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I am the Nation . . .



I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people.

I am ¹⁶⁵ million living souls—and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am Grant and Lee, and Abe Lincoln. I am Fort Sumter, Gettysburg, Appomattox Court House, and the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, and on the bleak slopes of Korea.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages—and cities that never sleep.

I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper, and a letter to a Congressman.

I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer on July 4, 1957—one hundred and eighty-one years after I was born.





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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
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Niagara Falls, N. Y.

July 1, 1957

1. OFFICIAL ENCAMPMENT CALL. The 76th Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene in Detroit, Michigan, August 18-22, 1957 with headquarters at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel.

Sessions will be held in the Founders Room, Auxiliary sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. sessions will be held in the Crystal Room. All of these meeting rooms are on the fourth floor.

2. APPOINTMENTS. At this time I wish to announce the following Committee Appointments.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Earl F. Riggs, California, Chairman
Hugh Snider, Indiana
W. Earl Corbin, Ohio
Bert Isaacs, New York
Alton Sharp, New Jersey
Maurice Warner, Maine

The balance of committee and other appointments will be made at the opening session.

3. OFFICERS REPORTS. All National Officers and Chairmen of Committees are requested to submit their annual report in DUPLICATE to our National Secretary, Albert C. Lambert, so as to reach him not later than August 1st.

4. RESOLUTIONS to be presented to the National Encampment are to be typewritten, double spaced and on one side of paper only, and must be in proper form for presentation. It would be best if National Officers have resolutions or recommendations, to have them on separate sheets of paper as well as included in their annual reports.

5. CONCLUSION. To my National President, Margaret S. McKinney of our Auxiliary, I wish for you a very pleasant and harmonious encampment and a successful conclusion of your year. To Gussie L. Morin, Natl. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R., I wish you also a pleasant and prosperous encampment as the climax of your year.

Your Commander-in-Chief wishes at this time to thank each and every one that has helped him during a very fine and enlightening year. It has been a wonderful experience, and one not to be forgotten, and will bring many happy memories in the future.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Headquarters — Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
S. U. V. C. W. Sessions in Founders Room, 4th Floor
Sunday, August 18

10:30 A. M. Central Methodist Church, Woodward and Adams

1:00 P. M. General Registration—Founders Room

2:30 P. M. Memorial Service, Allied Group, Ballroom
4:00 P. M. Meeting of Council of Administration, Headquarters Room
7:00 P. M. Military Band Concert, Grand Ballroom
7:30 P. M. Grand Army Camp Fire, Grand Ballroom

Monday, August 19

9:00 A. M. General Registration, Founders Room
9:30 A. M. Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary, Grand Ballroom
10:00 A. M. Business Session
1:30 P. M. Business Session
5:30 P. M. Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents Dinner, Sheraton Room

Tuesday, August 20

9:30 A. M. Business Session
1:30 P. M. Business Session
2:00 P. M. Greetings Received
6:30 P. M. Banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President, Grand Ballroom
9:00 P. M. Joint Reception and Dance, Allied Group, Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, August 21

9:30 A. M. Business Session
1:30 P. M. Business Session
9:00 P. M. Moonlight Boat Ride which will include dancing. Boat leaves foot of Woodward

Thursday, August 22

9:30 A. M. Business Session
1:30 P. M. Meeting of Council of Administration in Headquarters Room
By order of

Attest:
Albert C. Lambert,
National Secretary-Treasurer.
Fred E. Howe,
Commander-in-Chief.

The G. A. R. At The Coast Guard Academy

For the 6th successive year the Grand Army of the Republic was memorialized at the Commencement Exercises of the United States Coast Guard Academy, when the New England Regional Associations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary, in the person of Regional President Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt, presented a suitably inscribed dress sword to the cadet who had exhibited the highest qualities of military leadership.

Leading this contingent of New Englanders present was Regional Commander Allen F. Spink.

To give some idea of the high scholastic standards required to become an ensign in the Coast Guard, the Class of 1957 was only 61 out of a starting group of 194. These, then, were the fine and able young Americans who were shown that the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary are vitally interested in them.

"Go thou and do likewise!"

Ernest G. Wells,
Executive Board,
New England Regional Association,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER?

In our last issue I wrote, under the heading "What Will Attract Our Young," that there were Brothers in our Order who have the answers, if we would but listen to them—and apply their advice.

