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**NELLIE H. HAWLEY
NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

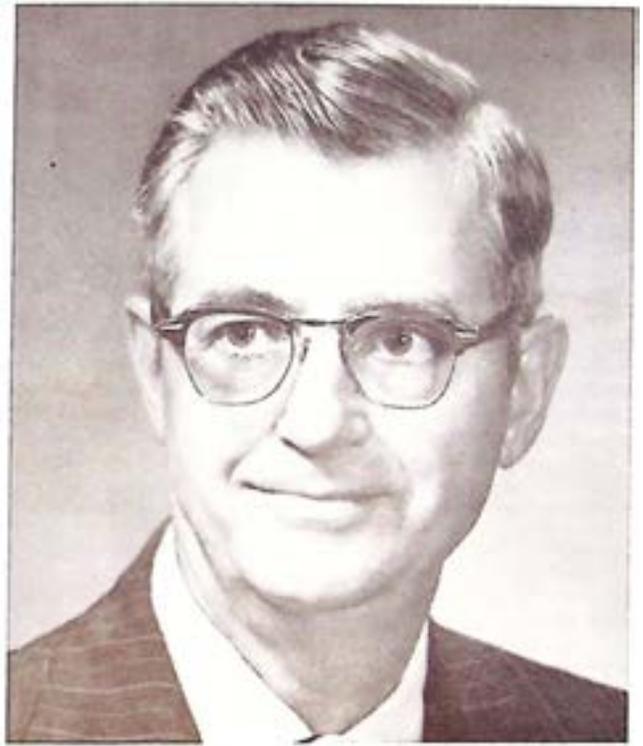
Elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 93rd Annual Encampment held in Hartford, Connecticut on August 11-15, 1979.

Sister Hawley is an active member of Auxiliary 12 in Fort Dodge, Iowa and has served the Iowa Department in many offices, serving as Department President two consecutive terms from 1976 thru 1978. During her tenure, the Iowa Department was host to the National Encampment at Des Moines. Sister Hawley has served the National Organization as National Patriotic Instructor.

Sister Nellie was born in Perry, Iowa, where she attended school. Shortly thereafter she married Floyd and they spent the first fifteen years of their marriage in Wyoming. During this period she continued her study of nursing and spent much time as a Practical Nurse. Since returning to Iowa she has been active in Civic and social affairs in her community. Much of her time has been given to the Methodist Church of which she is a lifetime member. She has served her Church as Sunday School Teacher, lay leader, Adult leader in social concerns and many years on the Administrative Board. At the conference level she served for six years on the Commission of Archives and History.

Always interested in patriotic work, Sister Nellie has been a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary for 33 years and of the Woman's Relief Corps for 35 years. In 1962-1963 she served as Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Her grandfather, Matthew Clark McFarland, was only fourteen years old when he served as a Drummer Boy in the final months of the American Civil War. Two Great-Uncles also served.

Nellie and Floyd have no biological children but their foster daughter has blessed them with two foster Grandsons.



**ELTON P. KOCH
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 98th Annual Encampment held in Hartford, Connecticut on August 11-15, 1979.

Brother Koch's eligibility to our Order is twofold. His maternal Great-Grandfather, Benjamin F. Gerhard, served as a Private in Company C, 153rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers and his Paternal Great-Grandfather, John L. Koch, served in Company H, 101st Regiment, Ohio Volunteers.

Both Elton was obligated into Corporal Weaver Camp 295 in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, on November 4, 1935 by Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt. He served as Camp Commander in 1941 and has served as Camp Treasurer since 1963. After holding many Department Offices, he was elected Commander of the Pennsylvania Department in 1961. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserves and has served on the Pennsylvania Brigade Staff and the 2nd Military District. In 1972 he was elected Commanding Officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade, the oldest Brigade connected with the Sons of Veterans.

In addition to his activities within our Order, Brother Elton is a Past President of the Chester Pike Rotary Club and a member of the Ridley Park Business Mens Association. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and a volunteer of the Ridley Park Fire Company. He is a member of the Ridley Park Presbyterian Church.

Elton and his wife, Elizabeth, who is a Past National President of the Ladies of the GAR, are the parents of two sons and one daughter. All told they have seven grandchildren.

SONS' ENCAMPMENT NEWS

The 98th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 93rd Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 53rd Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were all held in Hartford, Connecticut, August 12th through 16th, 1979. Headquarters for all three encampments was the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel.

The Council of Administration met in the early afternoon on Sunday, August 12th and again on August 15th following the close of the last business session. Information pertaining to actions taken at both meetings can be found elsewhere in this issue of *The BANNER*.

Also, on Sunday afternoon, a Joint Memorial Service was conducted by Harry E. Gibbons of New York, National Chaplain of the SUVCW and Mrs. Ethel Jones of Iowa, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary. The services opened with lighting of candles by C.-in-C. Greenwalt and Natl. Pres. Forbey. 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 floral tribute to the members of their own Department. Jr. Vice C.-in-C. Richard E. Wyman of N.H., a former National Chaplain, sang a hymn and was accompanied by Past National President Emma Wheeler of N.H. 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 was shared by members of all the Allied Orders in attendance and was under the direction of the Encampment Committee of the Host organizations. The East Hampton 3rd Connecticut Regiment Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps presented a very enjoyable concert. The colors were presented and later retired by a contingent from the Sons of Veterans Reserve under the command of Brig. General Chester S. Shriver, Commanding Officer of the S.V.R. The main address at the Campfire was given by Mrs. Barbara Kennelly, Connecticut Secretary of State, who also extended a warm welcome to the City of Hartford. P.D.P. Ann Willeke of the Connecticut Department of the Auxiliary to SUVCW responded. The American Legion and Auxiliary Bicentennial Flag Team then presented a very impressive program depicting some of the history of our Nation's flag development. This was followed by the stirring singing of "God Bless America" by the audience. A most enjoyable addition to the Campfire program was provided by Vera Ferson, pianist, particularly when she played "Connecticut" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". P.D.C. George W. Long, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW, presented a flag to the Boy Scouts.

