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## 94th Annual National Encampment



**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

**Clarence J. Riddell**

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 94th National Encampment held in Rochester, New York, August 10 to 14, 1975.

Brother Riddell's great-grandfather, George Riddell, served in the United States Marine Corps, in the fleet of Commodore David D. Porter for his full enlistment. The letters he wrote home are now in the custody of the Montgomery County Clerk's Office.

Clarence joined U.S. Grant Camp No. 5 in 1926. In 1927 five Philadelphia Camps combined into one camp which became known as Philadelphia Camp No. 200. He served as Camp Commander in 1936 and has been Treasurer for over fourteen years.

In 1961 he took over the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the Death Benefit Association upon the death of Carl Gutekunst and held that office until the books of that Organization were closed in 1971.

Brother Riddell served two terms as Department Commander of Pennsylvania, 1963-65. He has also served as National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor.

In July 1975 he retired from the Philadelphia Naval Base, having been employed there for 33½ years.



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell**

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 89th Annual Encampment held in Rochester, New York, August 10 to 14, 1975.

Her great-grandfather, Henry Moeckel, served in Company B, Penna. Vol. and was discharged after one year and ten months due to the amputation of his right leg. Her grandfather, Henry Brown, served in the Marine Corps for his full term.

In 1928 Caroline joined Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1 of Philadelphia. Her grandmother, mother and older sisters were all members of this Auxiliary, and her youngest sister joined three years later when she became of age, thus completing the immediate family as members of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary. Since then another generation of nieces and great nieces have joined.

Caroline served as Auxiliary President in 1937 and has served as Auxiliary Treasurer since 1941 to date. She served as Department President of Pennsylvania in 1956-57 and as National Vice President in 1962. She has just completed a five-year term as National Secretary.

The Flower City Was Gracious Host . . .

# ENCAMPMENT HELD IN ROCHESTER

The 94th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 89th annual Conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons and of the Ladies of the GAR were held August 10-14 in the Americana of Rochester Hotel, Rochester, New York. Ninety-three members of the Sons registered; the Encampment voting strength was seventy-nine. The business sessions and the interesting programs arranged by the New York 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 everyone's stay in Rochester very pleasant.

The Sons and Auxiliary conducted a very impressive joint memorial service on Sunday afternoon under the leadership of National Chaplain William C. Rule (Sons) and Mrs. Martha Dawson (Auxiliary). 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 John H. Stark and National President Jessie G. Wells 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: Emma Wheeler, PNP, pianist; Hazel Moushey, PNP, vocalist; John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.; Mary Cintiini, PDP (Penna.); Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.; Irene K. Murphy, PNP; William W. Haskell, P.C. in C.; Eileen Coombs, PNP; Cleon E. Heald, P.C. in C.; Viola Bremme, PNP; and Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C. in C.

The traditional Campfire program was held on Sunday evening with music by a military band and the advancement and retiring of the Colors by members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Brig. Genl. Chester S. Shriver, Commanding. "To the Colors" was sounded by Cpl. Walter H. Gillette, III, SVR, P.C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey, general chairman of the Encampment Committee, served as master of ceremonies. Welcoming remarks were made by Hon. Thomas P. Ryan, Jr., Mayor of Rochester, and by the Convention Director of the Americana Hotel. Remarks were also made by Commander-in-Chief Stark, National President Wells and National President of the Ladies of the GAR Mary Noonan. Hon. Frank Horton, Representative in Congress, 34th District of New York, gave the main address. National Chaplain William C. Rule pronounced the invocation and benediction and gave a stirring presentation entitled "The Flag of Our Country — Old Glory." Karl Frantz, SVR, played Taps.

The Sons and Auxiliary Encampments opened with a joint session on Monday at 9:30 a.m. with C. LeRoy Stoudt and Miss Ann Willeke, National Chiefs of Staff of the Sons and Auxiliary, respectively, in charge. After expressions of greetings by Commander-in-Chief Stark and National President Wells, 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, Edwin Kramer (Pa.); Color Bearer, James Y. Ledwith (Conn.); and Guard, Harry Furman (N. Y.). The following committee chairmen served very effectively: Credentials, Harry Gibbons (N.Y.); Officers Reports, Norman R. Furman (N.Y.); Constitution and Regulations, Joseph S. Rippey (N.Y.); Ritual and Ceremonies, William W. Haskell (Mass.); and Resolutions, Cleon E. Heald (N.H.).

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 (including an up-dating report on changes made

in the C.&R. during the past nineteen years); and C. LeRoy Stoudt, Encampment Site Committee.

Actions taken by the Encampment include the following:

— Received with much appreciation and a rising vote of thanks the report of National Patriotic Instructor Clarence Riddell indicating that a net sum of \$2,500 had been raised in 1974-75 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 \$203.00 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 1974-75 (13.6%) to the Wisconsin Department.

— Awarded the Harold E. Arnold trophy for the greatest number of new members received during the past year to the Ohio Department (Ohio had an increase of sixteen members).

— Adopted a proposed budget for the ensuing year providing for anticipated receipts of \$9,997.33 and anticipated disbursements of \$9,997.33.

