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# Long Beach Encampment Report

From Saturday, August 15 through Thursday, August 20th, the officers, members, delegates and friends participated in various activities of the 78th National Encampment of the S.U.V.C.W. and the 73rd Nat'l Encampment of the Auxiliary. The Hotel Lafayette was the headquarters of both organizations, where all meetings and social affairs were held, with the exception of the Joint Memorial Service and Camp-Fire, which were held at the Hotel Wilton where the National Organization of the Ladies of



Pictured left to right are: Newly installed Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold of Rhode Island; newly installed Natl. Pres. Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs of California; outgoing Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs, of California; and outgoing Natl. Pres. Mrs. Ursula Shepardson of Massachusetts.

the Grand Army of the Republic had their headquarters. Registration was as follows: S.U.V.C.W. 103; Auxiliary 190; Ladies of the G. A. R. 157. All three organizations had a good attendance of non-voting members and guests.

On Sunday morning delegates attended services at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. On Sunday afternoon each organization attended to registration of delegates, and in the evening the three organi-

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When prosperity comes, do not use all of it.	
A man is sane morally at thirty, rich mentally at for ise spiritually at fifty—or never.	ty,

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If you want to get the best out of a man, you must look for the best that is in him.

zations conducted a Joint Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains. This was followed by an impressive Camp Fire held in the Pageant Room of the Hotel Wilton.

On Monday morning the California and Pacific Department entertained National Officers, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents at a Courtesy Breakfast in the Ballerina Room of the Hotel Lafayette, and on Monday evening the California Department degree team exemplified the ritualistic work and initiated a class of candidates. On Tuesday evening the annual banquet honoring the Commander in Chief and National President was held under direction of the Chief of Staff, which was followed by a formal reception. Entertainment included a troop of professional square dancers.

On Wednesday afternoon the delegates enjoyed a boat trip in the harbor, courtesy of the Long Beach Harbor Department. In the evening, the California Department arranged an outstanding Hawaiian Luau in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Lafavette. Entertainment, food and decorations were in traditional Hawaiian style and everyone agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening.

#### BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session opened at 10:30 A. M. on Monday in the Starlight Roof, following a Joint Opening with the Auxiliary which was held in the Grand Ballroom. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain Rev. Thomas H. Langdon,

Commander-in-Chief Riggs announced the following appointments: Guide Clark M. Mellor of Mass.: Color Guard. L. B. Jones of lowa: Guard, James Ledwith of Conn.; and Musician Carder Perkins of Mass. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials Bertram Isaacs of New York; Officers Reports, Joseph Rippey of N. Y.; Resolutions. Fred Davis of Ore.; Constitution and Regulations Albert B. DeHaven of Maine; Press John W. Teed of Calif .: Fraternal Relations Richard Locke of Ill.; Restoration of Rank Fred Howe of N. Y.; Ritual Harold Shepardson of Mass.; 1961 Encampment C. Leroy Stoudt of Penna.

The report of the J. S. Teunon Co., Certified Public Accountants was examined by the Council of Administration. A subcommittee was authorized to prepare a budget for the coming fiscal year.

A group of Californians representing the Encampment Committee presented two huge bouquets of flowers to be used to decorate the Commander-in-Chief's station during the Encampment. All National Officers read their reports. which were referred to the Committee on Officers Reports for study and recommendation. Communications and greetings were read and referred to proper committees.

Natl. Patr. Instr. Thomas Chadwick reported a total contribution to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund in the amount of \$907.82, and also reported that he was making awards to four Departments for outstanding reports.

National President Mrs. Ursula Shepardson extended greetings and presented a love token from her organization in the amount of \$500.00. Greetings were extended on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion by Col. Frederic Bauer and a group of his members, as well as by representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans. A large group of Past National Presidents of the Ladies of the G.A.R. extended greetings from their organization. The City of Long Beach and the Hotel Lafayette also sent representatives to extend their greetings.

The official visiting committee from our Auxiliary consisted of a group of more than fifty California members with P.N.P. Lenore Glass as chairlady.

On Wednesday morning the concluding business session was held. The newly elected officers were installed by P.C. in C. Fred Howe of New York. P.C. in C. Richard Locke presented the Past Commander-in-Chief badge and lapel pin to outgoing Commander Earl F. Riggs.

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

'The following is a condensed account of resolutions adopted -

1. The 1960 National Encampment will be held in the City of Springfield, Illinois, August 21-25 with headquarters at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln. The 1961 National Encampment will be held in the City of Indianapolis, Ind., with dates and details to be announced later.

