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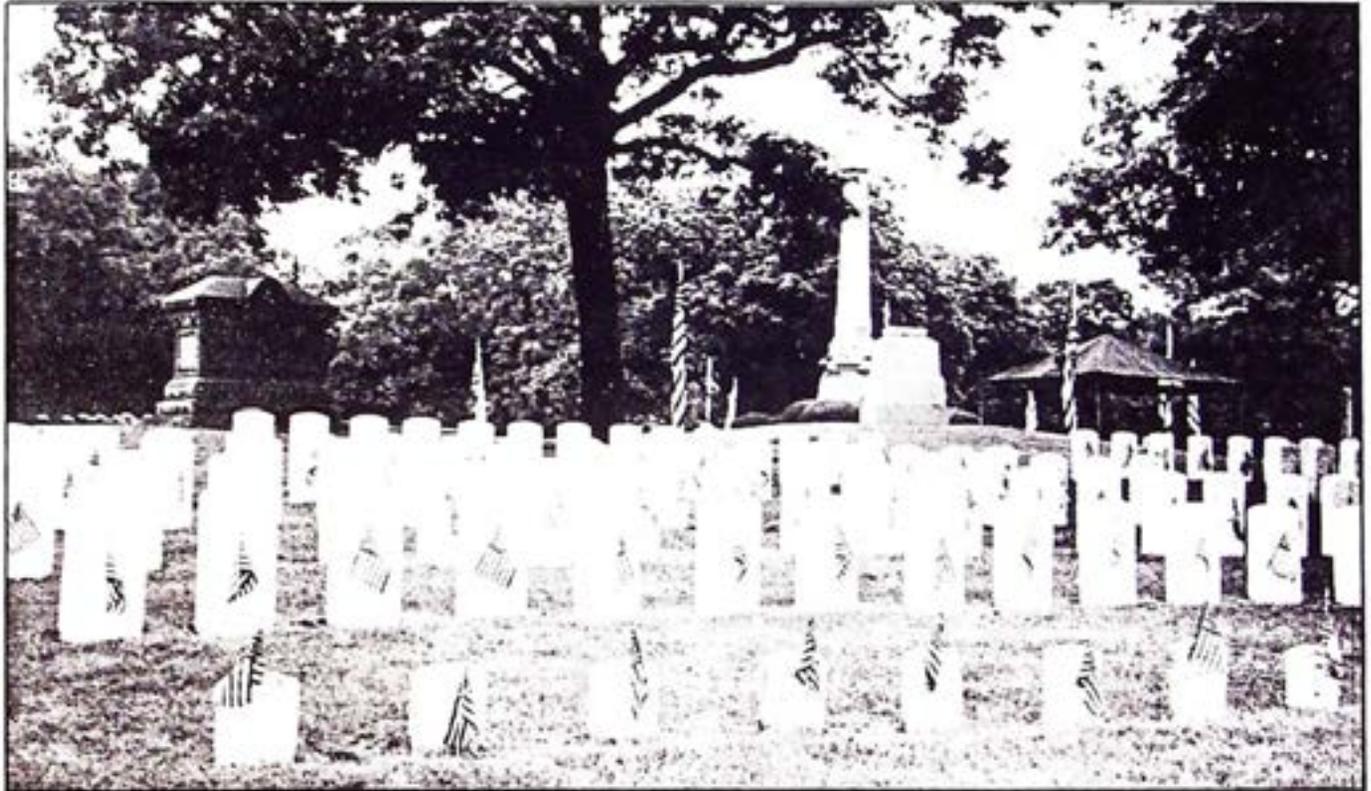
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This photograph shows some of the new 228 Civil War headstones rededicated at Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery in ceremonies arranged by Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1, Department of Illinois, SUVCW.

## Illinois Custer Camp rededicates 228 Union graves

By JAMES A. MUETING SR.

Patriotic Instructor

Gen. George A. Custer Camp No. 1  
Department of Illinois

CHICAGO, Ill. — On Sept. 26, a three-year project of Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1, Department of Illinois, SUVCW, came to fulfillment.

Two-hundred and twenty-eight replacement headstones for Union Civil War veterans were rededicated at Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago. Gen. Custer Camp had the cooperation of the cemetery in the project.

The background of the project is this:

On Nov. 20, 1990, Nick Kaup, then

camp commander, wrote to the 13 members of Custer Camp, drawing attention to these three purposes of the order:

- 1. Observance of national holidays, especially Memorial Day;
- 2. Marking the graves of our Civil War veterans; and
- 3. Care and upkeep of our Civil War memorials.

By April 1991 the camp had grown to 22 members and plans were made to observe Memorial Day with ceremonies for Union Civil War veterans buried at Rosehill Cemetery. At the May 20 meeting at the Wilmette Historical Museum, the deplorable condition of the Union

veterans' gravestones at Section A of the cemetery was discussed. They were, for the most part, unreadable. Some were broken and others were cracked and worn to only a fraction of their original size.

There were 240 graves like this in Section A. Of these, twelve were for unknowns. The others were mostly Union soldiers who had died either at Camp Douglas Hospital or in the Federal Hospital in Chicago. A large percentage of the dead were those who had been wounded or contracted disease during battles of the Civil War. Some were

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1. As I attend the various ceremonies across the country, I am impressed with the talent and skills possessed by our members. On Sept. 18 it was my pleasure to participate in the Rededication of the Libby Prison Plaque ceremony at Richmond, Va. This beautiful observance was planned and chaired by Brotehr Howard Bartholf, who had worked on this event for three years. Descendants of Luther Libby, Paul Revere, and J. E. B. Stuart were present. Also participating were Dorothy Colantuono, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Florence Spring, National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW; and Mrs. Anthony LaCavera, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. I was pleased to present Brother Bartholf with a Certificate of Merit at this event.

2. I wish to commend the members of the Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1 of Chicago for their dedicated efforts in revitalizing their camp from one of only 13 members to one of more than 70 members. On Sept. 26, it was a pleasure for my wife and me to attend the impressive Rededication of 228 headstones at Union Civil War veterans' graves at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. This was a five-hour day of activities that were done in good taste and with a touch of class.

3. I have awarded Certificates of Merit to Brothers Nick Kaup, James Meuting Sr., and Dr. Thomas Hauff, who were instrumental in securing the 228 government headstones and in planning the Rosehill Cemetery ceremonies. I also awarded a Certificate of Merit to Todd Malone, manager of Rosehill Cemetery, who contributed significantly in a financial way to the Custer Camp project.

4. I have appointed the following as National Aides for securing three or more new members:

—David Bailey, 12 new members, Custer Camp No. 1, Dept. of Illinois;  
—Nick Kaup, 4 new members, Custer Camp No. 1, Dept. of Illinois; and  
—Tim Frake, 3 new members, Custer Camp No. 1, Dept. of Illinois.

5. At the Central Region Conference held in Milwaukee on Oct. 2 and 3, SUVCW and Auxiliaries met to discuss techniques of recruitment and retention of members and the effects of the Civil War upon the Constitution. Brother Thomas L. W. Johnson served as

a very competent conference discussion leader and is to be commended for his dedication to the Central Region. I was given the honor of installing the new officers. A guided tour of the Milwaukee VA Hospital, which was founded in 1866, was very interesting.

6. I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Gary E. Dolph, Richard Listenberger, and Stephen Jackson, for arranging a lovely reception and banquet for me on Oct. 9 at Indiana University in Kokomo. It was a memorable occasion that I shall always cherish, and I thank my many friends and relatives from six states who attended. A Certificate of Merit was presented to Dr. Dolph.

7. This year the National Organization is awarding two \$1,000 SUVCW scholarships. The recipients were chosen by the Commander-in-Chief. The first award winner is Michael Don Torguson, a senior history major at Southern Oregon State College. He has a 3.78 grade point average, and is planning to teach history on the high school level. The second scholarship recipient is Amanda Munroe, a senior history major at Indiana University, Kokomo. She has a 3.8 grade point average and intends to teach Native American History on the university level. On behalf of the National Organization, I extend my very best wishes to both Michael and Amanda for success in their chosen careers.

8. I wish to extend a cordial welcome to Michael Don Torguson, scholarship winner, as a new member of the Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1 of Kokomo, Ind. Michael, who is a resident of Gold Hill, Oregon, hopes to organize a camp in Oregon in the future. He is a descendant of Pvt. Alfred Mosher, Co. D, 16th Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry.

9. On behalf of the National Organization, I express my sympathy to Norma Garney, wife of the late Lou Garney, P. D. C. of Massachusetts; he passed away on Sept. 28, 1993. I request that Camp charters be draped for 30 days in his memory.

10. This year I have established two new awards, which I hope will motivate both individual members as well as camps to strive for excellence in their work to promote the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. This first is the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Plaque, which will be awarded to the most outstanding camp. The second is the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Plaque, which will be given to the most outstanding member. Both plaques will be held by recipients for one year and then given to the next year's award winners. I trust that these new awards will encourage more involvement in worthy projects and activities among our membership. Applicants should request forms from me.

11. I have appointed Brother Leo F. Wilens, 1711 Park Drive, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056, a National Aide in charge of VAVS (Veterans Administration Voluntary Services). Both the Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are involved in this service program. Brother Wilens senses a dire need for the SUVCW to become involved. Please contact him if you are interested in this work.

12. To all Brothers who have been ill, I send my best wishes for a speedy recovery.

By Order Of:  
Allen W. Moore  
Commander-in-Chief

### Lincoln Tomb Ceremony to be April 15 in Springfield

The 1994 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held Friday, April 15, at 11 a.m. at President Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Ill.

