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Remembering 2003 at Gettysburg

The Michigan Department Color Guard, left, leads the Remembrance Day Parade to the High Water Mark.

Photo by PDC Bill Ryerson



President Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address at the Woolson Monument, left, while C-in C Kent Armstrong, at right, salutes after laying the wreath.



and they danced at the ball.



Former C-in-C's Bud Atkinson, left, and Richard Partington are honored by PA Dept. Cmdr. Lester Kern as C-in-C Kent Armstrong looks on during PA Dept's Past Commanders Dinner.

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ON THE COVER: It's more than providing entertainment and making beautiful music this year as Brother Richard Cummines Jr., Sargeant Major and Bandmaster of the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Band, takes to the floor with daughter Lori Cummines-Hick at the annual Blue and Grey Ball at the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg. The annual ball, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, raises money for monument preservation at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

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1. It is my sad duty to report that Brother Christopher P. Geiger has died while on active military service to our country. He was a Sergeant with the 213th Support Group of the National Guard, stationed at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. His immediate survivors are both parents, four brothers and one sister. He is also mourned by his fellow Brothers of Captain Theo

Howell Camp 48, Department of Pennsylvania, and our entire membership, nationally.

2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Website are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Geiger's family. I have faith that the spirits of the soldiers and sailors whose memory we honor, will greet another who has given his life while serving our country.

Ordered this 20th day of September, 2003.

General Orders No. 5

1. We are saddened to learn of the passing of Bessie L. Smith, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW).

2. Council of Administration member Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, shall represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization, SUVCW at PNP Smith's memorial service in St. Louis, Missouri on September 25th.

3. In lieu of flowers, contributions will be made in memory

of PNP Smith to the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis, MO, and to the DUVCW Headquarters in Springfield, IL.

4. Our sincere condolences are extended to PNP Smith's family.

Ordered this 22nd day of September, 2003.

General Orders No. 6

1. Whereas this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) being created within the SUVCW, with its first General Orders being issued on November 19, 1903 (on the 40th anniversary of President Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address") the month of November 2003, is hereby designated as "Sons of Veterans Reserve Month," to be observed within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. The leadership of the SVR, and its entire membership is hereby congratulated upon this milestone and commended for their special efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all other soldiers and sailors who honorably served and sacrificed in order to *Save the Union* from the conflict of 1861 - 1865.

3. The SUVCW National Chief of Staff shall contact all Department Commanders, asking that they in turn contact each Camp Commander within their respective Departments, notifying them of this special recognition and requesting that SVR members within their Camps be commended personally.

Ordered this 27th day of October, 2003.

General Orders No. 7

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Ed-
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Past Camp Commander receives Purple Heart

Lance Corporal Ty Streeter arrived home from duty in Iraq. He was recouping from a wound he received in action.

Ty arrived in Kuwait with his unit, the 1st Marine Recon Company, 4th Platoon on February 3, 2003. On March 2nd, they crossed the Iraq border and entered Nassarea for 10 days, then started the march to Baghdad.

Enroute to Baghdad, he was involved in the P.O.W. rescue that included Pvt. Jessica Lynch. The mission involved British Royal Marines, Australian Special Forces, Navy Seals, Army Rangers and Ty's Marine Recon Unit.

On disembarking his helicopter Ty received a gunshot wound to the upper leg. He didn't realize he had been shot until he was back on the copter after the successful raid. The wound was a 'clean' one and the round was extracted from his leg. The round proved to be from an AK-47. The surgeon gave Ty the round as a 'souvenir.'

As a member of the rescue mission, Ty received the Navy Cross along with the Purple Heart for being wounded in action.

Ty is a Past Camp commander of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 in Marshall, Michigan.

ward L. Blakely, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of General John A. Logan Camp 1, Department of Michigan, Brother Blakely honored the memory of his father, Egbert Blakely, who served in Company E of the 10th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment.

2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning

ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Blakely's family. Cards and condolences may be sent to Mrs. Thelma Blakely, 2793 Rockvalley Court NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525-6802.

Ordered this 30th day of October, 2003.

General Orders No. 8

1. It is my wish to present a Certificate of Recognition to those Brothers who observe a special membership anniversary in 2003 or 2004. Camp Secretaries are hereby respectfully instructed to contact me, at the address above, with the name and address of any Member or Associate who has been a *Brother in Good Standing* for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, etc. consecutive years. This certificate is intended to correspond with the "Service Numerals" that are available for purchase from the National Quartermaster, for placement upon a qualifying Brother's membership badge.

2. It is my wish to present a Certificate of Recognition to those Camps that observe a special anniversary in 2003 or 2004. Department Secretaries are hereby respectfully instructed to contact me, at the address above, with the name and address of any Camp Commander whose Camp has functioned for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, etc. consecutive years.

3. All Camps are encouraged to conduct Veterans Day ceremonies or to observe the date in conjunction with other veterans' organizations.

4. This year's Remembrance Day will be observed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 15th. All Brothers are encouraged to attend. Details should be posted in The BANNER and on the National Web site.

5. The National Council of Administration (CoA) will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 16, in the Eisenhower Inn, south of Gettysburg.

6. Our sincere sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, who have lost a loved one, who are ill, or are suffering any hardship.

Ordered this 1st day of November, 2003.

General Orders No. 9

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Madison Waldon Gadberry, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Farragut Camp 6, Department of Tennessee, Brother Gadberry honored the memory of his father, Milton Granville Gadberry, who served in Company H of the 8th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Brother Gadberry was named after his father's commanding officer, Captain Madison M. Waldon. Brother Gadberry's sister, Ms. Jewel Huffman, is a Charter Member of Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent 2, DUVCW.

2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Gadberry's family. Cards and condolences may be sent to Shackelford Funeral Directors, 160 Cypress Avenue, Selmer, TN 38375.

Ordered this 2nd day of November, 2003.

General Orders No. 10

1. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent with payment to our National Quartermaster - Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719. [The information posted in Item 7, within General Orders Number 1 of this series, is to be henceforth disregarded.]

2. The Council of Administration has concurred with the CinC's wish to include the Order's Gold Star with a Meritorious Service Award to be presented to Brother Ty Streeter, PCC. Brother Streeter is on active military duty as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. Ty was wounded-in-action earlier this year, during the rescue of U.S. Army Private Jessica Lynch, in Iraq. He is recovering well and has been awarded the Navy Cross and Purple Heart.

3. The CinC has also issued a Meritorious Service Award to honor the memory of Brother Christopher P. Geiger, who died while on active military service as a Sergeant with the 213th Support Group of the National Guard, stationed at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. The Council of Administration approved the Order's Gold Star to be attached to an Associate Badge for presentation with the SUVCW's War Medal to Brother Geiger's family.

4. Sincere thanks go out to all Brothers who gave time on the 11th day of the 11th month to observe Veterans' Day. So much of what we take for granted is owed to our nation's military veterans. Special appreciation is extended to all Brothers who have served in our country's armed forces.

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5. Our organization has marked its 122nd Anniversary. Major Augustus Plummer Davis and "eight boys" organized the first Camp of the "Sons of Veterans" on Saturday, November 12, 1881. May our Order forever endure and thus "perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic" and all of the soldiers, sailors, marines, and members of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served to save the Union.

6. The 47th Annual Remembrance Day was conducted on November 15, 2003 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. [The program is observed each year on the Saturday nearest to the nineteenth of November (the day in 1863, when President Lincoln delivered his "Gettysburg Address" during the dedication of the National Cemetery, there).] Congratulations for a job well done are extended to our Remembrance Day Committee. Kudos also go out to all of the volunteers who help host the annual Civil War Military Ball at the Eisenhower Inn, south of Gettysburg. The proceeds from last year totaled \$5,500 and a check in that amount was presented by PCinC Elmer Atkinson to Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent John Latschar. This money will be combined with last year's donation for the restoration of Union and Confederate regimental history tablets.

