

# 93rd Annual National Encampment

BRETTON WOODS, NEW HAMPSHIRE



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**Mrs. Catherine M. McCoy**

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 88th Annual Encampment held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, Aug. 18-22, 1974.

Her Grandfather, Martin Heran, served with the 4th Regiment, Co. "H" of the Michigan Cavalry, as a Sergeant.

In 1963, National President McCoy became a charter member of Auxiliary No. 27, to Gen. Daniel McCoy Camp of San Diego. She was elected as Past President; however, she served as President in 1964 and served the Department of California & Pacific as Department President in 1967. She has served the National Organization as a member of the National Council and as National Vice-President.

Eugene R. McCoy, PDC of the California & Pacific Department, together with Sister McCoy, organized the Camp and Auxiliary in San Diego, and the Camp was named for Brother McCoy's Father. Brother McCoy has since passed away.

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

**John H. Stark**

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 93rd National Encampment held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, August 18-22, 1974.

Brother Stark's great-grandfather, John M. Beck, served in Company K, 52nd New York Volunteers from October 5, 1861, to the expiration of his enlistment on October 4, 1864.

Brother Stark in 1956 became a member of Gettysburg Camp 112, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He served two consecutive years as Camp Commander; Department Commander of Pennsylvania in 1963; and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1965. He has also served on many National Committees.

In 1967, he retired after 31 years' service with the United States Post Office Department. He then became associated with the brokerage firm, F. S. Mosley, Hallgarten and Estabrook, as an executive, for seven years, retiring from this position on August 12, 1974.

Commander-in-Chief Stark holds the rank of Col. in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. He formerly commanded the Pennsylvania Brigade and the 2nd Military District, S.V.R. Presently, he is attached to the National Staff of General Shriver as Inspector General.

Brother Stark also holds membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America, Pennsylvania Commandry; and many Federal and Civil War Organizations.



Amidst Gorgeous Splendor . . .

# 93rd ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Mt. Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, was the site August 18-22 of our 93rd annual National Encampment, and the 88th Annual Encampments of the Auxiliary to the Sons and the Ladies of the GAR. Ninety-one members of the Sons registered; the Encampment voting strength was seventy-two. Everyone seemed to enjoy the business sessions and the interesting programs arranged by the New Hampshire Convention Committee. Very pleasant weather and beautiful surroundings in the White Mountains environs were added dimensions to a most enjoyable stay. Interesting reports of national officers and committee chairmen, supplemented by worthwhile productive discussions, good fellowship and pleasing entertainment provided meaningful and enjoyable experiences for all who attended.

The Sons and Auxiliary Encampments opened with a joint ceremony on Monday at 9:30 a.m., with C. Leroy Stoudt and Mrs. Iyla Bartlett, National Chief of Staff of the Sons and Auxiliary, respectively, in charge. After expressions of greetings by Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland and National President Jessie G. Wells, the Sons retired to their meeting room for the opening business session. Subsequent sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday was set aside as a free day for sightseeing in the White Mountains area for those who chose to remain for the additional day.

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 C. Leroy Stoudt serving as toastmaster, followed by a reception honoring National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary; a delightful evening of music, comedy and dancing on Wednesday evening; and numerous State delegation luncheons and dinners during the week.

Past Commanders-in-Chief present were: Albert C. Lambert, N. J.; C. Leroy Stoudt, Pa.; Cleon E. Heald, N. H.; Harold E. Arnold, R. I.; Thomas A. Chadwick, Vt.; Chester S. Shriver, Pa.; Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y.; William W. Haskell, Mass.; Fred H. Combs, Jr., N. J.; Norman R. Furman, N. Y.; and John C. Yocum, Pa.

At the first business session, flowers for use at the podium during the Encampment were presented by a combined convention committee of members of the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the GAR. PNP Emma Wheeler presented greetings on behalf of the committee.

Encampment appointments were as follows: Guide, Harry E. Gibbons, N. Y.; Color Bearer, James Y. Ledwith, Conn.; and Guard, Elton P. Koch, Pa. The following committee chairmen served very effectively: Credentials, Edwin Kramer, Pa.; Officers' Reports, Cleon E. Heald, N. H.; Constitution and Regulations, Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y.; Ritual and Ceremonies, John H. Stark, Pa.; Resolutions, Norman R. Furman, N. Y.; and Visiting Committees — to the Auxiliary, Joseph S. Rippey, and to the Ladies of the GAR, Norman R. Furman.