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Lunch will follow at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

For information or reservations, two of three co-chairmen live in Springfield; they are:

—Robert Graham, Co-Chairman, 1320 N. Osborne Ave., Springfield, Ill. 62602; or

—Edward Press, Co-Chairman, 904 Myers Building, Springfield, Ill. 62701.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, 765 W. Washington Ave., No. 110, Madison, Wis. 53715 is the third co-chairman.

### Pennsylvania

KITTANNING, Pa. — Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, will hold its Department Encampment in Kittanning June 24, 25 & 26. The encampment will be hosted by John T. Crawford Camp No. 43 and Sara A. Crawford Auxiliary.

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soldiers with only short periods of service who saw little, if any, action.

In November 1991, Nick Kaup wrote again, saying, in part, "our camp has grown in membership to thirty-seven members in good standing. ... Our camp is poised to implement programs to perpetuate and further memorialize our ancestors' accomplishments and sacrifices (the Rosehill Cemetery project). ..."

Camp No. 1's new commander, Timothy Frake, received a response to his letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs, supply 50 DA Forms 50-1330 which Tim turned over to the cemetery for completion. This was in December 1991.

By January 1992, the project had expanded to include all 228 headstones for named veterans in Section A. Tim Frake asked for assistance in doing the necessary research to complete properly the requests from the VA. Camp Historian and Genealogist Jim Mueting and his wife Evelyn spent several days at the Newberry Library in Chicago and helped to compile a list of birth dates, ages, places of birth, etc. This later proved to be unnecessary as Jim contacted a very helpful source in the VA's Washington, D. C., offices who cut through much of the red tape. Later it was decided that only the name, rank, date of death, and unit were required for the headstones.

Several delays were encountered in the the production of the requests of memorial stones by the cemetery. They had a part-time clerk typing some of the

information required and in April we were told that we could have the requests "soon." Meanwhile, the manager of the cemetery was replaced in the fall of 1992 and the project had to start all over.

Because of the press of business and personal responsibilities, Tim Frake turned over the entire project to Jim Mueting who made contact with Todd Malone, general manager of Rosehill Cemetery.

After a second visit with Mr. Malone, he produced an original record of the graves of Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery. This record was produced by the War Department and listed most of the information needed to make requests of the VA for new headstones. The forms were set up on Jim Mueting's computer, using a matrix that required a few changes from one form to another. The forms were produced and mailed to Washington on May 8, 1993. We all felt a sense of accomplishment.

Then the real work began. Mr. Malone agreed that Camp No. 1 and the cemetery should endeavor to have a rededication ceremony befitting the solemnity of the occasion. Sept. 26, 1993, was agreed upon and a committee consisting of Dr. Tom Hauff, Nick Kaup, Jim Mueting, and Todd Malone was formed.

The committee met several times and decided to that the ceremony should include members of the "Chicago Light Ar-

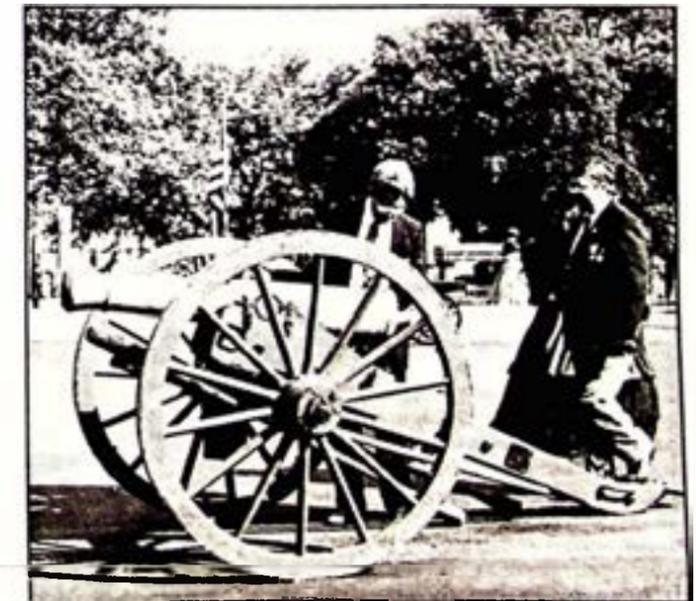
tillery" (Battery A, 1st Illinois Volunteer Artillery), who would present a living history program in the morning of what proved to be the only sunny day of that week in September. This unit was under the command of Dr. Hauff, who planned the battery would not only present a living history program in the morning but would fire a three volley echoed salute with its two cannon during the rededication ceremony. Dr. Hauff also contacted members of the 114th Pennsylvania Zouaves and they agreed to participate.

Nick Kaup obtained souvenir imprinted ribbons for distribution during the day. He also was a "spark plug" in planning the event, making contact with the First Wisconsin Volunteer Brigade Band, a 50-piece band which uses original Civil War instruments and plays compositions arranged as they were during the 1860s. He also made contact with a brother member of our Camp, Mr. J. Brooks Davis who agreed to speak at the event. Mr. Davis is a professor of history at Northwestern University and has served in the past as commander of the Camp and of the Department of Illinois, prior to our recent reorganization. Nick also contacted Max Daniels and his wife Donna; they agreed to participate in their well-known roles

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This plaque commemorates the role played by Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1 in the rededication of 228 Civil War veterans' headstones at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago.



Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore, left, and Ed Kreiser, his Personal Aide, inspect one of the cannon used during the rededication ceremonies at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, Sept. 26, 1993.

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of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Todd Malone offered the services of his staff and provided the sound system, chairs, podium, traffic control, as well as a lunch for the participants at the morning events. He suggested and invited Patrick O'Connor, 40th Ward Alderman, who studied Civil War history at Loyola College, Chicago. Alderman O'Connor graciously agreed to say a few words. Mr. Malone also provided a reception after the ceremony, with hot food and beverages served to all. He also paid the stipend for the First Brigade Band.

Jim Muetting sent hundreds of invitations to patriotic organizations, politicians, newspapers, radio and TV stations, magazines, etc. He was successful in obtaining the participation of SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore and several of his staff, the National President of Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Dorothy Coloantuono and three of her staff; the Rev. R. Brad Long, a member of the camp and noted Civil War writer who acted as Chaplain for the ceremonies; and colors and representation from the VFW, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans Association, the Retired Officers Association, the Reserve Officers Association, Civil War Round Table members, and others.

Rosehill Cemetery has many Civil War memorials. Just past the main gate stand the Civil War monument dedicated to all Union dead. West of the monument is a limestone memorial honoring the First Illinois Light Artillery, the plot outlined by cannon barrels sunk into the ground, muzzles pointing to the sky. Others memorials are dedicated to Company B, First Regiment of the Illinois Light Artillery (Bridge's Battery), and the Chicago Board of Trade Battery. The grandest monument of all is a full-size bronze cannon draped in the Stars and Stripes, which memorializes Battery A of the Chicago Light Artillery.

The living history event was well received, with the Chicago Light Artillery presenting a cannon drill and firing several rounds, enhanced by the presence of the members' wives dressed in period attire. They not only gave a flavor to the event, they answered many questions from those attending.

Following the participants' lunch, the First Brigade Band gave a 90-minute concert at which Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln assisted.

After the band concert, all costumed and uniformed members of the



Among the officers present at the rededication in Rosehill Cemetery were, from left to right, National Secretary James Lyons of Lansing, Mich.; National Patriotic Instructor Gary Gibson of Kalamazoo, Mich.; James Muetting of Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1, Harry Kaup, PCC, Camp No. 1; Tim Frake, Department of Illinois secretary; and Richard Larson, also Department of Illinois.

rededication formed and marched to the dedication site to the music of the First Brigade Band. This was an impressive part of the ceremony, ending with the band deployed on one side of the monument to Illinois Civil War Veterans and the massed colors on either side of the speakers' platform, near the monuments for Battery A, First Volunteer Artillery and Battery B, First Volunteer Artillery.

Master of ceremonies was James A. Muetting Sr. He is Patriotic Instructor, genealogist, and historian for Camp No. 1. He introduced each speaker and provided program continuity.

J. Brooks Davis's address was an interesting talk which included an anecdote concerning his grandfather, John Brooks Davis. John B. Davis had served in the heavy artillery during the Civil War and at the end of the war was assigned as a guard over Confederate prisoners, one of whom was Jefferson Davis. After some time as guard and prisoner, the relationship relaxed to the point where they conversed and found that they were, in fact, distant cousins. Mr. J. Brooks Davis has as a prized possession a folding candlestick given to his grandfather by Jefferson Davis.

Alderman O'Connor gave an inspiring talk about the importance of teaching history and remembering the lessons learned from not only the Civil War but all wars. He stressed the importance of maintaining the Union and unity of men today.

Ernest A. Griffin, also a member of Camp No. 1, was an additional speaker. Mr. Griffin is a member of the Stephen A. Douglas Tomb and Memorial Society and he spoke as a representative of the 150,000 U. S. Colored Troops, one of whom was his grandfather Charles Griffin. To mark the site of Camp Douglas, an army barracks was built on 60 acres between 31st and 33rd Streets and from Cottage Grove Avenue on the west. Named after the U. S. Senator and Lincoln's debate adversary, Camp Douglas was originally a recruiting center and training post for Illinois volunteers. As the war intensified, the post was also used as a prisoner of war camp, holding as many as 30,000 Confederate soldiers.

To mark the site of Camp Douglas, which was torn down in the spring of 1865, Ernest A. Griffin set up a glass

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# Michigan 'True Son' recounts father's service



BELLAIRE, Mich. — Last October, Ervan L. Amidon, Lt. Col. (Ret.), interviewed Lowell H. Orebaugh of Traverse City, a true son of a Civil War Union soldier.

