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New National Heads . . .

Elected in Des Moines, Iowa



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Harold T. Beilby

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 96th National Encampment held in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 14 - 18, 1977.

Brother Beilby's grandfather, Henry M. Beilby, served in the Civil War as a Private in Co. B, 13th New York Volunteers. He was taken prisoner and was incarcerated at Libby Prison for eleven months. He was discharged at the end of the war.

Harold T. Beilby joined O'Rorke Camp No. 60 in 1922 and was elected Camp Commander in 1927. He served as Camp Secretary from 1928 until he entered military service in the U. S. Air Corps in 1942. Upon discharge in 1944 he resumed his active role in the Order. He served as Department Commander in 1941 and has held numerous Department level offices. He served the Order in the Rochester, New York, area in many ways, including several years on the joint exemplification team made up of the four Camps in the Rochester area. After his Camp consolidated with Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6 he again served as Camp Commander for two years. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the New York Department Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association for several years, is currently Secretary of the Southern Tier Association in New York and has served as Adjutant of the Memorial and Executive Council of Monroe County.

Brother Beilby has served the National Organization as Personal Aide, Jr. Vice Commander and Sr. Vice Commander. He is retired from the University of Rochester since 1968. He and his wife, Margaret, have three daughters, two sons, twenty three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Marion E. Combs

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 91st Annual National Encampment held in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 14 - 18, 1977.

Sister Combs joined Auxiliary #18 to General James A. Garfield Camp #4 in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1942, shortly after her marriage to Fred H. Combs, Jr. who has been an active member since his sixteenth birthday. Born in Lawrenceville, Marion has lived in the greater Trenton area all of her life except for a short period during Fred's World War II military service. She was graduated from Princeton High School, was Assistant Clerk of the local Selective Service Board, wrote local social and civic news for Trenton and Princeton newspapers and has many years of experience as an administrative secretary in private and public school systems.

Marion's talents range from poetry to dabbling in arts and crafts. She is an ordained Deacon of the Slackwood Presbyterian Church where she also has served as Director of the Vacation Church School and is a member of the Christian Education Commission. She has served as a leader in Brownie and Girl Scout troops, a volunteer aide at the Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, a member of the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, the Lawrenceville Grange and is a charter member of the Lawrence Historical Society. With Fred she is a patron of the Greater Trenton Area Symphony Orchestra and the Garden State Theatre Organ Society.

Marion served as Department President in 1973 and 1974 and was the first person in New Jersey to serve two consecutive terms. She has held numerous Department Offices.

Marion and Fred have two daughters and two granddaughters, the most recent having been born only last January.

ENCAMPMENT NEWS

The 96th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 91st Annual National Convention of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans and of the Ladies of the G.A.R. were held on August 14-18, 1977 in the Savery Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa. There were 105 members registered for the SUVCW with 74 of these present. The official voting strength of the Encampment was 72 since Camps-at-Large enjoy only one vote regardless of number present. Following a Sunday meeting of the Council of Administration (reported elsewhere in this issue) the Joint Memorial Service of the Sons and Auxiliary was conducted in the Ballroom of the Hotel under the leadership of Richard E. Wyman, National Chaplain of the SUVCW and Mrs. Margaret Beilby, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary. Musical selections, the lighting and extinguishing of candles and special tributes by several Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents highlighted this beautiful service. Department Commanders and Department Presidents, or their representatives, placed flowers in tribute to those who had passed away during the past year. Tributes were also paid to the memory of the G.A.R. and to all Past commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents.

Following an hour long band concert by the 34th Army Band, Iowa Army National Guard (CWO Ronald Prill, directing) the annual Campfire Program was held at 8:00 P.M. on Sunday in the Ballroom of the Hotel. The 34th Army Band remained to play for the Campfire also and was loudly applauded for an outstanding performance. The Campfire was opened with the posting of the colors by cadets of the Iowa Military Academy, Iowa Army National Guard, and by a contingent from the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Following the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance, the program was opened with an invocation from National Chaplain Richard E. Wyman. Iowa Department Commander Richard McCoy welcomed the delegates to Des Moines. There were brief remarks by Kenneth T. Wheeler of New Hampshire. Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, Minnie E. Madeiros

of Massachusetts, National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW and Elizabeth B. Koch of Pennsylvania, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Following a selection of Civil War Tunes by the 34th Army Band, the principal address was given by Brigadier General Ronald Woodin, Deputy Adjutant General of the State of Iowa. Following General Woodin's address, the band played The Battle Hymn of the Republic and a Benediction was offered by Mrs. Margaret Beilby, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary. The colors were retired by the Cadets of the Iowa Military Academy and by the contingent from the Sons of Veterans Reserve and taps were played by the 34th Army Band. The entire Campfire was presided over by Major General Joseph Flatt, also of the Iowa Army National Guard.

The Sons and Auxiliary Encampments opened with a joint session on Monday, August 15th, at 9:30 A.M. with P. C. in C. John C. Yocum and Mrs. Lelia Turner, National Chiefs of Staff of the Sons and Auxiliary respectively, in charge. The joint opening was held in the Ballroom of the Hotel which also was the site of the Auxiliary meetings. Following the formal opening, the Sons retired to the Des Moines room where their business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Commander-in-Chief Wheeler appointed the following floor officers for this Encampment: Guide, Richard C. Schlenker of Maryland; Color Bearer, James Ledwith, PDC, of Connecticut; and Guard, Eugene Russell, PDC, of Massachusetts. In addition to the standing committees already appointed, Commander-in-Chief Wheeler appointed the following chairmen for committees to serve this Encampment:

- Officers Reports: Allen B. Howland, P. C. in C. of Massachusetts
- Credentials: Miles Harrington, P.D.C. of Massachusetts
- Resolutions: John H. Stark, P. C. in C. of Pennsylvania
- Rituals and Ceremonies: Norman R. Furman, P. C. in C. of New York

