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## The Camp Fire of the Grand Army of the Republic Revived by their Descendants



Pictured above is the speaker's table and the Miami Beach Junior American Legion Band at the Camp Fire Program held in the Napoleon Room of the Hotel Deauville, Miami Beach, Florida on Sunday evening August 18th. The program started at 7:30 P. M. with a concert by the band. A combined Color Guard representing Sons of Veterans Reserve, Homestead Air Force Base, and the American Legion, was under direction of Maj. Howard Dissinger. The group was welcomed by Past Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant 3rd. Outstanding addresses were delivered by United States Senator Spessard L. Holland (Florida), Mayor Melvin J. Richard, and Hon. Geo. A. Wells of Massachusetts. Each National President was called upon, as well as P.N.P. Grace Hahn representing the National Woman's Relief Corps. Miami Beach Mayor Richard distributed Keys to the City. The entire program was televised over CBS-TV. "Taps" were sounded and the Colors were retired by the combined Color Guard.

## Miami Beach Encampment Report

From August 15th through August 22nd, the officers, delegates, members and friends were treated to a truly memorable program at the 82nd National Encampment, along with the 77th National Encampment of our Auxiliary, and the 76th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Actually a very great number came several days in advance of the Encampment and stayed several days after it was over, taking side trips to all parts of Florida and to Nassau.

All three organizations were housed at the fabulous Deauville Hotel, where all business and social functions were held. Registration was as follows: SUVCW 96, Auxiliary 186, Ladies of the G.A.R. 126. 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 SUVCW and Auxiliary conducted Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains in the Napoleon Room. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings.

The Joint Opening of the SUVCW and Auxiliary was held on Monday morning in the Napoleon Room. Business sessions of the SUVCW were held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in the Charlemagne Room.

On Monday evening, the annual banquet of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents was held in the Charlemagne Room, which was followed by the Auxiliary Courtesy Hour at 7:30 P. M., and at 9 P. M. a Water Show was presented in the beautiful Deauville Pool, courtesy of the Convention Committee. Everyone was pleased with the graceful swimming, diving, and the comedy routine of the performers.

The SUVCW and Auxiliary banquet was held on Tuesday evening, in a dream setting. The beautiful Napoleon Room looked like a movie set with its floral decorations and arrangement. A feature of the banquet was the performance of Johnny Morgan, an outstanding comedian of night club and television fame. Following the banquet a reception and dance was held in the Charlemagne Room honoring the National Officers of both organizations. American Legion Natl. Vice Commander Pascal C. Reese gave inspiring addresses at the banquet, and also at our meeting.

Wednesday was a free day. A courtesy boat trip was provided to all delegates on beautiful Biscayne Bay. Members and friends enjoyed this trip, did some shopping, and many enjoyed the luxury of the Deauville swimming pool and ocean bathing. With business sessions starting at 11 A. M., many availed themselves of the pool and ocean each morning.

On Wednesday evening, an authentic Hawaiian Luau was held with all three organizations participating. Close to 400 persons enjoyed the exotic food, entertainment and dancing to make this one of the features of the Encampment. The Hula, Fire Dance, and Sword Dance was performed by native performers. The ladies amateur Hula contest was won by Hazel Moushey of Missouri, while the men's amateur contest was won by Chet Shriver and Frank Heacock. Winners received bottles of champagne as prizes.

Following the close of business sessions on Thursday, the New Jersey Department sponsored a dance and entertainment in the Charlemagne Room at 9 P. M. for the entire delegation of the SUVCW and Auxiliary. Music was furnished by Billy Bellac and his orchestra, featuring the dance team of Tanya and Biagi, and Helene Darcel, Parisian comedienne.

The entertainment throughout the week was outstanding, aided and abetted by fine performances by our own Mary Gordon of the Massachusetts Department.

