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Remembering two Past National Presidents of the LGAR

Jennie Vertrees

1998-99 from MO. Her great grandfather John Wesley Howard a Pvt. Co B 33rd Iowa Infantry and enlisted Aug 14, 1862 and was discharged July 17, 1865 and had 2 other Veterans that served. She collected data on burials of Civil War Veterans in her county for SUVCW in Mercer Co, MO. She machine quilted her own quilt, a bird clock and a hand loomed throw rug as her projects. She served during the 50th anniversary of the last encampment of original G.A.R. members and placed wreaths at soldiers and sailors memorial in Indianapolis during her National Convention.



Jennie Glee (Barnett) Vertrees March 13, 1928 – March 23, 2022. She was born on March 13, 1928, the youngest child of Alvin Ray and Tina Mabel (Cousins) Barnett, on the family farm east of Mill Grove, Missouri. Her family came to Mercer County as some of the first homesteaders in the 1850s, clearing land and making a home. Jennie was raised on the Barnett family farm during the Great Depression and World War II and learned the value of hard work from her parents and siblings, Charlie and Daisy. She attended the Calvert rural school and graduated from Princeton High School in 1945. On October 21, 1945, Jennie married George Eli Vertrees, who passed away in 1984. In 1949 she earned her associate of arts degree from Trenton Junior College (now North Central Missouri College) and in 1955 her BA and BSE degrees from Southwest Missouri State University. Jennie was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for graduate school in Germany, and in 1955-56 attended Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, where she met lifelong friends and fellow students, Dona Reeves-Marquardt and Kay Shafer. Later, Jennie also earned her BSN degree in nursing while living in Colorado.

Shirley E. Wool

1984-85 Vermont. Gr niece of PVT George H. Farnsworth who enlisted Aug 4, 1864 and was discharged June 13, 1865. She was a member of the General O Howard Circle #7 in Essex Junction, VT for over 30 years at the time she became President, and held many offices on the Circle, Dept and National levels. She was the first and only National President from VT. Her Project during her year was the VT Cancer Society and she made a monetary gift to the Children's Camp.



Shirley Wool, 91, passed away at the Queen City Rehabilitation Center in Burlington on June 28, 2022, following a period of failing health. Shirley was born on August 12, 1930 on the family homestead in Essex Center to William and Stella Wool and was the youngest of five sisters. Shirley had a keen interest in community affairs, which was influenced by her family's devotion to the Town of Essex. Her father was a farmer and a civic leader in Essex, served as Essex representative to the state legislature, trustee of the Essex Classical Institute and the local school board, and Vice President of the Champlain Valley Exposition. Shirley was actively involved in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and served as National President from 1984 to 1985 and, thereafter, as a National Counselor for the organization. Shirley worked as a bookkeeper for several firms in the area. She was the family historian and always remembered her nieces' and nephews' birthdays with a card. She was a member of the Winooski Methodist Church. Shirley loved playing bingo and cards, collecting coins, enjoyed flowers and taking pictures. She was an avid basketball and baseball fan (the Yankees, not the Red Sox).

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General Orders No. 3, 2022-2023

1. In honor of the memory of our two Past National Presidents, Jennie Vertrees and Shirley Wool, who have passed away, I hereby order all charters to be draped in black for thirty days. Their passing will be memorialized at the GAR hall service at the 137th National Convention.
2. I have named Madeline Rock as representative to the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. This committee organizes the program at the Lincoln Memorial every year and some continuity in representation in planning is needed. Our thanks to Madeline for taking on this task.
3. I am happy to report that the 3rd Annual Trivia Contest raised \$500 to help our programs. Thank you to all who participated and for all who donated to this project.
4. Please register for the 137th National Convention. The form is included in this Bugle Call. Each of you is important and attending a national meeting is rewarding. Meeting others from across the country can give you fresh ideas and reinvigorate your home circle when you return. Delegates will have to be in-person to vote this year. There will be an on-line option for those who cannot travel.
5. It's time to start planning your Memorial Day activities. The pandemic put a stop to many programs and not all have been restored. It's up to us to take an active role to be sure these worthwhile programs continue. Let us follow General Logan's General Orders #11 which is published in this issue.
6. It is time to start planning for year two of the new federal holiday, Juneteenth. It has been a Texas state holiday since 1980, but may be new to you. Perhaps you simply take time to learn more about General Granger's General Orders #3 when he landed in Galveston, TX. Juneteenth.com is a helpful website. Let us embrace Lin-

