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*"Poor is the nation that has no heroes; shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."*



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## President's Corner

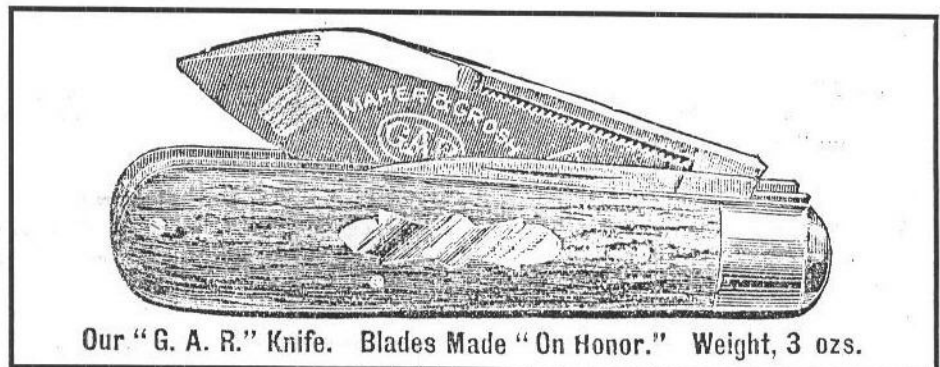
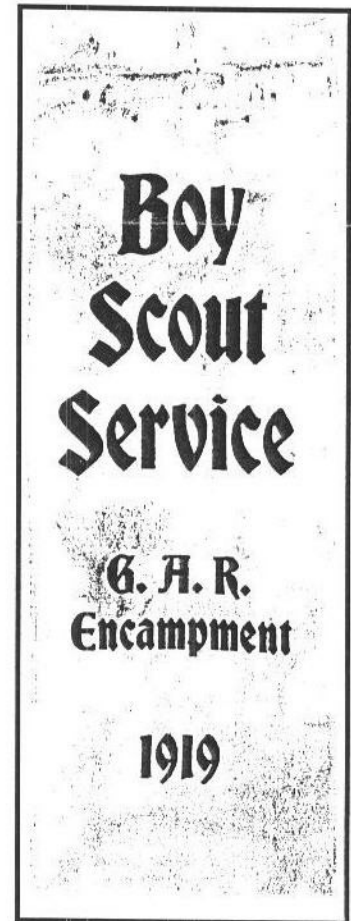
by Dennis Loba

Hello once again everyone and welcome to those of you joining us for the first time!

Although I've stuck pretty close to home the past several months, I did manage to get in a short trip to visit family and friends in Michigan recently. While there, I went to the Old Lakeview Cemetery in my hometown of Clarkston. I was after some "headstone" pictures of two members of my great, great, great grandfather's regiment (5th Michigan Inf.) and another veteran of the 12th N.Y. Cavalry whose photograph, G.A.R. memorabilia, etc. were given to me years ago, "because I was the only one who thought enough of them to take care of them." After a short walk I found all three plus another interesting one that I didn't even know was there. It is a memorial stone or marker because its named soldier Nelson Vliet is not there but some 800 or so miles away in grave no. 9936 at Andersonville Prison National Cemetery where he died. Vliet's widow and family apparently had the stone erected in the 1890's. Local tradition says that she began decorating the soldier's graves there around 1870. I wondered if she knew anything about John Logan or the G.A.R.'s 1868 "Decoration" Day order since the Grand Army didn't come to the village of Clarkston until the 1880's. It's hard to say how much grief or sadness she felt the day she stood there as Nelson's stone was set or what drove her to "remember" and honor the other soldiers there nearby. In closing let me say that I personally have once again learned something about history simply by looking near my own backyard.

*Illustrated to the right is a ribbon souvenir for a Boy Scout to keep. We all know they played a prominent role during the later years of the G.A.R. existence aiding in any needs the veterans may have had. This I am sure was also a way for them to obtain various badges for duty, etc. and no doubt taught them respect for both elders and our flag.*

*Just when you think you have seen it all something new turns up for veteran memorabilia collectors. Illustrated is an ad for a single blade G.A.R. pocket knife. The illustration was found in the 1890 catalog of Maher & Grosh, Toledo, Ohio. This gives you something else to search for while attending flea markets, shows, etc. Submitted by George Finlayson.*



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**OLD GUARD**

By Rance Hulshart

Allow me to relate a story which in my mind epitomizes what collectors and clubs are all about.

Approximately eleven months ago fellow member and good friend Jim McGraw sent me a copy of a cabinet card he owns which is illustrated. He wondered if I knew who he was and what the two badges on the viewers right were and what the OG on his collar stood for. My first search was the post listing for Dept. of Potomac which comprises posts located at Washington, D.C. None were named Old Guard. I found one within other Depts. named Old Guard but it contained no link to the photo in question. I informed him the letters OG most likely stood for "Old Guard" while also mentioning many post war militia adopted the name Old Guard. I also promised him I would keep my eyes and ears open for any clues.

In the meantime Jim wrote me that upon further examination of the photo in question he determined the bottom part of the badge on the right was marked Veteran Soldier/ 1861-

intertwined OG-1865/ Washington, D.C. It was a start but we still had a long way to go.

Recently I attended a local book show which helped begin the solving of the question. At the show I purchased an Official Program of the 44th National held at Atlantic City, N.J. in 1910. Among the information was a Dept. by Dept. listing of Posts which had a large enough contingency attending to establish a Post Headquarters. Listed was Old

Guard Post Washington, D.C., but no post no. My first thought was to write Jim and tell him to try to obtain a copy of a later Dept. of Potomac Encampment journal as I suspected this post was organized after the 1893 Carnahan's listing.

Prior to doing this I thought about checking in some national journals around this time period at locations which I thought possibly this post may have attended in body. My first

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*Cullen*

936 F STREET N W  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Above. Unknown member of the Old Guard.*

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thought was the 1910 journal which upon checking I did not own. Next I thought since the 1915 national was held in Washington, D.C. I would check this one. The index contained the following "Old Guard, members of (Department of the Potomac". Now I was getting somewhere. Upon checking the page listed I came across the following "The Forty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened at Camp Matthew G. Emery, corner of B and First Streets NW., Washington, D.C. on September 30, 1915 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. Camp Emery was in charge of the following named comrades, members of the Old Guard, an organization composed of members of the Grand Army of the Republic living in Washington and being the uniformed rank of the Department of the Potomac." It then went on to list the officers. Since we have no way of knowing what year this photo was taken we can't positively identify this first lieutenant but I would like to mention in the year 1915 R.H. Cook is listed for this rank which corresponds with the rank on his shoulder straps. Now all Jim needs to do is verify whether or not this is Cook. A clue he has is the current G.A.R. officers badge he is wearing. Personally I suspect that the Old Guard served the same duty at the 26th and 36th nationals both of which were held in Washington, D.C. and is a more likely time period for format of photo a "cabinet card."

