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## ST. LOUIS CONVENTION



Top picture taken at Camp Fire from left to right: Mrs. George L. Cashman, Dames of the Loyal Legion; Mr. Charles A. Brady Jr., Military Order of the Loyal Legion; Mrs. Erma Landis, Natl. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Irene K. Murphy, Aux. Natl. Pres.; Mr. Frank M. Heacock Sr., Commander-in-Chief; Rev. Joseph T. Shocklee; P.N.P.

Mrs. Hazel Moushey, Convention Chairman; P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert, Master of Ceremonies.

Bottom picture taken at banquet shows Teastmaster, P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt at the rostrum.

**88th Annual Meeting . . .****ST. LOUIS CONVENTION REPORT**

It was hot and humid when we gathered in St. Louis Missouri, Aug. 17-21, but the hotel was comfortable, and the atmosphere was friendly and congenial.

After attending Church Services of their choice, each organization conducted registration of delegates on Sunday afternoon. The SUVCW registration was 83 — Auxiliary was 184 — Ladies of the G.A.R. was 140. Along with family and friends total attendance was well in excess of 400.

An impressive and inspiring Memorial Service was conducted at 3 P.M. on Sunday arranged by National Chaplains B. Franklin Lucas of the Sons and Mrs. Jessie Wells of the Auxiliary in the Boulevard Room of the Hotel Sheraton Jefferson.

The annual Revival of the G.A.R. Camp Fire was held on Sunday evening in the Ivory Room of the Hotel with P.C. in C. Lambert presiding, to a capacity audience from the three organizations. The principal address was given by Dr. Milton Carpenter. Music was furnished by the Military Airlift Command Band of Scott Air Force Base with Lt. Kenneth Green conducting. Distinguished guests included Paul E. Williams, representing the State of Missouri; Sam Louis, representing the City of St. Louis; Commander-in-chief Frank Heacock; Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy; Ladies of the GAR Natl. Pres. Mrs. Erma Landis; and representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and Dames of the Loyal Legion. A presentation of a Lincoln painting and volumes of the collected writings of Abraham Lincoln were presented to Sister M. Willibald, Librarian of St. Andrew's School by Commander-in-Chief Heacock. Rev. Joseph T. Shocklee asked the invocation as well as the benediction.



Colors at the Camp Fire were advanced and retired by the Military Department, SVR, shown above, under command of Col. Chester S. Shriver.

On Monday, there was a joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary conventions conducted by the Chiefs of Staff, Mrs. Kathleen Runkle and C. Leroy Stoudt, after which each organization proceeded with their individual business meetings. On Monday evening, the annual dinner of the P. C. in C. and P. N. P. was held. Following this the Auxiliary conducted exemplification of the Ritual and initiated several new members. This was followed by the Auxiliary Courtesy Hour in the Ivory Room.

Tuesday saw business sessions during which time greetings were received from the following: Convention Committee who presented a beautiful basket of flowers; Natl. Pres. Irene Murphy and a delegation from the Auxiliary; Representatives from the Memorial Association, the W.R.C., the DUVCW, and the Aux. to United Spanish War Veterans; a delegation from the Ladies of the G.A.R. consisting of all the Past National Presidents attending their Encampment.

On Tuesday evening a delightful banquet and reception

**BUSINESS SESSIONS**

Were conducted in the Ivory Room of the Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The following convention appointments were announced: Guide Harry Gibbons of New York; Color Bearer James Ledwith of Conn.; and Guard, George Long of Penn. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Geo. Satterthwaite of New Jersey; Officers Reports, Urion Mackey of Michigan; Constitution and Regulations Jos. S. Rippey of New York; Resolutions, Fred H. Combs Jr. of New Jersey; Greetings to Auxiliary, Leroy Stoudt, of Penna.

Telegrams and letters of greeting were read from Gov. Russell W. Peterson of Delaware; U. S. Senator J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware; U. S. Senator John J. Williams of Delaware; U. S. Representatives Wm. B. Roth of Delaware; Natl. Pres. Fayette Bell of the DUVCW; and P. C. in C. William M. Coffin of Cincinnati.

