

Room rates for the Encampment are as follows: **\$79.00 + Tax** for a Single or Double. Room eligibility is guaranteed until May 27. The price is guaranteed until the Encampment.

You should make all room reservations directly with the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center. Identify yourself as being with the Encampment. You may contact the Hotel at 1-800-528-1234.

The **Annual Allied Orders Banquet** will be held at The Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, Saturday evening, at 7 PM. The menu will consist of a Fresh Fruit Cup Medley and Garden Fresh Salad w/ Choice of Dressing. You can choose one of two Entrees:

- 1. Chicken Marsala with Wine Sauce and Mushrooms or**
- 2. Sliced London Broil served with a Cabernet and Sautfied Scallions Sauce.**

Your choice of Entree will be accompanied by, Red Skin Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls, Butter, Coffee or Tea. There will be Chocolate Mousse for desert.

The cost of this dinner will be \$27.00 for adults and \$14.00 for children under twelve. Reservations can be made with the attached form below. **The Committee must receive all reservations no later than June 1, 2002** Make your check payable to **Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp # 149.**

Please use this form and mail it with your payment ASAP

Number of meals: Adult: _____ Child _____

Name _____ Entree _____ cost \$ _____

Special Requests: _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____

Made payable to: **Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp # 149**

Please send your payment and reservation to the following address.

**SUVCW
PO #445
West Chester, PA 19391**

Robert C. Shaffer
PA Department Sr. Vice Cmdr.
128 Wallace Road
Lake Ariel, PA 18436



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Grand Testimonial Dinner honors National Commander George L. Powell

On Saturday, September 29, 2001, Anna M. Ross Camp #1 hosted a Testimonial Dinner for Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell at the Cannstatter-Volksfest-Verien in Philadelphia. Over one hundred Brothers, Sisters, and guests were in attendance to honor Brother George.

Master of Ceremonies, Past

Testimonial Luncheon for Dept Cmdr. Kuhn hosted in Gettysburg

Gettysburg Camp #112 and Jennie Wade Auxiliary #27 honored one of their own when they hosted a Testimonial Luncheon for Pennsylvania Department Commander, Charles Kuhn on September 15, 2001 at 1:30 PM at the Dobbin House Restaurant in Gettysburg. CinC George Powell, National Auxiliary President Faye Carlisle, Department President Cynthia Fox and other National and Department Officers as well as many brothers and sisters attended the luncheon from the Allied Orders.

The testimonial served as an opportunity to reaffirm our belief in this great country and it's government and people after the wonton acts of terror on the 11th. Al Kern acted as MC. Camp #112 Commander, Dave Sosnowski and Auxiliary 27 President Margaret Shuttlesworth gave the welcoming followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by PCC Lee Walters. After a tasty lunch remarks were given by members representing the National and Department Allied Orders. The event was concluded with a benediction given by Lee Walters and the Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson set the tone for a fun evening. Past Com-

mander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington asked the blessing. After dinner there were greetings

from several of the National Presidents and other dignitaries. Brother George also received a Proclamation from the Pennsylvania Legislature. Entertainment was provided by the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band and "Hearts of Eire."

Commander-in-Chief Powell expressed his thanks to all who attended. In his comments he noted that the recent tragedies in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia had united our country and that the Allied Orders need to stand together to promote patriotism. He expressed the hope that the Allied Orders would continue to work more closely to achieve our common goals and pledged his efforts to accomplish that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Partington closed out the evening with a Benediction.

Camp #8, Aux. #10 of Scranton planning grand Appomattox Day Dinner in Old Forge

On April 6, 2002, Camp #8 and Auxiliary #10 Scranton, will host the Appomattox Day Dinner to be held at Arcaro and Genell's Restaurant in Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

This annual event commemorates the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, April 9, 1865, at Appomattox, VA.

For more information please contact Brother Joe Long at (570) 457-8438 or e-mail him at: jmjlong@worldnet.att.net All reservations must be made by Saturday, March 30, 2002.

The Commanders Station

Brethren,

As Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania it is my happy duty to report to you that the Department is hard at work. Since you have elected me Commander several positive things have occurred within the Department.

