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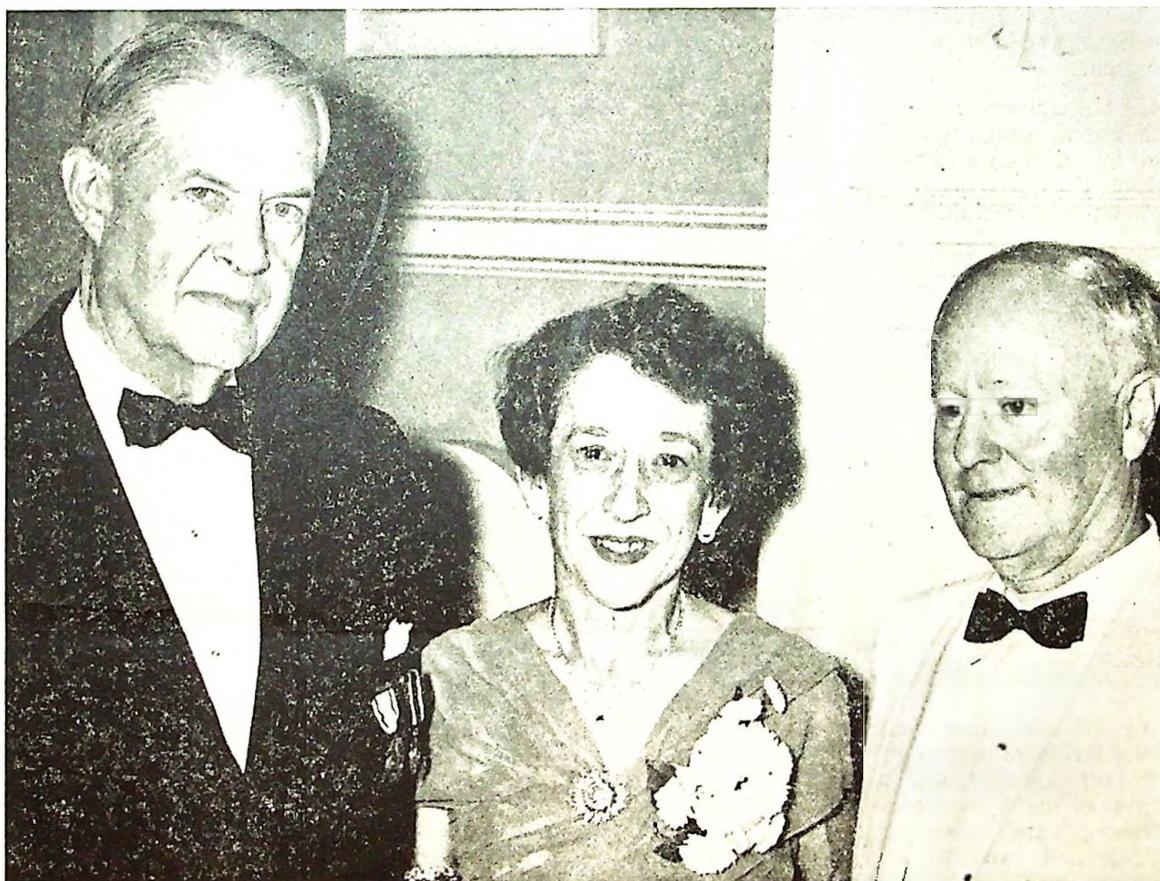
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## BUFFALO ENCAMPMENT OUTSTANDING

### DULUTH SELECTED FOR 1954

From Saturday, August 22 through Thursday the 27th, the officers, members, and delegates participated in the various activities of the 72nd Nat'l Encampment of the S.U.V.C.W. and the 67th Nat'l Encampment of the Auxiliary. The Lafayette Hotel was the headquarters of both organizations, where all meetings and social affairs were held. Over 500 members of the two organizations took part in the many joint meetings and social affairs.