Reports of Officers were read and referred to proper committees for consideration.

It was announced that the following locations have been approved for the National Conventions:

- 1970 — Miami Beach, Florida, (sponsored by New Jersey Department)
- 1971 — Providence, R. I. (sponsored by Mass. Department)
- 1972 — Philadelphia, Pa.

The P.C. in C. Grant loving cup for the largest increase in membership was awarded to the Rhode Island Department. Natl. Patr. Instructor Charles Doane reported the sum of \$827.00 realized to be used for patriotic work. From this fund appropriations are made for a scholarship as well as for ceremonies at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

Past Commanders-in-Chief present were Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey, C. Leroy Stoudt of Penna.; Urion W. Mackey of Michigan; Harold E. Arnold of Rhode Island; Chester S. Shriver, of Penna.; Joseph S. Rippey of New York; and William Haskell of Massachusetts.

Newly elected officers were installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert. P.C. in C. Stoudt presented the Past Commander-in-Chief badge to outgoing Commander Heacock and the gold lapel button was presented by Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver.

Other actions approved included: Report of special committee on Survey was referred to the Council of Administration; Committee on Reconstruction of the Order recommended by the Commander-in-Chief was also referred to Council; the choice of placing the scholarship for the coming year was left to the decision of the incoming Commander-in-Chief; any member serving as Dept. Secy-Treas. for a period of ten years will have the title of P. D. C. conferred; the G.A.R. Highway Committee was abolished to be replaced by an officer to be known as G.A.R. Highway Officer; regulations were amended so that each Department will be entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof; the War Medal regulation was amended to include veterans of the Korean and Viet Nam conflict; \$350.00 was appropriated for the Lincoln Tomb service, and \$150.00 for the Remembrance Day ceremony. \$100.00 was appropriated to the Military Affairs committee.

honoring the National Officers of the SUVCW and Auxiliary was conducted by Chief of Staff Kathleen Runkle, assisted by Chief of Staff Leroy Stoudt. At the dinner Natl. Pres. Irene Murphy presented us with a check in the amount of \$500.00

There were no business sessions on Wednesday. During the day the Delegates thoroughly enjoyed a bus trip to Grant's Farm, which is maintained by Anheuser-Busch Inc. of St. Louis. All agreed that it was a delightful experience. On Wednesday evening an unusual and pleasing entertainment was provided in the Ivory Room through the courtesy and great talent of the Moushey family. Hazel, as "Dolly" will long be remembered for her performance. Russell and Mearl Moushey along with Lou proved to be talented performers. The Square Dancers performed brilliantly.

Thursday concluded the business sessions and saw election and installation of new officers, and the closing Council of Administration meetings.





Shown above is a group of officers of both the SUVCW and Auxiliary at St. Louis.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

1. Grateful appreciation to the Convention Committee and to the Hotel for courtesies extended for the comfort and pleasure of the delegates.
2. Support of the efforts of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their quest for a Congressional Charter.
3. The Per Capita Tax from Departments to National was increased to \$1.40 yearly, payable .35c quarterly per member, starting with the December quarter, payable Jan. 1, 1970.
4. The Constitutional Amendment regarding Associate Members was approved by a vote of 43 to 7. This Amendment will now be referred to the various Departments for approval. It will become effective when approved by eleven Departments.
5. The \$1000.00 bequest from the Estate of Gen U. S. Grant 3rd was ordered added to the Permanent Fund.
6. Approval was given to the action of the Astronauts in using prayer and bible readings while in space.
7. The use of the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown in making of motion pictures by private companies was condemned.
8. The deterioration of Ft. Stevens in Washington, D. C. (where President Lincoln witnessed the battle) was noted and action taken to request cooperation of the Parks Department in restoring and preserving it.
9. The action of the authorities at Gettysburg Cemetery in removing fresh flowers the same day they are placed was condemned with a request that this procedure be revised.
10. Opposition to organized anarchy was expressed, and that we condemn campus disorders that infringe upon the rights and safety of the vast majority that do not participate.
11. That we urge continued appropriations of funds necessary for the National Defense and Security.
12. Urge support of police and constituted authority in preserving law and order, and that offenders be punished by the courts to the full extent of the law.
13. That we ask the courts stop being lenient in the matter of drug addiction, and that pushers and addicts both be controlled by whatever means is necessary.
14. Insists that those in authority have the strength of purpose to uphold the principles of our forefathers and the constitution and to protect those who fight and work to preserve a just and orderly government.