In conclusion I would like to say the main point of this article is I am a firm believer that a big part of truly collecting is researching your acquisitions and helping fellow collectors when possible. I am certain this in keeping with what the veterans had in mind when they adopted the F.C.& L. slogan.

(Note) In the 44th National Program it mentions "Re-Union of maimed and one-limbed veterans". This no doubt has something to do with the "National Maimed Union Soldiers' and Sailors'

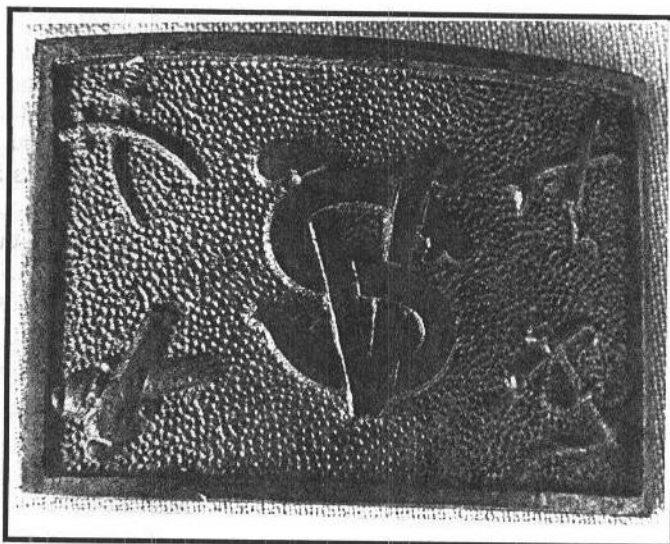
## S.V. BUCKLE'S

by Rance Hulshart

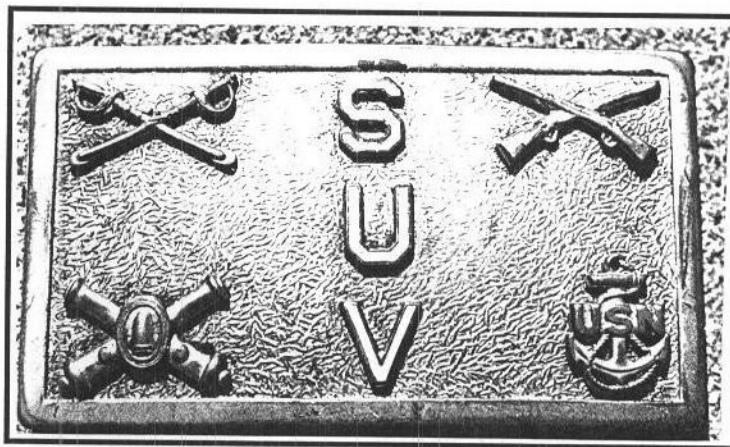
In the May/June 1993 and July/August 1993 issues of *The VETERAN* there were illustrations and describes of sixteen variations of S.V. belt buckles. Illustrated to the right and above are two more variations:

#17 (submitted by Rance Hulshart) is cast brass, highly curved, 2 21/32" long, 1 30/32" wide, belt integral at the end, opening 1 21/32" wide, design is smooth on the reverse, SV letters are approximately 1 4/32" tall.

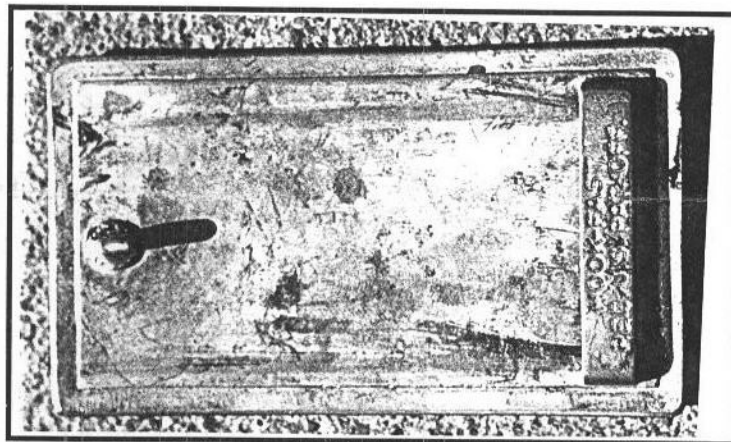
#18 (submitted by Roger Heiple) is an unusual variation made of brass. The exact dimensions are not available. The letters "SUV" are in yellow enamel and the military motifs are silvered. Also illustrated are the reverse attachments of this buckle. It is marked "Hook-Fast/ Reg. U.S. Pat. Off."



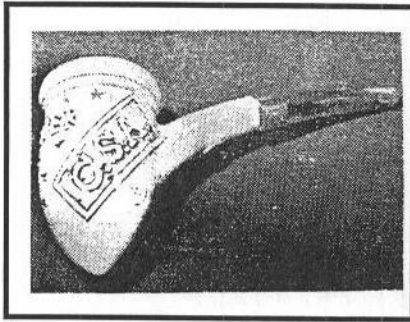
*Above. Buckle #17.*



*Above. Buckle #18, front.*



*Above. Buckle #18, reverse.*



Above. "Anything to do with the Civil War, especially the Confederacy, is very hot. Rex Stark of Bellingham, MA offered this meerschaum pipe, probably carved by the owner, Stark theorized, reading C.S.A. and A.V.C. (for Alabama Volunteer Corps) and "Hafner." The price was \$900." Extracated from "Maine Antique Digest." Submitted by David Maloney.

representatives (or delegates). The 1883 badge was not prepared, presented, sold or authorized by the G.A.R. but instead was the personal gift of comrade William A. Hamill, representative from the Department of Colorado. He personally presented a silver badge to each member of the encampment made by C.W. Little, a jeweler in the city of Denver. As described in "History of the Grand Army of the Republic" by past Commander-In-Chief Robert B. Beath, The badge was a very elaborate piece of workmanship, consisting of a representation of a rising sun, in silver, two inches in diameter, bearing the inscription around the outer edge, Fraternity. Charity. Loyalty/.1861.1883. In the center of the monogram is intertwined letters GAR. The reverse center is marked

Denver Colorado/ a shield with mountains on the upper part and a pick and shovel on the lower part/ Nil Sine Numine/ .July.1883. Around this Seventeenth Annual Encampment. \*\*\*\*\*. It was suspended from a silver pin by a buff ribbon bearing the name of the Department to which the comrade belonged.

