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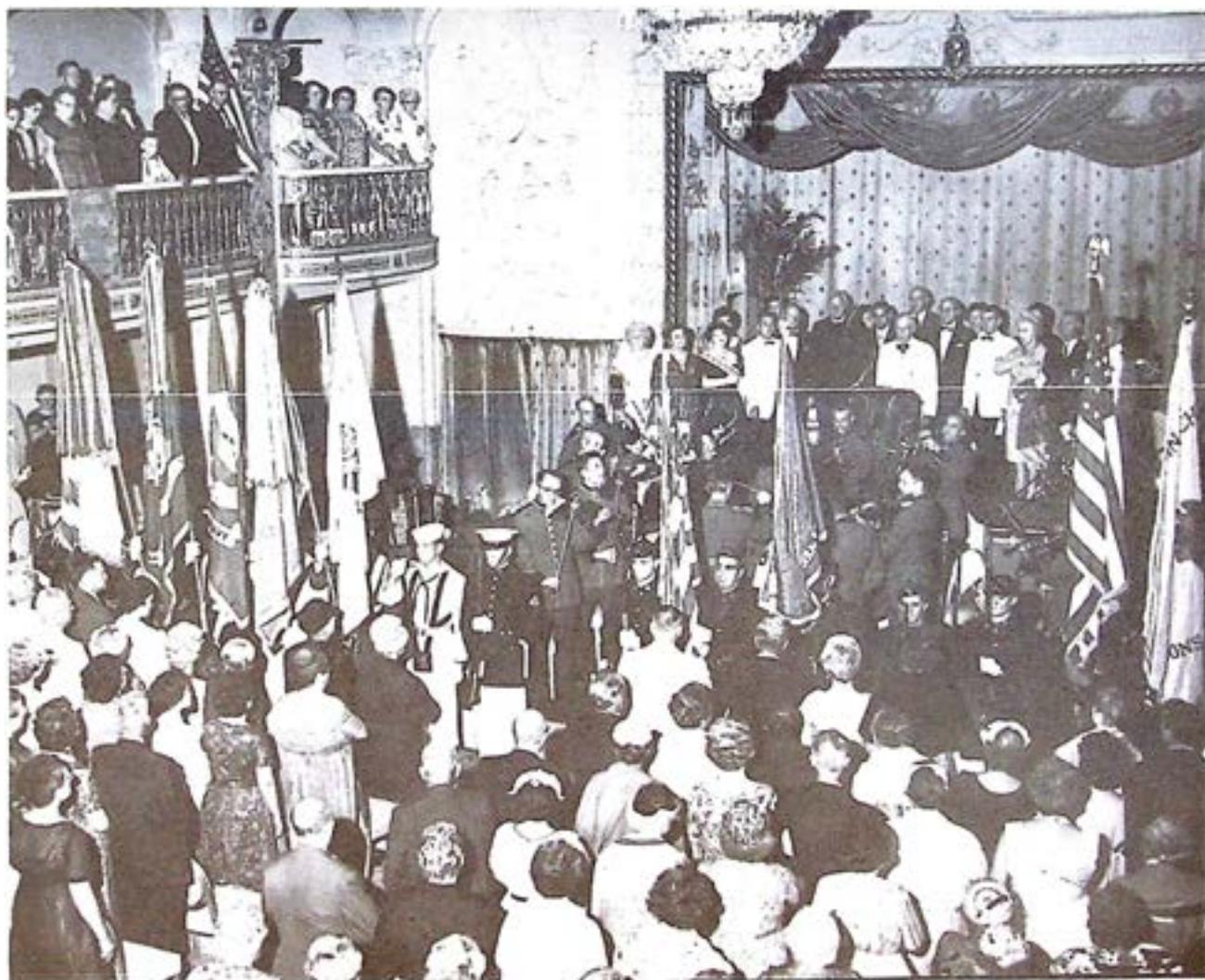
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## HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON



An outstanding event of the Encampment in Washington was the Camp Fire Program held in the Ballroom of the Hotel Mayflower on Sunday evening, August 19th. The program started at 7:30 P. M. at which time a concert was played by the United States Marine Band. After the colors were escorted in by the Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps, the group was welcomed by General Chairman, U. S. Grant 3rd. Outstanding addresses were delivered by Congressman William H. Ayres of Ohio and Congressman Wm. J. B. Dorn of South Carolina. Civil War songs were sung by the nationally famous "Singing Sergeants" of the U. S. Air Force. Each National President was called upon, and several representatives of visiting organizations were presented. "Taps" were sounded by a bugler from the Marine Corps Band, and the Colors were retired by the Field Music, S.V.R.

