

New National Heads . . .

## Elected in Grand Rapids, Michigan



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
FLORENCE H. FORBEY**

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 92nd Annual Encampment held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 13-17, 1978.

Sister Forbey joined the Auxiliary to the J. M. Tuttle Camp in Des Moines, Iowa in 1936, shortly after the death of her Civil War Veteran Grandfather, who had served with Company G, 147th Infantry of Indiana. Sister Forbey also had two great-grandfathers who served in the war from the state of Iowa.

Born and raised in the Des Moines, Iowa area, she received her high school certificate from Des Moines; worked on the Polk County, Iowa Election Board; served three years as president of her childrens' school P.T.A.; during the second World War worked as a Government Inspection Supervisor at the Des Moines, Iowa, Munitions Plant and Air Storage Depot, and served as the local Air Raid Warden and as an Auxiliary Policeman.

Moving to Illinois in 1947, she became co-owner in a tailor shop that was in business for twenty years. She is a twenty-five year member of the local Veterans of Foreign War Post 1303; and thirty year member of the Illinois Unit 58, Mothers of World War II, serving fifteen years as President and one year as President of Illinois Fourteenth District.

Sister Florence became active in the Rock Island, Illinois, John Buford Camp 243, Auxiliary No. 11, in 1952. She served as President in 1953, became active in the Department at that time, served in various chairs, becoming Department President for the first time in 1958. She has since served as Department President from 1973 to 1977, and is the first Illinois member to serve as De-



**COMMANER-IN-CHIEF  
RICHARD L. GREENWALT**

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 97th National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 13-17, 1978.

Brother Greenwalt's Grandfather, Peter R. Greenwalt, served as a Private in Company I, 10th Regiment, West Virginia Volunteers. He was discharged at the end of the war.

Richard L. Greenwalt joined McClellan Camp No. 91 in Alliance, Ohio, in 1963. He was elected Camp Commander in 1967, Department Commander in 1968, and Commander of the Central Region in 1973. He has served the National Organization as a member of the Legislative Committee, Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

At the time of his election, he is serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Department and McClellan Camp.

Brother Greenwalt joined the SVR in 1971. At the present time, he is Quartermaster on the National Staff, Adjutant for the Third Military District, and Adjutant for his regiment, the 19th Ohio.

He has been employed as a teacher for 28 years. His family consists of his daughter, grandson and mother.

partment President for five years. Currently she is Secretary-Treasurer for her local Auxiliary.

Her two sons and one daughter have given her nine grandchildren, the youngest born in September of this year. Sister Florence's daughter, two daughters-in-law and two granddaughters are all members of the Auxiliary.

SONS ENCAMPMENT NEWS

The 97th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 92nd Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 92nd Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were all held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 13th thru 17th, 1978. Headquarters for all three Encampments was the Pantlind Hotel.

On Sunday the Council of Administration met in the early afternoon. A full report of both Council of Administration meetings can be found elsewhere in this issue of The Banner. Following this meeting, a Joint Memorial Service was conducted by Richard C. Schlenker of Delaware, National Chaplain of the SUVCW, and Mrs. Arlene Iervolino of Massachusetts, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary. During the service departed brothers and sisters from various Departments were remembered as each Department Commander and each Department President, or their representatives, placed a flower in tribute to the members of their own Department. Mr. Richard E. Wyman of New Hampshire, a former National Chaplain, sang two hymns and was accompanied by Past National President Emma Wheeler of New Hampshire on the piano. Tributes were also paid to the memory of the G.A.R. and to all Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents.

Sunday evening was highlighted by the annual Campfire program. This program is shared by members of all of the Allied Orders in attendance and is under the direction of the Encampment Committee of the Host organizations. The colors were presented and later retired by a contingent from the Sons of Veterans Reserve under the command of General Chester S. Shriver who is Commanding Officer of the S.V.R. The main address at the Campfire was given by P. C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr. Following the formal Campfire exercises, the group was entertained by a local woman's singing group which did a number of selections. This group sang barbershop type music, performing without musical accompaniment and in beautiful harmony.

On Monday morning, the Encampments of the Sons and the Auxiliary were officially opened at a joint opening ceremony conducted in the Ballroom of the Hotel which was also the meeting room for the Auxiliary. This joint opening was under the direction of Mrs. Hilda Junge, National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, and P. C. in C. John H. Stark, National Chief of Staff of the Sons.

Following the formal joint opening, the Sons retired to the West Vandenburg Room which served as their meeting room for the remainder of the week. There the first business meeting was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby at approximately 11:00 AM. In addition to the standing committees that have served all of the past year and were appointed a year ago by Commander-in-Chief Beilby in his General Order No. 1, the following appointments were made as Chairmen of special committees to serve this Encampment:

- Officers Reports . . . . . William W. Haskell, P. C. in C. of Mass.
- Credentials . . . . . Miles Harrington, P.D.C. of Mass.
- Resolutions . . . . . Richard O. Parkinson, P. D. C. of Penna.
- Rituals and Ceremonies . Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. C. in C. of N. J.
- Commander-in-Chief Beilby also appointed the following floor officers for the duration of the Encampment:
- Guide . . . . . Gordon R. Bury, II, P. D. C. of Ohio
- Color Bearer . . . . . James Leadwith, P. D. C. of Connecticut
- Guard . . . . . Orval King, P. D. C. of Indiana

Officers reports were read by Commander-in-Chief Beilby who gave his report prior to the Monday luncheon break. After reconvening Monday afternoon the reports of the other National Offices were heard and all reports referred to committee. During the report of the Secretary-Treasurer it was noted that both proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Order have been passed by the required majority of all Departments. With a total of 19 Departments, ten ratifications were required for each. The results were: 13 in favor of amendment to Article III allowing lineal or collateral blood decedents, etc; and 12 in favor of amendment to Article VII establishing the rules for Associate Memberships. Since both proposed amendments approved by the 96th Annual Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1977 did, in fact, receive ratification by the required majority of all Departments, Commander-in-Chief Beilby proclaimed them duly approved and a part of the Constitution of

our Order. Various resolutions were read and referred to Committee. The meeting adjourned a little after four in the afternoon. Monday evening was the time of the annual Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents banquet. Later that evening there was an exemplification of the Ritual by the SUVCW as well as an exemplification by the Auxiliary. Both Ritual exemplifications were the occasions for initiation of new members, three in the Sons and two in the Auxiliary. Following the Ritual work, the Joint Courtesy Hour was conducted by the National Chiefs of Staff of the Sons and Auxiliary.

