

The VETERAN

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Civil War Veterans Historical Association
"The 4th Battalion"

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Preserving the Memory of Union and Confederate Veterans of the American Civil War
"Poor is the nation that has no heroes; shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."

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HOT NEWS

7th ANNUAL C.W.V.H.A. ENCAMPMENT

Mansfield, Ohio

April 30, 1993 - May 2, 1993


See inside for details!

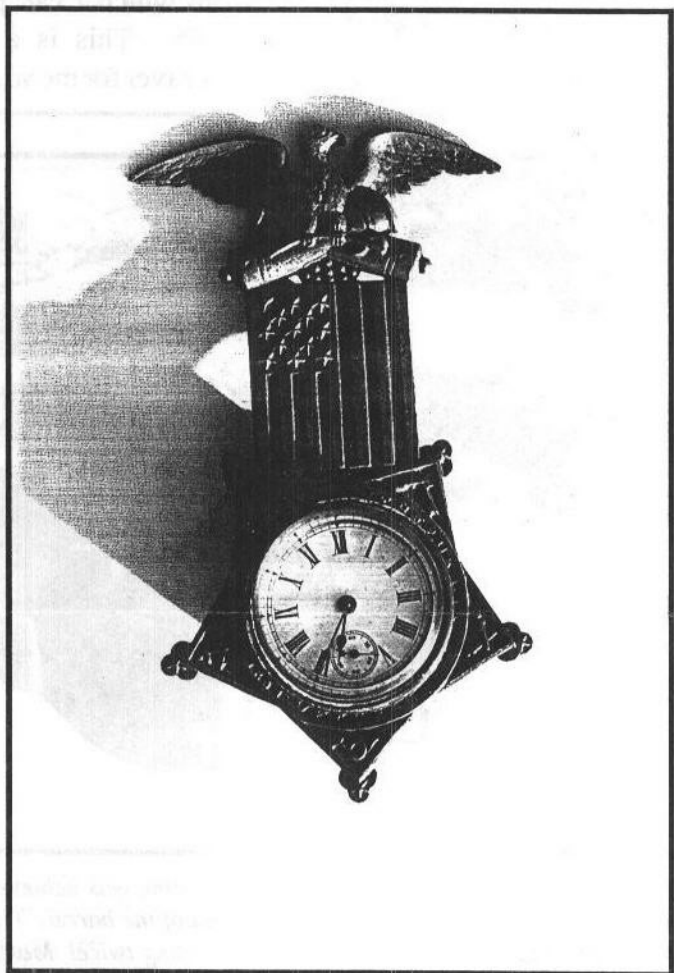
President's Message

by Dennis Loba

Happy Springtime and welcome to our new members! I hope you've made your plans to be with us at our upcoming encampment! If not, there still may be time, but you better hurry! I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can at Mansfield. Make sure you come by and say hello during the show. We keep an attendance list and would like to see everybody who makes the trip log in with us. Please, please call either myself at 703-349-1284, Sec. Rance Hulshart at 717-755-5334, or George Finlayson at 419-522-6374 if you will be attending, and especially if you will be attending the Saturday dinner meeting. It is important that we have as good a head count as possible before hand. Thanks.

If you have an unusual item or anything that you need help identifying, this is the event to bring it to. You won't find a larger group of knowledgeable Civil War Veteran collectors/researchers assembled at any other place who will help you with your questions. Please look elsewhere in this issue of "The VETERAN" for further details concerning the Encampment.

For those of you who absolutely cannot join us and have concerns or comments that you want placed before the assembled membership, please write either Sec. Rance Hulshart or myself, and we will make sure your voice is heard. Don't forget to send items in for publication in "The VETERAN". I'll see you in Mansfield, OH on April 30th! 



Above. Bronze G.A.R. clock approx 6" high with attachments on the rear for either hanging or standing on end. The reverse is marked "Pat Applied For".