Excellent reports of the National Officers were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports for study and consideration prior to presentation of recommendations to the Encampment for action. Committee reports reflecting diligent effort on behalf of our National Organization during the past year were submitted by the respective chairmen — Thomas L. W. Johnson, Legislative; George L. Cashman, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony; George W. Long, Remembrance Day Ceremony; and by Harold E. Arnold, National Military Affairs Committee.

Letters and telegrams of greeting were received from Charles Brady, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and from the Daughters of Union Veterans. Greetings were also extended by Department Commanders or their representatives who were present. The greetings of the National Organization of the Woman's Relief Corps were extended by a representative of the National President.

A letter of greeting, including a \$200.00 donation to the National Organization of the Sons, for use as it deems appropriate, was also received from Arthur Glenum, our Washington, D. C. Representative. Bro. Glenum's kindness and generosity were

acknowledged with the sincere appreciation of the Encampment.

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman of the Encampment Site Committee, announced the following locations for future Encampments:

1975 — Rochester, N. Y. (Flagship-Rochester Hotel)

1976 — Columbus, Ohio

1977 — (a site is yet to be determined)

National Patriotic Instructor Richard Greenwalt reported a net of \$1,504.00 in donations to the National Patriotic Instructor — GAR Memorial Fund. Bro. Greenwalt was given a rising vote of thanks for his outstanding effort and excellent results, and also for his promotion of patriotism. Many patriotic activities are financed annually by this fund.

It was reported that during the year \$141.00 was contributed to our 100th Anniversary Fund. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester J. Butler was commended for his efforts in this regard.

In his report to the Council of Administration, Editor of the BANNER, Fred H. Combs, Jr. refunded \$204.94.

The General U. S. Grant 3rd cup for the largest percentage increase in membership was awarded to the Maryland Department; the Harold E. Arnold trophy for the greatest number of new members received during the past year was won by the Illinois Department with an increase of 15 members.

A proposed budget planning for anticipated receipts of \$8,285.00 and anticipated disbursement of \$8,285.00 was adopted by the Encampment.

The in-coming Commander-in-Chief was authorized to appoint a committee to review, revise and update the Rules and Regulations of the Order and to report back to the Encampment in 1975 for such action as may be needed.

By action of the Encampment, an expression of appreciation was made to PNP Emma Wheeler for her leadership in preparing for a very enjoyable Encampment and to the Mt. Washington Hotel management for their cooperation in making our stay so enjoyable and pleasant.

On the occasion of the Sons' visit to the Auxiliary, PNP Anna Stoudt was presented with a pin denoting 50 years of membership in the Auxiliary by her husband, P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt.

The business of the Encampment concluded on Wednesday afternoon with the transaction of final business and the election and installation of national officers for 1974-75. Installed by P. C. in C. John C. Yocum were: Commander-in-Chief, John H. Stark, Pa.; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert J. Wolz, Ohio; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert Lawrence, N. H.; Council of Administration, Allen B. Howland, Mass., Harold E. Arnold, R. I., and Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y.; National Counselor, Albert C. Lambert, N. J.; National Chief of Staff, C. Leroy Stoudt, Pa.; National Patriotic Instructor, Clarence J. Riddell, Pa.; National Chaplain, William C. Rule, Mass.; National Historian, Charles A. Doane, N. Y.; National Graves Registration Officer, William W. Vanderhoof, N. J.; District of Columbia Representative, Arthur L. Glenum; National GAR Highway Officer, Burton K. Kannenberg, Wisc.; and Personal Aide, Elton P. Koch, Pa.

The following persons assisted Brother Yocum as installation officers: William Simpson, Pa., Chaplain; and Harold E. Arnold, R. I., Guide.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother Howland by P. C. in C. William W. Haskell, Mass.; a personal gift of a gold lapel button was presented to Brother Howland by National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver.

## AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

May I extend sincere appreciation to all for the many courtesies and kindnesses that were extended to me at the recent National Encampment and throughout my term as Commander-in-Chief. Your genuine thoughtfulness will be long remembered.