7. With this year marking the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, as well as the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, the CinC presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Superintendent Latschar and his staff for their work to preserve and protect the battlefield and cemetery. The CinC also marked Remembrance Day by presenting a Certificate of Recognition to the leadership of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, in honor of the SVR's 100th anniversary.

8. Once more, we are very grateful to the merchants of Gettysburg who paid all fees related to the parade permit for Remembrance Day.

9. Congratulations to Pennsylvania's Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association for their 73rd Annual Banquet, held on November 15th (commemorating the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery). This traditional Remembrance Day dinner is an excellent opportunity for all of us in the various Allied Orders to gather in the spirit of "F. C., & L.," and thereby jointly honor the memory of President Lincoln and those who answered his call to save the Union.

10. As the end of another calendar year draws near, please consider a tax deductible donation to one or more of the worthy Funds of our Order (see the Autumn 2003 issue of THE BANNER for details).

11. This year also marks the 140th anniversary of President Lincoln proclaiming that the last Thursday of November be "set apart" and observed as a day of Thanksgiving.

12. My very BEST wishes are extended to all, for the holidays ahead. But, as we enjoy this season, let us not

forget the thousands of Americans in military service who are on watch - and in harm's way.

Ordered this 17th day of November, 2003.

General Orders 11

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Lemuel Paul Robertson, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Phelps Camp 66, Department of Missouri, Brother Robertson honored the memory of his father, James Marion Robertson, who served in Company C of the 24th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

2. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother William Addison Duncan, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Robert Anderson Camp 33, Department of Iowa, Brother Duncan honored the memory of his father, John E. Duncan, who served in Company H of the 22nd New York Volunteer Cavalry Regiment.

3. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of Brothers Robertson and Duncan.

Ordered this 18th day of November, 2003.

General Orders No. 12

1. A question has been submitted, asking if a Real Son of a Union veteran of the Civil War is expected to pay the initial Application Fee when he first becomes a Member of the SUVCW.

2. In the Regulations portion of our Constitution and Regulations (C&R), CHAPTER III - National Organization, ARTICLE VI - Finance, Section 3 - Life Member Programs, Subset (e) states in part, "First generation Sons of Union Veterans are entitled to be a Life Member without payment of any fee."

3. I have been advised that the reference of "without payment of any fee" is intended to be all-inclusive. Therefore, it is the ruling of this CinC that Real Sons are exempt from all fees. This includes the application fee, Life Member fee, and per capita (= no annual dues). However, this does not apply to the cost of items purchased through the National Quartermaster (membership badge, etc.).

Ordered this 21st day of November, 2003.

By Order of
Kent L. Armstrong
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary

Eagle Scout gets Founder's Award

On August 10, 2003, Devin R. Hilty was presented the SUVCW Founder's Award at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Devin is a member of Troop 87 in Steubenville, Ohio.

For his Eagle Scout project, Devin led the Troop's scouts in cleaning, repairing, and painting nearly 500 cast iron flag holders that mark the graves of Civil War Veterans in Steubenville's Union Cemetery.

The unique markers are in the shape of a shield with an upright cannon for the flag holder.

The Troop would like to continue the project. Several hundred graves remain unmarked. The boys are looking for a source for similar markers.

Devin is the son of Roger and Linda Hilty. He graduated from Indian Creek High School in Steubenville. He plans to attend The Ohio State University in Columbus to major in mechanical engineering and become a member of the marching band.

This recognition is once a year to an individual or group who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers.



Eagle Scout Devin Hilty receives award from Brother Brad Tilton.

The Commander-in-Chief presents the award on behalf of the Council of Administration. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration, which is under no obligation to make the award.

Plans Readied for 139th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Death

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



The Renaissance Springfield Hotel will serve as Headquarters as well as the site of the luncheon following the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel. Dr. Daniel Stowell, director and editor, Papers of Abraham Lincoln/Lincoln Legal Papers, will be the luncheon speaker.

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

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

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

Hotel reservations may be made by calling 1-888-236-2493 not later than Tuesday, March 23rd. Booking code is Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War OR Deathday Association, Inc. Room rate is \$82 + tax per day.

War Dead, Two Real Sons

Two Real Sons from Canada Recognized

By Brother Terry Middleton

Three years ago, members of 20th Maine, Co I, a reenactment group based in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Canada, began searching for the gravesites of American Civil War veterans, who are buried in Atlantic Canada.

To date, 75 resting places of veterans have been located and there are leads on another 25. Although a few of these men were Americans who moved to Canada following the war, most are some of the 50,000 British North Americans who crossed the border to do their part to help preserve the Union or to tear it apart.

Most British North Americans served the Union, but there were some who fought on the side of the Confederacy. Because records are incomplete, or were never kept in the first place, we may never know how many "Canadians" enlisted, were killed in action, or even returned home.

My name is Terry Middleton and I am

President of our Maritime Civil War Living History Association. I am also an Associate Member of the National At Large Camp of the SUVCW. I had been placing requests in local newspapers, through a Genealogy column, and in Genealogy Magazines, looking for information on Civil War graves or ancestors. Several graves were found by descendants contacting me.

Graveside memorial services at these sites received TV and radio coverage. After one of these, I was contacted by a lady from Dipper Harbour who told me about Edwin Clarks' grave.

For two years I had known about Edwin T S Clark, ordinary seaman, USS Maria A Wood, being buried in Dipper Harbour, a small fishing community about 20 miles west of Saint John, New Brunswick. What I didn't know was that two of his children were still living. She told me that George Clark lived in Saint John, NB, and Arthur Clark lived in Rothesay, NB, which is where I live. I immediately contacted a niece of theirs and met with Arthur Clark, which indeed was a great honor.

It was decided that a memorial service, honoring Edwin T S Clark, and his sons, George and Arthur would be held. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were contacted and certificates and medals were pro-



The following Sons gathered after Seaman Clark's memorial. From left: Brother Lonnie Ryall, Daniel Chaplin Camp 3; SVR Eric Boothroyd, Camp 3; Co. Ryan King, Camp 3 Historian; Wayne Bennett and Brother Terry Middleton, NMAL Department. Seated, same order: Real Sons Arthur and George Clark.

vided for the two sons. A ceremony was planned for Oct 25, 2003 in Dipper Harbour.

Edwin Clark was a native of the Dipper Harbour area, and returned there after the war. He enlisted in the US Naval Service on October 14, 1861 and was discharged from the USS North Carolina on August 5, 1862.

He married late in life and had six children. His wife Lillian Sweet was 38 years younger. When he died in 1920, George and Arthur were ages 6 and 4. The young family survived on a pension they received from the US Government. They do not recall a lot about their father because they were so young. George related this memory; "One of my last memories of him is him chasing me up the hill to go to school. I remember looking back over my shoulder and seeing the top of his head, of him standing at the bottom of the hill, making sure I went," Arthur recalls being "scooped up" by his father and placed on a plank across the woodbox near the stove to stay warm while his father made breakfast.

