



# WISCONSIN

## DEPARTMENT DISPATCH



Winter 2004-2005

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## History Made in Wisconsin!

By Wisconsin Department Sr. Vice Commander Kent Peterson

The National Encampments is history, and history has been made—for the first time, a Brother from Wisconsin has been elected to the National Commander-in-Chief position of our Order. Congratulations and Three Cheers to our own **Brother Steve Michaels** for making it all the way to the top of the SUVCW.

Additionally, a total of four Camp #1 members are now serving at the National level of the SUVCW: Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels, National Aide-de-Camp PDC Fred Murphy, National Color Guard JVC Tom Brown and National Webmaster Kent Peterson. Let us bask in the glow of attention Wisconsin is receiving from our Brothers around the country and recognize that this is truly historic for our Department.

A letter from C-in-C Michaels appears on page four.



*C-in-C Michaels takes the podium at National.*

## A Letter To The Membership

By Wisconsin Department Commander Ron Aronis

Gentlemen;

Wow! What a parade. I just returned from the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA. You have to see it to believe it. I estimate there were at least 5,000 troops in uniform that marched from downtown Gettysburg to The Angle. Once there, there were ceremonies and speeches from our own C-in-C Steve Michaels as well as others. Despite the gloomy weather, I have never seen The Angle so filled with people. Pictures from this event appear on page six.

You know, it took some of us from Wisconsin a lot of effort to support our Commander-in-Chief for a one day parade.

On the other hand, I, a few months ago, met with representatives of a Camp “in trouble.” Declining membership, loss of interest and few attended activities are eroding this Camp. How can I help except make suggestions? The Commander shot each suggestion down as “impractical”, “No one comes”, “I can’t do it all”, etc. etc.

Here are some thoughts in a ques-

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*DC Ron Aronis*

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
**SUVCW**

## Welcome New Members!

The following new Brothers have been sworn in to their respective Camps since the 2004 Department Encampment:

### Camp 1

William Doan, South Milwaukee  
John Heinen Jr., Milwaukee  
Thomas Heinen, Wauwatosa  
David A. Kurtz, Milwaukee  
Christopher A. Weiss, West Allis  
Thomas Ludka, Franklin

### Camp 49

Morgan A. Rock, Dodgeville  
Jason R. Roosevelt, Coon Valley  
Paul J. Welsh, Wauzeka  
Charles F. White, Boscobel

### Camp 56

Marlin Pauly, Belgrade

## Department Orders #2 Series 2004-05

1. On behalf of the Department and the Department Staff, I extend to all Brothers a wish for a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.
2. Congratulations from the Department and the Department Staff to Brother PDC Steve Michaels, the first Commander-in-Chief elected from the State of Wisconsin in the history of the S.U.V.C.W. The Midwest... The Heart of the Country!
3. The SUVCW National Convention in Iowa was well attended by the Department of Wisconsin this year. Attending were: PDC Ron Aronis (1 and 5), Tom Brown (1), Andrew Bollen (5), Dan Chroninger (49), Garen Enquist (56), Bruce Laine (4), CinC Steve Michaels, (1), PDC Fred Murphy (1), J. Brent Norlem (56), SVC Kent Peterson (1 and 4), and Gary Young (49). The election and installation of Brother Steve Michaels was one highlight. The dinner later in the evening along with the Campfire were well attended and a lot of fun.
4. The Central Region Conference met in Milwaukee on October 2nd. Brothers in attendance with me were: C-in-C Steve Michaels, SVC Kent Peterson who was also the Conference Coordinator, PDC Fred Murphy, CC Andrew Bollen, Bob Mann, Tom Brown, Vic Share, and Auxiliary members Peggy Schaefer, Maggie Lange, PNP Danielle Michaels, Gloria Murphy, Linda Brown and Virginia Temme.
5. The Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was also well attended this year by the Department of Wisconsin. In attendance were Bob Mann (4), PCC Jim Johnson (4), Jeremy Johnson (4), Nat. Color Bearer Tom Brown (1), Bruce Laine (4), Pat Kulas (1), Patrick Lynch (1), DC Ron Aronis (1 & 5), PCC Maurie Felton (1) CinC Steve Michaels (1) and Don Strube (8).
6. The mid-winter Department meeting will be held starting at 8:30 AM, February 5th at Bluemound Gardens, Milwaukee. This is an informal "round-table" meeting, and will adjourn before the Patriotic Luncheon held by Camp #1 in the same facility. If you're going to the luncheon, why not try the meeting? Of course, coming to the meeting does not obligate you to attend the luncheon. I have a feeling it won't be impossible to get the CinC to attend this year.
7. Camp 1's Patriotic Luncheon will begin at 12:30 February 5th at Bluemound Gardens, Milwaukee. If you are interested in helping Camp #1 raise funds, please bring (donate) some kind of gift that can be raffled off.
8. Now is the time to begin planning to attend the first event of next year; the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Always held on April 15th at 11:00 AM, each Camp is encouraged to attend and present a wreath. It's only a 4 hour or less drive, all on Interstate

