l. Officer of the G.A.R., was in the first section of camp), and roamed around the streets of the tent city stopping to talk to some of the veterans. I had a pass and could get into the camp any time I wanted.

At five o'clock (P.M.), we started out for the Peace Memorial. On the way many people stopped us to take our pictures in our Reserve uniforms. Many ladies asked if they could be photographed with us. Of course, we consented. There was a big wooden platform with a canvas covering. Here were the seats for the veterans, their aides, and government officials. About three or four feet out a rope was strung all around the stand. This was to keep back the crowd which was as far as the eye could see. The newspapers estimated that there were 200,000 people there that day.

Between the stand and the rope holding back the crowd, there were state policemen patrolling the area. We walked right through the crowd, under the rope and past the state police, who never said a word, right up to the stand, and sat down. Some of the people standing in the crowd stared at us in amazement. We had a good view of all the speakers and could hear them all plainly, including the President of the U.S. (Roosevelt). After the dedication, the President and Governor Earle left by

the road behind the stand where we were. We went to the rear and saw them plainly as they passed by a few feet from us, waving as they passed.

We then met Comrade McWade from Philadelphia (Frederick McWade served with the 150th Ohio and remembered seeing Abraham Lincoln in his visit to Fort Stevens in 1864), who was with his attendant, a Mr. Webb. The comrade wanted to see the Memorial from close range, so assisted by a state trooper, we went through the crowd up to the Memorial. We then had our pictures taken with Comrade McWade. Then we went with Comrade McWade and Mr. Webb to the Army display. We had a police escort and again managed to get a seat.

July 4 — Met my two friends (including Comrade McWade and Mr. Webb) and went to the U.S. Army demonstration. We met a Confederate veteran who invited us to have lunch with him at the Confederate Mess Tent, which we did.

This afternoon Mr. Webb and I went around camp taking pictures and writing interviews which we had with the veterans. While talking to an old veteran, a newspaperman, I believe from Danville, Ind., came up and took my picture with the southern veteran, a very interesting man, General Paul M. Savguinette, Adjutant General, Alabama Division U.C.V.* The veterans are starting to leave today.

July 5 — Comrade McWade, Mr. Webb, and my two Reserve friends left today, and I will follow them tomorrow thus marking the end of one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

*General Savguinette, the gentleman with whom my picture was taken, was born on September 6, 1846, at Bathia, Corsica, France (in the same town and on the same island as Napoleon). In 1859, he came to Richmond, Va., on a visit to his uncle and cousin. While there, war broke out and he enlisted. He was mustered into the 19th Va. Infantry in the spring of 1861. Took part in the Seven Days fighting around Richmond in 1862. Was under Lee at his surrender at Appomattox Court House, Va., in 1864, "after being three days without a mouthful to eat". After the surrender he returned to Richmond with "nothing but the dirty-ragged uniform he had worn for four years". He then became a store-clerk in a grocery store. A friend from Montgomery, Alabama, learned from returning soldiers that Mr. Savguinette was in Richmond. He sent his brother to get him. He bought a new suit of clothes, and went to Montgomery. They had no sidewalks then at all, and everything was mud.

Mr. Savguinette's only wound was when he was in the front ranks of the infantry. They were resisting a cavalry attack at Dreury's Bluff. A sober cut off his right thumb when he held up his gun to protect his head.

THE VIEW FROM HERE

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the Editor, and not necessarily the official position of the SUVCW.

The days of "Damn Yankees" and "Yellow bellied Rebs" must only live in a few long forgotten old movies. During the Civil War Centennial many joint activities between the descendants of North and South were seen and most of us realized we were "play acting", but within the last few years we have seen an even greater bond form. The Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day honoring Union dead has grown in huge number recently...with a noticeable section of our parade wearing Confederate Gray and having SCV affiliation. The Lincoln Memorial services in



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In Memoriam

Past Natl. President 1964
Anita Selby

Past Commander-in-Chief 1979
Eltan Koch

Ohio to host 103rd National Encampment

While all National Conventions are busy ones, Ohio this year wants **your** attendance and are busy planning a unique convention that will long be remembered.