— Authorized the appointment of an Encampment Planner if needed to plan for the 1977 National Encampment and future Encampments.

— Increased from \$200 to \$300 beginning in 1977 the allocation to the Encampment Committee of the Department in which the National Encampment will be held, or to the Encampment Planner as the case may be, provided the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the GAR make the same increase in their allocations.

— Urged the U.S. Congress to give favorable consideration to a bill before it revising the U.S. Flag Code; to take favorable action on a bill under consideration which would return the National observance of Veterans Day to November 11th; and to take prompt favorable action on a bill under consideration 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 a change in the Regulation (Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2) that will henceforth require that a person to be elected as Department Commander must have previously served as a Camp Commander.

— Adopted the minutes of the Encampment sessions as the official record of the Encampment, subject to the approval of the out-going and in-coming Commanders-in-Chief.

— Authorized the National Secretary-Treasurer to require, where necessary, that by June 30, 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 will be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer by the Department Secretary. The Department Secretary is also requested to forward to the National Secretary-Treasurer a photocopy of the Department Charter.

— Authorized the wearing of the National Sons of Union Veterans gold ribbon on the Sons of Veterans Reserve distinguished service award medal — but on this SVR medal only.

— Expressed appreciation to the personnel of the Americana of Rochester Hotel, to the Encampment Committee, and to all parties concerned for the dedicated effort put forth to make the 94th annual Encampment and the stay in Rochester of all who attended so pleasant and enjoyable.

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More About 94th Encampment . . .

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolutions pertaining to the following were adopted by the 94th Encampment:

1. Favoring maintenance of the George Washington foreign policy of friendship with all nations, trade with all nations, entangling alliances with none.
2. Urging more effective education programs and more stringent law enforcement to wipe out the horrible national disease of selling illegal drugs to anyone, worst of all to young people, and to punish the people who are responsible for and condone such practice.
3. Favoring all appropriations that are needed for our Country's defense.
4. Favoring the reduction of expenses of government with a view to balancing the annual National budget and gradually liquidating the National debt.
5. Urging elimination of foreign aid to all but friendly nations, and the strict curtailment of local projects of doubtful value.
6. Expressing the belief that the United States Government must continue to carry out its leadership in the world by insuring that world shipping have unimpeded access across the Isthmus of Panama through the route (Panama Canal) that the American people built with their resources, genius, tenacity and courage.
7. Recommending that the United States Government:
  - a. consider and implement exchange of goods with foreign countries in lieu of our present and past policy of financial gifts and loans.
  - b. barter or exchange wheat and other commodities for oil with Russia, the world's second largest producer of oil.
  - c. adopt the concept of exchange of goods in our relations with other countries wherever practical.
8. Unalterably opposing the concept of granting "Amnesty" to illegal immigrants and favoring the provisions of House Resolution 3737 that require that (a) specific alien and citizenship information be provided prior to the issuance of a Social Security card; (b) tamperproof Social Security cards be so marked; (c) cards issued to aliens who are not permitted to work be so marked also; (d) cards be presented by prospective employees to employers before obtaining employment; and provide for criminal penalties for employers who violate the provisions of HR3737.
9. Protesting the proposed rezoning of several hundred acres of the Manassas National Battlefield Park from agricultural to commercial for the benefit of commercialism.

Confidence is that quiet, assured feeling you have just before you fall flat on your face.

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

Actions taken by the Council of Administration were as follows:

1. Appointed Joseph S. Rippey and Robert A. Lawrence as a sub-committee to prepare a budget for the year ending June 30, 1976.
2. Elected Fred H. Combs, Jr. as Editor of the Banner for the coming year.
3. Approved the continuation of the \$2.00 Banner subscription fee for 1976.
4. Approved appropriations from the National Patriotic Instructor Fund (GAR Memorial Fund) as follows:
 

Lincoln Memorial — Washington, D.C. . . . .	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb — Springfield, Ill. . . . .	400.00
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
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	\$1,175.00
5. Approved the dropping of the Minnesota Department from the national roster of Departments.
6. Authorized the National Secretary-Treasurer to obtain up-to-date rosters of members, by Camps (names and addresses), from each Department Secretary for use by National Secretary-Treasurer and by the Editor of the Banner.
7. Determined that the following increased costs of life memberships established by action of the Encampment will become effective January 1, 1976.
 

Under age 60 . . . . .	\$150.00
Age 60 to 69 . . . . .	125.00
Age 70 and over . . . . .	100.00
8. Continued for 1975-76 the payment of interest of 6% to Camps on life memberships.
9. Authorized the National Secretary-Treasurer to investigate the cost of reprinting 2,000 copies of the Constitution and Regulations or as many as can be obtained for \$600.00; further authorized Joseph S. Rippey to assist the National Secretary-Treasurer in preparing the revised C & R material for the printer.
10. Granted special dispensation to the Department of Ohio to conduct an initiation of new members at the 1976 Encampment to be held in Columbus, Ohio with original accoutrements in accordance with the ritual dated 1899, with the provision that an announcement be made accordingly at the opening of the Encampment for the information of all in attendance.



## AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS

Our members began arriving in Rochester, New York on Saturday, August 9, for the 89th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Registration began at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, and a most impressive Joint Memorial Service of the Sons and Auxiliary was held at 3:00 p.m. under the able direction of National Chaplains Martha Dawson and William Rule. The Band Concert began at 7:30 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. Brother Joseph Rippey, Convention Chairman, opened the Campfire Program. Because of the shortened Encampment schedule, some of the Departments and Clubs held their breakfasts, luncheons and dinners on Sunday, as well as the other days of the Encampment.

At 7:00 a.m. on Monday, National President Jessie G. Wells met for breakfast with the Department Presidents, and at 9:30 a.m. the Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was called to order by the Chiefs of Staff, Ann E. Willeke and C. LeRoy Stoudt. National Aides 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 and Past National Presidents were seated in the first row of seats on either side of the auditorium. National President Wells thanked the Chiefs of Staff for the lovely opening and welcomed everyone to the convention. Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark extended his greetings and expressed appreciation for an enjoyable year in office.

National President Wells announced her convention appointments and all officers were seated at their appointed stations. PNP Ellinore K. Johnson presented a gavel and stand to the National President in lieu of a second badge. Following the opening prayer by the National Chaplain, all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and America, and the recitation of the American Creed. All National Officers responded to the roll call and received gifts from Sister Wells.

The roll call of Past National Presidents showed eighteen in attendance, including Sister Wells, who gave each one a remembrance. Thirteen Department Presidents for 1974-1975 responded to the roll call and received gifts from their "Mom", who was National President last year also and thus had the opportunity to see most of them preside at their Department Conventions this year. The roll call of Department Presidents for 1975-1976 found seventeen present and they, too, were presented with gifts, as were all appointees of the convention, Committee Chairmen, and the Convention Committee. Sister Diane Sands of the Pennsylvania Department received a special gift from the National President in recognition of her heroism during the past year when she saved a man from drowning.

The Vice President was asked to preside while the National President read the report of her work and activities since she assumed her office for a second time in January when Sister Catherine McCoy resigned because of ill health. Sister Wells was commended for her dedication and loyalty in again assuming this responsibility and for accomplishing her year's work in half a year's time. Sister Flora Bates presented Sister Wells with her testimonial from the National Organization.

Sister Wells announced that Sister McCoy had selected Brad Calhoun as the recipient of this year's \$350 college scholarship in the name of our Organization and that, after reviewing his qualifications and goals, she decided that he should receive the award. Brad will continue his studies this fall at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. Sister McCoy passed away on June 3, 1975 and was given Past National President status posthumously.

It was suggested by PNP Margaret Schroeder that an honorary membership be given to PNP Ida Rokes Klein, who served as National President fifty years ago in 1925. A motion was passed granting Sister Klein the honorary membership and she will also be presented with an appropriate plaque in recognition of her many years of loyalty and service to our Order.

During the afternoon session, reports of National Officers were read, interspersed with reports of the Departments. At 3:00 p.m. National Patriotic Instructor Jean Kandrac presented a \$350 check to the Al Siegel Center of the Monroe County Chapter

for Retarded Children. Mr. James San Felipo was the representative from the Center and he expressed thanks to the Auxiliary for their generous gift and told the delegates the money would go toward the cost of a special therapy machine for retarded children. He also expressed the hope that the machine could be used to teach deaf children to speak.

The Past National Presidents and Commanders-in-Chief enjoyed their annual banquet on Monday evening, under the direction of PNP Eileen Coombs, who presented each one present with a remembrance of the occasion. The Exemplification of the Ritual was held with PNP Ursula Shepherdson presiding, followed by a Courtesy Hour under the direction of the National Chief of Staff. All Departments participated in the grand march by States and gifts were presented to the National Officers.

On Tuesday morning the minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and approved and the reports of the National Officers, Departments, Standing Committees and Convention Committees continued. 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 newly-revised Ritual and C.R. & R. are available at \$1.25 each for the Ritual and 60 cents each for the C. R. & R. All Auxiliaries and eligible members are urged to purchase revised copies from the National Treasurer, Mary E. Kramer, 204 Clark Street, Lemoyne, Pa. 17043.

The Credential Committee reported 145 voting members and 22 guests registered. Officers for the ensuing year were nominated and a complete listing can be found elsewhere in this issue of the **Banner**. Greetings and visits were exchanged with the Sons and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Under the direction of Chief of Staff Ann Willeke, Tuesday evening's banquet was a most delightful affair, with National Secretary-Treasurer Chester Shriver serving as Toastmaster. Sister Wells presented the Auxiliary's gift to Commander-in-Chief Stark and also our love token of \$500.00 to the Sons. Commander-in-Chief Stark was also presented with a life membership in the Organization by his wife. Everyone enjoyed vocal selections by our own "Dolly", PNP Hazel Moushey, and the reception and dancing which followed. Later in the evening Sister Wells held open house in the Headquarters Suite where her lovely gifts were on display and refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended.