- coln's longing for freedom for all.
7. Plan to fly the flag at your home. Help a neighbor fly the flag. See if your entire block will fly the flag. Reminder that the flag is at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to full-staff.
8. Ask your younger and extended family members to join LGAR. It is one thing you can do across generations. We need new and younger members to ensure the continuation of this fine organization.
9. I continue to ask for kindness and grace in our communications with each other. New members may not know all the LGAR traditions and language so please help them in a positive manner. Each of us is here to preserve the memories of our Civil War ancestors and to help others alive today. Mentoring a new member would be a great gift.
10. Continue to educate yourself on non-profit leadership and execution. There are many excellent books and podcasts on the subject. We all need to raise our game. Take personal responsibility to not do the same thing year after year, but to grow and learn to lead. Informal leadership is vital to our continued vitality as an organization. Thank you to those who are demonstrating this. Hint: getting your reports in to National on time shows tremendous leadership at the local level.

Travels:

Dear Sisters,

As your National President, each month brings new opportunities for me to see the wonderful



work of this organization. Traveling as the representative of our great order is such a blessing. I attended the birthday memorial service at the Lincoln Memorial in February. It was a cold and rainy day in Washington DC, but well attended. The USAF brass quintet played and the sound within the confines of the memorial was amazing. My son, Michael, served as flag bearer and together we walked forward and I placed the wreath. It was such a wonderful honor for both of us. Afterwards I attended the luncheon with the other leaders of the Allied Orders. While I was in Washington DC, I saw the new National Museum of African American History, the National Museum of the American Indian, the United States Botanic Garden, and the National Gallery of Art. Michael arranged a White House tour and a tour of the Capitol for us through his legislator. We maximized every moment we were there.

Just a week later it was time for the 3rd Annual LGAR

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Presidents Day Trivia Party. A BIG thank you to those who participated and those who simply donated. Plan now to play next year!

March has been a busy time making final arrangements with our Chairman of Arrangements, SVP Erin Mongelli. She has put together a wonderful location and kept food costs to a minimum, not an easy feat. The Advisory Council has voted to have online streaming of the meeting with beta testing of voting. Delegates must be at the meeting in person this year in order to vote, but the hope is to have "at the meeting" include those delegates who attend online in the following years. Health concerns continue to be problematic so we look to technology to be our friend. Remember that each person online must register and be an LGAR member. You might join together to watch, but everyone in the room must be registered. And no children or family members should be in the room if not members and registered. Please respect our guardrails. Once you register, more instructions will follow.

April and Easter were suddenly here. I rang bells with my church handbell choir and enjoyed the return of spring. The trip to Springfield, Illinois, was a quick one. I flew there on Friday, presented our wreath on Saturday morning, listened to a lecture on "Lincoln as War Leader" at the luncheon and then caught a 3:30 pm flight back to Austin. It was the most beautiful



President Null and Junior Circle at Lincoln's tomb

weather possible. All Allied Orders leaders were there. SUVCW National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski, led the invocations and benedictions at both events. He has had some health challenges and it was wonderful to see him again. In 2011, he led the empty chair ceremony honoring my mother, PNP Opal Nelson, in a joint service. My mother truly appreciated his gift of ministry. And if you agree with me, say Amen. Always his parting words.

I want to thank all my national officers, elected and appointed, for your hard work this year. The museum has found a likely home, more to follow. We still have a long way to go this year, but this is going in the Spring/Summer edition of the Bugle Call. My next trips are to Georgia, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania. And there is still room on my calendar. Please inform me of your department meetings or other special ceremonies. I cannot attend all of them but I would like to know when they are happening. Keep up the good work.