The first thing to report is the revitalization of two landmark Camps within the Department that were on the verge of collapse. The first Camp is Seven Shays Camp in Lebanon. This Camp was under the suspension of their Charter when several Brothers were found that were willing to rebuild the Camp. They are alive and well and beginning to work at being an integral part of the Lebanon community. The second Camp is Searfoss Camp in Bangor PA. They have been under suspension and with the aid of the Department this Camp is off and running once again.

Brothers, this work was not done alone. The countless man hours and work by many of the Department officers and the hard work of some of the members of these Camps have produced fruit befitting their efforts.

Another positive thing is the permanent location for the repository of all Department records. Over many years these records have been bounced around to various locations. Now with the aid of the broth-

ers on the Artifact Storage Committee and especially Brother Lee Walters, our new Executive Director for the National Organization SUVCW, these artifacts have a permanent home. All Department records will be deposited in the Pennsylvania State Archives. This location proved to be best for the preservation and safe keeping of the records. The Department is currently working on language that will amend the bylaws naming the State Archives the official repository of all Pennsylvania SUVCW records.

Another thorny problem that arose was the location to store SUVCW property and artifacts. This became most prevalent in the storage of two GAR Post flags that were given to the SUVCW by the American Legion. These flags were in deplorable condition and very fragile due to many years of ordinary storage. The Pennsylvania State Museum of History has graciously accepted them and will display them in their new GAR section.

Your Department is hard at work brethren and you can be assured that what ever the problem that may arise the personnel within the Department will handle it with the utmost responsibility fore the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty runs deep within the hearts and minds of all brothers.

Yours in F, C&L,
Charles E. Kuhn Jr.
Department Commander

Report issued on 2001 Department Mid Year Meeting

The PA Department's Mid-Year meeting was held on November 10th, 2001 at the historic Grand Army of the Republic Post #9 in Gettysburg.

Brother Commander Kuhn commended the Department's members for their dedication and work in the SUV. Brother Kuhn reported on his visits to various Camps and his assistance with Camp #7, which was going to surrender its charter, but has now turned around. He also appointed Brothers Joe Long and Bob Shaffer to assist Camp #273, as its Charter was suspended for not filing quarterly reports and payment of per capita for three consecutive quarters.

Brother Eisert brought to the Department's attention that approximately 20% of the Camps file their quarterly reports late, some as late as 4 weeks. The Department Secretary requests that Camp Officers make an extra effort to get them in on time and thanks those Camps who do. The Secretary also read a letter from Anna M. Ross Camp #1 asking the Department to recognize Brother Herb Kaufman as a PCC, for 10 years of dedicated service as Camp #1's Secretary. The members present voted in favor of this request and commend Brother Kaufman on his dedication to the SUV. The members present voted in favor of this request and commend Brother Kaufman on his dedication to the SUV.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the future of the Department Newsletter. The Department is moving towards the goal of an online newsletter. The 2001-02 and 2002-03 newsletters will be both "paper" and online. It will be reviewed in 2002-03 to determine what course to take. If you have access to a computer, you can look at the National website at: www.suvcw.org and the Penn-

sylvaniana Department website at: www.suvcw.org/pa/deptpa/htm.

Over the last several years what to do with the Department's records and artifacts has been an ongoing problem. A committee, spearheaded by Brother John M. McNulty, recommended that the Department deposit its records at the Pennsylvania State Archives. DC Kuhn and other members have toured the archives and were very pleased with them. It was unanimously approved that the Department would deposit old records there. Camps are also encouraged to do the same. More information on the procedure will be available in the future. Old Department records will be transferred from the GAR Museum to Harrisburg.

Next, discussion took place concerning the storage and care of the two GAR General Winfield Scott Post #214 flags that were given to the Department by an American Legion Post at the 2001 Department Encampment. It was regularly moved, seconded, and approved to present the two General Winfield Scott #214 flags to the Pennsylvania State Museum as a donation.

Brother Lee Walters of the Long Range Committee reported on the need of a Public Relations Officer (PRO) to promote our Order. All members present agreed. The Department has begun its search by looking within the organization. A brief description of the PRO duties is mentioned in the Commander's General Order #3 and will be published in the 2001-02 Newsletter.