The above Chairmen and their committees served effectively during the Encampment and were discharged with appreciation prior



to the closing of the sessions. Highlights of actions by these committees as well as by the standing committees and the general Encampment follow. The registration of 105 members of the Encampment consisted of one Commander-in-Chief, 13 Past Commanders-in-Chief, nine Department Commanders, 54 Past Department Commanders, 26 Delegates and two members-at-large. The Past Commanders-in-Chief present were:

- C. LeRoy Stoudt of Pennsylvania
- Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania
- Joseph S. Rippey of New York
- William W. Haskell of Massachusetts
- Frank M. Heacock, Sr. of Pennsylvania
- Fred H. Combs, Jr. of New Jersey
- George L. Cashman of Illinois
- Norman R. Furman of New York
- Jack C. Yocum of Pennsylvania
- Allen B. Howland of Massachusetts
- John H. Stark of Pennsylvania
- Clarence J. Riddell of Pennsylvania

Actions taken at the Encampment included the following:

- ... Adopted a Resolution for the amendment of Article III of the Constitution, entitled Eligibility to Membership, to read that all male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, etc. This resolution, which would allow collateral as well as lineal descendency, must be approved by a majority of all Departments and all Camps At Large before becoming effective.
- ... Adopted a Resolution for the amendment of Article VII of the Constitution, entitled Membership, to provide that the total number of Associate Members in any Camp shall not exceed one-third, that no Camp, Department or National meeting may proceed if Associate Members exceed forty-nine per cent of the total attendance, that Associates must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran and that such Associate members are not eligible to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief. This resolution must be approved by a majority of all Departments and all Camps At Large before becoming effective.
- ... Adopted a Resolution urging that the eternal flame of the Eternal Peace Memorial on Oak Hill, scene of the first day's clash in the Battle of Gettysburg, be rekindled so that it will burn eternally in memory of those many fighting men who struggled and died in that fierce battle. This Resolution noted that a reduced flame will not consume any volume of energy and further noted that other eternal flames under the control of the U. S. Government have never been extinguished nor reduced.
- ... Adopted a Resolution denouncing and condemning the recent pardoning of draft evaders by the President of the United States, any further pardoning or amnesty for deserters from the Armed Forces and the upgrading of any discharge which was, when granted, less than Honorable to the status of Honorable and the qualification of those individuals so upgraded to all the benefits accorded to veterans who have served and been discharged Honorably.
- ... Adopted a Resolution condemning the common practice of desecrating Memorial Day by commercial exploitation of the Holiday by retail sales organizations, etc.
- ... Adopted a Resolution rejecting movements currently being considered to replace the STAR SPANGLED BANNER as our National Anthem and firmly supporting the retaining of our present National Anthem.
- ... Adopted a Resolution opposing the recognition of Cuba, the placing of women in combat jobs, the relinquishing of American sovereignty over the "United States Canal" located on the Isthmus of Panama and the unionization of the Military Service. Also pledging support to the C.I.A., to the F.B.I., to the Republic of Korea and pledging to never forget Americans who remain officially Missing in Action.
- ... Adopted Resolutions opposing the concept of amnesty for illegal immigrants and in favor of bills to control this situation such as H.R. 982, H.R. 257 and H.R. 3737. Also requesting the District of Columbia and the National Capital Regional Park Service to better recognize and care for the site of the Battle of Fort Stevens, the only Civil War battle fought within the District of Columbia and the only one at which a President was present.
- ... Adopted a Resolution requesting closer security be maintained at the National Archives and the Library of Congress both to

prevent vandalism and to stop the loss of stolen records.

... Instructed the incoming Encampment Site Committee to report as quickly as possible on the selection of a 1978 Encampment site. This selection was not finalized at this Encampment due to considerable debate regarding possible sites and the late receipt of some invitations which are now under consideration.

The full text of all Resolutions and the full proceedings of this Encampment will be published in the official proceedings thereof. The business sessions adjourned late on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday was devoted to sightseeing and a ceremony dedicating the Soldiers and Sailors monument on the State Capital grounds in Des Moines.

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 and an enjoyable Sons and Auxiliary banquet on Tuesday evening. P. C. in C. Jack Yocum from Pennsylvania served as Toastmaster for the Tuesday banquet which was followed by a reception honoring National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary. There were numerous State delegation luncheons, dinners and parties.

AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS

The 91st annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held the week of August 14th at Des Moines, Iowa. Headquarters was the Savery Hotel where all business and social events took place.

On Sunday, delegates went to the church of their choice and for those who did not want to leave the Hotel a service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Pardington of the Pennsylvania Department.

During the afternoon the Registration of delegates took place and this was followed by a beautiful Memorial Service for the Sons and Auxiliary. At 7:00 P.M. an enjoyable Band Concert was provided for members of all three Organizations. A well planned Camp Fire program followed the concert. In another part of this issue of THE BANNER you will find a more detailed account of these events.

On Monday morning the Official joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held under the direction of National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary Lelia Turner and National Chief of Staff of the Sons John Yocum. This opening was held in the Ballroom of the hotel which was the Auxiliary meeting room for the rest of the encampment.

National President Minnie Madeiros and Commander in Chief Kenneth Wheeler were escorted into the room by their Personal Aides and were placed in the front of the room where they could receive their National Officers and Past National Presidents and Commanders. After brief remarks by Sr. Madeiros and Bro. Wheeler the Sons retired to the Des Moines room where their meetings were to be held.

The business meeting of the Auxiliary was called to order by the National President at 10:30 A.M. Convention floor officers were appointed by Sr. Madeiros as well as Encampment committees and other committees.

The convention committee was then escorted into the room, extended their greetings to the National President and delegates and presented a lovely basket of flowers to the National President which was placed in front of her station.