Past Commander-in-Chief  
Allen B. Howland

## 93rd ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT . . .

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

Actions taken by the Council of Administration were as follows:

1. Appointed Joseph S. Rippey and John C. Yocum as a sub-committee to prepare a budget for the year ending June 30, 1975.
2. Elected Fred H. Combs, Jr., as Editor of the BANNER for the coming year.
3. Approved an increase in the BANNER subscription fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 effective January 1975.
4. Suggested a goal of \$1,200 for the National Patriotic Instructor for the year 1974-75.
5. Authorized the National Secretary-Treasurer to place certain moneys from the Permanent Fund, GAR Memorial Fund, and 100th Anniversary Fund in special savings accounts in order to accrue benefit of interest.
6. Voted to invite recommendations for endorsement of candidates for elective national offices from Departments — any such endorsements to be given full consideration.
7. Appointed P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr., as Assistant Secretary in charge of members-at-large. Authorized Bro. Combs to supervise all matters related to the National Camp-at-Large and to plan a promotion campaign to solicit support of prospective members and to encourage their interest and cooperation.
8. Approved appropriations from the National Patriotic Instructor Fund as follows:
 

Lincoln Memorial — Washington, D. C.	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb — Springfield, Ill.	350.00
GAR Remembrance Day — Gettysburg, Pa.	150.00
National Military Department — SVR	100.00
Memorial — Cathedral of the Pines — N. H.	25.00
Student Scholarship	250.00
GAR Campfire Program	200.00
	\$1,225.00

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolutions pertaining to the following were adopted by the Encampment:

1. Favoring all appropriations that are needed for the National Defense and our Country's security.
2. Favoring the reduction of expenses of government with a view to balancing the annual budget, and gradually liquidating the National Debt.
3. Strongly urging elimination of Foreign Aid to all but proven friendly nations and the strict curtailment of local projects of doubtful value.
4. Favoring a firmer stand in foreign relations and stating that history shows that appeasement leads only to war.
5. Supporting the effort of H.R. 4861, a bill designed to protect and preserve the area around Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, from the construction of factories and other structures, and urging that the same effort be made to preserve and protect all National shrines.
6. Condemning deterioration of Ft. Stevens National Park in Washington, D. C.
7. Requesting all of our membership to write to their Senators and Congressmen requesting their support of efforts to restore Veterans Day to November 11th and Memorial Day to May 30th.
8. Supporting Senate Bill 2832 which would require draft dodgers, card burners, etc., during the Viet Nam War to serve three years in some form of government service as a penalty in order to be granted amnesty, but with the granting of no veterans benefits or privileges at the conclusion of such service.
9. Authorizing the appointment of a committee to update the Constitution and Regulations.
10. Providing for Associate badge ribbons to be plain blue with the elimination of the word Associate.
11. Providing for the printing of Associate membership cards on blue stock in the future.
12. Directing that a letter of thanks be sent to the Atlanta, Georgia, Sons of Confederate Veterans for their kindness in decorating graves of Union Soldiers.



Colors Advanced and Retired by Sons of Veterans Reservists at Annual Camp Fire Program.





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1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 93rd Annual National Encampment, command is hereby assumed and Headquarters established at the above address, where all correspondence should be directed. Every possible effort will be made for proper and immediate disposition thereof.
2. All appointments made by the previous administration and not otherwise terminated are hereby relieved of their duties, with the grateful thanks of the Organization. Any books, papers and/or properties not already turned over to their successors should be done so immediately.
3. The following are National Committee appointments with the first person named as Chairman. All Committee members and the General Membership are urged to give their full support to these Chairmen and their Committees:

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All Department Junior Vice Commanders

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Thomas L. W. Johnson, 325 W. Main St., Madison, Wisc. 53703, Co-Chairman  
Wayne C. Temple, 821 1/2 South 5th St., Springfield, Ill. 62703, Co-Chairman

(Additional members may be appointed by Co-Chairmen)

**Remembrance Day, Gettysburg**

George W. Long, 222 Lincoln St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603, Co-Chairman  
Ivan E. Frantz, 559 West Jackson St., York, Pa. 17403, Co-Chairman

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4. May I, as your Commander-in-Chief, request your full support and cooperation with our National Patriotic Instructor, Clarence J. Riddell, in reaching his goal of \$1,200, as proposed by the Council of Administration, for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, to provide adequately for the financing of numerous activities and projects conducted in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