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From the Secretary

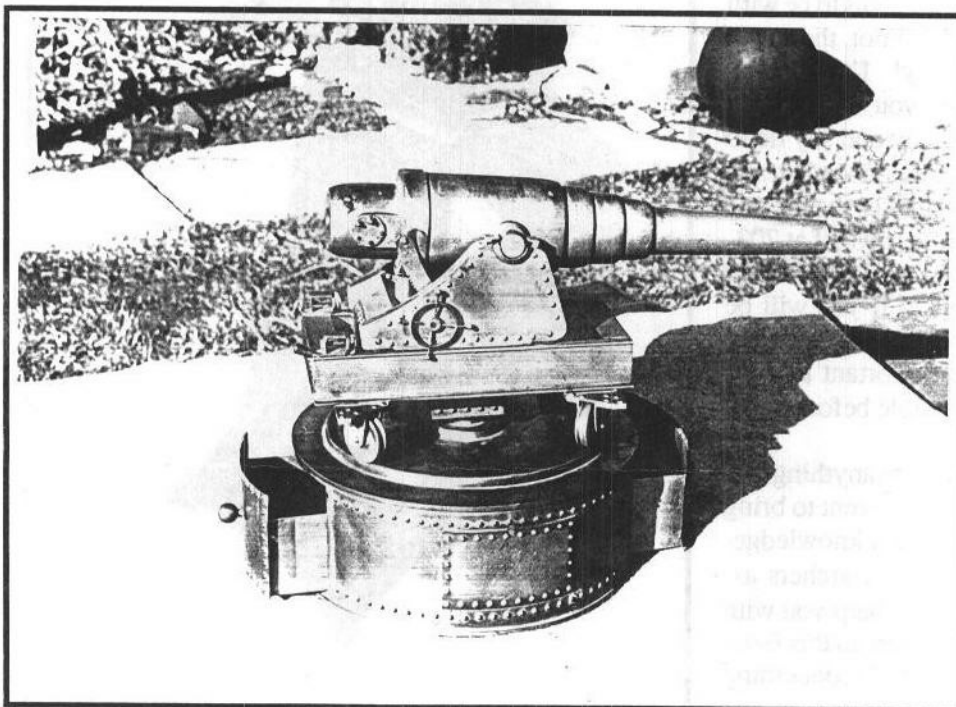
by Rance Hulshart

By now all of you East Coast members should be dug out from the Blizzard of '93. I look forward to meeting many of our members for the first time at the Mansfield, OH Civil War Show and to renewing old friendships with many of the other members. I urge all of you to bring along a special item or two to share with other members.

I now have all members on a computerized mailing list from which I can print address labels. This is a tremendous timesaver for me when preparing

our newsletters for mailing. I've tried to be very careful when entering names and addresses into the computer, but I may have made some errors. Please check your mailing label carefully and inform me if there is a mistake. The number on your label is your permanent and official CWVHA membership number. Also, as a reminder, if any of you move, please be sure to send me a change of address.

It has been my pleasure serving as secretary/editor during this past year. I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles for "The VETERAN". A special thank you and recognition from all members is due our President, Dennis Loba, for all



Above. Elaborate sheet metal "ballot box". Voting was achieved by choosing either a white or a black marble from a drawer in the front and placing it into the end of the barrel. The marble rolled down the barrel and fell through a hole ringing a bell thus eliminating anyone from voting twice! Marbles were retrieved from another drawer and votes were counted. White marbles were a "yes" and black marbles were a "no" (hence the origin of the phrase "black-balled"). The carriage is on a track allowing for it rotate in a circle. The wheel crank on the side raised and lowered the barrel. The brass presentation plaque on the side is marked in part "...Post 10 Dept. of Pa. Presented by Post 5 Dept of N.J. April 11, 1881". (Grebble Post 10 was located in Philadelphia, PA., T.M.K. Lee, Jr. Post 5 was located in Camden, NJ). The canon also has a brass manufacturer's tag marked "A. Ledy & Son Phila."

Dean Sargent Writes Book

CWVHA member Dean Sargent has compiled the book "The Blue and The Green of Old Abington", a compilation of historical and genealogical data of veterans from Abington, Rockland, and Whitman, MA. Cost is \$15.95 ppd. UPS. Send payment to Dean Sargent, 83 Concord Street, Rockland, MA 02370. ✍

the articles, etc. he has contributed, and to Associate Editor Dave Maloney for his superb job of formatting our newsletter. Without these two dedicated members I would not have been able to do my job. Also, thanks to George Finlayson for his work securing a location for our dinner/business meeting to be held during the Mansfield, OH Civil War Show. To all members attending this show, I urge you join in the fun and make this the biggest and best CWVHA Encampment to date! *LD*

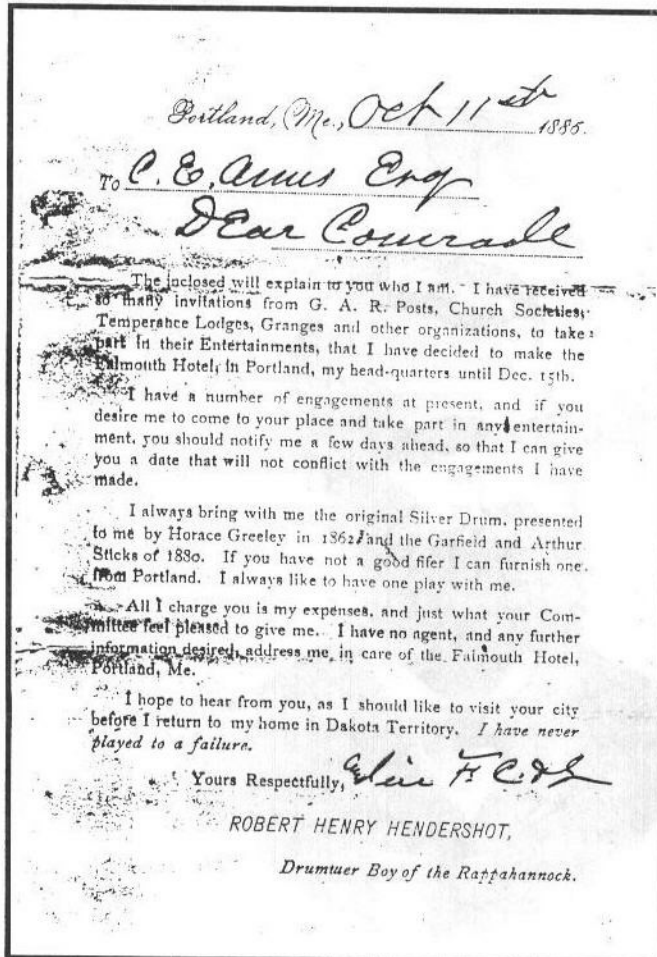
Welcome to Our New Members

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Franklin, TN 37064 - UCV,
SCV

