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## ENCAMPMENT SPEAKERS



United States Senator  
KARL E. MUNDT

Senator Mundt (R) of South Dakota, who has served in the U. S. Senate since 1948, and in the U. S. House of Representatives for ten years previous. He has spoken in all fifty States of the Union and in many foreign countries on various topics related to Conservation, Education, Americanism, Foreign Policy and Public Affairs. The author of much significant legislation, Mr. Mundt holds many degrees and citations for public service.



United States Senator  
KENNETH B. KEATING

Senator Keating (R) of New York was elected to the House of Representatives, 80th through the 85th Congresses, and was elected to the United States Senate in 1958. He has a distinguished military record and holds the rank of Brigadier General. A long time friend of our Order, he was the prime factor in securing our Congressional Charter, and has introduced legislation relating to Dedication Day, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

## GRAND ARMY HISTORY NEWS

Our Civil War Centennial Project grows apace, as witness the following excerpts from a letter by Gary C. Krug, Editor of "The Medal Collector," official publication of the "Orders and Medals Society of America." Not only that, but the name and fame of the "Grand Army of the Republic" is re-gaining ground—and the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" is reaching out to new and important places.

If you have any information for Mr. Krug, you are most urgently requested to send it to him at 502 N. Waiola Ave., LaGrange, Illinois.

"It was my honor to have been the guest of the L. & N. Railroad during the past month, in connection with the Great Locomotive Chase Centennial. My Medal of Honor to Martin J. Hawkins, one of the Raiders, is on display in the R. R. car being pulled by the "General," and which will be shown all over the country during the next few months.

"Along with the M. H. is Hawkins' medal from the State of Ohio, plus his G.A.R. medal (being numbered). As he died in 1886, he must have been one of the earlier members.

"Am pleased to hear that your group is so active and that you do have an interested group behind you. From the numismatic standpoint, the more I see of the G.A.R. and related material, the more I find it of interest and importance.

"After leaving Atlanta after the (above) Centennial (observance), I drove down to the Miami area to visit a group of our members there. We are going to have our 1962 convention there also. One of the members in Coral Gables, who has been very interested in American Arms, has started a fine collection of G.A.R. and related badges and medals.

"He has some of the exquisite presentation pieces, with engraved reverses, and set with diamonds. One piece in particular has diamonds with a value close to \$1,000.

"I personally had planned to make a detailed study of the G.A.R. National Badge, so I really did appreciate your own study. Two items of fact I would especially like to know are as follows:—

"1) Do any specimens of the first form of the G.A.R. badge exist? That is, the form previous to the familiar 5-pointed star form? I have seen an engraving of it, but I would like to get an actual photo.

"2) Of all the conventional 5-pointed star type G.A.R. Badges that I have in my collection, two of them are different in one respect. In the outer circumference of corps badges, second from the top left, I find two types. The common one is the solid cross, while the two exceptions have a cross within a circle, in this same position. I would like an explanation of this difference and when it was implemented.

"I eventually plan to run articles and photos of the Civil War Society Badges and Medals (in "The Medal Collector," official national publication).

"Please let me know any way in which we may be able to mutually assist each other. If you ever have any articles or photos relating to any phase of numismatics, I will appreciate the use of such for our publication, or some other. Among the latter that we can use, is "Coin World," which is a newspaper. I have been writing for them, off and on, for about a year now. This publication goes out to almost 100,000 subscribers.

"Please give me an idea of what we can draft up for publication in our journal about your group, and what members of our group can specifically do to cooperate in some manner."

Ernest G. Wells, Chairman,  
National Grand Army History Committee  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### WHEN ORDERING SUPPLIES

1. Order on official requisition blank—Form No. 1.
2. No orders will be filled unless accompanied by remittance.
3. Anticipate your needs, thereby avoiding last minute rush orders and disappointments.
4. All supplies to be ordered from Natl. Secy-Treas. A. C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

## In Memorium

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke

One may truly say that in the passing of Dick Locke our order has suffered an irreparable loss.

The writer, while a young man in our order, first met and admired our late esteemed brother. A close personal friendship developed which has lasted for more than thirty years.

I served as his Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during his term of office as Commander-in-Chief, as well as serving with him as a National Officer for many years.