Commander H. R. F. Oehmler of Col. John B. Clark Camp No. 198, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, came through with a well-thought-out letter that contributes to our over-all understanding of the problem.

He asks "What do we have to offer, other than membership" with the vagueness of PAST association with the Grand Army of the Republic? He makes the telling point that we operate on the "theory that, as their heirs, we have inherited all of their achievements" without doing enough to show that we deserve them for ourselves.

Brother Oehmler asks if we haven't dodged the very difficult problem of the great differences between the generations from the late eighteen hundreds to those of this last half century before the year 2000. He asks how many in his "generation would tolerate blue denims, red jackets, cigarettes, booze, and dirty books." Then follows the obvious question, "Who has provided youth (directly) with any leadership or example in our group?"

He reminds us that presenting trophies and "getting our pictures in the papers" will not attract enough new members—particularly young ones.

And, then, Brother Oehmler really "carries the ball" and I'll quote him directly: (with comments of my own in parenthesis):

"The biggest threat to our way of life . . . is Communism (in all its guises—open and covert). What are we doing about it (other than lip service)?"

"The communists are working on our youth through our Schools, Churches, Labor Unions, and Crack-pots of the older generations.

"So we do nothing (but talk) while this subversive organization tears down love of country and, in its place, seeks to establish a classless society, by mixing every race, creed and color—out of which (would) come a composite creature without God or Country, dominated by Moscow."

Now, Brother Oehmler gives us some constructive suggestions, after admonishing us to "beat the communists at their own game."

While his ideas are mostly localized, they can be applied to any section of the country that has places of historical significance.

"1. Have Caravans by Bus or Private Autos made up by Camps within reasonable distances to take youngsters between 10 and 15 years of age on tours of the Battlefields of Gettysburg.

"2. This could also be done for Lincoln's Birthplace.

"3. A national affair at Gettysburg on Lincoln's Birthday.
"4. Place flowers in the church in which we hold membership, in memory of our ancestor in the Civil War. (Brother Oehmler does this in his own church, with adequate recognition in the church program.)

"Now, what I'm driving at is simply this, if you want to sell anything, you must first create a desire for it—so I suggest we create a demand for joining our Order. (A splendidly logical development! We invite more comments on how to create such a "demand".) There are many eligibles who would be reached through a youth indoctrinated with a patriotic spirit by the plan afore-mentioned."

Your National Patriotic Instructor is intrigued by this clear-sighted Brother's idea of an historical caravan. There are many of our Camps who have Brothers with private cars willing to donate their services to such a cause. All it needs in most of such Camps is for one "leader" to "start the ball a-rolling."

As I wrote to Brother Oehmler, in my letter of thanks to him, "If the other well-informed, intellectually-active members of our Order follow your example, we'll have this problem licked in no time."

FRIENDLY RELATIONS

is a term that has no real significance to certain retarded minds—minds that are still at the jungle level in a social sense.

Or, rather, they are perfectly willing to be "friendly" IF (as is also the case with the heads of totalitarian states)—they can have their own way.

This state of affairs is so alien to the real nature of the

overwhelming majority of the members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic that it should be considered more of a "nuisance" than a "problem."

Unfortunately, sometimes a very loud minority can create an impression of "strength."

On the other hand, and more fortunately, the innate decency and common sense of the majority usually defeats these "alarums" by the simple expedient of ignoring them—and continuing on with their truly FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

However, to re-evaluate the relationships of the Grand Army Affiliates is to clarify our thoughts and lift up our hearts—as well as to reassure the few timid ones among us.

The position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War needs no further elaboration. Our natural and legal position has been well established, not only by Act of Congress and the will of The Grand Army of the Republic, but by the laws of "primogeniture" that are an integral part of our form of civilization. I suggest, however, that with this new status comes a very much greater responsibility. Assuming this leadership, we must do so with gentlemanly restraint. With our Heritage, and under our Flag, we cannot be dictatorial. We must be democratic to be in character—and (I speak to all the G. A. R. Orders) we must be a UNION, not separate squabbling "states," if we are to be representative of the "Union Veterans of the Civil War." I know that a group of intelligent men and women, dedicated to "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty," and under God's guidance, can solve any problem that might arise—without bitterness, animosity, or dissension.

Nor is there any need to persuade ourselves of the value of our beloved Auxiliary. Their watchful care, their devoted service, and their dear companionship over the many years have welded our two organizations so inseparably as to almost constitute one "super" Order—the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary.