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Referred the report of the Committee on Survey of the Order to the newly authorized Committee on Reconstruction of the Order. This new committee of five to report either in 1970 or 1971.

Authorized purchase of \$2,000.00 in Wellington Fund from the Permanent Fund cash balance.

Suggested a goal of \$1,200.00 in the future for National Patriotic Instructors.

Ordered a letter of appreciation to be sent to each of the children of Gen. U. S. Grant for his bequest of \$1,000.00.

Authorized P. C. in C. Lambert to Edit and Publish *The Banner* for the coming year.

At the suggestion of the Certified Public Accountant, authorized the Natl. Secy-Treas. to delete inventory from future listing of assets.



On Saturday, Aug. 16, Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irma Landis, Commander-in-Chief Heacock, and Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy toured the Soldiers Memorial of soldiers of all war. This ceremony was televised in St. Louis.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS  
OF THE CIVIL WAR  
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## General Order No. 1 Series 1969-70

Headquarters  
**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**  
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 of the Civil War  
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1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 88th National Encampment, command is assumed and headquarters established at the above address, to which all correspondence should be directed. Every possible effort will be made to acknowledge and reply to communication quickly and properly.
2. All appointees of the previous administration, whose services have not otherwise been terminated are hereby relieved of their duties with the sincere appreciation and gratitude of the organization. Any books, papers and/or properties not already turned over to the appropriate officers or committee chairmen should be done so without delay.
3. The following are National Committee appointments. The first named person will act as chairman. All members of our organization are encouraged to cooperate fully with the chairmen and their committees.

### Standing Committee on Constitution

Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester, N. Y. 04620  
 Thos. L. W. Johnson, 325 W. Main St., Madison, Wisc. 53703  
 Cleon E. Heald, 21 High St., Keene, New Hamp. 03431  
 William M. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45209  
 Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325  
 Brothers Johnson and Heald continue for a term of one year; Brothers Coffin and Shriver continue for a term of two years; and Brother Rippey for a term of three years.

### Legislative

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Norman R. Furman, 99 Conant Drive, Buffalo, N. Y. 14223, and all Junior Vice Department Commanders.

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 George Cashman, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill. 62702  
 Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

### Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Thos. L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairman, 325 W. Main St., Madison, Wisc. 53703

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### Remembrance Day — Gettysburg

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 Ivan E. Frantz, Co-Chairman, 559 W. Jackson St., York, Pa. 17403

### 1970 Convention Committee

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 Geo. M. Satterthwaite, 3304 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J. 08610  
 Alton Sharp, 116 Main St., Bridgeport, N. J. 08814