#189 Mrs. Susan Boardman,
1201 Line Street, Sunbury, PA
1780101603 - GAR, ARMY
NURSES, esp. local items

#190 Mr. John Bowen, 48 E.
Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02061
- GAR, SV, MaineUnits, esp. 1st
ME Cav. & HA 19th ME Inf.

#191 Mr. Gregg Mierka, 61
Friendly Road, Cranston, RI
02910 - GAR, UCV, UVL, SV,
LOYAL LEGION, WRC, A of P
LD



Robert H. Hendershot
"Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock"
Co, B, 8th Michigan Vol. Inf.

In the March/April 1992 issue of "The VETERAN" (Vol. 5 No. 5) on page 5 was reproduced a copy of Civil War drummer and veteran Robert H. Hendershot's 1886 flyer advertising his services. The flyer is reproduced in a reduced format above left. To the right is a photograph of a young Hendershot submitted by Pres. Dennis Loba. Hendershot appears with his drum, apparently the silver one presented to him by Horace Greeley in 1862 as mentioned in the flyer. It definitely does not appear to be a wooden-sided regulation type drum. The photograph is from "The Image of War 1861-1865, The South Besieged", Vol V, page 237 (Terrence P. O'Leary Collection) published by the National Historical Society, 1983.

G.A.R
**Commander-in-
 Chief**
Robert B. Beath
1883-1884

Submitted by Pres. Dennis Loba
 Sources: "History of the G.A.R.",
 Beath, 1888, and the "Journal of the
 49th National Encampment, GAR,
 Washington, DC 1915"

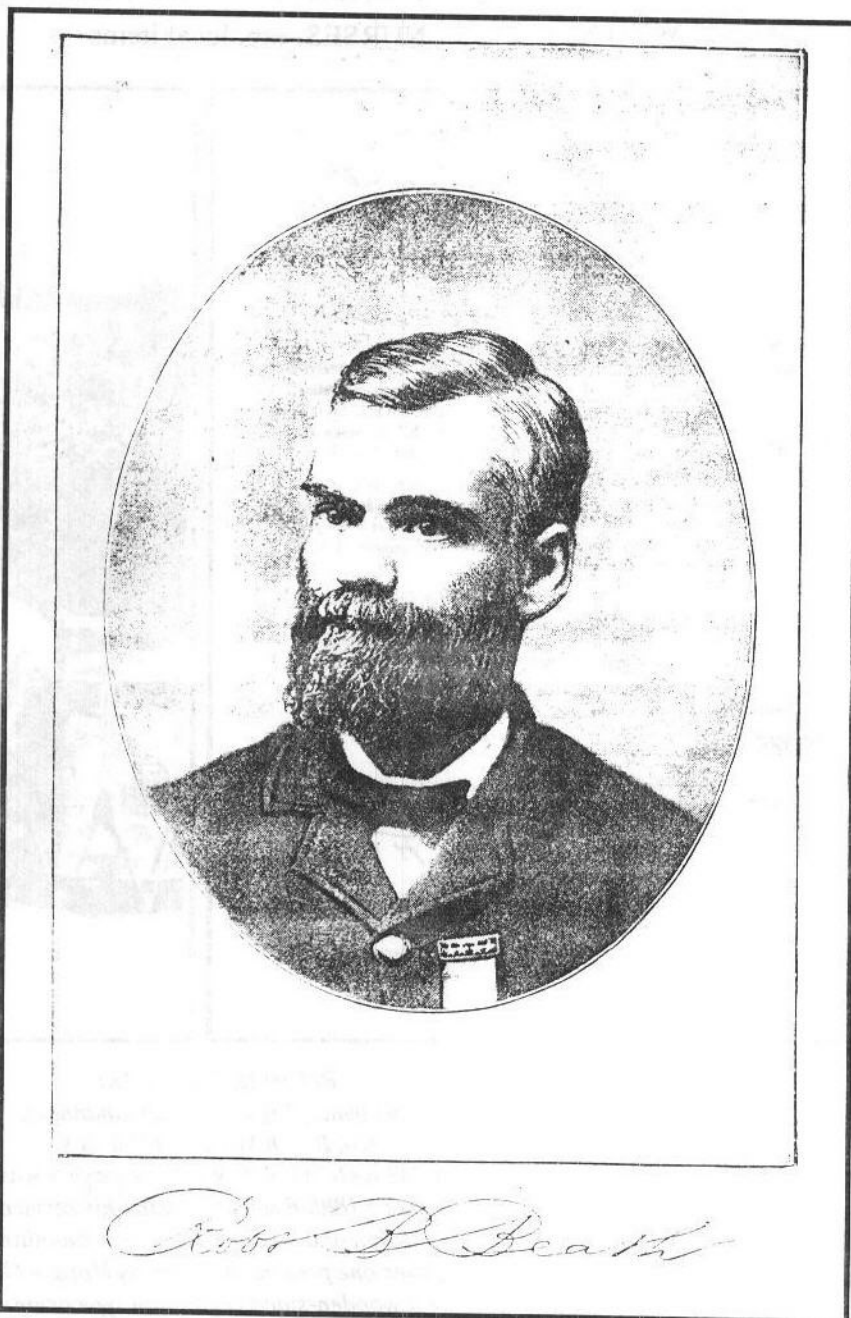
Colonel Robert Burns Beath (right), GAR Commander-in-Chief from 1883-1884, was born in Philadelphia on January 26, 1839 and served an apprenticeship as a machinist-blacksmith. He enlisted on the first call for troops in the 23rd Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he was discharged as Sergeant at the end of the three months term. He re-enlisted on September 5, 1861 as Sergeant, Company D, 88th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was promoted to be First Sergeant and to Second Lieutenant. Beath was slightly wounded at second Bull Run on August 30, 1862. In July, 1863 he was commissioned Captain, Company A, 6th U.S. Colored Troops. Beath served with the Regiment in the Army of the James, and he was badly wounded in the charge of the Brigade at Chapin's Farm, New Market Heights, Virginia on September 29th, 1864. His wound resulted in the amputation of his right leg below the knee. When he was able to leave the hospital he was assigned to Camp William Penn, Philadelphia, and there he remained until able to wear an artificial limb, at which time he re-