First the hotel. Akron, Ohio, known as the Rubber Capital of the World was selected. We have never held a convention there.

The hotel is the Quaker Square Hilton Hotel that's built right into a cluster of 36 grain silos that once housed 1,500,000 bushels of grain. The silos, listed on the Natl. Register of Historic Places, are a massive 120 feet tall and 24 ft. in diameter. Because of the shape of the silos, each room is totally round.

Ferdinand Schumacher opened his first cereal company in Akron in 1854 producing rolled oats. It's success was guaranteed when this new cereal was purchased for the Union Army during the Civil War.

Schumacher's company grew and merged finally becoming the Oaker Oat Company.

In 1975, the Hilton Hotel purchased this former factory site. Twenty-three stores offering all sorts of things to see and buy are part of the complex. Six restaurants from hot dogs to full course gourmet dinners are available at reasonable prices. The Hotel is filled with historic exhibits of the Quaker Oats Company and old time railroads and circus.

The Sons Ritual exemplification will be in Civil War uniform based on the 1898 ritual — a colorful pageant missing from most camps since the turn of the century. It has a 16 member degree team.

Next door the Kennley Players Summer Stock Theater will entertain for those who can stay an extra evening.

So mark your calendar for August 12 to August 16th. **Everyone is welcome!** Reservations cards can be obtained from Dept. Secy. or by writing directly to the hotel. State you are with the GAR Orders Convention



Several Camps & individuals have reported not receiving the Banner. Your Editor has pulled back issues and extra mailing labels and sent these out with this Bulk Rate Mailing. For this reason some of you may be receiving **several** issues of the Banner at nearly the same time.

Back order requests will continue to be honored while supplies last.



Lincoln Exhibit Opens

A federally funded exhibit entitled "The Lincoln Image: Abraham Lincoln and the Popular Print" opened at Gettysburg College Art Gallery, Feb. 12 through September 1. It will then travel to the John Hay Library at Brown University, Oct. 1 thru Nov. 1. Ending the year from Nov. 10 thru Dec. 31 at the Fort Wayne, Ind. Museum of Art.

Gabor S. Boritt, Associate History Professor at Gettysburg College (known to many of us from GAR Remembrance Day Dinners) together with Harold Holzer and Dr. Mark Neely of the Warren-Lincoln Library and Museum of Ft. Wayne, created an exhibit of 19th century engravings, lithographs and illustrations to show Abe Lincoln as he was seen by his contemporaries.

In the 1860's there were no photographs reproduced in the newspapers. Engravings of famous persons and events might be weeks in preparation before they appeared in print and were very expensive to produce.

Yet the news media and print makers took an unknown frontier politician and made him recognizable to all by the time of his Gettysburg Address in 1863.

The exhibit and matching book start with a youthful unbearded Abe, the bearded Mr. President, the great Emancipator, Lincoln as Commander in Chief with his generals and even helped create the myth after his death of his spirit ascending to heaven to join George Washington.

If you can see the exhibit at any of the above locations, it should be on your list of things to do this year. However, a second opportunity to see it is afforded everyone for a matching book was released on Feb. 12th.

The Lincoln Image book is being published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017 and cost \$35.00 for the hardcover edition.

You should be able to obtain it for viewing from your local library or thru inter-library loan later this year.

The Lincoln Tradition

The Late George Cashman, PC in C
Former Curator, Lincoln Tomb

Lincoln and Poetry

Abraham Lincoln, perhaps more than any other American President, had a deep-seated love and appreciation for fine poetry. Lincoln was essentially of a poetic nature, and he took intense satisfaction in the works of the great masters. Robert Burns and Shakespeare were certainly his favorites, and he could recite from memory almost all of Burns' poems and much of Shakespeare. These and other great poets undoubtedly aided Lincoln in the development of his literary style, for we may discern in his writings much of the influence of the poets.

