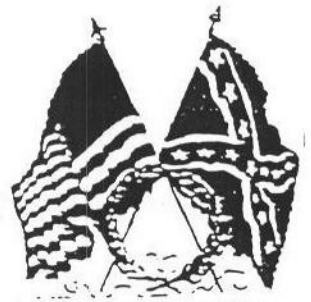




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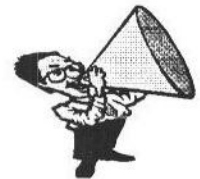
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## 10TH ANNUAL C.W.V.H.A. ENCAMPMENT MANSFIELD, OHIO

May 3-5, 1996

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### PRESIDENT MESSAGE

By George Finlayson, MD

LAST CALL!- for the Ohio Civil War show in Mansfield and the 10th annual C.W.V.H.A.

encampment and dinner meeting. Make plans now to attend if not done already. **And again a reminder that advance reservations for the dinner with entree choices are greatly appreciated and simplify bookkeeping.**

My recent conversation with Don Williams confirms his ongoing commitment to upholding the quality of this show. He has increased his "special features", localized the sutlers and taken advantage of new construction at the fairgrounds. He has resisted an "early buyers" entry fee for Friday during set up and, as always, he has given the C.W.V.H.A. billing in his advertisements.

Many C.W.V.H.A. members have an ancestor who fought in the Civil War. Why not write a brief article of what is known about that soldier, without photo's, badges or other artifacts for "The Veteran". Our membership holds an enormous treasure trove of veterans history that should be tapped.

Hope to see many of you at Mansfield. There is great camaraderie in the organization, and even if you are a new member you won't be a stranger long.

### SECRETARIES MESSAGE

By Rance Hulshart

I have a lot to cover in a small amount of space so I will get on with it. First of all I received but one reply to my request for editor of "The Veteran" volunteer's and this individual failed to reply to two letters which explained the job so I can only assume he is not interested. Therefore if the members so desire I will continue for at least one more year in this position. I would like to thank all of you who contributed articles for our newsletter this past year. If every member contributed just one item I would have enough for the whole year. I urge you all that are able to attend the Mansfield show to attend the associations Dinner/ Meeting banquet. If you have an interest in this type of memorabilia it is something you should not miss.

Member Peter Bertram who you are all familiar with from his U.C.V. column in the newsletter has started a newsletter concerning these badges, etc. For details refer to page eight. I urge anyone who has an interest in collecting or just learning about this material to subscribe to what is a quality publication. I have worked with Peter for several months and have nothing but praise for the quality and dedication of his work.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Mansfield. I urge all of you to stop by my display table and chat about veteran memorabilia.

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C.W.V.H.A. 10TH ENCAMPMENT

Schedule of Events

May 3-5, 1996

Our 10th encampment will be held May 3-5 at the Richmond County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio in conjunction with the Ohio Civil War Show. Illustrated below is a general map of the Mansfield, Ohio area. and show promoter Don Williams address and phone number On page three is a detailed Trimble Road map and area motel listing along with phone numbers. Our dinner/ meeting and program will be held at the Comfort Inn. The entrees are Damons Ribs or Chicken Cordon Bleu. The cost is \$16.50 each (tax & gratuity included). Please make checks to George Finlayson, M.D. and state an entree preference. Early reservations with choices are greatly appreciated; there is some limitation to seating. Even if you are not a table holder at the show, please join us for dinner; bring along an item for identification or comment.

Weekend Schedule

Friday May 3rd; Setup for dealers and exhibitors; 3-9 p.m.

Saturday May 4th; Setup for dealers and exhibitors; 7-9 p.m.  
Open to public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