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## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

**What was the origin of  
Veteran's Night and  
Remembrance Day?**

*(Answer appears on page 8)*



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roads. More information will be available after the first of the year or in the Department Newsletter.

9. I need three volunteers to be on a committee to begin the task of setting up the criterion and methods for application of the Scholarship fund donated by PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson. The three man committee will contact Bro. Johnson and work with him to get the award started. I want this committee to be in place by the 1st of the year, and the first award be given at the next Department Encampment, June 2005. If I don't get three volunteers by Jan 1, I will assign the posts. The committee will also communicate with the Department Webmaster and the BANNER editor to publicize this scholarship.

10. Please keep your Camp Secretary informed of changes of address and phone numbers. In turn, Camp Secretaries are expected to send in changes of address and changed phone numbers to PDC Randy Novak, Department Secretary, 641 Bowen Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901-4630. Accurate addresses save time and money.

11. Remember, Sons dues are due January 1st for 2005. Although there is some leeway, don't put it off. The Department Secretary and Treasurer have enough to do without having to chase down late payers. Remember: it costs the full year dues now whether you send them in now or 6 months late. If you are late, you will not receive your BANNER or the Department Newsletters nor can you legally attend your Camp's meetings until you are paid up. Contact your Camp Secretary for the present dues structure in your Camp.

12. I want to remind all Camps that an annual donation to the Department Patriotic Fund would be appreciated to keep up the works of the Department such as the U.S. Grant award and Monuments and Grave registration programs. Typical is \$25.00 or more. Send to Department Treasurer Dale Brasser at the above address marked "for Patriotic Fund."

13. I want to remind the members about the separate fund for accepting donations for reconstruction of the GAR Hall in Boscobel. Camp 49 can't do it all themselves, and we all know the importance of this project, so I won't reiterate it here. Please have your Camp do all it can to donate to this fund. Send to Treasurer Brasser marked "for GAR Hall."

14. The host Camp for the 122nd Department Encampment will be Major General John Gibbon Camp #4 in Waukesha. More details in the Department newsletter as it becomes available. Although there are a few conflicts, it looks like the 2nd Saturday in June will be the date.

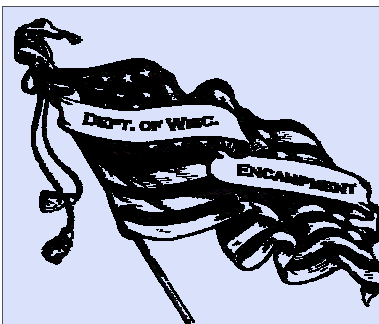
15. Brothers are urged to support the activities of their local Auxiliaries and the Department Auxiliary. Wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of our members are eligible to join the Auxiliary. If your Camp does not have an Auxiliary, I urge you to support the start of one. The Auxiliary is our partner in honoring our Civil War heritage and deserves our full endorsement.

16. To those Brothers and their loved ones who are ill, I wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

17. To those who have lost loved ones, I extend my deep and abiding sympathy. May you be comforted by the memories of lives well spent and by personal experiences to be treasured always.

RONALD M. ARONIS  
Department Commander

Attest:  
RANDY NOVAK PDC  
Department Secretary



### Mid-Winter Meeting Set

Mark your calendar for FEBRUARY 5, 2005 and be sure you attend the Department of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting. You don't have to be an officer to sit in and contribute to the discussion. All brothers are invited. The meeting will run from 9:30 a.m. until noon and be held at the Bluemound Gardens restaurant, 11701 W. Bluemound Rd. in Wauwatosa (exit I-94 at Highway 100, north to Bluemound, left to restaurant.)

