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The following Proceedings of the 115th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were prepared three 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 was no longer available.

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David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief (1995/1996)

David R. Medert was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 114th Annual National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio on August 12, 1995. Brother Medert is a native of Chillicothe, Ohio. He bases his eligibility in our Order on his great grandfather, Corporal Jacob Medert who enlisted in Company D, 106th Ohio Volunteer Infantry on August 15, 1862, and was honorably discharged June 29, 1865.

Brother Medert served in the 82nd Airborne Division and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and represents his ancestor, Major General Edward Hand of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

He is one of two remaining charter members of the General Joshua Sill Chapter of the Chillicothe Civil War Roundtable, which was founded in 1957 and is still active. He is a member of the First Families of Chillicothe, Ohio; American Legion; a 32nd degree Mason and founder and President of the Hand Family Association of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Brother Medert received an Associate Degree in Psychology at Ohio University and attended several other universities for a variety of subjects. He served 28 years in the Ohio Highway Patrol where he was promoted through the ranks to Assistant District Commander.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1988 and organized the William Dennison Camp #125 the same year with 25 members, and served as its first Commander. The Camp currently has 98 members. He was Ohio Department Commander for two years at which time the number of Camps increased from four active and four dormant Camps to 14 active Camps. Ohio membership has increased from 150 in 1988 to its current size of 432.

Since joining the SUVCW, Brother Medert has brought about 150 new members into the Order. Brother Medert is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and is Editor of the *GUIDON*. He has three generations of his family in the Order and the SVR.

He and his wife, Patricia, have been married for 50 years. Patricia is an historical author, archivist and President of a five-building local historical society. They have six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

**Civil War Ancestors of Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert
Union and Confederate**

Name	Rank	Unit	Country	State	Relationship
Ferguson, Joel M.	Sgt	1st Ark. Regt., Co. B	US	Arkansas	Collateral
Ferguson, Henry H	Pvt	1st Ark. Regt., Co. B	US	Arkansas	Collateral
Osburn, Chilton	1st Lt.	14th Ky. Inf., Co. B	US	Kentucky	Cousin
Medert, Louis	Pvt	106th OVI, Co. D.	US	Ohio	Collateral
Sutton, Allen	Pvt	73rd OVI, Co.	US	Ohio	Collateral
Osburn, Edmund	Pvt	14th Ky. Inf. Co. B.	US	Kentucky	Cousin
Medert, Jacob	Cpl.	106th OVI, Co. D.	US	Ohio	Direct
Cornett, Clark	Pvt	47th Ky. Inf., Co. H	US	Kentucky	Cousin
Ferguson, Joel M.	Pvt	64th Mtd. Inf. Co. F.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Christian, Thomas B.	Pvt	16th Va., Cav. Co.C.	CS	Virginia	Cousin
Christian, Anderville	Pvt	16th Va., Cav. Co .G.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Ferguson, Simpson J.	Pvt.	16th Va., Cav. Co. E.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Osburn, Joseph	Pvt	16th Va. Cav. Co. E.	CS	Virginia	Cousin
Ferguson, George	Pvt	64th Mtd. Inf. Co. B.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Ferguson, Thomas	Pvt.	16th Va Cav., Co. E.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Christian, James A.	Pvt	64th Mtd. Inf. Co. D.	CS	Virginia	Cousin
Osburn, Robert	Pvt	16th Va Cav.,Co. E	CS	Virginia	Cousin
Osburn, Thomas	Pvt	16th Va Cav., Co. E.	CS	Virginia	Cousin
Ferguson, Harvey	Pvt	8th Va. Cav., Co. E.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Ferguson, Henry	Pvt	1st Ark. Regt., Co. D.	CS	Arkansas	Collateral
Ferguson, Joel Martin	Sgt.	1st Ark. Regt. Co. D.	CS	Arkansas	Collateral
Pigman, Campbell	Pvt	5th Ky. Inf. Co. F.	CS	Kentucky	Collateral
Pigman Wilbern	2nd Lt.	5th Ky. Inf. Co. F.	CS	Kentucky	Collateral
Ferguson, Samuel	Pvt.	8th Va. Cav., Co. K.	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Ferguson, Edmund	Pvt	8th Va Cav., Co., K	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Ferguson, Abraham	Pvt	8th Ca. Cav., Co. K	CS	Virginia	Collateral
Osburn, Samuel	Pvt	16th Va. Cav., Co. H	CS	Virginia	Cousin