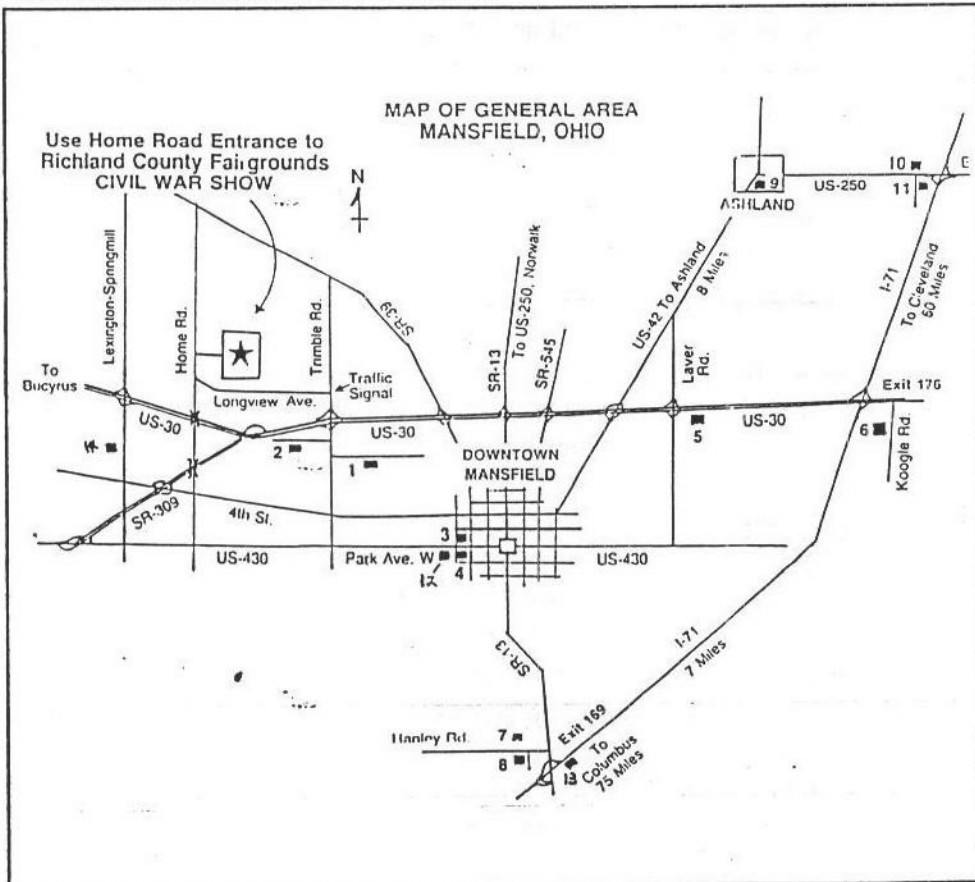
Saturday May 4th Comfort Inn Banquet room cash bar; 6:30-7 p.m. Dinner at 7, business meeting, elections and program to follow. Dan Mitchell will be our guest speaker.

Sunday; dealers 8-9 a.m.  
Public 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ohio Civil War Show Promoter:

Don Williams  
1083 Oak Hill Circle  
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1-419-289-3120

(Trimble Road map and area motels illustrated and listed on page three)



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Anything Minnesota G.A.R.  
Regiments, etc.

*(Members, please do not have new members send \$10 to join without them filling out an application. From past experience invariably this causes difficulties. If they care to join and do not have an application give them any officers name and address and have them request an application. THANKS!)*

Trimble Road Exit Details



**MOTEL LISTING**

(Refer to map on page three for corresponding location numbers)

Map No.	Motels	Phone: Area Code 419
1	Comfort Inn	529-1000
2	Knights Inn	529-2100
3	Holiday Inn	525-6000
4	Merit	522-5142
5	Big Western	589-2200
6	Travelodge N	589-3938
7	Travelodge S	756-7600
8	Super 8	756-8875

**ASHLAND AREA**

9	Surrey Inn	289-7700
10	I.K. Motel	281-0587
11	Days Inn	289-0101

**NEW ADDITIONS**

12	Park Place Hotel	522-7275 1-800-425-7275
13	Days Inn	756-6670
14	Fairfield Inn	747-2200

## REMINISCENCES OF THE G.A.R. (PART I)

By Richard Partington

*(Editors Note; What follows is a very interesting story as reflected by Richard at the Pa. Department S.V. Encampment June 25, 1995, reflecting on his personal memories of contacts with actual C.W. veterans. How many of us wish we were lucky enough to have been apart of such memories! It will be conveyed in two parts)*

When Bud Atkinson asked me to give some personal reminiscences of the "Grand Army of the Republic" he remarked "after all, there aren't too many around any more who remember the G.A.R." This is just one more indication of my advancing years, of which there are too many. You know you are growing old if you tell someone you're having an affair and they ask who's catering it. One of the attributes of growing old is that you have so many memories which young people do not have. Younger people find such memories boring which is unfortunate. If I had taken this attitude when I was young I would not be speaking to you this evening. I want to thank you for allowing me to share these memories with you. These memories are reinforced by newspaper clippings as well as personal notes.

There is one person who I had hoped would be with us this evening to share such personal memories. That person is Viola Bremme. My friendship with Viola goes back to those early years of our association with the Grand Army, and Post 2, and S.V. Camp & Auxiliary 200. She will be missed not only by some of you but most of all by me.

My earliest recollection of the Grand Army goes back to my grammar school days when veterans of the Civil War, though few in number and bent with age, would visit the schools prior to Memorial Day. They would be accompanied by younger veterans of the Spanish American War and World War I. Here were men who had answered Lincoln's call for volunteers, who had fought under McClellan at Antietam and with Meade & Hancock at Gettysburg, who marched with Sherman to the sea, and had been with Grant

at Appomattox, names which I had read in my history book. Was it any wonder that as a young boy I looked to these aged heroes with fascination and awe.

There was a Grand Army man who lived in our neighborhood who walked to the local shopping avenue. Occasionally after lunch on my way back to school I would join him and ask questions about the Civil War. I told him my great grandfather had fought in the Civil War and was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run.

On the morning of Memorial Day we would travel in the family car to the home of my maiden great aunt, my grandfather's sister. My grandfather would join us and we would go to the cemetery where they would plant geraniums on the graves of their parents. There was always a flag in a G.A.R. veteran's marker placed there by some veterans' organization. After returning to my aunt's house for lunch my grandfather would leave for some mysterious place called the "Post Hall".