Brother and PDC Joe Long of Camp #8 has the full support of our Department as a candi-

date for National Junior Vice Commander in Chief. A resolution made by the members of Camp #8 were approved at the Mid-Year. The Department Secretary will be mailing out the resolution to the other Departments to gain further support for Brother Joe.

Other points of interest include: The Department intends to

Department Seeks Public Relations Officer

The Department of Pennsylvania is seeking a Brother (or Brothers) with knowledge and experience in advertising and/or Public Relations to serve as Public Relations Officer.

The PRO will be appointed by the Department Commander, and will develop programs to promote the SUV. The PRO will be appointed by the Department Commander, and will develop programs to promote the SUV. The PRO will be appointed by the Department Commander, and will develop programs to promote the SUV.

Newsletter Editor Sought by Department

The Department of Pennsylvania is seeking a Brother (or Brothers) with knowledge and experience in writing to serve as Newsletter Editor.

The Editor will be appointed by the Department Commander and will put together news and articles from the Department and various Camps within the Department.

He will also be responsible for contacting and working with a Publisher to get his newsletter

SUV names Walters Executive Director

Brother Lee F. Walters, Hartranft Camp #15, has been selected by the SUV. Walters, Hartranft Camp #15, has been selected by the SUV. Walters, Hartranft Camp #15, has been selected by the SUV.

He will perform many of the duties associated with a National Chief of Staff and take over some of the duties of the National Secretary relating to membership and quarterly reports. His specific duties are outlined in a written contract negotiated with the Council of Administration.

make a donation of \$500 to the National WWII Memorial, if ratified by the Camps. The Department will support the Gettysburg Civil War vehicle registration plate and to have a U.S. Army Museum built at the Carlisle Barracks, and also the amending of P.L. 141, No. 22 concerning the preservation of burial places.

vania in particular.

If you have such knowledge and experience, your Department needs your help. Please contact Pennsylvania Department Commander, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., 464 Lake Meade Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316-9363, phone (717) 259-6156 or email at: chapkuhn@netrax.net

The Pennsylvania Department Encampment Committee Presents

Allied Orders of the G.A.R.
The Pennsylvania Department
122nd Annual Department Encampment

Brothers and Sisters All

This year the annual encampment is being hosted by
Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149 and Auxiliary #149

June 27 - 29, 2002 at the

Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Exton, PA

You are cordially invited to attend and participate
in these important events that set the policies
of the Allied Orders for years to come.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Friday, June 28th
A combined Joint Opening and Memorial Service will begin
prior to the lunch hour and each Organization's
Business Session will commence following the lunch break.

The hotel is located just south of PA Turnpike Exit 23
and is in close proximity to the Valley Forge National Park,
Independence Hall and Longwood Gardens for your
edification and enjoyment.

The hotel, Chester County's largest, offers amenities such as
Indoor and outdoor swimming pools • Color TV with HBO
Individually Controlled Heat/AC • Local Shuttle Service
Complementary health Club • Coin laundry.

(Reservation information on back page)

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
 1861-1864**

We would greatly appreciate your support of this 2002 Encampment by your purchase of advertising in our Encampment Booklet. You may use the form shown below to purchase and place your ad. Make your checks payable to Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149.

Advertising rates are as follows:

- Full Page - \$40.00 ----- (4.5" x 8")
- Half Page - \$ 24.00----- (4.5"x 3.75")
- One-Fourth Page - \$15.00----- (2" x 3.5")
- One-Eighth Page - \$10.00----- (2" x 1.5")
- Name and Title ----- \$5.00
- Name - ----- \$2.00

The Deadline for the receipt of advertising is May 1, 2002

If you are not planning on attending the Encampment but you would like an Encampment Booklet sent to you, please indicate below. Include your full mailing address.

_____ Yes, please send me an Encampment Booklet.

Mail advertising and payment to: SUVCW
 PO #445
 West Chester, Pa. 19381

2002 Department Encampment Set

The PA Department's 2002 Annual Encampment, will be held Thursday, June 27th, through Saturday, June 29th, 2002. It will be hosted by Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149 Media/West Chester.