On Monday morning, the Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary were officially opened at a joint ceremony in the Auxiliary's meeting room. This joint opening was under the direction of Mrs. Betty Baker, National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, and P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman, National Chief of Staff of the Sons.

Following the formal joint opening, the Sons retired to their meeting room for their opening session which was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt. In addition to the standing committees whose appointments were announced by Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt in his General Order No. 1 of last October, the following appointments were made as Chairmen of special committees to serve this Encampment:

Officers Reports William W. Haskell, P.C.-in-C., Massachusetts
 Credentials Frank Campbell, Delegate, Pennsylvania
 Resolutions Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C., New York
 Restoration of Rank Harold T. Beilby, P.C.-in-C., New York
 Constitution and Regulations Joseph S. Rippey
 P.C.-in-C., New York

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt also appointed the following floor officers for the duration of the Encampment:

Guide Miles Harrington, P.D.C., Massachusetts
 Color Bearer James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C., Connecticut
 Guard Elton P. Koch, P.D.C., Pennsylvania
 Pianist Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C.-in-C., Pennsylvania

The Dept. of Conn. Natl. Encampment Planning Committee, headed by Chairlady Elsie Squier and Dept. Commander George Schmidt, was introduced after which they presented a basket of flowers for use on the podium during the Encampment.

Officers' reports were read by Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, Sr. Vice C.-in-C. Edwin K. Kramer; Jr. Vice C.-in-C. Richard E. Wyman and Natl. Secy-Treas. Chester S. Shriver before the luncheon break. During the afternoon session, the reports of other National Officers and the Council of Administration were given. All the reports were referred to the Committee on Officers Reports. Various resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Messages of congratulations and/or best wishes were received from P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisc.; P.D.C. J. B. Johnson, Iowa; C.-in-C. Robert Wilson, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Edward Beiring, Secy-Treas., Dept. of Wisc.; and District of Columbia Representative, Arthur Glenum. Brother Glenum's accompanying gift of \$100 to the National Organization was acknowledged with sincere appreciation. The Encampment then recessed at approximately 4:00 p.m. until Tuesday morning.

Monday evening the annual Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents banquet was held. Later that evening there were exemplifications of the rituals by a SUVCW degree team. The exemplification was the occasion for initiation of new members. The Joint Courtesy Hour conducted by the National Chiefs of Staff of the Sons and Auxiliary concluded Monday evening's events.

As the Encampment sessions progressed on Tuesday, the reading of officers reports continued, and reports were heard from the following Committees: Lincoln Tomb Ceremony; G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg; Military Affairs; Membership; Fraternal Relations; National Encampment Site; Americanism and Education; Constitution and Regulations; Legislation; Memorial Day Restoration; and Credentials.

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

Recommendation #1: That our Order continue to encourage the Congress to enact a measure that would return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 at the federal level and that we encourage the States to take similar action within their jurisdictions.

Recommendation #2: That our Order encourage the Senate to examine most carefully the Salt II treaty so as to ensure that the United States will always be capable of defending its liberties and of negotiating international agreements from a basis of recognized strength.

Recommendation #3: That our Order encourage the States to observe the birth of Abraham Lincoln by declaring February 12 to be an annual holiday or by authorizing appropriate exercises to commemorate his life and ideals in the schools.

Commanding General Chester S. Shriver gave the report of the Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. P.C.-in-C. Frank Heacock, Chairman of the Committee for the Restoration of Memorial Day reported that Congressional Committees have the legislative proposal to return Memorial Day to May 30th of each year "tied up" with the result that action on the proposal is stymied.

On Tuesday evening the annual joint banquet of the Sons and Auxiliary, under the direction of Auxiliary Chief of Staff Betty Baker, was held with P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman serving as Toastmaster. After the banquet National Officers and Past National Heads of both organizations were honored at a reception. Dancing concluded the evening's program.

The final Encampment session on Wednesday heard the report of the Audit Committee; the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations; the report of the 1979-1980 Budget Committee; the financial report of the Sr. Vice C.-in-C. dealing with the 100th Anniversary Fund; the fund-raising report of Natl. Patriotic Instructor George W. Long — dealing with the G.A.R. Memorial Fund (a standing ovation was given Brother Long for his outstanding success); the report of the Committee on Resolutions; and the Committee on Officers' Reports (Action was taken on numerous recommendations made by various officers). Information about Resolutions adopted by the Encampment on recommendation of the Resolutions Committee can be found elsewhere in this issue of *The BANNER*.

Other actions of the Encampment included:

- Approval of the awarding of a Certificate of Merit to Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, as a token of the appreciation of the National Organization for his outstanding effort and results as Legislative Chairman for several years — with the award to

be made at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony to be held in Springfield, Illinois, April 15, 1980.

- Awarding of the Gen. U. S. Grant III Trophy to the Colorado-Wyoming Dept. for attainment of a membership increase of 93.8% during 1978-1979.
- Awarding of the P.C.-in-C. Harold E. Arnold Membership Plaque to Ft. Chickamauga Camp No. 1 at Large, Cookson, Oklahoma, for achieving the largest net gain of new members during 1978-1979.
- Authorization of the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint a Committee to look into the matter of reprinting the revised Constitution and regulations and to report their findings to the 99th Annual Encampment in 1980.
- Authorization of the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint a committee of three to work out a program for the 100th Anniversary observance in 1981 in cooperation with the National Encampment Site Committee and another committee of three to investigate the proper format for all future appearances of the Commander-in-Chief's colors.
- Authorization of the Committee on Ritual Revision to design a new letterhead and to report back at the 99th National Encampment.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

77 — Registered and Present
 26 — Registered and Not Present
 103 — Total Registered
 Voting Strength — 77

The officers for 1979-1980 were elected by acclamation, there being only one nomination for each of the elective offices. Incoming Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch and his staff of elected and appointed officers were installed by P.C.-in-C. Frank Heacock.

