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Forward

The following Proceedings of the 107th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were prepared eight years after the fact. While every conceivable effort has been made to present an accounting as complete as possible of the Encampment, there are many areas where information (in particular, Officers and Committee reports) was no longer available.

Special acknowledgment needs to go to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker, without whose original meeting notes and annual Encampment synopsis, these Proceedings could not have been completed to the present extent.

Keith G. Harrison, PC-in-C
Assistant to the National Secretary
March 1996
Rev. Richard O. Partington
Commander-in-Chief

Rev. Richard O. Partington was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 106th National Encampment held in Buffalo, New York.

Brother Partington's great grandfather, William H.H. Ogden, Sr. served as a Corporal in Company B, 4th Pennsylvania Reserves throughout the War.

Joining Camp #200, Philadelphia, in 1938, Brother Partington attended his first National Encampment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1938. He has been active ever since first serving as a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and then serving in various offices. He was elected Department Commander in 1962 at Erie, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Temple University, he holds a BA, STB and an STNM degree. In 1984, at the age of 62, he retired after serving for 33 years as Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church which was organized and built under his leadership.

He served on the Board, and is a member of several organizations including the F&AM, the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania and the Union League of Philadelphia.

He and his wife, Shirley, have a daughter and son and two grandchildren.
NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Commander-in-Chief.................................................................Richard O. Partington
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief...............................................Clark W. Mellor
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief..............................................Charles W. Corfman
Council of Administration......................................................Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C
                                      Gordon R. Bury II, PC-in-C
                                      Lowell V. Hammer
National Secretary............................................................Frank M. Heacock I, PC-in-C
National Treasurer..............................................................Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
National Counselor............................................................Richard D. Orr
National Chaplain..............................................................Sherman Weaver
National Patriotic Instructor..................................................Elmer F. Atkinson
National Historian & Genealogist..........................................David B. Orr
National History Book Coordinator......................................Jerome Orton
National Graves Registration Officer...................................Charles E. Sharrock
National GAR Highway Officer.............................................Ray Niffenegger
National Personal Aide.......................................................Clarence J. Riddell, PC-in-C
Washington Representative.................................................Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
National Member-at-Large Coordinator..................................Richard D. Orr
National Chief of Staff.......................................................Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C
Banner Editor........................................................................Robert Gregory (8/87-6/88)
The pre-107th National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by Commander-in-Chief Rev. Richard O. Partington.


National Secretary Heacock read the minutes from the November 1987 Council of Administration meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as read; motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Partington appointed Brothers Mellor and Corfman to serve on the Audit Encampment Committee. He also appointed Brothers Rippey and Hammer to serve on the Budget Encampment Committee.

Discussion ensued about the creation of a Standing Budget Committee. A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion; motion passed.

National Treasurer Shriver presented a report on the Banner prepared by Editor Robert Gregory. Commander-in-Chief Partington indicated that due to the lack of an appropriate number of Banners this year, he requested the resignation of Brother Gregory. A motion was made and seconded to concur with the Commander-in-Chief’s action; motion passed. Brother Shriver indicated that a resignation was received from Brother Gregory. A motion was made and seconded to elect Brother James O. Lee, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Iowa, as the new Banner Editor; motion passed.

The report from the Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Richard Orr, was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of Brother Orr as read; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Brother Orr to the position of Membership-at-Large for 1988/89; motion passed.
A discussion ensued regarding the lack of form 49 reports from the Departments of
Colorado, Iowa, California/Pacific and Rhode Island and their subsequent right to be seated at the National Encampment. A motion was made and seconded to seat the delinquent Departments; motion passed.

National Secretary Shriver reported on a request from Brother David Reed for reimbursement of his expense to produce the 1987 National Encampment video ($85.00). A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Brother Reed; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to set the 1988/89 National Patriotic Instructor’s fund raising goal at $2,000; motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 2:30 P.M. and reconvened at 4:45 P.M.

The National Secretary did not have a report.

National Treasurer Shriver briefly reviewed the membership and financial statistical reports that will be presented at the National Encampment.

A discussion ensued regarding the completion of the missing National Encampment Proceedings. A motion was made and seconded to request that the Past Commanders-in-Chief (PC-in-C) oversee the publishing of the missing Proceedings; motion passed.

The pre-encampment Council of Administration meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Rev. Richard O. Partington
Commander-in-Chief

Frank Miller Heacock, Sr., PC-in-C
National Secretary
JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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AND

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1988

3:00 P.M.

Musical Prelude.................................................................Emma Wheeler, PNP
Processional.................................................................Marching with The Heroes
Lighting the Candles & Draping of Charters.Richard 0. Partington, Commander-in-Chief
Betty J. Woerner, National Aux. President
Invocation & Scripture........................................Barbara Trayer, National Aux. Chaplain
Memorial to Grand Army of the Republic.............................Richard Greenwalt, PC-in-C
Musical Selection..............Margaret Atkinson, Pennsylvania Department Aux. President

Tributes to the Memory of:
Past National Presidents..........................................................Doris Schlenker, PNP
Past Commanders-in-Chief..................................................Eugene Russell, PC-in-C
Deceased Officers & Members of the Auxiliary..................Mary Jane Simpson, PNP
Deceased Officers & Members of the Sons.................................Donald Roberts, PC-in-C

Roll Call of Deceased Members 1987-1988 &
Placing of Flowers........................................Department Commanders & Department Presidents

Eulogy to:
PC-in-C Thomas Chadwick..................................................Norman Furman, PC-in-C
National Chaplain Sherman Weaver..................................Frank M. Heacock, PC-in-C

Hymn...........................................................................................................In the Garden
Scripture & Benediction........................................Barbara Trayer, National Aux. Chaplain
Recessional................................................................................Battle Hymn of the Republic
Postlude....................................................................................................Emma Wheeler, PNP
7:00 PM......................................................................................................................Processional
Advancing of the Colors...................................................Assembled Color Guards, SVR
National Anthem...............................................................5th Michigan Regimental Band
Pledge of Allegiance.................Elmer F. Atkinson, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
Invocation..................Barbara Trayer, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Greetings from the Department of Michigan.........................Keith G. Harrison, PDC
Greetings from the State of Michigan.....................Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 752
Greetings from the City of Lansing..............Richard Putney, Director of Labor Relations
Presentation of Guests........................................James T. Lyons, Master of Ceremonies
Address......................................................................................Lt. Col. Matt Urban, Ret
Greetings..................................Rev Richard O. Partington, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Greetings.........................Betty J. Woerner, National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Greetings..........................Eugenia Reese, National President, Ladies of the GAR
Greetings..........................Ella Oneil, Department of Michigan President, DUV CW
Benediction.................................Lois Mayhew, National Chaplain, Ladies of the GAR
Retiring of the Colors.................................Assembled Color Guards, SVR
9:00 to Midnight..............................................................Military Ball
The officers and delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its Auxiliary assembled at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing, Michigan for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:30 A.M. under the direction of Auxiliary Chief of Staff, Martha Johnson, and SUVCW Chief of Staff, Past Commander-in-Chief (PC-in-C) Norman R. Furman.

National Auxiliary President Betty J. Woerner and Commander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington were escorted to seats of honor. The National Aides saluted and the National Officers marched in and sat in front of the speakers table. All Past National Presidents and PC-in-Cs who were in attendance were then introduced. Sister Martha Johnson turned the gavel over to National President Woerner and the SUVCW retired to its meeting room for its first business session.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1988, 10:30 A.M.

The 107th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, SUVCW was called to order in ritualistic form at 10:30 A.M. by Commander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington.