These 249 badges were divided amongst representatives from the following departments; California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Potomac, Rhode

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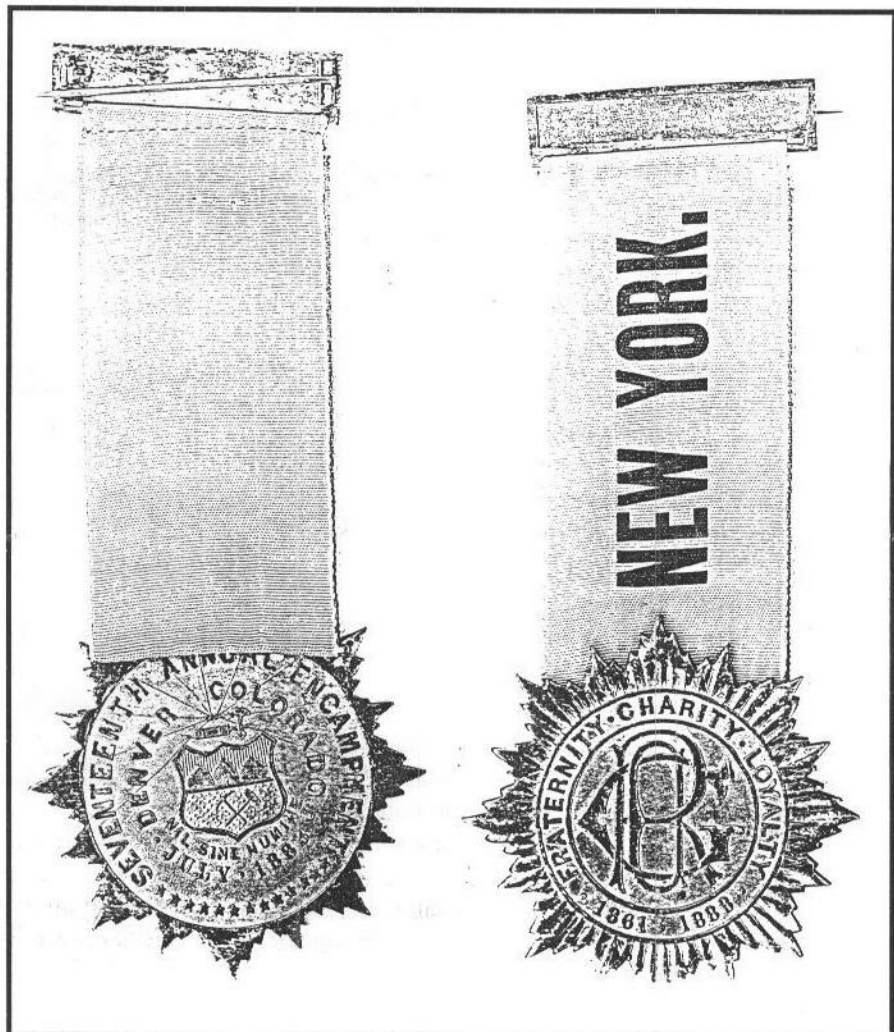
## 1883-THE FIRST G.A.R. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT BADGE • OR NOT?

By Howard Siglag

On July 25, 1883, the Grand Army of the Republic opened it's 17th National Encampment in Denver, Colorado under the commandship of Paul VanDerVoort.

The 1880's were "growing" years for the G.A.R. Their ranks increased more than 50% between 1882 and 1883 reaching an active membership of 131,890. This number would mushroom in less than a decade to over 400,000 members! To meet this great demand, the G.A.R. issued 75,000 membership badges in 1883 alone!

Today, we acknowledge 1883 as the first year a national encampment badge can be documented. Represented at this encampment were 29 departments with a total of 249 officers and



Above. The 1883 (first?) National Encampment Badge, front and back.

**OF GEN. W. A. HAMILL  
TO BE HELD SATURDAY MORNING**



**GEN. WILLIAM A. HAMILL**

In the above group, the central figure of the lower three is that of the late Gen. Hamill. The halftone was made from a picture of the Republican national committee, taken about 10 years ago, when Gen. Hamill attended a meeting at Washington as a representative from Colorado. This is the only photograph taken of him during the past 20 years. Gen. Hamill was standing in a characteristic pose in the above picture. He wore a mustache and a high silk hat.

The funeral services of the late Gen. William A. Hamill will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning from St. Barnabas church. Interment will be in Riv-

ersdale. The Rev. Charles H. Marshall will conduct the services. All the children will be in the city in time for the funeral, some of them now being on their way from the East.

Gen. Hamill was a man who loved nearly every person he knew, but was especially fond of some of those he had known longest, and from among his earliest acquaintances have been chosen his pall bearers. They are Donald Sullivan, Andrew S. Higgins, J. H. Russell, Luther Goddard, E. LeNess Foster and W. J. Chamberlain.

Many floral tributes have been sent by friends.

*Above. Comrade William A. Hamill. One of the few documented pictures of W.A. Hamill, front row center (from Denver Republican, February 1904. Colorado State Historical Library)*

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Island, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Provisional Departments; New Mexico, Tennessee, Georgia and Utah.

Why Hamill provided all representatives with a badge is unclear but being an extremely wealthy entrepreneur (including but not limited to silver mining) it was truly his personal demonstration of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

A future article will appear on the life of comrade Hamill. In the meantime, will those fortunate readers who possess an 1883 encampment badge kindly contact the author giving the department represented on the ribbon.