On Sunday evening, following the Camp Fire, Col. Rolfe R. Holbrook of Coral Gables, Florida displayed a valuable collection of Civil War mementoes and badges.

### Business Sessions

Were held in the Charlemagne Room. The first session was called to order promptly at 11 A. M. on Monday.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver appointed Hiram Nichol of Pennsylvania (a member for 66 years) to fill the chair of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief during the Encampment.

The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Arthur L. Ballou of Vermont; Press, Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey; Officers Reports, Albert DeHaven of Maine; Resolutions, U. S. Grant 3rd of Washington; Constitution and Regulations, William M. Coffin of Ohio; Ritual

and Ceremonies, Harold E. Arnold of Rhode Island; 1965 Encampment City, Fred E. Howe of New York; Fraternal Greetings, William M. Coffin of Ohio. The entire SUVCW convention accompanied the Fraternal Relations Committee to the Auxiliary and to the Ladies of the G.A.R. P.D.C. Charles A. Brady Jr. of Illinois acted as Convention Guide.

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

1. That we urge the continued appropriation of the funds necessary for the National Defense and Security.
2. That we urge the balancing of the National Budget by eliminating as rapidly as possible expenditures for Foreign Aid, and other Federal Aid projects which are the means of encroachment by the central government on the responsibilities and prerogatives reserved to the states by the Constitution because "he who pays the piper calls the tune." This will eliminate much wasteful extravagance and unnecessary government employment.
3. That, as a means to return the functions of the Federal Government to those prescribed by the Constitution, we urge the adoption of the Liberty Amendment.
4. That we believe our national safety requires the elimination, as rapidly as possible, of the Communist base in Cuba and firm insistence upon the carrying out of obligations assumed in the past by the Soviet Government.
5. We emphasize that the abolition of slavery was achieved by our ancestors in the Civil War, together with the protection guaranteed the non-white citizens by the Constitutional Amendments adopted immediately afterwards. We have noted with interest the great advances in education, prosperity and civilization made by American negroes during the intervening years, and we favor full enjoyment of the rights of citizenship, but not of special privileges that encroach on the rights of their fellow citizens of other races.

Other resolutions recommended that:

- A. November 19th be proclaimed as "Dedication Day," this being the Anniversary of the date on which President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address.
- B. That we urge passage by Congress of the Bill now before the Judiciary Committee to restore posthumously, full rights of citizenship to General Robert E. Lee.
- C. That we endorse H. R. 1101 to provide for the establishment of the Fort Delaware National Historic Site at Delaware City, Delaware.
- D. That appreciation be extended to the New Jersey Department for providing such an outstanding, interesting and agreeable Encampment; to Hon. Melvin J. Richard, Mayor of Miami Beach for his attendance and address of Welcome at the Camp Fire; to Col. Henry B. Hohman, Base Commander, Homestead Air Force Base, for contributing Colors and Color Guard for our Camp Fire, which brought the desired patriotic note to the occasion and added immeasurably to the colorfulness and dignity of the ceremony; to Thomas F. Smith, Executive Director, Miami Beach Convention Bureau, for their cooperation and assistance in making our Encampment here a great success; to Don Coplin, Convention Coordinator, Hotel Deauville for the unfailing cooperation and effective assistance given by the staff of the hotel in providing for our needs during our Encampment; to Col. Rolfe R. Holbrook, for his attendance at the Camp Fire and for providing the display of a part of his collection of Civil War mementoes; to Albert C. Lambert, covering his services as National Secretary-Treasurer; and to Encampment Stenographer Mrs. Annamae Berhalter, covering her services for the past twenty-two years.

Richmond, Virginia (the Capitol of the Confederacy) was selected as the place for the 1965 National Encampment. The 1964 National Encampment will be held in the city of Providence, Rhode Island.

The Encampment voted to send a telegram of good will to the National Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in session in Cleveland, Ohio at the same time that we were in session.