My biggest thrill came when I was considered old enough to accompany him on this mysterious journey. How exciting it was when I first visited Post 2, G.A.R. Hall at 667 N. 12th St. What a magnificent building it was. The floor in the entryway was of white and black tile. To the right was the doorway to the library with its many books on the Civil War. On the left was the wide stairway leading to the second floor. Among various C.W. mementos in the hallway was a cannonball embedded in a tree trunk.

From the hallway one entered a large room with glass cases along the wall filled with relics. There was a large fireplace in the center of one wall over which hung a large replica of a G.A.R. badge and crossed muskets. There were captain chairs with the names of Grand Army men, members of the post, engraved in brass plates. It was in this hall that tables were set up for those occasions when food would be served. The kitchen was behind this room.

I was fascinated by a ship made of bones on the mantel, a model made by prisoners in Libby prison. This model eventually disappeared like many other relics. As the neighborhood changed and the Grand Army was no longer around, many lost interest. The building began to deteriorate and was broken into several times. Some of the relics were stolen and others vandalized. Something had to be done about the problem and I played a large part in dealing with the situation. The building was sold

to a Negro Masonic organization and eventually the money used to purchase the property on Griscom Street.

On one side of the hallway on the second floor of the building was a large office, and on the other side a storage room. Beyond the hallway was a large auditorium in which the Grand Army and the Sons and Auxiliary met. The center of the room was carpeted in red. Benches on either side were elevated in tiers. There were the four stations of the order with the altar in the center. In front of the Commander's Station was a miniature cannon in a glass case. Hanging on the walls were portraits of Civil War Generals and to the right was the mounted head of "Old Baldt", General Meade's horse which he rode during the war. There were stacked muskets and drums at the front of the

large portrait of Abraham Lincoln. On either side, at the front, hung two large oil paintings, one of a Civil War soldier and the other of a Union sailor.

One of the figures I remember in my early days was Col. Samuel P. Town. At the time he was an important member of the Grand Army and the last surviving member of the original membership of Post 2. As the other Posts in Philadelphia were disbanded, the remaining members would affiliate with Post 2. In 1938 there were only three G.A.R. Posts left in the city, Post 1, 2 and 10. All met in Post 2 Hall.

Col. Town had enlisted in the 20th Penna. Cavalry in Jan., 1864 at age 18 and had fought under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, and with Grant at the close of the war in Petersburg.

He had three cousins serving in the 95th Pa.-a Phila. regiment. At the battle of Salem Heights the 95th had every second officer and man killed or wounded, ranking with the 20th Mass. as having the largest number of field and staff officers of any regiment killed or wounded. Among these were Col. Gustavis W. Town who was killed, and Major Thomas J. Town and Lieut. Samuel H. Town who were wounded. All three were brothers. Col. Town was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1931 at Des Moines, Iowa and presided at the 1932 encampment in Springfield, Ill. One of the things I remember about Col. Town was his request that a hundred uniform members of

the Pa. Brigade, S.V.R. be sent to Springfield as his escort. Money was raised and arrangements made to fulfill his request. In those days the Reserves were usually quartered at the local armory. At National Encampments I often paraded with John Runkle who led the Harrisburg Fife & Drum Corps. They were usually quartered at the local armory, although I never stayed there. My first National Encampment was in 1939 at Pittsburgh,



*Postcard showing the interior of Post 2 G.A.R. Memorial Hall from the collection of Jim Thurston. Although a bit light in the reproduction many of the features described in this article are visible.*

room. There were two large brass cannons at the front, one on either side of the rostrum or Commander's Station. Regimental flags of the Union along with captured flags of the Confederacy were in cases. The windows had stained glass emblems of the various army corps along with other emblems. Hanging from the ceiling in the center of the room was a magnificent chandelier made up of cannons, stacked muskets, and crossed swords, all in miniature. In a recess in the wall behind the rostrum, or commander's Station, hung a

my second in 1940 at Springfield, Ill. and my third in 1941 at Columbus, Ohio. I next attended in 1946 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

When I became old enough to join the Sons, I also joined the S.V.R. and was given a uniform and a rifle. Our sergeant was Don Lewis. On one occasion he made arrangements for us to have a practice drill before Memorial Day in a schoolyard in Frankford. I remember traveling by trolley and "E1" all the way from my home in Southwest Phila. to Frankford, quite a distance at the time for a boy of 16, to practice drilling. In those days the Reserves would hold an annual picnic at Willow Grove Park. The various companies would have drilling competition and the winning company would be presented with a plaque or cup.

On Memorial Day I would get up early, put on my uniform, take my rifle and journey to a cemetery in South Phila, Southwark (I have forgotten which one) where the Reserves would gather along with the Sons & Auxiliary and members of the Grand Army. We would visit two or three local cemeteries, ending up at the Cemetery of Old Swedes' Church. I seem to remember a painting, done by someone, of Comrade Henry T. Greenwood at Old Swedes' Cemetery. Perhaps it is hanging in the Museum on Griscom Street.