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
ELECTED AND APPOINTED NATIONAL OFFICERS 1995/1996**

Commander-in-Chief:

David R. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief:

Alan R. Loomis

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief:

Richard D. Orr

Council of Administration:

Robert E. Grim (to 97)

Council of Administration:

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC (to 96)

Council of Administration:

Andrew M. Johnson (to 96)

Council of Administration:

J. Douglas Park (to 98)

National Secretary:

David F. Wallace

Assistant to the National Secretary:

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

National Treasurer:

Charles W. Corfman, PCinC

Assistant to the National Treasurer

Richard D. Orr

National Quartermaster:

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC

Life Member Coordinator:

Richard D. Orr

National Counselor:

Hon. James B. Pahl

National Chaplain:

Rev. Robert G. Caroon, Jr.

National Patriotic Instructor:

David Turpin

National Historian:

Danny L. Wheeler

National GAR Highway Officer:

Alan E. Peterson

National Graves Registration Officer:

Charles Sharrock

National Chief of Staff:

Andrew M. Johnson

Deputy National Chief of Staff:

Clark W. Mellor, PCinC

Washington D.C. Representative:

Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC

National Aide de Camp:

James E. Hilton

National Guide:

Herbert Webb

National Guard:

Douglas E. Smith

National Color Bearer:

Robert E. Grim

National Aide for Protocol:

Richard Greenwalt, PCinC

**National Membership-At-Large
Coordinator:**

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

**Assistant to the National Membership-at-Large
Coordinator:**

Edgar Dowd

National Membership List

Coordinator:

Richard A. Williams

**Assistant National Membership
List Coordinator:**

Kenneth D. Hershberger

**National Camp & Department
Organizer:**

Richard Greene

***Banner* Managing Editor:**

Gregory D. Hayes

***Banner* Assistant Editor:**

Paul D. Huff

***Banner* Advertising Editor:**

Danny L. Wheeler

National Chief of Staff Emeritus:

Norman R. Furman, PCinC

Council of Administration:

Senior Member Emeritus

Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC

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Stephen Jackson
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Constitution and Regulations:

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Hon. James B. Pahl (to '96)
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Forest Altland
Peter F. Kane
Ross S. Dent
Ronald Gill

Lincoln Tomb Observance:

Thomas L.W. Johnson - Co-Chair
Robert M. Graham - Co-Chair
Edward Pree Co-Chair
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Timothy P. Frake

Membership:

Richard D. Orr - Chair
All Department Junior Vice Commanders

Military Affairs:

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC - Chair
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George Shadman
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Forest Altland, Member Emeritus

Program and Policy:

Alan R. Loomis - Chair (to '96)
Keith D. Ashley (to '96)
Robert E. Grim
J. Douglas Park
Ronald M. Aronis

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Dean Speaks
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Life Memberships:

Jason Moore - Chair
George Knell
Herbert Webb

Communications and Technology:

Glenn B. Knight - Chair
Stephen B. Bauer
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National Headquarters Funding:

Gordon R. Bury II, PCinC - Chair
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Stephen Killian, Esq.

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William McMaster, Sr.
Stephen A. Michaels
Karl Schaeffer

Real Sons and Daughters:

Jerome Orton - Chair
Kenneth Butterfield
Stephen Leicht
Adam A. Plante
Robert M Petrovic

Scholarship

Robert E. Grim-Chair
Dr. Gary Dolph
Allen W. Moore, PCinC

Carlisle Barracks

Lester Kern, Chair
Ivan Frantz, Sr
Elmer Atkinson, PCinC

Save Outdoor Sculptures Project

Kent Armstrong - Chair
David Turpin
Danny Wheeler

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The 115th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was called to order by Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert.

Commander-in-Chief Medert appointed PCinC Keith G. Harrison to serve as National Secretary pro tem. until the arrival of National Secretary, David Wallace.