The altar was arranged and the Guides and Color Guards checked all I.D. cards to ascertain that all present were entitled to remain. Position was taken at the altar for the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the pledge to the flag, the singing of America and the recitation of the American Creed.

Roll call of National Officers found all officers in attendance except the National Press Correspondent. Roll Call of Past National Presidents found sixteen present and each received a gift as did the Sitting Department Presidents of which there were nine who answered the roll call. Department Presidents for 1976-1977 were introduced and eight responded. This group as well as all convention appointees received a gift from the National President who expressed her sincere thanks for all the help she had received during the year.

National President Madeiros then read a most interesting and inspiring report of her years work. Following the reading of this report a rising vote of appreciation was afforded the National President. P.N.P. Ursula Shepardson, speaking on behalf of the National Organization, presented Sr. Madeiros with her testimonial - a check in the amount of \$200.00. The meeting was then recessed until 1:30 P.M.

Monday afternoon session reconvened at 1:45 P.M. National Officers reports were received and turned over to the committee on Officers reports for action. These were followed by the reports of standing committees. Department reports were interspersed between committee reports. The reports of Departments revealed a varied number of patriotic things done in the name of the Organization during the year and it was most gratifying to note the successful efforts of our members in the various Departments. At 3:30 P.M. we received into our meeting Mr. Robert Langdien who was present representing the Smouse Opportunity School who was to receive our check in the amount of \$350.00 presented in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. National Patriotic Instructor Florence Forbey made the presentation. This school takes care of physically handicapped children who are unable to attend public school. During Mr. Langdien's talk he told us that the money would be used toward the purchase of therapy equipment to be used in the school. It was also announced that labels from Campbell soup cans were also being solicited since these were a source of income for the school. Anyone desiring to save these labels can send them either to the school: Smouse Opportunity School, 28th and Center, Des Moines, Iowa or to Sr. Florence Forbey, 423 1/2 15th St., Moline, Illinois 61265. P.N.P. Caroline Riddell responded to Mr. Langdien. Correspondence was then read after which the meeting recessed to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday morning.

On Monday evening the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief held their annual Banquet simultaneous with an exemplification of the Ritual by both the Sons and Auxiliary. This was followed by an enjoyable Courtesy Hour for National President Madeiros and Commander in Chief Wheeler under the direction of National Chief of Staff Lelia Turner.

Tuesday morning meeting convened at 9:30 A.M. The altar was arranged, minutes of the Monday meetings were read and approved. Reports of National Officers and standing committees continued through the morning. After a recess at 12:00 noon the meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M. The first order of business on Tuesday afternoon was nomination of National Officers for the coming year. A listing of the newly elected officers appears in another part of this BANNER and all are requested to refer to that listing for the names and addresses of the newly elected officers. Committee reports were continued until it was time to receive greetings committees from other Organizations. During the visit of the Sons P.C. in C. Frank Heacock spoke of the importance of contacting your representatives in Washington, D.C. relative to House Bill 7232 having to do with returning the observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th - the day designated by the G.A.R. He urged all members to send many cards to their representatives in Washington as a protest to the present day practice of celebrating this very important day in our Organization on the fourth Monday of May regardless of what that date might be. It is to be hoped that all our members will do all in their power to have this date changed back to its rightful place on our calendars.

The Tuesday afternoon session recessed at 3:45 P.M. Tuesday evening a delightful banquet and reception was held honoring our National President and Commander-in-Chief. This affair was under the direction of National Chief of Staff Turner with P.C. in C. Yocum acting as Toastmaster. A reception and dancing followed the banquet and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. All present were invited to visit the suite of the National President to see the many lovely gifts she received at her Courtesy Hour.

Wednesday morning the meeting reconvened at 9:30 A.M. Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved. Communications were read and ordered filed. The Committee on Officers Reports gave their report on their findings and actions. All approved recommendations will appear in the National President's first order. The National Patriotic Instructor gave her financial report which netted \$1472.92 to be turned over to the National Treasurer for Patriotic work. This report was enthusiastically received by all the delegates who gave Sr. Forbey a rising vote of thanks and a round of applause. National Chief of Staff Lelia Turner then gave her report which totaled \$2529.22 after expenses. Sr. Turner was afforded the same splendid

ovation by the delegates as was given Sr. Forbey. Both of these officers are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts and commended for their loyalty to the Organization.

This being the last order of business before Installation of Officers, an announcement was made as to the time and place for the final meeting of the Council. Newly elected National President Marion E. Combs of N. J. was installed by P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton of N. J. who was assisted by a staff of officers comprised of members of the New Jersey Department. We were delighted the Sons recessed their meeting long enough to be present at our Installation. Following the Installation, the Chaplain attended the altar and the 91st Annual National Encampment was officially closed with the Ritualistic closing.

The 1978 National Encampment site has not yet been determined. As soon as a place and time has been decided on by the Sons, the information will be forwarded to the various Departments.

On Thursday a conducted tour of Des Moines was sponsored by the Department of Iowa. This was a carefully planned day and one that everyone enjoyed. All who went on the tour are agreed it was a day well spent and congratulations are in order to those who were responsible for the plans made.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

The following actions were taken by the Council of Administration during its meetings on August 14, 1977 and August 17, 1977 in Des Moines:

1. Appointed P. C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey, P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. and P.D.C. William C. Rule as a sub-committee to prepare a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.
2. Appointed P. C. in C. Clarence J. Riddell and P.D.C. Richard Greenwalt to serve as an Audit Committee to review the report of the outside auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.
3. Reappointed P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert as Editor of THE BANNER for the coming year and continued the subscription rate at \$2.00 per year.
4. Recommended to the Budget Committee that the allowance per issue of THE BANNER be increased to \$750.00 per issue. This increase of \$50.00 or 7.1% being due to increased costs. Also approved the recommendations of the Editor that the quality of paper and printing and the method of distribution of THE BANNER remain unchanged.
5. Continued for 1977-78 the annual payment of \$6.00 to Camps on life memberships.
6. Established a goal of \$1,700.00 for the National Patriotic Instructor to raise during 1977-78 for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.
7. Ordered a formal reply to an inquiry from Gettysburg College regarding the selection criteria for the person to receive the annual Scholarship. This reply to clearly affirm that there are no restrictions whatsoever based upon the sex of the candidate for this scholarship.
8. Granted authority to the National Secretary-Treasurer to adjust the price list of supplies as might become necessary to meet rising costs of supplies and of postage.
9. Ordered that the recommendation of the outgoing National Patriotic Instructor for the establishment of a G.A.R. Memorial Medal be tabled until next year pending investigation of costs and further ordered that the incoming Patriotic Instructor shall conduct such an investigation and report to the Council of Administration in August of 1978. This report to contain full disclosure of costs and recommendations as to distribution, etc.
10. Voted to drop the presentation of a lapel button for outgoing Commanders-in-Chief, presently presented annually in addition to the P. C. in C. Badge, due to the unreasonable high costs of purchasing this button in quantities of one per year. This practice to be discontinued after the 1977-78 fiscal year.
11. Voted to instruct the incoming Fraternal Relations Committee to prepare detailed instructions for this standing committee (I.E.: purposes, function and mode of operation) and to report same to the National Encampment in August of 1978.
12. Approved placement of dividends earned on the Wellington Fund and the interest earned on the special savings accounts in the General Fund for 1977-78.



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1. Having been duly elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief at the 96th Annual National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, command has now been assumed and Headquarters established at above address.
2. A roster of the elected and appointed officers is printed in this issue of THE BANNER. Committee appointments are as follows: The first named are Chairman.

Committee on Constitution

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Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
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C. Leroy Stoudt, 2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn. Reading, Pa. 19606

Legislative Committee

Thomas L. Johnson, 764 W. Washington Ave., Apt. 110, Madison, Wisc. 53715
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Clarence J. Riddell, 3437 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19140
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Membership Committee

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(All Junior Vice Department Commanders)

Americanism and Education

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Thomas A. Monahan, Jr., 3425 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19140
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James Ledwith

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (All are Co-Chairmen)

George L. Cashman, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill. 62702
Thomas L. Johnson, 765 Washington Ave., Apt. 110, Madison, Wisc. 53715
Wayne C. Temple, 821 1/2 S. 5th St., Springfield, Ill. 62703
(Additional members may be appointed by Co-Chairmen)

G.A.R. Remembrance Day, Gettysburg

G. Henry Roth, Gettysburg Times, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
Ivan E. Frantz, 559 W. Jackson St., York, Pa. 17403
Dr. Joseph L. Riley, 306 N. Stratton St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
(Additional members may be added if needed)

1978 Encampment Committee

(Names will be listed in next issue of THE BANNER)

National Military Affairs Committee

P. C. in C. Norman R. Furman, 99 Conant Dr., Buffalo, N. Y. 14223
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Major William P. Warne, Box 233, Ovid, N. Y. 14521
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Fraternal Relations Committee

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Lawrence E. Allison, 1969 N. W. Johnson, No. 306, Portland, Ore. 97209
Vernon V. Redding, R. F. D. No. 2, Buckfield, Maine 04000

Encampment Site Committee

Frank M. Heacock Sr., 421 S. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805
William W. Haskell, 109 Burkeside Ave., Brockton, Mass. 02401
Albert W. Lambert, P. O. Box 673, Naperville, Ill. 60540

Memorial Day Restoration Committee

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 S. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805 (4 yrs.)
Harry E. Gibbons, 554 LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 14215 (3 yrs.)
William C. Rule, 121 Newton St., Holyoke, Mass. 01040 (2 yrs.)
Gordon Bury II, R. D. No. 1, Box 172, Marshallville, Ohio 44645 (1 yr.)
Richard A. McCoy, 610 East Salem Ave., Indianola, Iowa 50125 (5 yrs.)

3. As your Commander-in-Chief, I ask for your loyal support for all of the Officers for the ensuing year 1977-1978. With the help of God and 100% cooperation of every member, I am sure this year can be successful and fruitful.
4. This past year the National Organization showed an increase in membership. This could be the second year that an increase in membership is accomplished. All Brothers recruiting three new members will be designated as National Aides. Camp secretaries please notify me of said accomplishment.

5. Your National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady of Chicago, Ill. needs the support of every member to attain his goal of \$1700.00. Please send all contributions directly to Brother Brady, with checks made payable to National Organization S.U.V.C.W. Take advantage of the "Star Spangled Salute" awards he is offering at no cost. These awards when presented to deserving individuals or businesses can produce very good publicity for our Order.
6. G.A.R. Remembrance Day to be held November 19, 1977 at Gettysburg, Pa. is one of the outstanding Patriotic events of the S.U.V.C.W. If possible, I would like to greet as many members as possible at Gettysburg. I realize, of course, that many Departments celebrate their own Remembrance Day observance.
7. The matter of guidelines for the National Encampment Site Committee, has been referred to said Committee for disposition thereof.
8. I would like to pay a tribute to two outstanding members of our Order. One is Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt, who for 14 years has been Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee, but expressed his desire to resign as of 1977. Brother Leroy has spent much time and energy in this capacity. I feel that all of the Brothers appreciate the efficient accomplishments of this Committee. The other is Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr., who reluctantly felt he must resign as National Secretary-Treasurer due to ill health and again I feel that all of the Brothers certainly appreciate the outstanding efforts that he has put forth in this capacity and we all wish Brother Fred an early return to good health.
9. To the National Auxiliary President, Mrs. Fred H. Combs, Jr. (Marion); National Ladies of the G. A. R. President, Henrietta Bodge; National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War President, Ann Kinniston; and National Womens Relief Corps President; my best wishes and congratulations to you all. May everyone of you have a harmonious and successful year. May we meet on many occasions throughout the year.
10. To all Department Commanders or Secretaries, I would appreciate receiving the dates and locations of all 1978 Department Encampments as soon as possible. In this way, I can efficiently plan my itinerary. I hope to attend all Department Encampments, if humanly possible.
11. In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all of the delegates who elected me to the highest office of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I sincerely appreciate this honor. I shall strive to live up to your expectations. God willing and with the help of every member we can have a successful year.