turned to his Regiment in North Carolina where he was examined for promotion as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment. Beath was assigned to duty in the Freedman's Bureau, in North Carolina where he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel. He was mustered-out of the service on September 20, 1865.

After the war Beath was elected Surveyor-General of Pennsylvania in 1871 for a three

year term. He was a charter-member of Post No. 2, Philadelphia, October 28, 1866, charter-member and first Commander of Post No. 5, Philadelphia, and first junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania.

In July, 1867, Beath moved to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and there he served two terms as Commander of Gowen Post No. 23. For four years he was Assistant Adjutant-General of the




Department; was Department Commander in 1873; was Inspector-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, under Commander-in-Chief Burnside, for two years, and was Adjutant-General under Commanders-in-Chief Hartranft and Wagner for three years. He compiled the first Manual for use by the Grand Army, and later compiled the Grand Army Blue Book, citing the law and precedents on all points raised in regard to the Rules and Regulations of the Order.

Beath served as Secretary of the United Firemen's Insurance Company, Philadelphia in 1881 and as Vice-President, Board of Trustees, Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home.

"When it became imperative that a history of the Grand Army of the Republic should be written it was unanimously conceded that the one man who was eminently fitted for that task was Robert B. Beath. And so the history was written, and will always remain a monument and reminder to his comrades of his interest and devotion to their interests. He long served on the committee on rules and regulations, and to his untiring labors upon that committee we owe our present system of conducting our affairs."

Beath was serving the GAR in Philadelphia on it's Board of Trustees for the Permanent Fund when he died on November 25, 1914. His long-time friend, Comrade C.C. Royce of Washington, D.C. wrote the following for Beath's obituary:

"He was 75 years old at


the time of his death. Of Scotch descent, he possessed many of the characteristics of that intense and vigorous race. Firm in his convictions of right and wrong, no influence could swerve him one iota from doing the one or avoiding the other. Just in his judgment, so far as light of evidence was open to him, he was generous without stint in both mental and material sympathy toward his comrades, and in his affection these comrades stood second only to his immediate family. His race is run, his work is done. 'God's finger touched him and he slept.'" 

Featured Museum

by Moe Olson

This issue of "The VETERAN" features the Minnesota Historical Society which includes Minnesota Department GAR records and several individual

Post records. It also contains 250,000 photos, many of which are CW and GAR. The Society also has an extensive collection of uniforms, equipment, badges, etc. from the Revolution to present. Call at least two weeks in advance to view certain uniform items and badges, and two days in advance for records and photos. While visiting, inquire about the Historical Fort Snelling which is located within ten miles of the Society.

The Minnesota Historical Society is located at 345 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906. Museum hours are Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Thurs. 10 am - 9 pm, Sun. noon - 5 pm. Research Center hours are Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 am - 5 pm, and Thurs. 9 am - 9 pm. For more information call 800-657-3773. Admission is free to both the Historical Society as well as the Research Center. 

Annual CWVHA Encampment April 30 - May 2, 1993

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Your CWVHA will have a special registration table for members set up in the GAR section of the show, so please stop by, register and visit for a while.

All members are urged to attend the Saturday evening annual CWVHA dinner/meeting which will feature a glass slide show presented by Colonel-General Howard H.A. Hoffman (late of the 999th Pa. Vol. Mounted Ski Troops Reserve)! If any other member has a short program they would like to present at the meeting please contact Secretary Rance Hulshart. Please note the complete schedule of events on the following page.

