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General Benjamin D. Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held its Memorial Day services at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan, Michigan. They were honoring the men who wore the Union blue.

It was also the 125th anniversary of the 4th Michigan Cavalry, under the command of General B. D. Pritchard, who captured the Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis on May 10, 1865, near Macon, Georgia. Local historian John C. Pahl spoke about the life of General Pritchard.

Michigan Department Commander James T. Lyons appeared as a guest Memorial Day speaker at the service. A volley was fired at the grave of General Pritchard, followed by the reading of a beautiful poem by Wilma Martiney of Allegan's C. J. Bassett Chapter #197 of the Women's Relief Corps.

Reenactors from the David D. Porter Camp #116 of the Department of Indiana, Camp Rich Cubberley and the 3rd, 13th, and 19th Michigan Infantries with the 6th Michigan Cavalry participated.

Tribute to a Medal of Honor Winner

On Saturday, July 21, 1990, at 9 a.m. a pageant sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War paid tribute to a gallant officer of the 6th PA Cavalry at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

On June 12, 1864, at a key cavalry

engagement at Trevilian Station, 50 miles northwest of Richmond, VA, Captain Frank Furness of Company F, 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, known as Rush's Lancers, voluntarily carried a box of ammunition on his head to the relief of an isolated outpost whose ammunition had become almost exhausted.

This brave deed done in the face

of Confederate rifle fire secured the Union's line and earned him the Medal of Honor, which he didn't receive until 1899.

Frank Furness was born in Philadelphia on Nov. 12, 1839. He came from a family noted for its intellectual and artistic pursuits—son of a prominent Unitarian clergyman turned abolitionist and brother of a highly regarded Shakespearean scholar.

Furness gained prominence in the field of architecture. Capt. Frank Furness died on June 27, 1912. He ranks today as one of America's premier architects of the Victorian era. Furness designed such elegant buildings as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Library at the University of Pennsylvania, and many other elegant buildings in Philadelphia.

About six months ago, John Barry Kelly, Past Camp Commander of Anna M. Ross Camp #1, began researching Furness' war record. Kelly, a member of Undine Rowing Club, a Furness building, became curious about his grave-site. Attempting to pay respects to an old soldier, Kelly found the Furness family plot. But he couldn't locate Furness' grave. Cemetery officials searched their records and discovered that Furness was buried under a badly weathered, barely legible inscription. It was through Kelly's efforts that a new governmental marble marker was erected over the old obliterated stone.

The ceremony included a solemn procession to his gravesite where the new government marker was
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1. A testimonial dinner was held in my honor on October 27th. Ora Moitoso, National President Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W., and Gail Seitz, National President of the Daughters, were among the guests, which also included many of my officers, camp members, and family. A special thanks you to all for being there.

2. Another successful Remembrance Day observance was held in Gettysburg. About 4,000 men and women attired in Civil War uniforms and dresses observed the laying of the wreath at the Woolson Monument, which was followed by the National Heads paying tribute to the G.A.R. inside the visitors center.

3. Don't forget these upcoming events: Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.; Appomattox Day, April 9th; Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, April 15th, in Springfield, IL; Memorial Day, May 27th; and Flag Day, June 14th.

4. Attention All Department Secretaries: Please send me the dates of your Department Encampments as soon as possible. I need to schedule your encampments and make travel arrangements.

5. Past Department Commander William C. Rule, 121 Newton Street, Holyoke, MA, passed away recently. All charters are to be draped for one month in His Honor.

6. All Department Secretaries are being advised under separate mailing of the change in PER CAPITA tax, new fees for LIFE MEMBERSHIPS and NEW MEMBER charge. All of these changes will go into effect January 1, 1991.

7. National Patriotic Instructor, Nathan Moll, 3835 E. 28th Street, Des Moines, IA 50317, and Lowell

V. Hammer, 12312 Espalier Place, Potomac, MD 20854, are looking for donations to their funds. They both need your support. These contributions are tax deductible.

8. All **Camp Secretaries, please note!** SEND YOUR CURRENT ROSTER INCLUDING ADDRESS CHANGES AND NAMES OF NEW MEMBERS to "THE BANNER" editor James O. Lee, 1609 S.W. Leland Ave., Des Moines, IA 50315-4946.

