

## Elected in Columbus, Ohio



**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**  
**Kenneth T. Wheeler**

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 95th National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, August 15-19, 1976.

Brother Wheeler's great-grandfather, Edwin F. Wheeler, served in the United States Army during the Civil War as a private in Company F, 16th N. H. Regiment. He was killed in action August 16, 1863.

Kenneth Wheeler joined J. W. Spaulding Camp No. 38 in 1936. He served as Commander in 1944. He has held all the elective offices in his Camp and has served as Secretary-Treasurer since 1950. He was a member of a degree team for several years.

After serving in many elective offices, Kenneth was elected Department Commander of New Hampshire in 1949. He had the honor of attending the last Encampment of the G.A.R. in Indianapolis that year. This was the highlight of his years of service with the Sons of Union Veterans. He has again been chosen Department Commander for 1976-77.

Brother Wheeler has served as National Genealogist, National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor.

Since retirement, he has served on the Milford Planning Board and a town School Budget Committee.



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**Minnie E. Madeiros**

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 90th Annual Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio August 15-19, 1976.

Her great-grandfather, Leverett Howell, served as First Sgt., Co. F, 14th Regt., Connecticut Volunteers from 1862 to 1863 and was discharged for disability.

In 1923, at age 16, Minnie joined John A. Hawes Auxiliary No. 1 of New Bedford, Massachusetts and served the Auxiliary in many offices. In 1950 she was elected to the office of Department Inspector and filled many offices before becoming "Mass" Department President in 1964. Since that time, she has served as Department Secretary for seven years. She has served the National Organization as Council Member, Patriotic Instructor and two years as Personal Aide. In addition to her Auxiliary work, she has been involved in restaurant work for some years and in 1972 retired as Dining Room Manager of Skipper Motor Inn, Fairhaven, Mass.

Minnie and her husband, Philip, are parents of three sons and three daughters, twenty-three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Capital City of Ohio Hosts . . .

# 95th ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 95th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 90th annual Conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons and the Ladies of the GAR were held August 15-19 in the Neil House Motor Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The Sons had one hundred and forty-two members registered; the Encampment voting strength was one hundred and nineteen. The business sessions and the interesting programs arranged by the Ohio Department Convention Committee proved to be informative and enjoyable to those who attended. Constructive reports of national officers and committee chairmen, meaningful discussions, good fellowship and enjoyable entertainment made it a most pleasant Encampment.

A very impressive joint memorial service was conducted by the Sons and Auxiliary on Sunday afternoon under the leadership of National Chaplains Richard E. Wyman (N.H.) and Mrs. Gertrude Deckenback (N.J.). The Grand Army of the Republic and deceased Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents and deceased officers and members of the Sons and Auxiliary were remembered. Musical selections, the lighting and extinguishing of candles by Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell and National President Caroline E. Riddell, and the placing of flowers in memory of those who passed away during the past year provided fitting tributes. In addition to the Department Commanders and Department Presidents (or their representatives), others who participated in the service were: Past Commanders-in-Chief John C. Yocum, Fred H. Combs, Jr., John H. Stark, and Chester S. Shriver; Past National Presidents Hazel Moushey, Anita Selby, Margaret Schroeder, and Dorothy Hilyard. P.N.P. Emma Wheeler was the pianist and the soloist was Chaplain Wyman. P.C. in C. LeRoy Stoudt presented and Commander-in-Chief Clarence Riddell accepted two presentations which were made to the National Organization in memory of P.C. in C. Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey. The gifts were an Altar Bible given by P.C. in C. John C. Yocum and an engraved gavel and block given by P.C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr.

The traditional Campfire program was held on Sunday evening with music by the 122nd Army Band and the advancement and retiring of the Colors by members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, Commanding. Following the singing of the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by National Patriotic Instructor Frank L. Clark. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz served as Master of Ceremonies. Welcoming remarks on behalf of the City of Columbus were made by Mrs. Margaret Orr, P.N.P., Ladies of the G.A.R.; Richard Greenwalt, Chairman of the 1976 National Encampment Committee, responded to the greetings. Remarks were also made by Commander-in-Chief Riddell, National President Riddell and National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Edra Gene Tighe. Hon. Donald L. Woodland, State Senator, 16th District of Ohio, gave the main address. National Chaplain Wyman pronounced the invocation and benediction. Karl Frantz, SVR, played "Taps".

The Sons and Auxiliary Encampments opened with a joint session on Monday at 9:30 a.m. with John C. Yocum and Mrs. Claire Monahan, National Chiefs of Staff of the Sons and Auxiliary, respectively, in charge. After expressions of greetings by Commander-in-Chief Riddell and National President Riddell, the Sons retired to their meeting room for the opening business session. Subsequent business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Encampment appointments included the following: Guide, James Ledwith (Conn.); Color Bearer, Edwin Kramer (Pa.); and Guards, Thomas Hoffman and Argus Ogborn (Ohio). The following committee chairmen served very effectively: Credentials, Harry Gibbons (N.Y.); Officers' Reports, Chester S. Shriver (Pa.); Constitution and Regulations, Joseph S. Rippey (N.Y.); Ritual and Ceremonies, C. LeRoy Stoudt (Pa.); and Resolutions, William W. Haskell (Mass.); Americanism and Education, Kenneth T. Wheeler (N.H.); and National Military Affairs Committee, Norman R. Furman (N.Y.).

The Committee on Officers' Reports, after study and consideration of excellent reports submitted by the National Officers, made recommendations to the Encampment for action. Committee reports reflecting diligent effort and earnest endeavor on behalf of our National Organization were submitted by the respective chairmen, including Thomas L. W. Johnson, Legislative; George L. Cashman, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony; Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Remembrance Day Ceremony; Joseph S. Rippey, Constitution and Regulations; and C. LeRoy Stoudt, Encampment Site Committee.