The roll call of officers was taken. The following Encampment appointments were made by Commander-in-Chief Partington:

Guide: Brother Edward Kramer
Color Bearer: Brother James Ledwith
Guide: Brother Forest Altland
Committee on Credentials: Brothers Ivan Frantz, Sr and Kenneth Oakley
Committee on Resolutions: Brothers Donald Roberts (Chair), Willard Estridge, Frank Tucker and George Long
Committee on Officers Reports: Brothers Richard Schlenker (Chair),
Committee on Restoration of Rank: Brothers Harry Gibbons (Chair), David Orr and Wallace Macomber

Committee on Ceremonials and Ritual: Brothers Richard Greenwalt (Chair), Clarence Riddell, Elmer Shaw and Leon Miller

Committee on Constitution and Regulations: Standing Committee

Committee on 125th Anniversary of the Civil War: Brothers Gordon Bury (Chair), Chester Shriver, Richard Schlenker and Keith Harrison

Ladies of the GAR Visiting Committee: Brothers Charles Corfman, Gordon Bury and Jonathan Mayhew

Auxiliary to SUVCW Visiting Committee: Brothers Eugene Russell, Richard Greenwalt and Harry Gibbons

Budget Committee: Brothers Joseph Rippey and Lowell Hammer

Audit Committee: Brothers Clark Mellor and Charles Corfman

INTERIM REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Encampment Credentials Committee reported that 82 delegates were registered and 63 were present (see Appendix 1). A motion was made and seconded to accept the Credentials Committee’s interim report; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Partington turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mellor while he read his report.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

In August 1987, in Buffalo, NY, you elected me to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. I will always be grateful for the honor bestowed upon me, for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been one of the primary interests of my life. I have always tried to serve the best interest of our Organization. This was especially true this year. This
meant making various visits and representing you at several functions which I have listed as an addendum to this report.

I want to express my appreciation to all the invitations which you so kindly extended to me and I regret that I could not accept many for good reasons. Sufficient to say this would be impossible. It would be helpful, however, to the Commander-in-Chief if such invitations could be sent to him early enough in his administration that he could plan his itinerary with a minimum of conflict.

There was much time and effort spent in corresponding not only with the members but with those who do not belong to the organization. Various questions were answered ranging with that having to do with the eligibility of Associate Members to hold elective offices in the Camp and Departments all the way to the question of whether the Grand Army had a flag, and if so what was the design. These questions took a great deal of time and research to answer and I am grateful to the National Treasurer, the National Secretary, and the National Counselor for their considerable help.

Our National Counselor, Richard Orr, had to render a number of decisions which he did in a prompt and efficient way. I have a copy of a letter sent to him by the Department Commander of Wisconsin, Thomas L. W. Johnson. Because it reveals the importance of the National answering the inquiries of our brothers promptly and efficiently, I want it read into the record:

Mr. Richard Orr, National Counselor
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
153 Connie Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Dear Brother Orr:

On behalf of the Dept. of Wisconsin, I want to acknowledge the work you have done in responding to opinions from Commander-in-Chief Partington relative to the matters of concern to our Department.

Your efforts are very much appreciated and serve to help not only this Department but others with similar questions. I hope the successor administrations will follow the example set by you and the Commander-in-Chief in the rendering of advice and formal Opinions that should help to guide an organization like ours.
Keep up the fine work on behalf of our Order.

With every good wish, I remain

Loyally and Sincerely,
Thomas L.W. Johnson
Department Commander

We are all aware of the decline in membership over the years. While this can become discouraging, I have been greatly encouraged by the reports from many brothers concerning the various activities being undertaken by our members. There are many good things taking place, such as the restoration and renewed interest in the GAR Memorial Hall in Philadelphia, the restoration and rededication by the Department of New Jersey of an almost forgotten and neglected GAR burial plot in Bridgeton, NJ graveyard, and a similar undertaking by the Department of New Hampshire of a grave of an unknown soldier of the Civil War. There is renewed activity in the Department of Michigan, the host of this encampment, Department of Iowa, and the Davis Star Camp in Pittsburgh. New Camps have been formed in Florida, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and a Provisional camp in New York. Inquiries have been received about forming new Camps in North Carolina and Kentucky. The ceremonies at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg are occasions of which we can be proud.

There is a need however, to share the news of this activity with our members- to communicate what is happening on both a local and national level, to promote the interests and purpose of our Organization. Communication is imperative for the good of our Order, and I want to report at this time, on what is happening in regard to the Banner.

Everywhere I have been, the question is asked, like the words of an old refrain, “what is happening about the Banner?” As you know, for the past few years, there has been no systematic publication and distribution of the Banner. I have tried my best during my administration to accomplish this end. With the help of others we may succeed.

Previous to my term as Commander-in-Chief, I was convinced that the solution to the problem was to put it in the hands of a professional, someone who knew the requirements of the Postal Service, could update our mailing list, and was equipped to do the work required. I obtained the name of a printer who did this kind of work and turned it over to Elmer “Bud” Atkinson to get an estimate of the cost involved. An estimate was obtained along with an estimate of another printer who Bud contacted. Last Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, these estimates were presented to
the Council of Administration. Because we were assured by the Editor that he was making progress and that the next issue of the *Banner* would be out on time, nothing was done in regard to engaging a professional.

While an issue of the *Banner* did come out with news of the elections at National and the appointments of committees, I am not sure if all our members received it. The next issue was to contain news of the Remembrance Day, my General Orders #2, and a reminder about observing Lincoln’s Birthday along with an article about Lincoln. After writing to the Editor and making a couple of phone calls, I was assured by the Editor that he would try to get this issue out by the beginning of February. I have yet to see this issue and have concluded that writing and phoning the Editor was a waste of time.

Last April while in Illinois, I attended a called meeting of the Department of Illinois. While there were very few in attendance, almost the whole time was spent on the problem of the *Banner*. Roger A. Wheeler, Sr., Department Commander of Iowa was present and stated he knew a printer, the Senior Vice Commander of Iowa, who might be interested in taking over the *Banner*. He said he would consult him and let me know. I subsequently heard from Roger in the affirmative with the name and address of James O. Lee. I wrote Brother Lee explaining the situation and asked him to give me an estimate. Brother Lee called to give me a “ball park” figure which I reported to the National Treasurer and the Council of Administration. The National Treasurer told me to get it in writing of which I requested. Subsequently Brother Lee submitted an estimate in writing of $1,750.00 for an eight page edition. This included every thing, including postage, except the mailing permit for a non-profit organization and the “set-up” cost of a personal computer for printing the mailing labels.

At first, I had hoped to have, and talked to Brother Lee about, getting an issue out before National Encampment. The National Treasurer had talked to the Editor about submitting an accounting and stated as Commander-in-Chief, I was requesting his resignation. At the same time the Editor had told him that an issue of the *Banner* was in the hands of the printer. While I expressed doubts about this, I decided that it was best to wait until after the National Encampment for the next issue. In this way, the matter could be discussed by the Council of Administration and at the National Encampment before the decision was made. Meanwhile, the Editor submitted his resignation to the Council as of June 30th. This is the situation as of the writing of this report. It is my opinion that even if the cost prohibits four issues a year, it would be better to have two or three issues than none, which is our present situation. I think progress has been made and a foundation laid to have a *Banner* under the next administration.
I am pleased to present and introduce to you at this time Brother James O. Lee who the Council of Administration has appointed as Editor of the Banner. Hopefully we will have a Banner after all.