### Encampment Site

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 Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603  
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4. Your Commander-in-Chief is honored by your selection of him to serve you during the coming year. I accept the honor and the challenge with humility and with the sincere pledge to do all that is humanly possible to build upon the noteworthy accomplishments of my predecessors and to encourage the growth and development of our organization. I am proud and pleased to be a part of an organization whose principles and honorable and meaningful traditions fill one with genuine pride and grateful appreciation for the privilege of being associated with it and serving it. I am equally pleased to work with you, the officers and members, whose character, interests and efforts exemplify loyalty and respect for our great Nation and its glorious heritage, its magnificent flag, and its wonderful constitution.
5. It is my sincere hope that the spirit of devotion and sacrifice of our forefathers who wore the Union Blue, and who fought unselfishly and successfully to keep our great nation united, will continue to inspire us to do all that we can to increase our ranks, to strengthen our organization, and to fulfill our individual responsibilities as members and citizens willingly, and well. I am sure that there are countless men across the land who have the honor of possessing the same heritage as we, or who have the same genuine and sincere interest in perpetuating the memory of the Union Veterans, and the cause for which they fought and died. Let's leave no stone unturned in the effort to seek them out, and to let them know that they are not only welcome, but needed as members of our Order.
6. National Patriotic Instructor Edwin K. Kramer will need the help of each member, Camp and Department in reaching the goal of \$1,200.00 proposed by the Council of Administration for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund for 1969-70. Your Commander-in-Chief urges full support and cooperation with Brother Kramer to enable him to attain this objective and to provide necessary funds for the financing of numerous projects in memory of the Union Veterans.
7. I sincerely hope that secretaries of all Camps will make certain that Department Secretaries have the accurate addresses of all members so that there will be no question about their receiving *The Banner* regularly and promptly. I feel confident that each officer and member shares my belief that *The Banner* ranks second to none in publications of its kind, and that the quality of its format and the full and complete information it contains consistently cause each one of us to be pleased and proud.
8. I offer congratulations and best wishes for a successful, harmonious and constructive year to Mrs. Florence M. Jansson, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to Mrs. Josie Kracht, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., who were also elected at their respective national conventions in St. Louis. I pledge to both my full support and cooperation and express the hope that each of us will be able to serve our respective organizations effectively and productively. It is a happy coincidence that National President Jansson and I, who served as Department President and Department Commander in New Jersey in 1953-54, now have the mutual privilege of serving our respective National Organizations in 1969-70.

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## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1969-1970



**FRED H. COMBS, Jr.**

Elected Commander-in-Chief at the 88th National Encampment August 21 in St. Louis, Missouri. Brother Combs is a member of Gen. James A. Garfield Camp No. 4 of Trenton, N. J. He served as New Jersey Department Commander in 1953, and has filled many Camp and Department Offices in various capacities. During the past year he has filled the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

His paternal great grandfather was Henry Ent, who served with the 6th Regiment United States Cavalry during the Civil War, and his maternal great grandfather was August Levi who served in Company D, 68th New York Regiment.

A graduate of Rutgers University, he received his Masters Degree in Education there in 1952. He is a former High School Principal and a former Superintendent of Schools. At present he is affiliated with the New Jersey Department of Education in the Division of Controversies and Disputes. He and his wife, Marion have two daughters, Janet and Carol. They are members of the Slackwood Presbyterian Church. A veteran in his own right, he served in the U. S. Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

### Excerpts . . .

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A year ago we reported on the passage in Congress of the Uniform Holiday Act, Public Law 90-363. Under our system of dual responsibility that legislation will apply only to federal employees, installations and residents of the District of Columbia — At the national level Representative Martin B. McKneally of New York State has introduced HR 6247 which would restore Memorial Day to May 30 and Veterans Day to Nov. 11 by repealing a portion of the measure enacted by Congress last year. The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee where it is expected hearings will be scheduled soon. Without a wave of public protest and indignation demanding a return to the traditional dates, it is difficult to see how the measure stands a realistic chance for passage. Nevertheless, those who feel strongly about this proposal — including your chairman — are urged to write Rep. McKneally to express your support on his position and to Rep. Emanuel Celler to urge that hearings to be slated in HR 6247. — As a substitute for personal contacts, brief and pointed but courteously written letters can be effective in making individual views known. — To help bridge a "communications gap" Western Union has devised a new service known as Personal Opinion Message. For 90 cents, Western Union will send a 15 word telegram to the office of the President, your Governor, Representative or Senator, or State Legislator and your signature and address will be in-

cluded free. You need not even know your man's name. Western Union will look it up for you. To send a POM, you need only pick up the telephone. The 90 cents will be added to your telephone bill.