9. The next deadline for "THE BANNER" is March 1, 1991, for any articles or news items.

10. I encourage everyone to plan to attend the 110th National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 18 - 21, 1991. The National President of the Daughters is looking forward to meeting with us again. We hope that in the very near future that all five organizations of the Allied Orders will meet at the same time.

By order of
George W. Long
Commander-in-Chief



Auxiliary
to SUVCW

Life Membership

A Life Membership may be purchased by any Auxiliary or MAL Member, as a gift, or bestowed honor for a member.

The costs per age are as follows:

Under age 60 years	\$150.00
Age 60 to 69 years	135.00
Age 70 years and over	100.00

Checks should be made payable to National Treasurer, Aux. to SUVCW.

Auxiliary dues must be paid by the life member for one year after the purchase of the life membership.
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The Legislative Report

By Thomas L.W. Johnson

Congressional Update — On October 3, 1990, the Senate agreed to House amendments to S. 2437, a measure to enlarge the Vicksburg National Military Park.

In the closing days of the 101st Congress an anti-crime bill was passed after House and Senate conferees had removed death penalty provisions and curbs on semi-automatic weapons. Other provisions address victim's rights, juvenile justice, and prisoner drug testing.

Battle of the Little Big Horn Refought — Despite the fact that the Battle of the Little Big Horn was fought in 1876, controversy over its historical legacy and measures to recognize its significance continue to fester. As the 101st Congress raced to adjournment, agreement to name a monument in honor of the Indians who fought General Custer and the US Cavalry in that engagement could not be reached.

Since the site of the Custer Battlefield National Monument is located in Montana, congressional courtesy dictated that the state's two-man House delegation agree on the terms of H.R. 4660 before it was brought to the House floor for final action. This is customary in the consideration of monuments, memorials, and the like. Rep. Pat Williams (D-Mont) and Rep. Ron Marlenee (R-Mont) could not reach a satisfactory accord and the bill was not brought forward. Both men favored the erection of the memorial but were unable to agree as to its official name and the timing of that designation. Rep. Marlenee had wanted public hearings on the matter held in Montana before giving final consideration to the bill.

(Continued from Page 2) membership. After the first year, National Auxiliary will pay the dues direct to the Auxiliary for the Life Member.

For further information on Life Membership, contact Miss Helen Loll, Treasurer, 3601 No. 5th Ave., #107, Phoenix, AZ 85013

Auxiliary Life Member: Catherine S. Zapatka, PNP, Connecticut \$100.00

Auxiliary Honor Roll

The National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have a Honor Roll Book, which is a living Memorial to our deceased Sisters and Brothers. Names are placed in the Honor Roll Book by donations of \$10, \$15 or \$25, to the Permanent Fund of the National Auxiliary SUVCW.

To place a Sister or Brother on the Honor Roll, send donation with name, title, and Department, Auxiliary or Camp name and number to Miss Helen Loll, Treasurer, 3601 N. Fifth Avenue #107, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

In Memory of **Laura Combs, Aux. #18, NJ:** From Fred and Marion Combs \$25.

In Memory of **Minnie Burkhart, PDP, CT:** From PDP Assn., Connecticut \$10., and Emma Prince, PDP, CT \$5.

In Memory of **Rosella Vanac, PDP, MO:** From Missouri Department \$10.

In Memory of **Lizzie Crocker, PDP, NH:** From Kenneth and Emma Wheeler \$10.

In Memory of **Martha White, Aux. #7, Chaplain, NH:** From Kenneth and Emma Wheeler \$10.

In Memory of **Ella G. Reeger, PDP, NJ:** From New Jersey Dept. \$15., Fred and Marion Combs \$10., PDP Assn. NJ, \$15., PAP's Garfield Aux #18, NJ, \$15., J. A. Garfield Aux. #18, NJ, \$10. and Anne O. Clayton \$15.

In Memory of **Mabel Hedemark, PDP, PA:** From PDP Assn. PA \$10.

Remembrance Day 1990

By BG Richard C. Schlenker (Ret.)SVR

Bright and breezy weather greeted the faithful of the Allied Orders of the GAR as they assembled for their annual reunion in Gettysburg, PA to pay homage to Civil War ancestors on November 17, 1990.