Annual CWWVHA Encampment April 30, 1993 - May 2, 1993

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Friday, April 30, 1993

3-9 P.M. Table set-up at Show Site (tableholders only) Richland County Fairgrounds

9 P.M. Informal Get Together for CWWVHA members Location TBA. Refreshments and conversation. Members and guests invited.

Saturday, May 1, 1993

7-9 A.M. Table set-up at Show

Site (tableholders only)
9 A.M.-5 P.M. Ohio Civil War Show open Stop by "Veteran" area for signing in, conversation, buying, selling, trading, etc.

6:30 P.M. Cocktails Damon's Restaurant

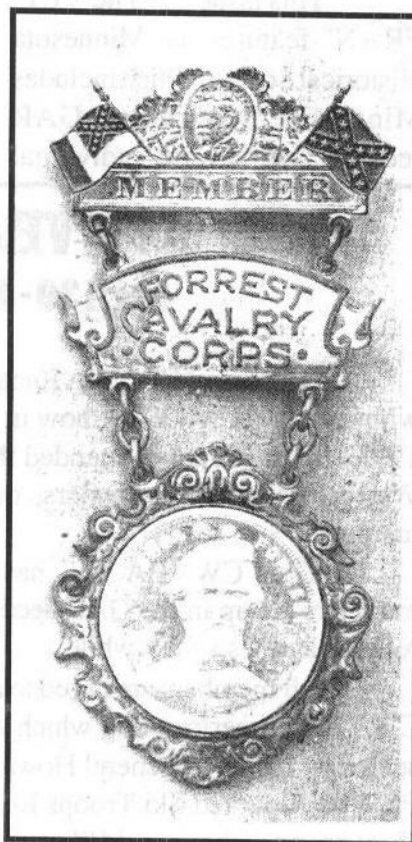
7:00 P.M. CWWVHA Annual Dinner/Business Meeting/Program Damon's Restaurant

Sunday, May 2, 1993

7-9 A.M. Tableholders only admitted - Show Site

9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Ohio Civil War Show open Stop by "Veteran" area for signing in, conversation, buying, selling, trading, etc.

5 P.M. Good-byes and travel home




(left. C. 1897 metal badge given to members of the National Organization of Forrest Veterans and their descendants. The organization still exists. The top pinbar has an image of R.E. Lee flanked by Confederate seaman and soldier, Member Last National Confederate flag and Confederate battle flag. 1st drop inscribed "Forrest Cavalry Corps". 2nd drop with image of "General N.B. Forrest". Submitted by Marshall Brighenti.)

Early Application

by Rance Hulshart

Illustrated on the following page is a G.A.R. application for membership in Post 14 Reading, PA for the year 186?. The applicant is William Krick who was 1st Lieut. Co. A 195th Pa. He was recommended by Henry Markley, Captain of Co. A 195th Pa.

Note that there is no name given for Post 14 Reading. My early records are incomplete, but by the year 1880 Post 14 was named Col. Ulric Dahlgren and was located in Philadelphia. The only Posts located in Reading, PA were McLean Post 16 and Gen. Wm. H. Keim Post No. 76. Name and location changes such as this were not unusual in the early history of the GAR. Many posts surrendered their charters for one reason or another, and their post number was simply reissued to the next post which successfully applied for a charter. Generally, from the 1880's on new posts were given the highest ranking number within a Department and if a post surrendered its charter the post number was not reused. Usually during this period and up to the close of the Department of PA, the only changes in a post's name was as a result of a vote by its membership. 

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More on A.P. Davis and the SUV

by Rance Hulshart

In conjunction with last issue's article on A.P. Davis and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I feel it should be

pointed out that Davis applied for a Patent on both SV clothing buttons as well as on a variety of their membership badges. The only button I have seen was "A.P. Davis Patd Nov. 20th 1888 Pittsburgh, Pa." (Albert VN23). There are several minor variations of this basic clothing button

backmark. For those of you who don't have Albert's button book, VN23 is the style of SV button with the soldier/sailor SV seal. This button is misidentified by Albert as being SV NY staff. Many of the SV membership badges either have the Nov. 20th 1888 patent date, "A.P. Davis",

(continued on page 8)

To the Officers and Comrades of Post No. 14 at Reading,

G. A. R.

The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the mysteries of the Grand Army of the Republic and become a member of your camp.

He declares that he has been honorably discharged the service of the U. S., and has never been convicted by Court Martial for desertion or any other infamous crime

Enlisted August 8th 1861 Discharged July 28th 1863
Re-Enlisted July 1st 1864 Discharged Nov 5th 1864
Discharged by reason of Expiration of term of service

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 186_____

Recommended by

H. H. Mastley

Rank 1st Lieut Co. 14th 19th Regt.
Age 25
Profession Miller
Residence 6th Ward Reading

(See "Early Application" article to the left.)


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or a combination of the two located either on the reverse or the pinbar or badge.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is still an active organization today, 112 years after its birth. Currently there are about 120 Camps nationwide along with a number of members at large who are not affiliated with any local camp. Membership in the SUVCW is open to males over the age of 14 years who are lineal or collateral descendants of Union soldiers, sailors, or marines who honorably served during the Civil War. Males who are not descendants of a Union veteran, but who are interested in the principles of the Order, may join as associate members.