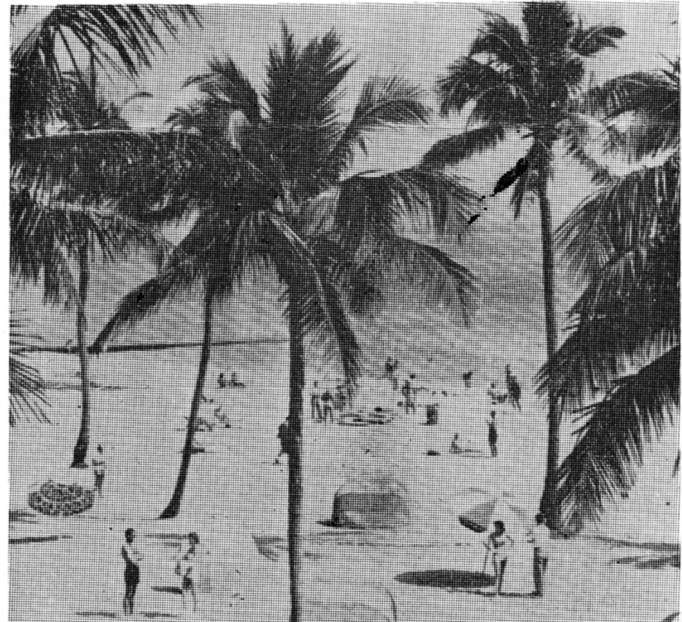
As this report is written, the controversy over the anti-ballistic missile program continues. — Your committee believes that our President — regardless of party — should be given the tools he believes necessary to carry out his responsibilities as the chief architect of our foreign policy. If the ABM represents such a tool — and we believe it does — our Congress should close ranks behind the President on this issue reserving its right, of course, to exercise surveillance over the execution of the program.

Recently Senator Barry Goldwater, in a Senate speech, made this observation: "Now that we have the industrial capacity to equal the Russians in space or in matters related to defense, there seems to be a nation-wide effort to make us feel guilty . . . Rather than deploring the existence of a military-industrial complex, I say we should thank heavens for it. It is the bubble under which our nation prospers. It is the armor which is unfortunately required in a world divided."

As members of a patriotic organization interested in preserving our nation's heritage on the one hand and in promoting her future on the other, we have a duty to be vigilant least well-meaning but misguided souls — and those with less honorable intentions — bargain away our hard won advantages and make the cause of a just peace even harder to attain.

Thos. L. W. Johnson, Chairman

## COME TO FLORIDA



Our 89th National Convention will be held in Miami Beach, Florida with headquarters at the fabulous Hotel Deauville.

**DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL THE DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO AUGUST 23 to 27, 1970.**

Details will be announced in future issues of **The Banner**.

### General Order No. 1 . . .

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To the National Organizations of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, I wish to extend to them and their newly elected officers our best wishes for happy and successful year.

FRED H. COMBS, JR.  
Commander-in-Chief



G. L. Cashman

### MARY TODD LINCOLN

by George L. Cashman

In any close study of history, especially as it concerns prominent public individuals, one must inevitably come to the realization of the truth of Gresham's Law. This law, paraphrased, is "a good reputation is driven out by the bad." And, so it is with the Mary Todd Lincoln legend. A legend which incorporates distortion, half-truths and deliberate falsehoods, foisted upon an unsuspecting public by a vengeful character assassin, whose hatred of Mrs. Lincoln surpasses all understanding.

The malicious treatment accorded Mary Todd Lincoln before, during and after the White House years, is undoubtedly the blackest stain upon the pages of American history. Mary Lincoln was a woman of culture, charm, warmth and refinement. She was a loving wife and mother, and was responsible, to a large extent, for the success of her husband.

We have many published eye-witness reports with which to substantiate any claim that the Lincolns' domestic life was one of understanding and tranquility. The following is but one random sample of many accounts. "Mr. Lincoln's domestic relations were happy, and his devoted attachment to his home and family was always one of the marked traits of his personal character, in this quiet domestic happiness . . ."