5. Recognition has been given in the past to all members who have signed new members into their respective Camps. This practice will be continued during my term of office. I shall be pleased to name any member, who signs three new members, as a National Aide. Camp Secretaries are requested to notify me when a member is eligible for this award.
6. It is my desire, if possible, to visit each and every Department. If you wish me to be at any of your functions, inform me as soon as possible. In case of conflicting dates, invitations will be accepted in the order received.
7. As your Commander-in-Chief, I pledge to do all that is possible in the development of our Organization. I offer congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Catherine M. McCoy, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to Mrs. Mary Noonan, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who were elected at their respective National Conventions in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. To the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps, I extend my best wishes for a happy and successful year, and express the hope that each of us will be able to serve our respective Organizations effectively and productively, during this Administrative year.
8. As a Companion of MOLLUS, I extend sincere good wishes to Commander-in-Chief, Charles Allen Brady, Jr., and National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, Mrs. Samuel Copp McCluney and all my Companions for a beneficial and successful 89th Congress, to be held at the War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN H. STARK**  
*Commander-in-Chief*

**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

*Defense Budget Under Review* — Before adjourning for the Labor Day recess, both the House and Senate passed separate versions of a defense money bill. On August 6, the House voted to appropriate \$83.4 billion after defeating an attempt to impose a \$2.2 billion across-the-board reduction on Pentagon spending. On a vote of 233 to 157, the House decided to reduce further military aid to South Vietnam from \$1 billion to \$700 million. On August 21, the Senate approved a defense budget of \$82.8 billion, roughly \$5 billion less than had been recommended by the Nixon Administration. Defeated was an attempt by Sen. Eagleton of Missouri to place an \$81 billion ceiling on the defense budget and an attempt by Sen. Proxmire of Wisconsin to cut an additional \$150 million from the military aid budget for South Vietnam. The differences in the House and Senate bills must now be resolved by a Conference Committee. Although the \$82.8 billion is larger than the current appropriation of \$78.46 billion, inflation alone is expected to eat up most of the increase. President Ford is on record as opposed to a reduction in the defense budget.

*Weapons Procurement Authorization* — Despite vocal and determined opposition in both houses, Congress agreed to a weapons procurement bill that totalled \$22.2 billion. This sum was a billion dollars under the request of former President Nixon, but it represented a victory for the Administration in that funds were provided for most of the projects sponsored by the Defense Department. Defeated were amendments to reduce our overseas troop commitments and to reduce funds needed for research in improving the accuracy of missile warheads. Attempts to slow construction of the Trident missile submarine and to kill the supersonic B-1 bomber program altogether, failed. Plans to develop a small-scale, missile firing submarine were deferred, however. The one major setback experienced by the Pentagon concerned a slash in funds for military aid for South Vietnam. The original request of \$1.6 was trimmed to \$1 billion in the measure as finally approved. In one of his last official acts, former President Nixon signed the Military Procurement Authorization Act on August 5.

*Future of the Committee on Internal Security* — The fate of the House Committee on Internal Security (HCIS) is far from settled. Within a few months the House is expected to decide between rival plans to reorganize its committee system. Under

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**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT . . .**

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the Bolling Plan sponsored by Rep. Richard Bolling of Missouri, HCIS would cease to exist as a standing committee and its functions would be relegated to a subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee. HCIS' chairman, Rep. Richard Ichord, also of Missouri, opposes any change in the status of jurisdiction of his committee on the basis that HCIS is well equipped to deal with the continuing threat of subversion; other committees have heavy workloads and are not principally interested in the security field; and the experienced staff and files of HCIS should be kept intact.

*Quotable quote attributed to Sen. Henry Jackson: "I am neither a hawk nor a dove. I just don't want my country to be a pigeon."*

**THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON**  
*Chairman*

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## MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

It was my extreme pleasure to be appointed National Patriotic Instructor at the recent National Encampment in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. Naturally, my first request is to ask for the help and assistance of every member, Camp and Department, in order to reach the goal of \$1,200 set up by the National Council of Administration.

Remember, your contributions to this fund will help finance the GAR Scholarship Fund; services at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C.; observance at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill.; wreath at the Cathedral of the Pines, New Hampshire, on Memorial Day; GAR Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pa.; GAR Campfire Program at the National Encampment and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Now, more than ever, it is necessary to bring Patriotism before the public. Respect for our Flag and Country must once again be brought up to a level typical of the American way of life.