Harold T. Beilby
Commander-in-Chief

1978 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Arrangements for the 97th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to SUVCW and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have just been completed by the Encampment Site Committee. P. C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman of the Committee, has announced that the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan will be the headquarters for the three Encampments which will be held the week of August 13, 1978. Michigan Department Commander John M. LaRue has appointed P.D.C. Carl A. Smith as a special Aide to be in charge of convention arrangements. Brother Smith, who has already been in touch with the headquarters Hotel and other local organizations, lives at 326 Cherry St., S.E., Apt. 2, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

Chairman Heacock stated that the rates and arrangements offered by the Grand Rapids facility were far better than those of the several alternate sites under consideration and, with time being a critical factor, the committee had to reach a firm decision. The proposed sites for 1979, however, will be reviewed in a more ordinary fashion and reported by the Committee in Grand Rapids. Serving with Brother Heacock were P. C. in C. William W. Haskell and P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert.

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SVR HELD 8TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Gahanna, Ohio, was the site of the 8th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve on July 15-17, 1977. The event was hosted by the 4th US Artillery, Battery A. Sgt. Major Alan Little, Commanding. Saturday was marked by drill competition, a ladies tea and gown competition and various other events. Saturday evening the military ball was held in the Gahanna Junior High School facility. Led by Brig. General and Mrs. Chester S. Shriver, an enjoyable time was experienced by all. The battle scheduled for Sunday was delayed due to extremely severe thunderstorms which threatened local flooding in several areas of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The battle was finally resumed when the weather moderated somewhat and furnished a fitting finale to the three day Encampment.

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DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

We regret that the names of the 1977-78 National Officers for the Daughters of Union Veterans and for the Woman's Relief Corps have not been received in time for inclusion with this roster. It is our hope that these names can be published in the next issue of THE BANNER. Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

My sincerest thanks to the many brothers and sisters who contributed so generously to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund and/or the National patriotic Instructor's Fund this past year, thereby making it possible for me to meet the goal which the Council of Administration had set for me. The financial support needed to carry on our organization's annual patriotic program has thus been assured, and you can take pride in the knowledge that your contributions have been put to good use.

Now our 1977 National Encampment is behind us . . . another year's activities are under way . . . and once again I am appealing to you for contributions to the funds mentioned above. I accepted this fund-raising task for a second term only because of the encouragement you gave me this past year and my belief that you would surely do as much for the Order in the year ahead. Actually, though, I must make a better showing this second try . . . for the costs of our various patriotic endeavors are rising and the Council of Administration has increased the amount I must raise. So -- Brothers, Sisters, Camps, Auxiliaries, Departments -- please be generous! If you want to make a tax deductible gift to the Order in support of its patriotic PRO-GRAM, MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO "National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and mark "For: G.A.R. Memorial Fund" in the corner of the check; or, if you want to order some of the SUVCW and ASUV decals I am still selling at \$1.00 each, or just want to give me some encouragement (and believe me, I can use it!), make out your check to "National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, SUVCW."

Remember, to, that the "Star Spangled Salute" award certificates are still available for presentation to those individuals and business firms flying the flag on a regular basis and worthy of recognition. There is no cost for these . . . it is a part of our Order's patriotic program. Just send me the names of those you want to recognize and the city or town where located, and I'll be happy to get the certificates off to you.

Loyally yours, Charles Allen Brady, Jr. National Patriotic Instructor P. O. Box 6165 Chicago, Illinois 60680

Respectfully submitted, Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

DINNER AND RECEPTION TO HONOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BEILBY AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT COMBS ON OCTOBER 15

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6, SUVCW, and Auxiliary No. 1, Aux. to SUVCW, both of the New York Department, will co-host a dinner and reception in honor of Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and National President Marion E. Combs on Saturday, October 15, 1977.

The event will be held at the Americana Hotel, 70 State Street, Rochester, New York and will start at 6:00 P.M. General Chairman is Joseph S. Rippey, P. C. in C. and Chairlady for the Auxiliary is Mrs. Margaret c. Beilby.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED

A testimonial dinner and reception will be held on Saturday evening, November 5, 1977 honoring Mrs. Marion E. Combs, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The affair sponsored by the New Jersey Department, Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held at Nassau Inn, Princeton, N. J.

Reservations should be made to Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mildred F. Williams, 11 Boxwood Court, Trenton, N. J. 08628. Cost per person is \$15.00 and reservations should be made by October 29 at the very latest.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A major debate is shaping up in the Senate over terms of the Panama Canal treaty. As this column is written, a subcommittee chaired by Sen. James Allen of Ala. is about to examine the terms of the treaty as they relate to constitutional issues. This represents a preliminary skirmish in what promises to be a lively tussle. A two-thirds majority - 67 Senators - is needed to ratify a treaty. Opponents of the treaty have promised to "talk it to death" by means of a filibuster should that become necessary. Not since the issue of the League of Nations has the Senate been faced with a more dramatic struggle over the provisions of a proposed treaty.

Despite the introduction of several bills and resolutions to return Memorial Day to May 30 (H.R. 2467, H.R. 7232, Hse. Jt. Res. 100 and Hse. Jt. Res. 356) in the House of Representatives, no hearings have been scheduled by the Subcommittee on Census and Population to which the measures have been referred. This panel is chaired by Rep. William Lehman of Fla., and includes Reps. James J. Howard, N.J., Leo J. Ryan, Calif, Patricia Schroeder, Colo., Stephen J. Solarz, N.Y., John H. Rousselot, Calif., and James A. S. Leach, Iowa.