Brothers Orebaugh and Amidon are both members of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Bellaire, Mich. A copy of the interview was forwarded by Commander Daniel V. Bennett.

- Q: What is your full name?
- A: Lowell Herbert Orebaugh.
- Q: Your birthdate?
- A: 5 February 1901.
- Q: Where were you born?
- A: Marathon, Ohio (Clermont County).
- Q: From what high school did you graduate?
- A: Milford High School, Milford, Ohio.
- Q: Did you graduate from a university?
- A: I attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, for three years. I did not graduate or receive a degree.
- Q: What was the maiden name of your wife?
- A: Esther Louise Hunt.
- Q: Where did you meet your wife-to-be?
- A: At Oxford, Ohio, where she was a student at Western College for Women at Oxford. Now consolidated with Miami University.
- Q: When were you married?
- A: 18 Sept. 1926.
- Q: Where were you married?

A: Salem, Ohio (Columbia County). I recall that Salem had a large Quaker population and was a prominent place on the "underground railway" during the Civil War.

Q: Your employment during your working years?

A: Thirty-three years with divisions of the Treasury Department and the Department of Justice, government of the U. S.

Q: When did you come to live in Traverse City?

A: In 1962.

Q: Tell me of your children.

A: We had two daughters. —Jean Orebaugh Barnard. She was born in 1933. Her husband is Talbot Barnard, Col., USA (Ret.). They have two children.

—Ann Elizabeth Orebaugh Gleason Stevens. There are two children as the result of her first marriage to Jack Gleason, DDS, who died. Her second husband is Mr. George Stevens.

Q: What was the name of your father?

A: Alfred Orebaugh.

Q: What is the birthdate of your father?

A: 26 March 1838.

Q: What is the maiden name of your mother?

A: Maggie Day.

Q: What is the birthdate of your mother?

A: 11 Aug. 1869.

Q: When and where were your parents married?

A: Marathon, Ohio (Clermont County), in September 1892.

Q: Can you tell me of the military service of your father during the Civil War?

A: My father Alfred Orebaugh enlisted at the age of 23 years in the service of the United States at Camp Benton, Missouri, on 4 Sept. 1861. This was in Captain William Feeny's Company K, 27th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Fuller's Ohio Brigade) for three years. He was transferred to the regimental band on 5 Sept. 1861. As a bandsman, he participated in the Battles of Blackwater, Mo., 18 Dec. 1861; New Madrid, Mo., 13 March 1862; Island No. 10, Tennessee, 8 April 1862; Farmington, Miss., 3 May 1862, and Corinth, Miss., 20 May 1862.

He was honorably discharged 17 Aug. 1862, by Act of Congress disbanding all regimental bands.

He reenlisted 2 May 1864, and was mustered in at Camp Denison, Ohio, as a private in Captain Bickmore's Company B, 153rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment for 100 days. He performed guard and picket duty in and around Harper's Ferry, Va., and Bermuda Hundred, Va., and engaged in skirmishes at Hammack's Mills, W. Va., and Blue Gap, W. Va., on 3 July 1864; and at Green Springs, W. Va., on 2 August 1864. He was honorably discharged with his company 9 Sept. 1864 upon expiration of term of service.

He reenlisted 14 Feb. 1865 at Hillsboro, Ohio (Highland County), for one year, as a private in Captain Richard's Company E, 191st Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and was ordered to Harper's Ferry, Va. He reported to Brigadier General John R. Brooke for special duty with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Army of the Shenandoah. He was promoted to Principal Musician 1 July 1865. He was honorably discharged 27 Aug. 1865 at Winchester, Va., following the end of the Civil War.

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display case in the parking lot in front of Griffin Funeral Home, 3232 S. Martin Luther King Drive. Besides showing Civil War artifacts and the flags of each state in the Union and the Confederacy, the case also displays the enlistment papers of Griffin's grandfather Charles, who joined the U. S. Colored Infantry at Camp Douglas on Jan. 5, 1864.

After the speakers concluded, Captain Tom Hauff spoke about the Chicago Light Artillery and its part in the Civil War. Following his talk, he asked Nick Kaup to unveil the plaque commemorating the part that Camp No. 1, SUVCW, played in the restoration of the 228 markers rededicated that day.

After the unveiling, Battery A fired a three volley salute, echoed by one of its cannons. The First Brigade Band then

played a Civil War version of "The Star Spangled Banner."

After announcements about the reception, the band and other participants dispersed, accompanied by a spirited version of "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Later, at the reception, certificates of appreciation were presented by Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1 to all participants.

Note: Camp No. 1 has now grown to more than 70 members and is actively participating in the preservation of the memories and artifacts of the Union's part in the Civil War. The camp currently meets the last Monday evening of each month at the Wilmette Historical Museum, Hunter and Forest Streets, Wilmette, Ill. 60091. For membership information, please write James A. Muetting, 1727 Morse Avenue, Des Plaines, Ill. 60018-3847, or call (708) 390-9757.

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Q: Can you tell me anything of your father's life following his service in the Civil War?

A: I should also mention that my father and my maternal grandfather, Joseph E. H. Day, served together during the Civil War. My father was in his fifties when he married my mother, probably about age 54. Mother was age 32 when I was born. My father was age 63 when I was born and he was 69 when he died.

Q: What was the date of the death of your father, Alfred Orebaugh?

A: He was age 69 when he died on 16 April 1907, at Marthon, Ohio. ... He is buried at Monterey, Ohio (Clermont County), near Marathon.

Q: Do you recall anything specific of your father since you were but six when he died?

A: My father owned farms, was interested in construction, especially construction of electric railroads, and I often accompanied him on his visits to all locations.

Q: Can you comment on growing up in the care of your mother from your age of six at the time of the death of your father?

A: My mother was my constant companion during my youth. She was with me much of the time and provided supervision, compassion, and love. Also I had grandparents who lived with mother and me, and lived to an old age. My maternal grandfather, Joseph E. H. Day, lived to age 86; my paternal grandmother who lived with us for many years, a sister of my mother lived to age 93, and my mother lived to age 97.

Q: When did your mother die?

A: She died on 16 June 1966 at Traverse City and is buried in Salem, Ohio (Columbia County). She was age 97 when she died.

Q: When did your wife, Esther Louise Hunt Orebaugh, die?

A: On 11 Sept. 1982 at Traverse City. A sudden death.

Q: I understand you have for many

years [had] a real interest in food and cooking?

A: Yes, I do the shopping for the food and prepare my own meals. I frequently select the food and prepare it and have my family here for Sunday dinner.

Amidon: Mr. Orebaugh then let me examine several original letters and a diary from members of his family who had served as both officers and enlisted men in the Union Army. ... He has preserved these well and has also prepared a history of his Orebaugh family. I recommend these letters and diaries be retyped with the purpose of placing them on file at appropriate research facilities in Michigan and Ohio.

I thanked Mr. Orebaugh for his time and patience. He is a delightful person and truly a favorite of mine. He will be age 93 on 5 Feb. 1994.

Mr. Orebaugh also mentioned that his late wife was buried at Salem, Ohio, and that he, too, would one day be buried there.

### Chamberlain Camp formed in Virginia

ROANOKE, Va. — The Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp of SUVCW has been established in Roanoke, according to an announcement from Camp Commander Robert Eck.

Eck says that Chamberlain Camp is dedicated to "sustaining and otherwise encouraging a close working relationship with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, thereby perpetuating the spirit of Bvt. Major General Chamberlain who, on April 12, 1865, at Appomattox, led the Fifth Corps of the Army of the Potomac in the Stacking-of-Arms ceremony."

Eck goes on to quote Chamberlain's words on the salute he ordered to the veterans of the Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Gen. John B. Gordon, words also quoted in the Summer 1993 Banner.

The Hero of Little Round Top, who died 80 years ago this month — Feb. 24, 1914 — in Portland, Me., would no doubt be pleased to know a SUVCW camp headquartered in Virginia is named for him. Chamberlain made numerous visits to Virginia in the years after the war and his *The Passing of the Armies* remains the best single book on the last battles of the war.

Camp Commander Robert Eck's address and phone are: 3838 Cundiff Dr., N.E., Roanoke, Va. 24012; (703) 977-2642.

### Sr. Vice C-in-C asks a little help from every member

HOLT, Mich. — Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison is asking that each member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War donate \$1.00 to the National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

According to SVC-in-C Harrison, one of the duties of his office is to help promote the order through placement of recruitment advertisements in various Civil War related publications. During the last few years, these advertisements have begun to pay off with continued increases in membership in the order. This year, Harrison intends to judiciously expand the program to include an even larger and more diversified number of publications, as well as possibly using other forms of media, in which SUVCW advertisements can be run.

Currently the SVC-in-C Fund is supported primarily through receipt of \$5.00 from the application fee of each new member who joins the order and through periodic donations from a handful of members. Harrison says this approach may have been appropriate in the past, "but it is time for the order to get serious about rebuilding itself into a viable and nationally

recognized entity capable of promoting the principles for which it was sanctioned by the GAR.

"It is time for ALL, not just new members and few regular members to begin to invest in the future of our order and to help insure that it continues to grow and prosper. The dividends the order will reap from the increased membership and the resulting increased influence in local, state, and national affairs relating to our Union forbears will more than compensate the one-dollar donation."

A single dollar is little to ask from each member. However, when multiplied by the more than 3,000 members and then combined with revenues from each new member's application, the SVC-in-C Fund will go a long way in support of an effective national recruitment program and to informing the public why and for what principles the order exists.