(Editors note; although at this point none are documented I own and know of several plain ribbons which are pre-1883 and are generally believed to be National Representative or Delegate ribbons. Most are not actually marked representative or delegate but are generally acknowledged as being such an item. I do own one which is a swallow tailed red ribbon with black print marked National Encampment/ Grand Army/ Of The/ Republic./ Delegate/ Washington, D.C./ 1870).

**WANTED**

I am looking for items pertaining to the 1st Minnesota Vol. Regt. and the 20th Maine. Please write Donald Kay, 60673 Teton Court, Bend, Oregon 97702

**BOOK REVIEW**

By Rance Hulshart

I recently had the pleasure of reading "Marylanders At Gettysburg" by Daniel Toomey a C.W.V.H.A. club member. This 100 page paperback book makes for some very interesting and easy reading. Although and not intended to be a detailed scholarly study it does give an overview of all Maryland troops both North and South which participated at Gettysburg. Also details on MD monuments at Gettysburg, reunion activities there, various casualty lists and an easy to use index. Overall I commend Dan for his work and feel that members of this association will find the book well worth the money. Copies can be obtained for \$11.95 plus \$2.00 shipping (Maryland residents add 5% sales tax) from Toomey's Bookshop, P.O. Box 122, Linthicum, MD 21090 or call or fax 410-850-0831.

**SECRETARIES MESSAGE**

by Rance Hulshart

I am trying to get back on track with the publishing of the newsletter. Rest assured you will receive all issues you are due.

As always I can use articles for our newsletter and good luck in searching and researching veteran items. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov. 19, 1994.

**S.U.V. HISTORY BOOK**

Submitted by National S.V. Historian Jerry Orton


Basically this is going to be a book of descendants who belonged to the S.V. along with pertinent information on their relative who served in the C.W. This does not cost anything to be included up to 150 words. If you use more than 150 words it is 15 cents per word. In order to be included write S.U.V.C.W. History Book, Turner Publishing Co., P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101 or call (502) 443-0121 and ask for an application or brochure to participate in this book.

# 1951 UCV FIRST DAY COVERS AND COMMEMORATIVE STAMP



by Rance Hulshart

Sources: Mellone's Specialized Cachet Catalog Of First Day Covers Of The 1950's, Vol. 1 1950-1955, printed 1983 (covers catalog numbers 987-1068); History Of The United Daughters Of The Confederacy 1894-1955; "Veterans Commemorated" by Victor A. Schlich

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 UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, MAY 30-JUNE 3,  
 1951  
 SPONSORED BY  
 SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

*James H. Meers*  
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Mr. Arthur Engers  
 139-45 85th Drive  
 Jamaica 2, Long Island  
 New York

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UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

COMMEMORATING THE FINAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS - NORFOLK VA.

PLUGEL COVER

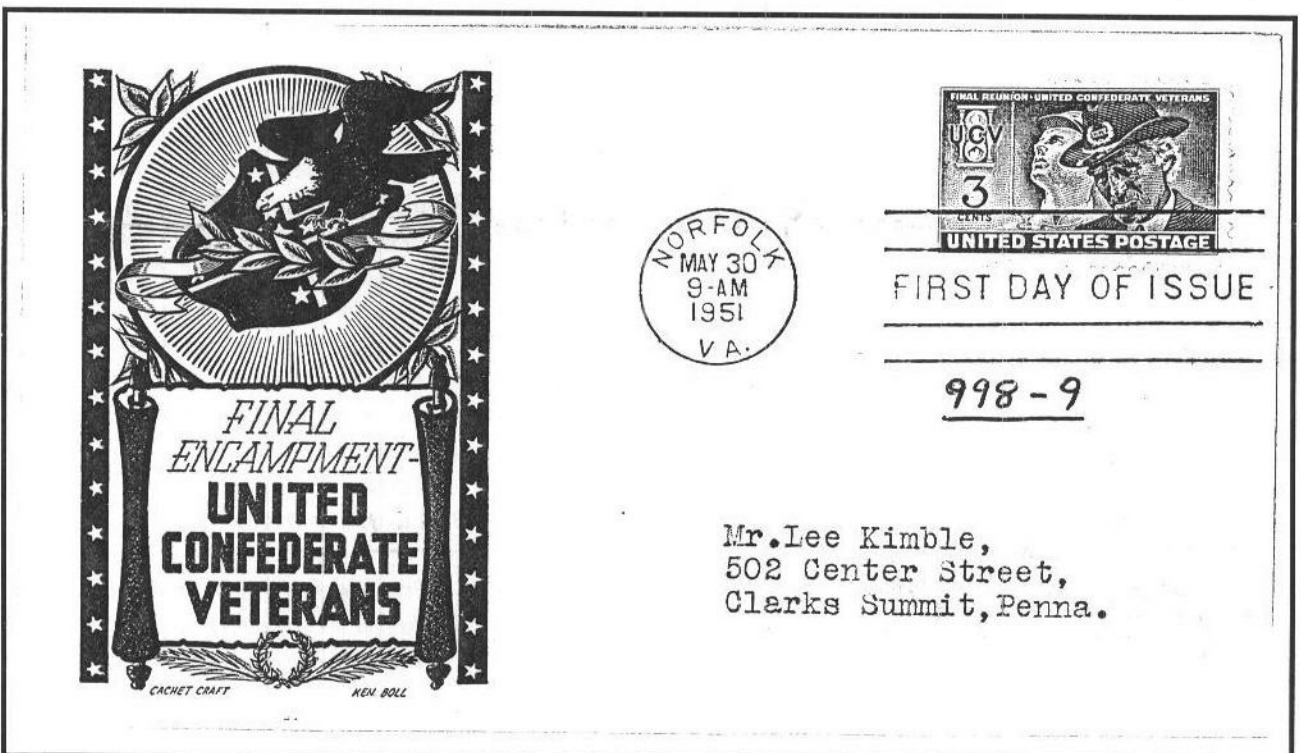
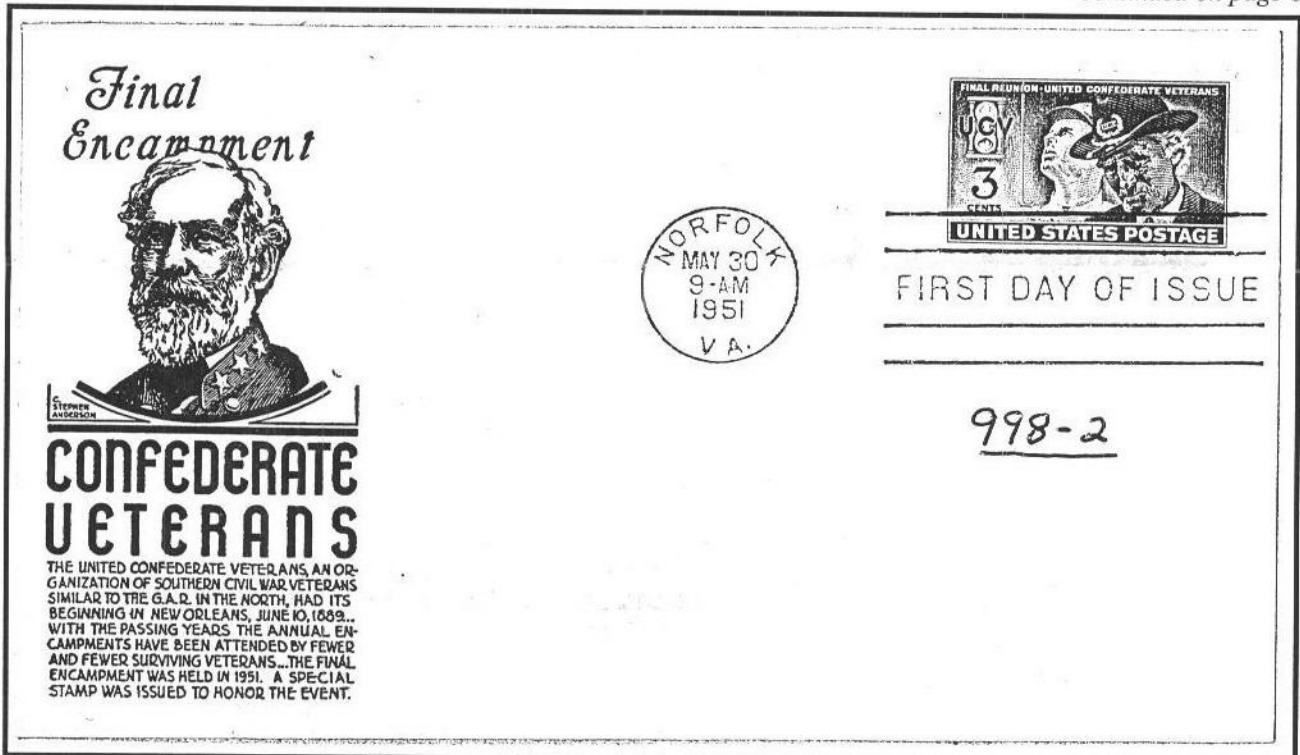
FIRST DAY

