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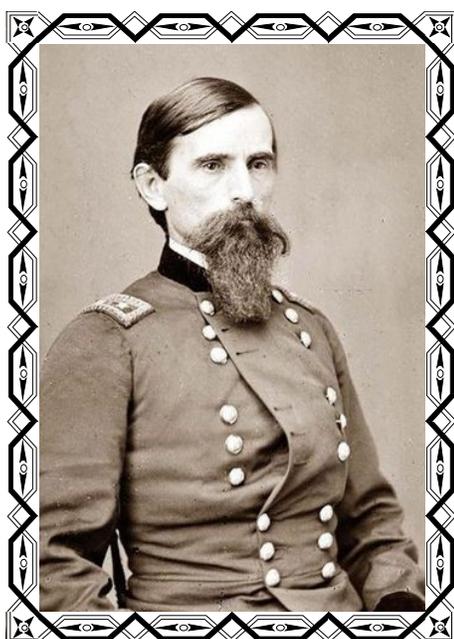
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L.G.A.R. MARCHES THRU GEORGIA!!!

On August 20th our National President Carolyn Agosto, along with our National Patriotic Instructor Karen Lyddane, traveled to the Atlanta, GA area to institute the new "Lew Wallace Circle under National," organized by Sister Sheila Richards. Members & Guests in attendance were treated to a lovely luncheon and fellowship.



Lewis "Lew" Wallace (April 10, 1827 – February 15, 1905) was an American lawyer, Union general in the American Civil War, governor of the New Mexico Territory, politician, diplomat, and author from Indiana. Among his novels and biographies, Wallace is best known for his historical adventure story, *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (1880), a bestselling novel that has been called "the most influential Christian book of the nineteenth century."

Wallace's military career included service in the Mexican–American War and the American Civil War. He was appointed Indiana's adjutant general and commanded the 11th Indiana Infantry Regiment. Wallace, who attained the rank of major general, participated in the Battle of Fort Donelson, the Battle of Shiloh, and the Battle of Monocacy. He also served on the military commission for the trials of the Lincoln assassination conspirators, and presided over the trial of Henry Wirz, the Confederate commandant of the Andersonville prison camp.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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For all other updates pertaining to the Roster please visit the newly updated website for committees and news.

<http://suvchw.org/LGAR/Home.html>

*Find Membership Applications, all required forms for the year and the National Brochure to download and print.
If you have something that you would like to have on the website (a project, correction, article, meeting dates etc.) please let the webmaster know.*

Reminder:

Per Capita is now paid to National by Departments & Circles under National ONCE A YEAR.

Per Capita is due May 15, 2017.

A \$25 Late Fee will be charged after the 15th and billed to your Dept. or Circle under National.

All Departments & Circles under National will be sent all forms for the year at the beginning of 2016. All copies are on the website news & events page.

**YOUR CIRCLE OR DEPARTMENT NEWS
AND PROJECTS COULD BE FEATURED
HERE. THE BUGLE CALL, EVEN IF YOU
DON'T READ IT, IS OUR TIME CAPSULE
OF OUR HISTORY.**

PERTINENT MOTIONS PASSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION THAT AFFECT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

- ★ 1. The motion was passed to only collect Per Capita for May 15 to allow any new circles that form within each year to become established and promote less confusion for deadlines.
- ★ 2. The motion was passed to create a 50/50 raffle and encourage all membership to participate.
- ★ 3. The announcement was made that the 2017 National Convention will be in Michigan back again with the SUVCW & AUX to SUVCW, and that we are in need of a chairman of arrangements.
- ★ 4. The motion was passed to approve the new supply list cost increases.

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General Orders No. 1, 2016-2017

Dear Sisters,

It seems like so much time has passed since I last reported to you. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to serving our Veterans and honoring those who have passed from this life.

