

How many of our travel4seniors.com readers can remember seeing living Civil War veterans. Your elder editor was part of a high school cadet corps in 1941 that marched in a Philly parade honoring local survivors of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic).

More than 75 years after the War Between the States, some 20 very old guys in faded blue Union uniforms marched with us or rode in open cars. Their ages ranged from 90 to 105. Military reunions have always been important events after men and women returned from war. They then got together annually to relive old times.

The biggest reunions happened in the decades after World War II, when more than 10 million men and women served, including your elderly editor. It has been more than 75 years since that time, and our ranks are getting thinner every year.

Fortunately, true to tradition and abiding sense of comradeship, annual meetings will continue for both old and young veterans of all branches of our Armed Forces. They gather in such great locations as New York City, Santa Monica, Las Vegas and Disney parks. For current schedules and locations of ex-military gatherings, go to www.allmilitaryreunions.org/reunions