Lincoln's favorite poem was "Mortality," written by William Knox. He was so much impressed with this work that he wrote to a friend, "I would give all that I am worth, and go in debt, to be able to write so fine a piece as I think that is."

Lincoln liked to experiment in writing poetry, and he was a genius in the use of words. Fortunately several of his efforts in verse have been preserved. Among these are "The Bear Hunt," which is probably based upon an actual experience of his youth. It is composed of twenty-two verses.

Another, also based upon personal experience, and which carries no title, concerns the condition of a friend of his youth who had become mentally deranged. It is a mournful and unhappy story, and the eleven verses express the melancholy feelings of Lincoln engendered by the sad sight of his friend.

In 1844, a visit to the scenes of his boyhood in Indiana inspired another poem, also written in a melancholy vein, without title, contains twenty-five verses. It begins:

*My childhood's home I see again,
And sadden with the view;
And still, as memory crowds my brain,
There's pleasure in it too.*

While it is true that the poets inspired Lincoln, he also inspired the poets. Since his death a century ago, there is hardly a poet, famous or little known, who has not contributed to the Lincoln saga in verse.



*We often wondered why the
tipsters who know all about
markets, sell their knowledge so
cheap.*

Lincoln's Mentor

by Richard Hines
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William Mentor Graham was born in 1800, the son of Jeremiah and Mary Graham. His name, Mentor, has come to mean counselor or teacher and had its origin in Greek mythology when Mentor, a friend of Odysseus, was entrusted with his house and the education of his son Telemachus, when Odysseus set out for the Trojan Wars.

The Grahams were of Scotch-Irish and English ancestry as were most of the families who first settled in Pennsylvania, then migrated to Virginia and North Carolina, then west through the Cumberland Gap to Kentucky and on to Southern Indiana and Illinois.

Mentor was attracted to books and learning from an early age and although he learned the trade of bricklaying, he began teaching at the age of sixteen and taught much of the time without being paid. When he moved to Illinois he immediately set up school in a church.

Mentor Graham was well established in New Salem when Lincoln first came to work at Denton Offitts store. It was Graham who appointed Lincoln as election clerk, his first act of public service. After that Graham invited Lincoln to his home and a long student-teacher relationship began.

Lincoln eventually went to live with the Grahams for six months and it was during this time he began to study grammar, read law, and studied surveying.

In 1840, Graham finally became a salaried teacher in a public school. In between terms he traveled around the country peddling books.

Graham and Lincoln kept in touch all their lives and Mentor attended most of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, following each step of Lincoln's political life. He named his last son Harry Lincoln Graham.

At Lincoln's first inauguration he was sent for to sit on the inaugural platform to watch the man he had made an Assistant Election Clerk in New Salem, become President of the United States.

He taught his last school at the age of seventy-eight and then migrated to South Dakota with his son Harry. He died while out for a walk at the age of eighty-five.

His home at Blunt, South Dakota has been turned into a museum, a last tribute for Mentor Graham, who said that of the four to six thousand people he had taught during his lifetime, none surpassed Lincoln in his ability to grasp English Grammar.

Perhaps without Mentor Graham the Gettysburg Address may well have been a forgotten speech.

28th Annual Lincoln Tomb Reminder

Springfield, Illinois
Saturday, April 14, 1984

A memorial ceremony to mark the 119th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. The State House Inn will be the site of the luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the headquarters hotel.

All Brothers, Sisters and guests are welcome. If you wish to place a wreath please have your florist order it with instructions it is to be delivered by 9 AM on April 14th in care of the Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. **AND** notify Robt. Graham, Co-Chairman, 1320 North Osborne, Springfield, Ill. 62702, not later than March 23rd so you can be listed in the program.