On Tuesday morning the business session opened with the report of the Encampment Site Committee which announced the selection of Hartford, Connecticut for the 1979 Encampment. The date will be August 12-16, 1979 and the headquarters Hotel will be the Sheraton-Hartford. The committee also proposed new guidelines for the conduct of future Encampment Site Committees, in accordance with the instructions given it at the Des Moines Encampment in 1977. The guidelines included nine separate paragraphs (see proceedings of 97th Annual National Encampment for full text) which covered the duties and powers of the Committee, the accountability for all funds donated by National Organizations of the Allied Orders and the responsibilities for the Encampment planning in the event there is no Host Camp or Department in the city selected.

The Legislative Committee report included the following recommendations which were adopted by the Encampment:

- ... That the U. S. Congress be again urged to return Memorial Day to the traditional May 30th date, thus causing a nation-wide return of this traditional Holiday to its proper date.
- ... That appropriations of Federal Funds for the expansion, enlargement and enhancement of Civil War Battlefields be strongly supported.
- ... That the SUVCW recognize the national media for the balanced and objective live coverage given to the Panama Canal debates in the U. S. Congress.

Reports were heard from the Americanization Committee, the Lincoln Tomb Committee, the GAR Remembrance Committee, the Military Affairs Committee and the Fraternal Relations Committee. Commanding General Chester S. Shriver gave the report of the Military Department, S. V. R. (Sons of Veterans Reserve) and there followed a lively debate on the activities of the S. V. R. and their relationships to the SUVCW.

The report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Commanders-in-Chief . . . . .	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief . . . . .	13
Department Commanders . . . . .	11
Past Department Commanders . . . . .	52
Delegates . . . . .	21
Total registration . . . . .	98

This represents the total registration of the Encampment. Brothers present and entitled to vote during the business sessions totaled 70, the balance representing Brothers registered but absent.

Other resolutions submitted to this Encampment and passed at the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions included:

- ... A resolution to urge that the appointment of Federal Judges be based on the professional merits of the candidate and not upon politics so that such Judges, once appointed, may act independent of current political considerations at all times and in all matters.
- ... A resolution urging the retention of the name of Mount McKinley, named after a soldier, statesman and martyr President, and urging rejection of a contemporary movement to rename this famous mountain peak.
- ... A resolution urging the continuance of Memorial Day on May 30th of each year, excluding this Holiday from the list of holidays which the Federal Government observes on the nearest Monday.
- ... A resolution expressing regret at the Panama Canal treaty decision and urging even greater vigilance to safeguard our national interest under this far less advantageous or desirable arrangement.

On Tuesday evening the annual joint banquet of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the ballroom of the Hotel. Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey served as toastmaster. The banquet, under the direction of Auxiliary Chief of Staff Hilda Junge, was

followed by a reception honoring the National Officers and Past National Heads of both organizations. The evening concluded with an excellent dance orchestra.

The Wednesday session, the final of the Encampment, heard the report of the Audit Committee appointed by the Council of Administration to audit the report of the Secretary-Treasurer. The Financial section of the report from the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief (dealing with the Centennial Fund) and the report of the Patriotic Instructor (dealing with the G. A. R. Memorial Fund) were heard. A standing ovation was given the Patriotic Instructor for a "record year". P. C. in C. Frank Heacock gave a brief and disappointing report on the Committee for the Restoration of Memorial Day. Congressional Committees have this proposal "tied up" and there appears to be little hope for the current session of Congress.

The committee on Officers Reports gave a final report, including a large number of routine recommendations from various officers. Included in these were recommendations from both Commander-in-Chief Beilby and Secretary-Treasurer Shriver to form a Centennial Year Committee to begin now for the planning of 1981 (the 100th anniversary of the SUVCW).

A recommendation in the report of the National G. A. R. Highway Officer for the appointment of Department G. A. R. Highway Officers in all Departments thru which the G. A. R. Memorial Highway passes was also adopted. The Encampment heard the reports of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and the Budget Committee, as well as a verbal report from Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1, a Camp-at-Large which is formed from S.V.R. and 4th U.S. Cavalry personnel at Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma. The Committee on Constitution and Regulations recommended one change to Chapter III, Article VII, Section 6 which deals with Committees. This proposed change, which was adopted by the Encampment and referred to the various Departments for ratification, amends Section 6 to be in agreement with the Guidelines adopted earlier by the Encampment for the Encampment Site Committee by adding one new sentence at the end of Section 6 as follows: "It may adopt rules for the proper accomplishment of the foregoing, and may appoint an encampment planner." The Massachusetts Department, with a net gain of 21 new members during fiscal 1977-78, was presented with the Harold E. Arnold Membership Award Plaque.

Fort Chickamauga Camp #1, a Camp-at-Large, with a net membership increase of 34.6% during fiscal 1977-78 was presented with the General U. S. Grant III Trophy. A resolution carried to the Wednesday meeting by the Ladies of the GAR, urging a return of all five Allied Orders to meet in National Encampment together, was adopted. Under Good-Of-The-Order there were lengthy and spirited discussions on various subjects from the Grand Army compound in New Hampshire to problems in specific Camps, most especially in Philadelphia Camp No. 200 of the Pennsylvania Department. While the Encampment had no official action to take in these matters the Brothers present discussed at length the various topics introduced.