## D. C. ENCAMPMENT REPORT

Through the efforts of Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd and his committee, the Washington, D. C. Encampment was one of the finest ever conducted. The planning and execution of the many fine features were greatly appreciated by all present.

On Saturday, August 18th through Thursday, August 23rd, the officers, delegates, members and friends were treated to a splendid program at the 81st National Encampment, along with the 76th National Encampment of the Auxiliary and the 76th National Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. All three organizations were housed at the Mayflower Hotel, where all business and social functions were held. Registration was as follows: SUVCW 111, Auxiliary 203, Ladies of the G. A. R. 155. Each organization also had non-voting members and guests in attendance.

Delegates attended the church of their choice on Sunday morning. In the afternoon each organization registered delegates and at 3 P. M. the three organizations conducted a Joint Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains in the Ballroom. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings.

On Monday morning there was a courtesy breakfast for National Officers and Past National Presiding Officers, which was followed by a Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary in the East Room. Business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday evening the annual banquet of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and the Past National Presidents was held in the Virginia Room. A thoroughly enjoyable Banquet and Reception honoring the National Officers of the Sons and Aux. was held on Tuesday evening in the Ballroom. Another feature of the week was the bus tour of Washington which was held from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M. on Wednesday.

### BUSINESS SESSIONS

Were held in the Chinese Room. The first session was called to order at 10:30 A. M. on Monday.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver announced the following appointments: Guide, Clark Mellor of Mass.; Color Bearer, James Ledwith of Conn.; Guard, Eugene Patten of New Jersey. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Herbert Bogue of Mass.; Press, Arthur Glenum of D. C.; Officers Reports, Thomas Chadwick of Vermont; Resolutions, Wm. M. Coffin of Ohio; Constitution & Regulations, Albert DeHaven of Maine; Ritual & Ceremonies, Fred Howe of New York; Restoration of Rank, Earl Riggs of Calif.; Fraternal Greetings, Wm. M. Coffin of Ohio; and 1964 Encampment City, C. Leroy Stoult of Penna. The entire SUVCW convention accompanied the Fraternal Relations Committee to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R.

The following Resolution was adopted by all three organizations at their opening session:

1. We favor all appropriations that are needful for the National Defense and our country's security.
2. We favor the reduction of the expenses of government with a view to balancing the annual budget, and gradually liquidating the National Debt.
3. We strongly urge reduction of the Income Tax; elimination of Foreign Aid to all but declared friendly nations; and the strict curtailment of all welfare programs, without which our Country has been prosperous and successful in the past.
4. We favor a firmer stand in foreign relations and believe that history shows appeasement only leads to war.
5. We favor more strict observance of the rights reserved to the states and the people, as provided in the 10th amendment of our Constitution, and the balanced distribution of responsibilities and authority among the three branches of our Federal Government, as set forth in the Constitution.

Other resolutions adopted recommended that "In the name of patriotism and Americanism, we deplore any move to weaken our National Guard either through repeated internal reorganization or through a cutback in strength"; and "immediate construction of the Fort Boulevard in the Nation's Capital" and also the following:

"Resolved, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in National Encampment assembled that they ex-

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press their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Charles L. Messer in the loss of her life companion, and our beloved Commander-in-Chief. The memory of his stalwart leadership and friendship will remain with us all our lives and we hope you, Mrs. Messer, will continue to treat us as brothers, as we shall ever cherish you as a sister.

To express our sympathy and remind you of our continued affection we propose to present to you, as soon as it is ready, a token with a Past Commander-in-Chief's badge, but there has not been time to have it made to present today; so for the present we can give you nothing more tangible than our sympathy and affection which, however, we expect you will find more permanent than anything in gold or silver. So may God be with you and help you over these first years of loneliness."

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On Tuesday afternoon, Greetings Committees were received from the Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Union Veterans. The Ladies of the G. A. R. group was composed of nine Past National Presidents along with National President Alice Ure. The Auxiliary Committee was composed of the entire Pennsylvania delegation, headed by National President Dorothy Hilyard, P.N.P. Margaret McKinney, Mrs. Lillian Messer and the family of Commander-in-Chief Shriver. Personal gifts were presented to the Commander-in-Chief, and the Auxiliary presented our National Organization with a love token of \$500.00.