In the last issue I asked all "Sons" to render every possible service to that fine society of gracious ladies—the organization with the name we all love so well—The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are grateful to these "relations" of ours for their "Loyalty" to our mutual Cause, by their combining their national efforts with ours in the attempt to use the strength of "Unity" to adequately "—tell the story, now the Boys in Blue are gone."

No true "Sons" gathering will ever forget for a moment the ties of "blood" and affection we have with an Order whose heritage is as great and whose cause is as noble as our own—our Sisters, in a very real sense, The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. When we all prayerfully re-consider the principles we have both inherited—Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty—we will remember that a divided family is an unhappy family. We will "highly resolve" that we will work in close harmony—avoid petty rivalry—and realize that our mutual aims and ideals are far, far more important than any small individual desires for advancement or will to power.

My personal relations with the Woman's Relief Corps—and I'm sure this is also true of the vast majority of our Brothers—has been not only pleasant but, in many cases, most delightful.

The maneuvering for prestige, in the realm of higher politics, takes place in an atmosphere too rarified for most of us. I consider my own reactions as typical of the average "Son" and I regard the members of my local Corps too highly to permit anything to harm them—if I can prevent it.

Some of the members of my local Corps also belong to my Auxiliary, some to our local Tent, and some to our Circle. Some of these equally sweet and good women were not privileged to have an ancestor on the Union side of the Civil War—but they thought so very, very much of an organization pledged to our principles that they have, many of them, devoted their lives to it.

It is with a very real affection that I call every member of my local Corps—"Sister."

Let me make a very brief summation. Malice, bitterness, resentment, dissension—and everything that "false pride" engenders—is destructive.

Love—and the faithful adherence to our principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty—are all constructive—and will ennoble us individually, as well as advance "The Good of the Order!"

ERNEST G. WELLS,
National Patriotic Instructor.

From Our National President

Departments have had their Encampments, and I wish for the newly elected officers a year of pleasant associations, and constructive meetings. It is unfortunate that several Departments have their Encampments on the same dates, which makes it impossible for the National President to attend all, but I have strived to get to as many as possible.

I am encouraged with the wonderful reports that I have heard, and by the work our members do for others who are less fortunate. But I am truly discouraged by the tremendous losses we have suffered this past year in Auxiliaries and members.

I hope all will strive to attend the National Encampment at Detroit, as I am sure that the committee will make it worth your while. They are planning many events of interest, and we hope that friendships will be renewed, and new friends gained through your attendance.

TENTATIVE AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Sessions in Grand Ballroom — Fourth Floor
Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac

Sunday, August 18

- 10:30 A. M. Church Service for Allied Group at the Central Methodist Church, Woodward and Adams Streets
- 1:00 P. M. General Registration—fourth floor
- 1:00 P. M. Department Presidents and Department Commanders meet with National Chaplains for rehearsal—Grand Ballroom
- 2:30 P. M. Joint Memorial Services, Allied Group—Grand Ballroom
- 4:00 P. M. Meeting of Council for Audit—National Headquarters
- 4:00 P. M. National Aides meet with National Chief of Staff for rehearsal—Grand Ballroom
- 7:00 P. M. Band Concert—Grand Ballroom
- 7:30 P. M. Camp Fire, Allied Group—Grand Ballroom
- 10:00 P. M. Open house in National President's Headquarters

Monday, August 19

- 7:30 A. M. Courtesy breakfast for National Officers and Past National Presidents—Parlor H
- 9:30 A. M. Formal opening with Sons—Grand Ballroom
- 1:30 P. M. Business Session
- 5:30 P. M. Past National Presidents and Past Commanders - in - Chief dinner—Sheraton Room
- 8:00 P. M. Exemplification of Ritual — Grand Ballroom
- 9:30 P. M. Courtesy Hour—Grand Ballroom

Tuesday, August 20

- 9:30 A. M. Business Session
- 11:00 A. M. Presentation of Memorial to the G. A. R. by National Patriotic Instructor, Sister Ella G. Reeger
- 1:30 P. M. Business Session — nomination of officers

In Memoriam

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
ANNE O. LOCKYER
DIED MAY 27, 1957

Sister Lockyer held membership in the Steubenville, Ohio Auxiliary for over forty years. She served two terms as Department President and was elected National President in 1938.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
LILA A. MACEY
DIED JUNE 10, 1957

Sister Macey held membership in the Troy, New York Auxiliary since 1927. After serving in many offices she was elected Department President in 1936 and National President in 1952.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
BLANCHE L. BEVERSTOCK
DIED JUNE 30, 1957

Sister Beverstock was a charter member of her Auxiliary in Keene, New Hampshire. After serving her Department in many offices including Department President, she was elected National President in 1920.

