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**51st Annual Remembrance Day Observance
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 17, 2007**

Rosemary and I arrived in Gettysburg mid-morning for the 51st Annual Remembrance Day Observance held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, November 17, 2007, at the Albert Woolson Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial, Ziegler's Grove, Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Attendance was fairly good as we counted 60 or so who remembered this special day.

The program started with the Presentation of Colors by the Gettysburg Blues, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and the National Anthem by the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (PVI) Regimental Band. The Invocation was given by Lt. Col. Larry Freed, SVR Chaplain. Greetings were given by Brig. General Robert Grim, Commanding Officer of the SVR and Charles E. Kuhn, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). A musical tribute by the 28th PVI Regimental Band followed. Then, a moving address was given by Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl, SUVCW. A check presentation to Gettysburg National Military Park was presented by Past Commander-in-Chief. Elmer "Bud" Atkinson on behalf of the SUVCW's SVR.



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Floral tributes presented were as follows:

National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC), Auxiliary to the GAR -
Marcia Butgereit, National President

National Organization, Ladies of the GAR –
Phyllis Houston, National President

National Organization, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) –
Beverly Massey, National President

National Organization SUVCW –
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Commander-in-Chief

National Organization, Auxiliary to SUVCW –
Barbara Mayberry, National President

National Organization, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States –
Karl F. Schaeffer, Commander-in-Chief

Pennsylvania Department, WRC, Auxiliary to the GAR -
Kate Siernerth, Past President

Pennsylvania Department, Ladies of the GAR –
Mary May, Department President

Pennsylvania Department, DUVCW –
Frances Geogine, Department President

Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW –
Lee Walters, Commander

Pennsylvania Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW –
Barbara Indan, Department President

Another musical tribute was given by the 28th PVI Regimental Band, followed by the Gettysburg Address by Charles Kuhn, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW. The Benediction was given by Jerome Kawolski, Chaplain, SUVCW. Taps was played by Musician Sgt. Major Ivan E. Frantz, Jr., SVR.

This service was dedicated to our ancestors who answered this Nation's call during its darkest hour, the American Civil War. The Allied Orders of the GAR thanked the Gettysburg National Military Park for its efforts in preserving this historic location where this Nation was held in a balance for three days in 1863 and maintaining this cherished Memorial to the "Boys who wore the Blue."