Richard F. Locke was not only a proud and dedicated family man, a distinguished lawyer, a staunch supporter of our Order but a devout and unswerving patriot. He believed, promoted and practiced 100% pure Americanism in his daily life.

We, who knew and loved him, are richer for having heard his words of patriotic devotion and he has left to us the torch of love of country which we must grasp and hold high.

The greatest tribute which we could pay to his memory is to redouble our efforts in making sure that the principles and institutions of Representative Government bequeathed to America by the Grand Army of the Republic and so forceably exemplified in the life and work of Richard F. Locke shall not be forever lost to America.

May his widow and children find comfort in the realization that "The Lord who sends a Cross to bear, sends Friends who understand and care."

CLEON E. HEALD,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

## Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

Alonzo Phillips Sanford, Capt. Otis Baker's 18th Un-attached Mass. Vol. \$10.00

Joseph Erastus Sanford, Company D, 7th Mass. Vol. Reg. 10.00

George E. Sanford, Company B, 131st New York Vol. 10.00  
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Past Commander Camp 223, Buffalo, N. Y.)

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

## We Are—Therefore We Have Reason For Being

This piece of logic was contained in an article appearing on page two of the July-August 1961 issue of The Banner. It was part of a thesis that we do not need to justify our eighty years of existence. Indeed we do not.

Let us never forget that this organization gained its enviable longevity because of continuing deeds of patriotism and public service. Nothing else could have caused us to survive the years or to grow so rich in tradition. This is why I say, in my closing article to you, that the future of the Order is secure. The member we seek can be found if we continue to live our patriotism proudly, unashamed in the face of modern apathy. Let us attract to our ranks men who are observing the work we do, see something of which they approve. In this way will the coming decades succeed as have the past. Acts of patriotism are seldom rewarded by accolades, yet between a man and his God, these acts are known.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Are we worthy of the heritage left us by the little group of brave men who met in Philadelphia 186 years ago and who, knowing that they placed all they possessed in peril, signed a document dedicating a new nation to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

These men made possible what was, and we hope still is, the greatest nation on earth. In doing so they hung in the balance their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Some of them became hunted and homeless men. Others saw their homes and barns burned and their fields ravaged. Some died penniless and were buried in nameless graves.

To what extent, if any, is there an appreciation of the debt Americans owe to the men who prepared and signed the Declaration of Independence, and those who fought and starved, suffered and died during eight agonizing years for the freedom we now enjoy?

Judging by the character which observance of Independence Day has assumed in these later years, the ideals of patriotism have suffered seriously from the erosions of the modern way of life. When

## America Gone Broke Will Be No Help to the World

For years we have been giving away our billions all over the world, to "keep countries from going communist." It has been a poor investment, for more and more countries and areas turn left in spite of our billions.

Some Americans say we should continue to give away our savings because it is the charitable thing to do, and we can afford it. Is it? Can we? We have been pouring out our earnings for years to people most of whom tax themselves at lower rates than we pay in order to make gifts to them. And many, many of these nations who not only accept our gifts but demand more, are no nearer self-

the flag is rarely displayed from homes on the anniversary of the nation's birth and men are not sufficiently respectful to remove their hats when it passes by, there is a reason for anxiety.

These circumstances add up to a sad commentary on the amnesia of America as contrasted with the spirit which sublimated thirteen feeble colonies and gained the precious gift of freedom. Is this anniversary not an appropriate occasion for an appraisal of our spiritual stamina and our faithfulness to our heritage?

### DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS—

A copy of your report to your Department Encampment is now due to National. Please send a copy to Albert W. Lambert, National Patriotic Instructor, 117 Palmer Lane, Trenton 8, N. J. If you have not done so already, please mail it immediately, as it will become part of my report to the National Encampment.

G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND—To the Brothers, Camps and Departments who have generously responded, may I express my sincere thanks. Your contributions will make possible the continuation of our many patriotic activities. Anyone who has not yet mailed his contribution, and who would like to become an investor in patriotism, may mail his contribution to me. My year will soon be ended but the G. A. R. Memorial Fund will continue. Let this year's annual report be to you a shareholders' report. This will be possible if you are a member of the greatest mutual of them all—one whose dividends are counted not in money, but in ideals.