Your \$1.00 donation to the fund should be made payable to "National Organization, SUVCW" and sent to:

Keith G. Harrison  
SVC-in-C, SUVCW  
4209 Santa Clara Drive  
Holt, Mich. 48842

## Private George Washington Fair given a new home

By ROBERT E. GRIM  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Ohio Department, SUVCW

DAYTON, Ohio — Montgomery County's Private George Washington Fair found a new home on Veterans Day 1993. Pvt. Fair is now protected from the elements under a portico at the entrance to the Dayton, Ohio, Veterans Hospital.

The two-ton, 11-foot tall marble statue originally stood on a 73-foot column on Main Street in Dayton. It was decided a bronze replica would hold up better at the exposed Main Street site. So the original sculpture of Civil War Pvt. Fair was moved to the entry way of the new Veterans Medical Center.

The city spent \$5,500 to clean and move Pvt. Fair. The statue was originally dedicated in 1884 as the Montgomery County Soldiers Monument.

More than 200 persons attended the rededication program. Members of the newly-chartered William Tecumseh Sherman Camp 93, SUVCW, were asked by the VA Medical Center to assist with the program. Herbert G. Webb, commander of the new camp, asked for assistance from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, Ohio Department officers, and members of Henry Casey Camp No. 92.

The statue was built to honor the nation's Union veterans and Pvt. Fair of Dayton served as its model. After the

### Henry Casey Camp enters float in Christmas parade

SABINA, Ohio — Members of the Henry Casey Camp No. 92 entered a float in the annual Washington Court House, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade. Camp 92's float was one of 115 units in the parade. Riding on the float, which depicted a Civil War camp site, were Robert E. Grim, Commander of Camp No. 92, Brig. Gen. Charles Corfman, Past Commander in Chief, SUVCW, and Raymond Grim and Ronnie Cox, members of Camp No. 92.

Marching behind the float in uniform were members of the camp who serve in Company C, 20th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve. They were Shawn Cox, David Grim, Greg Cox, Marvin R. Seymore, Irvan R. Cassio, Rodney R. Grim and Robert E. Morris.

The Henry Casey members were followed by a decorated car with members of the Ohio Department, Ladies of the GAR. Among the Ladies was Irene G. Looker, President of the Ohio Department, SUVCW.

Civil War, three hospitals were established in Ohio to care for Union veterans. The Dayton, Ohio, site is one of the three. Founded in 1867, it was originally known as the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

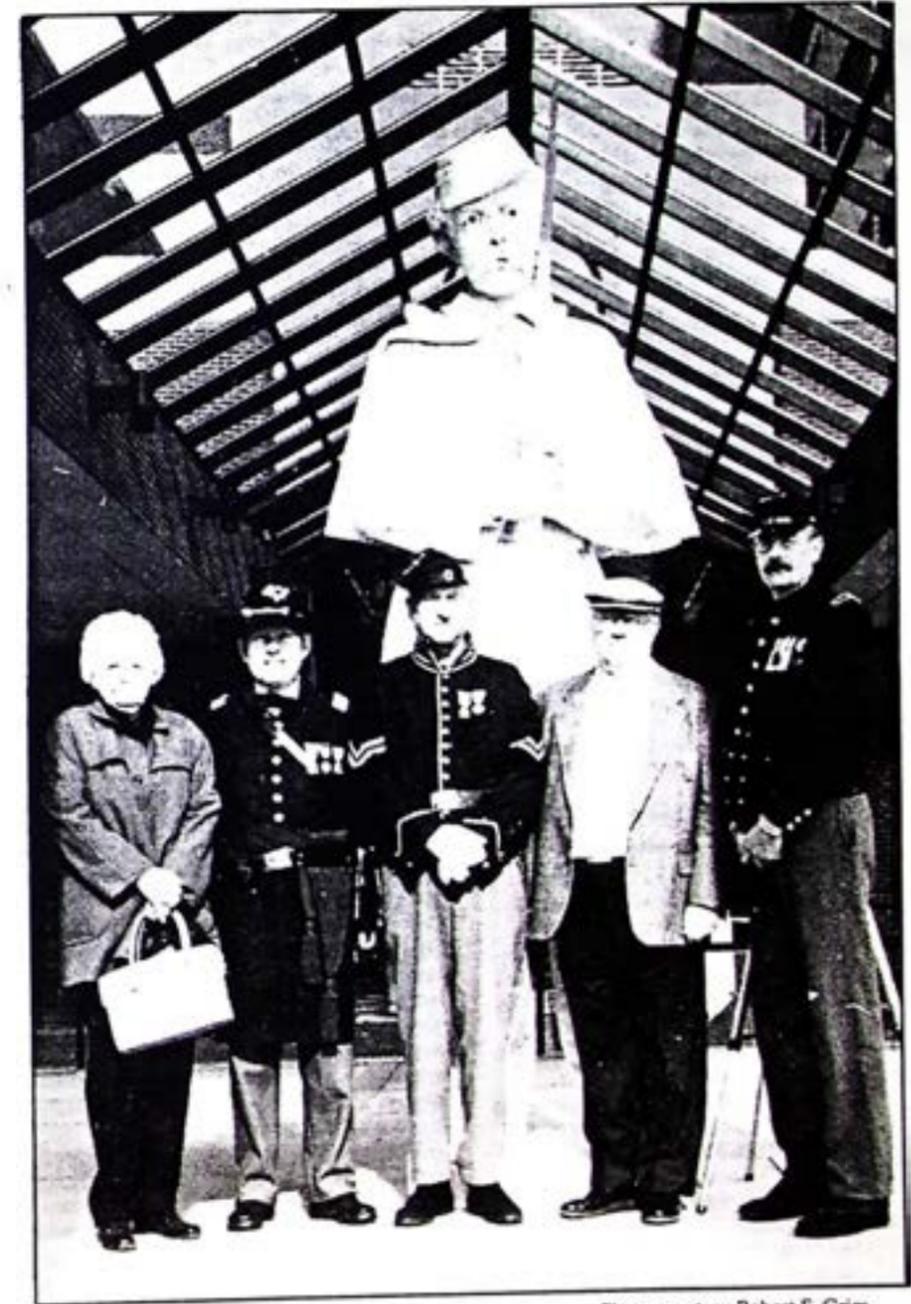


Photo courtesy Robert E. Grim

Among those who helped dedicate the Private George Washington Fair statue during Veterans Day ceremonies at the VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, were, from left to right, Mrs. Irene G. Looker, President of the Ohio Department, Ladies of the GAR; Robert E. Grim, Sr. Vice Commander of the Ohio Department, SUVCW; David R. Medert, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW; Herbert G. Webb, Commander William T. Sherman Camp No. 93; and James Hilton, Jr. Vice Commander, Ohio Department, SUVCW.

## Picket Line: Notes from Departments

### Auxiliary

By MARGARET ATKINSON  
National Secretary  
Auxiliary to SUVCW

PHILADELPHIA — The National Organization of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War mourns the passing of Past National President Ethel V. Carver on Jan. 8, 1994.

Serving as National President from August 1991 to August 1992, the Auxiliary had been Sister Ethel's principal interest during her more than 50s of membership.

She was a member of Appomattox Auxiliary No. 2 of the Maryland-Delaware Department and was serving her second term as Department President at the time of her death. Her other activities had included serving on the Administrative Board of the East Lake Methodist Church, as Secretary of the Brandywine Church Camp, and performing volunteer work for many years with the Retarded Children's Association of Delaware.

National President Florence Spring led the Auxiliary service at the viewing in Wilmington, Del. Sister Ethel was laid to rest in Grace Lawn Cemetery, New Castle, Del.

### Past C-in-Cs

Here is a list of Past Commanders-in-Chief, SUVCW, prepared by current Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore:

1963-1965: Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester, N. Y. 14620.

1967-1968: William W. Haskell, 109 Burkeside Ave., Brockton, Mass., 02401.

1971-1972: Norman R. Furman, 99 Conant Drive, Buffalo, N. Y. 14223.

1976-1977: Kenneth T. Wheeler, 128 Amherst St., Milford, N. H. 03055.

1978-1979: Richard Greenwalt, 2449 Center Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601.

1982-1983: Richard C. Schlenker, 4112 Heathfield Road, Rockville, Md. 20853.

1983-1984: William L. Simpson, 1312 James St., Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608.

1984-1985: Eugene E. Russell, 70 Salem St., No. 10, Malden, Mass. 02148.

1985-1986: Donald L. Roberts, Box 606, Candor, N. Y. 13743.

1986-1987: Gordon R. Bury III, R. D. 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio 44645.

1987-1988: The Rev. Richard O. Partridge, 1661 Arran Way, Dresher, Pa. 19025.

1988-1989: Clark W. Mellor, 3 Ashton St., Worcester, Mass. 01605.

1989-1990: Charles W. Corfman, 9057 State Rt. 83 N., Holmesville, Ohio 44633.

1990-1991: George W. Long, 222 Lincoln St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603.

1991-1992: Lowell V. Hammer, 12312 Espalier Pl., Potomac, Md. 20854.

1992-1993: Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19116.

Here is a list of the National Presidents of the Allied Orders:

—Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Florence H. Spring, 516 Martin Ave., Reading, Pa. 19601

—Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Phyllis Houston, 5070 S. W. 163rd, Ahola, Ore. 97007.

—Women's Relief Corps:

Elsie M. Gould, 17 Linden St., Somersworth, N. H. 03878.

—Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Dorothy Colantuono, 1165 S. 96th St., Omaha, Neb. 68124-1121.

### Auxiliary

By MARGARET ATKINSON  
National Secretary  
Auxiliary to SUVCW

PHILADELPHIA — On Sunday, Jan. 16, two restored windows were dedicated in ceremonies held at the G.A.R. Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia.