Saturday events were arranged by the Remembrance Day Committee of the Sons, the Dedication Day Banquet Committee and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The day began with the traditional early morning breakfast of the Sons of Veterans Reserve followed by a General Staff meeting. A luncheon meeting of the parade unit commanders served to clarify parade assembly, movement and route details. The parade stepped off at 2 p.m. and followed a shortened route. About 4,000 troops were counted passing the review point enroute to the massing area in front of the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove, where National and Pennsylvania heads of the Allied Orders presented floral tributes. Following military honors the Union and Confederate troops dispersed to various places on the battlefield to render unit honors as our Allied Family entered the Cyclorama Auditorium for words of greeting from national leaders. A tribute was given there by COL Donald L. Price, USMC, who is on staff at the National War College in Washington, DC. He is also Sr. Vice Camp Cmdr. of Lincoln-Cushing Camp. COL Price presented a very vivid picture of whom our Union ancestors really were.

SVR members and friends rendered graveside honors in Evergreen Cemetery for the late Reserve Commander, BG Chester S. Shriver.

The 60th Annual Dedication Day Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn as was the Military Ball which followed. The Ball has outgrown the present facility. It will be moved to a larger location next year. Considerable concern was expressed over

hotels charging premium rates.

As with any major event of our order when Brothers and Sisters gather from distant places, committee meetings are held as are other special events.

Harper's Ferry Camp hosted a dinner on Friday evening at which Commander-in-Chief Long was guest speaker.

The National Council of Administration met Sunday morning to conduct serious business of our order and most attendees left for home convinced that Remembrance Weekend 1990 had indeed been productive. All will be looking forward to November 16, 1991.



National Congress of Patriotic Org. Formed

By Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC, SUVCW, Wash. Rep.

At the 109th Annual National Encampment held in August, 1990, the Sons voted to affiliate with the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations which was formed in April of 1990. It is a Patriotic-Educational group which supports Americanism.

Your Washington Representative is pleased to report that our application has been accepted. We were among the first ten organizations to affiliate.

Charter memberships for organizations will be held open until after the next congress which will be held in Washington in April, 1991.

A class of membership for individuals (male or female) has also been established. To become a "Fellow" member, a check for \$10.00, in favor of NCPO, should be sent to: James G. Harrison, Treasurer, NCPO, P.O. Box 1669, Ferriday, LA 71334 phone: (318) 757-3931.

Applications received this year will be considered "Charter Fellows". Subsequent annual dues will also be \$10.00.

The Original Bill Of Rights is Touring AMERICA

By Elmer F. Atkinson, Jr. Vice CinC

"On November 28, 1990, an original copy of the Bill of Rights was brought to Harrisburg, PA as part of a nationwide tour of this historic document. Prior to its arrival in each state, a Host Committee comprised of leaders of patriotic and community organizations is assembled to lay the plans for the official opening of the exhibit. COL. Elmer F. Atkinson, SVR, was a member of the Host Committee, representing both the Sons and the G.A.R. Museum.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12 noon included speeches, music by school bands and choirs, and a color guard provided by the 28th PA. S.V.R. unit. The members of the 28th are attached to Anna M. Ross, Camp #1, SUVCW, and traveled from Philadelphia to attend. Honored guests attending both the