ALBERT W. LAMBERT,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

### MRS. EDITH ROOT GRANT

Mrs. U. S. Grant 3rd died on May 23rd after a long illness.

Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin best expressed our feelings when he wrote to General Grant—"Though no word of ours can replace the loss I know you feel, we would bring to you such comfort as may flow from this reassurance of the friendship and high regard of your associates. We want you to know that you have our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. May the Good Lord have you in His keeping, in this hour of trial."

support nor the self-respect it brings, than when we started to pay their bills.

If (as seems to be true) foreign aid simply makes foreign nations expect it, and if it does not prevent the spread of communism or its blood-brother "neutralism," aren't we simply making more and more countries more attractive prey for communist aggressors? Aren't we just supplying the wealth that will make those areas worth conquering, without forcing them to use our aid to make themselves strong enough to resist our common enemy?

Where is the charity—where is the good sense or decency—in that?



## General Order No. 5 Series 1961-1962

Headquarters  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War  
P. O. Box 24  
Gettysburg, Pa.

July 1, 1962.

1. HEADQUARTERS: Following the untimely death of our beloved Commander-in-Chief, Brother Charles L. Messer, the National Council of Administration elected the undersigned to serve our Order as Commander-in-Chief. It is with great humility and a challenge that I accept, and bring you this General Order. The shortness of time will prevent my presence at some Department Encampments. Efforts will be made to be present at many Encampments and observances in future months. May I request the full support of all Officers, Committees, and Members. Fraternal greetings to all.

2. OFFICIAL ENCAMPMENT CALL: The 81st Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene in Washington, D. C., August 19-23, 1962 with headquarters in the Mayflower Hotel. Sessions will be in the Chinese Room. Auxiliary sessions will be held in the East Room and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in the State Room. All rooms are on the lobby floor. An outstanding Campfire service will be held in the Ballroom on Sunday evening, August 19. Music will be furnished by the United States Marine Band, and a choral group from the United States Air Force, known as the "Singing Sergeants." Plan now to arrive early and join in our fraternal activities.

3. OFFICERS' REPORTS: National Officers will please have their written reports typed on sheets 8 1/2 by 11, ready to read at the first session of the Encampment. Any National Officer having a recommendation to offer will kindly forward a copy to the Chairman of Officers' Reports Committee, P. C. in C. Thomas A. Chadwick, R. D. 1, Box 81, Chester, Vermont.

4. RESOLUTIONS: Those to be presented to the National Encampment are to be typewritten, double spaced and on one side of the paper only, and must be in proper form for presentation.

5. APPOINTMENTS: At this time, I wish to announce the following to serve at the forthcoming National Encampment.

### Credential Committee

Herbert Bogue, Massachusetts  
James Blackman, Illinois  
Charles H. Langlet, Maryland  
Robert L. Gerke, New Jersey

### Press Correspondent

Arthur Glennum, Maryland

6. G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND: Now is the time to contribute to this most worthy fund. The

contributions promote our Order, so get yours now to the National Patriotic Instructor.

7. It signifies the true spirit and feeling to have received so many letters of good wishes from friends all over our Country. To all Department Commanders and their membership, and to all Camps and members, may I express thanks for the cooperation bestowed. To our National President Sister Dorothy Hilyard of our Auxiliary, we pledge our support. To National President Sister Alice Ure of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we convey many good wishes.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### 81st ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Washington, D. C.—1962

Mayflower Hotel

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**  
7 to 9 p. m.—Registration (Credential Committee) Hotel Lobby

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**  
a. m.—Morning worship in church of your choice.  
1:00 p. m.—Registration (Credential Committee) Hotel Lobby  
1:30 p. m.—Council of Administration meeting Cabinet Room  
2:00 p. m.—All Department Commanders or their representatives meet with National Chaplain in Ballroom for rehearsal.  
3:00 p. m.—Joint Memorial Service for Allied Orders, Ballroom  
7:30 p. m.—Band concert, Camp Fire Program, in Ballroom

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20**  
7:30 a. m.—Courtesy Breakfast for National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief, Chinese Room.  
9:00 a. m.—Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary, East Room  
10:00 a. m.—Business Session, Chinese Room  
1:30 p. m.—Business Session, Chinese Room  
5:30 p. m.—Past Commanders-in-Chief Banquet, Virginia Room  
8:00 p. m.—Entertainment, Ballroom  
9:00 p. m.—Auxiliary Courtesy Hour, Ballroom