For the ladies, there are four organizations which are still active; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Ladies of the GAR, and the Woman's relief Corps.

All five of these organizations were officially recognized by the GAR as affiliated organizations with the hopes that when the GAR was gone, they would carry on the work.

In order to receive more information concerning any of these organizations, send a LSASE to Michael G. Friedel, P.O. Box 1047, Bettendorf, IA 52722 along with a note asking for information about the organization you are interested in. 



CWVHA Membership Badge

Illustrated above is our Civil War Veteran Historical Association's Official Membership Badge. It is 1 3/32" high, is made of brass, and has a single pin clutch-type fastener on the reverse (the name for this type of fastener was given by the U.S. Gov.)

The shield-shaped badge has the outside edge, all initials, and all lines dividing the colored sections of gold color. The background of the top section is black enamel (In Memoriam), with a gold "B 4 N" (4th Battalion. The original C.W. veterans used the 3rd Battalion.) The middle section has thirteen white stars on a dark blue field. The bottom section alternates seven red vertical stripes with six vertical white stripes. Superimposed on the blue vertical stripes are the gold letters "CWVHA" (Civil War Veterans Historical Association.) The basic design was submitted by member Richard Hausmann and was approved with but minor changes.

All members are urged to purchase an CWVHA pin and to wear it with pride at shows and gatherings. Your badge can be obtained for \$5 from Past-Secretary Marshall Brighenti, R.D. 2, Box 61, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Make your checks payable to Marshall.

Upcoming Events

The shows below are listed only because advertisements for them were readily available to the editor. To insure a complete listing, please submit show information to Secretary Rance Hulshart at the earliest possible time. This

listing is for Civil War and CW veteran related shows and activities only. The CWVHA cannot vouch for the quality or size of any show listed. Always call ahead first before attending any listed event.

May 1-2 Ohio CW Show
and CWVHA Annual En-

campment, Mansfield, OH. See article elsewhere in this issue for all the details.

May 8-9 Maryland. The first Frederick, MD Civil War show and sale held at the Frederick County Fairgrounds. Contact Ed Dishman, P.O. Box 246, Damascus, MD 20872 (301)-253-4961.

May 22-23 Kentucky. The 3rd Annual John Hunt Morgan Civil War Show and Sale held at the Holiday Inn, North Lexington, KY (new location). Located at the junction of I-75 and I-64. Contact Ken Hamilton, 3255 Roxbury Drive East, Lexington, KY 40502 (206) 223-4450.

June 5-6 Tennessee. The 2nd Annual Civil War Show and Sale at the Old Fort Park Agriculture Building, Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN. Contact Bob Hammonds, 400 Terry Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167 (615) 355-1831 nights.

June 5-6 Missouri. Civil War Show held at Jackson County 4-H Grounds in Independence, MO. Contact Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri, c/o Harold Wells, 1209 Skyline Drive, Liberty, MO 64068.

June 12-13 Tennessee. The Lookout Mountain Civil War Show and Sale held at Chattanooga Convention & Trade Center. Held in conjunction with the Chatta-


nooga Gun Show. Contact Mike Kent, P.O. Box 336, Grayson, GA 30221 (404) 972-4904.

1899 33th National Encampment Delegate Badge Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Badge Descriptions
Drawing and Description
by Pres. Dennis Loba