Of the 16 living Past Commanders-in-Chief, 15 were registered and present. They were: C. LeRoy Stoudt, Penna.; Cleon E. Heald, N.H.; Thomas A. Chadwick, Vt.; Chester S. Shriver, Penna.; Joseph S. Rippey, N.Y.; William W. Haskell, Mass.; Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Penna.; Fred H. Combs, Jr., N.J.; Norman R. Furman, N.Y.; John C. Yocum, Penna.; Allen B. Howland, Mass.; John H. Stark, Penna.; Clarence J. Riddell, Penna.; Kenneth T. Wheeler, N.H.; Harold T. Beilby, N.Y. P.C.-in-C. George L. Cashman of Illinois was unable to be present.

Committees of the Sons, Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. visited the respective sessions and exchanged greetings at various times during the Encampments. Greetings were also received personally from Gerald L. Scott, representative of the Conn. Dept. Commander; World War I veterans; and through officers of our National Organization from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. and the Woman's Relief Corps.

There were numerous department delegation breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, parties and open houses throughout the five days of the Encampment. On Thursday there was a bus tour of downtown Hartford and the immediate vicinity for delegates and their families who were able to stay through the final day of the planned events.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

The following actions were taken by the Council of Administration during its meetings on August 12, 1979 and August 15, 1979 at Hartford, Connecticut:

- Appointed P. C.-in-C. Joseph S. Rippey of New York; Jr. Vice C.-in-C. Richard E. Wyman of New Hampshire; P. C.-in-C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. of New Jersey; and National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania as a committee to prepare and present an annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980.
- Appointed Sr. Vice C.-in-C. Edwin K. Kramer of Pennsylvania and P.D.C. William Simpson of Pennsylvania, member of the Council of Administration, as a committee to audit the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer and the report of the independent C.P.A. audit of the fiscal year 1978-1979.
- Received the report of the Editor of *The BANNER*, P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert of New Jersey, and approved his recommendations that (a) the amount of the National Organization's contribution remain unchanged at \$3,200 for the 1979-1980 fiscal year; (b) the annual subscription rate remain at \$2.00 per year; and (c) the present format, method

and quality of printing and paper and distribution remain unchanged. Voted to extend by letter to Brother Lambert and his family sincere thanks and appreciation for their untiring and dedicated service in publishing and distributing *The BANNER* the past few years.

- Reappointed Albert W. Lambert as Editor of *The BANNER* for the coming year and extended sincere appreciation to Bro. Lambert for his willingness to reconsider his decision to resign as Editor and to continue for one more year.
- Received with thanks the report of Fred H. Combs, Jr., Coordinator of the Membership-at-Large program. This report was subsequently presented to the full Encampment on August 13, 1979.
- Received and discussed the annual financial and membership reports of the National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver, which were subsequently presented to the full Encampment on August 13, 1979. In giving the reports, Bro. Shriver stressed the importance of Department Secretaries' getting their reports in on time and distributing *The BANNERS* to their members promptly.
- Discussed the possibility of selling the Wellington Fund shares and reinvesting the funds, but decided not to recommend to the Encampment any action to sell.
- Continued for 1979-1980 the annual payment of \$6.00 to Camps on Life Memberships as interest to be applied to the dues of each life member.
- Set the goal of the National Patriotic Instructor for 1979-1980 at \$1,700.00.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY SONS AT HARTFORD

Included among the Resolutions adopted by the SUVCW at the Hartford Encampment were:

- Petitioning the Congress of the U.S. and the Legislature of the States to designate May 30th of each year as the legal public holiday of Memorial Day.
- Petitioning the Congress of the U.S. and the respective State Legislatures to make available all records in the possession or under the control of the government of the U.S. and the governments of the several States pertaining to veterans of the Civil War for examination and copying by citizens of the U.S. and such other persons as the keeper of such records may determine.
- Approving the concept of a joint Encampment with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Pennsylvania or in a southern State in 1981 or, if more suitable, in a later year.
- Opposing proposed Federal legislation that would set aside, as a legal Federal Public Holiday, the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as any such action would place him in a position above others, George Washington being the only other person in the Nation's history to be so honored.
- Approving the concept of a National Organization Historical Records Preservation Committee to investigate record depositories so that safe storage of preceding National Organization records not necessary for current functions may be provided for.
- Urging the Congress and Administration of the U.S. never to forsake those still missing in action in the Vietnam War.
- Calling upon the President and Congress to continue the present policy of no trade with Communist Cuba, no diplomatic recognition and no granting of concessions affecting complete and undiluted U.S. control and use of our Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay as long as Communist Cuba's policies remain as they are.
- Supporting enactment of legislation to provide a special pension for eligible World War I veterans and their widows without regard to income.
- Reasserting and reconfirming our Organization's long standing position for freedom and against communism and urging Congress and the Executive Branch to reassert our Nation's basic political and military posture of clear primacy.
- Calling upon the Congress of the U.S. to regain and sustain a total American defense posture which is clearly "Number One".

- Urging Congress not to continue to adhere to the May 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement nor to agree to the Salt II Treaty unless the most thorough-going verification techniques reveal that the Soviets are complying with all agreements.
- Informing the Congress and Executive Branch that our Organization's position is that no women be assigned to ground, sea or air jobs that call for closing with and destroying the enemy.
- Opposing the passage of any legislation to restore citizenship to those individuals who, of their own volition, renounced or otherwise lost their American nationality because of opposition to U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.
- Impressing upon the Congress and Executive Branch that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stands for unwavering support for the Republic of China on Taiwan.

AUXILIARY ENCAMPMENT NEWS

The 93rd Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War convened in Hartford, Conn. the week of August 12th. Headquarters was established at the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel. Delegates began arriving on Friday, Aug. 10th and by Sunday, the first official day of the Encampment, everyone was eagerly looking forward to the events 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 PDC 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 Services. The National Council met at 1:30 P.M. for the annual audit of the books of the Secretary and Treasurer. Joint Memorial Services and Campfire services were held on Sunday afternoon and evening and were well attended. Full details relative to these affairs appear in another part of this issue of *The BANNER*.

The first business session of the Auxiliary was called to order at 10:45 A.M. by National president Florence Forbey following the completion of a joint opening ceremony of the Auxiliary and Sons. The opening ceremony was under the direction of Auxiliary National Chief of Staff Betty Baker and National Chief of Staff of the Sons Norman Furman. National president Forbey expressed her appreciation to Sr. Betty Baker for the beautiful opening of the convention.