Henry T. Greenwood had just turned 15 when he walked into the recruiting office of the 48th Penna. Volunteers at Reading, Pa. and said he wanted to join the Union Army. The Irish sergeant, he remembered, looked at him skeptically and asked, "How old are you, son?" "Eighteen", young Greenwood answered. The sergeant winked, "Sure, your heart's older than your face. Sign the paper here", he said.

His father was a corporal in the same regiment and his first years' enlistment took both of them through a round of picket duty so that when the year of his enlistment was up Henry left his father and on a sudden impulse joined the U.S. Marines. Just a few days before the war ended he started on a trip from the East Coast to the West Coast via the only water route known-around Cape Horn. He didn't know the war was over until his ship touched San Francisco in 1867.

To get back to Memorial Day, we would parade from Old Swedes' Church up Delaware Ave., along

Old Dock Street to Independence Hall, where the Grand Army would place a wreath on the spot where President-Elect Abraham Lincoln stood to raise a new flag with 34 stars-the last being for the newly admitted State of Kansas. The Reserves were always the escort for the Grand Army. I have an old newspaper clipping showing Henry T. Greenwood along with members of the Reserves on one of these occasions. This ceremony is still continued by the Sons & Auxiliary on Memorial Day.

After the ceremony we would go by car to Post 2, G.A.R. Hall at 667 N. 12th St. for a lunch prepared by the ladies. (The Bremme sisters were a part of that group.) After lunch the old veterans would sit around conversing until it was time for the Memorial Service. How many veterans there were when I first began going to the hall I do not know. My impression is that there were quite a few. In 1937 there were 75 veterans left in Phila. and in 1938 when I attended the 75th Reunion at Gettysburg there were only 45 left in the city, so you can see they were dying rapidly.

I can see these old men yet leaning upon their canes, bent with age, wearing their starched white vests and their dark blue coats with their gold colored buttons and their Grand Army badges pinned to their coats. On their heads they wore the McClellan hat. In Pennsylvania the Grand Army always wore the McClellan hat.

When it was time for the Memorial Service to begin people would gather in the meeting room. The old veterans would walk in a body to take their seats on benches in the front of the room facing each other on either side of the rostrum or commander's station.

There was always a band present to play the National Anthem and other patriotic and Civil War music. Prominent men taking part in the service would sit on either side of the rostrum. Along with other dignitaries would be the mayor of Philadelphia. Among the pictures at Griscom Street is one taken of the mayor of Philadelphia, J. Hampton Moore, in front of Post 2 Hall.

It was an impressive service. The Rev. J. Cresson McHenry, a member of the Sons, would have the prayers. The Rev. Elmer Finger would always be one of the speakers. He was an excellent and powerful

speaker and frequently was called upon to speak at our various occasions, including our Lincoln Banquets. The Rev. Mr. Finger was then pastor of the Dutch Reform Church at 15th and Susquehanna Ave. Among his parishers was Dennis C. Casterlein who had enlisted in the 19th Pa. Vols. He was 16 years old at the time. He had been in the army 100 days, spending most of the time on picket duty, when the 19th was ordered up to Petersburg after the fighting. From here they were ordered to go on to Richmond. "We moved along the New Market Turnpike", he recalled, "to try to be the first to reach the city. But over to our right in the fields was a Negro regiment and we could see them running to get there first. It was a real race, we along the turnpike and they through the fields. We got there first and marched into the burning capitol of the Confederacy on April 3, 1865, a week before Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House. Dennis Casterlein was a harness maker by trade.

At the front of the hall there would be a vacant chair, placed in front of the rostrum, for each deceased comrade of the past year. They were draped in black. The name and military record of the deceased veteran would be read and with a roll of the drum a comrade would slowly walk up and place a bouquet of flowers on a vacant chair, Here is a part of an article which appeared in the Evening Public Ledger describing this event for Memorial Day 1939. "May 30th of '39 was a sad one for the two 92 year old warriors of the remaining eight who were able to attend the impressive ceremonies at Post 2, 667 N. 12th St., this city's sole active G.A.R. headquarters now that all the other posts have been disbanded by death."

On that day Dennis C. Casterlein and Frederick J. McWade stood damp eyed in the post's vaulted assembly hall as first one, then another of five candles - one for each of their comrades - was snuffed out and as a bouquet with a small American flag attached was placed on each of five empty chairs.

It's always a question, of course, how many of the boys in blue will be able to turn out for the actual roll call. John H. Liesee, a member of the Sons of Veterans and secretary for the post knows that.

Pondering over his records in his office he said yesterday: "Hm, guess it narrows down this year to the most active three - that's Dennis Casterlein of 2209 N. Cleveland St., Frederick McWade of the Union League, and William Jackaway, 2621 N. Hutchinson St. The first

two are 93 now and Jackaway will be 100 in Dec., and they've been the most faithful at the regular monthly meeting of the post—".

William Jackaway fought with the 72nd Pa. which was composed of the Phila. Fire Zouaves, perhaps one of the most famous regiments in the Union Army. Jackaway served as a private for three years and ten days during the thickest fighting of the conflict. The 22 year old Jackaway was in the thick of the fighting at what was called the "Battle of Picket's Gap." There is a monument to this regiment at the high water mark of Picket's charge at Gettysburg. I was invited to his 100th birthday celebration.