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First allow me to give a little background of the sources. Mellone's book covers all official first day covers issued during the period mentioned. He published a second 1950's book covering 1956-59 as well as two volumes which cover the 1940's and three volumes which covered the 1960's. For first day cover cachet collectors the numbers assigned with these books indicate a specific cover and are the standard in the field. The numbers assigned to the covers coincide with Scott's stamp numbers assigned to the stamps used on these covers.

The History of the UDC book is two volumes in one. Volume 1 covers 1894-1929 and was originally published in 1938. Volume 2 covers 1930-1955 published in 1956 along with a reprint of volume 1 and bound together in a 391 page book. Recently a third book has been published covering 1956-1986. The complete set is a valuable source of their

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history.

Veterans Commemorated is a two page article concerning stamps honoring U.S. veterans which was published in the March 1994 issue of V.F.W. magazine.

The covers themselves were assigned the number 998 by Mellone. Each example has a number behind this number indicating the specific example of the cover of which there are forty-two known varieties. The example number was assigned in alphabetical order of the designer if known with numbers 998-(39 to 42) being unknown. There are twenty-eight different known designers with some designing more than one variety. Illustrated are four varieties of these covers. I have written below the stamps the specific number assigned to each one.

The stamp is somewhat unique in that never before had the U.S. government issued a stamp commemorating veterans of an army which had been at war with them. It is the same as the stamp (Scott 985) commemorating the last G.A.R. Encampment in 1949 with the exception that UCV was substituted for GAR on both the hourglass and hat ornament and also the color was changed from carmine to gray. The G.A.R. stamp which features an aging veteran with a view of him during his war time service in background with an hour glass to the left was designed by Charles F. Chickering of the government's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Originally the government planned a second stamp with the noted UCV substitutions for one month later at the U.C.V. Reunion at Little Rock, Arkansas in 1949 feeling this would be their last reunion also. James V. Moore the U.C.V. Commander-in-Chief asked that the stamp be postponed since this was not to be their last reunion. Finally on May 30, 1951 the stamp was issued at Norfolk, Va. during the last U.C.V. reunion. According to a brief article about veteran stamps of all wars

"Veterans Commemorated" By Victor A. Schlich the issue of this stamp faced little opposition. According to the U.D.C. history book quite a bit of effort went into having this stamp issue. You decide which is right but in any case it helped serve as a final healing of the wounds caused by the war.

## NEW MEMBERS

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8 Heather Lane  
Reading, PA 19601-1012  
G.A.R., U.C.V.

#236 George Marinos  
P.O. box 3192  
900 Baltimore Pike  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
All Veteran items

#237 Paul Peters  
5252 Salem Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230  
G.A.R., Medal's of Honor

#238 Jack Kollodge  
5385 Raymond Ave.  
Mounds View, MN 55112  
G.A.R., Loyal Legion,  
Army Nurses, EX-POW

#239 Joseph Geiger  
P.O. Box 51  
Altoona, WI 54720  
G.A.R., W.R.C., S.V.  
Wisconsin Items

#240 Ray Spriggs  
P.O. Box 111  
Bedford, TX 76095  
GAR, UCV, C.W. & past buttons,  
buckles

#241 Stewart Braunstein  
24 Barthel Court  
Lutherville, MD 21093  
G.A.R.