Nominations for Officers were opened and two nominations were made for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the year 1978-79. P. D. C. Charles A. Brady of Illinois was endorsed by and nominated by the Illinois Department and P. D. C. Richard Greenwalt of Ohio was endorsed and nominated by the New York Department. There were no contests for any other National office. Following nominations, the room was locked and the Brothers present voted by Department, electing Brother Greenwalt and Commander-in-Chief for the year 1978-79.

Of the 13 Past Commanders-in-Chief registered, twelve were present. They 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
- Geroge L. Cashman of Illinois
- Norman R. Furman of New York
- Allen B. Howland of Massachusetts
- John H. Stark of Pennsylvania
- Clarence J. Riddell of Pennsylvania
- Kenneth T. Wheeler of New Hampshire

There were numerous State delegation luncheons, dinners, parties and open houses throughout the five days of the Encampment. On

Thursday there was a bus tour of Grand Rapids for delegates and family who were able to stay thru the final day of the planned events. The full text of all proceedings, resolutions, motions, etc. may be found in the official, published proceedings of the 97th Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

The following actions were taken by the Council of Administration during its meetings on August 13, 1978 and August 16, 1978 at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

1. Appointed P. C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey of New York and P. C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. of New Jersey as a sub-committee to prepare and present an annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979. This committee subsequently reported to the full Encampment on August 16, 1978 and was thereafter discharged.
2. Appointed P. C. in C. Kenneth T. Wheeler of New Hampshire and P. D. C. Richard L. Greenwalt, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, of Ohio as a sub-committee to audit the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer and the report of the independent C. P. A. audit of the fiscal year 1977-1978. This committee subsequently reported to the full Encampment on August 16, 1978 and was then discharged.
3. Received the report of The Editor of The Banner and approved his recommendation that the allowance for the Banner be increased to \$3,200 (an increase of \$200 per year) due to rising printing and postage costs. Recommendation was then referred to the Budget Committee. Also approved recommendations that the subscription price of The Banner remain unchanged and that the present method and quality of printing and distribution remain unchanged.
4. Received the report of the Coordinator of the Membership-At-Large program and approved his recommendation that this program continue its long standing practice of an annual advertisement in the Civil War Times. This recommendation was then referred to the Budget Committee.
5. Received the report of the Patriotic Instructor, requested at the August 17, 1977, meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, regarding the probable costs of the Medal which was recommended in the annual report of the National Patriotic Instructor in Des Moines. That recommendation has been referred to the Council of Administration by the National Encampment in Des Moines. Based on the probable costs per unit for striking and distributing this medal, the Council voted to table this recommendation.
6. Reappointed P. D. C. Albert W. Lambert as Editor of The Banner for the coming year.
7. Continued for 1978-79 the annual payment of \$6.00 to Camps on Life Memberships as interest to be applied to the dues of the member.
8. Set the Goal of the National Patriotic Instructor for the year 1978-79 at \$1,700.00.

AUXILIARY ENCAMPMENT NEWS

The 92nd Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War convened in Grand Rapids, Mich. the week of August 13th. Headquarters was established at the Pantlind Hotel. Delegates to the Encampment began arriving on Friday, Aug. 11th and by Sunday, the first official day of the Encampment, everyone was anxious to get into the activities planned for the week.

Many of the members attended church services in the various churches near the hotel and those who did not want to leave the hotel were invited to attend a Nondenominational Worship Service conducted by the Rev. Richard O. Partington P.D.C. of Penna. Following religious services Registration desks were set up by the three organizations for the registration of delegates. Department Presidents and Department Commanders met with the National Chaplains of the Sons and Auxiliary for rehearsal for Memorial Service. The National Council convened at 1:30 P.M. for the annual audit of the books of the Secretary and Treasurer. Joint Memorial Service and Campfire services were held on Sunday afternoon and

evening and was well attended. Full details relative to these affairs appears in another part of this issue of the Banner.

The first business session of the Auxiliary was called to order at 10:40 A.M. by the National President. National President Combs extended her sincere thanks to Sister Junge for the beautiful opening and once again extended a welcome to the delegates assembled. Encampment Appointments were then announced with some substitutions having to be made. National President Combs ordered the Chaplain to open the bible and give the prayer. I.D. cards were checked by the Guides and Color Guards. Flag Salute, singing of the Stars Spangled Banner and America and the recitation of the Americans Creed were then given in ritualistic order.

The Convention Committee from Michigan, headed by Department President Margaret Underwood, were escorted into the room by the Guides and Color Guards and introduced. The committee presented a beautiful basket of flowers to Sr. Combs and extended their welcome to the delegates. Sr. Combs thanked them for the flowers and also for the work that had been done for the delegates and then presented the members of the committee with a remembrance from her. National Secy. then called the roll of National Officers who took places in front of the Presidents station. Sr. Combs expressed her thanks for their help during the year and presented each with a gift of Lenox. Roll call of Past National Presidents was called with twelve answering the roll, 1978-1979 Department Presidents were introduced, 1977-1978 Department Presidents were introduced and all Floor Officers appointed for the convention were requested to rise. Each of these four groups were presented with gifts as they were introduced and Natl. Pres. Combs expressed her appreciation to them for their cooperation during the past year. Sister Margaret Beilby, P.D.P. of New York Department and wife of the Commander-in-Chief made a presentation at this time to Sr. Combs. The first session of the convention was then recessed to re-convene at 1:30 P.M. when the first order of business would be the reading of the National Presidents report. The meeting was recessed at 12:10 P.M.

The second session of the convention was called to order at 1:30 P.M., the bible was opened by the Chaplain and Natl. President Combs turned the meeting over to the Natl. Vice President while she read her report. A motion made and seconded placed this excellent report and all officers to follow into the hands of the Committee on Officers Reports chaired by P.N.P. Florence Jansson of N.J.