The National Encampment committee for the Conn. Department were received and extended their best wishes to all assembled and presented to the National President a beautiful basket of flowers. The Guides and Color Guards then escorted in the sitting Department Presidents who were received and escorted to seats on the right of the National President. It was announced that the group had met for breakfast and formed their club to be known as Florence 4B's Club. National President Forbey then made her various committee appointments for the convention.

Roll call of National Officers found all to be present. Seventeen PNP's answered the roll call. All were presented with remembrances from Sr. Forbey as were all floor appointees, escorts, pages, standing committees and convention committees. Special gifts were presented to the National Secretary, Treasurer, Counselor, Personal Aide and Chief of Staff. Several announcements were then made and the meeting was recessed at 11:45 A.M.

The Monday afternoon session reconvened at 1:45 P.M. The first order of business was the reading of the National President's Report. This report was enthusiastically received by the delegates. All recommendations contained in officers reports will be printed in the first General Order. PNP Caroline Riddell then presented the testimonial of \$200.00 to the National President. National Officers reports were then called for. These were interrupted by a visitor who was to receive our check given in memory of the G.A.R. Dr. Chameides, Director of Pediatrics of Hartford Hospital, was escorted into the room by National Patriotic Instructor Wilma Murphy who presented him with a check in the amount of \$350.00. This money was to be used to treat children suffering from heart disease. Dr. Chameides explained that 1940 was the beginning of the study of technology of heart defects in children in the hospital. He explained how much the extensive study of this disease was needed and the cost involved and expressed the sincere appreciation of all involved with this work for our generous gift. Following the visit of Dr. Chameides the reading of officers reports was continued.

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 members of the New Hampshire Department. The joint Courtesy Hour under the direction of the two National Chiefs of Staff was enjoyed by all. 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 9:40 A.M. After the altar was arranged the minutes of Mondays sessions were read and approved. An opportunity was given the various clubs to make presentations to the two money officers funds. Reports of National Officers were 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 proper channels. 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 were interspersed with other actions until all Department reports had been read. Communications were then read by the National Secretary. The meeting was recessed for lunch.

The fourth session of the Encampment was called to order at 1:30 P.M. The first order of business was nomination of officers. The credential committee reported 129 Delegates and 28 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 2/3 vote of delegates present was required for this motion which was passed. A complete listing of the names and addresses of the new officers appears in another part of this issue.

Following the election, greetings committees were received. A very fine delegation from the Sons Encampment was headed by the Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt and P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman. Both Bro. Furman, who was the spokesman for the group, and the Commander-in-Chief spoke at length to the members and PNP Viola Bremme responded to their greetings. The Sons asked to be excused so they could continue with their own meeting and the request was granted. Since the National organization had not sent flowers to PNP Ethelyn Tucker at the time of her death a motion was made to send a contribution to the Museum Fund of the New Hampshire Veterans Association in her memory. This was a request of the family of Sr. Tucker. Since it was necessary for us to vacate the room at 4:00 P.M. because of the banquet on Tuesday evening the meeting was recessed until Wednesday morning.

The final session of the Encampment reconvened on Wednesday morning at 9:05 A.M. After the altar was arranged the minutes of the Tuesday sessions were read and approved. A greetings committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was received at this time. They extended the good wishes of their National President Eleanor Krohn to Sr. Forbey and all the delegates. PNP Jessie Wells responded to this committee. Reports of the remaining standing committees and the remainder of the Departments Reports were read at this time. The last two reports to be given were the National Patriotic Instructors report and the National Chief of Staff report. Sr. Wilma Murphy, National Patriotic Instructor reported the total money raised after expenses was \$1,683.30 and the National Chief of Staff Betty Baker reported the sum of \$2,965.19 after expenses. Both of these officers were given a standing ovation for their wonderful reports and received many fine compliments on their splendid accomplishments.

The business of the Encampment having been completed, the time was set for the final Council meeting and we were ready for the Initiation of new National Officers. PDP Nellie Hawley of Iowa, the newly elected National President, announced that PNP Minnie Madieris of Massachusetts would be the Installing Officer. Sr. Madieris was assisted by members of the Departments of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. PNP Anne O. Clayton pinned the Past National President's badge on the retiring president and PNP Jessie Wells presented Sr. Forbey with her Past National President's pin. It was announced at this time that the site for the 1980 National Encampment had not yet been selected and that as soon as it was the membership would be informed. National President Nellie Hawley thanked the delegates for placing her in command of the National Organization and pledged her full attention to the duties of her office. At the same time she asked for the cooperation and support of all the members during the next year. The 93rd Annual National Encampment was then declared officially closed until August 1980.

SUVCW NATIONAL OFFICERS 1979-1980

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1950 — Cleon E. Heald, 234 Washington St., Keene, New Hamp. 03431
1960 — Thos. A. Chadwick, R. D. 1, Box 81, Chester, VI. 05123
1961-62 Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
1963-64 Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620
1967 — William W. Haskell, 109 Burkeside Ave., Brockton, Mass. 02401
1968 — Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 S. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805
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1970 — George L. Cashman, 333 Lewis St., Apt. 12, Springfield, Ill. 62704
1971 — Norman R. Furman, 99 Conant Dr., Buffalo, N.Y. 14223
1972 — John C. Yocum, 32 E. Greenwood Ave., Lansdowne, Pa. 19050
1973 — Allen B. Howland, P. O. Box 105, Elmwood, Mass. 02337
1974 — John H. Stark, 20 Gray St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10304
1975 — Clarence J. Riddell, 4104 Chalfont Dr., Philadelphia, Pa. 19154
1976 — Kenneth T. Wheeler, 64 Amherst St., Milford, N.H. 03055
1977 — Harold T. Bellby, 49 Stonehill Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14615
1978 — Richard L. Greenwalt, 616 West Summit St., Alliance, Ohio 44601

AUXILIARY NATIONAL OFFICERS 1979-1980

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1. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief at the 98th National Encampment, August 12th-15th, at Hartford, Connecticut, I have assumed command and established my headquarters at the above address. In assuming the duties of this office, I accept the responsibilities you have entrusted to me. I realize the obligations involved and ask the assistance of each member. My sincere thanks to each one that has placed this trust in my hands. I will do all in my power to advance the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. The following are the National Committee appointments. Brothers please give the chairman of each committee your assistance. The first named will serve as chairman of that committee.