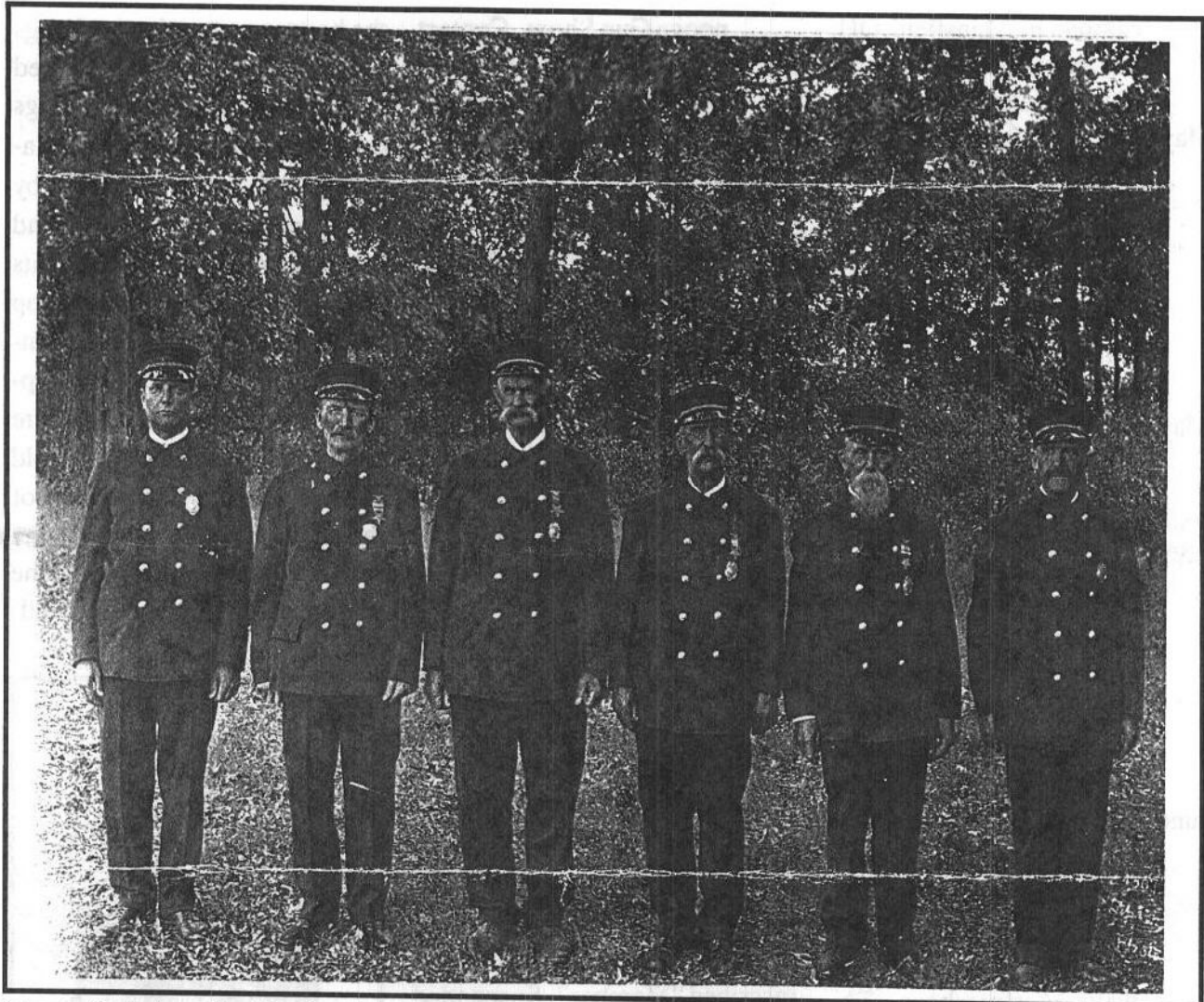
Made by J.K. Davison of Philadelphia, the 1899 Delegate Badge (right) is again one of the GAR's more colorful member badges. Its top pinbar has an arched top scroll banner inscribed "Philadelphia" over a depiction of Independence Hall, beneath which is a lower scroll banner inscribed "Member". Suspended by a single chain link on either side is a silver-washed replica of the Liberty Bell. From the pinbar hangs a red, white and blue striped ribbed silk ribbon. Centered and sewn to the striped back ribbon is a gold ribbon (5/8" wide) signifying the National Encampment Color as well as Delegate (this gold ribbon is directly under the Liberty Bell.)

Attached to the bottom of the back ribbon is a bottom suspension bar inscribed "Sept." and "1899" centering large letters "GAR". The letters "GAR" are in red, white and blue enamel and are surrounded by a wreath. From

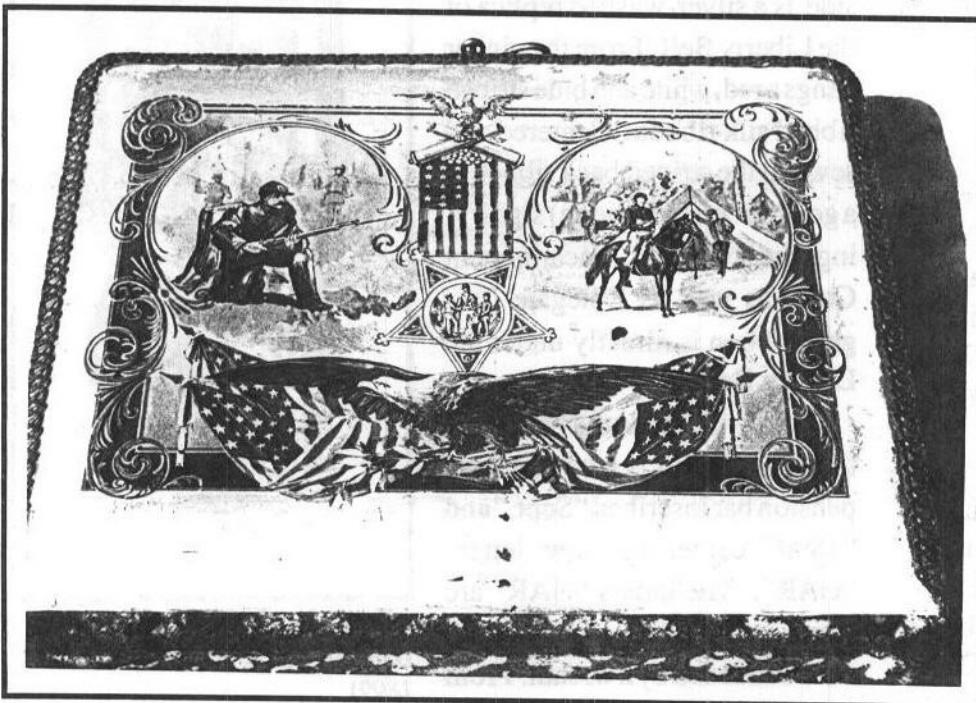
the bottom suspension bar hangs a drop pendant with a centered eagle having outstretched wings over the seal of the City of Philadelphia. The seal is flanked by the American flag its right and the Pennsylvania state flag on its left. At the bottom of the drop pendant is a scroll banner inscribed "33rd National Encampment" in gold letters. The entire badge except the bell is a gold washed bronze. The reverse of the badge is blank except for the maker's name centered at the bottom of the lower drop pendant. 



