SOME COMMENTS ON THE G.A.R. MEMBERSHIP BADGES

PICTURED IN THE ARTICLE ON JOHN CALVIN CHAPMAN, JR.
(1845-1934)

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In the article about Chapman by Todd Wheatley (The Medal Collector, June 1985) a number of G.A.R. badges belonging to Chapman were illustrated. Presented here is some information concerning those badges.

The first membership badge pictured was made between 1869 and 1872. Possession does not indicate that he joined the G.A.R. at that early date, although that is possible. These early badges were scarce and highly prized. Natural instinct is always to look "saltier" than you actually are.

Chapman's Post Commander badge (if 1886 design) was struck in the years 1903, 1906, 1907, or 1912. The initial of the serial number is that of the National Commander-in-Chief at the time the badge was struck. The badge with the optional California Bear (if it has a yellow-bordered ribbon) is that of National Aide-de-Camp. Chapman was appointed as such on March 8, 1928. If the ribbon is red bordered, then it is a Department Staff badge. Jr. Vice Commander had a gilt star. Chapman is not listed as a Department Jr. Vice Commander, only as Senior Vice Commander and Commander. Senior Vice Commander badge #K-39061 was struck between 25 September 1920 and 25 September 1921. Chapman was a Senior Vice Commander in 1929, indicating that the stock on hand as of 1921 had not yet been exhausted. He was Department Commander in 1930.

As G.A.R. membership dwindled to its close, it was not practical to order badges from the manufacturer every year, so serial numbers were omitted.

The reverse of the 1873-1885 G.A.R. pendant had a floral spray in each point of the star. The 1886 design included three additional Corps badges, one in each lower point of the star. However, many unnumbered stars with early reverse were struck toward the end of the organization's life. I do not know whether the reverse die was lost or damaged.
SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MAY 1985

NEW MEMBERS

The following have applied for membership in our Society. If no written objection to such application be received from any member within thirty (30) days from date of publication of said notice applicant shall forthwith be admitted to membership (Art III, Sec 3 of the OMSA Constitution and By-Laws).

#3998 - Stephen J. Zolner (Foote #3533)
   6554 S.W. 192nd Avenue, Aloha, OR 97007
#3999 - Charles Potter, (De Wolf #2697)
   10207 Calumet Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901
#4000 - Yefim Shubentsov, (Topel #3934)
   P. O. Box 729, Brookline, MA 02146
#4001 - Raymond C. Watson, (Secretary)
   17095 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128
#4002 - Daniel S. Masessa, (Walsh #1818)
   124-20 111th Avenue, South Ozone Park, NY 11420
#4003 - Willy Dufossez, (Kaparoff #2398)
   Kalsijdeweg 33, B-8223 Jabbeke, Belgium
#4004 - Rev. Ralph A. Fitzpatrick, (Vice-President)
   1300 E. Valley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108
#4005 - George G. Morris, (Secretary)
   801 Hastings Street, Delta, CO 81416
#4006 - Tod J. Schadler, DVM, (Kaparoff #2398)
   2685 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43207
#4007 - Paul Polanski, (Kyle #1867)
   1139 Helix Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 92011
#4008 - John R. Kimbro, (Gleim #1724)
   8451 River Road Pike, Nashville, TN 37209
#4009 - Capt Charles Mugno, (Blake #2547)
   12302 Cinnamon Street, Woodbridge, VA 22192-1402
#4010 - Gregory N. Carter, (Oldham #1363)
   43 Pencarrow Avenue, EPSOM., Auckland 3, New Zealand

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

#3879 - Gentry R.P. Ferrell
   10000 Timberlake Road, Windcrest Court, Lynchburg, VA 24502-3734
#3822 - SSgt David A. Fender, USMC
   MACS-4, MACG-18, 1st MAW PMF PAC, FPO San Francisco, CA 96603
#2540 - Yarema L. Hutsaliuk
   260 Riverside Drive, #3A, New York, NY 10025
#3960 - CPT Kevin K. Krejcarek
   403-B Signer Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96818
#2878 - LTC Alexander J. Laslo
   1300 Parsons Street, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87112
#3357 - Archie T. Lennan
   2035 Midvale Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025
#3009 - William G. Mason
   177 Laurel Lane, Pataskala, OH 43062
#3573 - Stephen E. Moss
   329 W. Center Street, Hastings, MI 49058-1615
SECRETARY'S REPORT OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

In accordance with instructions contained in Article V, Section 3(d) of the OMSA Constitution and By-Laws, the following nominations for the offices of PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT in the upcoming election are published herewith. These nominations were received for the term of office 1985 through 1987.

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By direction of the President and in accordance with Article V, Section 8 of the OMSA Constitution and By-Laws, the mail ballot procedure is waived, the Secretary hereby casts one ballot for each of the above nominees, they being the sole nominees to accept these positions, and they are hereby declared elected.

JOHN E. LELLE - Secretary.