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## Providence Meeting Big Success



Shown above at the Convention Banquet which preceded the Reception are National Officers and Past National Presiding Officers.

August 16th through August 20th in Providence, Rhode Island the weather was cooler than usual, but the hospitality was warm and the accommodations and plans were thoroughly enjoyed at the 33rd National Encampment of the SUCVW, the 78th National Encampment of our Auxiliary, and the 77th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. All three organizations were housed at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, where all business meetings and social functions were held. Registration was as follows: SUCVW 114, Auxiliary 208, Ladies of the G.A.R. 102. Each organization also had guests and non-registered members present.

On Sunday morning, delegates attended the church of their choice. In the afternoon there was general registration. Business sessions of the SUCVW were held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the State Suite.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE of the SUCVW and Auxiliary was held on Sunday afternoon in the Ballroom under direc-

tion of National Chaplains William Phillips and Kathleen Runkle. Floral tributes were placed by each Department President and Department Commander. Special tributes were given by Ellinore Konrad, Anne O. Clayton, Albert B. DeHaven and Albert C. Lambert.

THE CAMP FIRE OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, as revived by their descendants was held on Sunday evening in the Ballroom before an overflow crowd. Stirring music was provided by the Lancers Drum Corps, and the Colors were Posted under command of Col. Clarence E. Young. U. S. Dist. Atty. Raymond J. Pettine addressed the meeting in place of Sen. John O. Pastore, whose duties kept him in Washington. The federal attorney called for our "strong voices" in promoting respect and dignity of law, without which, he said "we would soon be a lawless mob, preying upon one another, for there are not enough policemen in the world to enforce all the laws we have."

## At Civil War Monument



On Sunday afternoon, floral tributes were placed at the Civil War Monument across the street from the hotel by Commander-in-Chief Rippey and National Presidents Mrs. Anita Selby and Mrs. Molly Mercer, as shown above. The military escort was furnished by the SVR and SVRWAC.

The Rhode Island Department entertained the National Officers of the Sons and Aux. as well as Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents at a courtesy breakfast on Monday morning in the State Suite of the hotel.

A Joint Opening ceremony by the SUVCW and Auxiliary was conducted on Monday morning in the ballroom under direction of Chief of Staff Mrs. Emma Wheeler and Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt.

Following the business sessions on Tuesday the annual Banquet and Reception honoring the National Officers was held in the Ballroom, also under direction of the Chiefs of Staff.

Wednesday was a day free from business sessions. The local committee arranged for the members of all three organizations to be admitted to the Quonset Point Naval Station and the Sea Bee Base at Davisville. Busses left the hotel at 11:30 A. M., and on arriving at the Naval Station they were met by a group of handsome Naval Officers that conducted them on a tour of inspection of the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain. This was a truly thrilling and memorable experience. The busses then proceeded to Rocky Point where all enjoyed a delightful shore dinner, arriving back at the hotel at 8 P. M.

**BUSINESS SESSIONS** were held in the State Suite, the first session being called to order promptly at 11 A. M. on Monday. The following appointments were announced: Guide Clark Mellor; Color Bearer Charles A. Brady, Jr.; Guard Paul Grate. Committee Chairmen appointed were: Credentials Elmore J. Houston; Resolutions U. S. Grant, 3rd; Officers Reports Albert B. DeHaven; Constitution and Regulations William M. Coffin; Ritual and Ceremonies Orion W. Mackey; Restoration of Rank Cleon E. Heald; Fraternal Relations William M. Coffin; Publicity Harold Arnold; Encampment City 1965 C. Leroy Stoudt. Brother Jim Cheney of Massachusetts was appointed as Encampment Musician.

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

1. That Congress be urged to withhold aid to those countries which have confiscated American investments, and to audit, reduce and finally terminate foreign aid.
2. That we urge all citizens to persuade public officials to restore religious influences in all phases of American life.
3. That the Monroe Doctrine be restated and enforced as applying to intervention through infiltration and subversion in any part of the Americas, and urge a restatement of our historic policies for control in perpetuity over the Canal Zone and the strategic Panama Canal.
4. That we favor for our colored fellow citizens their full enjoyment of the rights of citizenship, but not of special privileges that encroach on the rights of their fellow citizens of other races.
5. That appreciation be extended to the Rhode Island Department and all those who helped to make this an outstanding and agreeable Encampment.