The minutes of Tuesday's meetings were read and approved on Wednesday morning. National Chief of Staff Ann Willeke read her financial report which showed a balance turned over to the National Treasurer of \$2,414.54. National Patriotic Instructor Jean Kandrac turned over \$1,686.80 to the Treasurer as a result of her year's work. Both reports were well-received by everyone present and both Sisters were given standing ovations.

Officers for 1975-1976 were installed by PNP Irene Murphy. The new National President, Caroline Riddell, was escorted by her husband, the new Commander-in-Chief Clarence Riddell. Both officers gave brief but impressive speeches and the Encampment closed with prayer and the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." The Old and New Councils met on Wednesday afternoon for the final audit of the books.

On Wednesday evening entertainment was enjoyed by all who remained in Rochester for the Niagara Falls trip on Thursday. Buses left the Americana Hotel at 9:15 a.m. and stopped at points of interest in the Niagara Falls area. Lunch was served by members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and time was allowed for gift shopping. A tired, but fulfilled, group aboard the four buses in the entourage returned to Rochester shortly after 6:00 p.m. and all agreed that the Department of New York is to be commended for their efforts in our behalf in making the 89th National Encampment a truly memorable one.

## NOTICE — CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effectively immediately, PNP Edna S. Lambert will no longer maintain P. O. Box 457 in Trenton, New Jersey. Please address all correspondence to:

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1. Having been elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief at the 94th Annual Encampment in Rochester, New York, 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 Street, Rochester, N. Y. 14620  
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Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648  
John C. Yocum, 32 E. Greenwood Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa. 19050  
Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

## Legislative Committee

Thomas L. Johnson, 764 W. Washington Ave., Apt. 110, Madison, Wis. 53715  
C. Leroy Stoudt, 2540 Fairview Avenue, Mt. Penn., Reading, Pa. 19606  
Cleon C. Heald, 234 Washington Street, Keene, N.H. 03431  
Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601  
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## Membership Committee

Harold Beilby, 49 Stonehill Drive, Rochester, N. Y. 14615  
and all Junior Vice Department Commanders

## Americanism and Education

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## Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

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Thomas L. Johnson, 764 W. Washington Ave., Apt. 110, Madison, Wis. 53715, Co-Chairman  
Wayne C. Temple, 821 1/2 S. 5th Street, Springfield, Ill. 62703, Co-Chairman  
(Additional members may be appointed by Co-Chairmen)

## Remembrance Day, Gettysburg

Ivan E. Frantz, 559 W. Jackson Street, York, Pa. 17403, Chairman  
G. Henry Roth, Gettysburg Times, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

## 1976 Encampment Committee

Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601  
(Others to be appointed by the Chairman)

## National Military Affairs Committee

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(Two additional members may be appointed at a later date.)

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## Encampment Site Committee

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3. As your Commander-in-Chief, I ask for your loyal support to all the officers elected for the year 1975-76. Try to make this an outstanding year.
4. Get out and secure new members — it can be done. All Brothers recruiting three new members will be made National Aides. Camp secretaries should notify me when a member becomes eligible.
5. Please don't forget your National Patriotic Instructor, Frank Clark, from New Jersey. He needs your help to reach his goal of \$1,200. Send all contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor Fund directly to him.
6. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg on November 22 is a day you should not forget.

7. To the National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell; National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Mrs. Edra Gene Tighe; National President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans and the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, 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 1976 Department Encampment along with the location, so that I may plan my itinerary. I would like to visit every Department if possible.
9. In conclusion, may I thank all of the delegates who elected me as your Commander-in-Chief. I appreciate this honor and will do all I can to live up to your expectations. I need your help and support to make it a success. May I count on you?

Clarence J. Riddell  
Commander-in-Chief

## The LEGISLATIVE REPORT

STATUS OF MONDAY HOLIDAY LEGISLATION — On September 9 the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 410 to 0 a bill to return the federal observance of Veterans Day to November 11 effective in 1978. The measure passed the Senate last spring and awaits the approval of the President which is assured. On the state level, Colorado has become the 46th state to return its observance of Veterans Day to the November 11 date. States that have not acted on the restoration of the November 11 date are reported to be Hawaii, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Utah.

On the subject of Memorial Day, a committee of the Wisconsin State Senate on August 26 gave its endorsement to a bill that would return the Badger state's observance of Memorial Day to its traditional date of May 30. The measure must now be considered by the full Senate.

A recent survey reported in *The Wall Street Journal* indicated that many large firms do not intend to consider either of the "Monday holidays" that occur in October as actual holidays this year. The federally recognized holidays are Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, and Veterans Day, Monday, October 27. In the survey, seven out of ten firms reported that it will be "business as usual" on the affected days. In some instances compensatory time will be given at Thanksgiving or Christmas.

REVISION OF U. S. FLAG CODE — Legislation has been introduced in both the Senate (SJR 49) and House of Representatives (HJR 321) to revise and update the Flag Code originally passed by Congress in 1942. The identical measures would recognize modern custom and usage and would authorize, among other things, the wearing of a replica of the flag on one's lapel, something that is commonly done but which was not considered when the Code was adopted. To date neither house of Congress has taken the first steps to move the measures through the legislative mill.