P. C. in C. U. S. Grant 3rd offered to present a loving cup to be presented to the Department showing the greatest

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The Auxiliary to S. U. V. C. W.

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HOTEL MAYFLOWER WASHINGTON, D. C.



increase in membership for the coming year. The cup would be inscribed, and passed on from year to year to the winning Department.

A resolution was adopted favoring a prayer to be used in public schools, provided that it not be dictated in form or content by public authority.

Thank you resolutions were adopted and forwarded to Congressman Ayres, Congressman Dorn, the Defense Department, the National Civil War Centennial Commission, the United States Marine Band, the Singing Sergeants, and the local committee. Also to the Columbia Historical Society, the Harrisburg Drum Corps, and the director of the Custis Lee Mansion.

A new office of National Recorder was created. His duties will be to assist those desiring to trace their ancestry and establish eligibility to membership.

It was decided to purchase a bench to be placed nearby the Albert Woolson monument in Ziegler's Grove at Gettysburg. The Auxiliary also will provide a bench for the same purpose.

By unanimous action of the Encampment, the title of Past Commander-in-Chief was conferred on Brother Charles L. Messer, who died in office. Members present then contributed a fund to provide a Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge to be mounted on a silver tray to be presented to Mrs. Messer.

Providence, R. I. was selected as the place for the 1964 National Encampment, which will be held at the Sheraton-

Biltmore Hotel, August 16-20, 1964. The 1963 National Encampment will be held at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., August 18-22.

Two new 50 star American Flags will be purchased and presented to the Fort Monroe Casemate in the near future. The SUVCW will present one flag, and the Auxiliary will present the other.

The Indiana Department displayed a Department Flag which they have adopted. Camps interested in the design and wishing to secure such a flag should contact Department Commander Thomas J. Lock, Box 72, Battle Ground, Ind.

Starting immediately THE BANNER will be published quarterly on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, instead of bi-monthly.

The Council of Administration voted to award a \$250.00 scholarship again this year to Gettysburg College. They also voted that in the future, all requests for appropriations be referred to the Budget Committee to see if funds are available.

National Patriotic Instructor Albert W. Lambert reported a record fund of \$1,422.18. This is a tribute to his energy and the cooperation of the entire organization.

Newly elected officers were installed by P. C. in C. Harold Arnold of Rhode Island. The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother Shriver by P. C. in C. U. S. Grant, and the gold lapel button was presented to him by Natl. Secy-Treas. Albert C. Lambert.

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**General Order No. 1  
Series 1962-1963**

Headquarters  
**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War  
P. O. Box 24  
Gettysburg, Pa.

October 1, 1962.

1. It is with deep humility and a challenging responsibility and obligation in having been elected and installed as your Commander-in-Chief at the 81st National Encampment held August 19-23, 1962 in Washington, D. C. I hereby assume the duties with headquarters in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Please feel free to write or phone 334-1537 for any assistance that this office can render in conducting the duties as your Commander-in-Chief.

2. The detailed and constructive business conducted at the 81st Annual Encampment is listed in this issue of the BANNER. All members of our Order are urged to read the Resolutions as adopted and use these to promote our Order during these Centennial years. These prove an incentive if properly used to interest your relative, your neighbor or your friends in getting his application into your Camp. Refer to paragraph 6 of this Order for awards for obtaining new members and Camps.

3. The following Committee assignments will serve during this administration. Please write your committee chairman immediately to receive information relative to your duties. The first named designates the chairman.