Actions taken by the Encampment included the following:

- Received with much appreciation and a rising vote of thanks the report of National Patriotic Instructor Frank L. Clark indicating that a net sum of \$2,621.70 had been raised in 1975-76 for the GAR Memorial Fund — the fund which finances many worthwhile patriotic activities of the National organization annually.
- Received with sincere gratitude the report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz that during the past year \$209.50 had been donated to the 100th Anniversary (1981) Fund of our National Organization.
- Awarded the Gen. U. S. Grant III Cup for the largest percentage increase in membership during 1975-76 (32%) to the Wisconsin Dept. Awarded the Harold E. Arnold Trophy for the greatest number of new members received during the past year to the Wisconsin Department (an increase of sixteen members).
- Adopted a proposed budget for the ensuing year providing for anticipated receipts of \$10,277.63 and anticipated disbursements of \$10,277.63.
- Urged the U. S. Congress to give favorable consideration to a Bill before it which would reestablish the date of May 30th for the National observance of Memorial Day.
- Urged the U.S. Senate to turn back all efforts to dilute the sovereignty of the United States over the Panama Canal Zone.
- Adopted the minutes of the Encampment sessions as the official record of the Encampment, subject to the approval of the out-going Commander-in-Chief.
- Authorized the National Secretary-Treasurer to require (where Camps and Departments have not already complied) that by **December 31, 1976** each Camp make two (2) photocopies of its Camp Charter and forward the copies to Department Headquarters where one of the copies will be filed and the other copy, along with a copy of the Department Charter, will be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer by the Department Secretary.
- Expressed appreciation to the Neil House Motor Hotel of Columbus, to the Encampment Committee, and to all parties concerned for the dedicated effort put forth to make the 95th Annual Encampment and the stay in Columbus so pleasant and enjoyable for all who attended.
- Acknowledged with sincere appreciation the kindness and generosity of our District of Columbia Representative, Arthur Glenum, in sending a letter of greeting and a \$100 donation to our National Organization for use at its discretion.
- Honored posthumously P.C. in C. Albert C. Lambert, who died September 3, 1975, for his intense loyalty and dedication to the SUVCW and for all his accomplishments made in behalf of our Organization.
- Adopted a recommendation urging Congress to give full and favorable consideration to the enlargement and enhancement of the Antietam National Battlefield site according to the provisions of legislative bill S. 91.
- Approved the report of the Encampment Site Committee that the next National Encampment will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, August 14-18, 1977 (details will appear in a later issue of the BANNER).

- Approved an increase in the expense allowance of the Commander-in-Chief from \$1,000 to \$1,200.
- Authorized the seeking of prior approval from the Library of Congress for including the complete text of the Act of Incorporation (P.L. 83-605) when the revised and updated Constitution and Regulations are reprinted.
- Received through Ralph Shadel, Jr. a letter from James Longstreet Camp No. 1289, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Atlanta, Georgia, extending best wishes for a fruitful and successful Encampment (Bro. Shadel is a member of both the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans).
- Supported legislation (H.R. 13215) authorizing the Secretary of Defense to inter the remains of an unknown American Revolutionary War Serviceman near the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Concurred in a recommendation that all Departments endeavor to avoid conflicts in dates in the scheduling of Department Encampments, if at all possible.
- Approved the appointment of a committee of five members by the Commander-in-Chief to be known as the Memorial Day Restoration Committee, whose purpose will be to promote the return of Memorial Day to May 30th as a real American traditional observance and to make known our beliefs and convictions in this matter; to urge the introduction of the necessary legislation; and to seek the whole-hearted support of all United States Senators and Representatives. (The Committee is to remain in effect as a Committee until Memorial Day is returned to May 30th.)
- Adopted a Resolution making a clear, concise statement of belief for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:
  - a. That the U.S.A. shall maintain superior military strength worldwide.
  - b. That the U.S.A. shall retain complete sovereignty over the Panama Canal Zone.
  - c. That the rights and privileges of the law-abiding citizenry must not be abridged in the dispensation of justice.
  - d. That taxation must be fairly applied.
  - e. That all citizens are entitled to a basic unadorned and disciplined education which will insure the literacy of our population.
  - f. That May 30th is the only true and meaningful Memorial Day.

- g. That the "Star Spangled Banner" must not be replaced as the National Anthem of the United States of America.
- h. That the membership of this Organization shall do their utmost, by all means, to support the principles set for herein.

(Additional information about actions taken at the 95th Encampment, including actions taken with regard to changes in the Regulations, will appear in the January 1977 issue of the The BANNER.)

Greetings were extended to the Encampment by National President of the Auxiliary Caroline E. Riddell and National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Edra Gene Tighe. The Sons visited the Auxiliary Convention in a body and the Past Commanders-in-Chief present comprised a visiting committee to the Convention of the Ladies of the G.A.R., with Norman R. Furman and John C. Yocum serving as the respective spokesmen.