It will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, which is located on Pa. Route 100, about one mile south of the Downingtown Exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

This site is geographically located within a short driving distance of many world famous museums, gardens and National Parks. This will be a sterling opportunity to bring your family and friends.

While the Allied Orders are conducting the business of the Organizations, your guests can take in the sights and sounds of the local area, and meet you in the evening for dinner.

Camp #8 News

Griffin Camp #8 Installs Officers

On Thursday evening, 17 January 2002, Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 held its installation of new Camp Officers for the year 2002. Department Sr. Vice Commander and Past Camp Commander Bob Shaffer was the Installing Officer.

The following is a list of those installed: Commander, Ron Albert (Absent); SVC, John Schaefer; JVC, Howard Wolfe; Secretary, Bob Shaffer;

Treasurer Joe Long; Camp Council, Russ P. Jones/Russ W. Jones/Phil Jones; Patriotic Instructor, Charles Jones; Chaplain, Mark Myers.

Past Camp Commander Phil Jones passed on the Commander's badge at this time. The new Commander was absent due to a medical situation. He will be installed and the Commanders' badge will be presented to him at the next monthly meeting.

Long is 'Friend of Education'

On November 15, 2001, Brother Joseph Long Jr., Camp #8 Scranton, was honored at the American Education Week Dinner held at St. Mary's Center, Scranton, sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Education Association-Scranton as the "Friend of Education." Many brothers and sisters from Camp #8 attended the function along

with many family members and friends.

Brother Long has, for the past 22 years, lectured and displayed his Civil War memorabilia to the students of the West Scranton Middle School, Scranton, Pennsylvania. He has also lectured various other groups and organizations about the Civil War.

Observance of Memorial Day

A quote from an SUVCW Brother:

"Of prime importance will be the observance of the Memorial Day Holiday with appropriate celebrations and re-

membrances. Each Camp is encouraged to participate in organized observances and each member is encouraged to participate as well."

Please follow his calling.

Medal of Honor Recipient Irvin C. Payne honored



On a brisk fall day in October, 2001, members of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 and Auxiliary #10 turned out to honor Cpl. Irvin C. Payne, Company M, 2nd New York Cavalry.

Cpl. Payne has rested in the Dunmore Cemetery for many years and his accomplishment during the Civil War has gone unnoticed. Cpl. Payne was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on May 3, 1865 for his capture of the Virginia State Colors at the Battle of Sailors Creek, Virginia in April of that year.

Payne's wartime service and Medal of Honor Award would have gone unnoticed had it not been for the efforts of an internet surfer whose hobby it is to photograph the graves of Medal of Honor recipients. This was brought to the attention of

Camp Member and President of the Lackawanna Historical Society Alan Sweeney. Alan, with the help of the staff of the Dunmore Cemetery and Lackawanna County Veterans Affairs Office obtained a new gravestone to mark Payne's final rest. The new stone designates Payne as a Medal of Honor recipient and replaces a marker that was severely damaged by the elements.

On October 27, 2001, Sweeney greeted those in attendance and relayed Payne's biography. Joe Long, Past Department Cmdr., gave the Opening Prayer. Julie Esty, Auxiliary #10 President gave a reading of The Bivouac of the Dead. Auxiliary #10 presented a wreath. The service was completed with Son's Member John M. Hart playing Taps.

Camp #8 and Auxiliary #10 hold Memorial Day Services there.

The Camps Report . . .

Camp #15

History is alive in Central Pennsylvania.

Perhaps you saw him on TV recently or read about him in the Saturday, June 26th edition of The Patriot-News.

The Reverend Martin Landis, of Colonial Park, is a son of a Civil War veteran. In 1863, his father, A. Martin Landis Sr., was allowed, at age 15, to join the Union effort at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. He was mustered into the 187th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In 1865, he was assigned as a guard overseeing the body of Abraham Lincoln. In 1906, when he reached the age of 59, this Civil War veteran's young wife gave birth to young Martin.

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2001, young Martin, now age 94, joyously consented to become a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At the National Civil War Museum, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Brother Landis and other volunteers were administered the oath of membership into the General John F. Hartranft Camp #15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of the Capital City, by Camp Chaplain David W. Demmy Sr. Brother Landis exclaimed, "I should have done this back in '49'." He is the only known living son or daughter of a Civil War veteran in Central Pennsylvania.