**Committee on Legislation**

- Cecil McConahay, 714 Lemenke Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
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- Glen Davis, 534 S. Second Street, Springfield Illinois
- Arthur R. Glenum, 1385 Nicholson St., Washington, D. C. (Maryland) (C&R, Page 33, Sec. 3)

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- L. K. Boutin, 1434 Idaho Street, Des Moines 16, Iowa
- W. Earl Corbin, 527 Stetler Avenue, Akron 10, Ohio
- Eugene Patton, Sr., 436 Mallory Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.
- George W. Lee, 729 S. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Loren L. Taylor, Security Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Kansas

**Americanism and Education**

- Walter N. Quist, 2414 South 222nd Street, Des Moines, Washington
- Charles P. Bradshaw, 611 West Water Street, Elmira, New York
- Kenneth T. Wheeler, Amherst Street, Milford, New Hampshire
- Edward E. Biering, 1745 North 34th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Michael Casey, Casey's Corner, Springfield, Virginia (Maryland)

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1962-1963**

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- Allen B. Howland (Jr. Vice C. in C.), Box 105, Elmwood, Massachusetts (Note C&R, Page 33, Sec. 2)
- All Department Commanders

**Constitution and Regulations**

- William N. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Avenue, Cincinnati 9, Ohio (2 yrs.)
- Thomas A. Chadwick, R-1, Box 81, Chester, Vermont (1 yr.)
- Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden Street, Rochester, New York (2 yrs.)
- Fred Howe, 1345 Michigan Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York (3 yrs.)
- Arthur Ballou, R. D., Bellows Falls, Vermont (3 yrs.)

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- Col. Clarence E. Young, 129 Suffolk Street, Providence, Rhode Island
- Major Howard L. Dissinger, 30 East Lemon Street, Lititz, Penna.
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**Changing of Badges—Special**

- Harold E. Arnold, P. O. Box 41, Coventry, Rhode Island
- Albert B. DeHaven, 35 Berwick Street, Sanford, Maine
- Fred E. Howe, 1345 Michigan Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York

**1963 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony**

- James L. High, 2752 Eastwood Avenue, Evanston, Illinois

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4. In recognition of his untiring effort in promoting the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for his work and progress in promoting the Civil War Centennial within our Order and for his country, the bronze Star of our Order and a Certificate of Merit was presented to Brother ERNEST G. WELLS of Massachusetts at the 81st National Encampment, conveyed by the Commander-in-Chief.

5. In recognition for the personal efforts in organizing Major General McCoy Camp No. 27, Department of California and Pacific, in San Diego, California, instituted 29 June 1962 and signatures affixed 2 August 1962, Brother FRANK WOERNER is hereby appointed a NATIONAL AIDE on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

6. May I personally urge every person who reads this Order, to support the program of your Camp. Help your Department and National Organization during these Centennial years. It is your duty as a member and as an American Citizen to support our Constitution and promote patriotism in every degree. Promote good citizenship awards in your community for your Camp to encourage outside recognition. Support your Camp, Department and National Patriotic Instructors with your contributions so that our Order may be listed as one of the leading patriotic Organizations. You represent the finest citizens in our Country today.

The following awards will be presented by the Commander-in-Chief for the following categories:

- 5 or more members—National Aide and Certificate of Merit
- Most Members from September 1st to July 31st, 1963—Bronze Star and Plaque
- New Camp—Bronze Star, Certificate of Merit and Five Silver Dollars

7. The "official family" of elected and appointed officers represent the finest leaders and workers that serve you on the staff of the National Organization. May I ask that you give them, your Department elective and appointive officers your help and support. This is your organization so let's prove our heritage as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chartered by Congress and representing the finest Army that ever defended our Constitution, The Grand Army of the Republic.

8. To Sister ANNA I. STOUTD, National President of our Auxiliary and to all National Presidents of the affiliated Orders, goes the sincere congratulations and good wishes for a successful year. Fraternal greetings to all.

**CHESTER S. SHRIVER,  
Commander-in-Chief.**

**Commander-in-Chief**

**National President**



**Chester S. Shriver**

**Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt**

Chester S. Shriver of Gettysburg, Penna. was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 81st National Encampment held in Washington, D. C., August 19-23, 1962.

His Great Grandfather, Lewis P. Shriver served in Company B, 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Bro. Shriver joined Camp 112, Gettysburg in 1947 where he has served in all offices, and has served on the Memorial Day Committee for twelve years, and as General Chairman of the Joint Veterans Memorial Day committee for ten years.

He was elected Department Commander of Pennsylvania in 1956 and has served as Department Secretary-Treasurer since 1957. He has served in many National Offices and Committees, including Sr. Vice Commander in 1961.

