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Please send your payment and reservation to the following address:

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Grand Testimonial Dinner honors National Commander George L. Powell

On Saturday, September 29, 2001, Anna M. Ross Camp #112 hosted a Testimonial Dinner for Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell at the Canonsattler Volksfest-Verein in Philadelphia. Over one hundred Brothers, Sisters, and guests were in attendance in honor of Brother George.

The Committee must receive all reservations no later than June 1, 2002. Make your check payable to Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149.

Commander-in-Chief Elmer E. Budd, on page 3 of the program, said it had been a fun evening. Past Commanders Station

Brothers, as Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania it is my 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, work was not done alone. The countless 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 bounched around to various locations. Now with the aid of the Brotherhood 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:

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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 with Camp #927, 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 Department.

A lengthy 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 Joe Long of Camp #7 was appointed as the Department’s PRO to promote the SUVCW in general and the Department of Pennsylvania 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.

(Specify hotel information)

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Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Advertising rates are as follows:

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- Name and Title -------------------------------------- $5.00
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2002 Department Encampment Set

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 remembrances. Each Camp is encouraged to participate in organized observances and each member is encouraged to also participate.” 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 Sailor’s 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 Cdr., 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.
**Remembrance Day 2001**

The 45th annual Remembrance Day observance was held on Saturday, November 17, 2001. The Guest of Honor was official presentation by the Sons of Veterans Re- serve, begun with a parade at 10:00 AM. The ceremony was opened by Master of Ceremonies Art Twigg and Harry Atkinson. The theme of the 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 Casteele, renowned sculptor and artist. Abraham Lincoln portrayed by James Getty reitered his famous annual address with moving grace as the 28th PA Regimental Brass Band. A check was presented to the National Monument for park restoration work and preservation. The wreaths were laid at the Woolson Memorial in memory of Albert Woolson and the GAR by all members of the National Orders and the Pennsylvania Department. Officials of the Department, Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of the Sons of Union Veterans and E. Kuhn, Jr., 464 Lake Meade Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316-9363, telephone: 717-259-6156, email: chapkuhn@netrax.net

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The Camps Report

Camp #5

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, and made a guard overcoyng the body of Abraham Lincoln. In 1906, when he reached the age of 59, the 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 a number of Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. At the Capital City, by Camp Chaplain David W. Demmy Jr, Brother Landis exclaimed, “I should have done this back in ’49.” He is the only known living descendant of David W. Demmy Sr., Chaplain of the Capital City, by Camp Curtin. On Father’s Day, Sunday, June 17, 2001, young Martin, now age 94, joyously consented to become a member of a number of Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. At the Capital City, by Camp Chaplain David W. Demmy Jr, Brother Landis exclaimed, “I should have done this back in ’49.” He is the only known living descendant of David W. Demmy Sr., Chaplain of the Capital City, by Camp Curtin. On Father’s Day, Sunday, June 17, 2001, young Martin, now age 94, joyously consented to become a member of a number of Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. At the Capital City, by Camp Chaplain David W. Demmy Jr, Brother Landis exclaimed, “I should have done this back in ’49.” He is the only known living descendant of David W. Demmy Sr., Chaplain of the Capital City, by Camp Curtin.

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

Brubrig Camp #149 installs this year the Past Camp 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 Command Kuhn placed the Camp Commander’s Badge on Command Parsons and then formally turned over the Camp’s gavel to Commander Parson 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 LeKo also presented Brother Brooks with an Official SVWCU Plaque, acknowledging his efforts to further the cause of 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 the fascinating 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 him with an official Bradford Cannon from the Forest Hill Cemetery in Dumont, Pennsylvania. His job is very important and vital to the Organization. The Department Encampment is very important to many members of this organization. This is the

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 Pete has done a good job and all we now shall give Brother Pete all the help and cooperation he truly deserves. His job is very important and vital to the Organization.

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