Do all you can in your State in an endeavor to have Memorial Day returned to May 30.

Alone, I can do little, but with the help of each of you we can make this a good year. May I count on your help? Please make checks or money-orders payable to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and send to me:

Clarence J. Riddell  
National Patriotic Instructor  
3437 N. Howard Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19140

## INVITATION 18th Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day Observance SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1974 to be held at Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield

Parade to form at Gettysburg Recreational Field at 1:30, will move promptly at 2:00 p.m. In addition to Sons of Veterans Reserve Units, there will be Reactivated Confederate Units. Music will be provided by the Lancaster, Pa., Fencibles and by Abe's Pride, a Drum and Bugle Corps from the Ithaca, N. Y. area. The program at Woolson Statue will begin immediately following the parade. The SVR Commanding General's Luncheon for Officers and Unit Commanders will be held in the Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, at 12:00 noon.

The 45th Annual Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dedication Dinner will be held in the Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, at 6:30 p.m. and the Annual Student College Grant will be presented. A reception honoring John H. Stark, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been planned by Gettysburg Camp 112 and the Department of Pennsylvania and will follow the dinner program. Reservations for the dinner and reception should be sent to Ivan E. Frantz, 559 West Jackson Street, York, Pa. 17403.

## New England Regional Association

More than 75 members attended the annual summer meeting of the New England Regional Association at the Veterans Camp-ground, Weirs Beach, New Hampshire, July 20-21, 1974.

Ned L. Durkee of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Harold E. Arnold of Coventry, Rhode Island, were elected as Regional Commander and Regional Secretary, respectively. William C. Rule of Holyoke, Massachusetts, was chosen as Public Relations Director.

National President Jessie G. Wells, special guest of the Auxiliary, installed Mrs. Faith Gibbs of Rockville, Connecticut, as Regional President; Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros of New Bedford, Massachusetts, as Treasurer; and Mrs. Iyla Bartlett of Boscowen, New Hampshire, as Secretary.

Robert L. Lawrence of Boscowen, New Hampshire discussed the "Granite State's Role in the Civil War"; William L. John of Manchester, New Hampshire, spoke on the Veterans Building and Museum at the Weirs.

Letter to the Editor of the Banner . . .

## WATERLOO, NEW YORK BIRTHPLACE OF MEMORIAL DAY

"I feel it my duty to inform you that I was very disappointed in the article on Memorial Day reported in the July issue.

First, I would like to point out that Waterloo, New York, does not "lay claim to the first observance of Memorial Day on May 5, 1868." Waterloo, New York was by Presidential Proclamation and an act of Congress, designated nationally as the birthplace of Memorial Day through extensive research by a local committee, proving beyond a doubt that the first observance of Memorial Day held within the United States was in this village on May 5, 1866. General John A. Logan issued his order setting May 30 as Memorial Day in 1868.

The Village and then the local Veterans groups, since 1866, have held services on May 30 consecutively each year. It was in our Centennial year of 1966, that we gained National Recognition and in 1971, Charles Doane, local businessman, formed a unit of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Through this unit, known as G Co. 126 N. Y. Inf., he and his men have instituted and carried out an annual Commemoration of the Original Memorial Day giving Waterloo the distinction of being the only Village in the United States observing two Memorial Days.

They have each year, for the past four years, held appropriate Services by placing a cross of flowers in our G.A.R. Plot and a wreath of flowers at the Memorial Day Monument in our park. They also conduct a Solemn Memorial Parade and have entertained my wife and myself, along with several Senators and Congressmen at their picturesque Blue and Grey Ball.

There has not been a time when E Co. 148 N. Y. Inf. or any other unit has sponsored this annual Commemoration."