While this report has been extensive, I wanted you to know the difficulty the Commander-in-Chief has had in dealing with the problem. As you know the appointment of the Editor of the Banner is the prerogative of the Council of Administration. If the Editor does his job, there is no problem, but what do you do when this does not happen? Does the Commander-in-Chief have the right to request the resignation of the Editor when he is appointed by the Council of Administration? Is the Commander-in-Chief responsible for finding a replacement? Must he write the Council of Administration to get their permission concerning every detail involved? Does he become the correspondent between the Editor and members of the Council? If I had been given the authority, I would have tried to find a solution before this, but the present way of dealing with this problem, in my opinion, is cumbersome and inefficient. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the Council has the opportunity of meeting only twice a year at National and at the Remembrance Day affair at Gettysburg. I sincerely hope that no future Commander-in-Chief will have to be encumbered by the same circumstances under which I have found myself.

Another problem which plagues our organization is the failure to publish and distribute our Proceedings and to have our books audited as required by our National Charter. The Commander-in-Chief is handicapped in his job by not having Proceedings to which he can refer for guidance and decisions. While our books were audited for the last couple of years, there are several years that are missing an audit. I have received a copy of a report to Congress submitted by George Cauldwell, Senior Specialist in the U.S. Government Documents by the Library of Congress. This report states that the Sons of Union Veterans should definitely submit its audited report of the missing years of 1982 - 1986, otherwise something will be done. There is nothing about our missing Proceedings in his report.

I know that the National Treasurer and the National Secretary must work under great difficulty in trying to meet the requirements. The man who did the auditing retired and a replacement was not found until recently. In addition to this to meet these requirements is costly and we are plagued with the lack of funds.

I have serious reservations about the benefits of our National Charter. Indeed, under the circumstances which I have just stated, it may be a hindrance to our Organization, but as long as we have it, however, we
should comply with it.

It bothers me sometimes when we become critical of others for failure to comply with the Constitution and Regulations and yet we fail to comply with the requirements of our National Charter. “Are we to “behold the mote that is in thy brothers eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye” (Matthew 7:13).

I am very sympathetic to the many demands that are made on our National Secretary and Treasurer, and the problems they face. No one who has ever held this office can comprehend the work that is involved. We must remember that they are not paid for this effort. It is all volunteered, a labor of love. In addition, we do not give them the necessary resources which they need to meet their responsibilities. Our failure, on the other hand, to meet the requirements of our National Charter may mean that it will be withdrawn, and we should be aware of this situation, and not have it come as a surprise.

One of the challenges we face as a national Organization, it seems to me, is the participation of newer members at the National level. This is necessary if we are to continue to function as an Organization.

While the attraction for many older members, like myself, lies in the opportunity it gives for socialization and association with friends formed through the years, many newer members are not bound by these hollowed associations. Their interests pertains to the Civil War. This is revealed by the various newsletters and announcements I have received as Commander-in-Chief, containing articles and news of events related to this subject. The old format of ritual and formal meeting among many members has given way to informal discussions and participation in the events relating to this period of American History.

While the old must give way to the new, there must be, however more to our organization than just these things. While these activities are of interest to many newer members, there are those who desire to belong to an organization bound by ties of blood to those men who fought to preserve the Union. Without a National Organization there would be no Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, even as we would not be Americans if there were no National government. The National Organization is the glue that holds us together and gives us unity. Therefore, if we are to continue as an organization, we have an obligation to participate in some way on a National level. Our failure to do so, in my opinion, will diminish and impoverish our activity and purpose at every level. How to balance these interests is a challenge not only to our National Officers, but for every member who desires to belong to the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Here, I come face to face with a common statement which has to do with all members which I desire to challenge. Here is a man speaking about something, whether it be a cause or an institution or an organization, and he says, “I began to lose interest in it, so I gave it up.” I think the contrary is more likely to be true. A close investigation will reveal that a man began to give it up and then lost interest it. This may appear to be a subtle distinction, but is a vital one. The condition of finding interest in anything is our participation in it. On a broader scale, this is why participation at the National level, as well as the local, is essential for maintaining our interest in the Good of the Order. For this reason I would like to see newer members not only given opportunities but participating if we are to continue as a National Organization.

In conclusion, it was a privilege and a joy to meet, and spend time, on various occasions with the National Presidents of our Allied Orders: Betty Woerner of the Auxiliary, Eugenia Reese of the Ladies of the GAR, Nina F. Ninás of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Cora G. French of the Woman’s Relief Corp.

I want to thank publicly my daughter, S. Lynn Partington, who did all my typing, corrected my grammar for me. Without her help and the help of my wife, I do not think I would have accepted this office.

Last, but not least, I want to thank all of you for your support and kindness. Like the air and water and everything else which rises the warmer they become, my heart has been lifted by the warmth I have received from all of you so that the transients events of this year has been lifted to eternal significance and will be remembered as long as my life continues.

The following is a list of visits made and affairs attended the past year:

October 10, 1987 - Auxiliary 1, Anna M. Ross Anniversary Banquet, Horsham, PA
October 11, 1987 - Reception - Audrey Long and Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Lancaster, PA
November 21, 1987 - Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA
November 22, 1987 - Council of Administration Meeting, Gettysburg, PA
February 11, 1988 - Banquet sponsored by MOLLUS at Fort McNaire, Washington, DC
February 12, 1988 - Ceremony at Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC
February 13, 1988 - Lincoln Banquet, Horsham, PA
March 12, 1988 - New Jersey Department Lincoln Banquet
March 13, 1988 - Visit to GAR Museum, Philadelphia, PA
March 19, 1988 - Lehigh Valley Lincoln Banquet, Hellertown, PA
March 31 - April 2, 1988 - New Hampshire Department Encampment, Merrimack, NH
April 9, 1988 - Appomattox Banquet, Reading, PA
April 11-15, 1988 - Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, plus called meeting with the Department of Illinois, Springfield, IL
April 28 - May 1, 1988 - Massachusetts Department Encampment, Hyannis, MA
May 30, 1988 - Memorial Day Luncheon and Ceremony, Gettysburg, PA
June 2-4, 1988 - New Jersey Department Encampment, Gibbstown, NJ
June 17-19, 1988 - Ohio Department Encampment, Alliance, OH
June 19-22, 1988 - Pennsylvania Department Encampment, York, PA

My recommendations are as follows:

1. That we continue to support the Remembrance Day affair in Gettysburg, the ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, and the service at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, New Hampshire.

2. That we continue to award a scholarship, the amount to be appropriated in the budget, to a student of the Commander-in-Chief’s choice: subject - American History.

3. That the Council of Administration be authorized to appoint a Coordinator-at-Large to have those duties and responsibilities pertaining to the members at large. This appointment shall be made yearly.

Recommended Changes to Constitution and Regulations:

1. Chapter III, Article IV, Section 3: When the Editor of the Banner who’s appointed by the Council of Administration, fails to get out at least two issues per year, the Commander-in-Chief shall be authorized to take the necessary steps possible, when possible, to correct the situation. The cost involved is not to exceed the appropriation in the budget.
2. Chapter II (Departments), Article IV (Officers), Section 4: add: The Dept. may fix the term of office of members of the Department Council for more than one year.

3. Chapter V (General Regulations), Section 2: Delete subsection 2 and re-letter all subsequent sections.

4. The following amendment was proposed for consideration by the 1988 Pennsylvania Encampment and was sent out 40 days previous in my General Orders.

   Article V (Organization) Section 1: Delete subsection five as it now exists and replace it with the following: “Eligibles who do not wish to associate with a Camp or Department may become National members-at-large. Dues for the National Members-at-Large shall be fixed at a rate not to exceed the National annual per capita tax.”