WEAPONS PROCUREMENT — Before adjourning for its August recess, the Senate, in a surprise move, refused to accept a Conference Committee report that would have authorized a weapons procurement package of \$31.2 billion. The vote was 48 to 42 against adoption of the report, but the conferees were directed to trim the spending figure for further consideration by Congress in the fall. This directive reflects a concern on the part of lawmakers with the size of the federal budget and was seen as a first test vote of Congress' newly adopted procedures designed to give it more control over the purse strings. But the vote also places in jeopardy the advance planning of the Defense Department.

QUOTABLE QUOTE — Former Sen. Sam Ervin said it, "The federal bureaucracy has become like a third curse of Moses — a suffocating plague of frogs brought forth from out of where they belong into the villages and the very houses of the people."

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
Chairman

The changes made in the C. R. & R. during the past 19 years, as compiled by Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, will appear in summary form in the *January* issue of the **Banner**.

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ALBERT C. LAMBERT

Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

Occasionally, in the course of human events, there lives a man who stands tall among his fellow men. Such a man was Albert C. Lambert.

Albert's primary interest and activity was the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. His first, strong conviction was loyalty to his camp and his greatest pride was his membership in our Organization. A member from his 18th year until his death on September 3, 1975 at age 70, he held every high office in his own camp, the New Jersey Department, and the National Organization. He was prone to minimize the mention of his many titles and many times said, "First and foremost, I'm a member, like you."

We have suffered a great loss but no one knew better than Albert himself that when great leaders of the past have gone on to their Eternal Rest our organization and its work have gone on, safe in the hands of dedicated men. Rather than concern ourselves with the difficulty of filling the void that this Brother's passing has left, let us instead honor his memory by keeping sacred the heritage of love and devotion bequeathed to us through his sincerity and loyalty.

Albert was a pillar in all of his endeavors and the shadow of his dedication has touched all of us. He has left his mark of integrity upon this world and his memory will never fade from those who benefited from his inspiration and guidance.

This man indeed stood tall!



New England Regional Association Presents Flag

N. H. Sunday News Photo by Earl O. Anderson

Shown above holding the flag that was presented by the New England Regional Association to the New Hampshire Veterans Association during the 40th Anniversary meeting of the Regional Association held July 19-20 at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire, are (l. to r.): Richard Wyman, PDC; William L. John; then Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark; Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald; and then National Chaplain William C. Rule. The flag is one that had previously been flown over the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. The New Hampshire Veterans Association marked its centennial milestone on August 23rd. P. C. in C. Heald was general chairman.

Arthur Bartlett of Boscawen has been elected Commander of the Regional Association for 1975-76. He succeeds Ned L. Durkee of Claremont, New Hampshire.

APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and friends who helped me raise the grand sum of \$2,500 for the 1974-75 National Patriotic Instructor Fund. Your generosity and support are sincerely appreciated.

Clarence J. Riddell

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.

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Hundreds of laws are added to the books each year by the Congress, your State Legislature, and your local governing body. However, attainment of quality requires more than words. A better America begins in the homes, in the churches and synagogues, in community action, at the work benches and offices — not in lawmakers' speeches. As our late President Harry S. Truman put it, "The buck stops here" — with you and me.

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## THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

(A Bicentennial Credo Inspired by  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address)

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN YEARS AGO, Our Fathers re-formed this nation as a new concept in Liberty — introducing a fresh dimension in Social Justice — wherein the self-discipline of a free people brought us closer to equality of opportunity.

Now we are engaged in a great trial of politics and economics, testing whether this Extension of Freedom can best be attained by those who respect the rights of the individual — or those who subordinate him to the dictates of self-appointed masters.

We have been given this Bicentennial as a Time for Total Recall. During this great Evaluation, we must find out why we came the way we have — and what the road is we must follow. We must examine the dangers we faced in the Past, so that we may be better able to prepare for the perils ahead. This "Time" is given to help meet greater problems — developed from those we've had before. A full cycle of history has brought them again — magnified in scope and complexity.

But, in a deeper sense, we cannot understand the problems probed — nor the answers sought — until we have focused our attention, at appropriate moments, on the events as they occurred and the people that were involved. This is the "Time" to look back — and remember that the choices we made in hate and prejudice brought returns in blood and suffering — while, when we gave of ourselves in love and understanding, we reaped a golden harvest "brimful and flowing over."

It is for us now to re-capitulate — to assess our gains and write-off our losses — for the "Time" that has passed. To promote our highest ideals. To emulate our Union Fathers in their most effective civilian embodiment — The Grand Army of the Republic — and to adhere firmly and faithfully to their principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty — advanced now to include all men good and true.

In this way, once more, "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" will purge itself of little greeds and become again the hope of the oppressed and the exploited of every clime and shore.

May we all, from this study of the Past, gain the understanding we need to deal with the Present — and prepare for the Future!

Let us then, during these Bicentennial years, make the firm resolve that we, the living, shall deserve the sacrifices of our dead by devoting ourselves to service (as they once did so well) and that our programs for the Future will consider those yet unborn — by building Today with the enduring materials of honesty, integrity and the cement of human kindness.