National Officers reports followed in the order of the listing contained in the National Roster. At 3:00 P.M. Mrs. Diane Thomas representing the Michigan Veterans Facility was escorted into the room and welcomed by the Natl. President. National Patriotic Instructor Nellie Hawley then took over the meeting and presented to Mrs. Thomas a check in the amount of \$350.00 for the Veterans Facility to be used by them to help them in the very fine work they do. This check is given each year to some worthy project in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Susie Kool representing the National President of the Women's Relief Corp was then escorted into the room and extended the good wishes of her National President to Sr. Combs and the delegates.

National Officers reports then continued. At 4:25 P.M. the meeting was recessed to reconvene on Tuesday morning at 9:00 A.M. The Chaplain attended the altar.

The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief annual dinner was held on Monday evening. This was followed by the Exemplification of the Ritual by the New York Department assisted by members of some of the New England Departments. The Joint Courtesy Hour under the direction of the two Natl. Chiefs of Staff was a most enjoyable affair. Both the National President and Commander-in-Chief received many lovely gifts from Departments and individuals.

The third session on Tuesday morning was called to order by the National President at 9:30 A.M. Following the opening of the bible the various clubs were given time to make presentations to the two money officers. Minutes of the Monday sessions were read and approved. Reports of National Officers was continued and these were followed by the Reports of Standing Committees. Any recommendations offered by Standing Committees were acted on as presented and the membership will be informed through the proper procedures of any changes that will take place. All members are urged to be most attentive to all orders received from National

Headquarters and also to obtain, if possible, a copy of the proceedings for full reports and actions taken. During this session some Departments were called on for Department reports and they will be interspersed with other actions until all Dept. reports have been read. At this point the meeting recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

The fourth session of the National Encampment was called to order at 1:40 P.M. National Chaplain opened the bible. According to the C.R. & R. the first order of business at this session must be nomination of new officers. The credential committee reported 121 delegates and 17 guests registered. The Guards were ordered to see that no one entered or left the room during the nominations.

Since there was no competition for any National Officer the delegates voted to set aside the Australian Ballot form of election and elect by acclamation. A complete listing of the names and addresses of the National Officers appears in another part of this issue of the Banner. Following the election of officers, greetings committees were sent from the Auxiliary to visit the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Sons. Greetings were received from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the G.A.R. The Sons requested permission to make their visit the first thing on Wednesday morning and the wish was granted.

Following the greetings committees The Committee on Resolutions reported. This report was accepted and will appear in the Proceedings. The Committee on Officers Reports then reported. This was a very lengthy report with much discussion and took up the rest of the afternoon. Following this report announcements were made relative to the banquet held on Tuesday evening and the meeting was recessed at 4:00 P.M. to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday morning.

The banquet held on Tuesday evening was a most delightful affair and was under the direction of National Chief of Staff Hilda Junge assisted by P.C. in C. John Stark, Chief of Staff of the Sons. P.C. in C. Joseph Rippey was the toastmaster and introduced the guests at the head-table. Dancing followed the dinner and was enjoyed by all in attendance. National President Marion Combs and Commander in Chief Harold Beilby held an open house in the National President's suite immediately following the dancing and all the delegates were invited to visit with them at that time.

The final session of the Encampment was called to order by the National President at 9:15 A.M. The Chaplain attended the altar. A greetings committee from the Sons headed by Commander-in-Chief Beilby was received. P.C. in C. Frank Heacock, Chairman of the Site Committee for the next Encampment announced that the Encampment in 1979 would be held in Hartford, Conn. with the headquarters at the Sheridan-Hartford Hotel. The dates of the convention are the same dates as the convention this year. Commander in Chief addressed the delegates and expressed his appreciation for all the courtesies extended during his year in office and also at the convention. Several of the P.C. in C. made brief remarks. Following the speaking the Sons were escorted from the room to the tune of "Let me call you sweetheart".

Minutes of the Tuesday session were read and approved. National Patriotic Instructor Nellie Hawley then gave her financial report. Her total to the National Treasurer after expenses was \$1,761.65. This outstanding report was received with great enthusiasm and a standing ovation was given Sr. Hawley for her fine work. National Chief of Staff then gave her financial report. Total turned over to the Treasurer was \$3,394.27. This wonderful report was enthusiastically received by all the delegates with a standing ovation and a resounding round of applause. Both of these money officers are to be complimented on their accomplishments and should certainly receive all the gratitude of the Auxiliary for their work. National President Combs addressed these two officers and expressed her thanks once again, for their most outstanding reports.

This completed the business of the convention. The time of the meeting of the old and new Council was announced. After a brief recess installation of the new officers was held. Sr. Florence Forley of the Illinois Department announced her Installing Officer, P.N.P. Caroline Riddell. Sr. Riddell was assisted by members of Penna., Md. & Delaware, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Following the installation the meeting of the 92nd Annual National Convention was closed by the National President until August 1979.

gun control saw the regulation as an entering wedge designed to make easier eventual federal control of gun sales. Many law enforcement officials, however, supported the proposal as a limited but useful means of combatting crime.

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**Creation of Historic Monuments** — Public Law 95-260 authorizes a memorial to the signers of the Declaration of Independence to be erected in Constitution Garden in Washington, D. C. Public Law 95-149 honors the memory of Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko who helped to train American officers during the Revolutionary War, by authorizing the erection of a plaque in Krakow, Poland, as a gift from our nation to the Polish people. House Con. Res. 60 which passed the House in September of 1977, would authorize the placement of a bust or statue of Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Capitol Building. The measure is now in the Senate Rules Committee.

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**Special Observances** — Under House Jt. Res. 963, the date of July 18, 1979, would be designated as National POW-MIA Recognition Day. This measure passed the House early in August and is now in a Senate committee. Under House Jt. Res. 946, which passed the House in late July, the date of October 7, 1978, would be designated as National Guard Day to mark the organization of the First Militia Regt. in the Massachusetts Bay Colony on October 7, 1636. The measure is now before the Senate. H.R. 10743, introduced last February, would designate Abraham Lincoln's birthday as a national public holiday each year, but the bill has not been acted upon.