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**  
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Chinese Room  
10:00 a. m.—Greetings Received, Chinese Room  
1:30 p. m.—Business Session, Chinese Room  
6:00 p. m.—Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary, followed by Reception and dancing in Ballroom

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Chinese Room  
1:00 p. m.—Bus Tour of Washington, D. C. including stops at the Memorial to the Unknown Soldiers of the Civil War, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during change of the guard, The Curtis Lee Mansion, and the House where President Lincoln died, as well as the Lincoln Monument and other points of interest. The buses are all new and air conditioned guaranteeing a comfortable trip for all  
8:00 p. m.—Music and community singing, Colonial Room

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**  
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, election and installation of officers, Chinese Room.  
2:00 p. m.—Council of Administration meeting, Cabinet Room.

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHESTER S. SHRIVER



Chester S. Shriver of Gettysburg, Pa. has been elected by the Council of Administration to complete the term of Commander-in-Chief, as the result of the death of Charles L. Messer. The Council also elected Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester, N. Y. to fill the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. They also elected Rev. Richard O. Partington of Lafayette Hill, Pa. to fill the vacancy on the Council of Administration which resulted from the death of P. C. in C. Richard Locke.

## The Music-Master of the Civil War

Elmer P. Whittredge (of Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) is not only a descendant of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, but he had a great-uncle who was one of the most famous musicians of the eighteenth hundreds.

George Frederick Root wrote such Civil War Songs as:—"The First Shot Is Fired." "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, The Boys Are Marching." "Just Before The Battle, Mother." "The Vacant Chair." "The Battle-Cry of Freedom" (with it's "Rally 'Round The Flag, Boys, Rally Once Again")

He also wrote almost 100 songs, hymns, ballads, and cantatas that were sung everywhere in "Singing Schools," "Minstrel Shows," Churches and Homes.

Brought to manhood in the little rural town of North Reading, Massachusetts, George Root went out from there to reach the highest pinnacle of music and returned there in death to be buried in the little cemetery that was once part of the farm of an ancestor of Elmer Whittredge (This little plot of land was set aside for burials in 1759 and was called "God's Acre.")

Among other things, at various times, Mr. Root was: Organist and Choir Director of Park St. Church in Boston, Mass.; Organist and Choir Director of the Mercer St. Church in New York City; Director of Music in New York City Schools; Owner and Director of the New York City Normal Institute of Music (where many famous musicians and com-

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posers started their careers); Director of a Music Publishing Company in Chicago, Illinois, and Founder of the Root Conservatory of Music in that city.

In 1881, the University of Chicago conferred on him the degree "Doctor of Music" and he had reached the highest level in music.

ERNEST G. WELLS.

The easiest person to deceive is yourself.



## Department News



### COLORADO

At the conclusion of a successful and pleasant Encampment at Colorado Springs, SUVCW officers were installed by Earl Wright. A. G. Myers was installed as Department Commander, with W. L. Savage as Sr. Vice Commander and Carl Fischer as Jr. Vice Commander. New Auxiliary officers include Dept. Pres. Mrs. Nell Morris of Pueblo and Mrs. Clara Savage of Pueblo as Vice-President.

### CONNECTICUT

On May 6, the Department was represented at the funeral of Commander-in-Chief Messer by the following: Dept. Commander Leon Crocker, Elroy Linnell, Russell Lawrence, Harry Grindal, Dept. Pres. Verlie Crocker, Ann Willeke and Mary Buchanan.

Camp 31, Bristol recently initiated John Scott, James Penn and Harold Garlock. The Camp which meets twice monthly is commanded by Russell Scott, son of P.D.C. Harold Scott who will soon become a fifty year member.

Mr. Leonard F. Mytych of West Hartford, outstanding Cadet at the University of Connecticut received a \$25 bond which was presented recently by Dept. Commander Crocker on behalf of the Department.

Change of Address—National Historian, Allen F. Spink, 388 Woodland St., B-2, Hartford 12, Conn. Bertrand O. DeForest, Natl. Grave Registration Officer, 9 Nichols St., Ansonia, Conn.