Department and Circle News

Isaac Rice, Circle 233, Bedford, PA honored the Last Union Soldier in Bedford County, PA. Pvt. Martin Myers, of the 99th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, was the last union soldier to pass away and be interred in Bedford County. He passed just shy of his 95th birthday on January 12,



1942. He witnessed everything from the surrender at Appomattox to the bombing of Pearl Harbor and was even selling WWII War Bonds in his last years. Sisters Tess Shimer, Deb Topinka, Connie Hurtt, Diane Flaaen and Deb Miller braved the cold on January 22 in the Everett Cemetery to honor Pvt. Myers. Corp.



Isaac Rice Circle 233 held a Memorial Service for the first Union soldier from Bedford County, PA to be

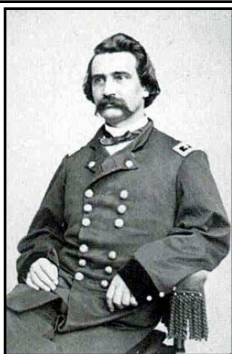


Deb Miller reading passages about Pvt. Saupp's death

killed in the war. Pvt. John Saupp of Co. K, 55th Pennsylvania Infantry, was killed on Edisto Island, SC on March 28, 1862. In the late 1800s, LGAR Saupp Circle 62 was formed in Bedford. So our present day sisters were also honoring their Bedford sisters from 100+ years ago.



Judy Bennett, Tess Shimer, Deb Miller, Sue Llewellyn and Dennis Leonard



John Logan's Order

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and found mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, -- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By order of JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief

**Share your Memorial Day Ceremony pictures with our National Secretary so that it can be shared on social media
Madeline.Rock@aol.com*



Department of Pennsylvania

Flagpole US flag donation and Civil War history of "Old Glory" occurred at S.S.H.V.A (South Side Historical Village Association) in Hookstown, PA on 4/8/23. S.S.H.V.A. President Betsy Connor and pet Lacey welcomed Department of PA Ladies G.A.R. Pres Shirley Dines (left) and Past Department

Pres/USAF veteran Mary May (right). As "Old Glory" was hidden within a bed coverlet, these Ladies' craftsmanship and projects were displayed and discussed.



Department of California

On February 12, 2023 a few members of the Department of California got together to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday. Historian Julie Casey made Lincoln's 'favorite cake' from a recipe from Mary Todd. President Beverly Macy recited the Gettysburg Address. Members of the LGAR Memorial Home participated and enjoyed cake and pink lemonade!



Julie Casey, Beverly Macy, Rhonda Daily, Barbara Summers

Want to be featured in the Bugle Call?

We would love to hear from you! Please submit an article on any patriotic or historic events, ceremonies, service projects, and fundraising events! We would love to learn about what our Sisters are up to. Send in any written pieces and photographs to National Editor, Autumn Marthey.

ORR CIRCLE RAISES \$1429 IN ONE DAY FOR CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

In February the Margaret M. Orr Circle #105 in Ohio hosted an authentic 1864 Sanitary Fair just as it would have been done during the Civil War by the Sanitary Commission. Fairs were held all over the Union states to raise funds for necessary supplies for the soldiers on the front. Their Sanitary Fair was held during the Ohio Regimental Military Ball, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Visitors were able to shop all day from the 11 booths that the Circle created. Each booth had a theme and was decorated appropriately with patriotic bunting & flags. All items available to purchase were donated by Circle members who reproduced authentic period items such as: baked goods, books, jewelry, quilt & oil painting raffle, hair accessories, men's smoking caps, jewelry boxes, reticules & children's items. Additionally ladies could sign up to have their hair done in a period correct style to prepare for the evening's grand ball. However, the highlight of this fundraising event, was the "Daughter of the Regiment" contest, where two LGAR husbands dressed in women's period ball gowns, complete with corset and hoop for the honor to win by vote the title of daughter of the regiment. This was something done in the 1860s and yielded a substantial amount to the fundraising. In total the Circle raised \$1429 on this day, which they will be presenting to the "American Civil War Battlefield Trust" for Civil War battlefield preservation currently taking place.