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3. Departments and Camps are reminded to file quarterly reports promptly.
4. I congratulate and pledge my support to: Nellie Hawley, National President of the Auxiliary; Nancy Conaway, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Marilyn Taylor, National President of the Womens Relief Corps; and Lois Jean Hiccox, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.
5. Each member is encouraged to do all in their power to increase our membership. It is my desire that each Brother recruit a new member. Each member who enrolls three (3) new members will be appointed a National Aide. Any Brother enrolling five (5) new members will receive a Certificate of Merit.
6. Remembrance Day will be held November 17th, 1979, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Please set this date aside to honor the Grand Army of the Republic.
7. Please give your loyal support to Brother Donald Roberts, National Patriotic Instructor. Without your support, he can not meet his goal of \$1,700.00.
8. It is my wish to attend each department during my administration. Please advise me as to the date and place of your Encampment. Each invitation will be accepted in the order received.
9. My best wishes to each elected and appointed officer. May God bless the efforts of all.
 To our shut-ins and those who have lost loved ones — may a loving heavenly Father hold you in the hallow of his hand.
10. Brother Richard Wyman, National Senior Vice Commander, continues to accept donations for the 100th Anniversary Fund. The Year 1981 will soon be here. Lets have a good and enlightening anniversary with your gifts.

Elton P. Koch
 Commander-in-Chief

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Albert W. Lambert, Editor, P.O. Box 673, Naperville, 60540

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST
 TO BE CONTINUED

As your Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of your Membership Committee, I am pleased to announce the continuance of the Membership Contest established by my predecessor, Dick Wyman. I urge all Departments and Camps in our Order to join with me in this ongoing effort to assure the continuation of our Order.

Starting October 1, 1979 and until June 30, 1980, the CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AWARD will be presented to any Brother securing new members. The Camp Secretary of the Camp accepting new members should send me a list of those members secured and the name of the Brothers involved so that the Certificate may be inscribed and forwarded to the qualified Brother.

Remember to always carry an Application Blank in your pocket and to use it. We cannot sell our Order and its heritage if we keep it a secret. I have copies of Form GSA 6800 which is required by the National Archives as well as Requests for Search of Military Service Records. Applicants in need of verification of their eligibility may also write to Washington for this information. I know that our membership can be enlarged IF each member makes an effort to get one or two new members and to help his Camp and Department carry on our beloved organization and to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Remember our solemn pledge to inculcate patriotism and love of our great country and true allegiance to the Government of the United States.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

Harry E. Gibbons
 Jr-Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
 554 LaSalle Avenue
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Proposals for Memorial Day Observance — Two more bills to return the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30 have been introduced, these in the House of Representatives. H.R. 3595, sponsored by Rep. Gus Yatron of Pa., and H.R. 3746, introduced by Rep. Norman Lent of N.Y., would each accomplish the return of Memorial Day to its traditional calendar date. Both measures have been referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

In New York State which observes Memorial Day on May 30 according to State law, the Legislature has passed a measure designed to give school districts the option of commemorating Memorial Day either on the federally mandated fourth Monday in May or on May 30 so as to allow schools to coordinate their schedules with those of necessary services such as public transportation. Opponents of this measure view it as an initial step to bring the Empire State into agreement with the federal observance.

Observance of Lincoln's Birthday — In Pennsylvania, former Gov. Milton Shapp before leaving office last year, signed an order that had the effect of abolishing Abraham Lincoln's birthday as a State holiday and substituting the birthdate of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15, as a State holiday on grounds that Dr. King's memory was deserving of this recognition and the Keystone State could not afford to add to its list of authorized holidays.

Proposals for Memorials, National Monuments and Historic Sites — Public Law 96-15, signed May 26, 1979, authorized the striking of a gold medal in honor of the actor and patriot, the late John Wayne. Fort Totten, N. Dakota, a frontier post, would be designated as a National Historic Site under S. 993. The USS Nautilus would be declared a National Monument under terms of H.R. 4052. H. Jt. Res. 210 would authorize construction of a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, D.C.

On August 1, 1979, the House voted to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 for the erection of a statue or bust of Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Capitol. If approved by the Senate, this memorial would be the first to honor a black person, according to a report of a House committee. As one of the last acts of the 95th Congress, Public Law 95-484, established Fort Scott, Kansas, as a National Historic Site.

Other Items of Patriotic Interest — H. Jt. Res. 134 and 157 would set aside a week to be known as "National Patriotism Week." John Philip Sousa's composition, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," would be declared as the "National March" under terms of H. Jt. Res. 117 and 270.

Designating A National Floral Emblem — Congress has never taken the steps necessary to name a national floral emblem although the late Everett McKinley Dirksen championed the cause of the marigold for many years in the Senate. Thus far in the 96th Congress, four measures have been introduced on this subject: H.R. 2623 would give the honor to the daisy; H. Jt. Res. 234 would name the rose; and two measures, S. Jt. Res. 42 and H. Jt. Res. 309, would designate the marigold. Take your pick.

Many of the measures and issues discussed herein were included in the Annual Report presented at the National Encampment in August and are reviewed in this column for the information and benefit of all readers of *The Banner*.

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
 Chairman

S.V.R. NEWS

By
 GEORGE SHADMAN

2ND MILITARY DISTRICT
 LT. COL. CUYLER NAMES HIS STAFF

The following has been assigned to the staff of the 2MD:

Deputy District Commander: Maj. Charles Nelson, C.O. N.J. Brigade.
 T.A.G.: Major Harold Goodman, CO Empire Brigade, N.Y.
 District Inspector General: Capt. George Shadman, C.O. 1st N.Y. Brigade.
 District Aide de Camp: 2Lt. Earl Ballard, C.O. Empire Fifers

On the weekend of July 28, the Empire Brigade under the command of Major Harold Goodman, held their annual Brigade Encampment at the farm of Lyle McCann of Fayette, N.Y. Five units from the Brigade were present.