On Thursday several of our group took tours, one walking tour and one by bus. The day was extremely hot and humid. The men leading the walking tour wore full CW uniforms. They seemed to handle it well but I think I did all the sweating for them. The ceremony at the Stephenson Memorial Plaza was mostly a non-ceremony as the work has not been finished and our bench not delivered yet. At this time our officers are not happy with the quality of the design to be put on our bench. We are discussing our options.

We had a successful 2016 Convention in Springfield, IL. So many Ladies stepped up to serve nationally that all of our offices are filled. Thank you!

I agreed to a second term as your President. I hope to make you all proud this year.

As we began our Friday meeting we instituted a new circle from Indiana, the Lew Wallace Circle. Welcome Ladies! We are here to help you in anyway we can. This is the second new circle within 2 years. We are growing!

Just before the opening Campfire a thunderstorm poured. Some of our members who walked down the street to eat were caught in the storm and you can imagine how wet they were. Even the Illinois State Fair was canceled.

Our Saturday meeting moved a long and we were able to close early. We auctioned items that hadn't sold and it was fun to watch and participate. We also discussed ways to have more success next year with ways and means projects.

1. I began a President's Project last year asking ladies to donate cloth and asking Ray Ann Alt and Sue Ellen Smith to head up having a Civil War quilt created. We want to sell raffle tickets and the drawing done during our Convention. This project is on going into the second year and I commend the Ladies of OH for working to make the quilt become a reality. This money will go into the upkeep of our museum and archives.

2. I also want to encourage each circle to be active in the Wreaths Across America in your areas. We can show our patriotism by helping this organization expand more this year. Please write in to share with us what you are doing.

In FC&L, Carolyn Agosto

YOUR PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL

I was unable to travel to Washington DC for Memorial Day due to lack of funds for travel. Our wreath was presented by our DC contact Andrew Johnson. Thank you for representing us Andrew. Instead of traveling there, I embarked on a personal trip to find my Great -Great Grandfathers grave site. Hugh Slaton is buried in Indian Territory, OK in Nowata County. My mother Judy Slaten Agosto and two sisters Kathy Agosto Songer and Cheryl Agosto took the trip on Memorial Day. It was a 1.5 hour drive, tricky to find but well worth our time. We left a flag to honor him. At the IL convention a delegation from OK talked with me and promised to be sure the grave has a proper marking.

The week after our National Convention I traveled to Atlanta, GA where I met up with our past National Chaplain Karen Lyddane. We were greeted at the baggage claim by Sheila Richards and Marsha Stemme. They were holding up a sign that said "Agosto." Boy did I feel special! We gathered my luggage and were taken to our lovely hotel. We were later treated to dinner where some of the ladies of their circle gathered to meet us ahead of time. On Saturday August 20th the James Tharp Circle was instituted and members were initiated. The GA/SC SUVCW provided the color guard. Proclamations were read from the Governor of GA and the Mayor of Marietta. A wonderful buffet was served followed by pictures of our newly formed circle. I read the history of the chapel at Andersonville and how the LGAR had built it on government property. Our new sisters are embarking on a project to have the

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September 13, 2016

**DAUGHTER OF CIVIL WAR
VET DIES AT 100**



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. — Rachel Perine, 100, of Parkersburg, the last surviving daughter of a Civil War veteran in West Virginia, passed away on Friday.

Perine was born on March 8, 1916 and grew up in Doddridge County. Her father, Harvey Smith, served in the Civil War, joining the Union Army in August 1862 in Wheeling, enlisting in Company A of the

Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

The Wood County Commission issued a proclamation designating March 8 as “Rachel Perine Day” in honor of her 100th birthday. She received congratulatory letters from Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin and the West Virginia State Senate, along with many birthday cards, including one from Parkersburg Mayor Jimmy Colombo.

Jim Miracle of Vienna, a captain with Carlin’s Battery D, Wood County Civil War re-enactors, was one of several people who attended Perine’s 100th birthday celebration on March 8 in her Parkersburg home. Miracle said it is a shame Perine passed away because she was such a good person. The history she carried in memory of her father also was important, he said.