Marion De Cicca, Mayor  
Waterloo, New York

## 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 — Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the  
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Company & Regiment .....  
Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR  
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(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and  
will be preserved.)  
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Section 170 of the Code of 1951)

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

Life Membership — George N. Lovatt, Camp No. 15, Springfield, Mass. \$50.00  
Life Membership — Emmett G. Riley, Camp No. 43, Ohio \$65.00  
Life Membership — Ralph Shadel, Jr., Camp No. 43, Ohio \$100.00  
From New York Department  
In memory of PDC Leslie Moore \$15.00  
From Ethel A. Rasmussen (PDP — Cal. & Pacif. Dept.)  
In memory of John Carpenter, Co. B, 153rd Ill. Regt. Vol. Inf. and  
In memory of Cora M. Howard, PDP, Cal. & Pacif. Dept. \$10.00

## Regional Association (Continued)

Raymond H. Gorman of Weirs Beach, was initiated into membership at the meeting.

Public Relations Director Rule has reported that at the next meeting of the Association to be held in Maine, a committee will be appointed to make plans with the Auxiliary for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Association.

## AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS

Delegates from near and far began arriving at the Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire on Saturday, August 17th to attend the 88th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. By Sunday most of the delegates had arrived, and the lobby of the Hotel was a beehive of activity. At 1:00 P.M. on Sunday the Registration desk was opened for business, and at 1:30 P.M. the National Council convened to audit the books of the National Secretary and Treasurer.

At 3:00 P.M. the Joint Memorial Service of the Sons and Auxiliary was held under the direction of the National Chaplains of both Organizations, John J. Junge and Madge Fullerton. At 8:00 P.M. the Camp Fire was held with PNP Emma Wheeler acting as Mistress of Ceremonies. This affair was preceded by a most enjoyable organ recital by Kevin Fallon which was enjoyed by all.

On Monday morning the Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary were called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the Chiefs of Staff Iyla Bartlett and P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt. National Aides carrying roses marched into the room to form an aisle through which the National Officers of both Organizations and the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief were received and introduced. The sitting Department Presidents of the various Departments were then received and introduced. National President Jessie G. Wells expressed her thanks to the National Chiefs-of-Staff for the lovely opening ceremonies and welcomed all the delegates to the convention. Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland then extended his greetings to the assembly and thanked all for helping to make his year in office so enjoyable.

National President Wells rapped for order at 10:45 A.M. All convention appointments were announced after which all officers were seated at their appointed stations. The altar was arranged and the prayer given by the National Chaplain. All joined in the Pledge to our Flag, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and America and the recitation of the American Creed. All National Officers answered the roll call and were presented with gifts from Sr. Wells. Twenty Past National Presidents responded to the roll call, and each was presented with a remembrance from the National President. Roll call of Department Presidents for 1973-1974 found ten present, and the roll call of Department Presidents for 1974-1975 found fifteen present. Both of these groups were remembered with gifts from Sr. Wells. Gifts were then presented to all appointees of the convention, to Committee Chairmen and to the Convention Committee.

National President Wells then read her report. It revealed a year of dedicated service to the National Organization and was enthusiastically received by all. Following the reading of her report, the National President recessed the meeting until 1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:45 P.M. Past National President Flora Bates presented our National President with her testimonial, a check in the amount of \$200.00, on behalf of the National Organization, and expressed thanks to Sr. Wells for her years of service to the Auxiliary. Sr. Wells then announced that she would call for the reports of National Officers and from time to time she would have Department Reports as well.

At 3:00 P.M. we received into our meeting Dr. Gardner Caverly of the Crotched Mountain Center. This center is a private, non-profit comprehensive rehabilitation, education and vocational training facility for deaf, physically disabled, neurologically impaired and multi-handicapped children and adults. This was the project chosen by the National President to be the recipient of our check for \$350.00 presented in memory of the G.A.R. This presentation was made by the National Patriotic Instructor Jean Foster. Dr. Caverly spoke briefly on the work done at the Center and expressed the thanks of his Organization for our thoughtfulness in selecting their Center for this gift.

National Officers' Reports and Department Reports were then continued until 4:00 P.M. when the meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M. Tuesday morning.

On Monday evening the annual banquet of the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief was held under the direction of PNP Florence Jansson. It was a most enjoyable affair, and all present received a memorable table favor from Sr. Jansson. The Exemplification of the Ritual was held in the

Auxiliary meeting room and was followed by an enjoyable Courtesy Hour under the direction of the National Chief-of-Staff. This was the opportunity for all to participate in not only gift giving to the National President and other National Officers, but also to enjoy skits put on by some of the Departments represented.