BG Chester Shriver was present as the 148th N.Y.V.I. hosted the reenactment of the Battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo. Eight SVR units, and four Confederate units were encamped at Keuka Lake State Park in Branchport, N.Y. for a weekend of fellowship.

On October 20, the Empire Brigade will hold its annual dish to pass dinner at the Canoga Fire Hall, Canoga, N.Y.

5TH MILITARY DISTRICT
 4TH U.S. CAVALRY BUSY

Captain Robert McCandless outlines the activities of his unit:

1. The 2nd Squadron, 4th Cav. took part in the filming of an episode of *REAL PEOPLE*, a television program. It is to be aired sometime after September 5.
2. The unit was filmed in a documentary at Fort Chickamauga by the Nebraska Land Parade. The film was aired in the state of Oklahoma.
3. Two members of the squadron, Robert McCandless and Roy Kappel, qualified as National aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, SUV, and both were awarded the Gold Star Certificate for obtaining five or more new SUV members.
4. The squadron has received a request to appear at the Silver Dollar City in June, 1980.
5. The 2nd Squadron has raised Fort Chickamauga Camp #21 and now has its charter. They have reactivated the original camp which was chartered in 1915.

The SVR wishes Commander-in-Chief Elton Koch a very successful year.

NOTE: Send all SVR news to George Shadman, SVR News, 29 Carlton Road, Waterloo, New York 13165.

WITH SINCEREST APPRECIATION

I wish to express my heartfelt Thanks to everyone in our great Order, its Allied Orders and our many friends who in any way contributed to making it possible for me to have enjoyed such a memorable year as your Commander-in-Chief. Your many kindnesses and courtesies and your generous hospitality will never be forgotten.

Richard L. Greenwalt
 P. C. in C.

PERMANENT FUND

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

TO - Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treas. P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

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 Gordon Vallandigham, San Jose, CA
In Memory of George B. Vallandigham, Co. E, 125th Ohio Volunteer Infantry \$10.00
From Mrs. Mildred F. Williams, PDP, Trenton, NJ
In Memory of PDC Walter H. Williams, New Jersey Dept..... \$100.00
From John L. Maurath, Fenton, MO
In Memory of Dennis Maurath, Co. A, 2nd Regiment, U.S.R.C. Missouri Infantry \$10.00
From LCL Joseph R. Donahue, USA Ret., Huntington Beach, CA
In Memory of Pvt. Phillip Kennedy, 9th New York Regt..... \$10.00
From James A. Garfield, Camp #4, Trenton, NJ
In Memory of Walter N. Totten, Camp #4, Trenton..... \$15.00
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In Memory of Fred B. Utt, Camp #4, Trenton \$15.00
From Mrs. William H. Stratton, Sr., Meriden, Conn.
In Memory of William H. Stratton, Sr..... \$10.00
From James R. Anderson, Chillicothe, Ohio
In Memory of Cpl. Thomas R. Shaw, Co. K, 62nd Ohio Vol Inf..... \$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 1979 will be \$6.00. Life Membership fees are placed in the Permanent Fund of our National Organization.

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

- No. 112 William Randolph Cohen, PDC \$100.00

AUXILIARY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Since the last issue of The BANNER went to press, we are happy to welcome into membership-at-large Mrs. Beverley M. Sargavy of Norfolk, Virginia, and Mrs. Nancy Bowers of Baker, Oregon.

Those desiring to have more information regarding membership-at-large in the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are asked to contact P.N.P. Marion E. Combs, P. O. Box 6193, Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648.

23RD ANNUAL GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1979

Again this year, the Battlefield at historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania will be the site of the annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day celebration. The 23rd annual Remembrance Day program will start at 2:00 P.M. sharp when the Parade will step off. The line of march will end at the Albert Woolson Statue on the battlefield at 2:30 P.M. and a wreath laying ceremony will follow at the statue. It will be recalled that Comrad Woolson was the last surviving Union Veteran and the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. At 3:00 P.M. the events will move into the Cyclorama, also located on the Battlefield, for the Remembrance Day Services.

ALL SVR OFFICERS AND UNITS are urged to attend the Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day. The line of march for the parade will be from the Recreation Field thru the town of Gettysburg and out to the Battlefield, ending at the Woolson Monument. An Officers and Unit Commanders meeting will be held at the Shrine Room, Howard Johnson Restaurant on Steinwehr Avenue from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. A noon lunch (Dutch treat) will be served. It is imperative that every SVR member plan to attend this weekend as very important announcements are planned. You are urged to support your Commander-in-Chief, your Commanding Officer and this important annual observance, with your presence.

As the new National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary I appreciate your vote of confidence in electing me and pledge maximum effort toward our goal.

Each year the NPI Fund supports memorial, patriotic and scholarship expenses amounting to about \$1800. While this is not the only fund to be supported, the past generosity of the membership is appreciated and we know it will continue. Generous contributions and promises of support were made before leaving Hartford. If this spirit continues, we should be able to increase the good works we do.

Dorris W. Schlenker
4112 Heathfield Road
Rockville, Md. 20853

49TH ANNUAL BANQUET TO FOLLOW REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS

The 49th Annual Banquet commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19th, 1863, will be held at the Holiday Inn, South Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania following the annual Remembrance Day service on Saturday, November 17, 1979. The time is 6:30 P.M. and tickets will be \$9.00 each. Again this year, a highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the annual SUVCW Scholarship Award. The winner of this year's award is David M. Offut, a senior at Gettysburg College. Mr. Offut was selected by the History Department of Gettysburg College as an outstanding senior History Major at the College and particularly because of his excellence in the course on the Civil War and Reconstruction. Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch will present this annual scholarship which is made possible by donations to the annual G.A.R. Memorial Fund (the National Patriotic Instructor's annual appeal). 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 10, 1979 with:

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

SORRY ABOUT THAT

Our July issue contained an article pertaining to the activities of various SUVCW members now living in the Norfolk (VA) area. The article referred to Brother John B. Davis and listed him as a Past Department Commander of Massachusetts. Brother Davis was Department Commander of New Hampshire (1929). Our apologies to Brother John and his Department President, Sister Harriet H. T. Brown.