Where gratitude should be shown to Mary Lincoln, we find condemnation and abuse. Her life was one of tragedy, she witnessed the deaths of three of her four sons, and the assassination of her husband. She had four brothers and four brothers-in-law who served the Confederacy, but her loyalty to her husband and the Union cannot be questioned. Her mind became clouded, but she was never insane, as some historians would have us believe.

It is true that Mary Lincoln was committed, as incompetent, to a private sanitarium at Batavia, Illinois, in 1875. As an inmate she was permitted complete freedom of movement, going wherever and whenever she chose, when accompanied by a nurse or a friend. Four months later she was paroled in the custody of her brother-in-law, Ninian Edwards of Springfield, in whose home she lived until her second trial in 1876, when she was adjudged sane and released. All of which would seem to create doubt that she was ever mentally deranged.

Shortly after her release, Mary Lincoln embarked for an extended sojourn in Southern France, where she remained until 1880. Her reason for going abroad was simply that having been branded with the stigma of insanity, she could not bear to face her friends.

On July 16, 1882, Mary Todd Lincoln, the woman who played a very large part in molding the destiny of the immortal Abraham Lincoln, died, in the quiet of the Edwards home, misunderstood, misquoted, misjudged and much maligned figure. Someday, Mary Lincoln may be awarded her proper niche in America history.

**NATIONAL OFFICERS — 1969-1970  
LADIES OF THE G.A.R.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
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### At Fort Monroe . . .

### SHRIVER REPLACES GRANT

Col. Chester S. Shriver, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been made a member of the Honorary Committee of the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum, Fort Monroe, Virg.

He replaces the late and lamented General U. S. Grant 3rd, who was for many years a member of the Honorary Committee.

In 1963 two 50 star United States flags were presented to the Casemate Museum by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary, headed by Colonel Shriver and Mrs. Anna Stoudt, respectively. These flags were placed before the Lincoln shrine commemorating Lincoln's stay at Fort Monroe in May 1862.

### INVITATION

12th Annual G.A.R.  
Remembrance Day Observance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1969  
At Woolson Statue

in

Gettysburg Battlefield

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Parade at 2:30 p.m. (DST)

Program at 3:30 p.m. (DST)

Tribute & Music  
Memorial Wreaths by National  
and Department Heads of Allied

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### DEDICATION DAY DINNER

Holiday Inn, Gettysburg  
6:30 p.m. (DST)

SUVCW Student College Grant  
will be presented

### Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the  
**HONOR ROLL FUND.**

Name of Veteran .....

Company & Regiment .....

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the **HONOR ROLL FUND** from

Name .....

Address .....

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes —  
Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

- The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:
- Stanley Cline Barker, Dept. Commdr. of Michigan. LIFE MEMBERSHIP ..... \$100.00
  - Robert Wolz Jr., Dept. of Ohio. In memory of Pvt. John Wolz, Co. F, Penna. Vol. Inf. .... \$10.00
  - Walter R. Menear, Pittsburg, Pa. In memory of William Kelly, Co. L, 8th N. Y. Cavalry ..... \$10.00
  - Mrs. Karl Rothschild, In Memory of Dr. Karl Rothschild, M.D. (P.D.C. NewJersey SUVCW) ..... \$50.00



## AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS

Headquarters for the National Convention held in St. Louis, Mo. Aug. 17th to 21st were established at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. All affairs both social and business were held at the hotel. Delegates began arriving as early as Friday and by Sunday practically every Department was represented.

Many of the members went to church services on Sunday Morning, at the church of their choice. Registration of delegates began at 1:00 P.M. at which time all who registered received an Official program and a tote bag of souvenirs of St. Louis. National Council convened at 2:00 P.M. and at 3:00 P.M. Memorial services in memory of departed members of the Auxiliary and Sons was held in the beautiful ball-room of the Hotel. The service was under the direction of the Chaplains of the two Organizations and was most impressive. A Camp-Fire was held on Sunday evening which was most enjoyable. Greetings were extended from the National President, Commander in Chief and the National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. as well as representatives of the local and State governments. The speaker of the evening was most interesting and the entire program was enjoyed by all who attended.