The funds to restore one window had been given by the family and friends of former Camp No. 1 member William Daily. Brother Daily had a great admiration for Gen. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, studying his life and performing first person impressions of his hero at schools and community functions. The window was named the "Joshua Chamberlain Window" with a plaque indicating it was dedicated to Bill.

The second window was restored with funds donated by Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1 of Philadelphia. It was named the "Anna M. Ross Window" and dedicated to the memory of this Civil War benefactor and nurse who was given the title "The Soldier's Friend" by the grateful men to whom she ministered so faithfully.

The G. A. R. Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia hosted a record crowd at its Open House on Jan. 2, 1994, with more than 300 visitors viewing the artifacts and hearing Camp No. 1 member Andy Waskie portray Gen. George Gordon Meade.

Normally two programs are presented

at each Open House. However, the presentation was given four times that afternoon to accommodate the crowd. The Museum continues to be open each Sunday in January, staffed by volunteers, many of them members of Camp and Auxiliary No. 1. A different presentation was performed each Sunday, including a history of Philadelphia during the Civil War, first-person impressions of Civil War heroines, and a Soldier's Show.

### New York

NEW YORK — Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, SUVCW, will conduct the annual General Grant Birthday Commemoration at the Grant Museum, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan, on Sunday, April 24. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m.

A luncheon follows at the Riverside Church Cafeteria nearby.

New members of the Camp are initiated into the order during the ceremony. Family and friends are invited to attend.

The General Grant Ceremony is impressive and provides an opportunity to tour the monument. The Department Commander is expected to attend the ceremony, as well as a number of Civil War units with their colors.

For more information, call James A. Grismer, Camp Commander, 313 Earle Avenue, Lynbrook, N. Y. 11563; his phone is (516) 599-9256.

### Washington, D.C.

By RICHARD SCHLENKER, PC-IN-C  
Washington Representative, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Museum at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery contains many badges and plaques presented by military and hereditary societies.

Some time ago, we learned that the membership badge of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was not on display but was listed in the published inventory.

Arrangements were made with the curator to replace the missing item and on Dec. 16, 1993, in a ceremony at the museum, your Washington Representative presented his membership badge to the museum in memory of his Union veteran ancestor, Daniel B. Schlenker, Co. G, 167th Pennsylvania Militia and Hermany Post No. 606, Pennsylvania Grand Army of the Republic; and his father, Raymond J. Schlenker, member of Bertollette Camp No. 95, Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW.

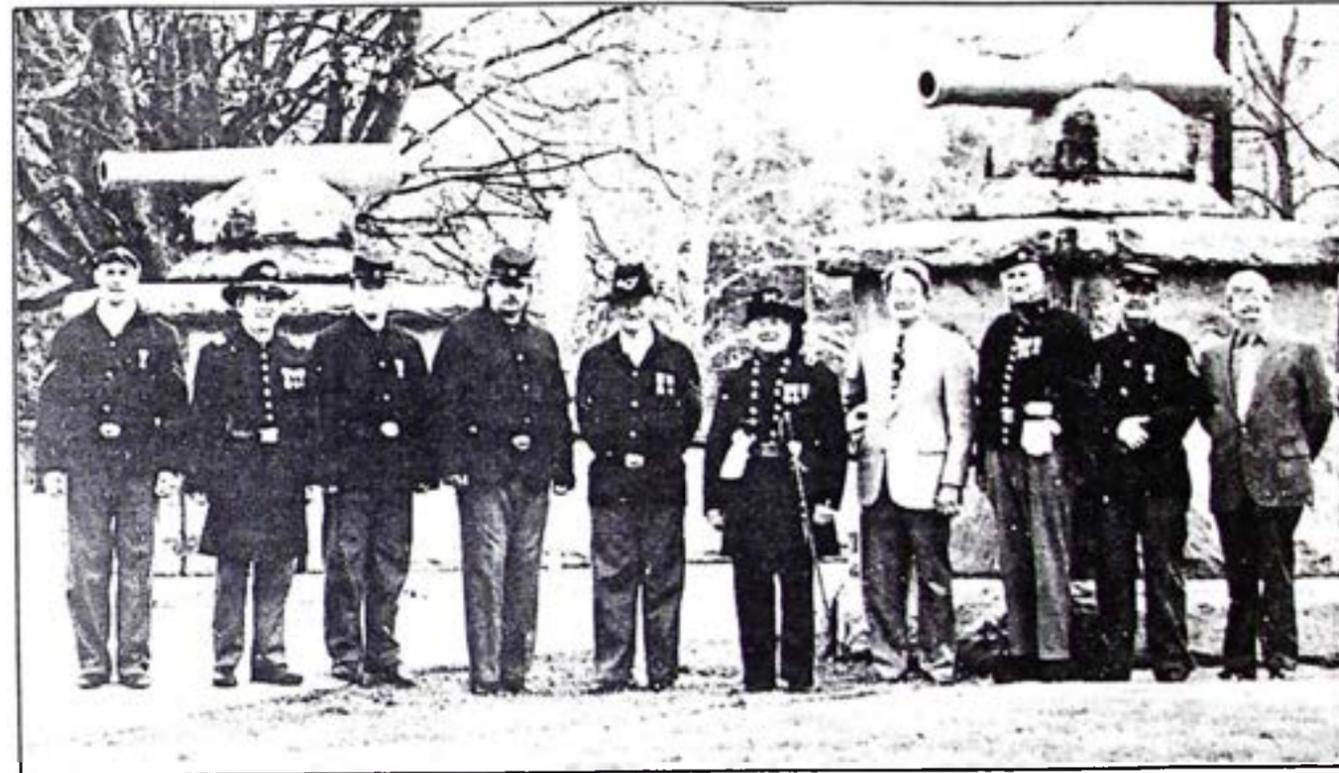


Photo courtesy Robert E. Grim

Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore, fourth from right, with members of the team that helped him install the officers of William T. Sherman Camp No. 93, following presentation of their charter at the Xenia, Ohio, GAR Childrens Home. From left to right, Irven R. Cassion, Henry Casey Camp No. 92; Robert E. Grim, Sr. Vice Commander, Ohio Department, SUVCW; Greg Cox and Rob Morris, members of Henry Casey Camp; Brig. Gen. Charles Corfman, Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW; Commander-in-Chief Moore; David R. Medert, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW; Marvin R. Seymore, Henry Casey Camp No. 92; and Kirby Bauman.

## Camp No. 50, Penna., rededicates monument

By ORWIN W. CADDY  
Commander, Camp No. 50,  
SUVCW, Carlisle, Pa.

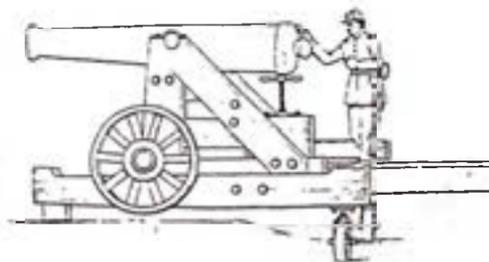
CARLISLE, Pa. — With the names of its Union veterans who died in the Great Conflict, 1861-1865, gleaming in the afternoon sun of Sept. 12, 1993, Cumberland County rededicated its badly weathered Civil War monument.

The unveiling of four new bronze tablets imbedded at the base of the monument and bearing names of the veterans insures their sacrifice and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic will be perpetuated into the future.

The cost of the entire project and ceremony was funded by the G. B. Stuart Charitable Foundation of Carlisle, Pa. The project was organized by Mr. James F. Clay, director, Cumberland County Department of Veterans Services.

Surrounded by an honor guard of

Civil War reenactors, President Lincoln (James A. Getty) arrived by horse drawn carriage at Memorial Square in Carlisle to be the keynote speaker at the rededication ceremony. The President was greeted by George W. Long of Lancaster, Pa., Past C-in-C, SUVCW, acting for Allen W. Moore, C-in-C, and by William J. McMaster Sr. of Kittanning, Pa., Pennsylvania Department Commander, SUVCW, who accompanied the Presi-



dent to the podium. There Lincoln was greeted by the Mayor of Carlisle and Master of Ceremonies Kirk Wilson of Camp No. 50 and Chairman of Cumberland County Commissioners Earl R. Keller and Commissioner Marcia Myers.

The President acknowledged the greeting from the sizeable crowd. Others at the podium included Mrs. Florence Spring of Reading, Pa., National President, Auxiliary to SUVCW; Ms. Robin Johnston of Carlisle, President of the Auxiliary to Camp 50; and Orwin W. Caddy of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Commander of Camp 50.

Tad Lincoln (Gregg Brittain) accompanied his father and behaved perfectly throughout the ceremony, which included the President's address, patriotic music, unveiling of the tablets, and recognitions by the county commissioners. Seated together in a place of honor were the members of Camp 50 and its Auxiliary.

## John Doyle Sr., Son for 70 years dies at age 99

CHELSEA, Vt. — H. E. K. Hall Camp No. 28 of Chelsea recently lost its oldest member at the age of 99.

John Doyle Sr. was a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for 70 years — and was one of the senior members of the order. Earlier in 1993, at his daughter's home in Guilford, Conn., he was presented with a medal in honor of that 70th anniversary. The medal was sent to him by Past Commander in Chief Elmer F. Atkinson.

H. E. K. Hall Camp was organized in 1886; John joined the camp about 35 years later. One of John's grandfathers, Lewis N. Lucas, was a veteran of the Civil War who served in the Second Battalion, Light Artillery, and the First Company of Heavy Artillery. He was mustered in on Aug. 6, 1864, and discharged on Aug. 8, 1865.