Buffalo Evening News Photo

Pictured prior to Encampment Banquet (left to right) Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, newly elected Commander-in-Chief and banquet speaker; Mrs. Lila A. Macey, then Nat'l President; Frederick K. Davis, then Commander-in-Chief. Gen. Grant spoke on "Ulysses S. Grant—A Close-Up". Gen. Grant gave his audience a vivid picture of his grandfather in his later years at the famous cottage at Long Branch, N. J. He told of the Grant family's life there and related his boyhood brushes with the Grant discipline. Gen. Grant sprinkled his talk with amusing and illustrative anecdotes. The latter part of his talk was devoted to a summation of his grandparent's administration in the White House.

The public rooms were beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers, palms, flags and banners which gave a festive and patriotic appearance. On Sunday morning, delegates attended the church of their choice. In the afternoon there was registration of delegates, council meetings and routine committee meetings. Each delegate registering received a beautiful convention program, a convention badge, and a variety of souvenirs of Buffalo and New York.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Immediately preceding the Memorial Service on Sunday evening, the assemblage was treated to a vocal concert by The Sylvania Choraliers, shown below.



This outstanding musical organization sponsored by the Sylvania Electric Co. proved to be a high-light of the convention.

Following the concert, a beautiful Commandery-in-Chief Flag was presented to C. in C. Davis for the organization by "Runkle's 1950 Club". This group is composed of P. C. in C. Runkle and the Department Commanders who served during his year.



At 9:30 P. M. Joint Memorial Services were held in the Chrystal Ballroom in memory of those who passed away from both organizations. The beautiful service was in charge of the Chaplains of both organizations, and was arranged and carried out by them. Two G.A.R. Comrades, and two Past Nat'l Presidents of the Aux. were memorialized, as were the deceased Dep't and Past Dep't Officers of both organizations. The impressive service was a gracious gesture to the memory of those who have labored in the interests of both organizations. (Convention continued next column)

Commandery-in-Chief Flag Picture

P.D.C. Wm. Rule, 10 N. Bridge St., Holyoke, Mass., has an excellent picture of the new Commandery-in-Chief Flag being presented at Buffalo. Anyone interested in securing a 5x7 print can do so by sending 75¢ to him, which will include cost of mailing.

COMRADE WOOLSON HONORED



The Encampment at Buffalo unanimously voted to confer upon Comrade Albert Woolson, who is also a member of our order, the title and rank of Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A suitable resolution to this effect was adopted and sent to Comrade Woolson together with a check for \$100.00 as a personal gift to him. A copy of this resolution will be engraved by P. D.C. Walter Beilby of New York, and will also be presented to Comrade Woolson at a later date.

SERVICES AT G. A. R. MONUMENT

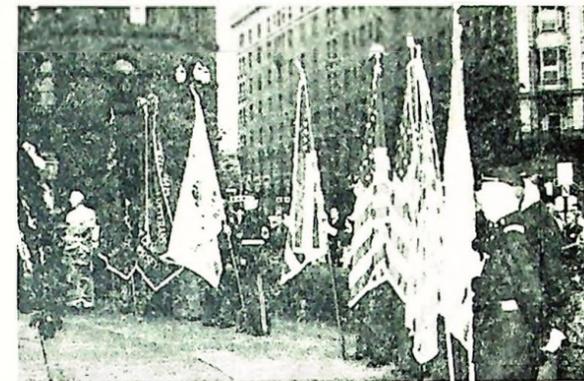


Buffalo Evening News Photo  
Gen. Grant is pictured above with Nat'l Chaplain Mrs. Alice M. Odell and Nat'l Chaplain Rev. Hermon L. Brockway.

"Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were called upon by their new Commander-in-Chief, Maj.-Gen. U S. Grant 3rd, to resist the subversive activities of the enemy of religion, of personal liberty, and the rights of the individual. Gen. Grant, grandson of the President and Civil War General, spoke at a wreath-laying ceremony at the Civil War Monument in Lafayette Square. Earlier the S. U. V. C. W. commended congressional committees for their efforts to weed out subversive elements in the Government. In other action, (continued next page, first column)

the convention endorsed the objective of Patriotic Education Inc. to provide practical means of teaching American history to children."