Sympathy is extended to their families, their Auxiliaries and Departments.

- 2:00 P. M. Receiving and extending of greetings
- 6:30 P. M. Banquet honoring National President and Commander-in-Chief — Grand Ballroom
- 9:00 P. M. Reception and Dance — Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, August 21

- 8-10 A. M. Election of officers—Reception Room
- 9:30 A. M. Business Session
- 12 Noon Luncheon of Past Dept. Pres. Assoc.—Sister Hester Cook, President—Reception Room
- 1:30 P. M. Business Session
- 9:00 P. M. Three hour moonlight boat ride and dance on the Detroit River—\$1.75 each

Thursday, August 22

- 9:30 A. M. Business Session — installation of officers
- 2:00 P. M. Meeting of old and new Council—Headquarters
- Margaret McKinney,
National President.

Aux. Natl. Patr. Instr. Presents Flag

On Flag Day, June 14th, Miss Ella G. Reeger, Natl. Patr. Instr. of the Auxiliary presented an American Flag to Brownie Troop 152 of Bethany Lutheran Church in observance of the 180th anniversary of Flag Day. This is the second such presentation made by Sister Reeger recently. Accompanying her at the ceremony were P.D.P. Anne O. Clayton and Past Camp Commander Albert W. Mutchler.



Department News



CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Miriam Wilcox was installed President of Rosecrans Aux. 2 on May 6 by P.D.P. Winifred E. Hanson. Sister Hanson also installed the officers of Podrasnik Aux. 18 of Ontario. Phil Kearny Camp 7 and Aux. 3 of Pasadena were installed May 15 by Earl & Bea Riggs. Ralph Garwood is the new Commander and Ethel Apger President.

Hooker Camp 9 and Aux. of Pomona installed May 17 by Ralph Garwood and Bea Riggs. The new Commander is Charles Miller and Edna Null is the President. During the evening Mary Story, President of Compton installed Sister Riggs as Department Chief of Staff.

Redwood Empire Camp 25 Santa Rosa held installation May 18 with PNP Lenore Glass and Vernon E. Cheney as installing officers. Guests were present from San Jose. Burlingame Camp 14 and Aux. installed May 22 with Mel Roy Riggs and Irene Wolgemuth as installing officers. James R. Riggs is the new Commander and Eunice Freeland the new President. Some 100 persons were present.

Fresno Camp 17 and Aux. were installed by Bea Riggs and Louis T. Story, with Walter C. Fantz as Commander and Gertrude Schneider president. A delicious covered dish dinner was served to a large gathering including many Department Officers.

Charlotte (Lottie) Turner of Burlingame is home again after a long illness and would appreciate hearing from her friends.

Wm. Randolph Cohen reports attending Memorial Day Services in San Francisco conducted by Lincoln Relief Corps No. 3.

Phil Kearney Aux. held joint installation with Camp and had Earl and Beatrice Riggs install their officers, and also entertained Commander-in-Chief Howe and Natl. Pres. Margaret McKinney.

Announcement has been made that Sister Beatrice Riggs will be a candidate for National President at the Detroit Encampment.

CONNECTICUT

Dept. Commander Bertrand O. DeForest, Jr., was installed by his father with his brother acting as guide at the 73rd Department Encampment May 18-19. He is the fourth member of his family to become Department Commander. His grandfather, Walter H. DeForest served as Division Commander 1921-1922. His father Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., present National Graves Registration Officer was Commander in 1935-1936. Then in 1950-1951 his brother, Robert W. DeForest, present Dept. Secy.-Treas. was Connecticut Department Commander.



Department Commander DeForest is a veteran in his own right having served 4 years in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean conflict, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. His brother before him had served a like period as a sergeant in the Army Air Force in World War II.

We were honored in having C. in C. Howe and Natl. Pres. Margaret McKinney attend our Encampment, also visi-

tors from Massachusetts and New York. Vida Schmidt of New Haven is the new Department President.

Wilbur and Esther Couch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2 at which time Camp and Aux. members were well represented at a reception in their honor. Rockville Aux. celebrated their 11st anniversary on June 19 with a banquet and entertainment.