After the service at the "Post Hall" we would march to Post 2's plot in Monument Cemetery at Broad and Berks St. for a brief service. In earlier days some veterans would march with the Sons and the Auxiliary, but later all would ride in cars. I have a short movie of a part of this service which unfortunately is not very good.

*(Part II of this very interesting recollection will be in Vol. 9 No. 6)*

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

The association still has available membership badges for purchase by members. This badge is designed like the 4BN badge on page one, upper left corner and is made of brass and enamel. What better way to show your pride in the association than by wearing this badge at shows, etc. Also those wearing this badge are easily recognized as being a member of the organization by other members and creates a good way to strike up a conversation. The cost of the badge is \$10 which includes postage. Make check out to and send to Julieann Brighenti, RD#2 Box 61, Belle Vernon,

## NEW CONFEDERATE NEWSLETTER

Fellow member Peter Bertram (writes The UCV/SCV Corner) has released Volume 1, #1 of his new publication **THE CONFEDERATE MBR NEWSLETTER**. It is six pages long and will be published quarterly in the interests of cataloging and studying Confederate reunion "MBRs", (Medals, Badges, Ribbons, etc.). Each issue includes a "Pricing Survey" to fill out and return. Peter says he'll average the results he gets back and print them in the immediately following issue. A one year (4 issues) subscription is \$12, (\$17 outside the U.S.A.), payable to Peter Bertram. If you want a free taste, send him a first class stamp for a free sample copy of Volume 1 #1. Send to: Peter Bertram: P.O. Box 451421 : Atlanta, GA 31145

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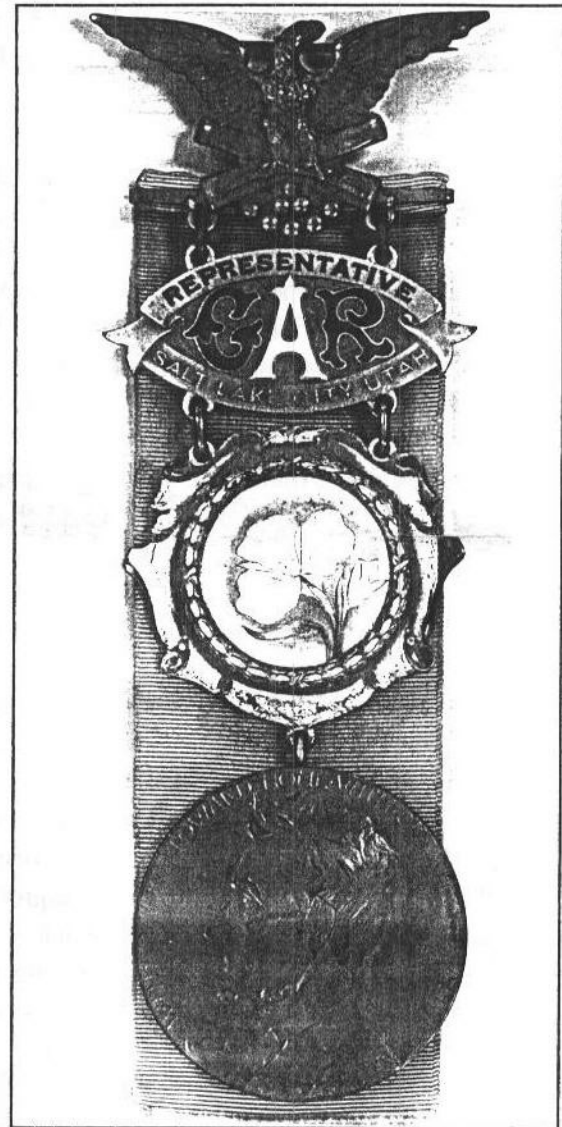