The following National Officers were present:

Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Alan R. Loomis
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr
Council of Administration: PCinC Keith G. Harrison, Andrew M. Johnson, Robert Grim, and J. Douglas Park.
National Secretary, Absent
National Treasurer, PCinC Charles W. Corfman
Life Member Coordinator, Richard D. Orr
National Counselor, Hon. James B. Pahl
National Chaplain, Rev. Robert G. Caroon, Jr
National Patriotic Instructor, David Turpin
National Historian, Danny Wheeler
National GAR Highway Officer, Alan E. Peterson
National Graves Registration Officer, Absent
National Chief of Staff, Andrew M. Johnson
Washington Representative, PCinC Richard C. Schlenker
National Aide de Camp, James E. Hilton
National Guide, Herbert Webb
National Guard, Douglas E. Smith
National Color Bearer, Robert E. Grim
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.
National Membership List Coordinator, Richard A. Williams
National Camp & Department Organizer, Richard Greene
Banner Editor, Absent
National Chief of Staff *Emeritus*, PCinC Norman R. Furman
Council of Administration Senior Member *Emeritus*, PCinC Joseph S. Rippey
National Aide for Protocol, PCinC Richard Greenwalt

Preliminary Credential Committee Report

A total of 114 Brothers are registered (99 pre-registered and 15 Brothers who registered on-site). There are 19 Departments present and represented. There are 81 Brothers present, which includes one Commander-in-Chief, ten Past Commanders-in-Chief, 13 Department Commanders, 22 Past Department Commanders, 30 Delegates and five Alternates.

National Secretary pro tem Harrison reported that the Department of New Hampshire was in arrears for third and fourth quarter per capita tax reports, and that two Camps-at-Large, Arkansas and Georgia, were also currently in arrears. He then reported that there was no delegate present from either of the two Camps-at-large but there was a representative from the Department of New Hampshire and he is a Past Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Medert requested of the National Counselor a decision on the standing of the PCinC from the delinquent Department. National Counselor Pahl indicated that pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Regulations; all PCinCs are automatically members of the National Encampment, and that the National Organization should be issuing credentials to all PCinCs not the Departments. The Commander-in-Chief concurred with the National Counselor's opinion and so ordered the seating of the PCinC from New Hampshire.

Appointment of Encampment Committees and Staff

Resolutions: Robert Grim, Chairman; J. Douglas Park; and Jason Moore.

Ritual Ceremonials: PCinC Richard Greenwalt, PCinC Clark Mellor; and William B. Neal

Officers Reports: Robert Bateman, Chair; Kenneth Hershberger; and PCinC Lowell V. Hammer.

Constitution and Regulations: Standing National Committee (Richard Orr, Chair; PCinC Keith Harrison, PCinC Lowell Hammer, PCinC Joseph Rippey, and; James B. Pahl.

Visitation Committees:

Auxiliary: Elmer Atkinson, PCinC, Keith Ashley, and Ivan Frantz, Sr.

Ladies of the GAR: PCinC Charles Corfman, PCinC Richard Schlenker, and PCinC Norman Furman.

Daughters of Union Veterans - Not Appointed.

Woman's Relief Corps – Not Appointed

Respondents to Visiting Delegations:

Auxiliary: PCinC Richard Schlenker

Ladies of the GAR: PCinC Lowell Hammer

Daughters of Union Veterans - Not Appointed.

Woman's Relief Corps – Not Appointed

Past Commanders-in-Chief Recognition

The Commander-in-Chief recognized the following Past Commanders-in-Chief in attendance with a certificate recognizing their contribution to the Order

Joseph S. Rippey (1963/64 and 1964/65)
Norman R. Furman (1971/72)
Kenneth T. Wheeler (1976/77)
Richard Greenwalt (1978/79)
Richard C. Schlenker (1982/83)
Clark W. Mellor (1988/89)
Charles W. Corfman (1989/90)
Lowell V. Hammer (1991/92)
Elmer F. Atkinson (1992/93)
Allen W. Moore (1993/94)
Keith G. Harrison (1994/95)

Charter and Award Presentations

Commander-in-Chief Medert announced the following annual awards:

Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award for the most outstanding Camp as selected by the Commander-in-Chief: Oliver Tilden Camp #28, Department of New York for their work on Grants Tomb.

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for the most outstanding SUVCW member, as selected by the Commander-in-Chief: Dean Speaks, Department of Kansas.

Best Newsletter Award for the most outstanding newsletter: *The News Walker*, Lincoln Cushing Camp #2, Maryland' edited by Brother James A. McCafferty.

B.F. Stephenson Award for the member who recruits the most new members as reported by the Departments: Brother David Allison with 30 new members. This is a new award established this year.