--Buffalo Courier Express



Color Guard at Monument Service

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session for the S.U.V.C.W. opened at 9:30 A.M. in the Mahogany Room of the Hotel Lafayette on Aug. 24. At the opening session prayer was offered by Nat'l Chaplain Rev. Hermon L. Brockway. All officers were present except Nat'l Council Member Laurence J. Parker, and Personal Aide Dr. L. L. Baker. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Allen Spink to serve on the Council and Cleon Heald as Personal Aide during the Encampment. C. in C. Davis then appointed Howard Waite of Mass as Guide; Leslie More of N. Y. as Color Guard; and Truman Vincent of N. Y. as Guard. He also appointed John B. Davis of Mass. as musician.

Convention appointments were made as follows:

Credential Committee: A. C. Lambert, N.J.; Fred H. Combs Jr. N.J.; Harold Shepherdson, Mass.; Jesse H. Taylor, Calif.; Wm. J. Moore, Ill.; Bertram Isaacs, N. Y.

Officers Reports: A. S. Holbrook, Ill.; Homer Young, Iowa; John Kernan, N. Y.; C. Lloyd Hooker, Maine; John Emery, Mass.

Resolutions: Wm. Coffin, Ohio; Fred Colwell, N. Y.; Chas. Webster, Maine; John Ruggles, Pa.; Walter S. Beilby, N. Y.

C. & R.: Frederic Bauer, Mass.; Chas. H. E. Moran, Mass.; Richard Locke, Ill.; Edw. Carmichael, Calif.; Cleon Heald, N. H.

Press: Willard Stephan, N. Y.

Ritual & Ceremonies: Henry Towle, Maine; Fred H. Combs, Sr., N. J.; Edw. Wetzell, Ohio; Fred Magowan, Mo.

Restoration of Rank: Roy Bennett, Iowa; Earl Riggs, Calif.; Carder Perkins, Mass.

Fraternal Relations: All Past Commanders-in-Chief with John Sautter as chairman.

1954 Encampment: Cleon Heald, N.H.; Dewey Mead, Minn.; Louis Storey, Calif.; A. C. Lambert, N. J.

Reports of all officers were read and referred to the proper committees, after which communications and resolutions were read and referred to committees for study. These reports and resolutions will be printed in full in the proceedings. Among communications received were greetings from Comrade Albert Woolson, Miss Cora Gillis, Sec'y to the G.A.R., and many Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Dep't Commanders. Two

council members from the City of Buffalo were escorted into the room and extended greetings and welcome from the City Government. They assured the Encampment of their cooperation in maintaining G.A.R. rooms in Buffalo.

Legislation enacted includes the following: The Americanization Committee title was changed to Americanism Committee; Dep'ts were urged to work for the proper marking of the G. A. R. Highway under supervision of the Nat'l Committee; Camp Secretaries are urged to solicit subscriptions among their members to The Banner; The Nat'l Sec'y was ordered to investigate prices on bars for Dep't or Camp Commanders; That we continue efforts to impart true Civil War information and discountenance display of any flag in a manner that raises doubt of undivided loyalty to the United States or stimulates sectionalism. The encampment voted to continue to assist in supporting G.A.R. Headquarters; The Nat'l Sec'y was authorized to stock small numerals designating years of service to the order such as 30-35-40-45-55-60-65. By action of the Encampment, Camps will be permitted to order supplies directly from Nat'l Headquarters, with new price lists and order forms to be printed. Both the Nat'l Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff Funds were authorized for the coming year.

Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stouidt raised \$247.95 this year, and after paying \$190.00 in expenses turned over \$57.95 to the general fund of the Commandery-in-Chief. Nat'l Patriotic Instructor Albert DeHaven submitted a splendid report of the G.A.R. Memorial fund, turning over a net of \$633.65 to be credited to that fund.

A \$50.00 contribution was again approved this year to Lincoln University.

At the time of the election of officers there were 136 votes present, which were cast unanimously for the entire list of new officers.

The rank of Past Dep't Comdr. was restored to Bro. Charles C. Stull who is now affiliated with the Dep't of California.

The proposed changes to the Constitution were approved by a 2/3 vote on the following proposals:

- Establishment of a Permanent Fund
- Creating Associate Membership

These two proposals will be submitted to Dep't Encampments for their consideration, and will not become operative until at least 10 Dep'ts vote approval of the changes.