National Tour Schedule

Montgomery	AL	Jan. 21 - 23, '91
Juneau	AK	July 2 - 12, '91
Phoenix	AZ	Apr. 9 - 15, '91
Little Rock	AR	Feb. 20 - 24, '91
Los Angeles	CA	May 7 - 12, '91
San Francisco	CA	Apr. 26 - May 2, '91
Denver	CO	Aug. 29 - Sep. 6, '91
New Haven	CT	Nov. 13 - 16, '90
Dover	DE	Dec. 3 - 6, '90
Tallahassee	FL	Jan. 27 - 30, '91
Marietta	GA	Jan. 3 - 8, '91
Honolulu	HI	May 21 - 28, '91
Boise	ID	July 21 - 24, '91
Chicago	IL	Nov. 19 - 24, '91
Indianapolis	IN	Dec. 11 - 14, '91
Davenport	IA	Oct. 22 - 27, '91
Topeka	KS	Aug. 22 - 25, '91
Louisville	KY	Dec. 3 - 7, '91
Baton Rouge	LA	Feb. 12 - 16, '91
Augusta	ME	Nov. 5 - 8, '90
Baltimore	MD	Dec. 9 - 11, '90
Boston	MA	Nov. 19 - 25, '90
Lansing	MI	Dec. 28, '91 - Jan. 3, '92
St. Paul	MN	Sep. 13 - 19, '91
Jackson	MS	Dec. 18 - 21, '91
Columbia	MO	Nov. 2 - 7, '91
Butte	MT	July 30 - Aug. 3, '91
Lincoln	NE	Sep. 23 - 28, '91
Reno	NV	Apr. 18 - 21, '91
Manchester	NH	Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, '90
Morristown	NJ	Dec. 13 - 17, '90
Albuquerque	NM	Mar. 28 - Apr. 2, '91
Albany	NY	Oct. 23 - 26, '90
Raleigh	NC	Jan. 13 - 15, '91
Bismarck	ND	Oct. 2 - 6, '91
Columbus	OH	Jan. 7 - 11, '92
Oklahoma City	OK	Mar. 16 - 24, '91
Salem	OR	June 19 - 24, '91
Harrisburg	PA	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, '90
W. Warwick	RJ	Oct. 17 - 20, '90
Columbia	SC	Dec. 20 - 23, '90
Sioux Falls	SD	Oct. 10 - 14, '91
Nashville	TN	Feb. 1 - 8, '91
Dallas	TX	Mar. 2 - 5, '91
Houston	TX	Mar. 8 - 12, '91
Salt Lake City	UT	Aug. 6 - 10, '91
Barre	VT	Oct. 10 - 13, '90
Richmond	VA	Feb. 5 - 9, '92
Seattle	WA	Jun. 11 - 15, '91
Charleston	WV	Jan. 22 - 25, '92
Milwaukee	WI	Nov. 12 - 16, '91
Casper	WY	Aug. 15 - 18, '91

opening ceremonies and the evening VIP Reception were Brig. General Charles Corfman, S.V.R. from Ohio, and his adjutant Lt. Col. Frank Foight, S.V.R. from the state of West Virginia.

The copy of the Bill of Rights on display came from the State of Virginia. It is the centerpiece of an extraordinary exhibit that captures the eyes, ears, and heart of those who view it. The Virginia copy was chosen because no other state had a greater influence in the development and passage of this historic document which protects the individual freedoms of American citizens. Members of the Sons and the Allied Orders are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to view this document when it visits your State."

The National Tour Schedule is displayed for your convenience. The tour will be closed on major holidays and is subject to change. For more tour information, please call 1-800-231-7000.

6th Military District Sons of Veteran Reserve S.U.V.C.W.

By COL. E.A. von Frankenberg, S.V.R.
C.O. 4th Mil. Dist., Chief of Cavalry,
Deputy Commander

On August 16, 1989, the newly formed Company A, 1st U.S. Cavalry Regiment, SVR, made an application for their camp charter. Recruitment and organization efforts under the guidance of COL. E.A. von Frankenberg, Chief of Cavalry, SVR, have been quite successful. As such, the 6th Military District may be reactivated in the near future.

Anyone seeking more information about joining this Regiment should contact CPT. William R. Fuzia, P.O. Box 498, Seaside, Oregon 97138.

Other units in the 6th District are expected to be formed or added to the ranks. Events and functions are being planned to help promote the Order in the West.

35th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Springfield, IL April 15, 1991

By Thomas L.W. Johnson

A memorial ceremony to mark the 126th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 15, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL. The Lincoln Plaza will be our headquarters hotel and the site of the luncheon following the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander, a Department or Auxiliary President, or as an individual member of our Order, you are urged to participate in this commemoration. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It's imperative that the number of luncheon reservations be indicated. Please be prepared to pay for the luncheon reservations in advance if requested to do so. At the time of this announcement, the price of the luncheon had not been determined. Cancellation of luncheon reservations must be made known by Thursday, April 11 at the latest.

To assure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details **not later than Saturday, March 23 to:**

Robert M. Graham, Chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Com.
1320 North Osborne Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Monday, April 15, 1991. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

The 1990 Central Regional Conference

By Thomas L.W. Johnson

Delegates from six Departments attended the Central Regional Conference held in Chesterton, Indiana, over the weekend of October 6 - 7, 1990. Regional Commander Charles Carnduff of Illinois, opened the first session on Saturday afternoon, October 6. After appropriate business was transacted, Cmdr. Carnduff turned the meeting over to Bro. Tom Johnson who moderated a discussion of the Conference theme, "Civilian Life and Experiences During the Civil War." Several interesting presentations were made and discussed for the balance of that session.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, Dr. Mark Nealy, Jr., director of the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum in Fort Wayne, gave an absorbing talk on the escalating costs associated with the acquisition of "Lincolniana," particularly Lincoln manuscripts, letters, and other materials.