ILLINOIS

Gen. George Custer Camp 1 lost two of its oldest very active members through death recently. Bro. Frank H. Shults passed away June 17. He joined the Order in 1887 when 18 years of age, was Dept. Secretary 1941-42 and received the 50 year badge in 1948. Bro. John R. Magill died May 26 at age 85, was past President Chicago Real Estate Board, received the 25 year bar in 1951.

Dept. Commander Mattis Schesley, III, was re-elected at our Decatur Encampment and Bro. Chas. A. Brady, Jr., was elected Dept. Treasurer. Sec.-Treas. Geo. Lovering of Camp 1 was elected Central Region Commander at Columbus, Ohio last October.

INDIANA

P.N.P. Emma Finch has suffered a fractured hip recently. Ben Harrison Camp 356 of Indianapolis reports excellent progress under leadership of Camp Commander, Attorney John M. Caylor. Ross Smith is Secy.-Treas. of this Camp. He was initiated in 1949 at the final G. A. R. Encampment.

The Richmond Color Guard along with the U. S. Navy Color Guard participated in Memorial Services on Sunday, May 26th which were very impressive.



Shown above left to right: Commander-in-Chief Howe presenting a National Aide Ribbon to Alonzo Stanfield who has been an active member for 69 years, and Lt. Gov. Crawford Parker, a member of Ben Harrison Camp 356, who was the principal speaker at the Department Encampment in Indianapolis, June 15.

MAINE

The Department celebrated its 75th anniversary with a special program. Newly elected officers include David E. Grindle as Department Commander and Albert B. DeHaven, Dept. Secy.-Treas.

Hyde Camp of Bath held their last meeting June 12 until Sept. 16.

Word has been received that Bro. Charles Webster has undergone an operation recently.

MARYLAND

P.D.P. Sophie J. Bergner recently installed officers of Cushing Aux. with Myrtle L. Burke as President. Sister Burke is active in the G. A. R. Memorial Day Corporation in Washington, D. C., being chairman of the committee for flowers and transportation. This group arranges and conducts the Memorial Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery. Cushing Aux. recently placed wreaths at the Lincoln, Stephenson and Grant monuments, and took part in patriotic exercises on the designated dates. Memorial services were held in Holy Rood and Oak Hill cemeteries where Cushing Aux. had exclusive charge of the ceremonies. P.D.P. Lillian Wood played several selections and Taps on Nu-tone Chimes, after which flags and flowers were placed on graves of Civil War Veterans. On Memorial Day, Sister Burke placed a wreath for the Maryland Department at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers of the Civil War. At the recent Department Encampment, Sister Burke was elected

Department Vice-President and Sister Sarah Hannaford was re-elected Department Chaplain.

MASSACHUSETTS

P.D.C. Parker Chandler of Bryantville has collected over 300 books, 25 framed pictures, 40 G. A. R. Encampment Badges and many other relics of the Civil War. Under an agreement with the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, Inc., a room was built on the historical building to display all these books, papers, pictures, flags, swords, guns, relics, etc., as well as those articles held by the G. A. R. Memorial Hall Association. The new room is known as "G. A. R. Memorial Room."

Four Department Officers were installed by Dept. Comm. Atwood at the recent meeting of the North Metropolitan District Assoc. in Dorchester. Assuming their duties for the 1957-58 term were Dept. Patr. Instr. Harold M. Drown; Dept. Organizer Ernest G. Wells; Dept. Inspector John L. Day and Dept. Musician John Davis.

Fred Bell has recently sent a list of suggestions to Camps regarding the Centennial Observance of the Civil War. He suggests preliminary work in each community might include: Listing of persons and military units involved. Principal town and city officials from 1861-1865. High commanding officers of the town during the Civil War. High government officials of the town during the Civil War. Date and details of first Memorial Day in town. Number of Civil War Veterans graves in the community. List of Civil War Monuments and Memorials. History of local G. A. R. Posts, Grand Army Halls or buildings. Newspaper clippings of Civil War period. Outstanding episodes in town during Civil War.

Long Range Planning



(Boston Globe Photo)

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Massachusetts Department who are making plans for participation in the centennial observance of the Civil War. Left to right, front row, Rev. George H. Driver, Chas. H. E. Moran, Harold M. Drown. Rear row, Frederic V. Bell, William O. Fuller, John L. Day, Ernest G. Wells, and Everett M. Atwood, Dept. Commander.