A resolution was adopted to approve of and cooperate with the Civil War Round Table of Washington, D. C. in developing Fort Memorial Freeway by 1961. This road will encircle Washington, D. C. and it will make several Civil War Forts and positions of interest available by automobile.

By action of the Encampment, position bonds on the position of Dep't Comdr. is left to the discretion of the various Dep'ts. The Commandery-in-Chief will not insist upon these bonds where Dep'ts do not require them.

Duluth, Minn. (the home town of Comrade Woolson) was unanimously selected as the encampment city for 1954. An outstanding service in his honor is planned with full cooperation of City, State, and Federal officials.

Pledge of Allegiance changed: (next page, 1st col.)

In place of the outstretched right hand in pledging allegiance to the flag, all members out of uniform will use the standard civilian salute—that is to hold the right hand over the heart. This applies on all occasions—either in meetings or in public. By action of the Encampment, the Sons of the Confederacy will be invited to participate in the American Coalition.

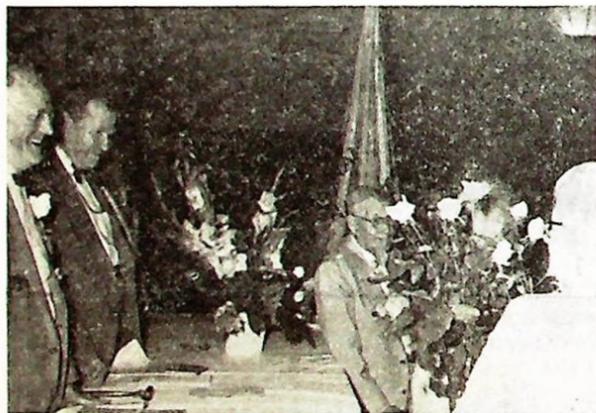
Commander-in-Chief Grant has appointed P.C. in C. Davis as a committee of one to secure recordings, transcriptions, slides, etc. of Civil War men, Civil War historical sites, etc. A master file of such information will be maintained at Nat'l Headquarters where arrangements will be made for Camps and Dep'ts to secure copies for use at meetings, in schools, and various public and civic functions.

The Resolutions Committee expressed appreciation of the encampment to the following: Robert Childs and Edwin C. Ellis of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo; New York Encampment Committee; Encampment Committee of Cook Camp 223, Buffalo; Voiture 51 and 40-S American Legion; Post 799 American Legion; Old Fort Niagara Ass'n; Sylvania Choraliers; the Hotel Lafayette; and the Buffalo newspapers.

The visit of the Auxiliary Greetings Committee including Nat'l Vice-President Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, P. N.P. Edith Nile, Mrs. Barbara Davis, wife of C in C. Davis, and a delegation from the California and the Oregon and Washington Dep'ts was timely and impressive. They presented a gift of \$200.00 to the Commandery-in-Chief from their encampment.

The Bricker Amendment was endorsed by the Encampment by a resolution which called for early action thereon.

Presentation Of Roses To C. in C. Davis



(Left to right) C. in C. Davis; Nat'l Counselor Frederic G. Buer; Rev. Hermon Brockway, Nat'l Chaplain; Mrs. Barbara Davis (behind roses) and Mrs. Hester Cook, P. D. P. of Oregon.

**ENCAMPMENT SIDELIGHTS**

On Monday morning a Courtesy Breakfast for the Nat'l Officers and Past Nat'l Presiding Officers of both organizations as well as the local encampment committee was arranged by the New York Dep't. It was a well planned and executed beginning to a busy day of activities.

At 7:30 P.M. on Monday, the exemplification of the initiation work was performed by a degree team from Rochester, N. Y. Their outstanding performance was enjoyed by all.

The Past Nat'l Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief held their annual banquet at 5 P. M. the same evening.

At 9 P. M. on Monday the Auxiliary conducted the courtesy hour in the beautiful Chrystal Ballroom of the Hotel.



Following the splendid address of Gen. Grant at the banquet, the local committee presented entertainment which included a performance by several full-blooded Indians in native dress. They are shown below with P.D.C. Fred Howe of New York.