Our National Auxiliary greetings committee was composed of the entire Pennsylvania delegation, with P.N.P. Katherine

Joyce as Chairman. Personal gifts were presented to Commander Shriver.

The Pennsylvania Department then presented Commander-in-Chief Shriver with a chest of Sterling Silver as a token of their affection.

The Silver Loving Cup donated by P. C. in C. Grant for the Department showing the largest net increase in membership for the past year was won by the Departments of Wisconsin and Indiana. These two Departments each ended the year with the exact same percentage increase. The Cup was presented to Edward Biering, Dept. Secy. of Wisconsin by General Grant. The Wisconsin Department is to hold the Cup for six months, and then turn it over to the Indiana Department to hold until the next National Encampment.

National President Anna I. Stoudt, accompanied by her Personal Aide, Mrs. Irene Murphy, and Mrs. Ruba Shriver and Daughter Donna paid a courtesy visit at which time the National President presented our National Organization with a love token of \$500.00.

National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert tendered his resignation effective March 31, 1964. During election of officers, Chester S. Shriver was elected to take over the duties of National Secretary-Treasurer on that date.

### ALTAR CLOTH

By action of the Encampment, an official Altar Cloth is to be used in the future, and that General Instruction 5, Page 3 of the Ritual be changed to read:

"The Altar will be placed in the center of the room. It will be covered with an Altar Cloth of solid blue color for Camps, red for Departments, and gold for National, and resting thereon will be a bible. The Color Bearer will arrange the Altar, and Station Banner."

The office of National Recorder was authorized for one more year as an experiment, and the name of the office is to be changed to National Genealogist.

National Patriotic Instructor, Clark W. Mellor of Massachusetts reported an excellent fund of \$911.02 which will be used to finance the special appropriations from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. He, and the entire organization are to be complimented.

The National Military Affairs committee was authorized to continue for one more year. It was recommended that we encourage voluntary contributions, for their expenses.

Each Department is urged to review its By-Laws, and if necessary make changes to conform to the C. & R., and that a copy of each Department By-Laws be filed with the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer before the 1964 Encampment.

Annual observances at the Lincoln Memorial, the Lincoln Tomb, the Cathedral of the Pines and the G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg were authorized for the coming year.

The Council of Administration authorized the placing of a \$250.00 scholarship this year at Gettysburg College. They also authorized P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert to edit and publish The Banner for the coming year.

Constitutional Amendments approved at the Miami Beach Encampment will be submitted to the various Departments for consideration at their 1964 Department Encampments.

Newly elected officers were installed by P. C. in C. Fred E. Howe of New York. As the outgoing Commander-in-Chief had received his Past Commander-in-Chief badge last year, a Life Membership was presented to Brother Shriver on behalf of the Order, by Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd.

Too much and too little education hinder the mind.

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### TESTIMONIAL FOR RIPPEY

A Testimonial Dinner will be held honoring Commander-in-Chief Rippey, and also Natl. Pres. Mrs. Anita Selby on Nov. 9 at 6:30 P. M. in the Powers Hotel, Rochester. Reservations with check in the amount of \$5.25 should be sent to Miss Marjorie Tagart, 1157 Clinton Avenue, South, Rochester, N. Y. 14620.

### COME TO GETTYSBURG

The seventh Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day service will be held on Saturday, November 16th at Ziegler's Grove, Gettysburg Battlefield, at 3 P. M. National and Department Heads of all the Allied Orders are expected to be present for the program arranged by Camp 112. Maj-Gen. Thomas R. White Jr., Adjutant General of Pennsylvania will be the speaker. Music will be furnished by the 125 piece Gettysburg High School Band in Civil War uniforms. The 33rd Dedication Day dinner sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Assoc. will be held at 6:30 P. M. in the Hotel Gettysburg. An excellent program honoring the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be presented. Reception to Penna. Dept. Commander John H. Stark will follow the program, at 9:30 P. M.