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Former Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., said it: I am not numbered among the legal activists who interpret the Constitution to mean what it would have said if they, instead of the Founding Fathers, had written it.

Respectfully,

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON,  
Chairman

### TESTIMONIAL DINNER DANCE TO HONOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RICHARD L. GREENWALT

The Department of Ohio and McClellan Camp No. 91 of Alliance, Ohio will sponsor a Testimonial Dinner and Dance in honor of Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt on Saturday, October 21, 1978. The time is 6:30 PM with dinner at the Alliance Masonic Temple, South Linden Avenue, Alliance, Ohio and the dance following at the Knights of Columbus Hall near the Temple. Tickets are \$8.50 each and may be requested by October 15, 1978 from:

Thomas W. Graham  
1059 Vincent Blvd.  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Children's tickets are \$4.00 each. A social hour will precede the dinner.

**COME TO GETTYSBURG  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1978**

### 22ND ANNUAL G.A.R. REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM

The Gettysburg Battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania will be the site of the 22nd annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day events. The Parade will step off at 2:00 PM sharp. At 2:30 PM, at the end of the line of March, will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Albert Woolson Statue on the battlefield. Comrad Woolson, it will be remembered, was the last surviving Union Veteran and the last sur-

vivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. At 3:00 PM the Remembrance Day Services will be conducted at the Cyclorama on the battlefield.

### 48th ANNUAL BANQUET

Following the Remembrance Day services, the 48th Annual Banquet commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 19, 1863 will be held at the Holiday Inn, South Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Time is 6:30 P.M. and tickets are \$8.50 each. Again this year, a highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the annual SUVCW Scholarship Award by Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt. There will be delicious food, entertainment and, most important of all, the fraternal gathering of Brothers and Sisters at this place which symbolizes, perhaps more than any other battlefield, the struggle to save the Union and the dedication of our Civil War President. Reservations should be made no later than November 11, 1978 with:

Mr. George W. Long  
222 Lincoln Street  
Lancaster, Pa. 17603



### FORT CHICKAMAUGA COMMANDING OFFICER HONORED AFTER 34 YEARS

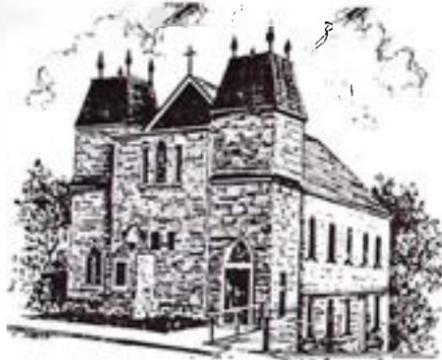
Lt. Col. John H. Jeffries has had quite a career. During World War II some 34 years ago he was a sailor aboard the John W. Troy as that rusting old ship moved war materials in the Pacific. Near New Guinea she was fighting off a Japanese air attack when she took a hit and some damage from a Torpedo. War raged onward and finally ended, John Jeffries the sailor was never decorated for that action. After the war he studied medicine and became John H. Jeffries, M.D. (to this day he keeps his license to practice medicine). During Korea he was an officer in the 126th Medical Battalion. Today he is Lt. Col. Jeffries, Commanding Officer of Fort Chickamauga, a General Staff Officer with the 4th Cavalry, SVR, and Treasurer of Fort Chickamauga Camp #1, a Camp-at-Large.

Last June the Army, in its slow but steady way, sent LTC Jeffries the Philippine Liberation Medal along with a letter from a now dead President. Better late than never, one of the Colonel's first military actions resulted in his most recent decoration. (Photo compliments of U. S. Army Signal Corp)

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED AT NOON RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON

The Hotel Bismark in Chicago, Illinois, will be the site of the November 11, 1978, reception in honor of National President Florence H. Forbey. The reception will be at High Noon with a luncheon

following at 1:00 PM. The event is being sponsored by the Illinois Department, Auxiliary to SUVCW and the committee is chaired by Department President Olive Gumbinger. Luncheon tickets will be \$10.00 each, reservations may be made prior to November 1, 1978, by writing to: Mrs. Juanita Eaton, RR 2, Cuba, Ill. 61427. Persons desiring to stay overnight should contact the Hotel direct for reservations. The address is Hotel Bismark, LaSalle & Randolph Streets, Chicago, Ill. 60601. If you mention that you are attending the luncheon of the Auxiliary to SUVCW you will receive reduced rates of \$22 per day for singles, \$26 per day for doubles and \$45+ per day for suites. Entertainment will be furnished with the widely renowned and nationally recognized presentation of "Westward Go Our Dreams" by John & Kitty Kohout.



**ONLY G. A. R. CHURCH?**

The community of Lansdowne, Maryland, a southern suburb of Baltimore, contains what may be the only known church dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic.

This early residential area on the banks of the Patapsco River and the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad predates the Civil War, first as a farm community then as a haven for the city worker.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the divided loyalties of the state of Maryland were reflected in Lansdowne. Charles Wesley Hull chose the blue uniform of Union. Following the conflict he returned home and became quite successful at farming and prospered well. When a group of citizens formed the Lansdowne Christian Church in March of 1903, Charles Hull noted their need for a place of worship and contributed 48 acres of land stipulating 1/ The premises are to be used for religious worship and services only, and 2/ The second Lord's Day in May of each year is to be set apart and observed as Memorial Day of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States of America and suitable services are to be held in commemoration of the brave men who remained loyal to the Government and sustained the Union. Known as Hull Memorial Church, the building was completed the next year and dedicated on June 12, 1904, at which time the Maryland Department, G. A. R. presented the National Flag to the church organization and to this day a flag still flies over the church when services are held.