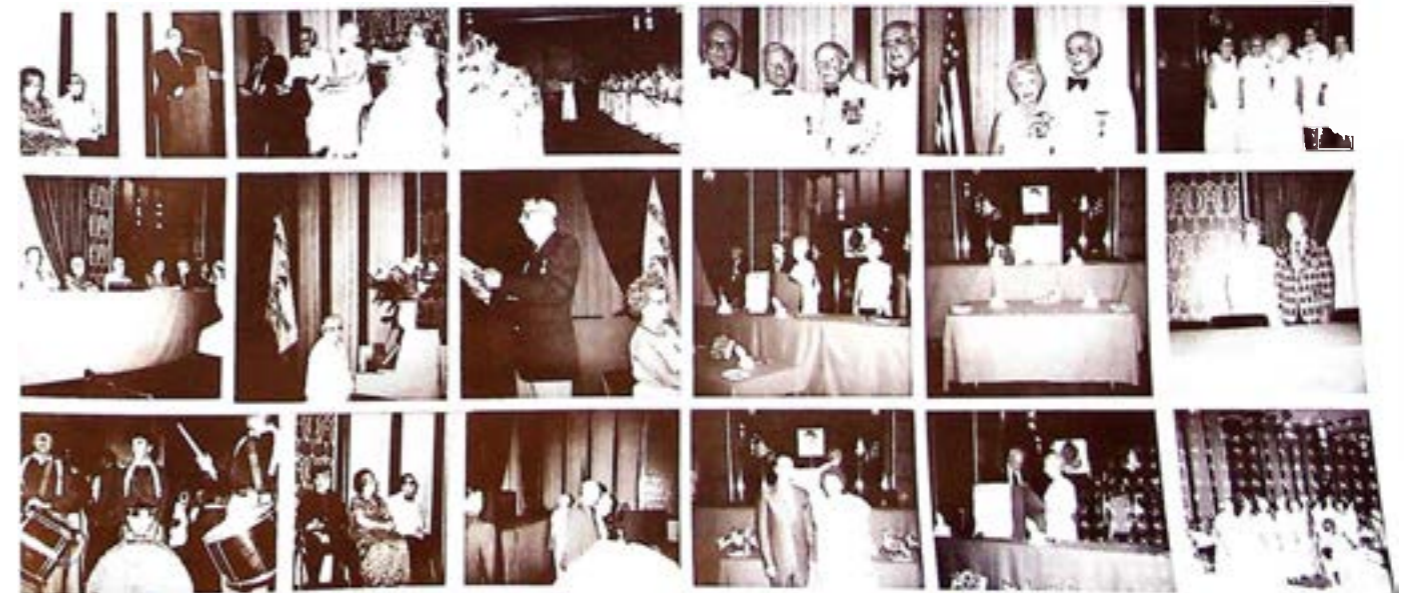
The business of the Encampment concluded on Wednesday afternoon with the transaction of final business, the election of the National Officers for 1976-77, and installation of the officers by P.C. in C. Allen B. Howland (Mass.) The Commander-in-Chief's badge was pinned on him by his wife, P.N.P. of the Auxiliary, Emma Wheeler.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother Riddell by P.C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. and the badge was pinned on him by out-going National President Caroline E. Riddell; Brother Combs also presented a gold lapel button to Brother Riddell.

Included among the social and entertainment events that took place during the Encampment were the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents banquet on Monday evening; an enjoyable Sons and Auxiliary banquet on Tuesday evening with P.C. in C. John C. Yocum serving as Toastmaster, followed by a reception honoring National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary; a delightful evening of entertainment on Wednesday evening; and numerous State delegation luncheons and dinners.

Thursday was set aside as a free day for sightseeing and a trip to the Ohio Historical Museum and Village for those who chose to remain for the additional day.

Past Commanders-in-Chief present at the Encampment were: C. LeRoy Stoudt, Penna.; Chester S. Shriver, Penna.; Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y.; William W. Haskell, Mass.; Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Penna.; Fred H. Combs, Jr., N. J.; George L. Cashman, Ill.; Norman R. Furman, N. Y.; John C. Yocum, Penna.; Allen B. Howland, Mass.; and John H. Stark, Penna.





**AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS**

Members of the Auxiliary began arriving in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, August 13th for the 90th Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At 9:30 A.M. on Monday morning a joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Ballroom of the Hotel. Joint Chiefs of Staff John C. Yocum and Claire Monahan presided over a very lovely opening program at which time the National President and Commander-in-Chief were received into the meeting room. National Aides participated in the program, and National Officers of both Organizations, as well as Department Commanders and Department Presidents, were received and introduced. Following brief remarks by the National presiding Officers the Sons retired to their own meeting room and the Auxiliary room was prepared for the business sessions.

The official meeting was called to order at 10:25 A.M. National President Riddell made her convention appointments, and the meeting then proceeded according to ritualistic form. The altar was arranged by the Chaplain, who gave the opening prayer. Guides and Color Guards inspected all I.D. cards; the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America" were sung; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given and the American Creed was recited. A committee from the Ohio Department representing the convention committees was received, and beautiful flowers were presented to the National President.

Roll call of National Officers; Past National Presidents (nineteen responded); Department Presidents for 1976-77; Department Presidents from 1975-76; convention appointees and members of the convention committee was made. Gifts were presented to all who responded to the roll call, and the National President expressed her sincere thanks for their cooperation during the year and also for their loyalty and splendid achievements. Recess for lunch was called at this point to reconvene at 1:00 P.M.

The afternoon session on Monday was called to order at 1:30 P.M. The first order of business was the reading of the National President's report. This was a very fine report and showed a year of hard work and intensive travel in the interest of the Auxiliary. National President Riddell is to be congratulated for her splendid work in the name of our Order. Reports of National Officers followed and all were received and turned over to the Committee on Officers' Reports for further action on their contents. All recommendations approved by the convention will appear in the first National Order of the new administration. Department Presidents from the various Departments were called on from time to time to give Department Reports which were most interesting and well received. They revealed that our various Departments are still vitally interested in our Organization and working hard in their own Departments. National Secretary Viola Bremme read all the correspondence received during the year. These consisted mostly of Thank You notes received from various members and Letters of Endorsement for National Offices. These were all ordered filed. During the afternoon session National Patriotic Instructor Ruth Appleby made her presentation of a check in the amount of \$350.00 in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. This year the check was presented to Children's Hospital of Columbus, Ohio so they could continue the very fine work they are doing. Robert B. Goldenberg, Director of Development of the Hospital, received the check and expressed his most sincere thanks on behalf of the Hospital. He told of the work being done there and the needs of the hospital for any assistance they could receive. He expressed his admiration for our Organization in participating in a public service project such as we had done and again thanked us for our contribution.

The question of the "Life Membership" plaque which had been presented to P.N.P. Ida R. Klein the previous year was then discussed. Since Sr. Klein had no living relatives it was decided that the plaque would be given to the Department of Maine, Sr. Klein's Department, who would have it placed in an appropriate place for display. The meeting was then recessed until 9:00 A.M. Tuesday.

On Monday evening the annual dinner of the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief was held under the direction of P.N.P. Agnes Davis. Exemplification of the Ritual was done by members of the Pennsylvania Department, and this was followed by a most enjoyable Courtesy Hour. After the

Courtesy Hour the Ohio Department provided entertainment which was enjoyed by all. Members of a Harmonica Club spoke on the history of the instrument "The Harmonica" and played many lively and enjoyable tunes. We then had a visit from our own "Dolly," P.N.P. Hazel Moushey, who was enthusiastically received by all.