Several days of rain gave way to a clear sunny sky on Saturday, October 25th. At 11 am, members of 20th Maine, Co. I, and a Color Party from the Royal Cana-

Found North of the Border

dian Legion met at Thomson's Burial Ground for the ceremony. Representatives of Bangor, Maine's Daniel Chaplain Camp #3, SUVCW, came to Canada to honor Edwin, George and Arthur. They were: Ryan King, Camp Commander; Eric Boothroyd, Senior Vice Commander; and Wayne Bennett, Camp Historian. Several friends and Clark family members were also present. After the memorial service, honoring the memory of Edwin T S Clark, George and Arthur were inducted and welcomed into Daniel Chaplain Camp #3, SUVCW. Camp Commander King pointed out that only about 25 living sons of Union Veterans remain in North America and we felt that it was a great privilege to be in the company of two sons of a Union veteran of the Civil War.

Though we are Canadians, members of the Maritime Civil War Living History Association, strive to

properly portray the men and woman who sacrificed so much during the Civil War. We feel that it is our duty to honor the memory of the British North Americans who took part and to inform and educate the public that we too did our part to shape the United States of America and its neighbor, our home, Canada.

We will continue to search for the graves of veterans, honor them, place a GAR marker, and pass the information on to the SUVCW national graves registration project. You can check out the work that we have done on our website. You'll be able to locate the site by searching for "20th Maine Co I, Canada". If you have information on your Civil War ancestor, who may be buried in Atlantic Canada, please contact me, Terry Middleton, at termid@nbnet.nb.ca.

Michigan Infantryman Remembered at Canadian Grave

Saturday, October 18, 2003 marked the first time in memory that the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had gone outside the United States to perform a headstone dedication service.

Buried in a long-forgotten and overgrown cemetery in Huntsville/Novar, Ontario, Canada (about 135 miles north of Toronto), Pvt. William Strong, 9th Michigan Infantry, Co. E finally received the honor he deserved, 79 years after his death. With the help of Department of Michigan GAR Historian, Brother Jim Lyons, we were able to determine Pvt. Strong was a member of the Dwight May GAR Post 69 in Midland until 1918, serving as JVC in 1896.

Attending the ceremony were over 40 family members and area residents. Also joining us were three Canadian reenactors, two from the 116th Pennsylvania Infantry and one from the 11th Louisiana Infantry; they fired the military salute. Rev. Dawn Henderson of the All Saint's Parish provided the benediction. Assisting in the dedication ceremony was my son Colin (age 14 and Camp I Guard) and Tim (Department PI and Camp I JVC) and Kim (Champlin Corps No. 41, WRC) Kolean. One lifelong Canadian resident proudly wore his ancestor's regimental reunion souvenir pins from the 96th Illinois Infantry to the ceremony.

From the time of our arrival in Huntsville right up until the ceremony, folks kept asking, "So how are you related? What side of the family are you?" They couldn't understand why some people who were not related in any way would drive over 500 miles to pay their respects...after our ceremony, they knew the answer.



Headstone dedication service for Pvt. William Strong of the 9th Michigan Infantry, Co. E. From left: Bruce B. Butgereit, commander of the Department of Michigan; Canadian Tom Brooks, 10th Louisiana Infantry/Canadian Rev. Dawn Henderson, All Saint's Parish; Colin Butgereit and Tom Kolean, SUVCW Camp 1, Grand Rapids, MI, Canadians Pete Hitchcock and Phil Ward, 116th PA Infantry.

Council of Administration Meeting

November 16, 2003 - Gettysburg, PA

The meeting was brought to order by Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong at 8:03 a.m. An opening prayer was given by Past C-in-C Richard Schlenker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call of Officers was read. Those present were C-in-C Kent Armstrong, Sr. Vice C-in-C Stephen Michaels, Jr. Vice C-in-C Donald Darby, PC-in-C Robert Grim, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward Krieser and PDC Robert Petrovic. Absent were Max Newman and Ronald Gill due to their illness and David Stephen due to severe illness of his wife. PC-in-C Schlenker asked that minutes show that those absent be excused for just causes.

The C-in-C agreed and it is so noted in these minutes. Non voting Council members present included PC-in-C Charles Corfman, PC-in-C David R. Medert, PC-in-C George Powell, National Washington DC Representative PC-in-C Andrew Johnson, and National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl. Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters, Chief of Staff Michael Bennett, and BANNER Print Service Provider John Hart were also in attendance.

The "Electronic Boardroom" votes, made since the last full Council meeting, were reviewed and approved as follows:

1. Brother Don Darby moved Max Newman, Dave Stephen and Bob Grim Seconded to approve minutes of 10 August 2003 Council of Administration meeting. Passed unanimously.

2. The minutes of the 7 August 2003 Council of Administration meeting were also approved unanimously.

3. PCinC Grim moved to approve proposal of CinC Armstrong to offer a Camp/Department the option of purchasing the Order's official ROTC Certificate or the entire Award (with medal, ribbon and certificate). There was a friendly amendment to set the price at \$5 per certificate by JVCinC Darby. The motion and friendly amendment was seconded by Council Member Petrovic. Passed unanimously.

4. National Secretary, Ed Krieser moved seconded by

JVCinC Don Darby that with the understanding that the National Defense Medal had been previously removed from the list of those qualifying for the SUVCW War Medal, that the American Defense Medal also be removed from the list and that the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal be added to the list. Passed unanimously.

5. Don Darby moved, second by Bob Grim that the War Medal and Associate badge (Gold Star attached) be presented to Brother Geiger's family and that the expenses incurred for the Medal and badge be taken out of the Contingency Fund Passed unanimously.

6. Bob Petrovic moved, second by Don Darby to donate \$50.00 each to the Shriners' Children's Hospital, and the DUVCW Headquarters & Museum in Springfield, IL in the memory of Past National President Bessie L. Smith. Passed unanimously.

7. PCinC Atkinson moved, Bob Petrovic seconded to remove the C&R from the National Quartermaster's supply list. Passed unanimously.

8. Moved by Bob Grim, seconded by Bob Petrovic to pay the \$205.85 for office table and lamp to be placed in National Headquarters office. Passed unanimously.

9. Bob Grim moved, Don Darby seconded to concur with CinC Armstrong's wish to include the Gold Star with the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Ty Streeter, PCC (Lance Corporal, USMC) in recognition of his outstanding service to his country in Iraq. Passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports were reviewed. Highlights include:

Sr. Vice C-in-C submitted the Program and Policy Committee Report, with proposed changes to certain Policies of the Order.

1. Policy on Unused GAR and SUVCW Graves has the addition that each Camp and Department possessing unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots shall forward to the National Graves Registration Officer, a description of the plots, including location.

2. Policy on Use of Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols were mostly grammatical, punctuation and capitalization. The Military Service medal and ROTC Award Medal was added to the list of the Order's badges.

3. Policy Statement For the Banner containing more descriptive language of who does what while remaining in compliance with the C&R took considerable time to review, discuss and approve the numerous changes. Bob Grim moved and Don Darby seconded to leave the Banner advertising rates in place. The vote was unanimous to accept.

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Jr. Vice C-in-C Report – Recruitment for the Order appears to be doing well based on the number of applications received since the 2003 Natl. Encampment. To date, the Order has received 58 applications, an average of 5.8 applications a week since mid-August. Fifteen requests for applications via regular mail were also received. "Heads-up" email is sent to all Junior Vice Commanders (that have email) telling them the date that an application is mailed to them, along with contact information for the new Brother. Department of California and Pacific JVC Tad Campbell, and Brother Linn Hoadley, NMAL Coordinator, are commended for their fast action in placing members into Camps.