The first annual memorial service of the G. A. R. was held on May 14, 1905 and were held annually until the ranks became depleted. Some present day local residents still recall the trainloads of "boys in blue" arriving, their large tent encampments, the parade through the clam shell covered streets (now paved) to the church where they honored their fallen comrades and the big feed put on by the congregation on adjacent church property.

A large stained glass window depicting the G. A. R. badge was contributed by the Maryland Department, G. A. R. and placed at the front of the edifice. Two others at the rear of the sanctuary were contributed by the Dushane Post #3, G. A. R. and Dushane Corps #3, W. R. C. in memory of deceased members. Other windows memorialize individuals. The windows were presented October 22, 1905.

Reference was made to Brother Hull and his contribution in the proceedings of the 39th National G. A. R. Encampment of September, 1905 held at Denver, Colorado.

The Lansdowne American Revolution Bicentennial Committee adopted the church as it's heritage project in 1975 and since then the Lansdowne Historical Society has continued the interest so that now the church is listed on "The National Register of Historic

Places" and by "Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission."

The 75th Anniversary of "the only G. A. R. church in the world" was celebrated on September 30, 1978 with appropriate parade and ceremonies and re-dedication to the memory of all veterans of all our wars.

Richard C. Schlenker  
Commander  
Maryland Department, SUVCW

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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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**THE 9th ANNUAL SVR ENCAMPMENT  
by  
George Shadman**

The 9th annual Sons of Veterans Reserve National Encampment was held on the shores of beautiful Seneca Lake in Geneva, New York. From June 28 thru July 2, the 1st New York Brigade, under the command of Major William Warne, saw eighteen months of tedious planning materialize into an enjoyable weekend for a little over 600 Civil War buffs and their families.

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1. Having been elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief at the 97th Annual Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 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:

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3. As your Commander-in-Chief, I ask for the loyal support for the officers elected and appointed for the year 1978-1979. With the help of God and your 100% effort we can have a year befitting our organization.
4. The last two years have seen an increase in our membership. Let's continue the trend. Ask interested men to join our ranks.
5. Your National Patriotic Instructor George Long of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, needs the support of all so that he can reach his goal of \$1700. Please send your contributions directly to him, with your checks made payable to the National Organization S.U.V.C.W.
6. November 18, 1978, is the date of Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I urge your attendance if possible at this outstanding patriotic event.
7. To the National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Florence Forbey; National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Mrs. Eleanor Krohn; National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Miss Jane Riley; and the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Darley Foster, congratulations on your election. May we have a successful and harmonious year serving our respective organizations and work together to further the best interests of the GAR Family.
8. To Department Commanders—Please inform me as to the dates and locations for your 1979 Department Encampments.
9. To the sick and shut-ins, may your days be more pleasant for you and may you feel that you are not forgotten.
10. In conclusion, I thank all who elected me as your Commander-in-Chief. This high honor is deeply appreciated. I will do all that I can to merit the trust you have put in me. The effort and loyalty of all will determine the success of our organization. Please do your share.

Richard L. Greenwalt  
 Commander-in-Chief

**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**National Parks and Recreation Act** — Under legislation passed by the House of Representatives in July and presently under consideration in the Senate, the Secretary of the Interior would be authorized to obtain scenic easements in the vicinity of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, and funds would be made available for the purchase and development of 1,800 acres as an addition to the Manassas (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park. Critics of the omnibus measure have labeled it a "Christmas tree" because it seems to provide "something for everyone" and includes some projects considered to be controversial. Much of the controversy deals not with historical projects but rather with provisions for land use, especially in recreational areas.

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**The Gettysburg Address** — Under an apparent agreement between the Library of Congress and the National Park Service, a copy of the Gettysburg Address, handwritten by President Lincoln, will be displayed at Gettysburg National Battlefield Park beginning in the summer of 1979. Two of the five existing copies of the Address are owned by the Library of Congress which opposed a bill introduced in the House the would have directed the permanent transfer of one of the copies to Gettysburg. Under the compromise, a handwritten draft will be viewed by visitors to the battlefield each summer but will be returned to Washington, D. C. for the winter months.

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**Computerized Record of Gun Sales** — By a vote of 314 to 80, the House of Representatives early in June denied the Treasury Dept. the authority to automate its gun sales records for swift information retrieval. As proposed, the regulation would have required that special serial numbers be stamped on each firearm at the time of manufacture and would have required manufacturers, importers, and dealers to report all thefts, sales and other dispositions to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms which was prepared to store the data in computerized form to assist in the tracing of firearms used in the commission of crimes. Opponents of

The weekend was sponsored by The Geneva Bicentennial Commission in cooperation with the city of Geneva, New York, and the New York State Park Commission. The coordination between the sponsors and the host unit was superb and was obvious throughout the encampment.

The proud standing pillars of a huge 1830 mansion, called Rose Hill, set a perfect stage for the women's day gown competition. With the women in their colorful 1860 gowns, it was not hard to picture a scene from "Gone With The Wind".

While the women were competing and, afterwards, enjoying their tea social, the men were in stiff competition with their blackpowder firearms and drill competitions.

Saturday afternoon was the parade in Geneva. The guest of honor was Andrew Brunnett, whose portrayal of Abraham Lincoln was so perfect that it made reincarnation almost believable.

That evening, the Blue and Grey Ball was held in a huge reception hall of a National Guard Armory. The band was well received by those who attended. The women's ball gown competition finals were held during the ball. The judges for both gown competitions were members of the Geneva Historical Society who did an excellent job.

Sunday, July 2, was the battle reenactment. But, before the 19th century warfare commenced, the New York National Guard in conjunction with The United States Marine Corp Reserves demonstrated a helicopter assault exercise on the to-be battle field.

The battle drew an estimated 15,000-20,000 spectators to Geneva, New York. They witnessed Civil War troops from twenty-two states reproduce a small battle action which occurred in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on April 18, 1863.