The final session on Sunday morning was held at the G.A.R. Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso, located about 12 miles south of Chesterton. Funds are being raised to restore this stately old structure now being used by little theatre groups. Among the resolutions passed was one to request the Federal Government to move a monument honoring Confederate soldier dead from a park in Indianapolis to Crown Hill Cemetery where the graves of the Confederate prisoners of war have been relocated. A second resolution asks that markers be erected to identify the G.A.R. Memorial Highway, US 6, by the respective states through which the highway or its redesignated route passes. Some states, Indiana being one, have been attentive to this. Others have been neglectful in replacing old or missing highway signs.

Regional officers elected for 1990-91 are as follows:
Commander Jo an Wheeler-IA

Sr. Vice Cmdr. James Lyons-MI
Jr. Vice Cmdr. Peggy Schaefer-WI
Secretary Robert M. Graham-IL
Treasurer Ellinore K. Johnson-WI
Patr. Inst. Alan Loomis-IN
Chaplain Roger A. Wheeler Sr.-IA
Guide Ronald Gill-IN

An invitation was accepted to meet in Lansing, MI, for the weekend of October 5-6, 1991.

Hoosier hospitality was at its best as Department Commander Alan Loomis, Ron Gill and members of their committee made everyone feel welcome. The Indian Oak Inn proved to be a lovely site for the meeting. On Saturday morning a tour was arranged of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeside, the Chellberg Farm, Bailly Homesteads and fur traders' post, historic sites in the vicinity of Chesterton. Given the beginning of fall colors and warm temperatures, the tour proved to be rewarding in every way. Hats off to the Department of Indiana for arranging what was an informative and enjoyable Conference.



Buy Your Step NOW

By Alan R. Loomis, Dept. Cmdr. IN

I would like to bring you up-to-date concerning the G.A.R. step in the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Indianapolis. I have reserved step #125 in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the 1st G.A.R. National Encampment. The Sons of Union Veterans have raised their \$200. toward the \$1,000. necessary to have a plaque placed on the step. I would appreciate each of the remaining Allied Orders sending me their \$200. as soon as possible. I will see that a Department of Indiana check for \$1,000. will be sent to the restoration project as soon as the total has been received. Reserved steps may be reassigned in the event another group or individual has the \$1,000. available for a step they desire and the original group or

individual has been notified and is unable to provide the money at that time.

The size of the plaque is three inches by five inches with room for only three lines. Each line may have a total of only 16 characters. This means no more than 48 characters distributed over three lines is possible. Therefore, it will be impossible to include the names of the five Allied Orders on the plaque for step #125. The inscription that comes to mind would be:

DEDICATED TO:
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I would request that the Brothers consider the above and send me their suggestions. I would then submit them along with the above to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Presidents for final consideration.

Due to the limited space on the plaque, I have taken the responsibility of reserving five (5) more steps, numbered 126, 128, 129, 130, and 131, for each of the five Allied Orders. I have done this in order to allow each organization to determine if they would like to raise an additional \$1,000. in order to have a plaque placed on a step with their organization name on it near step #125. Step #127 has been reserved by another group, but possibly could be obtained by one of our organizations under the conditions I outlined above. I have already received two (2) pledges of \$100. each from the Departments of Indiana and Iowa for a Sons of Union Veterans step.

I would appreciate the Brothers and Sisters comments and suggestions concerning each organization securing a step near the Grand Army of the Republic Step. I have asked that each organization let me know by January 15, 1991, if they will or will not participate in obtaining a separate step for their organization. Please write or call:
Alan Loomis, Indiana Dept. Cmdr.
1310 Forest Park Ave.
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Telephone (219) 464-1332

Monument to Shine

Sent in by James Y. Ledwith

James Y. Ledwith had a big surprise on, September 20, 1987.

Before that day whenever Ledwith went to the summit of East Rock, the 76 year old CT. Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would find the Soldiers and Sailors Monument smeared with graffiti.

"It was in bad condition. There were marks made by marking pencils everywhere," said Ledwith, whose grandfather, Frederick T. Yale, a Union Civil War veteran, helped dedicate the monument.