Report of the National Committee on Americanization and Education – Permission requested to prepare & distribute "a simple yet informative sheet of "online resources for studying the Civil War in (whatever state)." Motion to approve made by Bob Grim, seconded by Bob Petrovic, passed unanimously.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations – The committee has been working on proposed changes to the Regulations, to reflect the direction the Order is moving and to ensure a broad base of the Brother's of the Order are represented on the Council. The committee will have specific amendments to the Regulations to present to the 123rd National Encampment, to accomplish that goal:

1) Make the National Quartermaster a nonvoting member of the CofA. This position would no longer be elected for a three year term, but be appointed by the Commander in Chief for a one year term.

2) The job description of the National Quartermaster would be revised. The new job description envisions that the current duties would be contracted out to one or more individuals or organizations. That the National Quartermaster would then be a liaison between such entity or entities and the Council of Administration.

3) Increase the number of council members from three to five. At the 123rd National Encampment, we would vote for one three year term person to replace or continue the existing position up for election this year. We would elect a new council member for a three year term and then elect a new council member for a two year term. All council members thereafter would serve three year terms. In effect, for two years we would elect two and then in the third year, only one.

4) Mandate that no two council members may be from the same Department. This would not apply to the officers of the Order (CinC, SVCinC, JVCinC, Sec, Treas), but only the council members. The committee has also considered one other matter. To properly recognize and thank our former National elected officers who have served the Order over the years (such as James Lyons, Todd Shillington, Doug Park, Gary Gibson, David Hann and David Wallace - etc), that all former National elected officers (including elected council members) be allowed to wear the gold "national"

ribbon on their membership badge, in perpetuity.

Report of the National Counselor – In light of the report from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, I call upon the Commander in Chief to appoint a special committee to explore the possibilities of entering into a contract with the newly formed foundation to take over the current duties of the National Quartermaster. Such contract would allow the foundation to sell these items to brothers only, with the view that there would be some excess income for the foundation to use for its various purposes. All prices would have to be agreed upon between the CofA and the foundation.

Executive Director's Report – The Annual Reporting System is functioning very well. There were initially many problems with inaccurate computation of per capita due. This was primarily because those filling out the forms did not read the instructions. After some correspondence and clarification, this has been resolved in most cases. I am regularly receiving Form 30s from the Departments. The new reporting forms are easy to use and I have no doubt that as the Department Secretaries become more accustomed to using them, they will realize a considerable reduction in the amount and complexity of their work.

Bob Grim Moved Bud Atkinson seconded to purchase a new multi function printer, copier, fax as requested by the Executive Director in amount of \$499.99 plus tax. Motion carried by all present.

Bob Grim Moved seconded by Bob Petrovic to table for the lack of information, the request of the Pennsylvania Department to get Council of Administration approval to transfer possession of Pennsylvania Department records over 7 years old to the Pennsylvania State Archives.

Don Darby moved and Bob Grim seconded to maintain the requirements for the War Medal with the exclusion of the American Defense Medal and the National Defense Medal and the inclusion of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Passed by unanimous vote of those present

Ed Krieser Moved and Bob Grim second to rescind the previous Boardroom vote which changed the elements of the ROTC Award thus restoring it to only the full award of Medal, campaign ribbon and certificate. Unanimously passed.

Bob Grim moved, Don Darby seconded to allow the SUVCW Charitable Foundation to secure the services of an 'outside entity' to manufacture, advertise and market all items that the foundation is licensed to sell. Passed by unanimous vote.

Ed Krieser moved, Don Darby second to pay Rebecca Pratt the balance of her contract (\$750.00) for her work on the proceedings of the 2003 National Encampment. Passed by unanimous vote.

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In the last issue of the Banner, the Department of Rhode Island had no one listed for the Secretary position - that should be Robert Grandchamp, 147 New London Ave, Warwick, RI 02886, 401-821-5994 Email - scituatehunters@juno.com

Department News

California & Pacific



Members of Camp 24, Oakland, CA: From left; Chuck Gardali, Charlie Makie, Corky Reed, holding a lock of President Lincoln's hair and Bird Schall.

Members of Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp 24 recently visited the Oakland Museum for a special exhibition on Abraham Lincoln. Among the artifacts on display there, was the Colonel Edward Baker Tea Set. Baker was a personal friend of President Lincoln, U.S. Senator from Oregon and Union officer, who lost his life at Ball's Bluff. The tea set was presented to him by the businessmen of San Francisco, shortly before the war. A lock of Lincoln's hair was also on display.

Massachusetts

Brother Clifton A. Gaunt, a member of A.A. Sherman Camp 18 in Uxbridge, turned 102 recently. Br. Gaunt was a WWI Marine, and for many years, the Grand Marshall of the Millville Memorial Day parade. His grandfather, Alphonso Door Steere, served in Co. B, 2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery.

Following A.A. Sherman Camp 18's monthly meeting, a birthday party was held at Br. Gaunt's home. Br. Gaunt received a congratulatory certificate from CinC Armstrong and a congratulatory phone call from Dept. Commander Knight. After the cake cutting, a group of young reenactors performed the manual of arms for Br. Gaunt and saluted him. Br. Gaunt's wife, Therese, was hostess for the event. Br. Gaunt has been a member of the Sons since 1998.

Michigan

On August 31st, the Department of Michigan was proud to be a part of a dedication ceremony for a new monument, placed on the battlefield at Fredericksburg. the 7th Michigan, Co. B, reenacting group sponsored

the project, a boulder with a bronze bas-relief plaque, placed at the exact location, where the 7th Michigan stormed across the Rappahannock in December 1862. This monument is the only one on the Fredericksburg Battlefield to honor a Union regiment and very well may be the last monument placed on any National Battlefield.

DC Bruce Butgereit was asked by the 7th Michigan to perform the dedication ceremony for the memorial. Over 200 people attended the ceremony, listening to Butgereit speak of the reconciliatory actions of post-war Union and Confederate soldiers and how they desired to be Brothers once again.

Immediately following the service, participants began what one historian claimed was the "...most significant event in Fredericksburg history since 1901." Descendants of the 4th Michigan's Henry Seage and citizens carried 1st National Confederate flag through the streets, prior to returning it to the city. It was Henry Seage who had captured (souvenired) the flag off a building or window balcony in 1862. The flag was eventually turned over to the Michigan Historical Museum and it was just recently decided to return the flag.

Missouri

Members of the National Order, Department and St. Louis Camps attended the Memorial service for DUVCW PNP Bessie L. Smith recently. Sr. Smith was the last Nat. Pres. of the joint Encampment-Conventions of the Allied Orders in 1955. During her 98 years, she was also instrumental in establishing the SUVCW's headquarters-museum in Springfield, Ill. The Sons were represented at the service by PDC Robert Petrovic, PCC Jack G. Grothe, PCC Charles Funck, PCC Paul Leistritz and Br. Richard Kottemann.

About 100 people participated in a headstone dedication, hosted by Westport Camp 64. The new headstone was the culmination of ten years of work and honored the grave of Pvt. Robert F. McCorkendale, 2nd Colorado Cavalry, great grandfather of Br. Charles McCorkendale. During the ceremony, Br. Charles related his ancestor's military history, while Br. Jim Becker in period chaplain's garb, spoke of the significance of the 2nd Col. Cav. in the Kansas City area during the Civil War. The rifle salute was followed by "Battle Hymn of the Republic," performed on harmonica and American Legion Post #237's playing of "Taps."

Members of William T. Sherman Camp 65 and U.S. Grant Camp 68 are continuing to prepare the the build- (Please turn to Page 12)

ing that will house the Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. They supervised the repair of a leaking roof and repairs to the soffits and trim. Two large dumpsters were filled with waste. Donations of books, pamphlets and other Civil War-related material were accepted.