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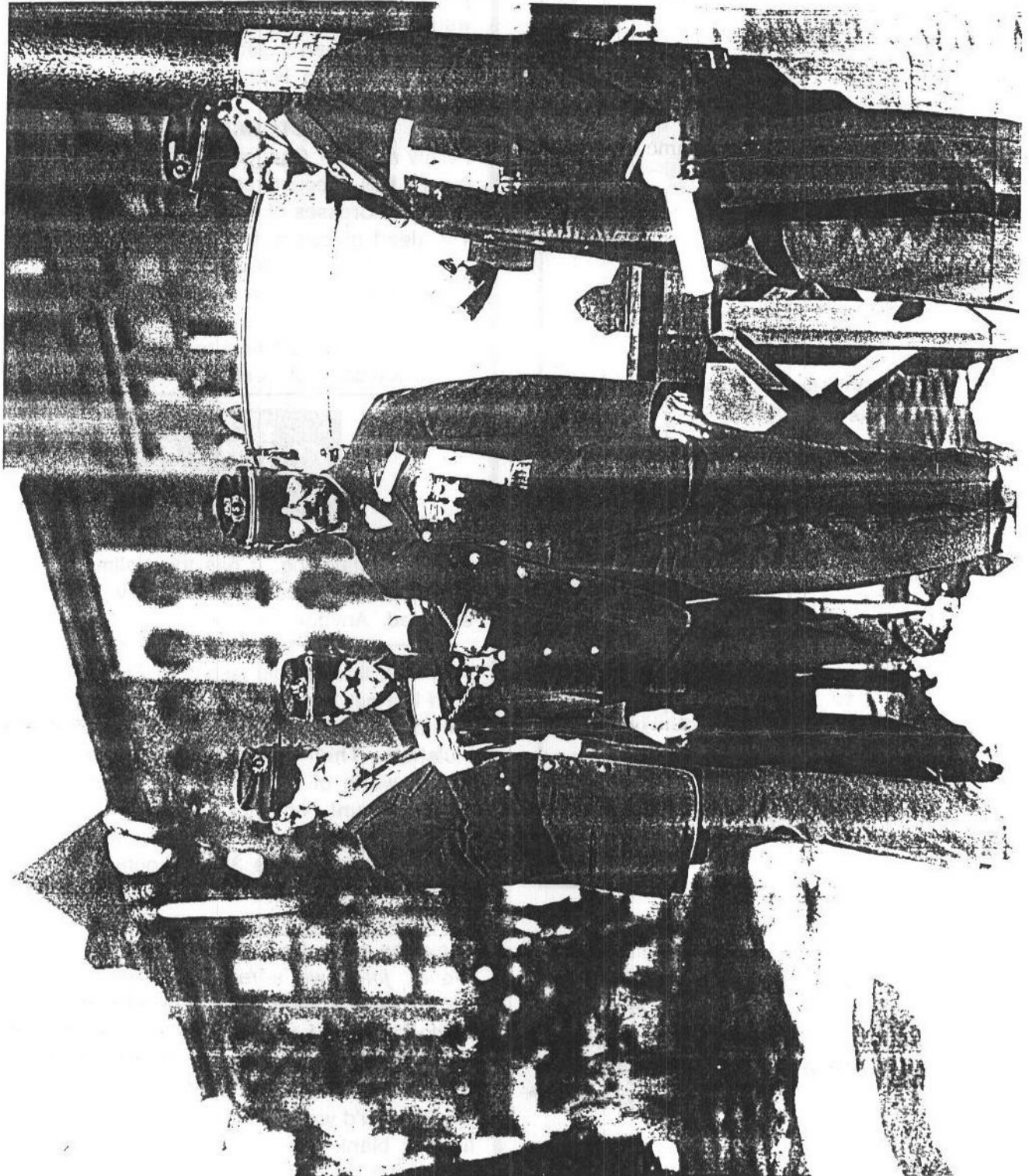


## THE 1909 G.A.R. DELEGATE BADGE

By Dennis Loba

The 1909 Delegate's badge from the 43rd National Encampment at Salt Lake City, Utah is once again typical of the nice bronze, enameled badges from the turn of the century. The G.A.R. held only one national encampment at Salt Lake City and the badge was made by J.K. Davison & Sons of Philadelphia, Pa. It is described as follows: The pin bar is the bronze "G.A.R." eagle perched upon the two crossed cannon barrels and stack of cannonballs. It also has the ribbon holding bar attached (which can be easily seen) for the gold-ribbed delegate ribbon which hangs behind the rest of the badge. Suspended by two one chain links is the first drop or suspension which is oblong-shaped and has a scroll at the top saying "REPRESENTATIVE". Beneath that and centered are the enameled letters "GAR" in red, white and blue respectfully, with the words "SALT LAKE CITY UTAH" on a second scroll at this suspension bottom. Hanging below (again by one chain link at the top left and right) is the second suspension - a silver-washed, scroll edged device with a beautifully enameled flower and bud at its center surrounded by a wreath. This flower is a Segoe lily the official Utah state flower. At the very bottom center of this suspension is the hole where the third suspension is attached. The third and last part of this badge is a bronze medallion with the bust of Lincoln at its center. This suspension is a very nice strike and looks much like a commemorative-type coin just by itself. On its outer front edge are the words, "WITH.MALICE.TOWARD.NONE.WITH.CHARITY.FOR.ALL/ 1809 1909", also in small letters "Copyright Jos Davisons Sons Phila.". The badge on its reverse is blank except for the makers name on the pin bar and the following from the rear of the bottom suspension, "THE 100TH/ ANNIVERSARY/ OF THE BIRTH/ OF/ ABRAHAM LINCOLN/ THE 43RD NATIONAL/ ENCAMPMENT OF THE/ GRAND ARMY OF THE/ REPUBLIC/ AUG 9-14 1909". Under this is an eagle with outstretched wings, unfurled flags, with olive & oak leaves at its left and right.