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S THANKS

When I return home from each Sons meeting or activity, I now more frequently find myself quietly thanking God again and again for the dedication, thoughtfulness and generosity of our Department's brothers. Whenever I've needed help, you've been there, lending a hand.

Thank you for the contributions made to my travel fund, which have enabled me to continue the Order's work as your Commander-in-Chief. During the last few months, I've participated in Connecticut's battleflag program at the state capitol in Hartford, the unveiling of the restored 36th Illinois Vol. Inf. flag at the Wheaton Historical Society, and in the annual Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Next year, I plan to visit several Department Encampments, including California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, and Oklahoma. Some of the Departments I plan to visit have not had a visit from the Commander-in-Chief in many years. I will also take part in Lincoln's Birthday celebration and later, the Memorial Day ceremonies in Washington, D.C., Grant's Birthday commemoration in New York, and Lincoln's Deathday event in Springfield, Illinois.

The supportive, dedicated brothers back home, in our Department, continue to inspire me. Their memory will accompany me wherever I go. I'm very thankful for their kindness, which speaks volumes about the kind of Order we have each chosen to be a part of. Thank you for the opportunity for once more being able to serve you.

*C-in-C Steve Michaels*



*C-in-C Michaels*

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tion and answer format:

**Q.** Just what is a Camp of the SUVCW?  
**A.** Whatever the members make of it.

**Q.** Do we have to follow the Ritual?  
**A.** No. Not if your Camp really doesn't want to. Just remember, the Sons Ritual makes the difference between a Sons Camp meeting and a Bowling Club meeting.

**Q.** Must we meet Quarterly?  
**A.** No. Some Camps survive somehow just meeting officially once a year. But would you come if you only bowled once a year?

**Q.** Half our members live in a City, the other half throughout the State. How can we meet?

**A.** Try this: Form a separate Camp in the City and another to cover the rest of the State. It only takes 5 members to start a provisional Camp. This way the City Camp can meet once a month, the Country Camp 2 times a year without dragging down the City Camp.

**Q.** No one (or a die-hard few) shows up for activities.

**A.** Why should they? Why give up the (insert team name here) football game to clean up some gravesites? Why attend Memorial Day ceremonies and spoil a three day vacation? If your Members are talking like this, I have no suggestions. Why in the world did they join in the first place? Someone should be given the task of contacting members that habitually don't show and find out why.

Perhaps the sacreligious concept that a few quality members are always better than 100 uninvolved members fits here.

**Q.** Which are you?

In F, C & L  
Ron Aronis  
Department Commander

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES RECORDS CAN NOW BE ORDERED ONLINE

All of the most frequently requested records in the National Archives can be ordered online. The National Archives and Records Administration has made all of their form requests available online at [http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/orderonline.html](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html).

The site requires that you register as a user and that you pay with a credit card. Using Order Online, you can order copies Federal military pension files for the Revolutionary War through the Civil War and military service records for the Revolutionary War through the Spanish American War. The archives will continue to accept paper forms. Paper forms can be ordered by email to [inquire@nara.gov](mailto:inquire@nara.gov) or by calling the toll free-number, 1-86-NARA-NARA.



## CAMP NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### L.G. Armstrong Camp 49

Thanks to the generosity of Loretta Hooker of the Boscobel Preservationists and Woman's Relief Corps, \$2,000 has been advanced to the Camp to support the ongoing restoration grant process pending receipt of the SUVCW grant. It has been deposited to a special subfund in the Camp treasury and will be used to pay for an Architect's Assessment required to place the Hall on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The Muskets & Memories Symposium will be held the weekend of January 21, 22, and 23. There will be a ball at the Blaine gym that Saturday at 7PM. The symposiums will be held at the Boscobel Hotel.

### C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1

The Camp's Second Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in Cudahy in October was again an unqualified success, despite blustery weather, as the community turned in some 194 flags for proper disposal. Twenty-eight local schoolchildren participated in the event. Thanks to PDC Fred Murphy for again making arrangements for this event.