Under terms of H.R. 2437, Manasses (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park in Virginia would be enlarged by about 1,800 acres and the site enhanced. The measure passed the House in the 94th Congress on September 29, 1976, but its provisions were deleted from the omnibus parks bill when it reached the Senate late in the session. In the 95th Congress the process must begin new.

**AN INVITATION
The 21st Annual
GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC
REMEMBRANCE DAY
OBSERVANCES
Saturday, November 19, 1977
Gettysburg Battlefield
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

2:00 P.M. Parade
2:30 P.M. Services at Albert Woolson Statue
3:00 P.M. Services at the Cyclorama

On behalf of the Remembrance Day Committee of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, every interested man, woman and child is invited to join with us in this annual Remembrance.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

The New England Regional Association met in early July at Weirs Beach, N. H. for its annual session. Much of the business session was devoted to spirited discussion regarding the proposed site of the 1978 National Encampment with several members opposing the suggestion of Toronto, Canada, for a variety of reasons. Officers for the 1977-78 term are as follows:

Commander	Allen B. Howland of Massachusetts
Vice Commander	Robert Hunt of Maine
Secretary	Eugene Russell of Massachusetts
Treasurer	William C. Rule of Massachusetts
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thanksgiving was first observed in this country by the Plymouth colony in 1621. It was marked once by George Washington and again by James Madison. It was Abraham Lincoln who established it as an annual national event with this proclamation of October 3, 1863: "The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. These bounties . . . are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come . . . It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."

Would it not also be fitting and proper that prayers of thankfulness constitute part of our daily witness?

Richard C. Schlenker
National Chaplain

SEEK HISTORY OF SVR ACTIVITIES

The Fort Chickamauga National Historical Society did a Historic Monograph last year on the little known story of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). They plan to expand it into a book over the coming few years and are seeking any historic data which Camps or Individuals might be able to contribute. In particular they are interested in the time period of 1919 and earlier and particularly interested in anything referring to SVR units which entered Federal Service for any reason. These might be letters, documents, orders, duty assignments, general orders, etc. All material received will be catalogued and archived and, if pertinent, will be used to document the planned book. Replies can be addressed to: The Fort Chickamauga National Historical Society, Fort Chickamauga, Cookson, Oklahoma 74427.

**HONOR ROLL OF LIVING SONS OF
VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE
CIVIL WAR CONTINUES TO GROW**

Since the initial listing published in the July 1977 issue, the following names have been added to our Honor Roll of Living Sons:

Andrew V. French Sr., Sewanee, Tenn.
(Henry J. Madill Camp 141, SUVCW)
Son of Walter French, Union Veteran

Colonel Bryan Buswell, North Fort Myers, Fla.
(Old Glory Camp 61-65, SUVCW)
Son of Colonel Nicholas Colby Buswell, Union Veteran

Elmer J. Dayton, Long Beach, Calif.
(not presently a member of the SUVCW)
Son of Justus A. Dayton, Union Veteran

Eno R. Ayres, Nokomis, Fla.
(General Hartsuff Camp 50, SUVCW)
Son of Charles Wesley Ayres, Union Veteran

Harry N. Adams, Colorado Springs, Colo.
(Colorado Camp 5, SUVCW)
Son of Timothy G. Adams, Union Veteran

John B. Tipton, Colorado Springs, Colo.
(Colorado Camp 5, SUVCW)
Son of John Nead Tipton, Union Veteran

Coby F. Wilcox, Los Angeles, Calif.
(Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2, SUVCW)
Son of Martin Wilcox, Union Veteran

George J. Hassinger, Buffalo, N. Y.
(H. C. Berry Camp #89, SUVCW)
Son of Philip Hassinger, Union Veteran

Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty, USA (Ret.),
Indianapolis, Ind. (not presently a member of the SUVCW)
Son of Major William W. Daugherty, Union Veteran

In addition, we wish to acknowledge the following corrections to Honor Roll entries reported in July:

Alfred Rice, who is not presently a member of the SUVCW, is from Shaftsbury, Vermont (not Shaftsburg). He is the son of Union Veteran William H. Rice

Fred Pfister, Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio is the son of Union Veteran Frederick Pfister

If you know of anyone, whether he is presently a member of our Order or not, who is a living Son of a Union Veteran, please let us know. We wish to compile an Honor Roll which will recognize those few among our ranks who are sons in fact as well as spirit. Please remember to include all the information necessary for the listing, although Civil War units and street addresses are not listed in the published list, they are greatly appreciated. Address all replies to: Albert W. Lambert, Editor, The Banner, P. O. Box 673, Naperville, Illinois 60540.

**HANCOCK TOMB SURVIVES WINTER
BECOMES LOCAL ATTRACTION**

The General W. S. Hancock Committee of Camp #200, SUVCW, in Philadelphia reports that although we have experienced one of the worst winters in many years, the landscaped area around the General Hancock tomb has held up quite well. Even more heartening is the fact that the community around Montgomery Cemetery, made more aware of the history of the Tomb by the activities of the SUVCW, is noticeably more respectful of the Tomb and the Cemetery. As a result, the area remains quite pleasant and fitting for a brief visit. Anyone visiting in the Philadelphia area who would like to visit the tomb of General Hancock may call Camp #200 for directions. In area 215, call 331-0759 or 789-1432.

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Because I have received several gifts without names or addresses, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one across the country that have given me gifts.

I also would like to thank all the Departments and Camps for all of the courtesies shown to me throughout my most successful year.