### ILLINOIS

CHICAGO—A dinner commemorating the 50th anniversary of Auxiliary 30 was held in the Monroe Room of Toffanetti's Restaurant on June 23. Chas. S. Bournstine is Commander of Camp No. 1 and Mrs. Arlyne Lang, President of Aux. 30. Reservations were in charge of Mrs. Eva Blackman, P.N.P. The Camp held a fine Memorial Day program at Rose Hill Cemetery at the plot of Gen. George Thomas Post of the G.A.R. The Camp color guard in uniform looked very good, and we had a contingent of the 104th Illinois Vol. Inf. skirmish group as escort.

### INDIANA

RICHMOND—the Civic Theatre gave "The Andersonville Trial" in January with an all male cast of twenty-four. Of these, Camp 28 furnished six. Recently the Camp uniformed group won a cup at the Cambridge City 125th anniversary celebration.

LAFAYETTE—Aux. 35 has been commended and thanked by radio station WOWO, Fort Wayne, for contributing to that station's Pennies For Peace project. The purpose of the fund was to send a plane load of live stock to the Island of St. Lucia, off the coast of Venezuela. The Auxiliary has also been active in helping retarded children's schools. On May 27 a granite monument was dedicated in memory of the veterans buried in Sugar Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Margaret Horn Beasy introduced the master of ceremonies, Commander Thomas J. Lock III, of the SUVCW.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Arthur Shugart, husband of P.N.P. Lela Shugart. Arthur fell and fractured his right hip, in their home on June 23. He is in the Marion General Hospital.

### IOWA

A Joint Opening of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Encampments was held in Des Moines on June 8 at which time the Mayor officially extended the welcome of the City. A Joint Memorial to the G.A.R. was then held. The SUVCW and Auxiliary had a joint opening at which time a memorial was held for Charles L. Messer and Richard F. Locke. L. B. Jones of Waterloo is the new Department Commander

and Blanch Risher of Winterset is the new Department President.

Waterloo Camp 33 presented a 50 year membership badge to George A. Clark on June 4. Brother Clark has served as Camp Commander, Department Commander, Camp Secretary-Treasurer and Department Secretary-Treasurer, and has an enviable record of service.

### MAINE

The G.A.R. Family Dinner was held June 8 in connection with our Department Encampment in Portland. Walter James, Dept. Commander acted as Master of Ceremonies, and the principal speaker was Dr. James Robertson, National Chairman of the Centennial Commission in Washington, D. C. The Centennial Chorus consisting of Portland Sons and Daughters sang their own Civil War lyrics. Sen. Ralph D. Brooks Jr. represented Gov. John H. Reed. Colors were posted by the well known Sabres Drum and Bugle Corps Drill Team. All Department Heads were present and were introduced, as was Maurice Warner, Chairman of the State of Maine Civil War Centennial Commission. Guests were present from several New England Departments.

### MARYLAND

A feature of our Encampment held May 11-12 in Hagerstown was a tour of Sharpsburg. The Encampment Banquet was held at the Hotel Alexander with guests present from Baltimore, Washington and Delaware. Business sessions were presided over by M. C. Townsend of Wilmington. Officers elected include Michael Casey, Dept. Commander, Arthur Glennum, Sr. Vice Commander, and Wm. J. Johnson, Jr. Vice Commander. Mrs. Mary Hines of the Hagerstown Auxiliary and her committee provided an outstanding program.

### MASSACHUSETTS

HOLYOKE—At the 71st Department Encampment held in Worcester, McClellan Auxiliary was awarded the membership banner for the largest net gain of members. Mary C. Sampson, Department President presented the banner to Lillian C. LaMarsh, president of the Auxiliary. This is the fourth time that this Auxiliary has had this honor.

SPRINGFIELD—Tift Camp 15 accepted full charge of the Memorial Day exercises acting on behalf of E. K. Wilcox Post 16, G. A. R. Events included Memorial Sunday church services at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, flagging of cemeteries, services at the G. A. R. Monument in Oak Grove Cemetery and Springfield Cemetery, and a colorful street parade.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, 247 Columbia Road, Dorchester, Mass.