#242 Michael Drew  
1679 East 3rd St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11230  
GAR, UCV, SV

Please note the following address change:

#18 Jeff Schrock  
338 N. Broadway Street  
Sugar Creek, OH 44681

## JOHN PALMER G.A.R. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1891-1892

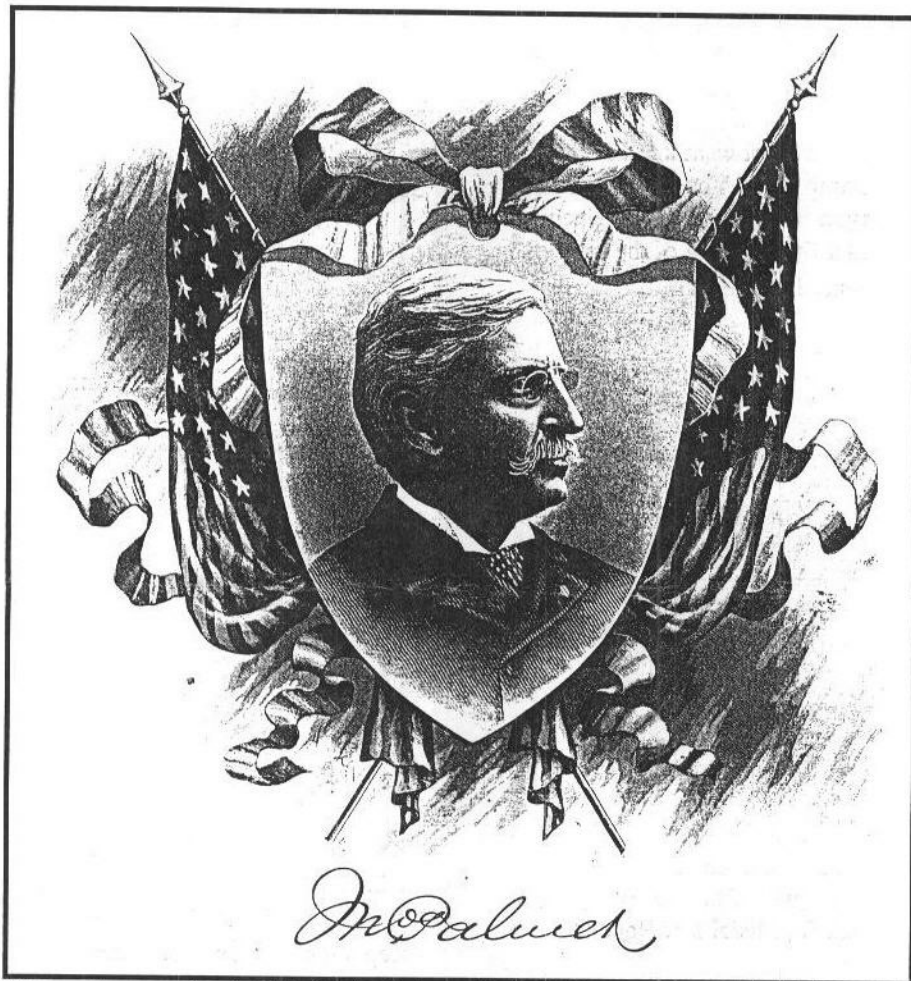
By Dennis Loba and David  
Klinepeter

*Sources Beath's History of the  
G.A.R. 1888; 39th National  
Encampment Journal 1905, Denver,  
Colorado*

John Palmer was born at Staten Island, New York on March 22, 1842. His parents moved to England just after his birth and with the exception of the ten years there, he spent his entire life in New York state. He was living in Albany when the Civil War broke out, his profession that of fresco painter and decorator. He enlisted on September 10, 1861 as a private in Co. B, 91st N.Y. Volunteer Infantry. His father and two brothers also joined the Union cause and all served with distinction, his father dying in 1863 from wounds received in battle.

Commander-in-Chief Palmer served with his regiment in all of it's battles and campaigns throughout the entire war and was awarded promotion by virtue of his conduct and gallantry first to Corporal through Sergeant-Major and then to 2nd Lieutenant through Captain.

Late in the war at the battle of Five Forks, Virginia on April 1, 1865 Palmer was severely injured when a wounded cavalry horse ran towards



Above. Commander-in-Chief John Palmer 1891-1892

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and then fell upon him. He suffered intensely from this injury to his spine during all the rest of his life.

He mustered out with his regiment in 1865 and returned to Albany, N.Y. Captain Palmer then returned to his previous profession building a large business and carrying the title of Master Painter. He became a charter member of Lew Benedict Post No. 5 G.A.R. in Albany and was a very zealous and dedicated member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served as New York Dept. Commander in 1875, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1879 and was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 25th National Encampment held at Detroit, Michigan in 1891.

Palmer was instrumental in establishing the New York Soldier's

Home by personally securing large subscriptions for it. He also served as one of its managers for a number of years. He was an extremely patriotic veteran who advocated removing one's hat when the Star Spangled Banner was played and who also felt no G.A.R. member should ever appear at any activity or ceremony when the Confederate flag was displayed.

During the 26th National Encampment of 1892 held at Washington, D.C., he rode on horseback at the head of it's grand parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. "His life as a soldier, a citizen, and a comrade was exemplary in every respect, and should his example be followed by the youth of our land there need be no anxiety for the future of the country and flag which he loved and for which he was ready to sacrifice his precious life,"

Commander-in-Chief John Palmer died on April 15, 1905 in Albany at the age of sixty three.

## REPLICA FIRST S.V. BADGE FOR SALE

The G.A.R. C.W. Museum & Library, Ruan House, 4278 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124 is offering exact copies of a badge which was made from the original dies. The cost is \$17.00 including postage.

(Editors Note) I personally have not viewed these badges so I can not vouch for the quality. I would also like to note there is some dispute over two badges which have both been at times reputed as being the first badge worn by the S.V. and I don't know which one this is.)