Linder Award for the Department with the largest growth in numbers: Department of California and Pacific.

U.S. Grant Award for the Department with the largest percentage growth: Department of California and Pacific.

Under Forty Award for the Department with the largest number of new members under 40: Department of Pennsylvania.

Marshall Hope Award for the author of the best *Banner* story: Brother Glenn Knight for his story on Winchester/Cedar Creek.

Commander-in-Chief Medert presented the Department Charter for the Department of Kansas. Four new Camps, Patrick Coyne Camp #1; Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing, Jr. Camp #2; Joseph Gaston Camp #3; and Col John A. Martin Camp #8 comprise the new Department.

Commander-in-Chief Medert turned the gavel and the control of the Encampment over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis.

National Officers Reports

Report of the Commander-in-Chief

STATE OF THE ORDER

On Saturday, April 20, 1996, assisted by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis, I installed the new Department of Tennessee at Jackson, Tennessee that was organized by Charles Yates. The new department consists of three camps.

On Saturday, May 18, 1996, I flew to Fort Myers, Florida and installed the new Department of Florida that was organized by Ronald Bair. The new department consists of three camps.

On July 13, 1996, assisted by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis, I installed the new Department of Missouri at St. Louis that was organized by Steve Leicht. This new department consists of four camps.

At this 115th Encampment I will issue the charter for the new Department of Kansas organized by Dean Speaks. This new department consists of four camps.

Brothers, the organization of four new Departments within one year has not been done in this organization in any of our lifetimes and a round of applause is due for these new Departments and those responsible for their organization.

The following accomplishments have been made during this administration.

1. We have never had an instrument in place to poll the membership for those who would like to work at the Department and National level and to put in place a database listing these members and their expertise.

The Member data form was created and placed in the *Banner* for this purpose and many of you have completed the form and sent it to the National Secretary. This base has been used for appointments and can be used to fill important positions within our Order.

2. With the expansion of our Order and the many problems that are being encountered by our Camps and Departments, I organized the National Legal Staff to assist the National Counselor. I am proud to announce that we now have 11 Brother attorneys

who have volunteered for this position and they have been used in several areas of our country already.

3. A new form #2 has been put in place to replace the old form used for delegates to National and Department Encampments. We now have one form in place of six color-coded forms that were previously used.

4. During the past administration over 20 requests for our two \$1000 scholarships were received. A scholarship committee was formed in this administration consisting of three educators within our Order to study these requests and make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief. A scholarship request form was created to bring us in line with other agencies today. This year we received 67 requests for these scholarships and 21 forms with attached paperwork were received and reviewed by this committee. As a result of their work I have issued the two scholarships. The recipients are as follows:

Thomas D. Giffey of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, who is attending the University of Wisconsin and seeking a career in journalism and political science. His father is a Member of Camp #2 in the Department of Wisconsin. Mr. Giffey placed first in his class of 92 in high school with a grade point average of 4.0 and a SAT score 1470.

The other scholarship award went to Paul J. Hutchinson of Adams, Massachusetts, who is attending Gettysburg College and is a Member of Camp #15 in the Department of Massachusetts. He is majoring in history and placed 10th in his class of 82 with a 3.29 grade average and a SAT score of 1210. He also acts as a guide at the Gettysburg Battlefield.

5. I have created a new recruitment award this year to be known as the B.F. Stephenson award named after the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). This award is to be issued to the Brother that recruited the most new members since the last Encampment. There has also been placed in service a new Department Award for the top recruiter in each Department that has recruited a minimum of seven new Members into the Order during this administration. Nominees for these two awards must come through department secretaries.

6. I have also requested that each Department submit the name of one of their Brothers to act as a regional reporter for their area to the *Banner*.

7. During this administration further advances into the Internet world have been made building on the work done by the previous administration. A new special committee was formed entitled the National Communications and Technology Committee, chaired by Glenn Knight. Due to Brother Knight's expertise and boundless energy, it has expanded far beyond my expectations. We now have our own home page, which has resulted into thousands of requests for information on the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the GAR. It has expanded our recruitment effort in that it surpasses our magazine advertisements.

8. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) newsletter the *Guidon* has been discontinued and is now placed in the *Banner* whereby all members can receive SVR news.