Tuesday morning's session was called to order at 9:45 A.M. National President Riddell expressed her thanks to the National Chief of Staff for the lovely Courtesy Hour held the evening before and invited all the members to come to her suite of rooms following the Banquet and Reception on Tuesday evening to view her gifts. The Chaplain opened the Bible, and the business of the convention was continued. Reports of National Officers were completed and more Department reports were given. Minutes of the Monday sessions were read and approved. P.N.P. Anna I. Stoudt then presented the testimonial of the National Organization to N. P. Riddell and expressed the thanks of the Organization for all the work she had done on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Reports of Standing Committees and Convention Committees were then given. The question of the appointment of a new Agent for our Charter was discussed. After much discussion it was voted that P.D.P. Margaret Gehret of the Ohio Dept. would be our Agent in Ohio, and the National Secretary was instructed to take the necessary steps to see that this change was made at the State House in Ohio. Reports of Departments were completed during this session. We then recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday afternoon's session was called to order at 1:15 P.M. Nomination of officers for the coming year was the first order of business. The credential committee reported 147 registered delegates and 22 guests in attendance. A complete listing of the names and addresses of the newly elected and appointed National Officers appears in another part of this publication, and you are instructed to refer to that for the information. A report of the Resolution Committee revealed only Courtesy Resolutions presented which were all approved by the convention.

A Greetings Committee from the Sons of Union Veterans was received. This was a most impressive sight as all members of the Sons' convention marched into the room to pay their respects to our National President and delegates. Commander-in-Chief Riddell and Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Heacock were the spokesmen for the group and P.N.P. Anna I. Stoudt responded. National Past President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was escorted in and introduced by Bro. Robert Wolz, Jr. He spoke very impressively to all and extended the greetings of the City of Columbus. P.N.P. Dorothy Hilyard responded. A greetings committee from the Ladies of the G.A.R. was received. They brought greetings from their Organization to ours. P.N.P. Flora Bates responded. Recess was then declared until 9:30 A.M. Wednesday.

The Wednesday session was called to order at 9:45 A.M. Minutes of the Tuesday session were read and approved. The Committee on Officers' Reports read their report, and all recommendations presented were approved. National Patriotic Instructor Ruth Appleby gave her financial report. This was a very fine report, and the total money raised and turned over to the National Treasurer, after expenses, was \$1,626.56. This report was received with great applause. National Chief of Staff Claire Monahan then gave her Financial report. Money raised and turned over to the National Treasurer, after expenses, was \$3,047.18. This report also was received enthusiastically with much applause, and both of these officers were given rising votes of thanks from the delegates. This completed the business of the convention, with Installation of new Officers the final order of business.

P.N.P. Jessie Wells was appointed the Installing Officer, and she was assisted by a staff comprised of members of the Massachusetts Department. The P.N.P.'s Badge was pinned on Sr. Riddell by her sister Thressa Moeckel. The P.N.P.'s pin was presented to Sr. Caroline by P.N.P. Agnes Davis. P.N.P. Caroline Riddell pinned the badge of the National President's office on the newly installed National President Minnie Madeiros and wished her well. An announcement of the meeting of the old and new Council for the final audit was made after which the Bible was closed, and the 90th Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary was declared closed.



**General Order No. 1  
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1. Having been elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief at the 95th Annual Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, command has been assumed and Headquarters established at the above address.
2. A roster of the elected and appointed officers is printed in this issue of THE BANNER. Committee appointments are as follows:

**Committee on Constitution**

Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester, N. Y. 14620  
Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648  
Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325  
John H. Stark, 20 Gray St., Staten Island, N. Y. 10304  
John C. Yocum, 32 E. Greenwood Ave., Lansdowne, Pa. 19050

**Legislative Committee**

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Cleon E. Heald, 234 Washington St., Keene, N. H. 03431  
Rev. Richard O. Partington, 205 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pa. 19444  
John Junge, 2B Boston Court, Whiting, N. J. 08759

**Membership Committee**

Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit, Alliance, Ohio 44601  
(All Junior Vice Department Commanders)

**Americanism and Education**

Harry E. Gibbons, 554 LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 14215  
William L. John, 38 Everett St., Manchester, N. H. 03104  
Thomas A. Monahan, Jr., 3425 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19140  
Robert J. Wolz, Jr., Box 345, East Palestine, Ohio 44413  
Howard H. Cleveland, 515 Pine St., Waterloo, Iowa 50703

**Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (all are Co-Chairmen)**

George L. Cashman, 333 Lewis St., Apt. 12, Springfield, Ill. 62704  
Thomas L. W. Johnson, 765 W. Washington Ave., Apt. 110, Madison, Wisc. 53715  
Wayne C. Temple, 821 1/2 S. 5th St., Springfield, Ill. 62703  
Robert M. Graham, 1320 N. Osborn Ave., Springfield, Ill. 62702  
(Additional members may be appointed by Co-Chairmen)

**GAR Remembrance Day, Gettysburg**

Arthur W. Warman, 235 E. Middle St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325  
John H. Stark, 20 Gray St., Staten Island, N. Y. 10304  
Barry E. Snyder, E. York St., Biglerville, Pa. 17321  
Dr. Joseph L. Riley, 306 N. Stratton St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325  
G. Henry Roth, Gettysburg Times, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

**1977 Encampment Committee**

Richard A. McCoy, 610 East Salem Ave., Indianola, Iowa 50125  
Son's Chairman  
Aux. P.D.P. Ethel Jones, is General Chairperson

**National Military Affairs Committee**

Norman R. Furman, 99 Conant Drive, Buffalo, N. Y. 14223  
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Gordon R. Bury, II, R.D. No. 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio 44645  
John H. Jeffries, Ft. Chickamauga, Cookson, Okla. 74437  
Allen B. Howland, P. O. Box 405, Elmwood, Mass. 02337

**Fraternal Relations Committee**

Robert Lawrence, Rt. 5, Corn Hill Rd., Penacook, N. H. 03303  
Edwin K. Kramer, 204 Clark St., Lemoine, Pa. 17043  
Eugene E. Russell, 3 Hudson St., Malden, Mass. 02148  
Robert Wishart, Pettigate Rd., Amherst, N. H. 03031  
Miles Harrington, 14 Lentell St., Sandwich, Mass. 02563