**ERNEST G. WELLS**

Executive Secretary

Allied Orders of the GAR (Massachusetts)

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The Second Inaugural Address, delivered by Mr. Lincoln on March 4, 1865, has been referred to as the outstanding state paper of the 19th Century. While it promised victory in the North, its last lines assured charity to all and envisioned an era of peace:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

### AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

I wish to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the many courtesies and thoughtful gestures that were extended to me at the recent National Encampment and throughout my term. The kindness of everyone made my years as Commander-in-Chief an outstandingly pleasant and meaningful experience that I shall long remember.

John H. Stark

Past Commander-in-Chief

## PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR

— The principal weapon of the war and the one by which 80 per cent of all wounds were produced was a single-shot, muzzle-loading rifle in the hands of foot soldiers.

— Most wounds were caused by an elongated bullet made of soft lead, about an inch long, pointed at one end and hollowed out at the base, and called a "minie" ball, having been invented by Capt. Minie of the French army.

— Fully armed, a soldier carried about seven pounds of ammunition. His cartridge pouch contained 40 rounds, and an additional 60 rounds might be conveyed in the pocket if an extensive battle was anticipated.

— The muzzle-loading rifle could be loaded at the rate of about three times a minute. Its maximum range was about 1,000 yards.

— Most infantry rifles were equipped with bayonets, but very few men wounded by bayonet showed up at hospitals. The conclusion was that the bayonet was not a lethal weapon. The explanation probably lay in the fact that opposing soldiers did not often actually come to grips and, when they did, were prone to use their rifles as clubs.

— Artillery was used extensively, but only about 10 per cent of the wounded were the victims of artillery fire.

— Besides the rifle and cannon, weapons consisted of revolvers, swords, cutlasses, hand grenades, Greek fire and land mines.

## INVITATION

Annual G.A.R.

Remembrance Day Observance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1975

to be held at Woolson Statue

on the Gettysburg Battlefield

A parade will form at Gettysburg Recreational Field at 1:00 p.m. and will move promptly at 2:00 p.m. The Remembrance Day program will begin immediately following the parade. The speaker will be Brig. Gen. W. A. Morgan, U.S.A.R. (Ret) of Altoona. Gen Morgan is a veteran of many years of military service, including both the U.S. Navy and the U. S. Army. He is a charter member of Madill Camp No. 141 of Sayre, Penna.

The annual Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dedication Day dinner will be held in the Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, at 6:30 p.m., at which time the annual Student College Scholarship will be presented. Reservations for the dinner should be sent to:

George W. Long  
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## ? TICKET NO. 5690 ?

The holder of ticket No. 5690 — the winner of the framed Lincoln Head penny collection which was the first prize of the drawing conducted by Clarence J. Riddell, last year's National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW, at the National Encampment in Rochester, New York — is being sought. The person having the stub bearing the number 5690 is requested to send it to Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell, 3437 N. Howard Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19140, and the prize will be sent promptly.

### SMILE AWHILE

— Some people carve careers — others chisel.

— A woman said to her husband, "Be an angel and let me drive." He did and he is.

— The Missus, at 3:00 in the morning: "Wake up, I hear a mouse squeaking." Her Spouse: "So what do you want me to do, get out of bed and oil it?"

— Woman to marriage counselor: "That's my side of the story. Now let me tell you his."



## Department News



### COLORADO AND WYOMING

We deeply regret to announce the death last May of PDC Wilson Savage, a very loyal and dedicated Son of a Union Veteran whose presence in our midst will be greatly missed.

### CONNECTICUT

Alden Skinner Camp No. 45 on June 12, 1975 presented a flag, flagpole and granite stone to Rev. John White, St. Bernard Church, Rockville. The nylon silk flag was donated by Frank Weber, a member of the Camp. The entire Camp donated the fiberglass pole and stone base. Camp Commander Arthur G. Lyon, Jr. made the presentation. Initiation of new members was conducted on October 9th.

### ILLINOIS

On June 29th Old Glory Camp No. 61-65, joined by its Auxiliary and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, conducted a memorial service at the tomb of Senator Stephen A. Douglas, the "Little Giant."

Michael Lerner, who is a foremost authority on the life of Mr. Douglas and also President of the Illinois State Historical Society, Past President of the Chicago Civil War Round Table, technical advisor of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Commission, and editor of Lerner newspapers, presented an interesting talk on the Senator's life.

The tomb was part of Camp Douglas, the prison camp for captured members of the Confederate forces during the Civil War. PDC Clyde Davis, Jr. was the master of ceremonies. A ceremonial drill and salute were provided by the 55th Illinois Infantry. Colonel Buswell, Camp Commander, and Margaret Buswell, Auxiliary President, placed wreaths at the tomb after the ceremony.

PDC James M. Blackman, a member of Gen. George A. Custer Camp No. 1 with an outstanding attendance record, passed away in Oak Park on July 21st at the age of 91. He was the last remaining link with the GAR, having been the last Secretary of the GAR, Department of Illinois.