William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65 is planning its annual Sherman Birthday Ceremony in St. Louis on February 29th.

Ohio



Taking part at ceremony: James Oiler, commander, Heath Jenkins, chaplain, Ron McClintock, David North and Steve Massie

Members of the Brooks-Grant Camp, family members and history enthusiasts gathered recently in Mound Hill Cemetery to honor the memory of Gallia County's last surviving Civil War soldier, James Madison Gatewood.

Gatewood, born on July 4, 1848, in Clay Township, was the son of James Monroe and Virginia Lowery Gatewood. He enlisted in the army on February 25, 1865 at the age of 16, serving in Co. G, 195th O.V.I. After performing garrison and provost duty in Virginia, he was mustered out with the company on December 18th. Gatewood married in 1878 and raised nine children. He passed away at his home on September 18, 1943, at the age of 95.

His special marker read: "James Madison Gatewood--Here in honored glory rests the last Civil War soldier of this County. May their deeds and sacrifices be ever green in our memory."

According to Camp Commander James Oiler, who led the dedication, Gatewood's grave was never adorned with a Civil War veteran's flag holder, an oversight that Oiler said would be corrected shortly.

The Camp is planning two similar ceremonies in Meigs and Lawrence Counties. Family members and history buffs gathered recently in Mound Hill Cemetery, Gallipolis, to honor the memory of

Gallia County's last Civil War Soldier, Pvt. James Madison Gatewood.

Gatewood, born on July 4th, 1848 in Clay Township, and was the son of James Monroe and Virginia Lowery Gatewood. He passed away at his home on Sept. 18, 1943, at the age of 95. He enlisted in Company G, 195th Ohio Volunteer Infantry on Feb. 25, 1865, at the age of 16, and was mustered out on Dec. 18th.

His Last Soldier stone reads: "James Madison Gatewood--Here in honored glory rests the last Civil War soldier of this county. May his deeds and sacrifices be ever green in our memory."

According to James Oiler, Commander of the Brooks-Grant Camp 7, who led the dedication, Gatewood's grave was never adorned with a Civil War Veterans marker, an oversight that Oiler said will be corrected shortly.

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In response to a suggestion by C-in-C Armstrong, PC-in-C Grim moved, Bob Petrovic second to have Ed Krieser proceed to have the silver gavel (presented to Clarence Riddell during his term as C-in-C) mounted on a plaque for display at the National Headquarters. Passed by unanimous vote. [PCinC Riddell was married to an aunt of PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson. In 1976, Clarence and Caroline Riddell were the first married couple to be elected to serve as the CinC of the SUVCW and National President of the ASUVCW respectively, at the same time.]

A design sketch was submitted for a "Last Soldier Plaque" by Custer Camp 1 (Dept. of IL) with the request that it be approved for sale to other Camps of the Order, as a fundraiser. Since a recommended plaque has already been established, approval was not given to the proposed design, for exclusive use, only. Custer Camp 1 may produce their proposed plaque for their own use, and offer it for sale to other Camps, as an alternative design.

Bob Grim moved, Bob Petrovic second to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

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

Life Member Notice

To receive your Annual Life Member Reimbursement for your Life Members, as annually approved by the Council of Administration, all written requests for reimbursement from any of the several Life Member Programs must be submitted to the National Treasurer between January 1 and March 31 of each year. Any requests received after March 31 shall not be reimbursed.

Please also note that Life Member Reimbursement Form 10 was created for this purpose and is available for your use with this notice or from the National Treasurer at: Max L. Newman, PCC 4995 E. Wilkinson Road Owosso, Michigan 48867-9616 (989) 743-3525 E-mail: suvnattres@aol.com

New Jersey Department's 100th Year

The gala event was held at the Best Western Hotel in West Deptford, New Jersey on September 27, 2003.

In attendance were Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, his wife, Judy Armstrong; Commander of the New Jersey Department Buzz Smithcors, his wife, Viola Loder-Smithcors of the New Jersey Department, Cornelia Hancock Auxiliary #10; Senior Vice Commander Joseph Seliga; Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson and his wife, Margaret Atkinson; Past National President of the Auxiliary, Michelle Langley, National Vice President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans; Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary Florence Spring, Betty Baker and Mary Jo Long; Past Pennsylvania Department Commander Joseph Long; Past New Jersey Department Commanders, David Hahn and Mike Horgan; New Jersey Auxiliary President Erin Swope and Past New Jersey Presidents, Ruby Kissinger, Kerri Forbes, Susan Jamieson and Jill Lamb. Also attending were invited guests and friends of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. PDC Mike Horgan was the toastmaster. New

Jersey Department Auxiliary Chaplain, Bonnie Meyers, provided the Invocation.

It was a day of renewal of friendships and a show of mutual support between the Sons and the Auxiliary of the New Jersey Department.

Letters from Past National Presidents Marion Combs and Beatrice Greenwalt – and Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt were read and most welcome on this wonderful occasion.

A booklet was provided by the Sons which included a 1925 reprint of the New Jersey Women's organizations originally written by a New Jersey G.A.R. member. Listed in the booklet were all of the New Jersey Auxiliary officers since inception

A fine buffet, conversation and friendship followed the early afternoon events.

The New Jersey Department Auxiliary provided a lively and fun entertainment program that included Polynesian dancers and music.

It was a fun day and clearly sent the message between the Auxiliary and the Sons just how important our link to each other was, is and how it should remain in place and grow for the years to come.

Auxiliary Praised for Fundraising Work

Michael J. Sullivan, the mayor of the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts, re-

cently signed a proclamation, thanking the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

According to the proclamation, the Auxiliary was instrumental in raising more than \$100,000 for the conservation, restoration and preservation of the city's war memorials last year. Most notable among these was a memorial to Corporal Sumner Henry Needham of Lawrence, the first American mortally wounded by the enemy in the Civil War.

Massachusetts Dept. President Barbara Mayberry credited the SUVCW with introducing the Auxiliary to Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS) and making the initial \$500 contribution in the form of a National grant.



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Edited by Richard D. Orr PCinC

What are the requirements for the Military Service Medal and the War Medal?

Any Brother who has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard) is eligible for the Military Service Medal. The application for the Medal (Form 8) and a copy of the Brothers DD-214 or equivalent must be submitted with the Quartermaster Order.

The Council of Administration establishes eligibility for the War Medal. In November 2002 the COA adopted a National Policy outlining the requirements for the War Medal. This Policy was amended in August 2003. That policy states "...any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States which resulted in the awarding of one or more ribbons and/or medals as authorized by the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, or the Secretary of Defense of the United States and as approved by this Order" shall be eligible for the War Medal. There are currently 36 ribbons and/or medals which the COA has approved as eligibility for the War Medal. Those medals issued since World War I are listed below. For the complete list please see the National Policy at <http://suvcw.org/policies/warmedal.htm>. (Note the Policy on the Website has not been updated with the amendments from August 2003.)

The medals are: World War I Victory Medal, Philippine Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Medal for Humane Action, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal from Kuwait, Kuwait Liberation Medal from Saudi Arabia, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, UN Korean Service Medal, UN Medal, and the Global Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

To acquire the War Medal, a Brother with eligibility must complete the War Medal application (Form 5) and submit a copy of his DD-214 showing the awarding of the qualifying medal(s) or ribbon(s) along with the Quartermaster order form and payment for the medal.