On Sunday, Nov. 17 the opening of the Civil War Conference will be held at Gettysburg College. This will be televised nationally with Edward R. Murrow narrating the 100th anniversary.

Tuesday, November 19th, the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be marked by a noon luncheon in the Hotel Gettysburg sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania. Carl Sandberg, Gov. William Scranton of Penna. and others will join in observance. The parade will move over streets President Lincoln rode 100 years ago to National Cemetery at 2:30 P. M. Services at Gettysburg National Cemetery, with President John F. Kennedy expected to deliver the address. Secretary-General U. Thant of the United Nations has been invited to participate. Services have been planned by the Sons of Union Veterans, and the Pennsylvania Commission for the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



Top picture was taken at Joint Opening Ceremony. Center picture taken at P. C. in C. and P.N.P. banquet. Bottom shows part of speakers table at Tuesday evening banquet.

The group of pictures at top were taken at the Luau. Picture below shows Department Presidents and Commanders preparing for Memorial Service. Bottom picture shows another view of the speakers table at banquet.



## General Order No. 1 Series 1963-1964

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans  
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1. It is with a deep sense of gratitude and humble appreciation that I enter upon my duties and responsibilities as your Commander-in-Chief, having been accorded the high honor of election to and installation in that office at the 82nd National Encampment held August 18-22, 1963 in Miami Beach, Florida. Headquarters are at 165 Linden Street, Rochester, N. Y. 14620; telephone 473-4378 or 426-0330, Area Code 716.
2. Time marches on, as do the affairs of our Organization. The past years have been eventful ones, with new landmarks being reached. The unlimited opportunities open to us present a challenge to each and every one of us. No life is sufficient unto itself. The progress and expansion of our Organization are tied to the efforts of our individual members. One alone can make great strides. Together we can accomplish much. Please feel free to call on me at any time for any assistance that I can render.
3. The following committee appointments are made to serve during this administration. Please write the chairman of your committee immediately relative to initial and standing duties, and maintain contact with him throughout the year as to progress and specific undertakings.

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4. It is my desire that during the current year our ranks shall be greatly swelled with new full memberships and with a deserving proportion of new associate memberships. Therefore, let us set the goal that we will double our membership in each Camp. Let us set the further goal that there will be established at least one new Camp in each Department and at least one new Camp at Large. This can be done.
5. It cannot be overemphasized that personal contact and personal request is the most important method of interesting persons in our Order. By doing this you will be doing three of us a favor: yourself, by becoming a more vital part of your Order; the new member, by giving him the fellowship and opportunity of expressing himself in our field of endeavor; and our Order, by making it more potent in our proud American history.
6. Let each of us be in attendance at each meeting of our Camp, and give full support to its program and activities. Publicize each event in which your Camp participates.
7. Your Camp, Department and National Officers are the finest. They are ready and willing to give assistance whenever called upon. Our Order and our members represent the finest in our American society today.
8. My sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to Sister Anita M. Selby, National President of the Auxiliary and to all National Presidents of the Allied Orders and their Staffs. May your year be happy and filled with profitable activity.
9. Fraternal greetings to all.

Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief

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## Auxiliary Convention News

Fabulous and beautiful Miami Beach, Florida, provided a most unusual and different setting for our National Convention than we have ever had before. To ride up and down Collins Avenue with its beautiful palm trees, the ocean on one side and the bay on the other was a most pleasant and exciting experience. Our Headquarters was in the new and very modern Deauville Hotel where the accommodations were all we could possibly hope for. Large luxurious rooms with beautiful views were assigned to our delegates and all agreed that every thought had been given to their comfort.