- 2. A resolution from the Columbus, Ohio Camp urging the Federal Government to again issue Next of Kin medals was approved. Our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. adopted similar resolutions, copies of which have been sent to the Adjutant-General.
- 3. A resolution from the Legislative Committee was anproved urging that the Civil War Centennial be referred to as a COMMEMORATION, not a celebration.
- 4. Restoration of rank of Past Department Commander to Frank Colton was authorized, upon payment of required fee
- 5. A resolution was adopted congratulating the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic on securing their Congressional Charter
- 6. S.U.V.C.W. are to be the official initials used in the future in referring to the Order.
- 7. Each Department is requested to appoint one member to serve as a member of the National Americanism and Education Committee for the coming year.
- 8. Each Department is requested to appoint one member to serve as a member of the National Centennial Committee for the coming year. This committee will report at the next Encampment regarding a project for the Centennial Years
- 9. A resolution was adopted and signed by all present addressed to Hon. James G. Eastland requesting support of SJ Res. 50 and HJ 126 establishing Dedication Day on November 19th. At the suggestion of Fred Colwell, the Encampment stood in silent prayer for the approval of these hills
- 10. On the occasion of the initiation of any new candidates in the future, all members present will stand and renew their obligation taken at the time of their initiation.
- 11. The incoming administration was authorized to again arrange for a suitable commemoration at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Ill. on April 15th.
- 12. The incoming Commander-in-Chief was instructed to call a meeting of the Michigan Camps to arrange for a reorganization of the Michigan Department.
- 13. Dr. Leonard Carmichael of the Smithsonian Institution. Washington, D. C. agreed to accept and display the Woolson Medal. The following resolution was adopted by the Encampment:
  - "The Woolson Medal will be given to the Smithsonian Institution with only the proviso that should the Institution ever wish to dispose of it, or be rid of it, the Medal will revert to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Should they no longer be in existence, in the second place to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to the United States, and, if not accepted by it, then to the Columbia Historical Society or its successor as the historical society of the National Capitol.'

P.D.C. and Mrs. George Burrows left Providence, R. I. on July 8th to attend the Encampment at Long Beach. We regret to report that he died at Williams, Arizona on July 24th, and was buried in Providence on July 29th.

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Don't play for safety. It's the most dangerous thing in ne world. . .

The freedom we will not share, we cannot keep.

He who would distinguish the true from the false must we an adequate idea of what is true and false.

#### LADIES OF THE G.A.R. NATIONAL OFFICERS 1959-1960

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Picture at top left was taken at the Camp Fire. From left to right are: Rev. H. S. Rainwater; Dept. Commdr. Vernon Cheney; Dept. Pres. Mrs. Margaret L. Hixson; Aux. Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson; Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs; P. D. C. Frank Woerner; Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Lura B. Frye; a member of the Color Guard; and Ernest G. Wells, speaker of the evening.

Picture at top right was taken at the Memorial Service; at lower left is shown a picture of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents in attendance; and at lower right a small group of the several hundred that attended the Hawaiian Luau.



#### CALIFORNIA

FRESNO-Fred Hoagland was installed as Commander of Camp 17 on May 22nd by Commander-in-Chief Riggs, who also initiated W. F. Schlacter into the Order. On the same evening Aux. 6 officers were installed by Sister Riggs.

SANTA CRU2-Mourns the death of Chaplain Chauncey Norton, 90, who died on June 27th.

OAKLAND-Commander Yager carried a drum in the Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery, that was used by Frederick Dietzman, drummer in the 17th Missouri Infantry. Comrade Dietzman is buried in this cemetery.

LONG BEACH-Lawton Camp 10 feels a great loss in the passing of David B. Livingstone, Dept. Chaplain and Past Camp Commander on May 25.

#### IOWA

A riding tractor and a radio were presented at our Department Encampment to the recreation center for exceptional children. The presentations were made by George A. Clark, Dept. Patr. Instr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones, Aux. Dept. Patr. Instr.

At the joint banquet of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., speakers included U. S. Representative Leonard Wolf and State Representative Joseph B. Flatt, member of the Sons of Union Veterans, and legislative appointee to the Civil War Centennial Commission,

#### ILLINOIS

We regret to report the recent death of Past National President Mrs. Mae E. Clothier of Rockford. Sister Clothier served as National President in 1916.

#### OHIO

DISTRICT NO. 1 held a picnic recently at Silver Park in Alliance, with Pres. Olive Boren presiding. The District presented the park with a new 49 star flag.

A TOUR over the ground that Morgan's Raiders followed through the Southern part of Ohio was held on July 26th under sponsorship of the Historical Society of Columbiana County

IN MEMORIAM-P.D.C. Edward C. Wetzell passed away on the evening of May 30th with burial in Dayton. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and admirers.