But that statement described the monument in May, 1987, on the Sons of Union Veterans annual Memorial Day visit to the monument to lay a wreath. Much has changed from that day until September 20th.

For weeks, East Rock Park was invaded by an army of workers from the New Haven Parks and Recreation Department. Armed with shovels, paint remover, tree trimmers and rakes, they scoured the monument and landscaped its surroundings in preparation for the monument's centennial rededication celebration today.

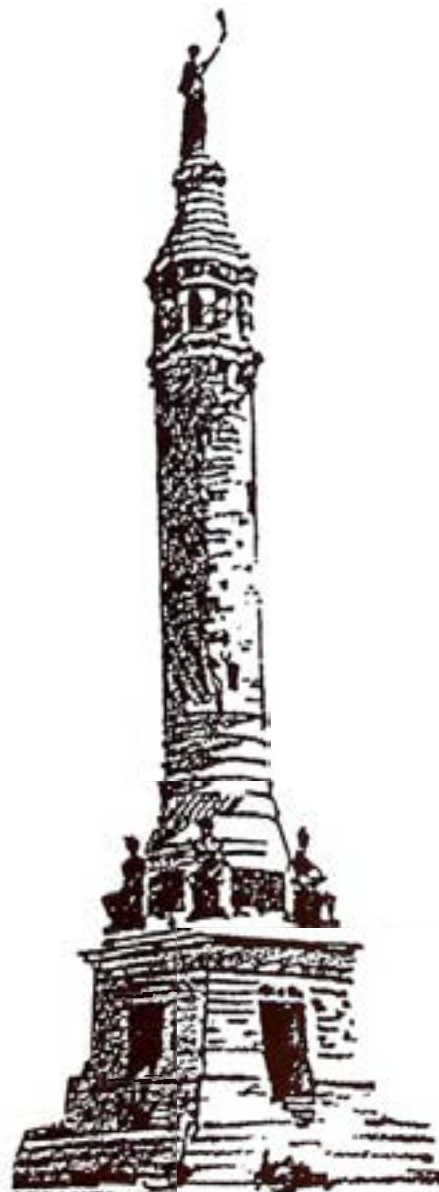
"That's my baby," Ledwith said of the monument, which was dedicated on June 17, 1887. "I remember it when it was clean—before it got run down. Now we're just glad it's being fixed up. And it better stay that way!"

The refurbishing of the long-neglected monument is the first phase of a multi-year plan for the park's restoration. The city, adopting recommendations of the mayor's East Rock Task Force, spent about \$239,000 to clean and repair the monument, secure it with an 8-foot tall wrought-iron fence, and install a new asphalt walkway and lights around it.

At 6:25 p.m. on September 20, 1987, after a daylong celebration in the park, Mayor Biagio DiLieto turned on the new lights, illuminating the monument for the first time in 10 years. "It was a disaster before we started," Parks Director Robert G. Sheeley said. "As long as I can remember, the monument's been covered with graffiti, defaced. Everything—the fences, the plaques, the doors was a mess." He said graffiti

on the monument dated back "at least" to 1973.

In preparation for the monument's renovation, Sheeley took a trip down to New York's Central Park to watch that city's graffiti-removal program in action. What he learned, Sheeley said, is that the best defense against graffiti is constant care—which he pledged to provide. "As soon as any graffiti appears, we're going to remove it," he said. "Now that it's cleaned, we're going to keep it clean."



Sheeley said the doors of the monument have been welded shut because the interior steel stairway had rusted out and collapsed. Eventually, he said the city will refurbish the interior also.

The East Rock Task Force recom-

mended that the city tackle the monument first, before other renovations to East Rock, because it serves as the focal point in the city's oldest and largest park.

"The monument is sort of a symbol of New Haven," said task force Chairman Michael Tucker. "But the condition of the monument was so bad, it was intimidating for people to go up there. It was ironic. Here we are, in a beautiful, very livable city. Yet, the East Rock summit was one of the harshest urban environments in New Haven."

Tucker, an architect, said the rededication of the monument would kick off what he hopes will be a change in the character of the park.

"The last generation did a lot of damage," he said. "This is basically the start of reclaiming the park for the community."

The spruced-up monument brought back fond memories for Helen Molloy, a Hamden resident who for the past six years has led the New Haven Hiking Club on a semi-annual trek up to the East Rock summit.