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
Richard O. Partington
Commander-in-Chief

A motion was made and seconded that the Commander-in-Chief’s report and all subsequent officers’ reports be referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports; motion carried. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mellor returned the gavel and the control of the Encampment to Commander-in-Chief Partington.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

At this time I wish to thank all the Officers and the members of the 106th National Encampment held in Buffalo, New York in August of 1987 for electing me to the high office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

During the past year I had the pleasure of attending many affairs of this Organization, and to represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization. I have attended all the functions and affairs of the Massachusetts Department. I will only list a few of them for they are many.

   September 13, 1987 - A reception for the Department Commander, and President of New Hampshire
   September 27, 1987 - A reception for the Department President of the WRC, Millbury, MA
   October 4, 1987 - A reception for the Department Commander and President of Massachusetts,
October 17-18, 1987 - New England Regional Meeting, Barre, VT
November 21, 1987 - Remembrance Day Observance in Gettysburg, PA
November 22, 1987 - Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, PA
February 13, 1988 - Commander-in-Chief Partington reception and the Lincoln Day dinner in Horsham, PA
March 19-20, 1988 - New England Regional meeting, Rockland, MA
April 1-2, 1988: - New Hampshire Department Encampment, Merrimack, NH
April 9, 1988 - Rhode Island Department Encampment, (100th Anniversary) Warwick, RI
April 11, 1988 - Graveside services of PC-in-C Thomas A. Chadwick, West Concord, NH
April 12, 1988 - Massachusetts Department Encampment Convention, Salem, MA
April 20-21, 1988 - Massachusetts Department WRC. Convention, Auburn, MA
April 29-30, 1988 - Cathedral of the Pines Ceremony, Rindge, NH
June 11, 1988 - Vermont Department Encampment, Morrisville, VT
June 19-22: 1988 - Pennsylvania Department Encampment, York, PA
June 24-26, 1988 - Maine Department Encampment, Waterville, ME
July 16-17, 1988 - New England Regional Meeting, Weirs Beach, NH

Recommendations

1. That the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief’s Fund be continued next year and that it is to be used to promote our Order.

2. That there be a quorum of no less than five members to hold a Department Encampment.

Again, thank you for the many courtesies extended to me this year. I hope that in some small way, I have fulfilled the honor you bestowed upon me as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
Clark W. Mellor
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports)

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

I would like to express my appreciation to the Brothers that elected me to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at our last National Encampment. The honor is greatly appreciated. My activities for the year included the following:

August of 1987, where I attended the Civil War Muster at Jackson, Michigan. On October 9-11, I attended the Algonquin Milafest near Carrolton, Ohio, some of these activities also include the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) action. November 6-7, I traveled to Stamford, Connecticut and inspected the site for the 1989 National Encampment. Met with the committee and received some of the work that was necessary for the convention requirements. November 8, 1988 was a camp meeting in my home. November 18-20, I attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the Council of Administration meeting at that time. February 7 was another Camp meeting at Orville, Ohio. February 11, I attended the Loyal Legion Lincoln Day Dinner in Washington, DC. On February 2, 1988, I participated in the Abraham Lincoln ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial. I carried the Commander-in-Chief’s banner as he presented the SUVCW wreath. On February 12-13, I attended the Pennsylvania Lincoln Day Dinner and reception for the Commander-in-Chief followed by a reception at his home. On February 28, I attended the Ohio Department fall meeting at Orville, Ohio where we elected a new Commander. On April 1, my commission was issued as Captain with the SVR as Chief of Artillery. April 10 was another camp meeting. On April 15, I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield. On May 21, I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Civil War Military Ball in Des Moines, Iowa. While there I looked over the hotels for the 1990 National Encampment and also discussed some of the Banner problems with Brother James Lee. On May 28 was the re-enactment at Burton, Ohio. May 30, I participated in the Memorial Day parade in Canton, Ohio where we fired the cannon beside the McKinley Memorial.

On June 17-19, I attended the Ohio Encampment at Alliance, Ohio where I audited books, served as acting Patriotic Instructor and received the Department’s endorsement for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. July 22-24, I served as the Deputy Chief of Artillery in the 125th re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg; a 3 day event. The following weekend I was demoted to 1st Sgt. and served on a battery in a living history action on the actual battlefield.
It is some of the SVR activities and some of the reenactments which gives you a much different attitude towards history when you have followed those horses and tried to move the cannon over some rough fields and is quite a different thing than just watching. July 4th we paraded for the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. On July 30 and 31, I attended the Buffington Island festivities in Ohio. This included a military ball, reenactment and installation of William Dennison Camp #123 at Baltimore, Ohio. This is the first new camp in Ohio since 1963. We are looking forward to their participation. In addition to the new Camp in Ohio, we also have a new camp at Sidney, NY and a new Camp-at-Large in Florida and a reinstituted camp in New Jersey. The total membership is down due primarily to deaths of some members and weeding out in bookkeeping by some Departments. The Treasurer’s report will explain with regard to the membership with quarterly statistics. In conclusion, this has been a busy but enjoyable year and I appreciate the help of my fellow members. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Submitted in F. C. & L.
Charles W. Corfman
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY
(As read by Commander-in-Chief Partington)

Gentlemen, I herewith submit my report as National Secretary for the year. During this year, there have been five camps, none of which are like Camp #101 of Michigan. New Camp-at-Large in Florida, new Camps in Ohio, New York, and Wisconsin. I have not replied to as many persons as last year because no bulk mail has been received in Gettysburg since last November. I have the 1987 Proceedings typed up and ready for the printer who is on vacation until September 15th. The Proceedings for 1988 will be at the printer and will be ready for distribution by December 31, 1988. A letter to Mr. Dukakis was mailed but he has not had the courtesy to reply. Due to the continuing rise and fall of membership, I recommend that the Budget Committee raise the registration fee to $8.00. Recommend for the C. & R. Committee to review and revise Article V, sections 3 and 4, so they will be in keeping with separate offices of the Secretary and Treasurer. Recommend that the Constitution and Regulations Committee seriously review and make the changes it deems necessary so as to eliminate any subsequent action that was created by the Michigan Department at the 1987 National Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,
(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

PC-in-C Chester Shriver discussed the fiscal year 1987-1988 financial and membership statistical reports (see Appendices 2 and 3). He then presented his report to the Encampment. The report was referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Brother Richard Orr read his report to the Encampment. The report was referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

(No report was presented)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Brother Elmer Atkinson presented his report to the Encampment. The report was referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports. The National Patriotic Instructor indicated that he had raised to date, $2,229 for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN & GENEALOGIST

Brother David Orr read his report to the Encampment. The report was referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORY BOOK COORDINATOR

Brother Jerome Orton read his report to the Encampment. The report was referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

(No report was presented)

REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

Being appointed to serve as Washington Representative for the eighth time has provided your servant with great joy and a sense of fulfillment and responsibility as we all strive to bring honor to our Order and to those who gave us cause to affiliate. Thank you Commander-in-Chief
Partington for this opportunity.

In light of recent events involving various representatives of the people, I would first like to inform the Brothers that while representing you in the nation’s Capitol, I have never taken a cruise on the Monkey Business; proselytized anyone’s speeches (perhaps a quote or two from Lincoln, always giving him credit); consulted an astrologer; become involved with a televangelist or had any psychiatric treatments.

It is a pleasure to report that it was not necessary to accept the service of any papers or summons on behalf of the Order or appear at any Congressional hearings.