At the December 1 meeting, William Doan was sworn in as Camp 1's newest member, bringing the total to 50 brothers, a number not seen in over half a century. Just ten years ago, the Camp had only 8 members.

Camp 1's special year-end fundraiser is for restoration of the 84-year old Brig. Gen. E.B. Wolcott equestrian monument in Milwaukee's Lake Park. Earlier this year the Camp and Auxiliary completed fundraising efforts that netted more than \$2,500 to help with restoration of *The Victorious Charge* Civil War monument in downtown Milwaukee.

Auxiliary 4 celebrated their Centennial in September with a reception held at the Camp and Auxiliary meeting. To commemorate the milestone, C-in-C Steve Michaels authored an Auxiliary history titled "*Progressive, Industrious and Brilliant Women.*"

### Old Abe Camp 8

On September 18th Camp 8 conducted a grave memorial service for Richard Barrington of the 12th Wis Inf. A grave dedication was also conducted by Vince Barker on behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for William Barrington of the 18th Mississippi Inf. The two Barringtons were brothers who served on opposite sides during the Civil War. This occasion caused a large

number of their relatives to gather for this event, some meeting each other for the first time. All of this was made possible due to the Grave Registration efforts of Vince Barker, with assistance from Jim Waid and Kim Heltemes.

The Waupaca Historical Society recently presented Camp 8 with a letter detailing the donation of local GAR artifacts to the Camp. The artifacts consisted of the Waupaca GAR Post 21 flag and charter, and the Waupaca SOV Camp 61 charter. This donation was made possible through the efforts of Kim Heltemes of Camp 8 working with Mark Ebner of the Waupaca Historical Society.

At the Sept. 11 & 12th Black River Crossing Civil War Weekend, members of Camp 8 who are also members of McAllister's Battery had an opportunity to form up with a likeness of the Camp namesake. Camp 8 member Jim Reynen is also a member of the 8th Wisconsin (re-enactors and shooting club), and the 8th has a real, stuffed bald eagle that is mounted to a patriotic shield, a replica of the original used by Old Abe. The 8th Wisconsin Color Guard and their Old Abe have appeared at many events and have been featured in many pictorial and ceremonial activities. At this year's event in Black River Falls, Jim brought their Old Abe to the event and an instant photo opportunity was created.

### MG John Gibbon Camp 4

Commander Tom Sobottke has been working to schedule Carroll College's Civil War Institute as part of the 2005 Department Encampment. The date set for the 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment is June 10, 2005 in Waukesha.

The annual Gibbon Birthday Celebration committee will be working on speakers for the event. Possible dates are April 9, 16 or 23.

Bruce Laine was contacted by columnist Laurel Walker of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* regarding several headstones that have not been placed on veteran's graves at Prairie Home Cemetery in Waukesha. Cemetery officials have refused to set the headstones without receiving payment of some \$305 each and will not allow Camp members to do the work. The article ran in the Veteran's Day edition of the newspaper. Ms. Walker was informed of the situation while attending a meeting of the Waukesha Civil War Roundtable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WIS. DEPT. - SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

2003 - 2004 FISCAL YEAR

OPERATING FUND

BALANCE FORWARDED - JUNE 30, 2003.....\$ 3,507.86

RECEIPTS:Department Report Payments:

G.K. Pier Badger Camp # 1.....\$ 932.25  
 Col. Henry Harnden Camp # 2.... 1,126.00  
 Gen. John Gibbon Camp # 4..... 419.25  
 Lt. Alonzo Gushing Camp # 5.... 257.00  
 Old Abe Camp # 8..... 1,100.50  
 L.G. Armstrong Camp # 49..... 529.00  
 Col. William Colvill III # 56. 420.00

Income At National Encampment: \$ 4,786.00

Sale Of Books &amp; Supplies..... 48.00

Receipts From Wisconsin Dept. Encampment:  
 Received From Camp # 2..... 153.00

TOTAL OPERATING FUND RECEIPTS..... 4,987.00

TOTAL BALANCE FORWARDED PLUS RECEIPTS..... \$ 6,494.86

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Dues.....\$ 4,062.00  
 Central Region Dues..... 5.00  
 Charter Fee - Broadhead Camp # 40..... 36.55  
 Mid-Winter Encampment Expense..... 26.04  
 Web-site Registration Fee..... 19.90  
 Newsletter Expense..... 156.08