During his long membership in the Chelsea Camp, John filled many offices, serving as JVC from 1925-28, and holding his first term as CC from 1930-31. He held the office of Secretary-Treasurer from 1946-49, and served as Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor concurrently from 1968-1973, when he was again elected Commander.

Because John's residence for the past several years was divided between Guilford, Conn., and Chelsea and Craftsbury, Vt., he was not able to attend all meetings, but he maintained his membership in the order, and held the

## Massachusetts P.I. donates to Salem Library

SALEM, N. H. — Douglass R. Knight, Patriotic Instructor, Department of Massachusetts, has donated some Civil War books to the Kelley Library in Salem.

Eleanor Strang, acting director of the Kelley Library recently acknowledged his donations, which included *History of the Civil War, Illustrated with Reproductions of the Brady War Photographs, by Benson J. Lossing*, a special 50th anniversary edition published in 1912; and *Abraham Lincoln: Speeches and Writing, 1859-1865*.

Librarian Strang wrote of the Lossing series, "We catalogued this series to be part of the Reference Collection, and it is kept in a locked case in the Quiet Study Room. ..."



Photo courtesy Merlin Doyle

John Doyle Sr., a member of H. E. K. Hall Camp No. 28 of Chelsea, Vt., received a medal from Past C-in-C Atkinson last year in honor of his 70 years of membership in SUVCW. A senior member of the order, Doyle died last September. The medal was presented by son Merlin Doyle, Secretary-Treasurer of the Vermont Dept.

office of Chaplain from 1977 until his death.

John Doyle Sr. was born in Chelsea, Vt., on May 27, 1894, and died on Sept. 19, 1993. As the oldest member of Camp

No. 28, he had many memories of past fellowship to take with him, and he left as many memories for remaining members to share. He will be missed and remembered with honor and love.



## Cumberland County Commissioners recognize Pennsylvania Camp No. 50

CARLISLE, Pa. — At its Civil War Monument Rededication ceremony, Sept. 12, 1993, the Cumberland County Commissioners presented Camp No.

50, SUVCW, with a plaque containing a certificate of appreciation for its many years of service and dedication to the community.

The certificate expresses the county's thanks for the Camp's work to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, to honor all who have patriotically served the county, and for

carrying on the traditions of SUVCW, and extending them to all veterans and the community.

Certificates were also given to all members of Camp No. 50 and its Auxiliary commemorating their participation in the rededication ceremony.

County Commission Chairman Earl R. Keller presented the plaque and certificates to Orwin W. Caddy, Commander of Camp No. 50, SUVCW, and certificates for the Auxiliary were accepted by Ms. Robin Johnston, President of Camp 50's Auxiliary.

## "Gettysburg" wins praise, draws big crowds

By R. C. GREGORY  
Banner Editor

IONIA, Mich. — The movie *Gettysburg* is the big, popular Civil War event of the past half-year. And since it is reportedly going to be a television miniseries sometime during 1994, its influence, for good and not-so-good, is likely to continue.

The movie, based on Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize novel "The Killer Angels," has received a considerable amount of deserved praise. While running time, according to the producers, is 4 hours

and 8 minutes, not counting an intermission, the movie is well-paced and reaches its climax with Pickett's Charge, often called the highwater mark of the Confederacy.

But it is a movie, it is not history.

Any deep consideration of the Civil War is complicated and time-consuming. A recent estimate places the number of books written on the Civil War, in all its aspects, at 50,000 — and that doesn't take into account that, in some respects, the Civil War began almost as soon as the Constitution was adopted. *The Offi-*

*cial Records*, the longest work of fiction in the 19th century, are suspect in many things — but they are still fundamental reading. Occasionally there's even a piece of high-quality writing in the OR.

And the Battle of Gettysburg itself is no little subject. With the possible exception of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, sometimes called Custer's Last Stand, no American battle has been more written about than Gettysburg. But, for all that, Gen. Longstreet's view of the battle, for example, is not as well known as it should be. Heading off to see *Gettysburg*, there are at least two important aspects to keep in mind:

—*The Killer Angels* is a novel; a good novel, yes; but a novel is not history.

—Approximately 150,000 Union and Confederate troops were present at the Battle of Gettysburg; Livermore places total casualties — killed, captured, wounded, missing — at about 51,000. Other battles had higher percentages of casualties, including the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The only 20th century general with anything like such a percentage was Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the New Guinea campaign.

The battle is considerably foreshortened in the movie to maintain pacing and story-line. It is apparently the gore of battle that gives the movie its PG rating; it's certainly not anything conventionally naughty. The rating is mindless: a battle is not a Sunday school picnic, although battles have been fought to make Sunday school picnics possible.

The documentary filmmaker Ken Burns who brought *The Civil War* to public television has left his mark on this film. Burns used still photographs in wonderful ways and he had a script and sound effects much superior to those of *Gettysburg*. Burns plays a bit part — as Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock's aide, who asks him to get down from his horse and provides occasion for the movie Hancock to say a line about the unimportance of a corps commander. Where Burns left his mark shows in the film titles, the use of still photograph placings, the sense of American land and landscape, and zooming out from a close-up to yield a large scene.

Some notes:

—While many of the cast are distinguished actors, the movie generally makes their characters appear older than they in fact were at Gettysburg in 1863. Sam Elliott who plays Gen. John Buford is perhaps 10 to 15 years old than Buford was; he was 37. Gen. John Bell Hood

## Honor Rolls

WARWICK, R. I. — Eileen R. Coombs, National Treasurer of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, sends the following SUVCW Honor Roll contributions and New Life members.

### Honor Roll

In memory of B. Franklin Lucas, PDC and Life Member of the Sons, Maryland-Delaware Department, from Mary Lucas, \$10.

In memory of Frances Ganley, PDP, New York, from Florence's Violets Club, \$10.

### Life Members

The following life members are all from Auxiliary No. 2, New Jersey:

Florence M. Spring, \$125.

Dolores Sharp, \$125.

Jill Jamieson, \$150.

Susan Jamieson, \$150.

Karen Keen, \$150.

Florence Ballirano, \$150.

Tricia Mugovero, \$150.

Denise Spring, \$150.

Judith Swartzel, \$150.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — From Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer, SUVCW, comes this list of contributions to the Permanent Fund.

### Honor Roll

In memory of LTC Mathew Mullins, by LTC Clifford H. Pohl, USA (Ret.)

In memory of Cpl. Joseph Edwin Harding, by Douglas Meiere Harding.

In memory of Paul A. Neff, by Maj. Ellis S. Branch.

In memory of Thomas Frake, by Timothy P. Frake.

In memory of Pvt. Daniel B.

Schlenker, by Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C.

In memory of Henry B. Racy, by Mildred Hanson.

HOLT, Mich. — The following Brothers and two Sisters have contributed to SUVCW's Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund between Aug. 15 and Nov. 30, 1993. They are to be saluted for their contributions and for their interest in the promotion of the order.

Clark Mellor, PC-in-C; Ken Butterworth; Michael Cadewaller; Edward Krieser; Charles Corfman, PC-in-C; Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C; Jim Russell; Elmer Atkinson, PC-in-C; Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C;

George Powell; Nick Kaup; Richard Williams; Ron Aronis; Rhoda Lemanski; James Neal; Norman Furman, PC-in-C; Frank Foight; Peter Kane; Andrew Johnson; Joseph Long; Lowell Hammer, PC-in-C; Richard Orr; Robert Grim; J. Douglas Park; James Mueing; Allen Loomis; Louise Hernke; Ronald Schull;

Danny Wheeler; Otis Evans; Robert Carron; William Lindberg; Ken Hersberger; Gary Gibson; Peter Dixon; Dave Medert; Allen Moore, C-in-C; James T. Lyons; Stephen Michaels; Ron Gill; Keith Harrison; Vaughn Rawson.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund is used in conjunction with new member application fees to pay for recruitment advertisements in various national publications and magazines. (See related story, this issue.)

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was a young man — 32 — at Gettysburg, not the grizzled middle-aged character played (well) by Patrick Gorman.

—No account I know gives Gen. Robert E. Lee so heavy a drawl as Martin Sheen gives him in the movie. Lee was a Virginian, to be sure, but his speech as delivered by Sheen, is much too Deep South. The Battle of Gettysburg was not Lee at his best, not the Lee of Chancellorsville, or Fredericksburg, but his drawl jars. It would appear likely Lee spoke Tidewater, not Deep South.

If Sheen's Lee was intended to show Lee when he was not in charge of a battle, when he had lost contact with Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, and when he had neither Gen. T. J. Jackson nor much opportunity for dangerous daring, then Sheen almost succeeds. Still, there's a curiously flat quality about the Lee of *Gettysburg*.

—Michiganian Jeff Daniels as Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Kevin Conway as Buster Kilrain have the two finest roles to play in the movie, and do them well against the backdrop of Shaara's novel and against some aspects of fact. Kilrain was created by Shaara, however; no such man existed in the 20th Maine.

At one point in the bayonet charge of the 20th Maine in the movie, a Confederate officer levels a revolver at Chamberlain — and the weapon either fails to fire or is empty. The "click" is audible in the movie, as it would not, perhaps, have been with a bayonet charge going on. Chamberlain tells the episode himself, and very well: as the Confederate officer leveled the pistol in one hand, he held out his sword in the other. Chamberlain kept the pistol, a Navy Colt; it's on display at his house in Brunswick, Maine, but he returned the sword.

—The American painter Winslow Homer, who was a war artist, provides one remarkable scene in the movie. In a painting now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, *Prisoners from the Front*, painted in 1866, Homer shows a crisply uniformed Union officer on the right confronting three Confederate prisoners at center and left, with two Union guards in back of the three prisoners.