OHIO RESERVES was created at the Department Encampment held in Mansfield in 1958, and put into effect at the Columbus Encampment in 1959. Camps throughout the state are forming Regiments and fitting them with uniforms. muskets, etc.

#### NEW JERSEY

Thirty three members of the Sons and Aux, from New Jersey attended the National Encampment at Long Beach, Calif., and enjoyed the meetings and various sightseeing trips along the way.

On Saturday evening. Sept. 26th a Testimonial Dinner will be held in honor of Dept. Commdr. Albert W. Lambert and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Anna Clayton at Washington Crossing Inn. just a few miles from Trenton. Members of the committee include Albert C. Lambert, George Satterthwaite, Richard Kucker, Anne O. Clayton, Ella G. Reeger and Virginia Knowles.

#### MARYLAND

WILMINGTON, DEL .- Col. Shaw Camp 6 and Aux, held an anniversary dinner on July 9th at which time Mr. Clarence Burton, a member of the City Council extended greetings of the Mayor. A large attendance of Officers and members were present from the Maryland and Pennsylvania Departments.

Presentation of service awards were made to several Camp and Auxiliary members. Dept. Secy-Treas. Chas. Langletz inducted Councilman Burton as an Associate Member, and he in turn presented Langletz with a Key to the City.

#### MAINE

A Department Officers meeting was held at Larrabees Rock Hill Inn in West Bath on July 26th to plan for the coming year. Appointed on the Centennial Committee were Clarence P. Renell, Portland; Phillips A. Boyd, Bath; and Charles C. York, South Paris.

Receptions will be held for Dept. Pres. Junah Oliver at Waterville on Sept. 19th, and for Dept. Commdr. R. Frank Calderwood at Portland on September 26th.

The Department Fair will be held at Waterville on October 17th

#### NEW YORK

At the 68th Department Encampment of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Edith L. Snyder of Albany was installed as Department President by P.N.P. Margaret Brady, assisted by Mrs. Lillian Messer, Natl. Chief of Staff and Mrs. Mary Stapleton, P.N.P. The next Encampment will be held in Binghamton, June S-10, 1960.

We regret to report the recent death of P.D.P. Wilhelmina Tagart of Rochester.

OVID-Each year Aux. 72 make two seven foot crosses of flowers to be used in Memorial Day services. This year they were placed in Union Cemetery and in the Catholic Cemetery. The Auxiliary recently initiated 6 new members.

Dept. Commdr. Joseph S. Rippey presented the annual award of the Department of an inscribed sword and belt on Aug. 6th at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island. The presentation, preceding the graduation ceremonies was made to Engineer Cadet Charles W. O'Hara of Baltimore, Md. A reception was held by the Superintendent, Rear Admiral Gordon McLintock, following the ceremonies.

### AUXILIARY EVENTS

The 73rd Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary convened in Long Beach, California the week of August 16th, Members and friends began arriving as early as Friday the 14th and by Saturday evening delegates were having a happy reunion with many old friends.

The Encampment opened unofficially on Sunday afternoon with a meeting of the National Council to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer. On Sunday evening a Joint Memorial Service was held in the Pageant Room of the Hotel Wilton at which time representatives of the Sons of Union Veterans, their Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic paid tribute to their departed members. This was followed by the traditional Camp Fire presided over by P.D.C. Frank Woerner of California, The principal speaker for the evening was Ernest G. Wells of the Department of Massachusetts.

On Monday morning a delightful breakfast was served the National Officers, Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief courtesy of the California and Pacific Department. This was enjoyed by all in attendance. Following the breakfast the formal opening of the convention of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Grand Ballroom. This was a joint affair presided over by the National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary Sister Lillian Messer and the National Chief of Staff of the Sons, P.C. in C. C. Leroy Stoudt. The National Aides were escorted into the room and formed an aisle on each side of the altar. National President Sister Ursula Shepardson and Commander in Chief Earl Riggs, escorted by the colors, were placed at the front of the room. National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were then escorted in and introduced followed by the Past National Presidents and the Past Commanders in Chief. Following the introductions the National Officers and Past Nationals took seats on either side of the President and Commander.

The grandchildren of the Commander in Chief were then escorted in and introduced to the assembly. They brought gifts with them for their Granddaddy. Following the visit from the grandchildren the Commander in Chief and National President received a delegation from the Department of Massachusetts Auxiliary. Each of the delegation carried yellow roses which they presented to Sister Shepardson with their greetings. The last to enter was the Department President of Massachusetts carrying a beautiful satin bow which she placed around the flowers. Brother Riggs and Sister Shepardson were then escorted to the platform where they received the gavel and the convention meeting was officially turned over to them. Both presiding officers thanked those responsible for the beautiful opening and then the Sons retired to the Starlight Roof where the Sons business meetings were to be held.