6. That we oppose any liberalization of present Immigration Laws.

Grand Rapids, Michigan was selected as the place for our 1966 National Encampment. The 1965 Encampment will be held in the city of Richmond, Va.

We were very pleased and honored by the visit of Mrs. Jessie H. Johnston, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps who made a special trip to Providence to extend the greetings of her organization. She was accompanied by Laura I. Smith, a Past National President of the W.R.C.

National Patriotic Instructor Arthur Ballou in addition to having an excellent report of his activities, also reported the substantial amount of \$806.50 received for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

The Grant Trophy awarded annually to the Department having the greatest increase in membership was presented this year to the Illinois Department. P. C. in C. Grant made the presentation to Dept. Secy-Treas. Charles A. Brady, Jr. of Illinois.

The office of National Genealogist was discontinued by action of the Encampment, with this work to be referred to the various Departments in the future.

The G.A.R. History Committee will also be known as the G.A.R. Centennial Committee in the future to plan for the observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. on April 6, 1966.

In response to a request from the Ulysses S. Grant Association of Columbus, Ohio, the Encampment voted the sum of \$800.00 to be used to collect and preserve the papers and memorabilia of the Civil War General and President. To assist in this appropriation, the Military Affairs Committee waived their usual appropriation, and U. S. Grant, 3rd, personally gave the sum of \$500.00.

As April 15, 1965 will mark the 100th anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln, our annual observance at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois will be enlarged. The Encampment appropriated \$750.00 to assist the committee.

The three day observance of Appomattox Day in Reading, Pa. during April, 1965 was designated as the official Northern Observance of the 100th anniversary of the close of the Civil War.

On Tuesday afternoon Greetings Committees were received. P.N.P. Mary Stapleton and twenty two members of the New York delegation represented our National Auxiliary, while the Ladies of the G.A.R. delegation was composed of ten Past National Presidents with Francis Coombs as chairlady. On the same day our visiting committee to the Auxiliary was composed of our entire delegation. Our committee to visit the Ladies of the G.A.R. was composed of all Past Commanders-in-Chief present. National President Mrs. Anita Selby also visited our meeting and extended greetings. The newly elected National President Mrs. Emma Wheeler was present at our installation of officers.

At the banquet National President Selby presented us with a check for \$500.00 from her organization.

A collection taken during our sessions for use of the Military Affairs Committee amounted to \$55.00.

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 Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother Rippey by Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver, who also presented him with a gold Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button.

The newly elected officers were installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald, with Rev. Richard Partington acting as Chaplain, and Clark Mellor as guide.

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October 1, 1961

1. It is with humble appreciation and a deep sense of responsibility that I enter upon the duties of my office as your Commander-in-Chief for a second year, having been accorded the honor of reelection to that office at the 83rd National Encampment held in Providence, Rhode Island August 16-20, 1964. Headquarters are continued at 165 Linden Street, Rochester, New York 14620; telephone 473-4378 or 426-0330, Area Code 716.

2. Another administrative year has come and gone, and I greet you cordially on the advent of a new year. The program of our Order moves on apace. We are all called to participate and to make our contribution count for good as the year rolls on. We enter now upon the era of our greatest opportunity as we approach the climax of the Civil War Centennial period. Let us prove in every way that we are worthy of our position as successors to the Grand Army of the Republic. Please feel free to call upon me at any time for any assistance that I can render.

3. The following committee appointments are made to serve during this administration. Will each member appointed please immediately write the chairman of your committee for specific instructions and report to and maintain contact with him throughout the year as to progress made and specific undertakings.

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## Commander-in-Chief



Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester, N. Y. was re-elected as Commander-in-Chief at the Providence Encampment. Only twice before in our history has a member been so honored. These were William A. Dyer in 1936 and 1937 and U. S. Grant, 3rd, in 1953 and 1954.

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4. To facilitate the selection of the Encampment cities for future National Encampments, and to give more time for consideration than is possible when the committee for that purpose is named at the Encampment, a standing committee was appointed at the last National Encampment to function throughout the year consisting of the following:

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman, 2540 Fairview Ave., Reading, Pa. 19606.

Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603.  
Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.

Departments wishing to entertain the National Encampment in the year 1967, please present to the chairman as soon as possible invitations from the Department, and the Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Publicity Bureau, the City, or other authoritative agencies, and the hotel stating its facilities and accommodations and room rates. Other requirements will then be handled by the committee.

5. The following amendment to the Constitution of our Order, to be known as Section 4 of Article VII thereof, having been duly adopted at a National Encampment and approved and ratified by the required number of Departments as in the Constitution provided, I do hereby proclaim it to be a part of the Constitution of our Order.