NEW BEDFORD—Exercises near the Eastern Extremity of the G. A. R. Memorial Highway were held this year in conjunction with a city wide tribute to Sgt. William H. Carney, outstanding negro leader of the Civil War. P.D.C. Millard F. Brown takes pride that he personally has cared for Sgt. Carney's grave for a decade. Mrs. Barbara D. Brown of the Mass. Civil War Centennial Commission was General Chairman. Dept. Commander Ernest G. Wells gave the principal address. Dept. Pres. Gladys M. Loomer was represented by Mrs. Nathalie E. Brown. Another outstanding event in New Bedford was when the father and two brothers of Mrs. George R. Bromley were initiated by a staff composed of six Past Department Commanders headed by Everett M. Atwood. Speakers included Dept. Commander Ernest G. Wells, Allen B. Howland, William W. Haskell and Mrs. Bessie T. Drown.

WHITMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Freeman observed their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6 and it was appropriately held in G. A. R. Hall where they have spent so much time during their married life and have so many pleasant memories. "Al" was recently made District Commander of Plymouth County Area.

DEPT. COMMANDER WELLS has been very busy since his election at Worcester in April. In addition to recordings he was at Long Island in Boston Harbor where Bay State Camp held annual memorial observance with Bowditch Camp cooperating. Commander Wells also addressed the Mass.

Dept. DUVCW at their official Flag Day exercises in G.A.R. Memorial Hall, Dorchester, and the evening preceding he journeyed to Brockton for "Memorial Flag Day" service by Grover Camp, which was a District gathering.

ADDISON A. QUINN was presented with a 50 year badge and gift of money at a dinner celebrating the 75th anniversary of Wintrop Camp 81 on June 24. At the same affair Nettie Hunt of the Auxiliary was presented a 50 year pin. Over 100 members of the Camp and its Auxiliary and similar units from the North Metropolitan area were in attendance. Camp Historian Geo. C. Clarke reviewed the highlights of the camp's long history of patriotic and public service. Lawrence T. McVay, adjutant at Chelsea Soldiers' Home was the principal speaker.

### MICHIGAN

P. C. in C. U. W. Mackey was the speaker at the Encampment Banquet which was supported by all of the Allied Orders. A constructive and harmonious meeting was held in Lansing at which time James Johnson Jr. of Port Huron was elected and installed as Department Commander.

Memorial Day services were again conducted in the Villages of St. Williams and Port Rowan, Canada, at which time Brother A. C. Marvin took a prominent part. Graves were decorated and American and Canadian Flags were crossed on each of the Canadian Veterans of the Civil War. Others taking part were James Huyck, Frank Mason, Lew Westover, William Lott, James Ryan and Howard Johnson. The Canadian Post and Auxiliary of the American Legion participated.

### MINNESOTA

Dewey B. Mead who recently retired from his work in the Minneapolis Police Department was tendered a party by his co-workers and was presented with a Longine watch, along with a card signed by over 120 members of the Department.

Memorial Day services at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Minneapolis were conducted by Camp 8, along with the Allied Orders and Post 493 American Legion.

### MISSOURI

On April 28 Ransom Fremont Auxiliary 50 celebrated their 45th anniversary with a luncheon at Miss Julia's Cafeteria. We had the honor of Dept. Pres. Hattie Kesselring joining us along with Marie Weldon, Dept. Pres. W. R. C., and Flora Bell, Dept. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R. There were thirteen of our fifteen members present. Mary Bramsch, our oldest living member and LaVerne Kersting, our President were each presented with an Orchid.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

The G. A. R. Family held their Encampments May 4-5 at the Highway Hotel in Concord. Mildred Lagasse presided at the 54th meeting of the Auxiliary Department. Guests included National President Dorothy Hilyard of Wilmington, Del. and guests from Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. Sixteen Past Department Presidents were present. New Officers installed by the National President include: Dept. Pres. Marguerite Patria of Keene, Vice-Pres. Margaret Rasmussen of Hillsboro, Secretary Eva Wyman of Keene, and Treasurer Harriet Brown of Troy. New Hampshire SUVCW and Auxiliary will entertain the New England Regional Association at the Weirs in July. General Chairman of arrangements is P.N.P. Ethelyn C. Tucker.