The Finale was most inspiring. On cue, in the midst of hand-to-hand combat, the entire battlefield froze in place for approximately thirty seconds. This, meshed with the blanket of spent gun powder was an absolute chilling scene.

The troops then assembled and marched in review. While standing at attention in front of the reviewing stand, Andrew Brunnett, garbed in his Abe Lincoln's suit, gave a very inspiring oration of the Gettysburg Address. Thus, this ended the 9th annual Sons of Veterans Reserve Encampment.

**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.

No. 101 Gordon Risher . . . . .	\$150.00
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**Department  
 News**



**MAINE**

Maine was well represented in Grand Rapids last August. All who attended found the National Encampment a very worthwhile experience. At the first meeting after the summer recess, on September 8th, we initiated into membership a 93 year old member. Our new Brother, a retired fiddler, finally "settled down and joined us" after a lengthy conversation with Commander-in-Chief Bally at our called meeting earlier this year.

The Department is saddened to report the death of Perlie Pulcifer. A member of J. Wesley Camp No. 26 since 1933 and a Past Camp Commander, Brother Pulcifer served his organization long and well at the Camp and Department levels. He will be missed by all.

The Department Fair will be held at the Memorial Hall in Oakland on October 14, 1978. The event is under the direction of Sr-Vice Department Commander Percy Butler and Auxiliary Vice-Department President Margaret Butler. A large turnout is expected.

The J. Wesley Gilman Camp and Auxiliary will tender a reception to Department Commander Edmond Butler and Department President Mary Clement and their Staffs at Memorial Hall in Oakland, Maine on Saturday, September 9, 1978, at 8:00 PM.

**MARYLAND**

Maryland-Delaware was represented at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids in August by eleven Sisters and two Brothers. Five joyous and productive days of work and reunion were accomplished in a most hospitable atmosphere. Our sincere thanks to our Michigan hosts.

Our newest Auxiliary member, Mrs. Elsie Schlenker of Reno Auxiliary, had the honor to be obligated during the Exemplification of Ritual held on Monday evening at National.

Brothers visiting the Washington, D.C. area on the first Friday of the month are invited to attend the monthly MOLLUS/SUVCW luncheon held at Billy Martin's Carriage House in Georgetown. Good fellowship always prevails.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

On July 9, 1978, the Massachusetts Department, SUVCW, held a rededication of a monument to the Union Veterans of the Civil War. The monument, situated at the corner of Hiettkeston Avenue and Main Street in Fairhaven, Mass., was the gift of the Massachusetts Department Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic in whose honor U.S. Route 6 was named.

Chester W. Adthead, PDC, was Master of Ceremonies and Bertha Hobart, Department Chaplain of the Auxiliary, offered the prayer. Miles E. Harrington, PDC and National Chairman of the Grand Army Highway Committee, was the principal speaker. Brother Harrington gave an interesting account of the long struggle to have the coast to coast highway, U.S. Route 6, named the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. A large wreath was placed by Department Commander William R. Cohen and Auxiliary Department Chaplain Bertha Hobart.

Many veteran organizations were represented including Andrews-Dahill Post No. 1531, V.F.W. who posted the colors and provided the Color Guard. We were honored to have present three Past Commanders-in-Chief, William W. Haskell, Allen B. Howland and Kenneth T. Wheeler of N.H. Also present were two Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, Emma Wheeler of New Hampshire and our own Sister Minnie E. Madeiros.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Congratulations to the Sisters of Auxiliary No. 18 to J. S. Durgin Camp No. 7. Through the hard work and cooperative efforts of the Sisters and their "helpers" the Auxiliary was able to enter a Float in the Parade which is a part of Boscawen's Old Home Day. The theme was "From Then Till Now" and various articles were included from an up-to-date Washer and new Books to an old washing tub, old books, a boiler and stick to handle hot clothes, electric lamps and kerosene lamps, etc. The Float was followed by two cars decorated and loaded with Sisters who were unable to walk.

The results were First Prize and a Blue Ribbon for the "Theme" and Second Prize in the "Adult Float" class. A much more important result was the publicity gained and the potential new members who were attracted by our participation.

**NEW JERSEY**

Approximately 18 Sons and Auxiliary members from New Jersey traveled to Grand Rapids in August to watch, work for and support MARION E. COMBS as she presided at her National Encampment. The Grand Rapids Encampment was a wonderful success and Sister Marion deserves a well earned rest after her truly outstanding year (Brother Fred, too). Congratulations to PDC William W. Vanderhoof for reappointment as National Graves Registration Officer and to PDC Albert W. Lambert for reappointment as Editor of The Banner. In the Auxiliary we are proud of the following who were elected or appointed to National office at Grand Rapids: PDP Helen Loll (National Treasurer); and PNP Marion E. Combs (National Council #1).

Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 (The State Camp) will hold its fall dinner meeting at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, New Jersey on Saturday, October 28, 1978. Ranger Lynn R. Wrightman of the U.S. Park Service, who is Unit Manager of the Edison National Historic Site in Orange, New Jersey, will speak on the Battle of Pea Ridge.

The annual Lincoln Dinner of the New Jersey Department will be held on March 10, 1979, at a location to be finalized in time for reporting in this column in the next issue.

## NEW YORK

Congratulations to Department Commander Donald Roberts of Candor and Department President Hilda Canan of Rochester, both elected at our June Encampment in Syracuse. The Encampment, at which all five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic were in attendance, was also the occasion for the dedication of a Civil War Monument in the center of the City of Syracuse. The event, in which all five Allied Orders participated, was sponsored by the Ladies of the G.A.R.

H.C. Berry Camp No. 89 of Niagara Falls celebrated their 90th Anniversary last May by continuing their Memorial Day traditions for the 110th National Memorial Day.

On June 29th thru July 2nd the 1st New York Brigade, S.V.R., hosted the Ninth Annual S.V.R. Encampment at Geneva, New York. The event, with an attendance of over one thousand, was a successful conclusion to years of planning.