Kenneth T. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

PERMANENT FUND

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

TO — Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer
P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

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

Name of Veteran _____

Company & Regiment _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes -
Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

- The following Honor Roll contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:
- From Robert Rikel Cordell,
 - In Memory of Charles H. Rikel, Co. F, 47th Regt., N.Y. \$10.00
 - From Robert L. Vogelsang, Clawson, Michigan
 - In Memory of Dietrich Vogelsang, Co. A,
 - 1st Minnesota Volunteers \$10.00
 - From The Richard C. Schlenker Family
 - In Memory of Pvt. Daniel B. Schlenker, Co. G,
 - 167th Penna. Regt \$10.00
 - From Mrs. Laura Combs, Lawrenceville, N.J.
 - In Memory of Fred H. Combs, Sr., P.D.C. (N.J.) \$10.00
 - From Howard E. Bartholf, Richmond, Virginia
 - In Memory of Sgt. Andrew Jackson Varian,
 - Co. H, 1st N.Y. Engrs. \$10.00
 - From Walter S. Woods, Wilmington, Delaware
 - In Memory of John W. McCann, Co. B,
 - 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry \$10.00
 - From James F. Elliott, Red Bank, N.J.
 - In Memory of Sgt. Fergus Elliott, Co. G,
 - 109th Regt., Pa. Vol. Inf. \$10.00
 - From Miss Ella G. Reeger, Trenton, N.J.
 - In Memory of John L. Reeger, P.D.C. (N.J.) \$10.00

SUVCW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift, or a bestowed honor. The costs per age category are as follows:

- Under age 60 \$150.00
- Age 60 to 69 \$125.00
- Age 70 and over \$100.00

Payment to the National Secretary-Treasurer can be made on the basis of one-third (1/3) with the application for a Life Membership and the balance within one year. The interest on each Life Membership is mailed January 1st of each year to the Member's Camp Treasurer for the member's dues. The interest paid per each life membership for 1978 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

The following Life Memberships have been recorded by the National Secretary since the last issue of THE BANNER.

- George J. Hassinger, Buffalo, New York \$100.00
- Elton P. Koch, Ridley Park, Penna. \$125.00
- Ned L. Durkee \$100.00
- Carl A. Smith, Grand Rapids, Michigan. \$100.00
- Alfred Hahn, New York, New York \$100.00

(Note: Life memberships and correspondence regarding same should continued to be sent to Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648 thru the balance of the year 1977).



**Department
News**



IOWA

It was Iowa's great privilege to host the 96th National Encampment of the SUVCW and the 91st National Encampment of the Ladies of the G.A.R., at Des Moines the week of August 14th. Full reports on these meetings are contained elsewhere in this issue and will not be repeated. The Encampment Committee, led by Department Commander Richard McCoy, worked long and hard on arrangements and were rewarded with the good feelings of a hard job, well done.

During the encampment the Iowa Department, SUVCW, was honored with the receipt of the P.C. in C. Harold E. Arnold annual award for the Department or Camp-at-Large which has achieved the largest actual numerical increase in membership. With a net increase of 33 members Iowa won easily, the award being accepted by Dept. Commander McCoy. We were also honored by having J. B. Johnson of Waterloo elected to the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief and Department President Nellie Hawley of Fort Dodge elected National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary.

The State Picnic will be held in Des Moines on September 11, 1977.

MARYLAND

Two brothers and twelve Auxiliary sisters made the two thousand mile round trip to Des Moines to attend the 96th National Encampment. The "red carpet" treatment given by the Iowans was greatly appreciated by the "easterners." Many persons included a visit to the Lincoln Homestead and Tomb at Springfield, Ill. while enroute.

Members of Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Washington, D.C. have been attending monthly luncheons during the summer months with Loyal Legion compatriots. Both groups and guests attended a Friday evening "Sunset Retreat Parade" at the Marine Barracks following a buffet dinner at the Washington Navy Yard.

Several Camp members participated in several battle re-enactments this summer with the First North/South Brigade.

MASSACHUSETTS

Brother John B. Davis has moved "down south" to Virginia but will maintain his membership here in Massachusetts. John's new address is: 710 Ainsley Place, Apt. 102, Virginia Beach, Va. 23462.

MICHIGAN

Michigan will host the 1978 National Encampments of the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. in Grand Rapids the week of August 13, 1978. Department Commander John M. LaRue has appointed PDC Carl A. Smith as a Special Aide to head the Encampment Committee efforts. PDC Smith, who is a member of the Council this year, lives in Grand Rapids.

In his first General Order of the 1977-78 year, Dept. Commander LaRue placed special stress upon the need to keep Memorial Day on the actual date of May 30th each year rather than "the fourth Monday of May" and also upon the need to increase membership and member activity.

The Michigan Department was saddened by the death of P.D.C. Milo Newer, Jr., of U. S. Grant Camp No. 5 in Detroit. PDC Newer was 49 years of age when he passed away while attending an American Legion Convention last July. PDC Newer had also been a Past State Commander of the American Legion.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Approximately 100 people attended a reception for Department Commander Wallace Hooper and Department President Charlene Hooper on July 23, 1977 at the American Legion Hall in Milford. The event was sponsored by Spaulding Camp No. 38 and Auxiliary No. 7. PNP Emma Wheeler was Chairlady of the event which presented a full program of speeches and entertainment. The event was attended by several Department Officers of the Sons, the Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Women's Relief Corps as well as representatives from other patriotic organizations and local civic groups.

NEW JERSEY

At the recent National Encampments of the Sons and their Auxiliary, held in Des Moines, New Jersey was highly honored by the election of PDP MARION E. COMBS to the office of National President. We all extend to Marion our sincerest congratulations and our best wishes for her every good fortune during her year. Appointments made by Marion in Des Moines from New Jersey include PNP Edna S. Lambert, National Counselor, PNP Anne O. Clayton, National Personal Aide and PDP Hilda Junge, National Chief of Staff.

The Annual Fall Dinner Meeting of the New Jersey State Camp (Lincoln Camp No. 100) will be held at Nassau Inn, Princeton, on Saturday evening, October 29, 1977 starting at 6:00 P.M.. Dr. Robert Macleod will present a slide program on restoring of a Civil War Ward Cannon.