### NEW JERSEY

Eugene Patten and Elizabeth Sharp presided over our Encampments which were well attended. We were delighted to have Commander-in-Chief Shriver and Natl. Pres. Dorothy Hilyard in attendance as well as Margaret Brady and Edith Snyder from New York, and Margaret McKinney from Pennsylvania. Appropriate resolutions were passed, and much constructive legislation was enacted. The new Department Commander is Robert L. Gerke Sr. of Trenton and the new Dept. Pres. is Mrs. Gertrude Deckenback of Bloomfield. A testimonial dinner will be tendered to Dept. Pres. Deckenback by Auxiliary No. 7 on Saturday evening, Aug. 4 in the

### Good Citizen Award



The New Jersey Department "Good Citizen Award" was presented to Rev. Elmer H. Finger of North Brunswick, N. J. at our 80th Encampment held in Atlantic City June 8-9. Shown above (left to right) Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver, P.D.C. Fred H. Combs Jr. who made the presentation, Rev. Finger, and Marine Corps M. Sgt. Charles Finger, son of Rev. Finger.

Suburban Cocktail Lounge in East Orange. On Saturday evening, Sept. 29 the Dept. Comdr. will be guest of honor at a testimonial dinner given by Dayton Camp No. 5 at the Washington Crossing Inn.

Memorial Day in Bloomfield also celebrated the 150th anniversary of the City. Camp 12 has a prominent part in the observance. In Trenton, Bro. Albert Mutchler of Garfield Camp No. 4 marched in his 64th consecutive Memorial Day parade.

### Presentation



Shown above is Mrs. Hilda Junge (then Dept. Patr. Instr. and now Dept. Vice-Pres.) presenting infant clothing to Sister M. Clarinda at the St. Michael's Orphanage of Hopewell, N. J. on behalf of the New Jersey Auxiliary, on May 16th.

### NEW YORK

CHARLES L. MESSER—The funeral of Commander-in-Chief Messer on May 6th was attended by sixteen National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief who served as honorary bearers. Members of the Commander-in-Chief's own Camp were the active bearers. The room in which the casket rested was banked on three sides with flowers, along with the Commandery-in-Chief Colors. Representatives were present from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania. Among the hundreds that paid tribute were Chester Shriver, Thomas Chadwick, Allen Howland, Albert C. Lambert, C. Leroy Stoudt, Albert W. Lambert, John Kiernan, Arthur Ballou, and Harold Arnold. Auxiliary

officers present included National President Dorothy Hilyard, Flora Bates, Edna S. Lambert, Edith Paulding, Margaret Brady, Mary Stapleton and Anne O. Clayton. Commander-in-Chief Messer was a member of the SUVCW for fifty-four years. He was a hard worker for the Order during all of that time, and will be sadly missed, not only in the New York Department, but throughout the organization.

**BARTON**—Aux. 11. Halsey Valley held memorial service on May 30 at 2 P. M. when M. D. Goodrich, Superintendent of Schools was the principal speaker. Singing was furnished by students of the Halsey Valley Church.

**BROOKLYN**—U. S. Grant Camp 20 flagged graves as usual this year, but a new feature was added. A suitably printed card was placed with each flag indicating that the decorating was done by U. S. Grant Camp 20.

**ELMIRA**—Memorial Day has been observed here since 1868, but this year was unique. Nearly 3,000 Confederates are buried in Woodlawn National Cemetery, where the exercises take place, in addition to 1,200 Union dead. The Confederates died of disease and wounds in the Elmira Prison Camp in 1864. This year eight reactivated Civil War units from New York and Pennsylvania participated, attired in Civil War uniforms. Included was the 86th New York Volunteers known as the Steuben Rangers and the 141st Pennsylvania Volunteers. Bruce Catton, foremost Civil War authority and a Pulitzer Prize Winner wrote a special message for the occasion. This city was a mustering center during the Civil War. About 1,100 men crossed the border from Bradford County, Pa., and enlisted in Elmira. There were two army hospitals here. P.D.C. Truman Vincent read General Logan's Order, taking the place of P. C. in C. Cranmer who had been given that honor for many years. The priceless Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, now the property of New York State and regularly kept in the State Museum at Albany was exhibited Memorial Day week at the Arnot Art Gallery. The reactivated 141st Pennsylvania Volunteers from neighboring Bradford County furnished a guard of honor for the exhibit.