Chairman Bell has invited all interested parties of all cities and towns to investigate historical events and individual veterans of the Civil War, of their communities, and send the details to the Committee for further planning.

A preliminary example of the harmony of effort that will prevail soon nationally occurred in the exchange of planning suggestions between Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, thanks to the latter's P.D.C. Chester S. Shriver.

At the recent meeting of the Massachusetts Past Commanders Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, various reports were given on the 1957 Project of the Preservation and Reclamation of Grand Army of the Republic Memorials and Buildings in our state.

Realizing, from these reports, the magnitude of the task, the following Committee was appointed to more effectively direct this great undertaking: Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Howard Waite, Henry S. Bowen, and Gilman Harrington.

President Herbert Bodgus will be an active, although ex officio, member of this Committee.

This group was further directed to work in conjunction with the Civil War Centennial Committee of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Announcement has been made that Sister Ursula Shepardson will be a candidate for National President at the Detroit Encampment.

MICHIGAN

Bro. A. C. Marvin reports that at Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada, he was assisted with Memorial Day duties by the Canadian Legion Post 379. A fine program was enjoyed at Bayview Cemetery.

Camp 4, Detroit, held Memorial Service on May 26 at the Monument on Belle Isle, and also participated in the Joint Services in Detroit on May 30.

Albert Woolson State Camp 1 has taken in two new members and U. S. Grant Camp 5 has taken in three new members this quarter.

The Encampment held June 12-13 had 35 registered delegates. C. in C. Howe installed the new Department Officers with John Dalzell of Detroit as the new Department Commander.

The Detroit Committee for the 1957 Encampment along with representatives from the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G. A. R. met at the Veterans Memorial Building June 3 with Judge Weideman presiding. There were thirty in attendance and good progress was reported. Refreshments were served by U. S. Grant Aux. An initiation class is being formed for the National Encampment. Any new members from any Michigan Camp can be entered in this class.

Wayne County Past Commanders Association was formed at the home of Milo Newer, Jr., on June 22. Elected were: Pres. Chas. F. Dexter; 1st Vice Pres. Milo C. Newer, Sr.; 2nd Vice Pres. Dudley Randlett; Secretary Milo Newer, Jr.; Treas. George R. Raub, Sr.

MINNESOTA

C. L. Charter is the new elected Dept. Secy.-Treas. replacing Dewey Mead who had held the office for 22 years. Because of loss of the sight of his left eye, along with his other exacting duties, Dewey found it impossible to continue. On June 19 Brother George Bailey was presented with a 50 year badge at an open house meeting in the G. A. R. Hall in the Court House, Minneapolis. Joint meetings with the Loyal Legion have been held, and more are contemplated.

NEW JERSEY

We celebrated our 75th anniversary with a well attended banquet at which P. C. in C. U. S. Grant 3rd was toastmaster and Mr. Fred Van Deventer the principal speaker. Department Presidents of all allied orders were present as well as C. in C. Howe; Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Natl. Pres. Aux.; Mrs. Gussie L. Morin, Natl. Pres. Ladies G. A. R.; Mrs. Vernice L. Way, Natl. Pres. Daughters Union Veterans. Also present was a delegation from Reading, Pa., headed by P. C. in C. Roy Stouder and Anna. The floral decorations were outstanding with everyone receiving a red carnation. A large floral piece of red and white carnations spelled out the numeral 75. The N. J. Dept. Aux. presented us with an anniversary gift of \$100.

Alton Sharp of Union City is the newly elected Department Commander, and Mrs. Genevieve Orme of Orange, the newly elected Department President. Fred H. Combs, Sr., relinquished the office of Dept. Secy.-Treas. after many years of outstanding service. The new Dept. Secy.-Treas. is Albert W. Lambert (son of Natl. Secy.-Treas. Lambert). He is a veteran in his own right, having served with the U. S. Army Finance Corps in Germany. He makes the third generation to become active in Department affairs, as his grandfather, William G. Simpson, is a Past Department Commander.

Resolutions were adopted relative to keeping May 30 as Memorial Day, and also supporting H. R. 3056 to grant a Congressional Charter to the Ladies of the G. A. R. Action was also taken to establish a Centennial Committee to properly observe the 100th anniversary of the Civil War and the part that New Jersey Regiments played.

Mrs. Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Correspondent reports on a fine Encampment in Atlantic City at which Dept. Pres.