Life Members

The National Organization, SUVCW, proudly recognizes eight new Life Members:

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Department of California & Pacific

613 - Peter J. Eisert
Gettysburg Camp 112
Department of Pennsylvania

National Encampment Allied Orders available

The official Electronic (full color in Acrobat) version of the official Allied Orders of the GAR National Encampment 2003 Program is for sale. This may be the first time a National Encampment Program has been available for your viewing on any PC. As the original Program was printed (except for the Cover, in black and white, seeing pictures and items in their full original color can be a real treat. Please send check for \$15.00 to cover the shipping, handling and CD and mailing address to:

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Sons Celebrate Veterans Day

Many of our Order's Camps observed Veterans Day this year. Here's a sampling:

This year, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (Dept. of California & Pacific) had 18 people in its color guard, the largest so far--at least since the Grand Army of the Republic marched in the first Armistice Day Parade down San Jose's Second Street in 1919. The formation was led by the 50-star National Colors, 34-star "Gettysburg" flag, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 flag, and the new 8th California Vol. Inf. Reg. SVR flag. With the help of prospective new members from the American Civil War Association, they rattled a lot of windows in downtown San Jose with their six musket salute (double loads). Two drummers and three flute players added heart warming entertainment for the appreciative spectators along the parade route. Along with the Auxiliary Sisters joining the Camp this year, the SUVCW put on an impressive display for the flag-waving crowd of about 10,000.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from the General Thomas McKean Camp 3 (Dept. of Florida) marched for the sixth time in the Palm Beach County Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. This year, for the first time, the parade was held in Lake Worth, with more than 135 units participating. The Camp has members from Boca Raton to Vero Beach.

Lake Worth is about 10 miles south of West Palm Beach. Camp 3's color guard and other members also led the "Holiday Parade" on December 5th in Lantana.

In contrast to California and Florida, temperatures were in the 30's when members of four Wisconsin Department Camps and two Auxiliaries marched in Milwaukee's 40th annual Veterans Day Parade on November 8th. Despite colder weather and smaller crowds, there was plenty of spirit as Old Abe Camp 8 (Fox Cities area) provided a color guard for the First Brigade Band, which led the parade's Civil War division. Members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (Milwaukee, Racine & Kenosha Counties), MG John Gibbon Camp 4 (Waukesha & Walworth counties) and Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5 (Ozaukee & Washington Counties) formed a color guard and honor unit.

With the help of the 5th Wisconsin Inf. Association, the unit provided musket salutes along the route, which led to the city's Vietnam War Memorial on the lakefront. Sisters from C.K. Pier Badger Aux. 4 formed its own Color Guard and Ammi Hawks Aux. 5 also marched.

Our thanks to Br. Bob Kadlec for his photos of the National Encampment and the SVR, which appeared in the last issue of the Banner

Final Muster

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

James A. EGAN, Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp 443, Dept. of IL.
27 MAY: Desmond DUTCHER, Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 154, Dept. of NY.
10 JUN: William E. KAISER, Sgt. Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7, Dept. of FL.
21 JUL Clayton J. SCHAFFER, CPT Theodore H. Howell Camp 48, Dept. of PA.
4 SEP Roswell A. CHAPLIN*, COL Geo. L. Willard Camp No. 154, Dept. of NY.
27 SEP: Charles H. BENRUD, MG Thomas Howard Ruger Camp 1, Dept. of NC (At-Large).
29 SEP Harold N. MILLER, Garfield Camp 34, Dept. of PA.
Christopher P. GEIGER, CPT T.H. Howell Camp 48, Dept. of PA.
10 OCT Philip A. BURGIN, Orlando A. Somers Camp 1, Dept. of IN.
17 OCT Lemuel P. ROBERTSON*, Phelps Camp 66, Dept. of Mo.
23 OCT. Harold Varney, Henry Hamden Camp 2, Dept. of WI
28 OCT: Edward BLAKELY*, Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1, Dept. of MI.
31 OCT: Madison W. GADBERRY*, Farragut Camp 6, Dept. of TN.
3 Nov. Everett B. Johnson, Life Member, Dept. of Florida MAL
15 NOV: William Addison DUNCAN*, Robert Anderson Camp 33, Dept. of IA

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Central Region Conference Well Attended

By Bruce B. Butgereit,
Commander, Department of Michigan

The 66th annual Central Region Conference was hosted by the Department of Michigan SUVCW and held on Saturday, October 4 in Grand Rapids, MI.

The day began with participating attendees being transported to the ceremony to rededicate the Kent County Civil War Monument (see article elsewhere in this issue) in restored trolleys by the Grand Rapids Trolley Company. Following the service and lunch, the meeting got underway.

The keynote speaker was National Counselor Brother Jim Pahl of Michigan who spoke on "Understanding Robert's Rules of Order and How to Use Them." This was followed by a Civil War version of Jeopardy, hosted by CRA Commander Tom Crawford, PDC Indiana.

The officers for 2003-2004 are: Commander – Margaret Grothe; SVC – C.R. Stephen; JVC – Merle Rudebusch and Secretary/Treasurer – Donald



True Sons Harold Becker, left, and the late Edward Blakely arrive for the Kent County Civil War Monument rededication in a horse-drawn carriage.

Palmer.

The day's activities concluded with a Commander-in-Chief recognition banquet for Brother Kent Armstrong, where he received a key to the City of Grand Rapids from City Third Ward Commissioner Rev. Robert Dean and a beautiful gavel plaque from his son Doug Armstrong on behalf of the Department of Michigan. The entertainment was a rousing and moving recital of Civil War poetry from the Chaplain of Robert Finch Camp 14

(Traverse City, MI), Brother (and bard) Jim Ribby. Next year's Conference will be hosted by the Department of Wisconsin.

New England Region elects

The 68th annual meeting of the NERA was held at the New Hampshire Veterans Building at Weirs, Laconia on July 19th. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Commander - Merlin "Tuffy" Doyle, Dept. of Vermont; Vice Commander - Dan Murray, Dept. of New Hampshire; Secretary - Maj. Edward W. Parks, USARet., Dept. of Massachusetts; Treasurer - Joseph A. Plante, Dept. of Massachusetts; Publicity Director - William T. Ryerson, Dept. of Massachusetts; Auxiliary President - Mary E. Willey, Dept. of Massachusetts.

Order loses Real Sons Blakely, Robertson

Edward Blakely, aged 99, passed away at home Tuesday, October 28, 2003. He leaves behind his wife Thelma, his son and grandchildren. His first wife, Francis, preceded him in death in 1980.

Edward was a lifelong resident of Kent County, living in the Cannonsburg and Belmont area; Blakely Road was named for his farm, which he purchased in 1920 as a teenager.

Edward loved to share his experiences and memories from the past that included shaking hands with Michigan Governor Sleeper as a member of the 4-H and the purchase of his first car, a 1922 Ford Model T Coupe.

In the early 1920s, Ed worked as a streetcar conductor for the Grand Rapids Railway Co. In the 1940s Edward was influential in the establishment of credit unions in Grand Rapids. He was a member of the St. Alphonsus Parish and managed their thrift stores.

As an avid golfer, Ed not only enjoyed the game, but also annually volunteered to assist in the Grand Rapids Golf Classic until 2001.

Much of the last three years of Edward's life were spent as Chair of the Kent County Civil War Monument Restoration Project Committee. As one of Michigan's only two known sons who could claim their father fought in the Civil War, Edward campaigned long and hard to raise funds for the restoration of the monument that honored, not only the men from Kent County, but his father Egbert and uncle Buell Blakely.