They were lead by Chief Loud Voice, Sachem Chief of Beaver Clan of the Tuscarora Reservation. This is part of the Iroquois Confederacy. Chief Loud Voice (Clinton Rickard) is a veteran of the Spanish American War and is Comdr. of Butler Camp S.U.V.C.W. in Buffalo. He is President of the Buffalo Memorial Day Ass'n and President of the Indian Defense League of North America. He has been to Washington several times relative to Indian legislation and has appeared before the United Nations.

He, along with his son, Wm. Rickard, David Hill, Chief Eagle Feathers, and Chief Howard Sky gave a demonstration of Indian dances and songs that were enthusiastically received.

The bus trip to Old Fort Niagara and Niagara Falls was another greatly appreciated feature of the encampment. The entire delegation were guests of the New York Dep't. (continued next page, first column)

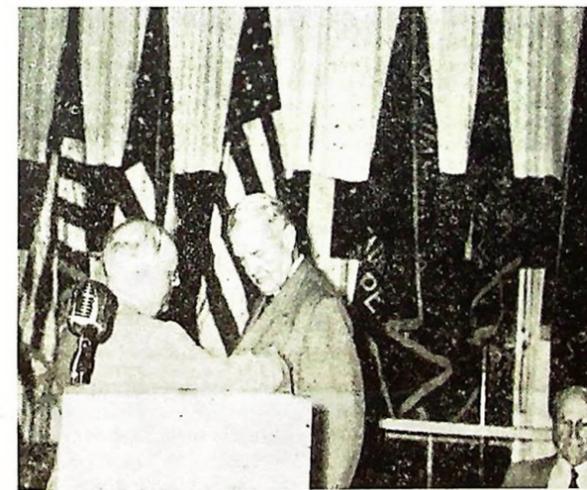
Block House at Old Fort Niagara



Bro. S. Grove McClellan who is executive officer at the Fort did everything possible to make the visit a memorable one.

Following the banquet, a lovely reception and dance was enjoyed under supervision of Nat'l Chief of Staff, Mrs. Ruth Muzzey.

On Wednesday evening, following services at the G. A. R. Monument, the officers of the S.U.V.C.W. were installed at a public installation in the Crystal Ballroom.

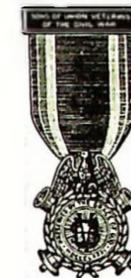


P. C. in C. Davis presenting Commander-in-Chief Badge to C. in C. Grant. In lower right is P.C. in C. John Sautter, installing officer.

Following this, Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt was M. C. at a floor show which was followed by dancing.

Under direction of Nat'l Patr. Instr. Mrs. Ellinore Konrad the Aux. made a presentation to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. . . The Aux. P. D. P. luncheon was presided over by Mrs. Anna Stoudt; the newly elected President being Mrs. Pamela Elder. . . The various Aux. Club breakfasts were held as usual, each P.N.P. meeting with the various Dep't Presidents who served during her year. . . The colors massed on the platform thruout the Encampment and at the services at the G. A. R. Monument were from various Pa. and N.J. Camps. . .

A no-host luncheon was held on Monday for Dep't Comdrs. and Secretaries, and on Tuesday for P. C. C.s and Secretaries—both affairs being well attended.



**General Order No. 1  
Series 1953-1954**

Headquarters  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

1135 21st Street, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

September 1, 1953

1. It is with a keen sense of the honor and high responsibilities of the position that I hereby assume the duties of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. In order that the best interests of our Order be consistently and constantly served, I ask the continuing cooperation of the Camps and Departments in carrying out in the fullest practicable measure the purposes of the Order, as enumerated and defined in Article 2, pages 1 and 2 of our Constitution.
3. Camps are hereby enjoined to take active and energetic steps to fulfill in their communities, and the Departments in their States, the said mission of the Order. The Nat'l Officers and Committees will do this as regards matters on the Nat'l level, and will be ever ready to give advice and assistance within the purview of their duties; but the success of all our efforts and of the Order as a whole necessarily depends upon the activity of the Camps on their local level.
4. Adoption of the G.A.R. Highway, Route 6, was the culmination of efforts of the Nat'l level, redounding greatly to the credit of past administrations. Its effectiveness by proper marking, paving, and maintenance of the Highway will now depend upon the sustained efforts of our Dep'ts along the route, under the general guidance and supervision of the Chairman of the Nat'l Committee.
5. Camp and Dep't Commanders will familiarize themselves with the resolutions adopted at the Annual Nat'l Encampment just concluded, which are pertinent to their duties and responsibilities, with a view to making them effective within their jurisdictions.
6. With such support from ALL members of the Order, we may confidently face the future and count upon a successful year, with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the front line of patriotic organizations.