The *Gettysburg* director copied the scene, with careful attention to uniforms and posture. Lt. Thomas D. Chamberlain is the Union officer talking to the prisoners and thanking them for speaking with him. To identify the scene, look for, or recall, the youth — the brim of his hat turned up — with whom Lt. Cham-

berlain speaks. It's a neat little tribute to a great American painter.

—In fact, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and two brothers were at Gettysburg and on Little Round Top. Lt. Thomas Chamberlain was acting adjutant of the 20th Maine. Brother John Chamberlain was present as a Sanitary Commission worker. As all three were double-timing up Little Round Top, an artillery shot crashed near by. Col. Chamberlain said, and a version of this appears in the movie,

"Boys, I don't like this. Another shot might make it hard for mother. Tom, go to the rear of the regiment and see that it is well closed up. John, pass up ahead and look out for a place for our wounded."

—Much of *Gettysburg* was filmed in Gettysburg National Military Park, the best known and most visited of all Civil War sites. That the filming could be done without four or five statues and monuments showing up in the big scenes suggests something of the size of the park and of the director's skill. There are more statues, memorials, markers, cannons, piles of cannon-balls, and other memorabilia in Gettysburg National Military Park than in any other. However "real" the Little Round Top scenes, another location must have been used.

—After dilly-dallying around Maryland and Pennsylvania for a week, Gen. J. E. B. Stuart rejoined Lee on July 2, the day of Little Round Top, his command following from Carlisle where Stuart had burned the Cavalry School barracks. What neither the movie nor the novel indicates is that on July 2-3, Lee

had Stuart circle around Gettysburg until Stuart was northeast of Meade's main line. The plan, apparently, was that Stuart should attack the rear of Meade's lines and Union wagon trains, in concert with Pickett's Charge.

That never happened. Union cavalry commanded by Gen. David McMurtre Gregg and Gen. George A. Custer stood in the way — and defeated Stuart. The cavalry battle of Gettysburg is missed or ignored by several historians, included Bruce Catton, but it was crucial, nonetheless. Anyone interested can find an authoritative account in James H. Kidd's *Personal Recollections of a Cavalryman*....

The dressing-down scene between Lee and Stuart may have occurred — but Stuart's reports in *The Official Records* do not indicate he thought he erred in the Gettysburg campaign. Longstreet did not agree and nearly every writer since, including some in Stuart's command, have been critical of Stuart. In a second report on the campaign, Lee said, "... the movements of the army preceding the battle of Gettysburg had been much embarrassed by the absence of the cavalry." (*OR*, Vol. XXVII, Pt. 2, p. 318.)

There is no cavalry battle in *Gettysburg*, partly perhaps because several thousand *dismounted* reenactors are one thing, but several thousand *mounted* ones quite another. And Shaara does not write of the cavalry fight in his novel.

Again, borrowing from Ken Burns, the titles at the end of the movie briefly summarize what happened to some who fought at Gettysburg after July 3, 1863. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain went on to greater and greater distinctions.

On balance, *Gettysburg* is well worth seeing. Even twice.

salute and speeches by dignitaries.

C-in-C Allen Moore is planning to attend the event.

Calvary Cemetery, in addition to General Sherman's grave, and that of his wife and a son, is remarkable for burials of both Union and Confederate generals.

Dred Scott is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

## Illinois

ILLINOIS — Ron Clark, Commander of the Dept. of Illinois, has commended Leon Wilkens for placing GAR Highway signs across Illinois on U.S. Route 6, designated as the National GAR Highway.

Wilkens also received the Camp Commander's Award for his efforts.

## Committee prepares job descriptions for SUVCW

EDITOR'S NOTE: The National Committee on Program and Policy, 1992-93 and 1993-94 has produced *Job Descriptions For Camp and Department Officers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, dated September 1993.

Beginning with Camp and Department Commanders, these job descriptions will appear in The Banner. They will appear exactly as provided, except the Editor has broken long paragraphs into two or more paragraphs so the type can be handled more easily in laying out The Banner.

Brothers with questions about the job descriptions should address those questions to: Sr. VC-in-C Keith G. Harrison, 4209 Santa Clara Drive, Holt, Mich. 48842, who is Chairman of the Program and Policies Committee.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COMMANDER

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Commander is to direct and to provide oversight of Camp/Department operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### Activities

*Camp Commander:* The activities of the Camp Commander should include:

1. Presiding at all meetings of the Camp;
2. Appointing the appointed officers and all committees;
3. Approving and signing the Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's quarterly report Form #27-28 and ensuring that these reports are sent to the Department Treasurer *on time*;
4. Ensuring that the Camp officers and committees do their jobs;
5. Representing the Camp at community functions;
6. Becoming familiar with the Camp's and Department's Bylaws and the Order's Constitution and Regulations;

7. Keeping the membership informed by issuing "Camp Orders," attested to by the Camp Secretary;

8. Consulting with Past Camp Commanders for advice on Camp matters;

9. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials; and

10. Serving as liaison between the Camp and Department.

*Department Commander.* The activities of the Department Commander should include:

1. Presiding at all meetings of the Department;
2. Appointing all appointed officers and committees;
3. Ensuring that the Department Secretary and Treasurer complete all reports and submit them *on time* to the National Organization;
4. Ensuring that the Department officers and committees do their jobs;
5. Representing the Department at state functions;
6. Keeping the membership informed by issuing "Department Orders," attested to by the Department Secretary and bearing the Department's seal;
7. Consulting with Past Department Commanders for advice on Department matters;
8. Providing assistance to Camps in need of help;
9. Attempting to visit each Camp in the Department at least once per year;
10. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials; and
11. Serving as liaison between the Department and the National Organization.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

*Purpose:* The purpose of the office of Senior Vice Commander is to assist the Commander, promote the Order and

present at Camp/Department meetings in the absence of the Commander.

#### Activities

*Camp Senior Vice Commander:* The activities of the Camp Senior Vice Commander should include:

1. Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of the Camp Commander;
2. Acting as a personal representative upon the request from the Camp Commander;
3. Gather appropriate data about Camp activities in the local media;
4. Promoting Camp activities in the local media;
5. Publishing a Camp newsletter;
6. Scheduling informative programs for Camp meetings; and
7. Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the position by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

*Department Senior Vice Commander:* The activities of the Department Senior Vice Commander should include:

1. Promoting Department activities in the media;
2. Preparing a Department newsletter;
3. Presiding in the absence of the Department Commander at the Department Encampment;
4. Acting as personal representative upon the request of the Department Commander;
5. Forwarding information about Department and Camp activities to the Editor of The Banner; and
6. Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the position by the Department Bylaws, Department Encampment and Department Commander.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the recruitment and retention of members.

#### Activities

*Camp Junior Vice Commander:* The activities of the Camp Junior Vice Commander should include:

1. Contacting prospective members whose names are supplied to the Camp by the Department Junior Vice Commander;
2. Supplying prospective members with membership materials including two membership applications, a copy of a SUVCW organization descriptive leaflet, and an invitation to the next Camp meeting;
3. Keeping track of applicants' progress in completing membership applications;

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## MOLLUS elects Son as new commander

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Scott W. Stucky of Washington, D. C., a member of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, Department of Maryland, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion (MOLLUS) of the U. S. at that group's 108th Annual Congress in Philadelphia last October.

Brother Stucky previous served as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the order. Stucky, a civilian lawyer with the Department of the Air Force in Washington, is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force

Reserve. He has served as master of ceremonies for the last two Lincoln's Birthday ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

A native of Pretty Prairie, Kan., Stucky attended Wichita State University and Harvard Law School. He lives in Washington with his wife Jean and daughter Mary-Clare.

The address for MOLLUS is 4404 Burlington Place N. W., Washington, D. C., 20016.

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4. Encouraging delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order;

5. Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of both the Camp Commander and Senior Vice Camp Commander; and

6. Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the office by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

*Department Junior Vice Commander:* The activities of the Department Junior Vice Commander should include:

1. Contacting prospective members whose names are supplied to the Department by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief within two weeks of receipt of said names;

2. Providing prospective member names and addresses to the Junior Vice Commander of the Camp nearest to the prospective member for follow up;

3. Presiding at the Department Encampment in the absence of both the Department Commander and Department Senior Vice Commander;

4. Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the office by the Department Bylaws, Department Encampment and Department Commander.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SECRETARY

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Secretary is to keep the minutes of the meetings and to carry on necessary correspondence for the Camp or Department.

#### Activities:

*Camp Secretary:* The activities of the

Camp Secretary should include:

1. Taking minutes of each Camp meeting;

2. Maintaining a book or file of minutes of past meetings;

3. Reading the minutes of the preceding Camp meeting;

4. Processing and responding to Camp correspondence;

5. Notifying Brothers of meeting dates and location[s];

6. Preparing Form #22, "Report of Camp Installing Officer," in duplicate and sending both copies to the Department Secretary;

7. Reviewing for accuracy the "Form for Reporting Life Members" prepared by the Camp Treasurer;

8. Reviewing and signing quarterly Form #27-28 prepared by the Camp Treasurer;

9. Maintaining Camp membership applications and supporting documentation;

10. Preparing credentials for those serving as Camp delegates and alternates to Department Encampments; and

11. Maintaining the Camp seal and affixing it to Camp documents as needed.

*Department Secretary:* The activities of the Department Secretary should include:

1. Processing and responding to Department correspondence;

2. Supplying each Camp Secretary with two copies of Form #22, "Report of Camp Installing Officer," and a cover letter of instructions;

3. Forwarding one copy of the completed Form #22 to the National Secretary and retaining one copy for Department records;

4. Supplying each Camp Treasurer with the "Form for Reporting Life Members" in January of each year;

5. Preparing the Past Department / Department Commander, delegate and alternate credentials to the National Encampment;

6. Maintaining a supply of Department letterhead stationery;

7. Preparing and sending Form #49, "Certificate of Election of Department Officers," to the National Secretary immediately after the annual Department

Encampment;

8. Preparing Form #35-37-38, "Department Secretary-Treasurer's Quarterly Report," and sending it to the National Secretary;

9. Preparing copies of annual Department Encampment meeting minutes / proceedings;

10. Maintaining copies of annual Department Encampment meeting minutes / proceedings;

11. Maintaining a copy of the Order's Constitution and Regulations, the Department's Bylaws and a copy of the Bylaws of each Camp within the Department; and

12. Maintaining the Department seal and affixing it to Department documents as needed.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR TREASURER

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Treasurer is to serve as custodian of Camp or Department monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports.