"Article VII, Section 4. The Commandery-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order."

6. The matter of membership continues to be foremost in our thoughts, for with numbers our accomplishments and our influence can multiply astoundingly. Let us therefore set three goals for this year: (1) that we will double our membership in each Camp, (2) that there will be established at least one new Camp in each Department and at least one new Camp at large, and (3) that each of our members will bring into our organization at least one new member. This can be done. It requires us to act immediately. It is my hope that we may witness this accomplishment early. Let each member put his shoulder to the wheel, that he may experience the approbation of his co-members.

To each of our members who will gain for our Order five or more new members during this administration I will confer the privilege of wearing the National Ribbon with the badge possessed and give him the title of National Aide.

7. It is urged upon Department Commanders, and it is recommended to them, that they create the office of Department Organizer or other appropriate title, if such office does not already exist in the Department, to have the duties of active organizer of Camps, director of membership campaigns, and assistant to the Department Commander.

8. Let each of us be in attendance at each meeting of our Camp, and give full support to its program and activities.

9. Publicize in the local newspapers each event in which your Camp participates, and notify your Department Press Correspondent, and the editor of the Banner for possible inclusion in the next publication.

10. 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.

11. My sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to Sister Emma Y. Wheeler, 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 the most profitable endeavors.

12. Fraternal greetings to all.

JOSEPH S. RIPPEY  
Commander-in-Chief

**HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMY  
OF THE REPUBLIC**

Starting with the January, 1965 issue of The Banner, and continuing each issue as space is available, we will publish this history, as compiled by the National G.A.R. History Committee.

**AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT**



Mrs. Emma Y. Wheeler (New Hampshire)

Elected National President at the 78th National Encampment, Providence, Rhode Island, August 18, 1961.

Sister Wheeler joined Thos. Carr Aux. 7 in Hillsboro, N. H. in 1931 and served in many offices, including that of President. Her Great-Grandfather, John G. Yeaton enlisted in Company E, 1st Reg. U. S. Vol. Sharpshooters on Sept. 4, 1861, and was discharged for disability in January 1862.

Sister Wheeler served as Department President in 1949 with her husband as Department Commander. She was New England Regional President in 1958, National Vice-President in 1959 and National Chief of Staff 1963-1964.

A graduate of Plymouth Normal School, she has studied at the University of Vienna in Austria. In addition to teaching school in Amherst, she is Sunday School superintendent at the First Baptist Church in Milford, and has founded the Junior and Youth Choirs of that church and for a period was the organist. She has coached girls' softball, cheer-leading squad, and track for both boys and girls.

She and her husband, Kenneth, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in June. They are parents of a son, Kenneth Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Kempton Johnston.

Sister Wheeler has been active in the Southegan Republican Womens Club, Community House Committee, Memorial Hospital Drive, Milford Home for the Aged, The Grange, the Christian Crusaders, the New Hampshire Veterans Assoc. Aux., New Hampshire Council for Better Schools, and the New Hampshire Council of World Affairs.

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Top picture taken at the Camp Fire shows left to right: Mrs. Molly Mercer, Natl. Pres. Ladies of the G.A.R.; Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey; Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Anita Selby; Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland, Adj. Gen. State of Rhode Island; Mr. Raymond J. Pettine, United States Attorney for Rhode Island; and P. C. in C. Harold Arnold, convention chairman.

Center photo was taken at the Memorial Service and shows National Chaplain William Phillips and Aux. Natl. Chaplain Mrs. Kathleen Runkle along with representatives of the various Departments.

Bottom picture shows the dinner meeting of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents of the Sons and Auxiliary.

## Auxiliary Convention News

The National Convention of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War convened in Providence, Rhode Island the week of August 16th. Delegates began arriving on Saturday, August 15th and by noon time on Sunday many of the members had arrived and were settled in their rooms. Much visiting was done through all this time as many met for the first time since the last convention in Florida.

The events scheduled for Sunday have been covered already in this issue and there seems to be no need to repeat them here. The National Council of the Auxiliary met in Headquarters room on Sunday afternoon for the audit of the books of the Secretary and Treasurer before the opening of the convention.