### INDIANA

Brother L. K. Williams, still active as ordnance sergeant of the Benton Camp No. 28 marching unit, was awarded a fifty-year membership badge at the June Department Encampment and is now one of three active fifty-year members in the Department. Plans are being made for the presentation of another fifty-year badge at the 1976 Encampment.

Members of the Department and the several Camps will participate in the annual visitation to the Lafayette Soldiers Home and the Knightstown Children's Home both in October.

The Central Region Conference will be held in Richmond, Indiana, October 11 and 12. General William P. Benton Camp No. 28 will host the event. The formal program will be supplemented by a tour of the Benton Camp Civil War Museum. Brother Allen Paul will give the banquet address.

### MARYLAND

On July 4th members of Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 joined a number of patriotic societies in memorial services held at the grave of Elbridge Gerry, an American statesman and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Appropriate military honors were provided by a contingent from the Third U. S. Infantry — "The Old Guard." On August 22nd members of the Camp and the Commandery of the District of Columbia, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, attended impressive and colorful ceremonies at the Formal Retreat and Evening Parade held at the U.S. Marine Corp Barracks in Washington, D.C.

### MASSACHUSETTS

Officers of the Massachusetts Department, Allied Orders of

the Grand Army of the Republic, for the coming year are as follows: Commander, Allen B. Howland, P. C. in C. (SUVCW); Sr. Vice Commander, Minnie E. Madeiros, PDP (Aux. to SUVCW); Jr. Vice Commander, Mae Chaisson, PDP (Woman's Relief Corps); Adjutant-General, Alice F. Harwood, PNP (Ladies of the GAR); and Quartermaster-General, Ernest G. Wells, PDC (SUVCW). All Department heads were installed in the Council of Administration. Brother Wells also continues as Interim Director and Curator of the GAR Memorial.

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During a recent Bicentennial parade in Whitman, Mass., Capt. R. B. Grover Camp No. 17 of Brockton and area camp members took first place in the Color Guard section and received a beautiful trophy. In another parade held in Easton, Mass., the Sons received honorable mention. Past Commander-in-Chief William Haskell and PDC Elmer S. Howe led the delegation.

An enjoyable reception was held for Department Commander Eugene Russell and the Department President of the Auxiliary on September 6th. During the evening a flag was presented by the Department Auxiliary to a young military cadet group which presented a fine exhibition. A program of tap dancing and barber shop music provided enjoyable entertainment. Many present and past Department and National officers and representatives of other Departments were present.

### MICHIGAN

We were saddened on August 19th by the death of PDC James A. Davey, a member of Thomas A. Davey Camp No. 8 of Detroit. His loyal and dedicated service to our Organization will be greatly missed.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald, a lifetime resident of Keene, was elected President of the New Hampshire Veterans' Association at the 100th Anniversary Observance of the Association at Weirs Beach on August 23rd. A graduate of Keene High School and Keene State College with a degree in Education, Brother Heald is an eight-term member of the New Hampshire Legislature (General Court) and has served as chairman of the House Committee on State Institutions for five terms. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He is a member of Gordon-Bissell Post No. 4 of the American Legion in Keene and is a life member of the New Hampshire Veterans' Association.

### NEW JERSEY

We deeply mourn the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert who passed away in St. Francis Hospital, Trenton, on September 3rd. Brother Albert was well known to many throughout our National Organization. His sincere love of the Sons of Union Veterans and his exemplary faithfulness and dedication to its objectives and purposes will not soon be forgotten.

Twenty-seven members of the Sons and Auxiliary of our Department were in attendance at the National Encampment in Rochester. One of the features was our New Jersey dinner held on Sunday evening. We are honored by the election of Fred H. Combs, Jr. to the position of National Secretary-Treasurer; by the appointment of Frank L. Clark as National Patriotic Instructor; William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. as National Grave Registration Officer; and Gertrude Deckenback as National Chaplain of our Auxiliary.

The annual Fall Dinner Meeting of the New Jersey State Camp will be held in Nassau Inn, Princeton, on Saturday evening, October 25th at 6 p.m.

The annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Department will be held in the Nassau Inn on Saturday evening, February 14th.

### NEW YORK

On June 15th Cook Camp No. 223 and its Auxiliary participated with the Erie County Bicentennial Commission in the dedication of Fort Porter where all the troops, especially Buffalo's 100th Regiment, left Buffalo for duty in the Civil War. They hosted an "open house" at the historic GAR Hall following the dedication.

Harold J. Brainard and George C. Brainard of Buffalo have  
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been members of the Sons for more than fifty years and have been awarded pins in recognition of their long and dedicated service. Proud recipients of war medals are: Joseph Wylie of Tonawanda who served in the British Flying Corps in WWI, Rodger Schermer of Pekin for service in WWII, and Frank C. Bellinger of Tonawanda, Commander of P.G. Cook Camp No. 223, who served in Europe in WWII, during the occupation of Austria, with the U.S. Army and in Korea.

We were saddened indeed by the passing of our Junior Vice Department Commander, Harold A. Lowe, of Barton, New York, last June 6th.