**Encampment Site Committee**

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Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325  
Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

**Memorial Day Restoration Committee**

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 S. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805  
Harry E. Gibbons, 554 LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 14215  
William C. Rule, 121 Newton St., Holyoke, Mass. 01040  
Gordon Bury, II, R.D. No. 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio 44645  
Richard C. Schlenker, 4112 Heathfield Rd., Rockville, Md. 20853

3. As your Commander-in-Chief, I ask for your loyal support of all the Officers elected for the year 1976-77. With your cooperation, I'm sure we can have an outstanding year.
4. Let's see if we can continue the good work of getting new members this year. All brothers recruiting three new members will be made National Aides. Camp secretaries should notify me when a member becomes eligible.
5. Please remember your National Patriotic Instructor, Charles A. Brady, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois. He needs your help to reach his goal of \$1,500. Send all contributions to him, with National Patriotic Instructor Fund directly to him, with checks made out to the National Organization, SUVCW.

6. Do not forget Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 20. I hope many of my friends will join me there to pay tribute to the Boys in Blue. I know that several camps and departments observe their own Remembrance Day, and I hope many more will do this.
7. To the National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Minnie Madeiros; National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Mrs. Elizabeth Koch; National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Lila O'Donnell; and the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Syrenia Chick, my sincere congratulations and best wishes for a harmonious and successful year.
8. To Department Commanders — I would appreciate it if you will send me the dates of your 1977 Department Encampment along with the location, so I may plan my itinerary. I would like to visit every Department. We like to visit camps in each Department and are agreeable to staying in private homes (I cook and do dishes, too.)
9. In conclusion, may I thank all of the delegates who elected me as your Commander-in-Chief. I shall strive to live up to your expectations, and, with your help, I'm sure we can have a successful year.

Kenneth T. Wheeler  
Commander-in-Chief

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS**

Actions taken by the Council of Administration include the following:

1. Appointed Joseph S. Rippey, William C. Rule and Fred H. Combs, Jr. as a sub-committee to prepare a budget for the year ending June 30, 1977.
2. Elected Albert W. Lambert, son of the late Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, as Editor of THE BANNER for the coming year.
3. Approved the continuation of the \$2.00 BANNER subscription fee for 1977.
4. Approved appropriations from the National Patriotic Instructor Fund (G.A.R. Memorial Fund) as follows:
 

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| Lincoln Memorial Expense                | \$ 50.00          |
| Lincoln Tomb Expense                    | 400.00            |
| G.A.R. Remembrance Day Expense          | 200.00            |
| Memorial for the Cathedral of the Pines | 25.00             |
| National Military Department, SVR       | 150.00            |
| Student Scholarship                     | 250.00            |
| G.A.R. Campfire Program Expense         | 300.00            |
| Restoration of Gen. Hancock's Tomb      | 500.00            |
| Promotion-Restoration of Memorial Day   | 500.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$2,375.00</b> |
5. Continued for 1976-77 the annual payment of \$6.00 to Camps on life memberships.
6. Adopted a voucher system governing the issuance of annual checks to Camps for Life Memberships.
7. Appointed Robert J. Wolz and Harold T. Beilby to serve on the Audit Committee.
8. Approved placement of dividends earned on the Wellington Fund and the interest earned on the special savings accounts in the General Fund for 1976-77.
9. Authorized expenditure of a sum of up to \$500.00 to be drawn from the National G.A.R. Fund in the fiscal year 1976-77 for use by the Memorial Day Restoration Committee in promoting the return of Memorial Day to May 30th.
10. Set the Registration Fee at \$4.00 for the 96th Annual National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa in August, 1977.
11. Established a goal of \$1,500 for the National Patriotic Instructor for 1976-77.

**APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and friends who helped me raise the grand sum of \$2,621.70 for the 1975-76 National Patriotic Instructor Fund. Your generosity and support are sincerely appreciated.

Frank J. Clark



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National President to be Honored

The Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary, cordially invite you to attend a Testimonial Dinner and Reception honoring Minnie E. Madeiros, National President of the Auxiliary, Saturday, November 13, 1976 at Hotel Sonesta, 5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge, Mass.

Reservations should be made with P.N.P. Flora D. Bates, 3 Westboro Road, North Grafton, Mass. 01536 before October 30. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person.

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite 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 his name.

To - Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648
Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran
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The following contributions have been received since the last issue of The Banner:

Table with columns for Name, Amount, and Description. Includes entries like Thomas W. Graham, Alliance, Ohio \$150.00; Lester M. Clark, Boston, Mass. \$125.00; From Mrs. Laura Combs 10.00; From John C. Leitzmann, CW Pier Badge No. 1, Wisc. 10.00; From Mrs. Ruth Daly (Aux. member (N.J.)) 10.00; From Mrs. Marie Robinson, 503 So. Walnut St., Springfield, Ill. 62704 10.00

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

After 34 years Congress has updated the provisions of the Flag Code, a goal long sought by veterans and patriotic organizations. Approved by Pres. Ford on July 7, Public Law 94-344 recognizes acceptable changes in flag etiquette, deletes obsolete provisions from the old law, clarifies previously ambiguous passages, and permits Congress to retain its jurisdiction over future revisions. The new law takes into account the all weather materials now used to construct flags and the advances made in outdoor lighting techniques and liberalizes provisions for flying the flag around the clock or during inclement weather.

Passage of this legislation in this Bicentennial year is a tribute to the determination of organizations like The American Legion which labored long and hard to bring about the desired revisions. No penalties are prescribed for failure to follow the provisions of the Code. But, as Rep. Don Edwards, chairman of the subcommittee that considered the bill said, "This is not the mark of a weak bill but of a strong flag which is both actually and symbolically above the problems of the moment."