Dorothy Klunck presided in a lovely and gracious manner. Chief of Staff Patricia Donahue made the social events very enjoyable and had a successful financial report. Visitors in addition to Natl. Pres. Margaret McKinney included P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu of Maryland. The New Jersey Department unanimously endorsed Sister Anne O. Clayton for the office of National President at the 1957 National Encampment to be held in Detroit. She is very capable and has an outstanding record of service, and will fill this important office with dignity and understanding.

NEW YORK

C. in C. and Mrs. Fred E. Howe were Memorial Day guests of Natl. Chaplain and Mrs. Fred Colwell. They attended the dedication services of the Memorial Chapel and the lighting of the eternal flame in memory of veterans of all wars in the new eight million dollar War Memorial Building.

P. C. in C. Neil Cranmer continues to improve slowly in St. Jerome's Hospital, Elmira, N. Y.

DuPont-Eiseman Camp 2 is now located temporarily in the Lecture Room of the Goodsell Memorial Methodist Church, Brooklyn. The Camp held Memorial Services at the Germain-Metternich G. A. R. Post plot on May 26 and participated in the Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade. Past Commander H. E. Bunker celebrated his 70th year of membership on June 7. Bro. Bunker will be 90 years of age on September 29.

Northern New York Club held exercises commemorating Grant's birthday at Mt. McGregor on May 5. Mrs. Edith Ostrander was in charge assisted by Charles Messer and Robert Wagoner, president of the club. Guest speakers included C. in C. Howe, Dept. Pres. Margaret Heinsler, Sr. Vice Dept. Comm. Truman Vincent, Dr. Bruckel and William Murphy of Union College. Mary Stapleton introduced the officers and guests.

Aux. 10 Beacon entertained Dept. Pres. Heinsler and staff in May. The Aux. presented a flag to Trinity Methodist Church. They took part in the parade on Memorial Day and placed a wreath at the monument at Memorial Hall.

Aux. 72 Ovid, attended a dinner honoring Dept. Pres. Heinsler at Utica. On May 16 they held a Talent Show.

Aux. 48 held installation with Mary Stapleton as installing officer. Dorothy Zukowski was installed as president. On May 30 they took part in memorial exercises and placed a wreath at Soldiers and Sailors monument.

Aux. 49 installed officers recently and had a program on Grant's birthday. On Memorial Day they attended services at the Riverside Church.

P.N.P. Ida B. Lange fell at the Encampment and suffered a broken arm and a cut on her head.

OHIO

Aux. 48 Fostoria of which Nancy Blaiser is president is very active and receive much newspaper publicity. They do much charitable work and have a busy sick committee headed by Gladys Peters. They report taking in new members. Mr. and Mrs. Val Rhoad celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

At the 35th Encampment in Eugene, Oregon, Mrs. Nora Sawyer of Portland was installed as Dept. President and A. B. Anderson of Springfield as Dept. Commander. Dr. Baker and Mrs. S. Olin were the installing officers. The encampment opened with a tour of the city and a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hanns. They had many outstanding features including presentation of a flag to Cub Scouts, initiation of two candidates, and reading of the Gettysburg Address. Luncheons were held honoring Department Officers and Past Department Presidents.

PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Appomattox Day dinners and observances were held in Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, on April 6th by Conynham Post, Camp No. 169 and Auxiliary and at Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Reading, on April 13th by Gen. George G. Meade Camp No. 16. Attendances at each were over 100.

The Western Pennsylvania District Association held their annual spring meeting in the G. A. R. Hall, Johnstown, on Sunday, April 28th. Eleven Auxiliaries and five Camps were represented. Brother Carl Ruhe of Davis Star Camp

of Pittsburgh presided as President of the Association. Department Commander Chester S. Shriver made his official lunch for the meeting. 62 were in attendance with a buffet lunch served following the meeting.

General George H. Thomas Camp No. 19 and its Auxiliary, Lancaster, held their Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 11th in the Arcadia, Lancaster. Brother Ivan Frantz served as toastmaster. Department Commander Chester S. Shriver, Department President Caroline Riddell of the Auxiliary and Gertrude Weber, Department President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Mrs. Bertha Brown, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps were present.

Brother John E. Sautter, P.C.C., formerly of Camp No. 180, Uniontown, and more recent of Clearwater, Florida, submitted to a major operation on Tuesday May 28th in Clearwater. Recent reports from his family are that due to Brother John's good health and good physical condition he expects to be discharged around the middle of June.