9. The Chief of Staff position has been reorganized and has no banquet function but now supervises all officer reports and reports from all standing and special committees. Andrew Johnson of the Maryland Department was appointed to this position and has done an outstanding job that has made the committee system more efficient.

10. Work was started last fall inquiring into the possibility of a National Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Much work and many meetings have been conducted during the course of the year. The fine points have been ironed out and we have received a contract that will be studied by our legal staff.

11. Certificates were created for the office of Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander and Past Camp Commander that can be obtained through the Quartermaster to recognize those Brothers holding that office.

12. My final trip as Commander-in-Chief was made to Richmond, Virginia on August 1 where I presented greetings from the SUVCW to the National Encampment of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at their 100th National Encampment before an audience of 1,300 members. I was well received by all and there was much support for a 1999-combined event. We must keep the relationship going. I invited the new Commander-in-Chief, Peter Orlebeke, to attend our Encampment.

I have taken part in 59 activities this year, traveled over 15,000 car miles, 4,475 air miles, 1,775 email messages handled, 795 mailings sent and received and over 351 to and from phone calls during the year. One hundred and sixteen members of our Brothers have been recognized this year for their service to the Order.

It has been an honor to serve as Commander-in-Chief during the past year and I wish to thank the membership for this opportunity. I especially want to thank all members of the National Staff for their dedication to the SUVCW. A successful year can only be accomplished through teamwork and dedication. I received 110 percent teamwork this past year.

Recommendations

1. Retain the National Legal Staff;
2. Continue the Member Data Form and place it periodically in the *Banner*;
3. Continue the use of the scholarship form and committee with the proviso that the Commander-in-Chief has the option to accept or decline their recommendations;
4. Retain the B.F. Stephenson Award for the Member obtaining the most new Members in a year;

5. Keep the Chief of Staff position a working position and supervising all reports and committees;
6. Maintain the progress in the electronics field and encourage all nominees for National office to obtain email; and
7. Continue to recognize our Past Commanders at all levels with Certificates of Service.

Many old timers here remember when General Douglas McArthur retired from the military service. He addressed a combined Congress and made his now famous statement that "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." I've got news for you; this old soldier will not fade away but will serve the Order as long as I am able to do so.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
 David R. Medert
 Commander-in-Chief

Activity Report of the Commander-in-Chief

- 8-20-95 Attended the SVR artillery shoot in Athens, Ohio by 1st Ohio Art.
- 9-5-95 Labor Day parade in Canal Winchester, Ohio
- 9-9-95 Wreath laying ceremony for Cpl. B. Morse, Michigan
- 9-9-96 Business meeting with National Secretary Wallace, PCinC Harrison and *Banner* editor Greg Hayes in Michigan.
- 9-13-95 SVR strategy meeting with Lt. Col. Greenwalt and B.G. Corfman at Alliance, Ohio.
- 9-19-95 Testimonial Dinner at Nelsonville, Ohio
- 9-27-95 SUV Camp meeting at Xenia, Ohio
- 9-23-95 Civil War Reenactment at Blennerhasset Island, W.Va.
- 10-7-8 Central Region SUV Conference, Kokomo, Indiana
- 10-10-95 Camp Dennison #125 SUV meeting, Athens, Ohio
- 10-14-95 Testimonial Dinner for Ohio Dept. Com. Jim Hilton
- 10-15-95 SVR living history program at Burr Oak, Morgan Co., Ohio
- 10-29-95 Reception for CinC Medert and LGAR Looker at Wash., C.H.
- 11-4-95 Meeting at Carlisle, Pa with Pa. Dept. Officers.
- 11-11-95 Ceremony at Detroit, MI for Iron Brigade Highway.
- 11-18-95 Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pa.
- 11-19-95 Council of Administration meeting at Gettysburg, Pa.
- 12-7-95 Civil War Roundtable meeting, Chillicothe, Ohio
- 1-9-96 Camp Dennison #125 SUV meeting at Athens, Ohio
- 1-11-96 Installation of Officers at Dennison #1, Columbus, Ohio
- 1-13-96 Ohio Dept. mid winter meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 1-21-96- Civil War Roundtable meeting, Chillicothe, Ohio
- 1-24-96 SUV Camp Casey installation, Washington, C.H., Ohio
- 1-27-96 Installation at SUV Camp Crapo in Lansing, Michigan