At the federal level no action has been forthcoming by Congress on any of the several proposals to return the national observance of Memorial Day to May 30. However, for your reference, the following bills on the subject have been introduced in the House of Representatives: H.R. 119, 235, 1728, 1972, 2248, 2606, 3331, 4533, 4793, 7749, and 11104. House Joint Resolutions introduced are H.J.R. 262, 330, 825, and 852. The lone measure offered in the Senate is S. 429. With a new Congress to be elected in November, we can expect a spate of new bills on the matter to be introduced next year.

No progress has been forthcoming on S. 91, a bill designed to authorize expansion of the Antietam National Battlefield Site in Western Maryland and to provide for an environmental protection zone as a means of preserving the rural nature of the area adjacent to the battlefield and along the lower reaches of Antietam Creek.

On a more positive note, the Bicentennial seemingly has been responsible for the consideration of several measures of interest to patriotic organizations. Under terms of Public Law 94-337 approved by the President on July 4, Valley Forge State Park has been deeded over to the federal government and will be known as Valley Forge National Historic Site. On April 13, Pres. Ford Signed Public Law 94-263 which designates that date as "Thomas Jefferson Day" in honor of our 3rd President's birth and his part in framing the Declaration of Independence. Under Public Law 94-208 approved last February 4, the United States will present a statue of Abraham Lincoln to Israel with funds donated by a private source. Other measures of interest in the congressional hopper are H.R. 12962 to provide for the burial of an unknown soldier from the Revolutionary War at Arlington National Cemetery; S. 431 to establish the boyhood home of George Washington located near Fredericksburg, Virginia, as a National Historic Site; S. 64 that would add the names of the States of Alaska and Hawaii to the Lincoln National Memorial; and H.J.R. 519 that would posthumously award the rank of "General of the Armies" to George Washington. S. 64 passed the Senate on April 6 and is presently in the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. H.J.R. 519 passed the House on August 24 by a vote of 275 to 107 and has been sent to the Senate for consideration. That Resolution is sponsored by Rep. Mario Biaggi of New York.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Chairman

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP IN 1976-77
A CHALLENGING GOAL



**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION**

The New England Regional Association held its annual meeting July 17-18 in the New Hampshire Veterans Association building at Weirs Beach, N. H.

Plans were outlined by the President of the Veterans Association regarding a gala Bicentennial observance which was held on August 22. He also spoke of plans for a new building of fire-proof construction to be built adjacent to the Present Headquarters, which would contain a museum for GAR relics and larger meeting facilities for the veterans groups. Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, is the Association President for 1976-77.

Thirty-three members attended the sessions of the Sons, at which Frank W. Luth of Warwick, R. I. was named Commander; Allen B. Howland of Elmwood, Mass., Vice Commander; William W. Haskell of Brockton, Mass., Secretary; William C. Rule of Holyoke, Mass., Treasurer; and John B. Davis of Medford, Mass., Publicity Director.

Executive Board Members elected were Norman Redding, Maine; Kenneth Wheeler, N.H.; William Wilson, Vermont; Charles Hooper, Massachusetts; Wallace Macomber, Rhode Island; and James Ledwith, Connecticut.

On display at the meeting was a special commendation given to the N. H. Veterans Association by President Gerald Ford for its Centennial celebration held at the Weirs last year.

Forty-eight Auxiliary members were registered for their meetings. Mrs. Ethel Griffin, Boscawen, N. H., was named President; Mrs. Catherine Plante, Providence, R. I., Vice President; Mrs. Iyla Bartlett, Boscawen, N. H., Secretary; and Mrs. Minnie Madeiros, New Bedford, Mass., Treasurer.

The new officers were installed at the evening meeting by P.N.P. Emma Wheeler and P.D.C. John B. Davis. The next meeting of the Association will be held in October at Shoreham 3 Hotel, Hartford, Conn.

**AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

With this edition of THE BANNER, the editorship will be turned over to Albert W. Lambert. I should like to thank all those who have contributed in so many ways to make my tenure as Editor enjoyable and fulfilling.

May I take this opportunity to stress the importance of getting all material for publication to Brother Lambert well in advance of the deadline for each issue. Some Department Secretaries mail their issues as soon as they are received and are to be commended for their diligence. Those Department Secretaries who have been lax in this respect are reminded of the importance of getting copies to their members promptly.

With the continued cooperation of everyone, I know Brother Lambert will find his new responsibility as rewarding as I have found it to be.

Fred H. Combs, Jr.

**7th SVR ENCAMPMENT HELD**

The 7th National Sons of Veterans Reserve Encampment was held at Port Jervis, New York, August 28 to September 6. Eight hundred registered members of the SVR and reactivated Civil War troops attended. The Encampment was co-hosted by the 15th N. J. Infantry, Co. E (SVR) and Clark's Battery (SVR), both of which units are located in northern New Jersey with nearly all of their members being members of Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5 (SUVCW) of Trenton. The weekend's activities attracted some 8,000 people and live coverage was given by the area CBS-TV stations.

At the military ball, 145 couples participated in the Grand March headed by Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Chester S. Shriver. A total of 34 trophies were presented to winners in various categories of drill competition. The climax of the 10-day Encampment was the reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, under the financial sponsorship of the Port Jervis, New York, and Matamoras-Milford, Pennsylvania, Lions Clubs. Major Thomas E. O'Dea was overall chairman of the event.

**ATTENTION  
ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES**

At the 1975 National Encampment in Rochester the National Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to request up-to-date rosters of members by Camps (names, addresses and zip codes) from each Department Secretary. To date, some have not been received. At your earliest possible convenience, please send this information to the National Secretary-Treasurer for use by him and the editor of the BANNER. Those who sent rosters during the past year are requested to send any changes in membership or changes of addresses since that time.

**RESTORED TOMB TO BE DEDICATED**

The General Winfield Scott Hancock Tomb Restoration Committee will hold a dedication ceremony at the tomb in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, Pennsylvania on Sunday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m. Anyone wishing additional information, details or directions may call Michael Cavanaugh at 215-331-0759.