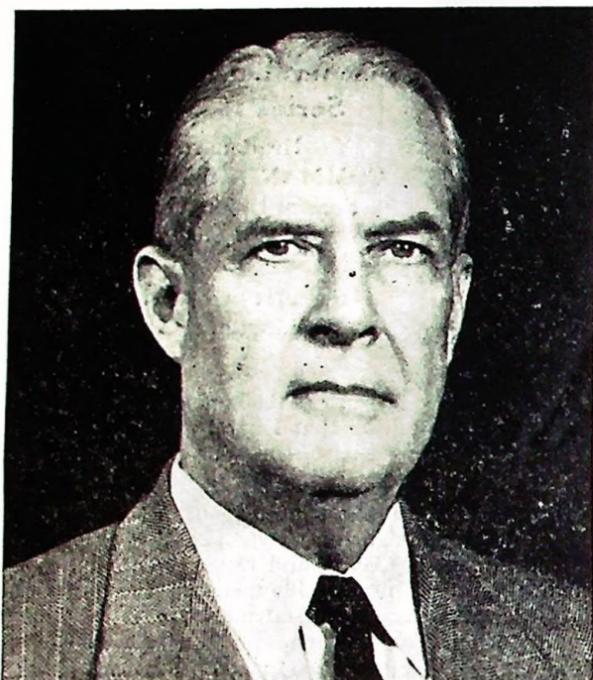
U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Secy-Treas.

**Central Region Conference**

The Central Region Conference will be held Oct. 10 and 11 at the Aurora Leland Hotel, Aurora, Ill. Opening session will be held Saturday at 2 P.M. with a banquet that evening. Final session will convene at 9 A.M. on Sunday. Hotel reservations to be made directly to the Hotel.

Commander-in-Chief



Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, U. S. A. Ret. Washington, D. C.

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 72nd Nat'l Encampment, Buffalo, N. Y., August 26, 1953.

C. in C. Grant is a member of Cushing Camp 30, of Dep't of Maryland, located in Washington, D. C. He served as Dep't Comdr. of the Maryland Dep't, 1930.

He is the grandson of President U. S. Grant; was educated at Theresianum, Vienna, Cutler School of N. Y., Columbia University, U. S. Military Academy, U. S. Engineering School, and the Army War College. He married Edith Root, daughter of Hon. Elihu Root. C. in C. Grant served in Mindanao, Phillipine Islands; Cuban Pacification; Vera Cruz Expedition; and with the Pershing Expedition in Mexico. He was a member of the Supreme War Council in Versailles, France; was U. S. Assistant Commissioner for treaty with Germany on treatment of prisoners; was with the American Commission to negotiate peace in Paris in 1919.

His tour of duties included San Francisco River and Harbor Dist.; Fort DuPont, Del.; Governor's Island, N. Y.; Great Lakes Division; and Fort Leonard Wood.

Other activities include acting as Executive Officer California Debris Commission; director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the Nat'l Capital; executive officer Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission; Nat'l Capital Park and Planning Commission; Public Buildings Commission and a member of the Zoning Commission, D. C., as well as Vice-President of George Washington University in 1946.

C. in C. Grant is Commander of the Loyal Legion of the District of Columbia; Pres. of the American Peace Society; Pres. of the American Planning and Civic Ass'n; and Pres. of the Columbia Historic Society. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, The Legion of Merit, and also with decorations from six foreign countries.

General Whitney Replies

"Members of the National Guard, by virtue of their membership therein, express their willingness to serve in the United States Army anywhere in the world at any time that their unit is called into the Federal Service. National Guard units served all over the world in World War II and some units were called back for service in Korea".