A joint opening of both Organizations—the Auxiliary and Sons—was held on Monday morning at 10:00 A. M. and was presided over by the two Chiefs of Staff, Sister Emma Wheeler and Brother Leroy Stoudt. National Aides carrying flowers marched into the room and formed a double aisle through which the National President and Commander in Chief were escorted to the front of the meeting hall. Next to follow were Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief who were introduced and seated along the side of the room. National Officers of both Organizations were then received and introduced after which they assumed their respective stations. When all dignitaries had been received the Department Presidents entered the room carrying gladiolus which they presented to the National President.

The National Aides, each carrying pink carnations—the Ohio State flower, marched forward and gave their flowers to two assistants who placed them in frames designed for that purpose. When the frames were completed they were hung in back of the National President's station and spelled out the slogan of Sister Selby "Faith of Our Fathers." The gavel was then presented to the National President and Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief Rippey spoke briefly and then asked that the Sons be excused to open their own meeting.

The first business meeting of the Auxiliary was called to order at 11:10 A. M. There was a roll call of National Officers, Past National Presidents, Department Presidents of 1964-1965 and Past Department Presidents of 1963-1964. Each received a remembrance from our National President and a round of applause from the delegates assembled. The Convention Committee headed by Miss Gladys Lawton, P.D.P. of Rhode Island called on our convention and presented to our National President a beautiful basket of flowers which graced our room for the entire convention.

The regular ritual opening was used to complete the formal opening of the convention after which we recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 P. M. The afternoon session on Monday was taken up with the reading of the reports of the National Officers beginning with the National President. Following the reading of these reports we were happy to receive the National President of the Woman's Relief Corp Mrs. Jessie Johnston of Wyoming. Mrs. Johnston had flown to Providence for the express purpose of extending the greetings of her Organization to all assembled in Providence and we were honored to receive her.

National President Selby then called for the reading of reports of the standing committees which continued until 4:30 P. M. when we recessed until Tuesday morning at 9:00 A. M.

Monday evening was taken up with the scheduling of several events. The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief met for their annual dinner. The Massachusetts members exemplified the Ritual work for the delegates and this was followed by the Courtesy Hour held under the direction of the National Chief of Staff. The background music for the Courtesy Hour was the song "Beautiful Ohio" and while it was being played delegations from the various Departments made personal presentations to the National President. The other National Officers were also recognized by members of their Departments and friends. Following the Courtesy Hour the gifts of the National President were on display in Headquarters room.

Tuesday morning's session was devoted entirely to the reading of reports from Committees and also Departments. During the morning Past Commander in Chief Leroy Stoudt

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1964-1965

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visited our convention and spoke on the 1965 convention which would be held in Richmond, Virginia in August of next year.

The afternoon session on Tuesday re-convened at 1:45 P. M. and the report of the credential committee revealed there were 197 delegates and 11 guests registered up to that time. The first order of business for the afternoon was nomination of officers. The results of the nomination and election are listed in another part of this issue. Greetings committees were received at this time and we were happy to greet representatives from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Capt. James Nugent representing Governor Chafee and the entire delegation of the Sons of Union Veterans headed by Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey.

The presentation of the National Patriotic Instructor was made on Tuesday afternoon. A check for \$250.00 was presented to Mr. Norman A. Clifford, Assistant Commandant of the Veterans Home in Bristol, R. I. This money is to be used to replace 2 wooden flag poles with poles made of aluminum. Plaques are to be put on or near the flag poles designating our Organization as the donors. Following this presentation we recessed until Thursday morning at 9:00 A. M. Wednesday was to be a day of relaxation for the delegates and a bus trip was planned by the convention committee followed by a shore dinner at Rocky Point.

On Tuesday evening the annual banquet of the Auxiliary and Sons was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton-Biltmore, headquarters hotel for the convention. Preparations for the banquet were under the direction of the National Chief of Staff with Past Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons Brother Chester Shriver acting as toastmaster for the affair. The National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. was present and presented her greetings to us from her Organization. During the evening our National President Anita Selby presented a check to the Sons in the amount of five hundred dollars, our love token to the Sons.

Following the banquet a reception for the National Officers was held at which time all present were invited to greet our National Officers. Dancing followed the receiving line and the remainder of the evening was given over to the musicians who furnished delightful music for dancing.