**REMINDER**

To All Camp Secretaries and Department Secretaries  
To date, National Headquarters has received photo copies of Charters from approximately half of the Camp and Department Secretaries. This matter was discussed at the National Encampment and the National Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to require that each Camp make two (2) photo copies of its Camp Charter and forward the copies to Department Headquarters where one of the copies will be filed and the other copy, along with a copy of the Department Charter, will be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer by the Department Secretary. **ALL COPIES SHOULD BE RECEIVED AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BY DECEMBER 31, 1976.** Your prompt attention to this requirement is urgently requested.

**AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

We would like to thank each individual Camp and Auxiliary, each Department, and every Brother and Sister for the many courtesies shown to us during our terms of office.

The cooperation of our staffs of officers was outstanding, and the Ohio Department did a fine job on the Encampment.

We are grateful to all Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents for their help and guidance.

To the many new friends we have made this year in our travels, we hope we may add your names to the chain of long-time friends in our wonderful Organizations.

To our successors, may you have as pleasant and happy a year as we have just completed.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,  
Clarence J. Riddell, P.C. in C.  
Caroline E. Riddell, P.N.P.

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**Department  
News**



**COLORADO and WYOMING**

Pictured above (left) is the monument of a Civil War Veteran buried in Kendall, Kansas. Picture to the right above shows a new monument which was erected beside the old, barely legible stone, in August 1976 by Charles E. Sharrock, Department Commander of the Colorado-Wyoming Department, and Martha S. Sperra who is a member of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps. The name of the veteran was William Hanna who was a member of Co. F, 82nd Vol. Inf. Indiana.

**ILLINOIS**

The 94th Illinois Department Encampment was held at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago on June 11-13. The newly elected officers are: Commander, Robert M. Graham, Camp No. 4, Springfield; Sr. Vice Commander, Cyril Gumbinger, Camp No. 25, Peoria; and Jr. Vice Commander, John Cahoon, Camp No. 1, Chicago.

The Allied Orders held their annual dinner on June 12 with a very large attendance. The theme was a salute to the National Bicentennial. David and Shirley Hartlipp of Peoria appeared as Abraham and Mary Lincoln in "Another Look at Mary and Abraham Lincoln." A singing group, the Six Flirtetts, under the direction of Dolores and Clyde Davis, Jr., entertained.

The Illinois Department was saddened on July 9 by the death of George Pense. Brother George was 87 years old and one of our oldest members both in age and length of membership. His grandfather, George Washington Pense, and his father, Hiram Pense, both served in the Union Army; Hiram was also quite active in the Sons some years ago.

**INDIANA**

The Indiana Department salutes the Ohio Department for their work in hosting a very successful Encampment. All Brothers who attended have indicated they had a great time.

Plans are being made for the annual Department visitation to the Lafayette Soldiers' Home and the Knightstown Children's Home in October.

All interested persons are urged to attend the Mid-winter meeting to be held at the GAR Hall and Civil War Museum at Centerville, Indiana on Saturday, November 13, 1976 at 10:00 a.m. William P. Benton Camp No. 28 will host the meeting.

**IOWA**

The Sons and Auxiliary held their 27th annual Department Convention June 17-19 in Des Moines. The main social event was a Banquet on Friday evening, followed by a Courtesy Hour. Entertainment was furnished by the Mini-Vod Musical Band from the Veterans Hospital and was enjoyed by the large number in attendance. Department Patriotic Instructor Esimer Seiberling reported that \$50.00 was presented to the Sons and \$50.00 to the "Door of Faith Mission Building Fund" — this is a Center for people in need of a home and rehabilitation therapy. Mrs. Nellie Hawley of Fort Dodge was elected President of the Auxiliary and Richard McCoy of Indianola was elected Commander of the Sons.

On July 29th Sister Hawley was honored at a Reception by members of the Sons' Camp No. 58 and Auxiliary No. 12, following which plans were made for the annual State picnic which was held at Loomis Park in Fort Dodge on September 19.



As a part of the Bicentennial Commemoration, Fort Dodge organized a gigantic parade on June 12. Were it not for the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Bicentennial could not be celebrated, so C. C. Carpenter Camp No. 58 of Fort Dodge entered the float pictured above, which was well-received, and which was the only Civil War float in the entire parade. The Fort Dodge Camp was greatly assisted by the Waterloo, Iowa, Camp.

**MAINE**

The 94th Encampment of the Maine Department was held in Waterville on June 18-20, and a new slate of officers was installed.

On Sunday, September 12, J. L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69 hosted a reception for Past Camp Commander and new Department Commander Vernon Redding of Sumner. This Camp also has four members on the Department Staff this year: Robert Hunt, Arthur J. Hunt, Stephen Taylor, and Otis Evans. The Camp was presented a trophy at the Department Encampment for taking in the most new members.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Memorial Day observances were held by all Camps of the Massachusetts Department. Capt. R. B. Grover Camp No. 17 of Brockton decorates 850 graves annually and has a color line marching in the Memorial Day parade. On May 30 Grover Camp dedicated a flag at the G.A.R. Memorial Park in Brockton. Grover Camp and its Auxiliary held an annual banquet and were honored this year by the presence of Dept. Commander Miles Harrington and Past Commanders-in-Chief Allen B. Howland and William Haskell.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Dept. President Adrienne Judkins and Dept. Commander Kenneth Wheeler and their staffs were honored at a reception on July 31 in the Amer. Legion Hall, Milford. Guests attended from several New England States and Pennsylvania, including P.C. in C. John Stark (Pa.) and P.C. in C. Allen Howland (Mass.). Entertainment was provided by P.N.P. Emma Wheeler and enjoyed by all. A special part of the evening was the greeting from Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell which was given by P.C. in C. Stark, and the presentation of a 50-year badge to Elmer Wheeler.

**NEW JERSEY**

The Department was saddened on August 7 by the passing of Past Department Commander Harrison M. Williams.

Twenty-four members of the Sons and Auxiliary from our Department attended the National Encampment in Columbus. Brother William Vanderhoof was again appointed Graves Registration Officer and Sister Hilda Junge was installed as National Vice President of the Auxiliary. Sister Helen Loll was elected for a five-year term to the office of National Treasurer, and Brother Fred Combs is continuing in the office of National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons. Brother Albert W. Lambert was appointed Editor of The Banner, filling a position once held by his father, the late Albert C. Lambert, P.C. in C.