He was born in Adams County at the edge of the Gettysburg Battlefield in 1924, graduated from Gettysburg High School and at present is a representative of the Home Mutual Life Insurance Co. Along with his wife Ruba and daughter Donna, he attends Mt. Joy Lutheran Church, and is active in many civic and athletic groups. He is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gettysburg College and Honorary Chairman of Adams County Civil War Centennial Commission. His military record includes two years in the United States Army, three years in the Pennsylvania National Guard, and now holds the rank of Major in the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

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Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt of Reading, Penna. was elected as National President of the Auxiliary at the National Encampment held in Washington, D. C., August 19-23, 1962.

She is a member of Gen. George G. Meade Auxiliary No. 6 of Reading, having joined there in November, 1928. She served in various offices, including that of President, and for the past three years as Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor.

She was elected as Department President of the Pennsylvania Department in 1947, after serving in many Department Offices.

Sister Stoudt has served the National Organization as a Member of Council, National Chief of Staff, and filled a three year term as National Secretary.

She is a life long resident of the Reading area and is married to Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt who is active in General George G. Meade Camp and is currently serving as Camp Treasurer. They are members of Zion's United Church of Christ in Reading.

Sister Stoudt's grandfather, Benjamin V. Cehney served in Company F, 167th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

'Tis not the dying for a faith that's so hard . . . 'tis the living up to it that's difficult.

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He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression.



Department News



COLORADO

Pueblo Aux. 7 Pres. Cora Martin passed away August 10. She was one of three Charter Members left. Aux. 5 of Colorado Springs regrets to report the death of Dorothy Christenson. Edna Short has been appointed as Press Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT



Department Officers shown above—Seated: James Ledwith, Jr. Vice: Leon Crocker, Dept. Commdr.; Russell Lawrence, Sr. Vice Commdr. Standing: Perl Chamberlin, Color Bearer; Robert Daniels, Councilor; C. Brown Newton, Secy-Treas.; Elleroy Linnell, Chaplain; Allen Spink, Personal Aide; Sidney Clarke, Guide; and Eustace Finner, Chief of Staff.

MASSACHUSETTS

Two 60 year members died the same week in July. These were Frederic V. Bell and Eugene G. Wallingford. Bro. Bell was a former Sr. Vice C. in C. and Bro. Wallingford was Secy. of Old Timers Assn. Bro. Bell and his wife have been supervisors of the historic Adams House in Quincy for several years and were active in research and restoring Civil War relics.

MAINE

The Department Fair is scheduled October 6 at G. A. R. Hall, Rockland. On September 22 Anderson Aux. 21 held a reception honoring Dept. Pres. Georgie Ruth Thompson and staff. Sr. Vice Commdr. Nadeau, Camp 1 Waterville is working hard to preserve Memorial Hall on the old Coby College Campus, as it was the first building to be erected in this country (1868) as a memorial to the Civil War.

Change of Address: Ida Rokes Klein, P.N.P., Mizpah Hotel, Syracuse 2, N. Y.

MICHIGAN

Thos. I. Starr, Honorary Associate, writes to suggest a campaign to locate, photograph and publicize all Markers and Monuments (both North and South) dedicated to the Civil War.

NEW JERSEY

The semi-annual dinner meeting of the State Camp of New Jersey will take place on Saturday evening, October 27 at the Log Cabin Inn, Route 1, New Brunswick. Our mid-winter meeting of the Department will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 2 in G. A. R. Hall, 267 N. Montgomery St., Trenton. The New Jersey SUVCW and Aux. Department Encampment will be held June 14-15 in Asbury Park, with headquarters at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us 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 their name.

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

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 contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

Charles W. Darling, Co. I. 1st Lt. Art., Illinois \$10.00 (Courtesy Charles E. Darling, Seattle, Wash.)

NEW YORK

Elwyn C. Heidenreich of Buffalo was elected Department Commander at the outstanding Encampment held in New York City in June. The Camp Fire Program and convention banquet were highlighted by outstanding personalities and features. We regret to report the death of P.D.C. Robert W. Doughty of Beacon.

OHIO



Pictured above is a bronze plaque erected on the south side of City Hall, Alliance, immediately outside the room in which the last Ohio G. A. R. meeting was held. The final meeting was presided over by John H. Grate who was both Post and Department Commander at the time. The plaque was presented by Spencer Sebrell of Alliance Camp 91 and accepted by Mayor Dave Mainwaring. The principal speaker was Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, Carl V. Weygant.

PENNSYLVANIA

Gettysburg Camp 112 has again won first prize for their float in the Historical Division of the annual July 4th parade. This makes 10 times the Camp has taken first prize, and once was awarded second prize.