Sister Shepardson rapped the gavel for the business meeting to come to order and opened her convention in Ritualistic form. Following the usual opening the Convention appointments were made and Committee appointments verified. Roll call of National Officers by the Secretary found all National Officers present. They were presented to the convention assembled and each received a gift from the National President. Roll call of Past National Presidents was next followed by Roll Call of Department Presidents. Each was welcomed to the convention and were given a gift from Sister Shepardson. Sister Beatrice Riggs, Chairman of the Auxiliary Convention Committee, was received into the meeting and presented to the National President a heautiful basket of flowers. Flowers were also received from the Department of California and Pacific Sons and Auxiliary, these presentations being made by the Dent, Commander and Department President of California escorted by their entire California delegation.

Several announcements were made at this time after which the meeting was recessed until afternoon. Following luncheon the first order of business was the reading of the National President's report which was received with great applause. P.N.P. Margaret Anderson then presented to Sister Shepardson a check for \$200.00-the testimonial from the National Organization. Sister Anderson spoke of the fine year the Organization had enjoyed under the leadership of Sister Shepardson and thanked her in behalf of the National Organization. The rest of the Monday afternoon sesslon was taken up with the reading of National Officers reports.

Monday evening the Past Commanders in Chief and the Past National Presidents had their annual Dinner meeting presided over by P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad. Vice President of the Association. The President P.N.P. Mildred Webster was unable to be present but sent lovely table favors to each one attending the dinner. Exemplification of the Ritual was held on Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom. The work was done by members of the California Department and new members were initiated at this time. Following the exemplification the Courtesy Hour for the National President and her Officers was held.

The theme used was a replica of the Golden Gate Bridge through which everyone passed as they greeted our National President. Sister Shepardson received many lovely gifts and fine tributes for which she very graciously extended her thanks. The gifts were later on display in the suite of the National President where many were received by the National Personal Aide Sister Flora Bates.

The Tuesday morning meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M. National Officers reports were completed and some committee reports were given. No attempt will be made here to record each decision reached by the convention since they will appear in the Proceedings but from time to time one or two may be mentioned. At 11:00 A. M. we received, into our convention, Mr. William McGrath representing the Long Beach Exceptional Children's Foundation. National Patriotic Instructor Mary Harrison presented our check for \$250.00 to Mr. McGrath explaining to him that it was the custom of our Organization to leave some gift in the Convention City in Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. McGrath expressed his appreciation and that of the Foundation for this gift which he said would be used toward the purchase of a piece of equipment needed at the Foundation

He then proceeded to tell something of the work being done there. The problems of retarded children receive special consideration at this Foundation and Educational opportunities are part of the training program. Cultivating an ability to conform; Love of God and Country; academic training: co-ordination: cultivation of the arts and proper methods of communication are some of the important work of this social center. They also provide proper recreational programs to suit the needs of all of their children such as supervised hikes, swimming, picnicking, etc. The sincerity of Mr. McGrath as he gave us a verbal picture of the work being done gave us a feeling of having accom-

plished something ourselves by giving our gift to them for their fine work,

Following the recess for luncheon the first order of business was nomination of Officers for the new year. P.N.P. Sister Willma Combs, chairman of the Committee on Officers Reports gave her report. This was followed by the report on Resolutions presented by P.N.P. Margaret McKinney. No resolutions of National Government importance were received by this committee so that they could only present the usual Courtesy Resolutions which were adopted as a whole. Sister McKinney then gave her report on Badges. Pictures of the 25-50 year pins will be circulated throughout the National Organization very soon so all may see this pin and perhaps be interested in purchasing one. Information regarding Gold and Silver Charms and Lavalieres will also be available.

Greetings were received from other Organizations at this time following which more Department reports were read. The meeting recessed at 4:00 P. M. so the room could be prepared for the evening affairs.

Tuesday evening the Banquet and Reception honoring the National President and the Commander in Chief was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel. Approximately 400 people were in attendance and all enjoyed a lovely dinner. P.C. in C. Leroy Stoudt was the toastmaster at the dinner and all were agreed that National Chief of Staff Sister Lillian Messer had done another fine job in planning the social affairs of our convention. Immediately following dinner we had exhibitions of square dancing after which members at the dinner were invited to join the square dancers and enjoy the dancing. A reception to the National Officers followed and then dancing for all. As usual the affair was one of the nice parts of our convention.