Twenty Four of our Sons and Auxiliary members attended the 97th National Encampment in Grand Rapids. A large delegation from the Ladies of the G.A.R. was also present, led by National President Henrietta Bodge of the Ladies whose husband, Newell Bodge, attended as a member of Camp No. 223.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 6 and Auxiliary No. 1 honored Department President Hilda Canan and Department Commander Donald Roberts with a dinner and reception at the Carriage Stop Restaurant in Rochester on September 23, 1978.

The old U.S.W.V.-G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Buffalo, New York is a mansion at 690 Delaware Avenue which was built in 1896 and has been used by fifteen Veterans Organizations including the SUVCW, the Auxiliary to SUVCW, Ladies of the G.A.R. and Daughters of Union Veterans. The building is a landmark in the city, owned by the City of Buffalo and was dedicated by them as a G.A.R. Memorial Hall. The City has now determined to sell the old mansion and proceeded to do so without consulting with nor considering the various Veterans Organizations who would be rendered homeless by the move. More importantly, the historic significance of the building, its meaning and its contents were not considered. In an effort to prevent the sale, the various Veterans Organizations have banded together. At the present time an injunction has been won demanding that the city demonstrate why they elected to sell the G.A.R. Memorial Hall and render the organizations without a meeting place and why they did so without notice to those organizations.

Auxiliary No. 48 of Troy presented the Second Annual Mildred Nitisco Scholarship to Mr. Mark A. Bove, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Bove, who is attending Hudson Valley Community College. The Auxiliary also presented a check for \$25.00 to the U.S.S. Monitor Rescue Team and received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by John Newton, Director.

## OHIO

Several Brothers and Sisters from Ohio were in Grand Rapids to see Brother Richard L. Greenwalt elected as the new Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A testimonial dinner is being planned for October 21, 1978, at 6:30 PM with a dance following. The site will be the Masonic Temple on South Linden Avenue in Alliance, Ohio, with the dance across the street at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Our annual Encampments elected Forest Altland as Department Commander and Mrs. Margaret Gehret as Department President. The Encampments were an outstanding success, made even more enjoyable by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Howard T. Beilby and National President Marion E. Combs along with her husband, P.C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. The meeting of District No. 2 will be held in Mansfield on September 24th and the Central Regional meeting will be held in Waterloo, Iowa, on October 7th and 8th. Brothers and Sisters are urged to support both.

## PENNSYLVANIA

The annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner will be held at the Roosevelt-Treadway Inn on Saturday, February 10, 1979 commencing at seven o'clock. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 for Chicken or \$11.00 for Roast Beef. All reservations must be received along with payment in full on or before February 3, 1979. Please send reservations to: Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 South Sycamore Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805.

The Centennial Dinner marking the 100th Anniversary of the institution of the first "Sons" by Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G.A.R. in Philadelphia, will be held at McCallister's, 1811 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Penna. on Saturday, September 29, 1979. Details will be forthcoming in future articles.

The Department is saddened to report the death of P.D.C. William N. Kearney. A member of the SUVCW for over sixty (60) years. Brother Kearney was active first in the former Captain Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2 and later in the Bradbury Camp No. 149. A Lt. Col. on the Roster of the National Military Department, S.V.R., his interest in and service to the Sons of Veterans Reserve covered a span of nearly seventy years. His first military service was with the U.S. Army in 1909 when he lied about his sixteen years and was soon in the Philippine Islands with L Troop of the 2nd U.S. Cavalry. He served in the Navy Reserve during the years that followed and saw service in both World War I and World War II. He is a great-grandson of Major General Philip Kearney, Jr. In November of 1975 he received the S.V.R. Distinguished Service Award. He was buried with appropriate military honors.

## VERMONT

The 96th Annual Department Encampment was a successful and worthwhile meeting, highlighted by the initiation of three new members of the State Camp. Brother Leland W. Bryant of Springfield, Vt. was elected Department Commander. Other elected officers include: Thomas Miller, Sr-Vice Department Commander; Louis Dubois, Jr-Vice Department Commander and Neal Burkee, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

## WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin delegation attending the National Encampment was led by Dept. Cmdr. Grover R. Huff and Dept. Pres. Rhoda Lemanski. Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, and Helen Huff, Pres. of Aux. No. 5, completed the group in attendance at the meetings of the Auxiliary. The Department salutes Bro. Huff on his appointment as G.A.R. Highway Officer, and Sister Lemanski on her election to the post of Council Member No. 3, of their respective organizations. Congratulations are due both of these dedicated and capable individuals.

Preparations are under way for a group to attend the Central Region Conference in Waterloo, Iowa, on October 7 and 8. Plans are being made for the Department's Mid Year Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 12, at the Summit Town Hall near Oconomowoc.

## FORT CHICKAMAUGA CAMP NO. 1

The Camp was honored to receive the General U.S. Grant III Trophy for the largest percentage increase in membership of any Department or Camp-At-Large during 1977-78. Our Camp Commander, Bob McCandless, was in attendance at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan in August and we were therefore fortunate to have a representative to accept the award for us. Brother Bob also gave our Brothers in the National Organization, SUVCW, a verbal report on the Fort and its slow but steady progress.

The Fort Chickamauga Full Dress Military Ball of the 1870's will be held at 8:30 PM on November 4, 1978 at the Tsa La Gi Inn near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. This year it is to be a Blue-Gray Ball which means one may expect to see Union and Confederate uniforms, Indian War period uniforms and modern Military Dress Uniforms. The price for Early Birds is \$20.00 per couple or \$10.00 for a single. Price at the door (no advance remittance) will be \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 per single. As many know, the building and maintaining of Fort Chickamauga is a purely private venture which enjoys no Local, State or Federal funding. This annual fund raising event, in addition to being "a real ball", is a critical annual fund raising effort which needs and deserves the support of all.