Complaining that he was too young to have served in WW I and too old to serve in WW II, Edward supported veterans faithfully and proudly wore his V is for Veterans pin. Ed was a member of the Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1 and the Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS. Ed also frequently

traveled to area schools to share his life's experiences and his love of the Civil War. Never really knowing his father, he read many books and attended many reenactments in order to learn more about who his father was. Always one to have a smile and a song, Ed was a friend to all.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Phase Two of the Kent County Civil War Monument Restoration Project, made payable to SUVCW MRP, 2815 Fuller Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

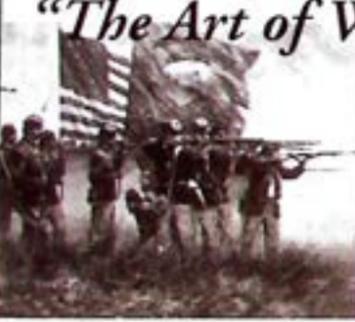
Lemuel Paul "Shorty" Robertson Sr., 90, passed away at 9:05 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, in Cox Medical Center South Springfield, MO. He was born Nov. 15, 1912, at Squires, to James Marion and Laura Jane (Marler) Robertson. He was the seventh son of a Civil War veteran, and he loved to share his father's stories about the war.



Real Son Edward Blakely throws the switch to start the fountain at Grand Rapids monument dedication.

On Feb. 1, 1935, he was united in marriage to Dottie Opal Henley, and to this union 11 sons and five daughters were born. He was a Christian and a member of the First General Baptist Church of Ava. He was an electrician, a barber, a painter, and also owned and operated a watch repair shop in both Ava and Gainesville.

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Soldier's Grave was Disturbed, Church Reports

By MARK TOSZAK, Staff Writer

GREENSBORO -- On Sept. 22, 1864, 20-year-old Confederate Lt. S. Washington Donnell was killed in battle at Fisher's Hill in West Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, where blue uniforms outnumbered gray three-to-one. He was buried afterward in the cemetery of Buffalo Presbyterian Church, now at the corner of North Church Street and 16th Street.

For the last 139 years, Donnell's body rested peacefully there, close to the graves of other Donnells, not far from the cemetery's cedars and English boxwoods. Until this week. Sometime Thursday night or Friday morning, some-

one tried to rob Donnell's grave, digging about 4 feet into the ground in what investigators say was probably an attempt to find buttons, belt buckles or other valuable Civil War-era artifacts.

"We don't know if they found anything," said Greensboro police Detective Adrian Whitley. The would-be robbers left a mound of red earth and mud heaped on one side of the grave. Without excavating the grave completely, it's impossible to know if metal artifacts were found and taken, or if the robbers never reached the grave and gave up without finding anything. There was no sign of a coffin, clothing or human remains in the hole, but those may have decayed since 1864.

"It would be nothing left but anything brass on his (uniform)," said Herb Tucker, an elder at Buffalo Presbyterian, the church's historian and a cemetery trustee. Tucker's grandfather served in the same unit as Donnell, the 45th N.C. Regiment.

Another cemetery trustee discovered the hole around noon Friday as he was driving by the cemetery and noticed disturbed earth where there shouldn't have been any. At first, church officials thought the hole might have been dug for legitimate reasons, but Saturday morning they decided it probably wasn't and reported it to police.

Whitley said that in 25 years of police work, it was the first case of grave robbery he had seen. Buttons, buckles and other metal items on an officer's uniform have value, said Bob Zeller, a local historian and former News & Record reporter. Unless there was something very rare in the grave, it would probably only be worth a few hundred dollars, he said.

"I do know that relic hunters are pretty well known for doing scads of research, enough research so that they might have a clue as to what was in there," he said. "It's not out of the realm of possibility at all that they might have known what they were looking for."

An eBay search on Saturday for "Civil War buttons" revealed several dozen auctions, with sellers asking anywhere from a few dollars to more than \$100 per button. There are plenty of other Web sites that sell the buttons.

Whitley said he would notify investigators at police departments within 150 miles of the crime, in case they had seen similar incidents, and he said would also ask military antique dealers to be on the lookout for items that might have been taken from the grave.

"It certainly seems like a huge moral step to take for a few hundred dollars worth of relics," Zeller said. "It just seems ridiculous that somebody would be willing to do that for the return, for the relative monetary return."

By 11 a.m., Tucker was ready to shovel the dirt back into the hole. "We are greatly disturbed," he said, standing by the hole the robbers had left. "He didn't deserve that."

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GENERAL ORDER 2003-23

09 August 2003

1. Effective 09 August 2003, Captain David E. Allyn, SVR, Commander of the Sixth Military District, is commissioned a Major, SVR, and is re-appointed Commander of the Sixth Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-24

04 October 2003

1. Effective 04 October 2003, Second Lieutenant Carl M. Taylor, SVR, is re-commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and re-appointed Chaplain of the Sixth Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-25

06 October 2003

1. Effective 06 October 2003, Captain Bob Lowe, SVR, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR and re-appointed Adjutant General and Chief of Staff of the Sixth Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-26

18 October 2003

1. Effective 18 October 2003, Captain Stephen A. Michaels, SVR, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR and re-appointed Chief of Staff of the Fourth Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-27

27 October 2003

1. Effective 27 October 2003, Second Lieutenant Randel O. Baehr, SVR, is re-commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and re-appointed Public Information Officer of the

Fourth Military District.

2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-28

27 October 2003

1. Effective 27 October 2003, Captain Robert D. Champlin, SVR, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR and re-appointed Adjutant General of the Fourth Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-29

27 October 2003

1. Effective 27 October 2003, Second Lieutenant Jerome W. Kowalski, SVR, is re-commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and re-appointed Chaplain of the Fourth Military District.
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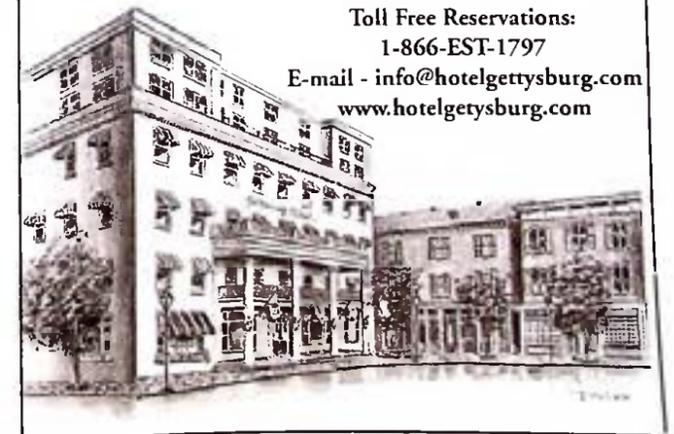
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27 October 2003

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2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-31
29 October 2003

1. Effective 29 October 2003, Captain Edward J. Krieser, SVR, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR and re-appointed Chief of Staff of the Third Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-32
29 October 2003

1. Effective 29 October 2003, Captain Martin W. Lowery, Jr., SVR, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR and re-appointed Adjutant General and Public Information Officer of the Third Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-33
29 October 2003

1. Effective 29 October 2003, Second Lieutenant Timothy H. Downey, SVR, is re-commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and re-appointed Chaplain of the Third Military District.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-34
07 November 2003

1. Effective 07 November 2003, Second Lieutenant Todd A. Shillington, 355th Northcoast Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR and appointed Adjutant General of the Second Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-35
20 November 2003

1. Effective 20 November 2003, Private Brian R. Hallenbeck, Co. E, 148th New York Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and appointed Chief of Staff of the Second Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Henry E. Shaw, Jr.
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Adjutant General

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Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

The 4th Military District will host an SVR Artillery Safety School on the 22-23 May 2004, at the Sportsman's Club in Boscobel, Wisconsin. Certifiers and instructors from the NCWAA have again been requested and the event is being finalized.