P. C. in C. Neil D. Cranmer has returned to his home after a ten week sojourn in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira. He is slowly recuperating from a virus infection.

## OHIO

The "Buckeye Blues," famed 1st Regiment of the Ohio SUVCW was inspected by Andrews Raiders descendants in front of the Ohio State House at Columbus on May 5. This was the only military event held in connection with the Fifth National Assembly of the National Civil War Centennial Commission.

**ALLIANCE**—McClellan Camp and Auxiliary held a reception recently for Department Officers, with a casserole dinner. Honored Guests included Dept. Pres. Grace Tennis, Vice-Pres. Marjorie Grate, Chief of Staff Olive Boren and Asst. Secy. R. Austin. Visitors included Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R., and the Natl. Patriotic Instructor of the Aux. Anita Selby.

Col. Daniel F. Clancy presided at the 80th Encampment held in Akron June 21-23. We were delighted to have Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver and his Aide Col. MacPherson with us. Election of officers resulted in William F. Powers as Department Commander, Howard Sprague as Sr. Vice and John Decker as Jr. Vice Commander.

## OREGON & WASHINGTON

**PORTLAND**—Noon services were held at the Grand Army Cemetery. Oregon National Guardsmen and representatives of various veterans organizations stood at attention during a program similar to many others in these United States. Spokesmen included representatives from the SUVCW. At services held at Willamette National Cemetery, Spencer Leonard welcomed distinguished guests. Willamette National Cemetery is known as "The Arlington of the West." The program was sponsored by a long list of Patriotic and Civic Organizations headed by the SUVCW.

Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than in the one where they sprung up.



Three members of Hiram Gale Camp march down Fifth Avenue in Seattle, Washington Memorial Day Parade. They are (left to right) Les Haight, Wilbur Betts and Charles Darling. Betts wears the Civil War uniform of his grandfather, who was a member of the 6th Iowa Infantry Regiment.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**WILLIAMSPORT**—Mrs. Reba Palmeter, President of Aux. 44 entertained at her home for the Dept. Pres. Catherine Hilbert of Fullerton and her staff during May. On Memorial Day the SUVCW held services at the G.A.R. Plot in Wildwood Cemetery.

**READING**—Aux. 6 recently initiated several new members with Mrs. Calvin Mengel presiding. The Auxiliary attended Memorial Sunday services in Christ Episcopal Church and participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Mrs. Irene Murphy and Mrs. Mary Jordan attended the Mother's Day services held at the Veterans and Wives Home in Philadelphia. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Anna Stoudt attended the commencement exercises at Scotland School for Veterans Children on June 2.

## VERMONT

On May 6, P. C. in C. Thos. Chadwick, accompanied by Past National Chaplain Arthur Ballou, Sr. Vice Dept. Commander Howard Reed and Sisters Glendeen Ballou, Florence Scovell and Lois Reed attended the funeral of Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer at Albany, N. Y.

**BELLOWS FALLS** Camp 91 will hold two business meetings each month instead of one business and one social meeting. Commander Howard Reed and family, and friends, attended a country show in Brattleboro May 4 sponsored by the Brattleboro Camp and Auxiliary. Several members of the Camp attended the State Camp meeting at Chelsea on May 12.

**MORRISVILLE**—P.D.C. Roy Ring attended the Winooski Valley District meeting in Burlington May 5. At this meeting, Sister Valda Porter of Montpelier was elected to serve as President for the coming year, and Roy Ring is to serve as Vice President. A well attended pot luck supper was held in Morrisville May 14.

**CHELSEA**—Camp 28 hosted the spring meeting of Green Mountains State Camp 1 on May 12, with Commander Alaric presiding, which was followed by a bountiful supper served by our Auxiliary. In the evening a short program was enjoyed by all.

**WINOOSKI VALLEY DISTRICT** picnic will be held at our picnic area Sunday, August 5.

**BRATTLEBORO**—At the recent meeting of the Joint Memorial Day Committee, P.D.C. Archie Alrich was again selected to serve as Town Chairman. Camp Commander Joseph Alrich served as parade marshal. The Camp and Auxiliary sponsored the Clyde Joy show from WMUR-TV, Manchester, N. H. in the Armory, May 4.

## WISCONSIN

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