Edelene Wood of Parkersburg, a longtime friend, described Perine as a delightful person. “Everyone loved her,” she said.

Wood helped to put together the party for Perine’s 100th birthday. Perine was delighted to be honored on her 100th birthday and for her father also to be recognized on that day, Wood said. “She (Perine) was proud of her father,” Wood said.

Patricia Harris, president of the Doddridge County Historical Society, said in March the

historical organization sponsored the birthday celebration for Perine, with assistance from Miracle and Carlin’s Battery D. The Doddridge County Commission issued a proclamation honoring Perine on her 100th birthday.

Harris cleaned, colorized and framed a photo of Harvey Smith to give to Perine for her birthday. A cake had a photograph of Perine on it.

Perine received nearly 200 birthday cards from area residents and people across the country, Harris said in March.

“Rachel is a humble person,” Harris said in March. “She didn’t want the birthday to just be about her. It was also about her father and what he went through (in the Civil War),” Harris said.

Todd Heslep lived across the street from Perine and was a friend. “We would talk for hours. I miss her,” Heslep said Monday.

Perine would talk about her mother’s cooking and foraging for wild mushrooms with her, Heslep said. In her later years, Perine would request Heslep sing and play “Delta Dawn” on his guitar for her, he said.

Perine loved to watch the children in the neighborhood, where she lived in the same house for 68 years, ride their bicycles and skateboards, Heslep said.

Heslep said Perine knew everyone in her Parkersburg neighborhood and helped the people who lived there. “She collected money for flowers when someone died or got cancer,” he said.

He remembers people singing together at Perine’s 100th birthday party.

Less than two years after he enlisted, Harvey Smith was captured at Cloyd’s Mountain, Va., on May 9, 1864. He spent six months as a prisoner of war, including a 20-day stint at the infamous Andersonville Confederate prison in Georgia.

After the Civil War, Smith returned to Doddridge County and helped to raise 14 children until his death in 1929. The family lived in Arnold’s Creek in Doddridge County, where Smith ran a large farm that included gas and oil tracts.

Perine was 13 when her father died in 1929 at the age of 83.

Parkersburg News and Sentinel

*Parkersburg News and Sentinel file photo
Rachel Perine of Parkersburg holds a photograph of her father, Civil War veteran Harvey Smith.*

Our Times: Grand Army of the Republic Monument has stood in Kimmell Park for 75 Years By Brian Spangle May 8, 2016

On May 2, 1952, there was a big ceremony in Kimmell Park to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new flood wall at Vincennes. Mayor Eugene Stocker turned the first shovel full of earth.

Work on that project, aimed at giving the city protection from Wabash River flooding, required moving a monument that had been placed in the park 11 years earlier.

It was just a few years after Kimmell Park opened in 1938 that the special monument was added to the park. On Sunday, May 11, 1941 (75 years ago this week) a large circular stone Grand Army of the Republic monument honoring veterans of the Civil War was dedicated there. The GAR was a postwar Union veterans' organization founded in 1866. In its heyday, the GAR was a major political force.

The monument, fashioned of the same stone used in all of the Works Progress Administration work in the park, was given by Mayor Albert B. Taylor. It features the words "In Memory of," above the GAR emblem. On the left side of the emblem is the inscription: "Ladies of the G.A.R." and on the right side is inscribed "Daughters of the Civil War Veterans." These two organizations were for women who could prove lineal descent from a Union veteran. The Ladies of the GAR had local groups known as "Circles" and the Daughters of the Civil War Veterans' local organizations were called "Tents." The Alive of Old Vincennes Circle and the Phil Sheridan Tent were both active in Vincennes at the time and members of both groups were invited to the dedication.

Although the timing of the monument's placement was obviously coincidental, the year 1941 would be significant in local history as far as Civil War veterans were concerned. On Dec. 31 of that year, Alexander "Uncle Zan" Bowen died. Bowen, who had served in Co. H of the 51st Indiana Infantry, was Knox County's last surviving Civil War veteran.