On Monday morning at 10:00 A. M. a joint opening of the business sessions of the Sons and Auxiliary was held. This opening was presided over by National Chief of Staff of the Aux. Sister Hilda Junge and National Chief of Staff of the Sons, Past Commander in Chief C. Leroy Stoudt. The National Aides—twenty-four in number—entered the room each carrying a large Florida palm leaf to which had been fastened a light. Standing in two lines they formed a lighted arch of palms through which our National President Sister Anna Stoudt and our Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver were escorted to the front of the room. The Department Presidents of the various Departments then marched in, each carrying long stemmed red roses and took their places between the lighted palms. National Officers of both Organizations were then escorted in and introduced as were the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief. While our National Musician Mary Gordon sang "One Rose" (a favorite of our National President) the Department Presidents presented the roses to Sister Stoudt forming a beautiful arm bouquet of thirty six long stemmed roses. The National President and Commander-in-Chief were then escorted up to the platform and were handed the gavel of their respective Organization. The Sons then retired to their own meeting room and we started the business of our convention.

The National President read her convention appointments and committee appointments, after which the National Secretary called the roll of Past National Presidents, National Officers, Department Presidents and Immediate Past Department Presidents. Sister Stoudt recognized these various officers, welcomed them to the convention and presented them with a remembrance from her. All convention appointees were also recognized with a gift from the National President. The reading of the report of the National President was the first order of business for the convention. This report was a complete outline of the work of the National President during her year and was well received by the delegates assembled. A check for \$200.00, a testimonial from the National Organization to the National President, was presented to Sister Stoudt by P.N.P. Katherine Joyce. Other National Officers reports followed and as they were read were turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports. At 4:00 P. M. we recessed for the day which left us time for relaxation before the events of the evening started. During the entire day on Monday free orange juice was dispensed in the lobby of the hotel, compliments of the Citrus Fruit Commission of Florida.

A banquet for the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief was held at 5:30 P. M. At 7:30 P. M. the Courtesy Hour was held. This affair, held under the supervision of the National Chief of Staff, is set aside for the purpose of making any presentations to the National President that the members might want to make. The opening of the Courtesy Hour was in the form of a book telling of the activities of our National President during her membership in our Organization. The National Chief of Staff narrated the story of her membership and work in her Auxiliary, Department and the National Organization and while the story was being narrated members of the New Jersey Department presented the pages of the book which were then fastened together and presented, as a book, to the National President. The Pennsylvania Department then had a beautiful presentation for the National President and Commander-in-Chief since both of these Officers came from that Department. From there on, the Departments were called on in alphabetical order and presentations were made not only to the National President but to the other National Officers as well. Following the Courtesy Hour we all went pool-side to watch the water show which was provided for our pleasure by the Joint Convention Committees.

On Tuesday morning the National President's group comprising all sitting Department Presidents met together for

breakfast and formed their club which was named "Anna's Laurel's." This club group got off to a flying start by making a \$50.00 contribution to the National Chief of Staff fund and \$30.00 to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Officers reports were completed at this time and some committee reports were given. Department Presidents read reports of the activities of their Departments during the past year. After a brief recess at 1:15 P. M. we had nomination and election of officers. A listing of the new officers appears in another part of this publication. There were 188 registered delegates reported, also many visiting sisters and friends. We were then honored with greetings committees from various Patriotic Organizations who brought us messages from their respective Organizations. The entire delegation of the Sons convention headed by the Commander-in-Chief and a distinguished group of Past Commanders-in-Chief visited us at this time and brought timely messages and good wishes to us. We were also honored to have a visit from Sister Ruba Shriver and Donna Shriver, wife and daughter, of our Commander-in-Chief. The last order of business on Tuesday was the presentation by our National Patriotic Instructor given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The presentation this year was a check in the amount of \$250.00 and was given to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Coral Gables, Florida. Mr. Frank E. Williams, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Staff received this gift on behalf of the hospital and expressed the thanks of the hospital for our generosity. He told us the money would be used to purchase an electric bingo board as part of the rehabilitation program for the veterans at the hospital. We were then recessed until Thursday morning, since it was planned there would be no meetings on Wednesday so the delegates could enjoy a free day for any trips they might want to take.