Camp member, Floyd J. Demmy's cousin, Richard Shaeffer of Waynesboro, Virginia, (formerly of Penbrook) was among the other men that joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on this Father's Day, 2001. Richard's childhood friend, Gilbert Kyle, joined Camp #15 on the same day as Brother Demmy.

The Demmy's and Shaeffer are descendants of David

and Levi Demmy, members of Company C, 127th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Brother Kyle's great-great grandfather was a drummer boy in the 187th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His restored drum is on loan to the State Museum in Harrisburg.

Camp #15 is honored and privileged to have Brother Landis as a new member.

Camp 19

General George H. Thomas Camp #19, Lancaster, PA

On Saturdays October 27 and November 3, 2001, a few members of the Gen. George H. Thomas Camp #19 in Lancaster, PA, continued with an on going project to replace worn and broken Civil War veteran headstones in the GAR plot of the Lancaster Cemetery. A total of fourteen stones were replaced with new this time around.

Our camp Sr. Vice-Commander Ed Milford provided the primary effort in this year's project, with assistance from Ed's family and friends on the first weekend. There was also a dedication ceremony of the headstone of an ancestor to Ed's wife.

Ed was assisted by Brothers Richard Boas PCC, Jr. Vice-Commander Donald Pentz and Doug Eaby on the second Saturday. Work was also continued on the wall surrounding the plot. Great job Ed and to all those involved.

Camp#112

Camp #112 Installation of Officers - Having Pa. Department Commander Charles Kuhn as the installing officer honored Gettysburg Camp 112. Pete Eisert replaced out going Commander Dave Sosnowski. Commander Eisert spoke about his

expectation for the camp his pride in being the new Commander. The camp presented out going Commander Sosnowski with an inscribed PCC badge. The inscription was courtesy of the Scranton Camp. PCC Sosnowski thanked both Camps and presented out going officers and PCP Margaret Shuttlesworth with small tokens of thanks for their help in running the camp. A Christmas Party preceded the Instillation. A Lincoln Luncheon was also announced for February 9th at the Dobbin House

On November 19, 2001, Gettysburg Camp Commander laid a wreath at The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. The Camp is invited by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania to participate in this annual ceremony commemorating Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. A Dedication Day Program follows this at the Cemetery Rostrum. The Keynote Speaker this year was the Honorable Richard J. Durbin, U.S. Senator, Illinois.

Camp #149

Bradbury Camp #149 Installs Officers - The Camps keen interest in seeing and meeting Commander Kuhn was indicated by the large number of Brothers present to witness the occasion. After the Installation Ritual was complete Commander Kuhn placed the Commander's Badge on Commander Parsons and then formally turned over the Camp's gavel to Commander Parsons and his authority was thereby begun for the ensuing year. At

that time Commander Parsons presented PCC Richard Brooks with the Past Camp Commander's Badge and PCC Andy Lefko also presented Brother Brooks with an Official SUVCW Plaque, acknowledging Brother Brooks' three-year tenure as Camp Commander. After these proceedings were completed, Brother Brooks gratefully took his place with the other Brothers in the audience.

After a brief speech indicating his thanks for the confidence that the Brothers had placed in him, Commander Parsons performed his first official act by immediately ordering the Camp to a recess, when the Brothers present were refreshed with the usual ration of "hardtack and coffee."

After the recess was over, Brother Adam Flint provided the entertainment for the evening by showing many CW and Revolutionary War artifacts that he has collected. Several of these were some very interesting family items that had been passed down through the generations. At the conclusion of his presentation a warm round of applause indicated the Brothers appreciation for Brother Flint's effort. The usual book raffle was then held, with Commander Kuhn drawing the winners.

In appreciation for Commander Kuhn's visitation Commander Parsons presented Commander Kuhn with an official Bradbury Camp ball cap, which Commander Kuhn immediately placed on his head to great applause. After some additional Camp business the meeting was officially adjourned and those who were interested met at the usual place for some additional "skirmishing."