PLEASE NOTE

Please note that the Roster contains a new address for P. C. in C. Clarence J. Riddell. Effective October 26, 1979 Clarence and Caroline will reside at 4104 Chalfont Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19154.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED

A dinner and reception in honor of Mrs. Nellie Hawley, National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW, has been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 10, 1979. Mrs. Myrtle Lowe of Waterloo, Iowa, is Chairlady of the event which will be held at the Des Moines Hilton Inn in Des Moines, Iowa.



Department News



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CONNECTICUT

The 1979 National Encampment was held in Hartford, Connecticut this past August. The committees and the entire Department are grateful for a successful event and sincerely hopes that all of our visitors enjoyed themselves. Department Secretary and P.D.P. Minnie Burkardt was elected National Chaplain of the Auxiliary.

ILLINOIS

Our June Encampments were held in Decatur on June 30th. We were honored to have Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt and National President Florence Forbey in attendance. Everyone pitched in with unity and patriotism making the Encampment an enlightening and rewarding experience.

Auxiliary #200 made a scholarship gift of \$150.00 to Miss Susan Pygott, a recent graduate of a High School in Decatur and a descendant of a Civil War Veteran. Miss Pygott will be attending Milican University this fall. The Auxiliary also pays a monthly visit to the Mary Bryant Home to play games with the Blind people who live there, give them cash prizes for their birthdays and bring cheer to their lives.

Auxiliary 30 has been giving Bingo parties at the Disabled Veterans Hospital in Hines, Illinois and has been distributing paperbacked books and decks of playing cards.

The Department has made a contribution to the Resource Center for the Handicapped. The center, located in Decatur, serves disabled people in need of help in order to live a normal existence. The center serves all ages, its youngest member today is a one month old boy and several of its members are in their 70's.

INDIANA

The Tippecanoe Battlefield Association held its annual meeting and picnic at the Battlefield on July 29, 1979. The Chapel Services were held at 11:00 A.M. with PDC Ray Worth of Indianapolis serving as Chaplain. The monument services with the wreath laying ceremony followed with Brother David Reed of Lafayette in charge as Patriotic Instructor. Following entertainment and an interesting address the group retired to the picnic grounds for the repast and the business meeting. President Ray Worth conducted the meeting. Since the men and the women alternate years serving as officers of the Association the new officers elected for 1979-80 were:

- President Edna Busz (Women's Relief Corps)
Vice President Mary Brown (Aux. to SUVCW)
Sec'y-Treas. Hannah Kreisher (Aux. to SUVCW)
Chaplain Mildred Igney (Women's Relief Corps)
Patriotic Instructor Velda Helton (Aux. to SUVCW)

Congratulations to the new Commander of Benton Camp 28, Allen E. Paul. He is a Vietnam veteran, the youthful President of Paul Graphics, Inc. and the author of the recently published "Vietnam Letters". He also serves on the Board of the Alumni at Howe Military Academy and is currently President of the Wayne County Historical Society. With his talented wife Beverly (of the Bev Paul Dancers) he has appeared on several talk shows. In spite of a busy schedule he has found time to become active in our Order.

IOWA

We are proud and pleased that Sister Nellie Hawley was elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the annual Encampment in Hartford. Sister Hawley had been endorsed for this high office at our 60th Annual



MEMBER-AT-LARGE HONORED BY MILITARY SOCIETY

Colonel R. Wilson Vincent, USAF-Ret., pictured above, is a member-at-large of the SUVCW and has been a member of the Scabbard and Blade National Honorary Military Society since he was a student at Oklahoma A & M back in 1940. Recently he was appointed National Executive Officer of Scabbard and Blade. Retired after 30 years of active service, Colonel Vincent is far from inactive. He is presently completing requirements for a Doctorate at Oklahoma State University. He and his wife have five children. His outside interests and avocations include archeology, epigraphy, stamp collecting and oil painting. His military tour from 1941 through 1971 saw action with the 368th Infantry followed by a transfer to the Air Corps where he participated in six campaigns as a B-24 pilot with the 8th Air Force in England. He served in support roles in both the Korean and Viet Nam wars. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldiers Medal, the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the New England Regional Association held July 21-22, 1979, at The Weirs, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

- Commander Edgar A. Price, Sr., Connecticut
Vice-Commander Ned Burkee, Vermont
Secretary Eugene Russell, Massachusetts
Treasurer William Rule, Massachusetts
Publicity Director Charles Hooper, Sr., Massachusetts
Executive Committee Percy Butler, Maine
William John, New Hampshire; Ned Burkee, Vermont; Charles Hooper, Jr., Massachusetts; Wallace Macomber, Rhode Island; James Ledwith, Connecticut

HONOR ROLL LIVING SONS OF UNION VETERANS

We are pleased and honored to add the following names to our Honor Roll of individuals who are living sons of a veteran of the Union Forces during the Civil War:

- Albert R. Hodgman, Stoneham, Massachusetts (Not presently a member of the SUVCW)
Son of Andrew Jackson Hodgman, Union Veteran
Ray McCullough, St. Petersburg, Florida (Not presently a member of the SUVCW)
Son of James McCullough, Union Veteran
Elmer Preston Price, Yucca Valley, California (W. S. Rosecrans Camp #2, SUVCW)
Son of Alexander W. Price, Union Veteran
Michael McLaughlin, Bristol, Connecticut (Not presently a member of the SUVCW)
Son of John McLaughlin, Union Veteran

Department Encampment held June 14-16, 1979 at the Kirkwood Civic Center Hotel. Ora E. Neffenegger was elected Commander of the Sons and Eva Cota was elected President of the Auxiliary. We wish them both a harmonious year. The Patriotic Instructor's gift this year was a monetary gift to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

MAINE

A meeting of the Maine Department Officers of the Auxiliary and Sons of Union Veterans convened at the home of Department Chaplain, Mary Johnston in Waterville July 15. Members enjoyed a picnic lunch at noon with the hostess serving beverages.

Plans were made by Department Vice President, Leople Bickford for the annual department fair to be held October 6, at Memorial Hall Oakland from 9 to 4.