The meeting was convened on Wednesday morning at 9:30 A. M. While we waited for the results of the Election more reports of Departments were received. The report of the Committee on Investment of Funds was received and it was voted to invest the money now in Savings Accounts in stocks of Wellington Fund. It was pointed out that the returns from an investment of this nature would be greater and would help to carry the expense of the National Organization, P.D.P. Emma Wheeler of N. H. gave a report on the placing of the Plaque of our Organization at "The Shrine of the Nation" in New Hampshire. It was decided that since we were not permitted to pay the cost of placing this plaque because of rules and regulations at the Shrine our National Organization would make a gift of \$25.00 to the Commission in charge of the Shrine. It was further moved that each year we would place a wreath not only at the Shrine but also at the ceremonies held at the Lincoln Tomh in Springfield each year.

The election committee made their report at this time and the names of the newly elected National Officers, with their addresses, is recorded close by this accounting. At this point it was announced that all reports of Officers, committees and Departments had been received with the exception of the two money officers whose reports would be held over until Thursday morning. Recess was then called in order that the Past Department Presidents might attend the luncheon planned for them. There was no meeting Wednesday afternoon so that the delegates could either go shopping or sight-seeing as they so desired. Wednesday evening found all enjoying to the full the Hawaiian Luau planned by the California Department. For a little while we imagined ourselves transported to Hawaii and thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere, dining and dancing of that exotic Island.

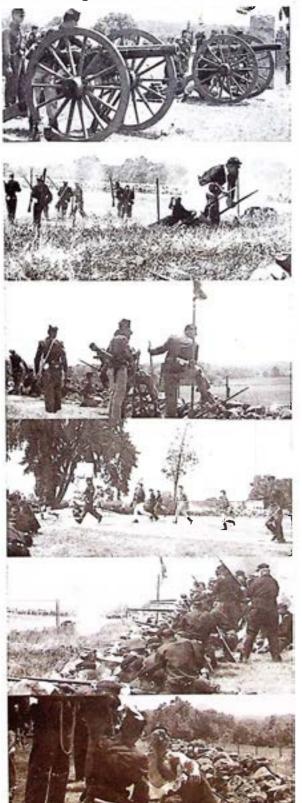
Thursday morning found us listening attentively to the reports of the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Chief of Staff. Patriotic Instructor Mary Harrison reported a fund of \$1,136.00 raised during the year while the Chief of Staff Lillian Messer reported the sum of \$2,508.29 after expenses were deducted. Both reports were received with a great ovation from the assembly and sincere congratulations were extended to these two fine officers for their wonderful work. All business being taken care of Installation of Officers followed.

P.N.P. Lenora Glass of California was appointed as the Installing Officer and she was assisted by several California members. Before being escorted to the Past National President's Chair Sister Ursula was presented with her P.N.P. badge and pin. The Installation ceremonies were beautifully carried out and Sister Beatrice Riggs of California accepted the gavel as the newly elected National President of our National Organization.

## PICKETT'S CHARGE RE-ENACTED

Before an estimated 8,000 spectators, "Pickett's men" again advanced on the stone wall at the "Angle" on Gettysburg Battlefield on Sunday, July 5th, as an example of what Gettysburg and the State of Pennsylvania will do in connection with the proper observances of the Civil War Centennial.

Approximately 300 men took part in the "charge" which was participated in by members of North-South Skirmish Assoc. units from New York, Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania; as well as the local Howitzer Company of the Pennsylvania National Guard and members of the Sons of Union Veterans from Gettysburg, Carlisle, Harrisburg, New Oxford and Duncannon. A few Gettysburg College students and local men also fought as Union troops for the occasion.



Artillery Battery begins fire on Confederate forces at 3:03 P. M. on July 3rd from near High Water Mark.

Union forces under fire from Confederate advancing, retreat to stone wall fcr defense. S.V.R. and skirmishers from Philadelphia and Trenton area make up this scene with John McLain of Camp 200, Phila. assisting P.D.C. Chester Shriver who portrays the wounded soldier.

Union forces waiting for Confederate advance on southern flank of Pickett's charge.

Artillery men charge to join Infantry as Confederate forces near High Water Mark. Artillery men are from Camps in N. J. and N. Y.

Sons of Veterans Reserves from Harrisburg, New Oxford, Reading and Gettysburg firing original muskets with black powder. P. C. in C. Major John H. Runkle is at far right commanding troops.

Philadelphia "Bucktails" check wounds of P.D.C. Chet Shriver at rear of Union Line following repulse of Pickett's Charge.