**New Jersey (Continued)**

On September 24 a Reception was held in West Orange for Department President Lydia Browne and on October 16 a Reception will be held at the Washington's Crossing Inn, Washington's Crossing, Pa. honoring Department Commander Daniel George.

The annual fall dinner meeting of the New Jersey State Camp will be held at Nassau Inn, Princeton, on Saturday evening, October 30 at 6 p.m., and the annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Department will be held in Nassau Inn on Saturday evening, February 12.

**NEW YORK**

On July 18 the Southern Tier Association held their annual picnic at Churchville Park. It was well attended and the weather was beautiful.

On September 18 a dinner and reception honoring Dept. Pres. Mina Wicware and Dept. Comd. Raymond Foulkrod was held at the Holiday Inn in Seneca Falls. The affair was sponsored by Ovid Camp and Auxiliary and was well attended.

On October 9 Sister Wicware and Brother Foulkrod will be honored at a dinner and reception at the Sunset Inn in Troy. This event will be sponsored by Aux. No. 48 of Troy and a large number of members plan to attend.

New York Department is honored this year to have P.D.P. Margaret Beilby serving as National Chaplain and Brother Harold T. Beilby serving as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. The National Encampment was well attended by the New York Department Sons and Auxiliary members.

**OHIO**

The Ohio Department was saddened by the death on July 25 of Past Department Commander John Decker of Cleveland.

In August, the Ohio Department was host to the National Encampments of the Sons, Auxiliary and Ladies of the GAR. We were delighted with the large turnout of delegates and are grateful for the kind words of appreciation we are still receiving for our efforts in behalf of these National Organizations.

**OREGON and WASHINGTON**

The Department Encampment will be held May 18, 19, and 20, 1977 at the Greenwood Inn, 10700 S. W. Allen Bv., Beartion, Oregon. For those wishing to make advance reservations, the telephone number at the Inn is 1-503-643-7444.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Mike Cavanaugh, Director of Camp No. 200 Library, has duplicate copies of Sons of Union Veterans and G.A.R. Pa. State and National Encampment Journals. Any camp interested in obtaining any for their library may have them by writing Camp No. 200 — Library, 4278-80 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124. Mike is looking for duplicate G.A.R. and Sons of Union Veterans Encampment Journals from other states in return as trades. The Camp Library needs the following years to complete its own collection: G.A.R. National — 1910, 1912, 1938 to 1949; G.A.R. State (Penna.) 1939 up; Sons National 1882, 1883, 1884, 1888, 1905, 1909. Members who are interested in corresponding in relation to G.A.R. material and history can contact Mike.

**CURTIS-WARNER CAMP No. 64**

At a meeting of the Camp held in Shawnee, Kansas, on July 10, War Medals were presented to Camp Commander Rev. Robert Elven Sharp for service during WWII; to his son R. E. Sharp, Jr., for service during the Viet Nam conflict; and to Colonel Dr. Hardy Alfred Kemp for service in the army Medical Corps during WWII. Dr. Kemp is an authority on military engagements in the southwest quarter of Missouri during the Civil War and has written several articles on the subjects.

During the meeting Dr. Dudley T. Cornish, Professor at Kansas State College, Pittsburg, was introduced by Glen L. Whitaker, past Camp Commander, who had just been presented a P.C.C. badge. Dr. Cornish, author of "The Sable Arm", is a past President of the Kansas Historical Society and was awarded the annual Achievement Award of the Camp for his literary contributions on Civil War subjects.

**Curtis-Warner Camp (Continued)**

Colonel Kemp and Mr. Stephen Bryan Weldon were initiated as new members of the Camp. Other members in attendance included officers of several distinguished organizations. The meeting was hosted by Col. R. H. Goodell Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Camp, and Mrs. Goodell.

**INVITATION****Annual G.A.R.****Remembrance Day Observance****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1976**

to be held at Woolson Statue and in Cyclorama  
on the Gettysburg Battlefield

At 11:00 a.m. officers of the SVR and Unit Commanders will meet at the Holiday Inn (Dutch Treat). A parade will form at the Gettysburg Recreational Field at 1:30 p.m. and will move promptly at 2:00 p.m. Following the parade memorial wreaths will be placed by the five National Heads of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. or their representatives at the Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove, after which a volley will be fired and "Taps" will be played.

The Remembrance Day program in the Cyclorama (NPS Visitors Center) will then begin at approximately 3:30 p.m. Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester, New York will preside. LTC Francis Vossen, Professor of Military Science and Tactics (Army ROTC) at Gettysburg College, will give the G.A.R. Tribute. Major Bowen, National Chaplain of the SVR, will offer the opening and closing prayers for the Remembrance Day program.

The annual Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dedication Day dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner should be sent to: George W. Long, 222 Lincoln Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603.

An SVR-sponsored Military Ball will be held at 9:30 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Ballroom. The admission fee for the Ball will be \$1.00 per person.

**Commander-in-Chief Honored**

Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler and his Staff were honored at a Testimonial Banquet on Saturday evening, October 2, at the Chateau Restaurant, Manchester, N. H.

The affair, which was well-attended, was sponsored by J. W. Spaulding Camp No. 38, Milford, N. H.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT PASSES RESOLUTION**

Following is a Resolution which was passed at the Ohio Department Encampment on June 27, 1976 in Alliance, Ohio. In accordance with Article IX, Constitution and Regulations, SUVCW, this Constitutional Amendment is printed for the information of all members and will be acted on at the 1977 National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Whereas, the Department of Iowa recognizes that a fine line divides Associates from full membership in many areas; and  
"Whereas, many Civil War societies, including our own Auxiliary, the Ladies of the GAR, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Stars & Bars, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy include in their full memberships collateral as well as lineal descendants;  
"Therefore, we, the Department of Ohio, resolve that the National Constitution be amended to read: Article III — Eligibility to Membership

'All male blood descendants, whether lineal or collateral,  
not less than fourteen years of age, etc.'

Gordon R. Bury, II  
Dept. Commander 1976-77

Thomas E. Hoffman  
Dept. Commander 1975-76"