Report of the Central Region Conference

The Central Region Conference held on October 8 — 9, at Mansfield, Ohio, was presided over by Rhoda Lemanski of Wis., and attracted delegates from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. The discussion theme, "Battles and Leaders of the Confederacy," produced several interesting papers and discussion possibilities for the future. At the banquet on Saturday evening, Robert M. Graham was presented with the "Grover R. Huff recognition Award" for his faithful service to the Conference. Dick Grate spoke on the topic, "Income Taxes: What Would You Like to Know?"

Officers elected for 1983-84 are as follows: Commander, Marlene Carnduff, Ill.; Sr. Vice Cdr., Roy Smith, Ohio; Jr. Vice Cdr., Ann Morgan, Ill.; Secretary, Robert M. Graham, Ill.; Treasurer, Ellinore K. Johnson, Wis.; Chaplain, David Reed, Ind.; Patr. Instr., Thomas Hoffman, Ohio; Guide, Marjorie Smith, Ohio.

The theme for the 1984 Conference will be, "Confederate Prisoners in Union Prison Camps." The Department of Indiana will host that meeting. Co-chairs Ralph Shadel and Marjorie Smith are to be congratulated on the fine job in hosting the 1983 meeting. It was Buckeye hospitality at its best!



Department News

Indiana: The Orlando A Somers Camp No. 1 at Kokomo, Indiana, is proud to have a real son as a member. He is Fred Monroe Goodier, son of Pvt. Charles Cyrus Goodier, Company F, 20th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, who served 2 years and 9 months. Pvt. Goodier was a member of the Dan Pratt GAR Post 50 at Galveston, Indiana, where Fred presently resides.

Ohio: The National Encampment Committee is selling GAR pendants, charms or watch fobs. This silver GAR badge designed pendant is \$5.00 each and can be ordered from Gordon R. Bury, RD No. 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio.

New Hampshire: On Oct. 23 a joint reception was held for Dept. President Martha Baldwin and Dept. Comdr. Sherman Weaver. A musical program was given by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Heath. Keith & Jacquelyn Johnson read patriotic selections.

The reception was held by Penacock Aux., Hillsboro Aux. & Camp 5.

Centennal Camp - 100, Denver, Colo.: Charles Sharrock as previously noted has been busy marking veterans graves...over 1200 have been recorded. On July 19th a special govt. marker was dedicated to Medal of Honor winner David F. Day of Co. D, 57th Ohio Inf. who died June 22, 1914 and lay forgotten in an unmarked grave. Members of the Camp have formed the First Colorado, reactivated and fired a memorial salute.

Wisconsin: To celebrate the Dept. Centennial, \$100.00 was donated to the Wisc. flag restoration fund to aid in preserving Civil War battleflags in the GAR Memorial Hall. Dr. Richard Zeitlin, curator, spoke on the restoration project.

Grover R. Huff resigned his post as Dept. Commander effective November 10, 1983. Thomas L. W. Johnson was elected by the Dept. Council to serve out the unexpired term. Bro. Huff had served in that office continuously since 1975. Bro. Johnson was Dept. Commander in 1963-66.

The Joint Mid Year Meeting was held on November 6 at Oconomowoc with then Dept. Commander Huff and Dept. President Rhoda Lemanski presiding. One of the highlights of the program was the presentation in absentia to Bro. Carl H. Boye of the "Grover R. Huff Achievement Award."

The Cushing Brothers Remembrance Day ceremony was held at Delafield on October 1 with LTC Burton E. Kannenberg, SVR, as the master of ceremonies and coordinator for the event. The wreath-laying ceremony was preceded by a parade which featured units from St. John's Military Academy, several veterans and patriotic organizations including Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5, and area high schools' bands. Nine wreaths were laid at the monument to the Cushing brothers in Cushing Memorial Park including one from the Dept. of Wisconsin-SUVCW and one from Ammi Hawks Auxiliary No. 5. Mounted troopers from the 4th Military Dist. under the command of COL. E. A. vonFrankenberg of West Bend, participated in the observance.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. Kannenberg on his promotion last summer

to the rank of lieutenant colonel, SVR, and on his recent election to the post of Camp Commander of Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 to succeed Darwin Price.

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