So wrote Gen. Otis M. Whitney, Brig Gen 26th Inf. Div., Mass. N. G., and a member of Camp 79 by way of protest against the article (reprinted from Phila. Pa. Inquirer) in the July-August issue of The Banner.

Changes of Address

Edw. E. Biering, Dep't Secy-Treas. of Wisconsin, now at 1240 N. Hawley Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

George A. Clark, Dep't Secy-Treas., 833 Newton St., Waterloo, Iowa.

RECEIVED for Permanent Honor Roll Fund from:

P.D.C. Fred E. Howe of Dep't of N. Y., in honor of Leander Howe, Co. A 51st Mass. Vol. Inf. and Co. D 4th Mass. unattached Heavy Artillery Vol. \$10 00

National Officers 1953-1954

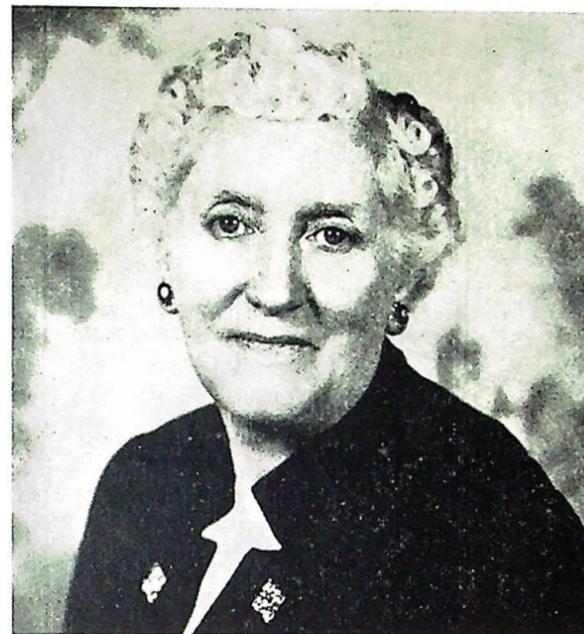
- COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
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The clock that strikes the loudest doesn't always keep the best time.

National President



Mrs. Mildred Webster Springvale, Maine

Elected National President of the Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 67th National Encampment held in Buffalo, N. Y., week of Aug. 23rd.

Mrs. Webster was born, and has always resided in Springvale, Maine. She is a member and Past President of Lt. Wm. H. Miller Aux. 28 of Sanford, Maine, and at present is Treasurer of her Auxiliary. She is a Past Dep't President of the Dep't of Maine, and has served the Nat'l Organization as Chaplain, member of the Nat'l Council, and Nat'l Patriotic Instructor.

She is the daughter of a Civil War Veteran, the late William H. Rodgers, who served his Country through the duration of the war, and lost his leg in the Battle of the Wilderness.

"Pray For Peace"

Your Nat'l President wishes to thank those who placed her in this high and honorable position, and asks that everyone will help to make this a good year for our Order. We would like to have a gain in membership this coming year.

We must keep before us the memory of our one living Veteran, as well as those who have gone before. Let us pray that this year will bring peace to all, and help the veterans of all wars to get back to a normal way of living.

Mildred R. Webster, Nat'l President

Many who pride themselves on an open mind merely have a vacant one.

None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.—Goethe

Auxiliary Nat'l Officers 1953-1954

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New England Regional Meeting  
S.U.V.C.W. and Aux.

The next meeting will be held at Augusta, Maine on Nov. 7 and 8 at the State Capitol. The House of Representatives has been reserved for the Aux. and the Senate Chamber for the S.U.V.C.W. Governor Burton M. Cross will address the joint meeting at 2:30 P. M. Nov. 7th. A radio program is being arranged for. Banquet will be at 6:30 Saturday. Music will be furnished by Hollowell Community Band of 40 pieces. For additional information contact P.D.C. Henry Patten, at 241 State St., Augusta, Maine.