2-4-96 Installed new Camp Torbert in Wilmington, Del.
 2-6-96 Installed officers at the Toledo, Ohio Camp.
 2-7-96 Installed officers at the Dayton, Ohio Camp.
 2-8-96 Attended SVR meeting at Athens, Ohio.
 2-10-96 Attended MOLLUS dinner in Washington, D.C.
 2-11-96 Attended ceremony at Presbyterian Church in Wash. D.C.
 2-12-96 Attended Lincoln Memorial ceremony in Wash. D.C.
 2-14-96 Attended the Roundtable meeting at Chillicothe, Ohio
 2-14-96 Attended the Lincoln Day dinner at Camp Dennison 125 Activity Report
 3-9-96 Chaired Council of Administration meeting at Columbus.
 3-26-96 Toured the Ames Sword Co. at New London, Ohio
 3-29-30 Attended the Iowa Department Encampment
 4-9-96 Attended the Camp Dennison 125 meeting at Jackson, Oh.
 4-11-96 David V. and myself installed new SVR unit at Ports. Oh
 4-14-96 Attended 130th ann. of GAR at Decatur, Ill.
 4-15-96 Attended Lincoln Death Day ceremony at Springfield, Ill.
 4-20-96 Inst. new Dept. of Tenn. at Jackson, Tenn.
 4-26-28 Attended Maryland Dept. encampment at Frederic, Md.
 5-4\5-96 Recruited at Mansfield Civil War show, Mansfield, Oh.
 5-7-96 Talk at senior citizens home in Chillicothe, Oh.
 5-11-12 Assisted with annual Artillery school at Chillicothe, Ohio
 5-15-96 Attended Camp Dennison 125 meeting at Athens, Ohio
 5-17-96 Chaired roundtable banquet at Chillicothe, Ohio
 5-18-96 Installed new Dept. of Florida at Ft. Myers, Fl.
 5-19-96 Gave talk at Lions club at Frankfort, Ohio
 5-23-96 Gave talk at Republican club at Chillicothe, Ohio
 5-27-96 Handled Memorial Day service at Chillicothe, Ohio
 6-7\9-96 Attended the Dept. of Michigan encampment at Lansing, Mi.
 6-12-96 Senior Citizen talk at Chillicothe, Ohio
 6-14\16 Attended Ohio encampment at Alliance, Ohio
 6-20\23 Attended the Penn. encampment at Harrisburg, Pa.
 7-6-96 Attended Civil War event at state house in Col., Oh.
 7-12-13 Installed Dept. of Missouri at St. Louis, Mo.
 7-19-20 Attended SVR muster at McConnelsville, Ohio reenactment
 7-28-96 Attended Artillery demonstration at Chillicothe, Ohio
 8-1-96 Talk at SCV national encampment at Richmond, VA.
 8-8-11-96 Chaired the 115th National Encamp. at Columbus, Ohio
 59 activities for the year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Commander-in-Chief's report and to refer it and all subsequent Officer's Reports to the appropriate Encampment Committee; motion passed.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis returned the gavel and control of the meeting to Commander-in-Chief Medert.

***Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and
National Committee on Program and Policy***

Membership Advertisements. Advertisements were placed in eight magazines with nationwide circulation. Four magazines deal directly with historical themes: Civil War, American History or Military History. Three of the eight magazines are the official publications of well-known military hereditary organizations, and the eighth magazine is a nationally known magazine that disseminates genealogical information and data. The advertisements placed in all eight magazines included membership contacts for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

Program and Policy Committee. The Program and Policy Committee attempted to review and update the following list of documents:

War Medal Application,
Form 27-28,
Form 35-37-38,
Guidelines for Camp Secretaries,
Guidelines for Department Secretaries,
Guidelines for Department Treasurers,
Instructions for filing out Form SS-4,
Form for Camps and Departments to obtain names, addresses and telephone numbers of potential members,
List of materials and forms needed by a camp to function, and
Ritual with ceremonies that had been dropped from the 1939 Ritual.

Some of the above documents will be presented for approval at the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, and some will be held over for the Committee to act on during the next administration.

Archival GAR & SUVCW Materials. Based on the telephone contact I had with the Deputy Director of the U. S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks about Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and SUVCW materials stored there, a Special Committee was formed at the March 9th Council of Administration meeting. I assume that a report will be presented at the National Encampment in August by the Committee.

