

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. I was informed by David V. Medert, Jr. in late November that Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert had triple by-pass surgery on Wednesday, November 27th. The latest word that I received was that he was to be released from the hospital December 3rd. At this writing his recovery appears to be progressing at home. I would encourage members to send a get well card or word of encouragement to Dave at his home address: 16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.
2. I was pleased to attend and present greetings from the SUVCW to the National Encampment, Woman's Relief Corps and National President Eileen Post in Ottumwa, Iowa on August 19, 1996.
3. September 9 I was honored to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the program of the African-American Civil War Freedom Foundation Ceremony in Statuary Hall, U. S. Capital Building, Washington, D. C.
4. It was again my pleasure to attend and convey greetings on behalf of the SUVCW to National President Betty Baker, Auxiliary to SUVCW at a reception held in her honor September 14 in Waterloo, New York.
5. On October 5 and 6 I attended and participated in the Central Regions Conference, SUVCW and Auxiliary, held in Chesterton, Indiana and hosted by David D. Porter Camp, Department of Indiana. I wish to acknowledge and thank Brothers Ed Krieser and Ron Gill for arranging a delightful reception and banquet for me during the conference. I would like to thank all those who were able to attend and the thoughts and prayers of those unable to. The roast will be long remembered with affectionate reminiscence.
6. I attended the following camp meetings and activities during October and November of 1996.
 - a. Memorial and rededication of four Civil War veterans graves in Warrenville, Illinois on October 12 sponsored by Sheridan Camp # 2, Naperville, Illinois.
 - b. Attended Somers Camp # 1 meeting, Kokomo, Indiana on October 19. and Ben Harrison Camp # 356 meeting on November 10 in Indianapolis.
 - c. Attended Chartering Ceremony for Frank Reed Camp # 24 in Tuscola, Illinois on October 26 and the Chartering Ceremony for Col. Friedrich Hecker Camp # 443, Bellville, Illinois on November 9.
7. On November 15 I visited the U. S. Army History Institute and War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania to present pictures of my maternal great grandfathers who fought with Company K, 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and Company B, 15th Illinois Cavalry to the U. S. Army History Institute. I was well received and was given extensive tours of both the institute facilities and the War College. I would encourage any member that wishes to donate copies of or the actual pictures or papers of ancestors that fought in any war the United States has participated in to the institute to do so.
8. On November 16th the Annual Remembrance Day parade and activities carried out by the SVR were held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The impressive wreath laying ceremony following the parade was held at the Woolson Monument. Immediately after the wreath laying, the ceremony continued in the auditorium of the Cyclorama building. The activities continued that evening with a banquet sponsored by the Department of

Pennsylvania and concluded with the Blue and Gray Ball. I was greatly honored to be a part of the Remembrance Day activities and encourage any members that have not attended to plan to attend at least one Remembrance Day in the future. I wish to thank members from the Departments of Indiana and Michigan that formed the color guards for the Commander-in-Chief's and Department of Indiana Colors in the parade.

9. A vacancy on the National Staff occurred in October when Banner Editor Greg Hayes resigned. Greg did an exemplary job as Banner Editor and deserves the acclaim of the Order. The position was filled by the Council of Administration at its Gettysburg meeting on November 17 when it accepted the proposal of Glenn B. Knight of the Department of Pennsylvania. All material to be submitted for inclusion in the Banner should be sent to Glenn by way of one of the following:

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Glenn's voice telephone number is: (717) 626-7066 and his fax number is: (717) 627-4096.

10. I regret to inform the membership of the SUVCW and SVR that Commanding Officer Charles Corfman was relieved of command by the Military Affairs Committee with my concurrence on November 17. His replacement, Keith Harrison, was confirmed by the Military Affairs Committee with my concurrence on the same date.

11. Brothers are reminded of the indispensable part that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund and GAR Memorial Fund play in the operation of our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214-1251. Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Edward Krieser, 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383. No donation is too small and checks for both funds should be made out to "National Organization, SUVCW." A copy may also be made of the form printed in recent issues of the Banner which can be used to designate donations to these two funds as well as other important funds. The copy of the form and the donation may be sent to the appropriate National Officer listed on the form.

12. The holiday season has arrived and will probably have passed by the time that you read these General Orders. I would still like to express my belated season's greetings to each and every Brother of the SUVCW and Sisters of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Ladies of the GAR, Woman's Relief Corps, and Daughters of Union Veterans. We are all bound together in our dedication to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and its motto of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

13. Departments are requested to forward their Encampment Dates to me as soon as possible if you wish the Commander-in-Chief to attend. I am now in the process of answering those that have already requested my attendance. I am sure there will be conflicting dates, but I will try to attend as many as possible.

14. A New Member Data Form for those brothers interested in becoming involved at the National or Department level has been published in the past. There has outstanding responses in the past from brothers who have expressed interest in serving at one or both of these levels. The Banner Editor has been requested to include the form again in this issue. Brothers with an expertise in one or more areas that would be useful to the order and are interested in serving in one or more capacities are urged to submit a completed copy of the form to the National Secretary.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

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