The 67th Nat'l Encampment was called to order by Nat'l Chief of Staff Ruth Muzzey. The Nat'l Officers entered and passed through a double line of Nat'l Aides and were introduced. They received a corsage as they approached the front of the room, then passed on to their seats. Finally the Nat'l President was escorted in and introduced. Sister Mary Mandeville sang an appropriate greeting, and then Sister Macey assumed control of the meeting. The Nat'l Officers were presented, each receiving gifts from the Nat'l President. Fifteen Past Nat'l Presidents also received gifts from the Nat'l President, following which the Nat'l President introduced each presiding Dep't President.

Following the reading of the Nat'l President's fine report, P. N. P. Mary Stapleton presented her with a check for \$200.00 from the Nat'l Organization to purchase a new television set. All other officers read their reports which were referred to proper committees.

Following the opening, the New York delegates led by P.N.P. Mayme Dwyer, Mary Stapleton and Margaret Brady presented the Nat'l President with a bouquet of roses, the leaves made of fifty \$1.00 bills from the N. Y. Dep't, and later in the Encampment, they presented Sister Macey with \$200.00 from her Dep't.



The New York girls, some of whom are shown above, each read a verse of greeting pertaining to the letter which she carried.

The S.U.V.C.W. delegates from N. Y. were escorted in and presented Sister Macey with a gift of money. Sister Mayme Dwyer responded.

Sister Celeste Gentieu reported \$17,435.19 in the Grand Army Memorial Fund. She recommended that this be the last year of solicitation to this fund, and that a bronze statue of Comrade Woolson be placed in the rotunda of the Capital at Washington, if approved by his family, and the State of Minnesota, honoring him as the last survivor of the Civil War.

Mrs. Sarah Ehrmann, P. N. P. of the Ladies of the G. A. R. extended greetings of her organization, and Mrs. Ethel Howe, Nat'l representative of the Woman's Relief Corps represented her organization.

The Aux. concurred in action taken by the S. U. V. C. W. regarding the flag salute. In the future this will be the standard civilian salute—given by placing the right hand over the heart.

The credential committee reported 189 accredited delegates immediately prior to the election of officers.

A telegram of greeting was sent to Comrade Woolson from the encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief and a delegation from the S.U.V.C.W. were presented and the Nat'l President presented Bro. Davis with a gift from the Nat'l Organization of the Auxiliary, which was graciously accepted.

Sister Ellinore Konrad presented a check for \$250.00 to Mr. Jeacock of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation from the Organization. He was also given \$20.00 from the Club of Phyllis Dean, known as Phyllis's Spokes.

Nat'l Chief of Staff Ruth Muzzey read her report and turned over \$2,336.39 net to the organization, and Nat'l Patr. Instr. Ellinore Konrad read her financial report which netted \$1,612.00. Both reports were received with rousing applause and a rising vote of thanks.

P. N. P. Ethelyn Tucker installed the new officers with C. in C. Grant and Bro. Charles Webster present. Both Bro. Grant and the husband of our new National President extended greetings to the new officers and to the Organization.



P. N. P. Lila Macey presenting Nat'l President Mildred Webster with her Nat'l President's Badge.

This report would not be complete without saying that one of the most touching moments at our Encampments is when all join hands and sing "God be with you 'till we meet again." This ending seems most significant, this year especially, as at the time, we all felt the loss of our Junior Past Nat'l President Sister Phyllis Dean. Last year at Atlantic City she was so gracious, as she presided at the head of this wonderful Auxiliary. May she rest in peace, and our sympathy to her husband, James Dean.

Margaret McKinney, Press Correspondent

NOTE: All Auxiliary news for the November issue of The Banner must reach Nat'l Press Correspondent, Mrs. Wilhelmina Tagart, 1157 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, N. Y., by October 20th.

### Acknowledgement

To-Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I deeply appreciate the honor of being made a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and also the \$100.00 check which you so kindly enclosed. I have always considered it an honor to be a son of one of the men that fought to preserve our Union, and in honoring me in this way, you are also honoring my father.

I trust that you had a fine Encampment in Buffalo, and that the year to come under the leadership of U. S. Grant 3rd will be one of the best the organization has ever had.

With my sincere thanks, and best wishes for the future of the Organization.

Sincerely,

Albert Woolson

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.—Lincoln

Let's listen to Russia—talk to her—but keep our powder dry.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

The only thing that can overcome a persuasive idea is a better idea.