Illustrated below is another of continuing photo's taken at the 45th National Encampment held at Rochester, N.Y. in 1911. Shown is view of veterans drinking from tanks erected in the streets by a local medical committee. I find it ironic that the sign on the pole reads in part "Do Not Spit On the Sidewalk" an obvious attempt to keep from spreading germs yet the cups which these veterans are drinking from are chained to the tank to be used over an over again. You would think that the medical committee would have known this possibly could easily spread various diseases. Photo credit goes to Rochester Museum And Science Center, Rochester, N.Y. Thanks goes to Andrew Harkness for sharing this and other photo's of this national to appear in future issues.





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OF CANTON, OHIO,  
TO THE  
**CONFEDERATE  
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**CANTON, OHIO,**  
OCTOBER 9TH, 1898.

*Illustrated above is a yellow ribbon with black printing, a souvenir of a combined Union and Confederate reunion. The man is President McKinley who not only was president at the time of this reunion but Canton, Ohio was his hometown. This ribbon is particular appropriate for this year as it will be 100 years old. Submitted by George Finlayson, MD*

**THE UCV/SCV CORNER #4**

by Peter Bertram - #244  
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Greetings all! How about 'ole man Winter this year??? Talk about not cutting us any slack. Ah well, just think how much we're gonna appreciate Spring when it gets here (tell me again - it really is coming isn't it?).

**!!! COLLECTOR/DEALER ALERT !!!**

Fellow member Charles Brecheisen advises me that he has encountered newly engraved, named Southern Crosses of Honor at a Civil War show! The dead giveaway is to look at the engraved name under magnification and the freshly cut letters will show brighter color at the bottom of the cut. I suppose it's only a question of time until they figure out how to chemically treat the cut so you can't tell. A shame, a damn shame.



Dr. T. Capel has sent me an image of a UCV lapel stud for cataloging. It has the Hallmark shown above on the reverse and frankly, its got me stumped. Anyone familiar with it???

As I look through old issues of THE VETERAN (and I've got 'em all), I am constantly amazed at the amount of material written by editor Rance Hulshart. This man has literally written a book's worth of articles for our Newsletter (go ahead, count 'em up). It ain't hard to get involved, so c'mon on now, y'all. The UCV/SCV Corner only takes me 3 or 4 hours every other month! You've all got an interest in GAR and/or UCV, or you wouldn't be a member! Just photo-

copy one piece from your collection every other month, jot down a few notes about it (size, color, reverse markings, etc) and send it in to Rance - a half hour tops plus a 32¢ stamp (hell, I'll even send you the stamp if you need it)!

How about it, y'all - Why not do one right now?? How'd you like to get your VETERAN and find 12 blank pages with the starter headline "this issue canceled due to lack of interest"!!!!

**The UCV/SCV Corner #4 (cont)**

**Pre UCV : 1866-1889**

The War Between the States left the South impoverished and devastated. Surviving Confederate veterans returned to a starving, destitute land to face a harsh and unrelenting 12 year Federal occupation. With families scattered, farms, towns and cities looted and destroyed and hard cash and commercial credit virtually non-existent, the desperate concern was survival. There was thus little time or energy for a national organization of veterans. Yet no nation ever embraced their ragged defenders with greater love and devotion than did the people of the Old South and small, local veteran's organizations began forming very early. The list which follows is surely far from complete, but at least it's a starting point. If you have any information or MBRs from any of these early veteran's groups, or if you can document other organizations, I'd like very much to hear from you.

**PRE UCV CONFEDERATE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS:**

- 1866: 3rd NC Infantry Association
  - : Confederate Relief and Historical Association (Memphis, TN)
- 1867: Old 1st Virginia Infantry Association
  - : Terry's Texas Rangers Association
- 1869: Survivor's Association of South Carolina
- 1871: Virginia Division of the Army of Northern Virginia Association
  - : Society of the Army and Navy of The Confederate States (Maryland)
- 1874: 3rd Georgia Regiment Association
- 1876: Assoc. of Confederate Soldiers, Tennessee Div
- 1880: 1st Arkansas Infantry
- 1881: Ex-Confederate Association of Missouri
- 1883: G.G. Dibrell's Brigade (Tennessee)
- 1885: Joe Shelby Brig Assoc (Missouri)
- 1886: Charleston Survivors Association
  - : Confederate Veterans Association of Fulton County, GA ("FCA")
- 1887: Benevolent Association of the Army of Tennessee (Louisiana)
- 1888: Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Virginia
- 1889: Confederate Veterans Association of East Tennessee and SW Virginia
  - : Confed. Survivor's Assoc. of Georgia ("CSA")

**THE FCA**

On April 20th, 1886, Col. John Milledge (formerly of Nelson's Artillery) published a notice in the Atlanta Constitution requesting that Confederate Veterans

come to the Fulton County Court House at 8:00 that evening "for the purpose of organizing a Confederate Veterans Camp in our city". Some 182 veterans responded and the Confederate Veterans Association of Fulton County, Georgia was born.



**MBR#:886V3-3801**

**Desc:** Georgia; Confederate Veterans Assoc of Fulton County membership badge: 2 pc ( white metal: BAR and triangle shaped MEDAL): 1-1/4 x 2

**OBV:**

\*Bar: CONFEDERATE VETERAN

\*Medal: At top, F.C.A.; in center, CSA flag on staff, wreath and grave with cross as headstone; IN MEMORIAM on cross: CSA monogram at bottom.