Department Officers Expenses:

Postage.....\$ 45.38  
 Supplies..... 30.10  
 Telephone & Fax..... .00  
 Miscellaneous: Awards, etc..... 6.08

81.56

TOTAL OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS..... 4,387.13

TOTAL OPERATING FUND BALANCE ON HAND - JUNE 30, 2004..... \$ 2,107.73

Respectfully Submitted In F.C. &amp; L.,

*Dale J. Brasser*Dale J. Brasser, Treasurer  
 Wisconsin Dept. SUVCW

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2003 - 2004 FISCAL YEAR

WIS. DEPT. SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

PATRIOTIC FUND

BALANCE FORWARDED - JUNE 30, 2003.....\$ 1,619.50

RECEIPTS:Contributions To Patriotic Fund:

G.K. Pier Badger Camp # 1.....\$ 30.00  
 Gen. John Gibbon Camp # 4..... 25.00  
 Black River Falls Event Donation 28.04  
 Thomas L.W. Johnson..... 30.00  
 Camp # 8 - Boy Scout Cert..... 118.34  
 Fred Cook Memorial - T Johnson. 30.00  
 T.L.W. Johnson Scholarship Fund 510.00

Sales Of Road Signs.....\$ 771.38

Bank Interest Income..... 100.00  
 8.90

TOTAL PATRIOTIC FUND RECEIPTS..... 880.28

TOTAL BALANCE FORWARDED PLUS RECEIPTS..... \$ 2,499.78

DISBURSEMENTS:Contributions:

Eagle Scout Certificate Program.....\$ 95.42  
 Indigent V.A. Patient Funds..... 100.00  
 R.O.T.C. Awards..... 184.00

TOTAL PATRIOTIC FUND DISBURSEMENTS..... 379.42

TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND - JUNE 30, 2004..... \$ 2,120.36

Respectfully Submitted,  
 In F. C. & L.,*Dale J. Brasser*Dale J. Brasser, Treasurer  
 Wisconsin Dept., SUVCW**Financial Reports from the  
 2004 Wisconsin Department  
 Encampment****Prepared by  
 Dale Brasser, Treasurer**

(Gentlemen:

Sorry for turning your head sideways to read this report but we were extremely tight on space in this issue of the *Dispatch*. Please take the time to look over these numbers; Br. Brasser goes to a lot of trouble, and does a very fine job, of keeping our books in good order and it is helpful to all of us to know how we are faring financially.

--The Editor)



## REMEMBRANCE DAY AT GETTYSBURG, PENN.



### REPORT ON THE 2004 CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

*By SVC Kent Peterson*

The 2004 Central Region Conference was hosted by the Department of Wisconsin and convened on October 2nd in Milwaukee. The conference went very well this year, with 39 attendees from across the Midwest.

The Saturday event began with a tour of the Ward Theater and Chapel on the Milwaukee Soldier's Home grounds. The visitors were impressed by the theater's large stained glass depiction of General Grant, which dated to 1889. Patricia Lynch of Aux. 4 and Laura Rinaldi of the Soldier's Home Foundation conducted the tour. Immediately afterward, the group traveled across the highway to Calvary Cemetery for a dedication of the new headstone for the previously unmarked grave of Boat-swain John Breen, a US Navy Medal of Honor recipient from the Civil War. Camp 1 conducted the service, which was organized by Br. Tom Ludka of the America Legion and included representatives from the US navy and WRC..

After lunch, a session on "communicating with the masses" was presented by Kent Peterson, Bruce Laine and Patricia Lynch, who spoke about using e-mail and the Web, newsletters, and news releases, respectively, for better communication.

The banquet that evening paid tribute to the new National Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, who was presented with an American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol on the day of his inauguration as C-in-C. We were also entertained by Tom Ludka, who gave an excellent presentation on the GAR's impact on today's society.

Wisconsin was featured front and center at the Remembrance Day parade this year, leading off with a color guard and of course our C-in-C

The Reviewing Party during the 2004 Remembrance Day parade in Gettysburg: (photo at left) Col. Henry Shaw (SVR Nat. Adj. Gen.), Maj. Donald Darby (SVR 3rd MD Co.), BG David Medert (SVR Nat. Commander), C-in-C Steve Michaels, David Klinepeter and Mr. Getty (Pres. Lincoln).