The Sons and Auxiliary were represented in Des Moines by approximately 25 members. PDC William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. was reappointed to the position of National Graves Registration Officer and PDC Albert W. Lambert was reappointed as Editor of THE BANNER. We were saddened by the resignation, for reasons of poor health, of P.C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. from the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Fred has served the Department and National Organizations in numerous roles over the years and has justly earned his rest. We wish for him a speedy return to full and good health and we suspect he will have his hands full this year just being "Mr. National President."

The annual Lincoln Dinner which is sponsored by the Department will be held again in 1978, the exact date and location were not finalized in time for this report but will be in the next issue.

A testimonial dinner and reception honoring National President Marion E. Combs will be held on Saturday, November 5, 1977 at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, N. J. The affair is being sponsored by the entire Department and on Sunday, September 25, 1977, Department President Mildred Williams hosted a cookout for all New Jersey Past Department Presidents to discuss plans and details.



PDC Frank A. L. Daubert of Garfield Camp No. 4 in Trenton was honored recently by Trenton Post No. 98 of the American Legion with the presentation of a Gold Life Membership. Frank is pictured above, on the right, receiving his award. The Gold Life Membership Award is the highest honor that can be conferred on a member of the American Legion by his local Post and to date, only eight such awards have ever been made by Trenton Post #98. The award noted that Frank, a World War I Veteran, was a charter member of his Post, was active all of his life, served as a volunteer Civil Defense Air Watch Patrol member during the second world war and has contributed thousands of hours of time to the Post. The Award also sited Frank's membership in the SUVCW and his countless contributions at both the Camp and Department levels.

NEW YORK

The New York Department is saddened by the death of Major Ferdinand W. Mayr, U.S.A.F. Ret., of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6 in Rochester. Major Mayr, who during the second world war was in charge of local defense for areas of England and Scotland for the U. S. Air Corps, was retired and lived in Florida with his wife. Mrs. Mayr will move her residence to Cincinnati.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6 and Auxiliary No. 1 are busy preparing to co-host a dinner and reception in honor of Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and National President Marion E. Combs. The event will be held on October 15, 1977 at the Americana Hotel in Rochester. Joseph S. Rippey, P. C. in C., is General Chairman and Sister Margaret C. Beilby is Auxiliary Chairlady.

In addition to seeing Harold T. Beilby elected to the highest office with the Sons at the National Encampment in Des Moines, we are proud to count the following National Officers also elected or appointed: P.C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey, Council of Administration, P.C. in C. Norman R. Furman, National Counselor, Harry E. Gibbons, National Historian and Edson W. Baker, National Personal Aide.

PENNSYLVANIA

A large delegation from the various Allied Orders in Pennsylvania journeyed to Des Moines for the National Encampments, of the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Ladies. The Sons enjoyed a spirited and lively session which lasted longer than any in recent memory and which, in the final analysis, contributed greatly to the good of our Order. P. C. in C. Chester S. Shriver of Gettysburg was elected to fill the unexpired term of National Secretary-Treasurer after P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. of New Jersey announced his retirement because of poor health. Brother Chet will assume these added duties as of January 1978.

PDP Edna Meeker celebrated her 99th Birthday last April with the planting of a new tree. Sister Meeker is a widow of a Civil War Veteran and a loyal member who would find her 99th year a fitting time to continue looking forward.

The Pennsylvania Department was saddened by the death of Ivan M. Landis of General George G. Meade Camp #16 in Reading. Brother Landis was stricken with a heart attack at the Department Encampment last June and passed away only a few hours later.

WISCONSIN

In informal but dignified ceremonies on July 31, Ammi Hawks Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary No. 5 received their charters signifying their association with the Oconomowoc area. The Camp and its Auxiliary had reactivated dormant charters some years ago but wanted to achieve their own identity. Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC, gave a dedicatory talk and presented the Camp's charter to Grover R. Huff, Camp Commander. Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, performed similar duties in presenting the Auxiliary charter to Helen Huff, Auxiliary President. Greetings were extended by Grover Huff in his capacity as Dept. Commander and by Rhoda Lemanski, Dept. Auxiliary President. The mayor of Oconomowoc, Florence Whalen, and the chairman of the Summit Town Board, Thomas Schwaab, also extended their greetings and best wishes to the newly chartered units. The groups meet regularly at the Summit town hall. Burton E. Kannenberg, PDC, was recognized for his untiring efforts over several years' time to make the Camp and its Auxiliary a reality. Grover Hull presided at the ceremonies which were followed by refreshments served by the women of the Auxiliary.

The Department was saddened by the loss of Helen Wilbur, PDP and long-time member, who passed away in Madison on July 1. At the time of her death, Sister Helen was Secretary-Treasurer of Auxiliary No. 2, Madison. Members of the Auxiliary participated in a memorial service for her.

CURTIS-WARNER CAMP NO. 64

With a net gain of 91% in membership (almost double) the Camp was honored at the National Encampment in Des Moines with the receipt of the P.C. in C. U. S. Grant III Cup awarded annually to the Department or Camp-at-Large with the largest percentage increase in membership.

FORT CHICKAMAUGA CAMP NO. 1

We were honored that two members of Fort Chickamauga were able to journey to Des Moines for the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our work goes on at the Fort, we have been helped in no small part by the efforts and donations of various individuals, Camps or Departments within the National Organization of SUVCW. Lt. Col. John H. Jeffries, SVR, who is Secretary-Treasurer of the Camp and also Commanding Officer of the Fort addressed the National Encampment in session on the final day of the Encampment. Col. Jeffries outlined the history of Fort Chickamauga, its goals and objectives, and described our current projects. He thanked the individuals present for their past support and extended an open invitation to all members of the Allied Orders and all persons interested in the heritage of this Nation to visit the Fort the next time they are in our area.

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