The granite monument is dedicated to the Union Soldiers and Sailors veterans of the Civil War, American Revolution, War of 1812, and the Mexican War. A bronze angel of peace is perched on the top, olive branch in hand, her head more than 100 feet above ground level.

More than 100,000 people poured into the park for the original dedication ceremony, which included fireworks, gun salutes, music and parades.

"It must've been quite a day," said Ledwith, who attended the rededication in a full dress uniform of a Union Civil War officer. He said the monument serves as a bond between him and his grandfather, who died when Ledwith was a teenager.

"I don't remember him too well," Ledwith said. "I've got a big picture of him, when he enlisted in the Army." He paused. "Goodness, he's looking at me right now, in fact," he laughed.

The celebration was started at 5 p.m., with an hour of music by the Governor's Foot Guard Band. The rededication ceremony began at 6 p.m., when three Army Air National Guard helicopters flew over the summit.



Indiana: The Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 met at Laughner's Cafeteria in Kokomo, IN, Saturday, September 8, at noon. After the luncheon, John Sickles presented a program on "Indiana Cavalry" and illustrated his lecture with numerous photographs from his extensive collection.

On September 23, the Ben Harrison Camp #356 met at the World War Memorial in Indianapolis. The guest speaker, Ned Booher of Kokomo, presented a program on Civil War stamps, coins, and tokens.

On October 14, Larry A. Sperzel was initiated into the Ben Harrison Camp #356. The program was presented by Richard Listenberger, who gave a slide presentation on his collection of military hats covering a period between 1800 and 1865.

November 17, the Orlando A. Somers Camp #1, Kokomo, IN, held its last meeting of the year. The guest speaker, Nancy Niblack Baxter of Indianapolis, spoke on "Resurrecting an Indiana Civil War Regiment." Mrs. Baxter has authored three Civil War books: *The Gallant Fourteenth*, *The Movers and Lords of the Rivers*, and *The Dream Divided*.

Maryland: Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary met in an annual business session on December 8, at Ft. Myer Officers Club in Arlington, VA. Officers for 1991 elected by the Sons are: Camp Commander, Lee D. Stone; Sr. Vice Cmdr., Donald L. Price; Jr. Vice Camp Cmdr., Andrew M. Johnson. Brother Peter A. Dixon continues as Sec-Treas. The Auxiliary elected: President, Florence Foight; Vice President, Sherry Schlenker; Sec-Treas., Dorris Schlenker; Patriotic Instructor, Gale Morris and Chaplain, Elizabeth Hammer. All officers were installed by PCinC Schlenker in due form.

COL. Donald L. Price was presented a National Certificate of Merit in appreciation for his Address of Tribute on Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.

Following luncheon and business a festive time of singing Civil War era songs was led by Brother Paul Heimbach with accompanist Gale Morris on the violin. Truly a festive holiday spirit prevailed.

Michigan: Camp #17 of Lansing/Sunfield has been spending the summer on a major restoration project at the Samuel W. Grinnell Post #238 G.A.R. Hall in Sunfield. Owned by the Helen Edwins Tent #30 of the Daughters and still used as a meeting place by the Allied Orders, the building was in danger of coming apart at the seams. Members raised funds and have replaced several floor joists, flooring in the kitchen and entry, several siding boards, and the second story false front. The Camp is currently in the process of repainting the exterior. The basement has been insulated and treated for insect infestation. The metal roof painted. Future repairs will include replacement of roof trusses and restoration of the interior walls, which has several layers of paper over plaster and then several coats of paint on top of this. Several may remember this Hall which was featured on the tour conducted by the Michigan Department, after the 107th National Encampment in Lansing, MI, in 1988. Camp member and National Secretary James Lyons committee chairman, has been instrumental in keeping this project moving, with the project foreman being Camp Sr. Vice Commander Doug Park.

New York: Oliver Tilden Camp #26, New York City. At our regular meeting on June 27, 1990, the following officers were elected: Camp Commander, Robert J. Eck; Jr. Vice Cmdr., Mark Goret; Secretary, Eugene Borst; Treasurer, James Grismer; Patriotic Instructor and Genealogist, Jeffrey Fulton; Sergeant-at-Arms, Arthur Kirmiss;

Editor, Billy Yank, Robert J. Eck; Color Guard Sergeants, James Grismer, Jeffrey Fulton; Chaplain, Father John O'Halloran.