Verification was made of the proper governmental offices and committees to which our annual reports and audits should be submitted. A search of Library of Congress records revealed that very little exists regarding our Order as this enumeration shows: an 1884 outline of origin, organization, progress, purpose and aims of SUV is missing from the library; 1885 & 1888 Officer and Member Guide; 1890 - 1926 Proceedings; 1882 Constitution and Bylaws SV of Pennsylvania; 1890 Division Proceedings; 1891 Arkansas Division Roster; 1891 - 1892 New Hampshire Division Roster; 1894 Constitution, Rules and Regulations; 1897 Digest of Decisions of the Commander-in-Chief and JAG; 1899 Brief History of the SV and 16th New York Division; undated Proceedings of Maine, Minnesota and Vermont Divisions; 1959 General Orders; 1983 New Jersey Department History and Banners 1954 - 1966 and 1972 - 1979.

This office is undertaking a study of our first 100 years of Annual Proceedings to note landmark decisions and actions in as much as no viable history of the Order seems to exist other than the report made to the 50th National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa in September 1931 by PC-in-C William T. Church (1916-1917).

Membership, leadership, activity and representation of and for the SUVCW has continued in Civil War oriented organizations in the Washington DC area; i.e., the Lincoln Group and the Civil War Round Table which meets monthly; the Lincoln Commission and the Lincoln Birthday Commemorative Committee which meets quarterly. The Washington Representative of the Auxiliary is also a member and officer in these groups.

Membership in other hereditary, veteran, fraternal and historical societies affords many opportunities to call to the attention of others the fact that our Order still exists and is viable. Liaison is maintained in DC with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Numerous requests for living history and public speaking engagements have been honored this year. Participation in ceremonies at Gettysburg, Arlington, Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials was carried out in the name of the Order. A review of the itinerary of this office reveals that the Order was represented on upwards of sixty occasions this past year.

Support for the Battlefield Coalition is carried out as the efforts continue to prevent encroachment at Manassas, Virginia.

Serving our Order in Washington, a city of ceremony and pomp affords many opportunities for SUVCW to be visible and your servant is pleased to labor on your behalf and does so always in memory of the ancestor who so nobly answered the call to preserve a nation united.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
Washington Representative

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as the Coordinator of the National Membership-at-Large (MAL) this past year. The transition of office from Brother Schlenker to myself went smoothly. I wish to especially thank Brother Schlenker for aiding this transition by sending all of the annual dues notices to the MAL. During the past year we have gained 29 new members and reinstated four members. However, these modest gains were offset by the death of three, the honorable discharge of four, the transfer of 31 MAL to camps and departments, and the dropping of 97 MAL for non-payment of dues for two or more years. These losses offset by the small gains resulted in a net loss of 102 MAL.

During the past years 183 inquires for information about our Order were answered. Responses to 146 letters received from MAL were prepared and 203 requests for membership cards were answered.

We currently have MALs residing in 44 states, Washington DC, Canada, Belgium and Taiwan. Only Delaware, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Vermont are not represented on the MAL roster.
Assistance has been provided to Brothers residing in South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama with their efforts to form Camps-at-Large in those states. It is interesting to note that most of the new members and all of the inquiries about forming new camps are coming from states which were staunchly Confederate during the War of the Rebellion.

As an aside, I would like to provide a possible explanation for the loss of so many MAL. About two-thirds of those who did not pay their dues had telephone numbers on file. I was able to contact approximately three-fourths of these former Brothers in an attempt to ascertain why they had declined to remain members. Nearly all expressed the same reason -- lack of communication from the National Organization, particularly the loss of the newsletter (as they described it). Each member here can draw his own conclusion from this information. I see no need to restate what has been said on the floor of the past several National Encampments. Again, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve our Order this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Orr
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

(PC-in-C Norman Furman presented a verbal report.)

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE BANNER

The report was read. The report included Brother Robert Gregory’s request to be relieved as Banner Editor as of June 30, 1988. It was also reported at this time that Brother James O. Lee of Iowa was elected as the new Banner Editor by the Council of Administration (a copy of the report is not available).

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications/resolutions were read and then either acknowledged or referred to the appropriate Encampment Committee.

Acknowledged

Department of Pennsylvania - Recognition of Brother David Orr for recruiting of 18 new members.
Department of Michigan - Need for National to research history of Sons of Veterans and
SUVCW.
Department of Michigan - Need for National to create special committee to study possibility of resumption and use of the Order’s Blue Book.

*Referred to National Encampment Site Selection Committee*

Department of Indiana - Offer to host 1991 National Encampment - Referred to National Encampment Site Standing Committee.

*Referred to Encampment Committee on Resolutions*

Department of Massachusetts - Endorsement for Clark Mellor for Commander-in-Chief.
Department of Pennsylvania - Endorsement of Brother George Long for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Department of Maine - Endorsement of Brother Clark Mellor for Commander-in-Chief.
Department of Ohio - Endorsement of Brother Charles Corfman for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

*Referred to Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulation*

Department of Ohio - Change to C & R to permit Life Members to wear the badge suspended from National ribbon.
Department of Michigan - Proposed changes to C & R article on discipline.
Department of Michigan - Change to C & R to allow Past Department Commanders to wear the badge suspended from Department ribbon and sash on formal occasions.
Department of Pennsylvania - Change to C & R to allow members to join National Membership-at-Large if no local Camp exists.
Department of Pennsylvania - Change to C & R to give National Membership-at-Large National Encampment representation based on the formula of one representative for every 25 members.
Council of Administration - Change to C & R to provide for the annual appointment of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator by the Council of Administration.

The following communications were read and then acted on by the Encampment as a whole.

*(Unknown Proposer)* - Support use of Church of the Latter Day Saints microfilming services to preserve Department and Camp records - Concurred with by the National Encampment.

Department of Wisconsin - Commendation of Commander-in-Chief Partington - Concurred with by the National Encampment.

*(Unknown Proposer)* - Letter regarding the proposed taking of the Pledge of Allegiance out of schools. After considerable discussion, a motion was made (Brother Frank Tucker) and seconded that the Order send a letter to both political parties
requesting that the Pledge of Allegiance not be taken out of the schools; motion passed.

The first business session was recessed by Commander-in-Chief Partington at 4:00 P.M.

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1988, 9:30 PM**

The second business session was opened and called to order by Commander-in-Chief Partington at 9:30 A.M.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL LINCOLN TOMB COMMITTEE**

The report was read. A motion was made and seconded to continue the Order’s annual financial support of the annual Lincoln Death Day program in Springfield, Illinois; motion passed (*a copy of the report is not available*)

**REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION**

The report was read. The National Committee recommended that the National Encampment go on record continuing its support of the following legislative initiatives:

- Return of Memorial Day to 30 May,
- Protection of the Manassas Battle Field from development
- Recognizing English as the official language,
- Continued governmental separation of powers, and
- Reconstruction of Ft. Abraham Lincoln.

All recommendations were concurred with by the National Encampment (*a copy of the report is not available*).

**REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The report was read. A motion was made and seconded to continue the Order’s financial support of the annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day program in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; motion passed (*a copy of the report is not available*).

**REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS**

The report was read. The SVR was noted as having a membership of 300. A motion was made and seconded to continue the Order’s annual financial support of the SVR; motion passed (*a copy of the report is not available*).
REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR

PC-in-C Gordon Bury verbally reported on the current and anticipated activities of the Order during the 5 year period (1986 - 1990) of the 125th Anniversary of the Civil War.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

(Report was presented in the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief’s Officer’s Report).

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION AND EDUCATION

(No report was presented)

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

The report was read. A motion was made and seconded to annually allocate $50.00 to the committee for office expenses; motion passed (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

(No report was presented)

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND CEREMONIAL

PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt indicated that his committee had nothing to report.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

PC-in-C Harry Gibbons indicated that his committee had nothing to report.