If you have not attended in the past and are interested, please contact Captain Steve Michaels, SVR 4th MD COS, at (414) 425-4648.

Email: steve_michaels@metronetworks.com

You may also contact 1Lt. Ron Aronis, commander of the host unit, Cushing's Battery (Batt. A, 4th US LA) at: RMASUVCW@aol.com

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SVR Scrapbook



Col. Robert E. Grim, right, makes presentation to Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent Dr. John Latcher during ceremonies at the Woolson Monument on Remembrance Day 2003.



Raising the flag at the dedication of Mine Creek Battlefield, KS in November, 2003, are Corp. C. Stahr and Pvt. S. Russell, SVR, 20th Iowa Vol. Infantry of Mason, City, Iowa.



U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony in Cudahy, WI, above, included PDC Frederick Murphy, left, moderator and Br. Dean Collins, PCC Maurice Felton and PDC Ronald Aronis as honor guard.

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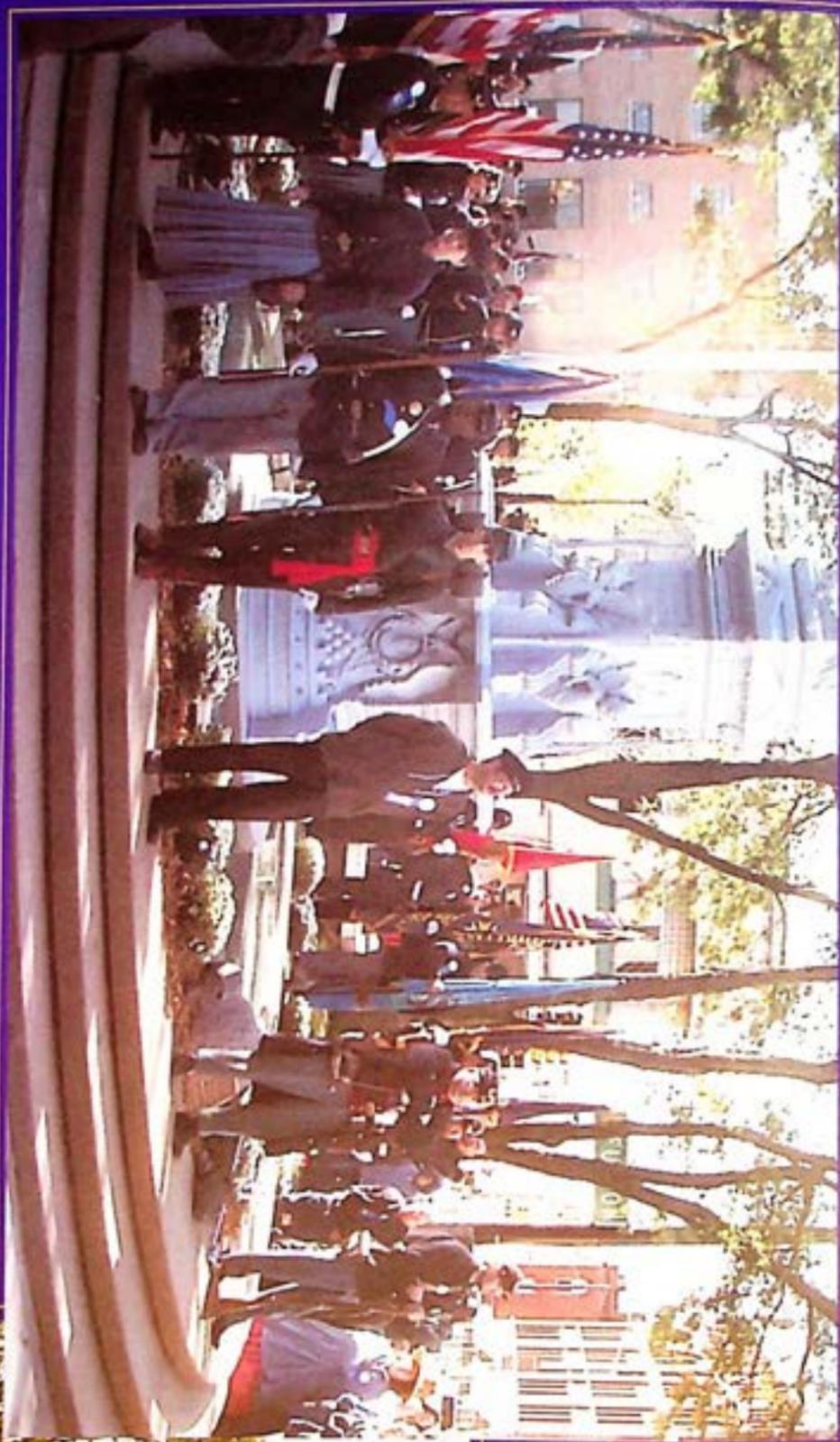
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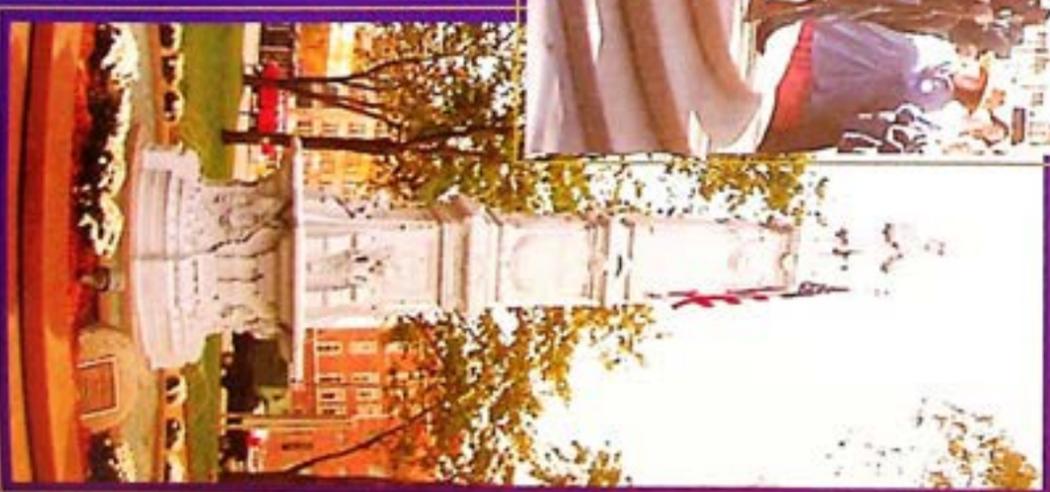
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Saturday, October 4, 2003 broke was one of the most historic days for Grand Rapids, Kent County, MI and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the rededication of the 118-year-old Kent County Civil War Monument. The 34-foot tall "white bronze" (zinc) monument was dedicated in 1885 to the memory of 4,214 men from Kent County who served in the Union army. It was the FIRST Civil War monument to include a tribute to the efforts of women during the war and the FIRST Civil War monument to include a fountain. Over 150 Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders were in attendance on this day including the National officers of MOLLUS, the SUVCW, IGAR, WRC, and AUX. Over 600 guests were in attendance at the two-hour program. The guests of honor were Michigan's two known "True Sons," Brothers Edward Blakely and Harold Becker and both members of Camp No.1 who were also escorted to the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage. A uniformed representative of each branch of service in which Kent County men served was represented on the front steps of the Monument's base. The highlight of the day was when Brother Edward Blakely was given the honor of turning on the power that activated the fountain. The cheers that went up from the crowd when the water started flowing were simply amazing. As the 1885 newspaper accounts had stated the water seemed to be splashing merrily, so it was once again.





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