Since the monument was directly in line with the proposed flood wall, it had to be moved and relocating it to the area around the shelter house seemed the most logical option. That job was undertaken on May 1, 1952, the day before the flood wall groundbreaking. Unfortunately, what was expected to be a simple task, turned out to be a near impossibility.

The local firm of D.H. Tabler & Sons was contracted to move the huge 25 ton monument. They placed it on a lowboy and pulled it with a big Caterpillar tractor, but only got it around 60 feet back into the park and then 40 feet in the direction of the shelter house, when they got "bogged down."

Not only did they have to unload the monument at that spot, but they damaged their equipment in the process. Their loss was around \$70, more than the contract for the work itself. This scenario does explain why the monument stands in such an inconspicuous place in Kimmell Park (with the inscription facing the flood wall). Many people aren't even aware that it is there or what it memorializes.

The monument has suffered damage over the decades. It has been submerged many times in the waters of the Wabash River during periodic flooding.

Today, of course, the GAR is no more. The last Union War veteran and GAR member, Albert Henry Woolson, died in Duluth, Minnesota as the age of 109 on August 2, 1956. It was claimed that some Confederate veterans outlived him, although those claims were disputed and never substantiated. Both the Ladies of the GAR and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are still active, functioning organizations, with members all across the country.



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Are you forming a new Circle, or trying to reorganize the current Circle or Department that you are in? Need a little Guidance? Our Finance Officer, our Secretary/Treasurer and our Assistant Secretary are all here to help! Let's talk about the basics:

Circle & Department Secretaries & Treasurers Let's face it, these are two of the most important jobs in any organization. Be sure that the lady elected in either position has the ability to travel to the bank, has an email and checks it regularly, is willing to communicate, can attend meetings and take minutes, and can perform the duties of yearly paperwork requirements to National. Failure of any of these items can be detrimental to your group.

Opening or maintaining a bank account There are certain procedures all banks require now that the "Patriot's Act" is in place. The opening of a new account can be stressful if you are not prepared. First, you will need meeting minutes typed up to show that you have authorization to open or reorganize an account. The minutes should be dated, and include those officers giving such authorization. The next item you will need is an EIN number. Please be sure you are getting one for a 501C1, nonprofit organization. We at National can provide upon request the proper papers to take to the bank proving that we are 501C1, Congressionally Chartered, Nonprofit, and that we are listed under Title 36-Chapter 1301. Remember that all 501C1's are corporations organized under an Act of Congress and NO annual form or return is required by the IRS yearly. If your Circle or Department has its own set of by-laws, as well as a typed roster of your officers, this can also be given to the bank to keep on file. Additionally you will need some proof to show that you are who you say you are, which is usually a driver's license and a bill in your name showing your address that matches your driver's license. These requirements are pretty standard at all banks, and obviously national banks are preferred over the local bank in case someone else assumes the office of Secretary or Treasurer in your group. Most importantly, there MUST be two signers on your account! We have witnessed this too many times and it is just good practice, as well as a motion passed by your National Organization, to have two signers on the accounts with access.

Starting a Circle This will require 10 interested ladies to get started. Applications can always be downloaded from our website, and a "charter application" can be purchased for \$25 that records those initial "charter applicants" that form your new circle. Have a pre-meeting and decide upon your circle name and who is willing to at least take President, Secretary & Treasurer. In that meeting discuss your bank account, and take minutes. This will allow you to get the ball rolling as soon as possible.

What if your Circle is struggling to have meetings and fulfill paperwork requirements?

Truthfully a thorough membership campaign should have been executed 2 decades ago when membership was strong in all fraternal organizations. Your National Officers are working hard on a membership and marketing campaign for the coming year. In the meantime, it is necessary for all members to actively seek new members, and encourage younger ladies to get involved. If you have suggestions for promoting and building the organization, please send them to the National President or Secretary. Always promote the work of our Order in all social situations.

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After it is completed by the Department Registrar it should be mailed to Dorothy Frye Walker

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