PC-in-C Gordon Bury asked if Life Membership gives that member the privilege of being an automatic delegate to the floor of the National Encampment. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the question be referred to the Council of Administration; motion passed.

A motion was made (PC-in-C Gordon Bury) and seconded that Chapter V, Article III, Section 5 of the Regulations be amended to allow Life Members to suspend their badge from a National ribbon; motion passed.

PC-IN-C Gordon Bury indicated that Constitutional Life Membership referred to in the Constitution and Regulations refers to the Article of Incorporation in the State of Illinois and not to the Congressional Charter. The last Constitutional Life member was Albert
Woolson. It as moved and seconded that the phrase Constitutional Life Member as mentioned in the Constitution and Regulations be eliminated from the Constitution and Regulations. After a considerably long and tangential discussion on several unrelated subjects, the motion passed.

After a long discussion on what benefits and privileges a life membership provides to a Brother and a failed attempt to table the issue, it was moved (Chester Shriver) and seconded to refer to the Council of Administration for review and reporting to the 108th National Encampment the matter of life membership privileges; motion passed.

PC-in-C Donald Roberts stated that he brought an issue regarding Life Memberships for infants on the floor two years ago. According to him, if a child was being christened and someone wanted to purchase that child a life membership, they could do so. The life membership would not become effective until the child met the age requirements of the organization. That was the intent at the time. The recommendation was concurred with by the Encampment at the time. The matter was not reported in the Proceedings however. Commander-in-Chief Partington referred the matter to the Council of Administration along with the other life membership issues.

A motion was made (PC-in-C Gordon Bury) that Chapter V, Article III, Section 6 of the Regulations be amended to read that life members may wear the life membership bar and the regular badge suspended from a National ribbon; motion passed.

[The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (National President Eugenia Reese and delegation) brought greetings to the Encampment. A response was provided by National Secretary].

After considerable discussion on what constituted an audit, the interpretation of the Order’s Congressional Charter requirement that it file an annual report to Congress, the final deposition within the governmental offices of the Order’s past reports, and reports which the Order has not filed over the years, the following motions were made and seconded and passed.

1: The Order send to proper authorities in Washington enough material to cover the problem of our National Organization for the years between the time we had the last Proceedings printed and out present audit over last year and this year.

2. A motion was made (PC-in-C Richard Schlenker) and seconded that the National Secretary through the Council of Administration and under the National Seal and name and signature of the sitting Commander-in-Chief send to the proper authority in Washington no later than December 31, 1988 a report containing the current membership list, and the composite membership lists, financial audit sheets and Commander-in-Chief’s reports for the missing years; motion passed.

The second business session was recessed by Commander-in-Chief Partington at 3:00
The third business session was opened and called to order by Commander-in-Chief Partington at 9:00 A.M.

The Credentials Committee reported that there were no changes from its previous report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mellor reported that he had raised $214 for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief’s financial report; motion passed.

National Patriotic Instructor Atkinson reported that he had raised a total of $2,382 for the GAR fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept the National Patriotic Instructor’s report; motion passed.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON OFFICER REPORTS

PC-in-C Richard Schlenker verbally presented the report of the committee. The committee recommended the following actions for the below listed Officer recommendations:

Commander-in-Chief

1. Concurrence to continue support of Remembrance Day, Lincoln Birthday, Lincoln Tomb and Cathedral of the Pines ceremonies.

2. Concurrence to continue annual scholarship award in an amount appropriated in the budget to an American History student selected by the Commander-in-Chief.

3. Concurrence to authorize of Council of Administration to annually appoint a Membership-at-Large Coordinator and to clarify the duties and responsibilities pertaining to the members-at-large.

4. Referral of the following proposed changes to Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations:

   A. Change to Chapter III Article IV, Section 3 (Banner Editor)

   B. Change to Chapter II, Article IV, Section 4 (Department Council)

   C. Change to Chapter V, Section 2, Subsection 2 (General Orders)

   D. Change to Article V, Section 1 (Organization)
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

1. Concurrence to continue solicitation for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief’s fund.

2. Referral to the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations of the proposed change to require a minimum quorum of five members to hold a Department Encampment.

National Secretary

1. Referral to the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations to set the National Encampment registration fee at $8.00.

2. Concurrence to have the 1988-1989 Committee on Constitution and Regulations review and revise Article V, Sections 3 and 4 in order to clarify separation of National Secretary and Treasurer duties.

3. Nonconcurrence to have 1988-1989 Committee on Constitution and Regulations review and change as it deems necessary any subsequent action that was created by the Michigan Department at the 1987 National Encampment.

National Treasurer

1. Concurrence to have each Camp send a copy of its roster to the National Treasurer by October 1, 1988.

2. Concurrence to have each Camp send a list of its Life Members to the National Treasurer by January 1, 1988.

3. Concurrence to have Commander-in-Chief to appoint a special committee composed of three members to study need to have Life Member Coordinator.


National Historian

1. Concurrence to eliminate genealogical duties of National Historian.

2. Concurrence to include University of Pittsburgh scholarship information in the next General Orders.

3. Concurrence and referral to Encampment Budget Committee to establish an annual office expense of $125 for the National Historian.
Commander-in-Chief Partington entertained a motion to accept the report and recommendations of the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports as presented. A motion was so made and seconded; motion passed.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

PC-in-C Rippey presented the following recommendations of the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations:

1. Concurrence with proposed change to Chapter III, Article IV, Section 3 to require the *Banner* Editor to produce at least two issues of the *Banner* per year.

2. Concurrence with proposed change to Chapter II, Article IV, Section 4 to allow Departments to fix the term of Department Council members to not exceed two years.

3. Concurrence to delete Subsection 2, Section 2, Chapter V reference to mandatory four General Orders per year by the Commander-in-Chief.

4. Nonconcurrence to fix the quorum necessary to no less than five members in order to hold a Department Encampment.

5. Neither concurrence or nonconcurrence to change the C & R to permit Life Members to wear badge suspended from National Ribbon (*the issue was already addressed and supported by this National Encampment*).

6. Recommendation to Table the proposed changes to the C & R on discipline.

7. Concurrence to change the C & R to allow Past Department Commanders to wear and badge suspended from Department ribbon and sash on formal occasions.

8. Concurrence to change the C & R to allow members to join the National Membership-at-Large if no local Camp exists.

9. Concurrence to change the C & R to give National Membership-at-Large National Encampment representation based on the formula of one representative for every 25 members.

10. Concurrence to change the C & R to provide for the election of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator by the Council of Administration and have the Council of Administration to outline duties and annually set dues.

11. Concurrence to set National Encampment registration fee at $8.00.
A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and recommendations of the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations; motion passed.

[The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War brought greetings to the National Encampment. A response was provided by Charles Corfman].

REPORT OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

The report was verbally presented. The Committee recommended that the National Encampments for 1989, 1990 and 1991 be held in Stamford, Connecticut; DesMoines, Iowa; and Indianapolis, Indiana, respectively. The National Encampment concurred with the recommendation.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Brother Charles Sharrock read his report to the Encampment. The report was referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER

(No report was presented)

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor presented the Encampment Audit Committee’s recommendation to concur with the audit report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Committee; motion passed (a copy of the report is not available).