Monday morning the conventions of the Sons and Auxiliary were officially opened at a joint affair which was under the direction of Auxiliary National Chief of Staff Kathleen Runkle and the Sons Chief of Staff, P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt. The National President and Commander-in-Chief were escorted into the room and seated at the front of the room. Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief as well as National Officers of both Organizations were escorted in, introduced and seated in the meeting room. The two presiding Officers spoke briefly welcoming all to their National Conventions and the members of the Sons then retired to their own meeting room for their business sessions.

The National President then called the meeting to order, conducted the official opening of the Auxiliary and then proceed with the business at hand. All National Officers were introduced as were the Past National Presidents, sitting Department Presidents of each Department and all appointed floor officers. Each was presented with a remembrance from the National President. Following the presentations the business of the convention was started. Reports of National Officers beginning with the National President were given. All of Monday and most of Tuesday was taken up with the reading of Officers reports, committee reports and the reports of the Departments.

The Monday afternoon session was interrupted briefly while we received Mr. C. G. Virgen of Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital in St. Louis. Mr. Virgen was there to receive our presentation made in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The amount of the presentation, \$250.00, was in the form of a check presented to Mr. Virgen by our National Patriotic Instructor Catherine Winder. Mr. Virgen spoke briefly on the work of the hospital and expressed the appreciation of all at the hospital for the gift. Following Mr. Virgen's departure reports were continued until we recessed.

On Monday evening the annual banquet of the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief was held under the direction of P. N. P. Anita Selby. In the ballroom of the hotel the Exemplification of the Ritual was held by the members of the Pennsylvania Department. Following the exemplification a Courtesy Hour was held and at this time the various Departments and members made presentations of gifts to our National President, Commander in Chief and National Officers.

The first order of business of the afternoon session on Tuesday was nomination of officers. A listing of the newly elected officers appears in another part of this publication. Following nominations Greetings Committees received. The last greetings Committee to be received was from the Sons. The entire convention of the Sons came to our meeting in a body and we were delighted to receive them. Following their greetings the meeting was recessed until Thursday morning.

Tuesday evening a Banquet and Reception honoring Commander in Chief Heacock and National President Irene Murphy was held in the Ivory Room of the hotel. Arrangements were under the direction of Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary Kathleen

Runkle with Chief of Staff P.C. and C. Leroy Stoudt acting as toastmaster. The banquet was most delightful and the reception most enjoyable. During the banquet the National President presented our love token of five hundred dollars to the Sons.

Wednesday was a free day. Most of the delegates throughly enjoyed a bus trip of the City of St. Louis and Grant's Farm owned and operated as a tourist attraction by Anheuser-Busch Inc. of St. Louis. This tour was most enjoyable. On Wednesday evening a Sing-a-Long and entertainment was given under the direction of P.N.P. Hazel Moushey and Lou Moushey. This evening was one of the most delightful evenings presented to the delegates. Sister and Brother Moushey and their wonderful family are a wonderfully talented family and deserve a great deal of credit for a truly fine convention.

Thursday morning the final business session of the convention was held. The report of our National Patriotic Instructor was received with much enthusiasm. Sister Winder turned over to the National Treasurer the sum of \$1718.00. The National Chief of Staff Kathleen Runkle then read her report and realized the sum of \$1926.37 after all expenses were paid which was also a very fine report. The last order of business for the convention was the Installation of the new National Officers. P.N.P. Margaret Schroeder and a staff of Officers from the New Jersey Department installed the new officers in a most impressive manner. Following the Installation National President Florence Jansson received her Commander in Chief Bro. Fred H. Combs Jr., also from New Jersey, who extended his personal greetings as well as the greetings of his Organization. The meeting of the convention was closed with the singing of The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The old and new Council met following the close of the convention for the final audit. Delegates started leaving almost immediately and by Thursday evening many of the members had left the hotel and started for home. Those remaining left on Friday. All through the week many state dinners and club breakfasts and luncheons were held. Next year the National convention will be held in Miami Beach, Florida with the New Jersey Department acting as host and hostess.