Memorial Services were held in all parts of the State on or near May 30th with appropriate services. Ellwood City held their services with the veteran organizations planning the Day with Roundhead Camp No. 165 heading the Committee. Dr. Walter Coleman, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park was the Speaker of the Day. Department President, Mercedes Householder, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, from Pittsburgh, was also present for the observance. Camp No. 60, New Oxford, Pa., participated in 19 separate services and carried out the full G. A. R. ritual in each. At Gettysburg 10,000 people gathered to see one of the largest parades and services since the Grand Army was present. The service in the National Cemetery was preceded with a 40 minute parade of 1,000 school children carrying flags and flowers, Army and National Guard units, Veterans units, Boy and Girl Scouts and guests. Major General John E. Theimer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of the Army was the Speaker at the service in the National Cemetery. Department Commander Shriver headed a 27 man Committee that planned for the Day with Camp No. 112, Gettysburg, carrying the Commander in Chiefs Colors in the Parade and escorting the speaker following a tradition that started by the Grand Army after the Dedication of the National Cemetery.

Scotland School for Veterans Children, Scotland, Pa., located in beautiful Cumberland Valley south of Harrisburg held its annual Commencement Day Exercises on Saturday, June 1st. Department Commander Shriver and Department President Caroline Riddell of the Auxiliary each presented a check to the school student activity fund on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania. Superintendent Willard Stevens accepted the checks.

Walter W. Mabie (son of P.C. in C. Walter C. Mabie) passed away on May 7, just six weeks after his father.

A letter received from Gertrude on June 22 advises that John Sautter is making good progress. John and Gertrude wish to thank their many friends for prayers and good wishes.

VERMONT

At our Department Encampment Commander-in-Chief Howe installed the following: Commander Aamon DeWitt, Townsend; Sr. Vice Comm. Walter Morse, Pittsford; Jr. Vice Comm. Arthur Ballou, Bellows Falls; Council, Mervin Pierson, George DeWitt and Roy Ring. Alarcie G. Nichols is the Publicity Director.

Those that bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

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Senior Vice Commander in Chief Column To The Ladies

This is addressed to all the Ladies including members of allied organizations who read this or have been informed of this request.

My office was given the duty of inventorying Grand Army of the Republic Property that was not legally or properly disposed of by them. We are striving by proper means to effect the preservation and safe keeping of Archives, Records and Memorabilia. To locate buildings and other property that was not properly disposed of. To get out of storage relics of various kinds and get them on permanent public display as a Memorial to the Union Veteran.

Our desire is to see that all former G. A. R. buildings and property is in the safe keeping of some body, preferably the Sons of Union Veterans or allied bodies or both and that they are in such financial condition as to keep the property a proud permanent Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. We want to get the Archives, Charters, Records and Memorabilia and Relics on permanent public display in G. A. R. and Historical Buildings or Museums.

I have written Department Commanders and contacted camp and department members in the November and the March Banners. I am not satisfied.

Now Sisters, I have been advised, wisely so, that I would probably get better results if I contacted the Ladies. Can you give me any information (it must be facts) of any former G. A. R. property that is not now in the proper possession of some one? Do you know of any Charters, Archives, Records or Relics that have not been made available and accessible to the public and to historical searchers? Do you know of Relics that have recently been taken out of storage or should be taken out of storage and placed on public display in G. A. R. Memorial or Historical Buildings or museums?

I would consider it a great favor to hear from you. There is not much time before convention but what I do not get could be of help to my successor.

To the New Department Commanders: I would appreciate it if you would consider it your duty to inform this office of anything pertaining to any of the matter mentioned above.

It is our duty. Let us make good.

Respectfully,

Albert B. DeHaven,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
Box 550, Sanford, Maine.

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He who governed the world before I was born shall take care of it likewise when I am dead. My part is to improve the present moment.

—John Wesley

Detroit Historical Museum



(Detroit News Photo)

The Detroit Historical Museum completed in 1951, traces the growth of Detroit from a stockade outpost of the French in America to the present industrial metropolis. The sponsoring Detroit Historical Society is the world's largest local history society. The museum contains some Grand Army display. Henry D. Brown, a member of Camp No. 1 is the Director. The museum is a 10 minute drive from the hotel.

I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.

—Abraham Lincoln

Permanent Fund

The following additions to the Permanent Fund have been received:

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