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey presented Encampment Budget Committee’s proposed budget for 1988-1989 (see Appendix 4). A motion was made to accept the Committee’s proposed budget. A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to not include the budgeted $2,454 (Returned Unused Funds for the Banner) in the annual budget and to use these funds to prepare several missing annual audit reports; amendment passed; motion as amended (resulting $19,500 balance budget figure) passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Order invest during 1988-1989 $5,000 to $6,000 in a high yield income fund; motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

An unknown delegate related to the membership about an honor given to his father by the Senatorial Inner Circle, a National Republican Party organization.

National Secretary, PC-in-C Heacock read the following letter:
Commander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington:

Due to existing circumstances over conditions of which I have no control, in order to prevent the possibilities and/or probabilities of criticism of devious groups, I hereby submit my resignation as National Secretary to the SUVCW effective December 31, 1988.

In F., C., & L.,
Frank Miller Heacock, PC-in-C
National Secretary

A motion was made (Frank Heacock) and seconded (David Rowley) to accept and concur with the resignation; motion passed. During the discussion of the motion, National Treasurer, PC-in-C Shiver and others elaborated on Brother Heacock’s contribution to the Order and the GAR over the years. A motion was made (PC-in-C Bury) and seconded that the Order stands on record as regretfully receiving the resignation of its devoted Secretary, that the conclusion be herein referred to that the Order is also accepting with this resignation the resignation of a Past Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic and that Brother Heacock be commended for a job well done; motion passed unanimously. Brother Heacock received a standing ovation from the Encampment.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

PC-in-C Donald Roberts indicated that his committee had received only endorsements and therefore had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made to thank the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center for accommodating the National Encampment; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to thank the Michigan Department and its Committee (James T. Lyons - Chair, Keith Harrison, Robert McBrien, Don Everett, Gary Gibson, James Pahl, Doug Park, Bernard McCarthy, Michael Mitchell, Roger Carpenter, Catherine Lyons and Nancy McCarthy) for hosting the National Encampment; motion passed.

A motion was made (Frank Heacock) and seconded to disband the Encampment committees; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to declare the minutes of this Encampment as the Official Proceedings of the Order for 1988; motion passed. A motion was made (Frank Heacock) and seconded to move to the nomination and election of officers for 1988-1989; motion passed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1988/89

The following officers were nominated and elected:
Commander-in-Chief.................................................................Clark W. Mellor, MA
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.....................................................Charles W. Corfman, OH
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.....................................................George W. Long, PA
Council of Administration.......................................................Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C, NY (to 1990)

The following appointments were announced by Commander-in-Chief-elect Clark Mellor:

National Counselor..............................................................Eugene E. Russell, PC-in-C, MA
National Chaplain...............................................................Willard G. Estridge, MD
National Patriotic Instructor......................................................Peter A. Dixon, MD
National History Book Coordinator........................................Keith G. Harrison, MI
National Graves Registration Officer.................................Charles E. Sharrock, CO & WY
National Personal Aide..........................................................Alan E. Peterson, RI
Washington Representative...................................................Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C, MD
National GAR Highway Officer..............................................Ray Niffenegger, IA
National Chief of Staff.........................................................Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C, NY
National Historian......................................................................David B. Orr, PA
National Member-a-Large Coordinator......................................Richard D. Orr, PA
Banner Editor.............................................................................James O. Lee, IA

All elected and appointed officers were duly installed by PC-in-C Donald Roberts and then escorted to their respective stations. Guests present for the installation ceremony were Mrs. Richard O. Partington and Mrs. Betty Mellor, wives of PC-in-C and newly installed Commander-in-Chief Mellor, respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

The post-107th National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was called to order at 2:20 P.M. by Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor.

Members Present: Commander-In-Chief Mellor; Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief Charles W. Corfman; Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief George W. Long; National Treasurer PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver; National Secretary PC-in-C Frank M. Heacock; and Council Members PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C Gordon R. Bury II, and PC-in-C Richard O. Partington; Membership-at-Large Coordinator Richard Orr; Washington Representative PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker; and Banner Editor James Lee.

National Secretary Heacock read the minutes from the Sunday, August 14, 1988 Council of Administration meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as read; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to set the Life Membership payment to Camps at $8.00; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to return a Camp-at-Large Charter application from ? (available records do not indicate from where); motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Council of Administration serve as a “Committee-of-the-Whole” to define all rights and privileges; motion passed. It was moved and seconded that Life Membership includes all rights and privileges and obligations of a regular member and no further payment of dues; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Mellor requested the National Treasurer to prepare a new letter to be used with new Life Members.

It was moved and seconded that a report on Life Membership be presented to the next National Encampment; motion passed.

Membership-at-Large (MAL) Coordinator Richard Orr presented the Council of Administration with a check for $500 representing the excess MAL funds collected for the previous year. A motion was made and seconded that Brother Orr be
acknowledged and thanked for his exemplary service to the Order; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that an appeal for a donation to the Cathedral of the Pines be tabled; motion passed.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration was set for Sunday, 9:00 A.M., November 20, 1988 in Gettysburg, PA.

The post-encampment Council of Administration meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Clark Mellor
Commander-in-Chief

Frank Miller Heacock, PC-in-C
National Secretary
APPENDIX 1. REGISTERED DELEGATES (a) 107TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Altland, Forest (OH)  Newmarch, Francis (MI)
Anthony, Merrill (IA)  Niffenegger, Ray (IA)
Atkinson, Elmer F. (PA)  Oakley, Kenneth (MA)
Billings, Eugene (MD)  Orr, David (PA)
Black, Herman T. (WI)(b)  Orr, Richard (PA)
Bury, Gordon R. II (OH)  Orton, Jerome L. (NY)
Combs, Fred H. (FL)(b)  Pahl, James (MI)
Corfman, Charles (OH)  Park, J. Douglas (MI)
Covey, Leslie (MA)  Partington, Richard O. (PA)
Dixon, Peter A. (MD)  Peiper, Ralph E. (PA)
Downing, David (MI)  Peterson, Alan (RI)
Estridge, Willard (MD)  Pyle, Wayne (CA)(b)
Frantz Sr, Ivan (PA)  Reed, David (IN)
Furman, Norman (NY)  Rippey, Joseph (NY)
Gage, Herbert (MI)  Roberts, Donald (NY)
Gibbons, Harry (NY)  Rowley, David (MI)
Gibson, Gary L. (MI)  Rowley, Norman (MI)
Greenwalt, Richard (OH)  Russell, Eugene (MA)
Hammer, Lowell V. (MD)  Schlenker, Richard C. (MD)
Harrison, Keith G. (MI)  Sharrock, Charles (CO & WY)
Heacock Sr, Frank (PA)  Shriver, Chester S. (PA)
Hines, Roger (IL)  Stitsworth, F.H. (FL)
Houchin, Joseph (IA)  Townsend, Marion (MD)
Johnson, Thomas L.W. (WI)(b)  Tucker, Frank (MA)
Keister, Wesley (PA)  Werkheiser, Robert V. (PA)
Kramer, Edwin (PA)  Wheeler, Kenneth (NH)
Ledwith, James (CT)  Wheeler, Roger (IA)
Lee, James (IA)  Wohlgemuth, ? (CA)(b)
Lipp, Francis L. (IN)  Krieser, Ed (IN)
Long, George W. (PA)  Gill, Ron (IN)
Loomis, Alan (IN)
Lowe, Charles (IA)(b)
Lyons, James T. (MI)
Macomber, Wallace (RI)
Mayhew, Jonathan T. (PA)
McCarthy, Bernard (MI)
Mellor, Clark W. (MA)
Miller, Leon (PA)
Mitchell, Michael (MI)
Moll, Nathan (IA)
Moore, Allen W. (IN)