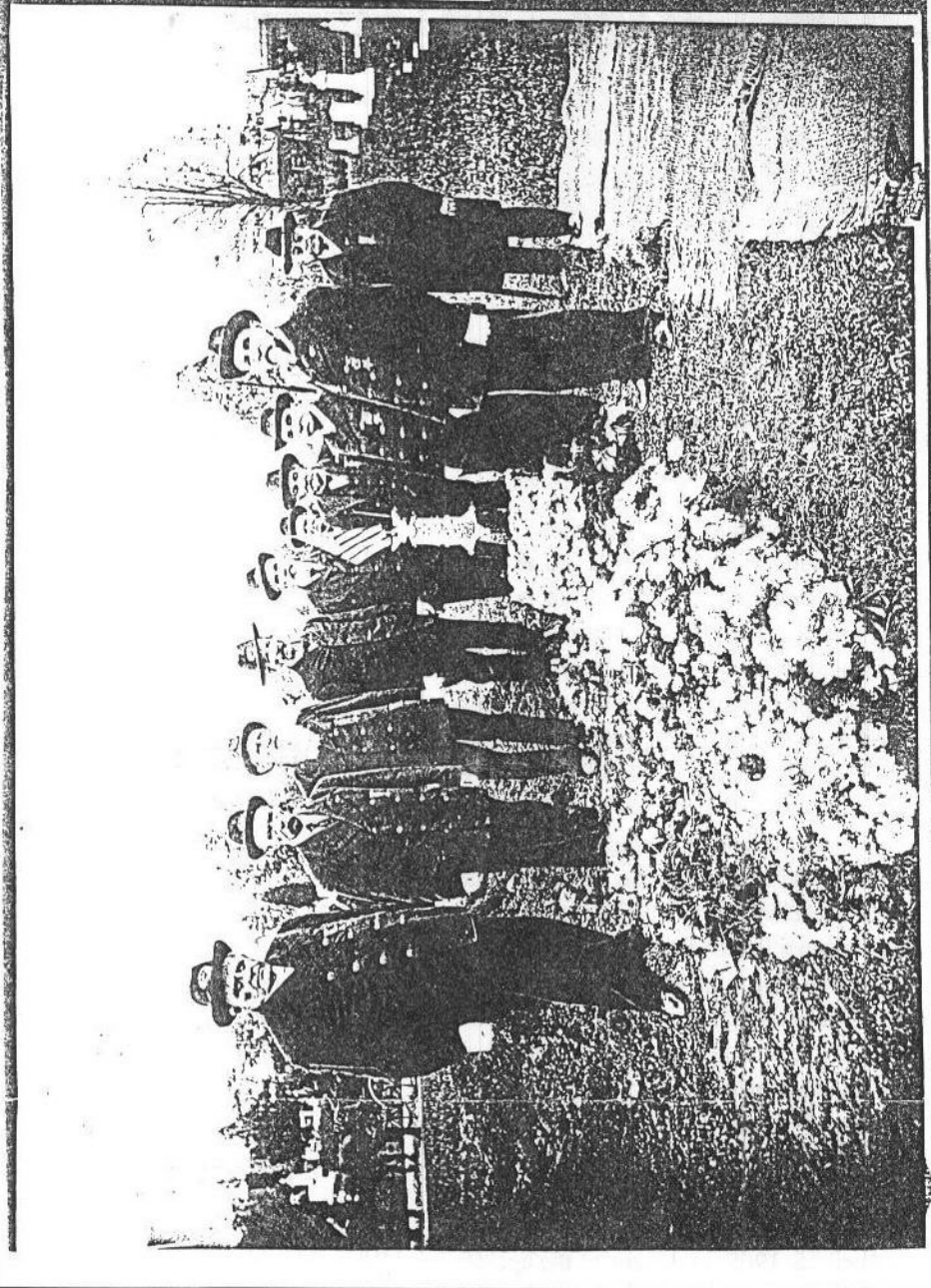
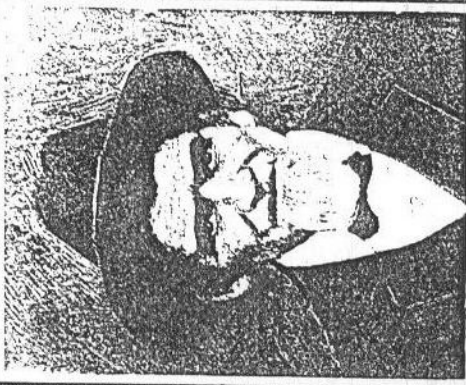
## NEW C.W.V.H.A. MEMBERSHIP BADGES AVAILABLE

New enamel and brass membership badges have been obtained by Howard Siglag, 183 Hazelwood Drive, Westbury, NY 11590. The cost of these badges is \$10. (NOTE WHILE ORDERING MAKE CHECK OUT TO HOWARD SIGLAG, NOT C.W.V.H.A.)

# Henry Mehrling, Co. F 13th Regt. Potomac Home Brigade

submitted by Jim McGraw

On this and the facing page is information about Henry Mehrling and the Potomac Home Brigade.



**PRIVATE HENRY MEHRLING**

**COMPANY I 1st REGIMENT POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE**

MUSTERED IN NOVEMBER 30, 1861 AND DISCHARGED ON NOVEMBER 30, 1864.

THIS UNIT WAS ORGANIZED AT FREDERICK, MARYLAND AND WAS DESIGNATED THE 1st REGIMENT POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE, THIS DESIGNATION WAS CHANGED APRIL 8, 1865 TO THE 13th REGIMENT MARYLAND VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

COMRADE MEHRLING WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN F. REYNOLDS POST 2 OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

J.D. McGraw  
Hancock, N.Y.

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PHOTOGRAPH/ TESTIMONIAL

TO HENRY MEHRLING LATE OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> REGIMENT MARYLAND VOLUNTEER  
INFANTRY, COMPANY I (POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE)  
PHOTO AT GRAVE OF MEHRLING, DIED OCT. 14, 1911

ON REVERSE OF PHOTO, MARKED: BALTO. PHOTO VIEW CO.  
908 BENNETT PLACE  
(BALTIMORE, MARYLAND)

MARKER AT GRAVE SITE, SAYS:  
G.A.R. POST 2 FREDERICK, MARYLAND (GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC)

ALSO WITHIN THE FRAMED GRAVE SITE PHOTO IS A PHOTO OF MEHRLING  
AND A SHIELD WHICH SAYS: "IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF HENRY MEHRLING,  
BY HIS FAMILY BALTIMORE, MARYLAND DIED 10-14-1911

13<sup>th</sup> REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized from Veterans 1st Potomac Home Brigade  
Infantry March 1, 1865. Designated 13th Regiment In-  
fantry April 8, 1865. Attached to 1st Brigade, 2nd In-  
fantry Division, West Virginia. Assigned to duty at  
Martinsburg, W. Va., and on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad  
from Martinsburg to Harper's Ferry. Mustered out  
May 29, 1865.