The Tuesday morning session was called to order at 9:30 A.M. Minutes of the meeting of the previous day were read and approved. Reports of National Officers and Department Reports were continued, and when these were completed the Reports of all Standing Committees and Convention Committees were read. All recommendations received from National Officers will be published in the first National Order of the new Administration, and any Resolutions of note will also be published by our new National President. The Committee on Rituals suggested many changes in the Ritual, and the Committee on C. R. & R. also made several changes, all of which were approved. It was finally voted that new Rituals and new C. R. & R. be printed to include all changes and to bring both up to date. The membership will be informed when both of these items are available. The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon to reconvene at 1:50 P.M. with nomination of officers the first order of business.

The afternoon session on Tuesday was called to order promptly. The Credential Committee reported 154 voting members and 28 guests registered. A listing of the new National Officers for 1974-1975 can be found in another part of this issue of the BANNER. Committee Reports were completed as were Department Reports. Greetings Committees were received from the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. National President Wells left the meeting to call on the Sons of Union Veterans and on her return we received the Greetings Committee from the Sons, headed by Commander-in-Chief Allen Howland and Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey. Following the greetings from the Sons, the session was recessed until Wednesday morning.

A most enjoyable joint banquet of the Sons and Auxiliary was held on Tuesday evening under the direction of National Chief-of-Staff Iyla Bartlett. P. C. in C. and National Chief of Staff of the Sons C. Leroy Stoudt was the toastmaster for the affair. Following the dinner National President Jessie Wells presented a check to the Commander-in-Chief, a gift from the National Organization of the Auxiliary, and at the same time she presented our love token of \$500.00 to the Sons. The banquet was held in the Dining Room of the Hotel, and during the dinner we were entertained by music provided by the Hotel. Following the dinner all retired to the Ballroom where an enjoyable reception for the National Officers of both Organizations was held.

Wednesday morning's session was called to order at 9:30 A.M. Minutes of the Tuesday meeting were read and approved. National Chief-of-Staff Iyla Bartlett gave her financial report which showed a balance turned over to the National Treasurer of \$2,151.78. This report was enthusiastically received by all assembled, and Sr. Bartlett was given a standing ovation. National Patriotic Instructor Jean Foster gave her financial report which showed a balance of \$1,447.40 turned over to the Treasurer. This report also was received with much applause and a standing ovation. National President Wells thanked both of these officers for their splendid work in behalf of the National Organization. An announcement was made at this time informing the members that starting January 1975 the price of the BANNER will be \$2.00 instead of the \$1.00 paid in the past. All members were urged to subscribe to this interesting and informative publication. Subscriptions are to be sent to Mr. Fred H. Combs Jr., Editor, P. O. Box 193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648.

There being no further business to come before the convention we had Installation of the new Officers for 1974-1975. PNP Margaret McKinney was the Installing Officer and was assisted by a staff comprised of Past National Presidents. Following the Installation the new Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark of the Pennsylvania Department was escorted into the room and received by the National President. He extended good wishes to all assembled and not only pledged his support to the Auxiliary but also asked for our continued support of the Sons.

The meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again." The Old and New Councils met at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday afternoon for the final audit of the books.



## Department News



### INDIANA

Our annual visitation to Lafayette will be made on October 11th, and the Knightstown Soldiers and Sailors Home visitation will be on October 17th.

The Department picnic was held on July 28th at Tippecanoe Battleground Park.

The officers of the Allied Order for 1974-75 are: Wayne C. Klusman, Department Commander, SUVCW; Ethel Wellman, Department President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Jane Cox, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps; Joan Shiery, Department President, Ladies of the GAR; and Mildred Skinner, Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### IOWA

Charles Lowe of Waterloo and Mrs. Ethel Jones of Des Moines were inducted in joint installation ceremonies as Department Commander and Department President, respectively, at the annual Department Encampment held in Des Moines.

Auxiliary presentations were made as follows: Auxiliary No. 8, a flag to the Boy Scouts; Auxiliary No. 12, a flag to a Baptist Church in Des Moines and \$6.50 toward the purchase of a van for wheelchair patients at Marshaltown Soldiers Home. A cash gift was also presented to the Lutheran Home in Davenport toward the purchase of a hearing aid.