(a)  List is incomplete
(b)  Not Present

Balance in the General Checking Account as per Bank Statement June 30, 1987...$12,067.13
(Includes funds for the General Fund, Sr. Vice Commandery-in-Chief's Fund,
GAR Memorial Fund and Permanent Funds)

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| Disbursements                                |                |          |
|----------------------------------------------|                |          |
| Commander-in-Chief's expense                 | $ 1,800.00     | $ 1,800.00 |
| National Treasurer's expense                 | 900.00         | 900.00   |
| National Secretary's expense                 | 900.00         | 900.00   |
| Purchase of supplies                         | 2,500.00       | 3,605.00 |
| Printing, stationery, postage and telephone  | 1,000.00       | 1,120.09 |
| (National Treasurer and National Secretary)  |                |          |
| Printing and mailing of proceedings          |                |          |
| National Encampment expenses                 | 200.00         | 295.00   |
| Transcribing proceedings                     | 500.00         | 380.00   |
| The BANNER                                  | 4,500.00       | 3,500.00 |
| Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel              | 400.00         | 400.00   |
| Certified Public Accountant                  | 500.00         | 1,050.00 |
| Miscellaneous                                | 200.00         | 230.00   |
| **TOTAL**                                    | **$17,900.00**  | **$14,180.09** |

| Appropriations from the GAR Fund             |                |          |
|----------------------------------------------|                |          |
| Student Scholarship award                     | $ 300.00       | $ 300.00 |
| Lincoln Memorial Ceremony                    | 60.00          | 65.00    |
| Lincoln Tomb Ceremony                        | 400.00         | 400.00   |
| GAR Remembrance Day                          | 400.00         | 400.00   |
| Memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines       | 25.00          | 25.00    |
| National Military Department, SVR            | 200.00         | 200.00   |
| GAR Campfire program expense                 | 300.00         | 400.00   |
| Fraternal Relations Committee                | 25.00          | 25.00    |
| Printing of forms for contributions          | 125.00         | 98.00    |
| Miscellaneous                                | 100.00         | 129.00   |
| Allocated to the General Fund                | 910.00         | .......... |
| **TOTAL**                                    | **$2,845.00**  | **$2,042.00** |

| Receipts:                                    |                |          |
|----------------------------------------------|                |          |
| SR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S FUND           |                |          |

43
Contributions (1986-1987) .......................................................... $ 147.00

GAR MEMORIAL FUND

RECEIPTS:
National Patriotic Instructor 1986-1987 ........................................ $ 737.00
National Patriotic Instructor 1987-1988 ........................................ $ 1,699.00

PERMANENT FUND

RECEIPTS:
Membership at Large Application Fees......................................... $ 320.00
Life Memberships ........................................................................ $ 3,300.00
Honor Roll Contributions .............................................................. $ 340.00
TOTAL ................................................................. $ 3,960.00

DISBURSEMENTS:
Interest payments on Life Members at $8.00 each ......................... $ 968.00
Printing LIFE MEMBERSHIP ID Cards ....................................... $ 210.00
TOTAL ................................................................. $ 1,178.00

SUPPLY INVENTORY

Stock Supply of Forms and Medals for sale ................................ $ 9,740.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR - 1987-1988 ....................... $24,497.28

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
Gettysburg National Bank
(Guaranteed and Insured)

C.D. #106685 - $5,000.00 (1 year) at 7.40% interest (General Fund)
C.D. #100614 - $10,000.00 (1 year) at 5.80% interest (GAR Fund)
C.D. #106747 - $22,000.00 (4 years) at 11.03% interest (Permanent Fund)

TOTAL ACCUMULATED ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 1988

General Checking Account No. 6-66106-6-13 ............................ $16,071.02
Certificate of Deposit No. 106685 ................................. $5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 100614 ................................. $10,000.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 14737 ................................. $22,000.00
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TOTAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DECREASE - 117 MEMBERS

DEPARTMENTS REPORTING INCREASES

- Iowa: 9 members
- Maryland: 13 members
- Massachusetts: 3 members
- Michigan: 18 members
- New Jersey: 3 members
- New York: 11 members
- Ohio: 8 members
- Pennsylvania: 25 members
- Rhode Island: 2 members

DEPARTMENTS REPORTING DECREASES

- California & Pacific: 9 members
- Colorado & Wyoming: 24 members
- Connecticut: 3 members
- Illinois: 66 members
- Indiana: 17 members
- Maine: 2 members
- New Hampshire: 1 member
- Vermont: 1 member
- Sherman-Yank Camp No. 65: 4 members
- National Membership at Large: 107 members

TOTAL 92 CAMPS GAINED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1987-1988:

- New York Department-Sydney Camp No. 41, Ithaca: 15 members (Chartered)
- Florida Camp-at-Large #1: 20 members (Chartered)
New Jersey Department-Baxter Camp No. 72, Millville........................................................... 9 Members (Reinstated)

CAMPS LOST DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1987-1988:
Colorado and Wyoming Department: Tipton Camp No. 5, Colorado Springs.................................24 Members
Illinois Department: Four Camps dropped - (Names not reported)..............................................64 Members
New York Department: Norquist Camp No. 64, Mt. Vernon....................................................0 Members
                        Gen Diven Camp No. 77, Elmira..............................................................0 Members
                        Gen. Upton Camp No. 118, Batavia.........................................................0 Members

RECEIPTS

Percapita tax assessment on 2200 members at $5.00/member..................................................... $11,000
Registration fees from 75 delegates at $8.00 each........................................................................... 600
Sale of supplies.................................................................................................................................... 3,000
Auxiliary gift.......................................................................................................................................... 500
Income from permanent fund, savings and investments..................................................................... 3,400
New Camp application and charter fees.............................................................................................. 100
Monthly earned interest on checking account.................................................................................. 600
Uncommitted funds - Membership-at-Large...................................................................................... 300

Total.................................................................................................................................................. $19,500

DISBURSEMENTS

Commander-in-Chief’s expenses........................................................................................................ $1,800
National Treasurer’s expenses............................................................................................................ 900
National Secretary’s expenses............................................................................................................. 900
Purchase of supplies.......................................................................................................................... 3,000
Printing, stationary, postage, telephone............................................................................................ 1,100
Printing and mailing of Proceedings, 1982-1988............................................................................. 4,500
National Encampment expenses......................................................................................................... 250
Transcribing Proceedings.................................................................................................................. 500
The Banner......................................................................................................................................... 2,358
Past Commander-in-Chief’s jewel....................................................................................................... 400
Certified Public Accountant................................................................................................................ 3,592
Miscellaneous..................................................................................................................................... 200

Total.................................................................................................................................................. $19,500

APPROPRIATION FROM THE GAR FUND

Student scholarship award.................................................................................................................... $ 300
Lincoln Memorial ceremony.................................................................................................................. 70
Lincoln Tomb ceremony....................................................................................................................... 400
GAR Remembrance Day.................................................................................................................... 400
Memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines............................................................................................... 25
National Military Department, SVR.................................................................................................... 200
GAR Campfire Program expense....................................................................................................... 400
Fraternal Relations Committee........................................................................................................... 50
Printing of Forms for Contributions.................................................................................................. 100
National Historian expense................................................................................................................ 50
Miscellaneous..................................................................................................................................... 100

Total.................................................................................................................................................. $2,095

(a) As approved by the National Encampment August 17, 1988.

APPENDIX 5. LIST OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.
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1953  l*Albert Woolson       Minnesota

SONS OF VETERANS

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THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90  l*George W. Marks    New York
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PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

*E. Howard Gilkey           Ohio

* = Deceased
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