13<sup>th</sup> REGIMENT  
MARYLAND VOLUNTEER INFANTRY  
POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE (P.H.B.)



Jim McGraw  
Hancock, NY

STATE OF MARYLAND  
1st REGIMENT POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE IN-  
FANTRY.

Organized at Frederick City, Md., August 15 to De-  
cember 13, 1861. Attached to Banks' Division, Army of  
the Potomac, to March, 1862. Unassigned, Banks' 5th  
Corps, and Dept. of the Shenandoah to May, 1862. Rail-  
road District, Middle Department, to July, 1862. Rail-  
road District, 8th Army Corps, Middle Dept., to Septem-  
ber, 1862. Annapolis, Md., 8th Army Corps, to March,  
1863. 1st Separate Brigade, 8th Army Corps, to June,  
1863. Lockwood's Brigade, 8th Army Corps, to July,  
1863. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 12th Army Corps, Army  
of the Potomac, July, 1863. 2nd Brigade, Maryland  
Heights, Division West Virginia, to December, 1863.  
2nd Brigade, 1st Division, West Virginia, to April, 1864.  
Reserve Division, Harper's Ferry, W. Va., to January,  
1865. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, West Virginia, to  
April, 1865.

SERVICE.—Railroad guard duty till March, 1862.  
Advance on Winchester, Va., March 7-12. Strasburg  
March 27. Guarding Baltimore & Ohio Railroad till  
May. Concentrated at Harper's Ferry May 24, and ac-  
tion at Loudon Heights May 27. Defence of Harper's  
Ferry May 28-30. Guard Baltimore & Ohio Railroad  
till September. Action at Monocacy Aqueduct Septem-  
ber 4. Poolesville September 5. Concentrated at Sandy  
Hook and march to Harper's Ferry. Siege of Harper's  
Ferry September 12-15. Maryland Heights September 13.  
Harper's Ferry September 14-15. Surrendered Septem-  
ber 15 and paroled September 16. Sent to Annapolis,  
Md., and when exchanged assigned to duty on the Po-  
tomac in Southern Maryland to June, 1863. Martins-  
burg June 14. At point Lookout June—joined Lock-  
wood's Brigade and march to Gettysburg, Pa., June 25-  
July 2. Battle of Gettysburg July 2-3. Pursuit of Lee  
July 5-24. Guard duty on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad  
in Maryland and Virginia till May, 1864. Operations  
against Early's Invasion of Maryland June and July.  
Duffield Station June 29. Battle of Monocacy July 9.  
Moved from Monocacy to Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and  
duty in that district till April, 1865. Mustered out Au-  
gust to December, 1864. Recruited to a full Regiment  
and designation changed to 13th Maryland Infantry  
April 8, 1865, which see.

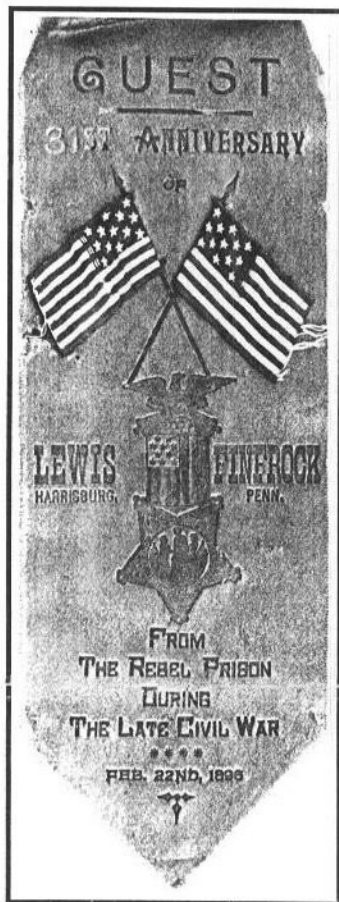
Regiment lost during service 3 Officers and 42 En-  
listed men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer  
and 85 Enlisted men by disease. Total 131.

**Final Dues Notice**

Please note that your 1994-1995 C.W.V.H.A. dues are now past due. If you've not done so, please send your checks for \$10 made out to "Howard Siglag" and mail them to Howard ASAP (his address is on page 2). This will be the last newsletter for members who have not paid their dues.

# 1866 SPECIAL ORDER NO. 13

Illustrated to the right is a reduced copy of Special Order No. 13 dated Oct. 1, 1866 at Springfield, Ills. The original is 8 X 10 inch. The Snyder signature is in ink and is original. Note the use of G.A.R. U.S. which is not conclusive proof but rather generally indicative of an early G.A.R. item. Submitted by George Kane.



## Finfrock Ribbon

Illustrated above is an unusual ribbon marked Guest/ 31st Anniversary/ Of/ crossed applied R-W-B flags/ G.A.R. membership badge motif and motto/ Lewis Finfrock/ Harrisburg, Penn./

## Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Springfield, Ills., October 31st, 1866.

SPECIAL ORDERS  
No. 13.

A National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic is hereby ordered to convene at Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the 20th day of November next, for the purpose of perfecting the National Organization, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Convention.

The ratio of representation shall be as follows: Each Post shall be entitled to one representative, and when the membership exceeds one hundred, to one additional representative, and in the same ratio for every additional hundred or fractional part thereof.

All Department and District Officers are, *ex officio*, members of said Convention.

All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, and those now serving in the army, desirous of becoming members of the Grand Army of the Republic, are respectfully invited to attend the Convention.

All Comrades are requested to wear the blue, with Corps badges, &c.

**B. F. STEPHENSON,**  
*Commander-in-Chief G. A. R. U. S.*

OFFICIAL:

*John M. Snyder*  
*Adjutant General, G. A. R. U. S.*

From/ The Rebel Prison/ During/ The Late Civil War/ Feb. 22nd, 1896. Apparently Finfrock was released from prison in 1865 and held perhaps annual celebrations of his release. Any one with any knowledge of this ribbon please contact the editor. Submitted by Rance Hulshart.

## UNUSUAL CDV

Illustrated to the right is an unusual CDV of a veteran in a wheelchair. Note that he is wearing the 1869 "Medal of Honor" style G.A.R. membership badge. Imprinted on the reverse is 345 Main St./ Filton/ Worcester,/ Mass. Submitted by Rance Hulshart.