The Camp has 45 members, three of whom were initiated at the annual ceremony at the Grant Monument. They are Frank Cook, James Grismer, and Daniel Steinmaker.

Gen. A.S. Diven Camp #77, Elmira, has been reactivated with 8 members on September 19, 1990. A provisional charter has been applied for. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Big Flats Historical Society, Big Flats, NY. The Camp Commander is Duane E. Hills, Box 14, Big Flats, NY 14814. Other new members are: James Jezurski, Jon Carpenter, Daniel Hills, James Fraboni, Jason R. Dates, Richard S. Buchanan and Michael D. Monroy.

November 20th was the 104th birthday of Brother Nelson Ambridge. He's the son of Nelson Ambridge, 115th NYSV. At a recent visit to his home at 13 Schultze St., Canajoharie, NY 13317, he was found to be in good health and spirits and still taking his daily walk. He would like to hear from you.

Clara Swears, 122 Parkhurst, Gansevoort, NY 12831, celebrated her birthday on October 14. She is the daughter of John Nichols, Co. F, 15th Mass. Vol. Inf.

Ohio: On November 13, 1990, Governor William Dennison Camp #125 held its annual meeting. We had approximately 55 members and guests present to hear a most interesting and educational program on Civil War Medicine presented by Dr. Charles A. Knouse. The Camp held its election of officers with the following results: Camp Commander, David R. Medert; Sr. Vice Camp Cmdr., John Barnes; Jr. Vice Camp Cmdr., Chip Rogers; and Secy-Treas., Keith Ashley.

Three new members were initiated: Wayne Lowery, Judge John Rittenour and Thomas Metcalf.

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and developing relationship with the Robert S. Garnett Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Huntington, WV. As a result, Cmdr. Rick Whisman, of Camp Garnett, and Aid-de-Camp to the National SCV, was introduced. In turn, Cmdr. Whisman introduced Cpt. Michael Sheets, 36th Virginia Infantry, SCV, and Pvt. David Thompson of the SCV. Cmdr. Whisman presented Cmdr. Medert, of Camp Dennison #125, with tokens of appreciation from Camp Garnett.

Camp Dennison will be purchasing a 15-star flag for parades and ceremonies. Brig. Gen. Charles Corfman presented gold fringe to be attached to the Camp flag.

The next meeting of Camp Dennison will be on Tuesday, February 12, 1991. The meeting will honor the birthday and memory of the Great Emancipator. It will also feature a presentation by Bea Greenwalt, PNP Auxiliary to SUVCW, on "Women of the Civil War: Clothes, Customs and Manners." The meeting begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Jackson, OH.

Pennsylvania: Our Greenwood

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Cemetery Civil War plot project is now complete. The only work left to be done is some last minute sprucing up just before the rededication. This was a huge undertaking which ran from March to October, 1990. Our thanks to all those people who spent their time, energy and equipment for the completion of this noble project! Rededication will be Thursday, May 30, 1991, which is the original Decoration/Memorial Day.

The filming of the mini-series, Son of the Morning Star, has been completed. Airing is to be on ABC sometime during the 1990-91 season. Critics say this is the most accurate Hollywood portrayal of the events of the Little Big Horn. This is a must to see no matter where you stand on the Custer subject.

November business included nomination of officers. The following members were nominated for the ensuing year: Camp Commander, Mike Riley; Sr. Vice Camp Cmdr., Pat McSherry; Jr. Vice Camp Cmdr., Larry Alexander; Secy-Treas., George Long; Colour Bearer, Bill Wright; Patriotic Instructor, John Valori; Chaplain, Bob Sturgis; and Guard, J. D. Jenkins.

Our newest member, Mike Gammache, had the pleasure and honor of being sworn in by Commander-in-Chief George W. Long.

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dedicated by his two surviving granddaughters: Mrs. Henry L. Savage of Princeton and Mrs. Joseph B. Townsend of Media, PA.

A brief profile of his life was given by his biographer, George Thomas of the 28th PA Volunteer Infantry. A bagpipe dirge and taps preceded the benediction which was led by Rev. David Rivers of Old Swedes Church.

The ceremony concluded with a solemn retreat led by a riderless horse with boots reversed, that was provided by the City of Philadelphia Mounted Police Patrol.



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