The final business session of the convention convened at 9:15 A. M. on Thursday morning. Minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved and communications were read. Four resolutions adopted by the Sons at their session were read into our minutes and were adopted by our Auxiliary. A copy of these resolutions are contained in another part of the Banner. All were advised to pay heed to these resolu-

## NATIONAL OFFICERS LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

1964-1965

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tions and to do all they could to see that the resolutions were properly recognized by the Senators and Representatives of their respective Departments. The long awaited reports of the two money officers were then read. National Patriotic Instructor Golda Hall reported \$1,090.30 to be turned over to the Treasurer and National Chief of Staff Emma Wheeler turned over \$2,329.43 after expenses. Both of these officers are to be commended for a very fine job done in the interest of our National Organization.

Installation of Officers for the coming year was the final order of official business. P.N.P. Ursula Shepardson acted as Installing Officer for the newly elected National President Sister Emma Wheeler of Milford, N. H. Following the installation the old and new Council met to make a final audit and the convention was then officially closed.

All during the five day convention various National President's Clubs met either at breakfast, luncheon or dinner for a reunion of their members. These clubs are to be commended for their loyalty to our National Organization. The very fine contributions made to the two money officers from these clubs is an inspiration for all to witness.

By Thursday evening many of the delegates had left the hotel and were either headed for their homes or for other trips before returning home. One thing is certain all felt the time well spent because of the well conducted meetings and the enjoyable social affairs.



Representatives of the SVR WAC at Providence.

### AUXILIARY ALTAR CLOTHS AVAILABLE

By action of the National Encampment in Providence, all Departments and Auxiliaries must discontinue the use of the American Flag as an altar cloth.

The approved altar cloth is to be red, white and blue vertical stripes. I have contacted a wholesale manufacturer and hereby offer to furnish them as follows:

3 x 4 feet cotton Red, White and Blue altar cloth with duck lining

With gold fringe \$10.00

Without gold fringe \$ 7.50

Check to cover cost must accompany order. Allow thirty days for delivery.

Send order to:

Mrs. Florence M. Jansson  
National Patriotic Instructor  
222 South St.,  
Jersey City, N. J. 07307

## Authorizes Use of Name

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C. July 26th 1867.

Messrs Henry B. Cochen & others,

26 Canal Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have no objection to your giving my name to your Sons of Union Veterans Post. I am always willing to extend to the sons the return shield for the soldiers of our war of the rebellion.

Yours truly,  
U. S. Grant  
Lieutenant General

Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd possesses the original of this letter from General Sheridan, authorizing use of his name by a Post (Camp) in Brooklyn, N. Y.

O Lord convert the world, and begin with me.  
Some people do not live—they only linger.  
Permitting evil is as wrong as performing it.  
Nothing can affect you without your consent.

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## Department News



### CALIFORNIA

The First Annual Americanism award will be presented to Ralph's Grocery Company of Los Angeles at a dinner to be held Nov. 16 at Patriotic Hall. The award cites Ralph's publication "The Orbit" as well as members of Ralph's family for their fight against communism, their efforts to preserve our American way of life, and their stimulation of personal patriotism. Award committee members were Coby Wilcox, Dept. Patr. Instr., Frank Woerner, Dept. Secy-Treas., and Roy L. Pennington, Dept. Jr. Vice Commdr. and Press Correspondent.

### CONNECTICUT

Alden Skinner Aux. 5 of Rockville has presented a \$1,000 check to the Rockville High School, the interest to be used each year to purchase a \$50 savings bond to be awarded to the member of the junior class who excels in American history. The first award will be made in 1965, the 100th anniversary of the close of the Civil War.

### ILLINOIS

P.D.C. James M. Blackman is the new Commander of the G.A.R. Memorial Assoc. of Cook County, which arranges the Memorial Day parade and grave decoration in Chicago. He is the first SUVCW member to head this organization. Bro. Blackman was the last secretary of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic. Bro. Clyde F. Davis, Jr. is the newly elected Commander of Old Glory Camp 61-65, Chicago.

### INDIANA

The "Little Red Barn" located in the Indianapolis Zoo was the recipient of a "Mother and twin lambs" recently from Dept. Pres. Velda Helton and her husband. The Heltons raise sheep on their Indiana farm and have donated the animals for the pleasure and enjoyment of the many visitors to the park.

### MARYLAND

The Commemoration Ceremony on the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens was held July 11 with several organizations participating including Lincon-Cushing Camp represented by Mr. R. J. McCarthy, Commander, and Cushing Auxiliary represented by Mrs. Myrtle L. Burke, President. The address was by Maj. Gen. Philip C. Wehle, and music was furnished by the United States Army Band.