There will be a snack bar at noon and supper at 4:30. There will be eleven tables.

The Sons will be in charge of the snack bar assisted by Elthea Osborne, Department Chief-of-Staff. The Sons will also have charge of the wheel.

The annual Department Encampments were held on June 14-17 in Waterville. The meetings of the various Allied Orders of the G.A.R. were well attended and successful. Margaret Butler is the new President of the Auxiliary and the Maine Department Commander is Percy Butler of Waterville.

MARYLAND

Our Department was represented at the National Encampment in Hartford, Conn. by one Son and seven Auxiliary members. Sister Dorris Schlenker of Reno Auxiliary was elected National Patriotic Instructor. Let us all rally and help make her year of fund raising a success.

We regret to report the passing of PDP Emma Herbst on August 22. She served as DP 1953-54 and was from Garfield Auxiliary in Baltimore.

PDC John Davis of N.H. is now living in Virginia Beach and reports six Brothers meeting socially and for parades and observances and working toward establishing a new camp. Charles Harrison of Baltimore is recruiting for a new camp too. We would be glad to know of any other Brothers residing now in the Norfolk and Baltimore areas.

DP Louella Spencer will make her official visit to Reno Aux in Hagerstown on Sat., Oct. 6.

It is hoped that all Camps and Auxiliaries will be represented at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

We regret to report the recent death of Sister Avis White of the Rector Auxiliary in Wilmington who passed away following a heart attack.

NEW JERSEY

Approximately twenty Sons and Auxiliary members attended the National Encampment in Hartford, Connecticut August 12-16. Appointed to newly-elected and installed Commander-in-Chief Elton Koch's staff were William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., National Graves Registration Officer, and Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Counselor. Albert W. Lambert, Jr. was reappointed as Editor of The BANNER. Auxiliary members appointed to National Offices were Elizabeth Sharp, National Press Correspondent and Marion E. Combs, National Counselor. Helen Loll continues as National Treasurer. Marion Combs was also appointed as Coordinator of Membership-at-Large and Edna S. Lambert was appointed to the Committee on Membership-at-Large.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 (The State Camp) will hold its fall dinner meeting in the Oak Room of the Coach and Four Restaurant just off Exit #8 of the New Jersey Turnpike in Hightstown on Saturday, October 27, 1979, at 6:00 p.m.

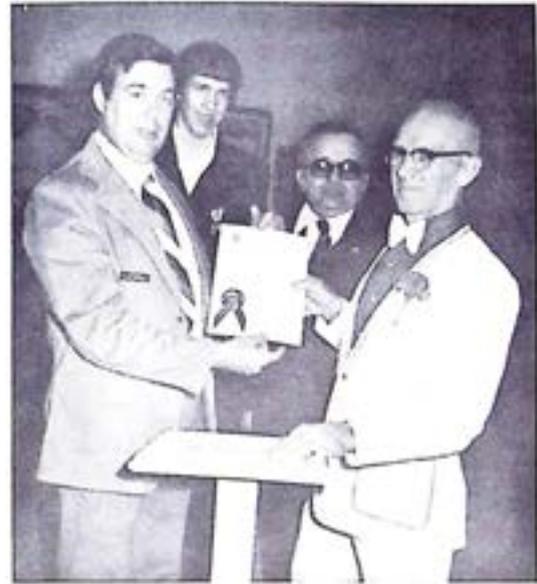
The annual Lincoln Dinner of the New Jersey Department will be held on March 8, 1980, at a location to be finalized in time for reporting in this column in the next issue.

NEW YORK

D. G. Caywood Camp #146 of Ovid, New York will be holding their Second Annual Flag Burning Ceremony on November 10, 1979, at 1:00 P.M. in the park in front of the G.A.R. Rooms in Ovid. All members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the

Republic are cordially invited to witness this patriotic and reverent ceremony.

OHIO



Outgoing Department Commander Forest Altland was honored with a reception last May 5th in Mansfield, Ohio. Pictured above are (from the left): Ralph Shadel; George Shadel; Thomas Graham; and Commander Altland. Ralph Shadel in presenting a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor of Mansfield, who was unable to attend due to illness, designating May 5, 1979, as Forest Altland Day in Mansfield. The event was sponsored by McLaughlin Camp 12. Music was provided by the Mount Vernon Fife and Drum Corps under the Command of Colonel W. W. Dorsey and the colors were presented by Battery C, 1st Ohio Light Artillery.

Best wishes to Roy Smith and PDP Marjorie Grate who were married this past summer and spent part of their honeymoon attending the National Encampment in Hartford.

Best wishes, also, to our new Department Commander, Thomas Graham, and our new Department President, Betty Coen. Sister Coen's recent reception was well attended with five P.D.P.'s being able to be present. Department Chief of Staff Peggy Owens served as Master of Ceremonies and the affair was a huge success. A reception is being planned for October 20, 1979, in Alliance for Department Commander Graham.

The Central Region Conference will be held at the Interstate Motor Inn in Mansfield on October 5th and 6th.

WISCONSIN

When Gov. Lee Sherman Dreyfus signed the State budget bill late in July, this had the effect of removing Cushing Memorial Park from the list of State parks and approving the transfer of the park to the City of Delafield as previously agreed upon between the Dept. of Natural Resources and the municipality. In approving the transfer, the Governor gave assurances that the deed will require that the property be maintained as an historic park. Cushing Memorial Park is the site of the Cushing family homestead and was designated as a memorial park in 1915 to honor the three Cushing brothers, all of whom served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

In June a group of public spirited citizens led by Grover and Helen Huff spent a full day cleaning up Cushing Memorial Park, removing debris, cutting the grass, and uncovering markers placed there many years ago to designate the site of the Cushing home. In recent years, the DNR has been lax in its maintenance of the park as a recreation site and this prompted the group to act on its own initiative.

The Badger State was represented at the National Encampment by Dept. Pres. Rhoda Lemanski and Louise Hernke, PDP. They reported attending several interesting business sessions and enjoyed meeting friends from throughout the country. At the conclave, Sister Rhoda completed her term as a member of the National Council of Administration.