Several members of Davis Star Camp, Pittsburgh, attended the recent Scotland School graduation. Included in the group were Orphans Court Judge William S. Rahausser and Judge Robert Van der Voort.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to report the death of Past National President, Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher of Philadelphia on July 24th. Clara came from a loyal Civil War family. She served as National President in 1941, while her Sister Katie Carr served in 1905, and her mother Mrs. Libbie Meis served in 1916.

Meade Aux. of Reading will honor Natl. Pres. Anna Stoult with a Testimonial Dinner on October 6th. On October 13 Anna Ross Aux. 1 of Philadelphia will celebrate its anniversary with a dinner at Beck's Restaurant.

Sixth Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day

Will be observed on Saturday November 17 in Ziegler's Grove on the Battlefield at Gettysburg. All National Heads and Pennsylvania Department Heads will place wreaths and extend greetings. Maj-Gen. Keny K. Fluke, Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division (Bloody Bucket) Pennsylvania National Guard will give the G. A. R. Tribute. Special music, a pageant by Gettysburg Camp 112, and other colorful events will be staged at 3 P. M. All attending are requested to meet in the new Visitors Center-Cyclorama of the National Park Service in Ziegler's Grove prior to the service.

In the evening the 32nd Annual Dedication Day dinner and program sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of South-Central Pennsylvania will be held at the Hotel Gettysburg at 6:30 P. M. The presentation of the annual Scholarship Award by the National Organization will be made to Dr. C. A. Hanson, President of Gettysburg College by the Commander-in-Chief. Reservations to Mr. Ivan E. Frantz, 147 N. Newberry St., York, Pa.

VERMONT

Green Mountains State Camp met at the Central Vermont Public Service Corp. rooms, Rutland on August 11th. The Mid-Year Conference has been set for October 27th, place to be announced. Vermont will host the New England Regional Assoc. October 20-21.

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Will be held October 13-14 at the Hilton Inn, Aurora, Illinois. Opening session will be on Saturday at 2 P. M.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R. NATIONAL OFFICERS

1962-1963

- NATIONAL PRESIDENT Mrs. Marian K. Leach, 1360 Park Blvd., Camden 3, N. J. NATIONAL SECRETARY Mrs. Mary Schucht, 1628 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 3, Wisc. NATIONAL TREASURER Mrs. Alma Blixt, 3515 E. Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis 17, Minn.

with an informal banquet in the evening. Final session will take place 9 A. M. on Sunday.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOC.

Observed their Silver Anniversary at The Weirs, New Hampshire, with Ethelyn C. Tucker as General Chairman, C. in C. Shriver and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Hilyard were both present. Harold M. Drown was cited for 50 years of service as Press Correspondent. Harold W. Scott and Miss Anne Willeke, both of Connecticut presided. Arthur L. Ballou is the new Commander and Mrs. Kate D. Heiman the new President.

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Shown above—top row left: Commander-in-Chief Shriver, Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Hilyard and Ladies of the G. A. R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Ure standing at attention after placing wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery. Top center: Mrs. Ure, Maj. Howard Dissinger, C. in C. Shriver and Mrs. Hilyard after placing wreaths at the monument to unknown Union Civil War soldiers in Arlington Cemetery. Top right: The three National Heads placing a wreath at the monument to Confederate Soldiers in Arlington Cemetery. Bottom left: "The Singing Sergeants" performing at the Camp Fire. Bottom center: SUV Field Music from Harrisburg, Pa. Bottom right: Scene from the Joint Memorial Service.

## Auxiliary Convention News

Headquarters for the National Convention held in Washington, D. C., August 19-23, 1962 were established at the Hotel Mayflower where all meetings and social affairs took place. Delegates began arriving as early as Saturday morning and by Sunday noon practically every Department in the National Organization was represented. This is really one of the nicest times of the convention. Before the pressure of business meetings and the anticipation of social affairs really takes over, the time can be spent in renewing old acquaintances. Friends who haven't met in a year's time can spend some time getting caught up on all that has happened since they last met.

On Sunday morning many of the members went to the Church of their choice returning to the Hotel around noon. Registration opened at 1:00 P. M. for the registration of delegates and the distribution of convention programs. National Council met at 2:00 P. M. and at 3:00 P. M. the Joint Memorial Service for all three Organizations was held in the Ballroom of the Hotel. This was a most impressive service and tributes were given in memory of the deceased members of all Organizations.