### MAINE



Pictured is C. Michael Wade, six year old son of 2nd Lt. Edna Wade, Commanding 12th Company, 14th Bn, SVR WAC and great grandson of Pvt. Martin V. Renell, Company A, 1st Vermont Cavalry 1861-65. "Mike" made his first appearance in uniform at the Regional Meeting at The Weirs.

At our 82nd Encampment, P.D.C. Lester D. Nadeau presented the Department with a set of Colors with carrying belts, stands and cases, as well as a red Altar Cloth with a small U. S. Flag and stand. They were given in memory of the late President Kennedy. Eugene Estabrook, Department Commander, and Mrs. Harriet Estabrook, Dept. Pres., presented Commander-in-Chief Rippey and Natl. Pres. Anita Selby each with a Sea Food Chest at the National Encampment on behalf of Gov. Reed of the State of Maine.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Thomas Carr Aux. 7 is sponsoring a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Natl. Pres. Emma Wheeler to be held at the Wayfarer, Bedford Interchange, Manchester, N. H. on Oct. 31 at 6:30 P. M. Reservations together with \$3.50 can be made to Mrs. Jacquelyn Johnston, RFD 1, Milford, N. H. by Oct. 24. Room reservations may be made direct to the Wayfarer.

### NEW JERSEY

The Autumn dinner meeting of the State Camp will be held Sat. Oct. 31 in Nassau Inn, Princeton at 6:30 P. M. The mid-winter meeting of the Department will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 P. M. in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton. Bro. Wm. Vanderhoof has been recognized for his grave marking activities by being named Honorary Colonel of the State of Georgia in a proclamation signed by Gov. Carl E. Sanders. Several of our members attended the National Convention of the W.R.C. held in August in Atlantic City, at which time Commander-in-Chief Rippey represented the Commandery-in-Chief. Bro. H. E. Hochradel, 7780 High St., Maybee, Michigan is desirous of securing the following items: "Southern Cross Medal of Honor", "Regimental Histories, 4th, 11th, 118th Michigan Infantry," "Uniforms Pre and Civil War, Michigan only." Please communicate directly with him. Bro. Hochradel is a member of Dayton Camp 5 of Trenton. Dept. Pres. Miss Helen Loll and Dept. Commdr. Wm. Wharton will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Nov. 14 at Geneva Inn, Trenton.

### NEW YORK

H. H. Winchell Aux. 15 of Utica recently presented a new flag to the Stone Ledge Girl Scout Camp. Mrs. Marjorie Woolheater, patriotic instructor made the presentation. Following the solemn rites, the old flag was ceremoniously burned. Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City, will celebrate it's 80th anniversary with a dinner and reception on Nov. 7 in the 7th Reg. Armory—reservations to Cecil M. Baer, 45-68 40th St., Sunnyside, N. Y. 11104. At the Utica Encampment Walter E. Owens was initiated as a member of Oliver Tilden Camp. Walter is a great-grandson of a Union Veteran, and son of Walter F. Owens.

### OREGON

A group of Oregonians known as the "Oregon Blues Brigade, SVR" were used in filming a picture "Fields of Honor" in Mohawk Valley near Oregon recently. The film, starring James Stewart is being made by Universal Movie Studios. Major C. Raymond Butcher Commands the group.

### PENNSYLVANIA

Madill Camp 141 of Sayre was actively represented at the American Legion convention in June. During the ceremonies Department Commander Riddell presented the Camp Charter. Honorary memberships in the SUVCW were presented to state officials, including State Senator Albert Madigan and Lt. Col. Roy Kelley. P. C. in C. Neil Cranmer of Elmira, N. Y. was an honored guest.

### VERMONT

Members of Camp 91, Bellows Falls serving in the SVR took part in the St. Albans Raid centennial on Aug. 28-29. Camp Commander Howard K. Reed is Captain of the reserves. Company A is the proud possessor of the trophy awarded at The Weirs. The Camp will be host for the midyear meeting to be held Nov. 7 at 2 P. M. in the Grange Hall on Atkinson Street. A reception honoring Department Commander William O. Wilson will be held the same evening.

### NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL

Kenneth Wheeler and Frances L. Warner presided at the recent meeting held at The Weirs. C. in C. Rippey and other officers reviewed the competitive drills by Uniformed Companies from Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. P. C. in C. Arnold presented a loving cup to the winner, Company A, 9th Battalion of Vermont. Col. Clarence Young conducted the review. Dexter Coombs of Rhode Island is the newly elected Commander, and Mrs. Eva Wyman the new President of the Auxiliary group.