Camp #273

On Sunday, January 27, 2002 Brothers of Camp #8 of Scranton, #1 of Philadelphia, #112 of Gettysburg and #273 of Bangor gathered together to hold a re-organizational meeting of the Camp. This Camp has been failing for the past year and was brought to the attention of Sr. Vice Commander and Camp Revitalization Committee Member Bob Shaffer who set up a meeting with the members to work out a way to keep the Camp active. Department Commander Kuhn attended and gave his goals for the Camp. It was decided that visiting members would hold dual memberships in order to help sustain the Camp. These Brothers also volunteered to take on the top offices of the Camp to unite and bring the Camp together. These are the Officers who were nominated, elected and installed: Commander Eric Schmincke, Sr. Vice Commander John M. McNulty, Jr. Vice Commander Ernie Weglinski, Secretary Bob Shaffer and Treasurer Joe Long. Members of Camp #273 will hold the office of Camp Council and other appointed offices.

Joseph Long Jr. for Jr Vice C-in-C

A resolution was read and passed to endorse Brother Joseph Long Jr., PCC Camp #8 of Scranton, for the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Long has served as Pennsylvania Department Commander and has held many other offices within the Department. Brother Long has also held many offices within Camp #8: Camp Commander, Historian, Treasurer and has also been instrumental in the revitalization of the Ladies Auxiliary. Brother Long

A Word to All Brothers

All members of the Department should take this time to welcome our new Secretary/Treasurer Brother Pete Eisert from Gettysburg Camp #112. Brother Pete will be filling the shoes of outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Les Kern. Brother Kern has done an outstanding job and we all now shall give Brother Pete all the help and cooperation he truly deserves. His job is very important and vital to the Organization.

The Department Encampment is very important to all members of this organization. This is the

time to see how your Department is run, how decisions are made and what changes will be made from the National Organization. Every member should try to attend at least one day of this Encampment. You can learn how By-Laws are changed and approved and you will also meet other Brothers who share the same goal, and that is, to keep the memory of the Civil War soldier alive.

All Camps are reminded that if they desire to invite the Department Commander to visit

their respective Camp, they should contact him to schedule such a visit. Please contact Pennsylvania Department Commander, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., 464 Lake Meade Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316-9363, phone (717) 259-6156, or Email: chapkuhn@netrax.net

Any member interested in research or genealogy should contact the Pennsylvania State Archives, P.O. Box #1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026 for information concerning soldiers who have served in the military.

Remembrance Day 2001

The 45th annual Remembrance Day observance was held on Saturday November 17, 2001. The annual observance, sponsored by The Sons of Veterans Reserve, began with a parade at 1:00 PM.

The ceremony was opened by Master of Ceremonies Art Twigg and Bud Atkinson. Following a moving prayer tribute, remarks were made by George L. Powell, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Gary Casteel, renowned

Sculptor and Artist. Abraham Lincoln portrayed by James Getty reiterated his famous address with music that followed by the 28th PA Regimental Brass Band. A check in the sum of \$5,000.00 was presented to the National Park for monument restoration and preservation. The monies were raised from last years annual Blue and Grey Civil War Ball. Dr. Latscher, Superintendent of G.N.M.P. received the check and made a few brief remarks. Wreathes were placed by Brig. General David Medert, SVR and General Gregory Bair, CSA. A benediction was given and the troops moved to the Albert Woolson Memorial.

At the Woolson Memorial the troops were addressed by the son of the sculptor of the monument, Dr. David N. F. Fairbanks. He reminisced in meeting Comrade Woolson (The last surviving member of the GAR) while sitting for the sculpture. The Woolson

monument was just cleaned and restored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Enough money was raised by them and the other Allied Orders of the GAR, to refurbish, clean and polish the monument, repair the patio around it and endow it for the future. Wreathes were placed at the Woolson Memorial in iMemory of Albert Woolson and the GAR by all the heads of the National Orders and the Pennsylvania Department.

At 6:00 PM the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary held their 71st annual banquet commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg at the Eisenhower Inn.

The culmination of the day's activities was the annual Blue and Grey Civil War Ball. The ball was held at the Eisenhower Inn with over 700 people in attendance.