#### Activities

*Camp Treasurer:* The activities of the Camp Treasurer should include:

1. Keeping the financial records of the Camp;

2. Preparing a financial report to be presented at each Camp meeting;

3. Preparing and sending dues notices to Brothers at least one month before the end of the Camp's fiscal year;

4. Issuing membership cards to Brothers upon receipt of annual dues;

5. Serving as custodian of Camp property not otherwise provided for;

6. Maintaining a bank account in the Camp's name for Camp funds;

7. Preparing a quarterly report on the financial condition of the Camp for review and approval by the Camp Council;

8. Preparing quarterly Form #27-28 and sending it to the Department Treasurer on or before January 1st, April 1st; July 1st and October 1st of each year along with a check for the Camp's per capita tax and new member application fees;

9. Sending before June 30th of each year to the National Treasurer a completed "Form for Reporting Life Members";

10. Preparing and sending Form #14 to Brothers three months in arrears for dues or fines; and

11. Preparing and transmitting any and all financial reports as may be required

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No. 60. Buraside Pattern Felt Hat.

## New England Regional

EAST GREENWICH, R. I. — At the New England Regional Association meeting in East Greenwich, Oct. 23, there were seven members of SUVCW who participated in the film *Gettysburg*.

They are: Gregg Mierka of Camp No. 7, Rhode Island, who did numerous portrayals and worked on the film for three months; John Ouhakra of Camp No. 7, Rhode Island, who was a cannoner; Matt Hecht, also of Camp No. 7, who was an artillery man; Donald Marcum of Camp No. 12, Rhode Island, who was an artillery man; Gene Carpenter, of Camp No. 19, Rhode Island, who was also an artillery man; Joe Pereira, also of Camp No. 19, who was an artillery coordinator; and Roger Olson, of Camp No. 15, Massachusetts, who served in the 5th Alabama Infantry.

## Committee prepares job descriptions for SUVCW

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by applicable state law.

*Department Treasurer:* The activities of the Department Treasurer should include:

1. Keeping financial records of the Department;

2. Preparing an annual financial report for review and approval by the Department Council at the annual Department Encampment;

3. Supplying each Camp Treasurer with report Form #27-28;

4. Sending quarterly per capita tax and new member application fees to the National Treasurer;

5. Serving as custodian of Department property not otherwise provided for;

6. Maintaining a bank account in the Department's name for Department funds;

7. Preparing Form #35-37-38, Department Secretary-Treasurer's Quarterly Report," and sending it to the National Secretary on or before January 10th, April 10th, July 10th and October 10th of each year; and

8. Preparing and transmitting any and all financial reports as may be required by applicable state law.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COUNCIL

#### Purpose

The purpose of the three-member Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Camp or Department and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Camp or Department offices.

#### Activities

*Camp Council.* The activities of the Camp Council should include:

1. Devising and recommending

measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp;

2. Making the Camp's investments, leases, and other contracts;

3. Settling and disposing of all disputed accounts between the Camp Treasurer and Brothers of the Camp;

4. Examining the books, vouchers and other financial papers of the Camp;

5. Reviewing and passing upon a quarterly financial report of the Camp; and

6. Filling for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in an elected Camp office.

*Department Council.* The activities of the Department Council should include:

1. Devising and recommending such measures as will enable the Department to meet all its necessary expenditures;

2. Auditing the annual receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Department;

3. Making a report of the Council's findings to the Department Encampment;

4. Filling for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in an elected Department office.

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Patriotic Instructor is to educate and provide Brothers and the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership and the populace in general.

#### Activities

*Camp Patriotic Instructor.* The activities

of the Camp Patriotic Instructor should include:

1. Presenting at each Camp meeting information on such items as: (a) Civil War military, civilian, and other great American leaders; (b) National and state holidays; (c) The United States Flag; (d) Duties of citizenship, such as voting; (e) Great Civil War battles and battles of other wars; and (f) Great American artifacts and sites;

2. Providing public displays and orations on patriotism as called upon; and

3. Providing awards of recognition to deserving individuals as deemed necessary or ordered by the Camp.

*Department Patriotic Instructor:* In addition to the duties of Camp Patriotic Instructor, the activities of the Department Patriotic Instructor should also include:

1. Raising money for the Patriotic Instructor's Fund;

2. Sending information to each Camp Patriotic Instructor on topics which should be stressed at Camp meetings; and

3. Writing items for the Department newsletter as desired by the Department Commander.



## Indiana Department holds mid-winter encampment

By STEPHEN T. JACKSON Sr. Vice Commander Indiana Department, SUVCW ANDERSON, Ind. — The Indiana Department held a mid-winter encampment Jan. 15.

Department Commander Gary Dolph presided, with Brothers from all but one camp in attendance.

Plans were completed for a Son's recruitment table at the Mid-West Civil War Roundtable Conference in Indianapolis on April 29-30.

A discussion of job descriptions with more membership involvement was presented by Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore and Past Department Commander Alan Loomis.

Finally, the process of revising the Indiana Department's Bylaws was led by Brother Loomis, with valuable input from PDC Ed Kriesser. Because of time constraints, the process was not finished, but will be completed in the near future.

## Gregg Cavalry Shaft needs restoration

ITHACA, N. Y. — In his December Department Orders, New York Department Commander Danny Wheeler noted that restoration of the [Gen. David McMurtrie] Gregg Cavalry Shaft Monument at Gettysburg involves seven states, of which New York is one.

The cost of restoration of the monument was to have been \$483 per state, but, apparently, New York Governor Mario Cuomo did not approve funding. The New York State Military Heritage Museum in Albany has donated \$100, and the SUVCW, as camps and individually, will raise the remaining \$383.

Gen. Gregg — a Pennsylvanian — was largely responsible for the victory

of Union cavalry over Stuart's cavalry on July 3 at Gettysburg. After Gregg saw by whom he was opposed, he ordered Custer to remain with him. Stephen Z. Starr writes, "It may well have been the sight of the two brigades marching toward him that caused Gregg to keep Custer with him, a decision that probably saved him — and perhaps Meade — from a disastrous defeat. ...

"With one brigade of his own division and Custer's brigade of Kilpatrick's, he [Gregg] had managed to beat back the attack of twenty regiments of Stuart's corps, a force greatly exceeding his own." (Starr, *The Union Cavalry in the Civil War*, Vol. 1, p. 434 and p. 438).

## Michigan Department offers new emblems

By JAMES LYONS

National Secretary, SUVCW

LANSING — Michigan hosts the National Encampment — August 12, 13 and 14 — this year and to raise additional money to defray encampment costs, the Department is making available three fully-embroidered items to all members of the order.

Now available are:

—SUVCW Coats of Arms, 3¾ inches by 3 inches. The coat of arms includes the following colors, Blue, in the uniforms of the soldier and sailor; with highlights of red, brown, black, white, gold, silver and green. The flags, for example, are embroidered in red and white; the center shield is rendered in the colors specified in the Constitution and Regulations of the order. The price is \$30.00 each.

—SUVCW Insignia, 3 inches by 3¾ inches. It is fully embroidered with the eagle in gold, the wreath in silver, the center of the badge has a red background, with lettering in gold and silver, and the entire insignia is mounted on a Union blue background. The price is \$20.00 each.

Both would be suitable as blazer patches worn on the breast pocket.

—7th Corps Cap Mark: 2¾ inches in diameter. The crescent is red, with silver outlining; the star is in gold, and the background is Union blue. It is intended to be used on the top of a kepi, as, indeed, they were during the Civil War. The price is \$15.00 each.

This is high quality material and workmanship. All three items utilize gold and silver bullion thread in the embroidery.

To order these items:

—Indicate the quantity of each item



CREST

CAP MARK

INSIGNIA

Photos courtesy Dick Williams

These three embroidered items have been made available by the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, as a fund-raiser to help meet costs of the National Encampment to be held in Lansing on Aug. 12, 13, and 14. The items have silver and gold bullion thread, as well as other prescribed colors, to make them appropriate for use throughout the order.

you wish to purchase.

—Make a check payable to Michigan Department, SUVCW.

—Send orders and checks to: Dick

Williams, 1917 Teel, Lansing, Mich. 48910-3117.

—Please allow six weeks for delivery.

## C-in-C presents W. T. Sherman Camp charter

XENIA, Ohio — Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore recently presented a charter to members of William T. Sherman Camp No. 93 at Xenia. The ceremony took place in the chapel at the GAR Children's Home. The home was built after the Civil War to provide care for orphans of Civil War veterans. It was established by the GAR, but is now operated by the State of Ohio.

Following charter presentation by C-in-C Moore, he installed the officers of the new camp, assisted by those who appear in the photograph.

Lt. Col. Herbert G. Webb (USAF, Ret.) was installed as the Commander of Camp No. 93. The camp will meet in Dayton, Ohio, and draw its membership from that area.

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