L.G.A.R. heads to Aurora, Illinois this August...

Illinois yielded LGAR with 12 National Presidents, and Aurora had Abraham Lincoln Circle #5 prior to 1891 when the entire Department was suspended. Once reorganized and the Department was re-established they became Abe Lincoln Circle #2. This August, the Bartlett Kelley Circle will host our National Convention, southwest of Chicago. Registration Deadline July 1st!

137th Annual National Meeting

HOTEL INFO

August 10-12, 2023

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN: A block of rooms have been acquired at the HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES AURORA—NAPERVILLE, located at 111 North Broadway Ave. Aurora, IL 60505 under LGAR.

This hotel does offer a breakfast buffet, free parking and an indoor pool. Our meetings will be taking place at this hotel in their meeting room.

Room rates include \$119 for Thursday; \$189 for Friday/Saturday. To make reservations by phone, please call the hotel directly at 1-630-896-2800. Please be sure to say you are booking with the "LGAR" room block. For online reservations, a direct booking link will be emailed out soon.

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Schedule of Events 137th Annual National Encampment

August 10th, 11th, 12th

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Aurora, Illinois

DATE & TIME	EVENTS	PLACE
Thursday, August 10		
3:00-4:00 PM	Registration	NP Room Holiday Inn
4:00-5:00 PM	Budget Committee	NP Room Holiday Inn
6:00-8:00 PM	National Advisory Council	NP Room Holiday Inn
Friday, August 11		
8:00-8:45 AM	Online Registration Online registration via Zoom Link	
8:30-9:00 AM	In Person Registration	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
9:00-9:30 AM	Opening and Floral Drill	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
9:30-10:00 AM	Initiation of new members	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
10:00-10:20 AM	Break	
10:20-10:30 AM	Patriotic Instructor Program	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
10:20-12:00 PM	Business Session/Reports	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
12:00-1:00 PM	Boxed lunch and recognition of first time attendees	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
1:00-1:30 PM	Break	
1:30-4:00 PM	Business Session	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
4:00-4:30 PM	Installation of Officers	Meeting Room Holiday Inn
6:00-8:00 PM	Memorial Service and Dinner Place	GAR Hall, 23 East Downer
Saturday, August 12		
8:30-9:30 AM	Advisory Council Meeting	NP Room Holiday Inn

Please be aware that if we progress in a timely manner, the starting times will get moved up. This is the order in which we will follow things, but the exact times could change.

2023 LGAR NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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STREET _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

DEPARTMENT _____ CIRCLE # _____

Complete with check or money order (no cash) for \$15.00, made payable to "National Organization, LGAR" by July 1st and mail to:

Madeline Rock, National Secretary, LGAR

68 W. Marion St. Doylestown, OH 44230

Pre-registration will be acknowledged by e-mail

If you pre-register but are unable to attend, your packet will be sent after the convention with meeting minutes.

Meal Registration Information:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Bartlett Kelley Circle LGAR

MAIL TO: Jenny Warner, 8206 Piers Drive, Unit 1203, Woodridge, IL 60517-4

If you have any questions about the Meal Registration, please contact Erin Mongelli ekmong@gmail.com

Final Reservation Deadline: July 1, 2023

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137th Annual National Encampment

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(Last name) _____

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(Zip Code) _____

(Phone Number) _____

(Email Address) _____

(Circle Name) _____

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 Hotel Lunch Box Lunch @\$10.00 \$ _____

including a sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink

Sandwich choices (select 1)

___ Chicken Salad ___ Corn Beef

___ Egg Salad ___ Ham ___ Pastrami

___ Roast Beef ___ Roast Turkey

___ Tuna Salad

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 Evening at Aurora GAR Memorial Hall

___ Memorial Service Buffet Style
Dinner @ \$26.00

\$ _____ Buffet consists of Roasted Chicken, Mostaccioli (no meat), Potatoes, Vegetables, and Salads

Optional Donation to Aurora GAR

Memorial Hall \$ _____

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Pets for Vets Dog Tags	Make \$5 donation for Pets for Vets Fund
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