## OHIO

McClellan Camp No. 91, its Auxiliary and the Department generally were saddened by the sudden death of PDC Robert D. Austin, Department Secretary-Treasurer on August 29th. Brother Austin was a loyal and active member of the Sons for just short of fifty years. In addition to the Sons, Brother Austin played a very active role in several other organizations. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

We are greatly honored by the election of PDP Margaret Gehret as National Vice President of the Auxiliary at National Encampment held in Rochester in August which was attended by several members of the Sons and Auxiliary.

A reception is planned for Department Commander Thomas Hoffman in Mansfield on October 18th.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Many members of Camp 200 pledged a day of their summer vacation to assist in the museum revival of the Camp. The Camp library is nearing completion under the able and skillful leadership of Michael Cavanaugh, and the Civil War Book Exchange now has 100 subscribers. The Camp has appointed a committee to begin restoration of the museum, portraits and flags — the process to follow the pattern of the library. Camp 200's project to reverse the vandalism and destruction of Major General Winfield Scott Hancock's tomb in Norristown has also begun.

## RHODE ISLAND

Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. "Duke" Arnold, who died suddenly on June 19th last and whose passing we continue to mourn, was always greatly interested in the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol. Prior to his death, Duke had been conferring with Mr. Alfano, Commandant of the Home, about setting up a permanent Civil War display in the Home when an addition to it is completed. We hope to see this realized as a memorial to Duke. Donation of a number of Civil War artifacts to such a collection have already been promised by members of our Department and others.

## VERMONT

The annual Encampment of the Sons and the other allied Orders of the GAR was held in Warren, Vermont, June 26-28 amidst very beautiful and pleasant surroundings and with large numbers of representatives of the respective Organizations in attendance. Interesting meetings were conducted, and officers were elected for 1975-76. An impressive joint memorial service in memory of deceased members was held on June 26th. A Pioneer Supper followed by a social get-together during which old friendships were renewed was another highlight of the Encampment. On June 27th members of all of the Allied Orders, guests, and National and Department Officers met together for one hour for a joint "greetings meeting", which was very enjoyable and successful. At the annual Campfire program on Friday evening, Representative Keith Wallace of Waterbury, Vermont was the guest speaker. Flag presentations were made to the Montpelier Junior High School, the Fannie Allen Hospital and a new school in Colchester by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the GAR, and the Woman's Relief Corps, respectively.

Plans are currently underway to reinstate the Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Burlington, Vermont.

*Rights and Responsibilities — There CANNOT Be One Without the Other.*

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— Acknowledged with sincere appreciation the kindness and generosity of our District of Columbia Representative, Arthur Glenum, in sending a letter of greeting, including a \$200.00 donation, to our National Organization for use as the Organization deems appropriate; acknowledged with thanks a letter extending congratulations and best wishes to Commander-in-Chief Stark for a successful Encampment from Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC, Wisconsin; and acknowledged with gratitude a letter of appreciation to the National Organization from Mrs. Grace Arnold and Dennis Arnold, widow and son of P.C. in C. Harold E. Arnold, for the sympathy and kindness extended to them during their period of bereavement.

The business of the Encampment concluded on Wednesday afternoon with the transaction of final business and the election and installation of the National officers for 1975-76 by Richard Partington, PDP (Penna.)

The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother John H. Stark by P.C. in C. Chester S. Shriver; Brother Shriver also presented a personal gift of a gold lapel button to Brother Stark.

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. Chester S. Shriver 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 in the Niagara Falls, New York and Canada area for those who chose to remain for the additional day.

Past Commanders-in-Chief present at the Encampment were: C. LeRoy Stoudt, Penna.; Cleon E. Heald, N. Hamp.; 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, III; Norman R. Furman, N. Y.; John C. Yocum, Penna.; and Allen B. Howland, Mass.

## USE OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND LECTURES SUGGESTED

An easy and enjoyable way to help the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, writes Brother Ivan E. Frantz, Jr. of Camp No. 33, York, Pa., is to give lectures or informal talks to civio groups. On April 26, 1975 Brother Frantz and Larry Witmer, along with members of the Conewago Independent Light Artillery, gave a living history demonstration to Cub Pack 180 of York, Pa. All of the men are members of Camp 33, and all wore Civil War uniforms and accoutrements for the demonstration. An explanation of the GAR and the Sons was given, as well as an explanation of the Civil War uniforms and accoutrements. The highlights of the demonstration were the firing of the artillery's Parrott field piece and the firing of a Civil War musket and pistol.

Brother Frantz suggests that even though you may not own a uniform and musket, it is still easy to give an effective and informative talk. Pictures taken in museums, or from books or magazines are very helpful. A slide presentation of pictures from Civil War battlefields and museums is also an effective type of program.

The picture you paint, he adds, may stir enough interest in at least one listener to join our Order.

## National Heads to be Honored

A joint Testimonial Dinner for Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell and National President Caroline Riddell will be held on Saturday, November 8, 1975, at the Holiday Inn, King of Prussia (Valley Forge), Pa. Reservations should be made to Miss Thressa Moeckel, 3437 N. Howard Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19140, with check or money order. Tickets are \$8.50 each.

Young people need models rather than critics.