Tuesday evening the banquet and reception honoring the National President and Commander-in-Chief were held. The banquet room was beautifully decorated with flowers and candles on all the tables and the atmosphere of the room was really delightful. After a most enjoyable dinner, brief remarks were made by the distinguished guests. Entertainment was provided at the banquet after which we retired to the Charlemagne Room for the reception and dancing. The whole evening was one to remember for a long time to come. On Wednesday evening after a day of boating, swimming, shopping, touring and for a few just resting, all the delegates went to the Luau. This also was an outstanding affair with authentic Hawaiian food, music and dancers. Everyone entered into the spirit of the affair and many wore outfits suited to the occasion. There were lots of laughs when some of our members entered an audience participation program with the entertainers who were there. After the Luau was over some stayed to join a community sing after which we all retired—tired but happy.

Thursday was the final day for business. It was voted to discontinue the Americanization Committee and combine this work with the work of the National Patriotic Instructor. Plans were discussed for putting a flag stone patio around the Woolson Monument in Gettysburg. This project will cost approximately \$400.00 and will be under the supervision of Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt who has kindly consented to take on this job for us. The two money officers reports were read. Only the finest commendations can go to these two officers for the wonderful reports turned in. The cooperation of the membership is evidenced by the two fine sums of money reported. The National Patriotic Instructor reported \$1,006.86 raised through her office and the National Chief of Staff reported the sum of \$2,700.52, after expenses, raised through the help of the National Aides. The financial report was read by the P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton. A really fine example of loyalty to our Organization. Installation of Officers was the last order of business. P.N.P. Edith Nile installed the new officers in a very fine manner and the good wishes of everyone was extended to the National President Anita Selby of Ohio for a wonderful year. Sister Anna Stoudt received her Past National Presidents badge from P.N.P. Katherine Joyce and her P.N.P. pin from P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton. The meeting was then closed and the convention was over for another year. The National Council met both before and after the convention to audit the books of the National Secretary and Treasurer.

In case of dissension, never dare to judge till you've heard the other side.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**



Joseph S. Rippey (New York)

Elected Commander-in-Chief at the 82nd National Encampment, Miami Beach, Florida, August 18-22, 1963.

Initiated into Glidden-Pierce Camp, now Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp 6, at Rochester in 1951, he has held the office of Camp Commander and most other Camp offices. He has served as President of the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester. He was elected New York Department Commander in 1958 and was reelected in 1959.

Brother Rippey has served the National Organization as a member of several committees, as Chairman of the Committee on Americanism, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, and as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

His great-grandfather, John Smith, enlisted with the Pennsylvania Volunteers, and his grandfather, Bernard Smith, they being father and son, was a member of Company I, 5th Regiment, New York National Guard.

Brother Rippey is a practicing attorney. He attends St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where he has been a Vestryman, and is now and has been for several years, its Senior Warden. He is active in many civic groups. His military record includes four years service in the U. S. Navy in World War II in the Southwest Pacific area, and in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, holding the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, and he has continued active in the Naval Reserve.

**AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT**



Mrs. Anita M. Selby (Ohio)

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She is a Charter Member of McLaughlin Auxiliary No. 100 of Mansfield, Ohio, where she joined in 1911, and has served in many offices, including that of Auxiliary President.

Sister Selby served as Department President in 1951, and has served on the National Council, as National Vice-President, and as National Patriotic Instructor. She is now serving as President of the Central Regional Conference.

She is married to Paul G. Selby, who is active in McLaughlin Camp No. 12, and is currently serving as Camp Treasurer.

They have one daughter, Evadine, one grandson, and two granddaughters, and are members of the First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield.

Anita's Great Uncle, John Mowers, served in Company E, 18th Ohio Infantry for two years.

She is a member of the Mansfield Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, serving on the Official Board, and a member of Past President's Club.

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