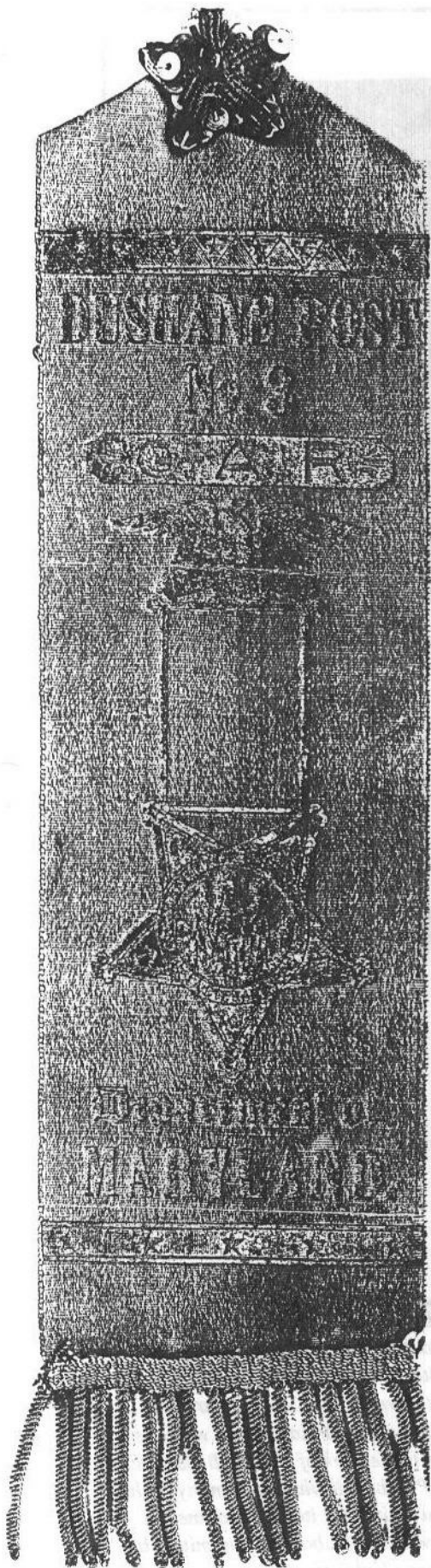
(above. 33rd National Encampment Delegate Badge, Philadelphia, PA 1899)



(above. Gettysburg Park Service Guards, dated Aug. 8, 1907. The center four guards are GAR vets. Left to right, Robert Long, Calvin Lady, Tip Loth, Frank Aumen, Wm. Spangler, and Wm. Tawney. Submitted by Harlod Goettner.)



(left. Cabinet card size photo album using the same image under celluloid as used in the place mat illustrated in the last (January/ February 1993) issue of "The Veteran" (Vol. 6 No. 4. Submitted by Rance Hulshart)



(left. Scarce Dept. of Maryland ribbon submitted by Harold Goettner. Red ribbon with gold lettering "DUSHANE POST No. 3 G.A.R. Department of MARYLAND." above. Postcard inscribed "S.F. Hartshorn, Drummer Boy of Shilo, April 6, 7, 1862" submitted by Harold Goettner.)

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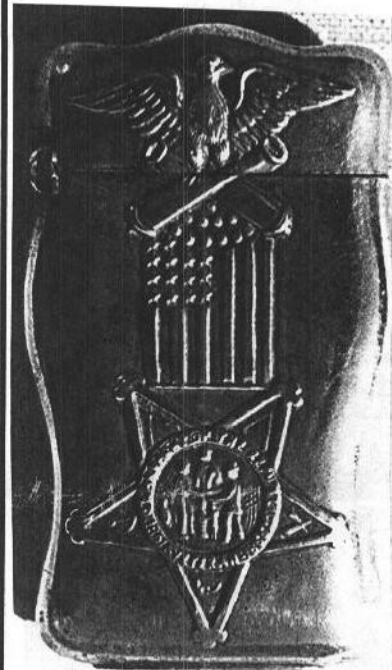
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PHONE HAYMARKET 139



Trade Card, Obv. & Rev.

(The above reduced card was submitted by Bob Albertini. Inscribed "Grand Army Re-Union" He says "Many a battle have I fought under that flag." She says "No Sir. Not under this flag.")



(above. Obverse and reverse of bronze matchsafe souvenir of the 28th National encampment, Pittsburgh, 1894. Mfg. mark is a cannon-on-carriage motif which is the trademark of Heeren Bros. & Co. of Pittsburgh who made many of the souvenir GAR items out of melted down cannon barrels. Submitted by Rance Hulshart.)