Wisconsin Brothers and Sisters attending the Remembrance Day festivities were:

#### Color Guard (l-r in above photo)

Bob Mann (4)  
PCC Jim Johnson (4)  
Jeremy Johnson (4)  
Nat. Color Bearer Tom Brown (1)  
Bruce Laine (4)  
Pat Kulas (1)  
Patrick Lynch (1)

#### Others

DC Ron Aronis (1 & 5)  
PCC Maurie Felton (1)  
CinC Steve Michaels (1)  
Don Strube (8)

#### Auxiliary

Patricia Lynch (4)  
Linda Brown (4)  
AP Jane McMillan (6)  
Anne Michaels (4)  
PNP Danielle Michaels (4)  
Cheryl Petrovic (2)

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Visit us on the Web at  
<http://www.suvcw-wi.org>

## DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

Feb. 5	Mid-Winter Meeting, Bluemound Gardens, Wauwatosa, 9:30 a.m.
Feb 5	Patriotic Luncheon, Bluemound Gardens, Wauwatosa, 12:30 p.m.
Feb 19	Member Orientation session, Soldier's Home Bldg. 1, Milwaukee
Apr 15	Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Ill.
Apr 16	GAR Founder's Ceremony, Petersburg, Ill.

## NEWS DISPATCHES

### Last Civil War Veteran to be Buried

On January 6, 1920, Cpl. John Peyton Byrne passed away in California. He was one of four brothers born and raised near Memphis, Missouri. John served in the Missouri Home Guard and later, Co. I, 21st Missouri Infantry. One brother, Harrison, also served in the Home Guard. Another brother, Lucien, served in the 51st Missouri. The fourth brother, Charles, joined the Confederate Army.

Recently, Harrison's g-g-g granddaughter was researching her family tree, when she discovered that John's unclaimed cremated remains had been stored in California, awaiting burial. They were about two years away from being dumped and lost forever.

John Byrne's niece has secured his remains. On November 6th, a government stone was set in the Memphis, Missouri cemetery, at his final resting place. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) have organized the burial service for Cpl. Byrne on Saturday, May 28, 2005.

**This will likely be the last burial of an unburied Union veteran.** To be a part of this historic event is indeed an honor. for more information, including encampment locations and parade entry information, visit [www.duvcw.org](http://www.duvcw.org) and look under "John P. Byrne."

### Lincoln, GAR Ceremonies Slated

The 49th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, will be held Friday, April 15th, 2005, at 11 am. the program of music and oratory is followed by wreath presentations at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Last Spring, nearly 70 patriotic and hereditary organizations participated. Afterwards, a luncheon with guest speaker is held at the

Renaissance Springfield Hotel. Wisconsin's PDC Tom Johnson will again moderate both events. Our Commander-in-Chief is also expected to participate. Our Department has supported this event for nearly 40 years.

Luncheon reservations may be made with PDC Ron Clark, 2305 Sutherland Rd., Springfield, IL 62702, before March 19th.

There is much to see and do in the Springfield area. All are invited to stay for the ceremony, honoring the GAR Founder, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, in Petersburg, just 23 miles northwest of Springfield. The Illinois Department ceremony takes place at Rose Hill Cemetery at 2 pm on Saturday, April 16th.

### - ANSWER TO "TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE" - Origins of Veterans Night and Remembrance Day

Originally, the "Ritual and Ceremonials" defined "Veterans Night" as a ceremonial occasion to be observed by a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

"VETERANS NIGHT--Commemorating the anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, November 19 (1863), to be observed in memory of Lincoln and the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861-'65."\*

With the passing of Comrade Albert Woolson in 1956, the Grand Army of the Republic ceased to exist. A monument was dedicated by the Allied Orders of the GAR to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic near the copse of trees on the Gettysburg Battlefield and a parade and ceremony, now known as "Remembrance Day," has continued to be observed in Gettysburg on the Saturday closest to November 19th ever since.

\*from **Ritual & Ceremonials**, Official: 1920-'25-'26  
Thanks to the Dept. of Michigan SUVCW website.