Monday morning saw the opening of the business sessions of the Convention. The opening ceremonies under the direction of Auxiliary Chief of Staff Ethel Jones and Chief of Staff of the Sons C. Leroy Stoudt were very nice. National President Dorothy Hilyard and Commander in Chief Chester Shriver were received, along with their respective officers, with all the pomp and ceremony due them as presiding officers. Following the joint opening the Sons retired to their meeting room and everyone settled down to the serious business of the convention. Sister Hilyard called the meeting to order following which all National Officers, Past National Presidents, Department Presidents and immediate Past Department Presidents were introduced and presented with a remembrance from the National President. Convention appointments were then made and the business was under way.

Sister Hilyard gave a complete and concise report of her year's activities, an interesting report that was well received. Immediately following the reading of this report the testimonial presented by the National Organization was given to the National President and was most graciously received by her. After the noon recess reports of National Officers were taken up starting with the National Vice President. These reports were interrupted briefly in order that we might receive a greetings committee from the Sons. The entire delegation in attendance at the Sons Convention marched into the room headed by the Commander in Chief.

The Scholarship was given this year to George Riddell of Wilmington, Delaware who will use it toward his expenses in studying for the ministry. We were delighted to receive Mr. Riddell into our meeting and to witness the actual presentation by our National President. This very fine young man was accompanied by his Father and Mother and younger Brother and all expressed their delight and pride that one of their family had been so honored.

Tuesday morning session was a continuation of the reading of Officers Reports and Committee reports. On Tuesday afternoon the first order of business was nomination of Officers. A complete listing of the officers elected appears in another part of THE BANNER and need not be repeated here. The highlight of the afternoon session was the presentation by the National Patriotic Instructor. This year the Memorial to the G. A. R. was a \$250.00 check to be used toward the purchase of two TV sets for the patients of Mt. Alto Veteran Hospital. This was received by Mr. C. Sam Fox, Director of Voluntary Service of the Hospital. Mr. Fox told of some of the activities of the Hospital and expressed appreciation for the much needed gift.

Wednesday morning was devoted to the reading of more reports. Action was taken to place a bench at the site of the Woolson Monument in Gettysburg. The Sons in their convention voted to place a bench also. These benches will be dedicated at the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1963. Favorable action was also taken to replace the 48 star flag now at Ft. Monroe with a new 50 star flag.

Wednesday afternoon a bus trip was planned for the delegates. This was a most delightful four hour trip starting

at 1:00 P. M. After a tour of Washington proper, with a stop at the Lincoln Museum and the House Where Lincoln Died, the busses headed out toward Arlington Cemetery. Stops were made at the Custis-Lee Mansion (The Robert E. Lee Memorial) then on to the Unknown Civil War Monument where wreaths were placed by the Heads of the three Organizations. We reached the Tomb of the Unknowns just at the time of the changing of the Guard which was most impressive. Wreaths were placed here also by Commander in Chief Shriver, Natl. Pres. Hilyard and Natl. Pres. Ure. On the way out of the Cemetery a brief stop was made at the Confederate Soldiers Monument where a wreath was placed. Some of the busses made a brief stop at the U. S. Marine Memorial. This monument depicting the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima is very beautiful—a true work of art.

Thursday morning we received the reports of our two money officers. The National Patriotic Instructor reported a fund of \$1,219.15 and the National Chief of Staff reported \$1,567.85 after expenses. Both of these reports were received with enthusiasm. There being no further business installation of the new Officers was held. P.N.P. Katherine Joyce and P.N.P. Margaret McKinney, both of Pennsylvania Department, installed the officers jointly in a most impressive manner. Gifts were presented to several of the officers and remarks were made by guests present after which the Convention was formally closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." The Old and New Council met on Thursday afternoon to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and the business of the convention was over.

Nothing has been said so far about the social affairs of which there were many. Banquets, State Dinners, Receptions, Club Breakfasts and Luncheons, along with a Courtesy Hour and entertainment, all helped to fill in the time and were enjoyed by all. Space will not permit the separate listing in detail of all these affairs—suffice to say they provided just the right amount of relaxation necessary to make a perfect week. By Friday noon most of the members had departed for their homes each promising that they would start saving for the trip to Miami Beach next August.



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