**REV:**

\*Bar: Safety pin type clasp

\*Medal: Plain

**Mfg:** Not noted



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**MBR#:886V3-3803**

*Illustration at 150%*

**Desc:**Georgia; Confederate Veterans Assoc of Fulton County, member's lapel stud: 1 pc (white metal: round LAPEL STUD): 5/8.

**OBV:** around outside edge, CONFEDERATE-VETERAN and design; inverted triangle in center with C S A outside, inside is FCA with CSA flag on staff and grave with cross as headstone and CSA monogram.

**REV:** plain, lapel stud attachment

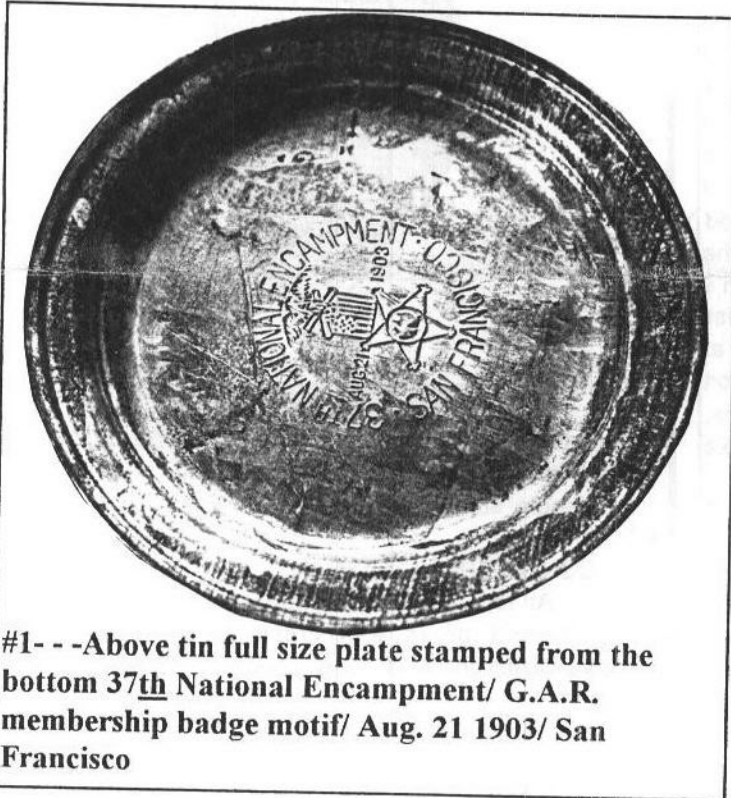
**Mfg:** not noted.

**Comments:** FCA (Fulton County Association) was the Confederate Veterans Assoc. of Fulton County, Georgia, formed 1886 in Atlanta. CSA ("Confederate Survivors Association") formed 1889 in Georgia.

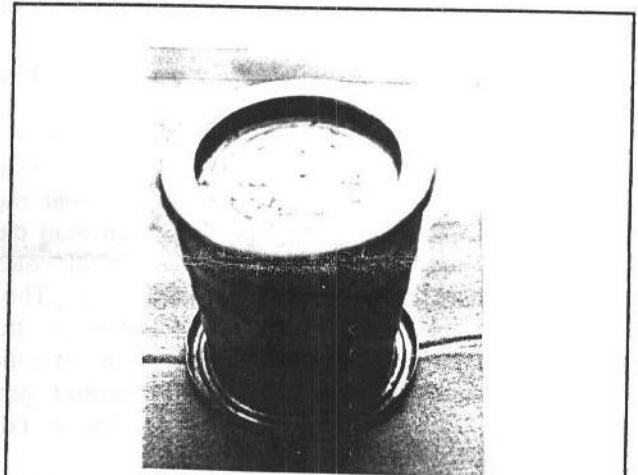
# MORE OF THE HOWARD HOFFMAN COLLECTION

By Rance Hulshart

Last issue of "The Veteran" featured a variety of unusual veteran items in the personal collection of member Howard Hoffman. Featured below are several more of what I consider unusual souvenirs. Any member who owns or has access to unusual items of this nature, please consider taking a good clear close-up photo and submit it along with a description for publication in future issues.



#1 - -Above tin full size plate stamped from the bottom 37th National Encampment/ G.A.R. membership badge motif/ Aug. 21 1903/ San Francisco



#2 Illustrated above is metal folding sectional cup with slide on lid. Below is a close-up of the lid marked G.A.R./ Cleveland/ Sep. 9-14' 01. (This is an unusual souvenir of the 35th G.A.R. National held at Cleveland, Ohio in 1901

Illustrated below left is gold and blue enamel pin. There is a good chance this was used by a member Gen. D. B. Birney Post No. 63 Philadelphia, Pa. The reason I feel this way is many Phila. posts used this kind of pin and Birney Post was quite wealthy. In retrospect it



could have been from any Dept. with a post 63. Note the three intertwined links at the bottom of the badge indicating the owner was also a member of the "Odd Fellows"