### MARYLAND

The annual Department Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary will be held May 3-4, 1975, at the Holiday Inn, Route 40, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department Commander Richard E. Wyman of Keene and Department President Mrs. Lyla Bartlett of Boscawen were honored at a reception held on June 15th in the GAR Hall in Keene. Guests were present from Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire and representatives from other patriotic orders also attended.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald has been appointed a Justice of the Peace in New Hampshire for a fifth consecutive term of five years.

### NEW JERSEY

Twenty-seven members of the Sons and Auxiliary of our Department were in attendance at the Bretton Woods Encampment held at the impressive Mt. Washington Hotel. One of the features was our New Jersey dinner held on Wednesday evening. We are honored by the appointment of Albert C. Lambert as National Counselor and William Vanderhoof as National Grave Registration Officer and also the election of Mrs. Jean C. Kandrac as National Patriotic Instructor of our Auxiliary.

A large gathering of members, family and friends joined in honoring Department Commander Kenneth Ekstrand with a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, September 28th. He received many beautiful gifts, as well as a Life Membership from his wife, Lillian. P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. acted as Toastmaster at the dinner held in Nassau Inn, Princeton.

The annual Fall Dinner Meeting of the New Jersey State Camp will be held on Saturday evening, October 26th at 7 P.M.

### NEW YORK

Chester E. Hudson and his staff of elected and appointed officers were installed as Department Commander by Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland at the 91st annual Encampment in Binghamton. A resolution "censoring acts of corruption and bribery" on the part of elected and appointed governmental officials — national, state, and local — was passed. Patriotic Instructor Cecil Baer remained following the conclusion of the Encampment to extend the Department's greetings to the Department Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which immediately followed that of the SUVCW.

Frank C. Bellinger, Commander of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp No. 223, was honored on May 24th by the presentation on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Howland of a medal for distinguished service to the SUVCW.

### OHIO

National Patriotic Instructor Richard Greenwalt, Department President Ramona Greenwalt, Department Personal Aide Esther Greek and PNP Edith Nile and Mr. Nile attended the National Encampment in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

The annual GAR picnic combined with the annual cornroast was held in Alliance with a goodly number of Sons and Auxiliary members in attendance.

Plans are underway for a reception honoring Department President Greenwalt to be held in Alliance on October 14.

We were saddened by the death of PDP Bessie Wetzel of Dayton on August 17th following a short illness. Sister Wetzel was a member of the Alliance Auxiliary.

PDP Adeline of Dayton, a member of Alliance Auxiliary, is recuperating from a severe heart attack.

Due to a fire, the location and time of the Central Regional Convention has been changed. It will be held at the Pick-Fort Hayes Hotel in Columbus, October 19-20. Reservations should be sent directly to the Hotel at least 14 days prior to the Convention. To obtain the special room rates that have been arranged, specify Central Regional Convention.

The annual Department Encampment of the Sons, Auxiliary, and Ladies of the GAR was held at Mount Union College in Alliance June 21-23. The Auxiliary voted to send a sizable donation to the Sandusky Soldiers and Sailors Home to assist in purchasing a "Gatch" bed. A donation was also sent to the Xenia tornado relief. The banquet speaker was William T. Steffy, Sales Manager of Broadcasting Station WHBC, who stated that there is "Hope for America — Maybe — If" — If we as American citizens are willing to become involved and stand up to be counted for whatever it takes to be a good citizen and preserve our Nation and our American heritage.

### PENNSYLVANIA



On June 29th and 30th, Ruhl Camp No. 33 held an invitational black powder shoot at Menges Mills for muskets, side arms and cannons (artillery). Being the first such shoot, the Camp was satisfied with the results. Four new members were received into the Camp. Knapp's Battery of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Reactivated, is shown in the photograph above, made on glass plate with photography methods used during the late 1860's. Two members of the Camp are presently touring the country taking tintype photographs.

While visiting in Villas, New Jersey recently a teenage member of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1, Philadelphia, rescued a man from drowning. Diane Sahms was dressed ready to start her trip home when they discovered a man drowning in the pool. Without hesitation, Diane jumped into the pool, fully clothed, and brought the man to safety, where she and her Mother worked on him to revive him until the rescue squad came. He had suffered a severe cramp and was completely helpless.

Diane is the granddaughter of Past Department President Madge Fullerton of Auxiliary No. 1, Philadelphia.

We are proud of you, Diane, and the many teenagers like yourself who do good without receiving the publicity the bad ones get every day in the news.