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## Department News



### MAINE

We have regrettably accepted the decision of P.C. in C. Albert DeHaven not to continue as Dept. Secy-Treas. He has compiled an excellent record in the eighteen years that he has held this office. He and Nellie have just observed their 57th wedding anniversary. P.D.C. Robert Hunt has been elected to fill the office of Secy-Treas.

The reception to Dept. Commdr. John Osborne was held Sept. 13 at Bath, and the Department Fair was held on Oct. 4.

The autumn meeting of the New England Regional Assoc. will be held Oct. 18-19 in Portland. P.D.P. Frances L. Warner is the Regional President of the Auxiliary.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

To celebrate receiving her Masters Degree in June, P.N.P. Emma Wheeler and Kenn enjoyed an interesting tour of Alaska, Japan and Hawaii. Highlights included panning for gold in Alaska, judging an Eskimo beauty contest, going for a dog sled ride in a wagon instead of a sled, visiting Japan shrines, and a memorable visit to Pearl Harbor.

### NEW JERSEY

A Testimonial Dinner and reception will be held Oct. 25 at Nassau Inn, Princeton, honoring Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr., and Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Florence Jansson. Reservations can be made to George Satterthwaite, 3304 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.

The midyear Department meeting of SUVCW will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30 in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton at 2 P.M. Camps are invited to bring candidates for initiation.

We deeply regret the death of P.D.C. Dr. Karl Rothschild, M.D. on August 29th. Many members were present from several Camps and Auxiliaries for the services conducted by Department Officers.

### NEW YORK



Our 86th Annual Encampment held June 25-28 in Elmira together with the four Allied Orders resulted in the largest attendance in years. Commander-in-Chief Heacock shown above with Dept. Commdr. Harry Gibbons installed the newly elected officers. Our 1970 Encampment will be held in Syracuse.

### OHIO

The annual Encampment of the SUVCW, their Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. was held at the Neil House, Columbus, June 19-22. The Auxiliary made a donation to the Nancy Greenwalt Fund which is sponsored by the Alliance Educational Assoc. to assist in the extensive treatment of the daughter of P. D. C. Richard Greenwalt and Dept. Secy. Jane. Nancy is a member of the Alliance Auxiliary and has had surgery for double curvature of the spine. P. C. in C. Earl Corbin remains bedfast at his home.

### OREGON & WASHINGTON

C. S. Merydith, Department Commander has been collecting items of Civil War Veterans, such as uniform buttons, convention badges, etc. and displays them in a trophy case. Plans for our 1970 Encampment are being formulated and will be announced soon.

### AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

1969-1970



**FLORENCE M. JANSSON**

Elected National President at the 83rd National Encampment, Aug. 21 in St. Louis, Missouri. Sister Jansson joined Ellsworth Auxiliary No. 2 of Union City, N. J. in 1923. She served as Auxiliary President in 1932 and as Department President in 1953. In 1964 she served as Natl. Patr. Instr., and from 1965 to 1968 as National Treasurer.

She derives her eligibility from her Great Grandfather, Henry Ruben who served with Company S, 42nd New York Regiment, and who died in service on Oct. 7, 1862.

She is a member of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Bergen, N. J., having been on the Church Council for many years, and is presently the Congregational Secretary. She is a member of Malta Chapter 154, Order of Eastern Star of New Jersey.

A widow since 1961, she has one son, Dr. Albert W. Jansson, D.D.S. of Belle Mead, N. J. Dr. and Mrs. Jansson have a daughter Kimberly Anne and a son Kenneth Alan.

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