Gun Tubes Removal. After being informed by telephone in April of the sale of two gun tubes from the GAR monument in the old International Order of Odd Fellows cemetery in Marion, Indiana, I gathered information and formed a committee of members in and near Marion. After meeting with the committee, I filed a complaint with the Marion Police Department in order to start an investigation. Recently, the Washington Representative obtained a certified copy (actually five separate documents) of the Deed of Conveyance, which transferred GAR property from the GAR to the SUVCW. These documents were given to the Marion Police Department to verify our claim of ownership. The investigation did verify that the present owner of the cemetery sold the gun tubes, which he said he thought he owned for \$20,000 in order to pay an Internal Revenue

Service bill. The latest information I have received is that the Police Department and the County Prosecutor's Office feel that action should be taken by way of a civil suit since there is difficulty determining that criminal intent was involved.

Recommendations

1. To leave the War Medal Application dates as they currently appear on the application, and
2. To move signatures on the Membership certificate to the right hand corner and to incorporate some minor language changes.

In F., C., & L.,
Alan R. Loomis,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and National Committee on Membership

This has been an extremely busy year for the Office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Through July 20, 1996, 1,511 membership inquiries were answered. One-third of all responses came through the web site. If you add the direct e-mail inquiries more than 55 percent of all requests were received electronically. Inquiries were received from every state, the District of Columbia, five Canadian Provinces, and several other countries. An information packet consisting of a cover letter, recruitment brochure and application form were mailed in response to each inquiry. All inquiries were referred to a Department, Camp-at-Large, Membership-at-Large (MAL) Coordinator or Camp Organizer -- slightly more than 350 mailings. The number of referrals as of July 20, 1996 was as follows:

MAL (241), Maryland (139), Pennsylvania, (127) California & Pacific (107), New York (102), Ohio (99), Southwest (75), New Jersey (74), Illinois (68), Florida (47), Michigan (37), Indiana (36), Massachusetts (36), Connecticut (31), Missouri (28), North Carolina (27), Washington (26), Minnesota (22), Kentucky (20), Wisconsin (19), Colorado & Wyoming (17), Tennessee (17), Iowa (15), South Carolina (12), Arkansas (11), Arizona (10), New Hampshire (10), Rhode Island (10), Utah (9), Georgia (9), Vermont (8), Maine (7), Nebraska (7), New Mexico (4), Montana (3), and Mississippi (2).

In addition to the membership information requests, 438 e-mail and 121 postal mail inquiries for information about the SUVCW, Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), and records of each of these were either forwarded to the appropriate National or Department officer or a direct response provided. Approximately 300 inquiries were forwarded to the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, and the Women's Relief Corps. Altogether more than 2,700 letters/e-mails were sent.

As a result of membership information posted to several forums on the Internet, I was requested to make a presentation to an on-line genealogy discussion group on January 5, 1996. A presentation on the history of the SUVCW, membership requirements, and

our activities was provided. This presentation resulted in a number of membership inquiries.

Based upon very limited data, only approximately 15 percent of eligible inquirers actually join the SUVCW. This rate needs to be improved. The lack of attention to inquiries by a few Departments and some Camps contributes to this low rate. As the year passed, the number of complaints regarding lack of contact from Departments and/or Camps increased. Complaints were received about six departments and one Camp organizer. One department was of particular concern because of the number of complaints. This matter was referred to the Department Commander who took the necessary action to correct the problem. The inability to provide application fee and dues information has a negative impact upon our recruiting efforts. These fees are currently set by each Camp.

I would like to commend Brothers Dean Lamphere, MAL Coordinator of Michigan, Robert Bateman, of Maryland, Ivan Frantz, Jr, Pennsylvania, and Alex Park of New York for their efforts during the year. They processed 40 percent of the inquiries received without one complaint from any prospective member about a failure on their part to respond in a timely manner. I also, would like to publicly acknowledge the invaluable assistance provided by my mother and sister. Without their help the task of responding to the numerous inquiries could not have been completed in an acceptable fashion.

It was an honor to represent the Order throughout the year. Through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, efforts were successful in stopping the dismantling and sale of a GAR monument in Prospect Cemetery, Tarentum, Pennsylvania. This office formed a coalition consisting of Davis * Camp, the local historical society, Allegheny County Board of Commissioners, two Pennsylvania State Representatives, one Pennsylvania State Senator, and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. The combined efforts of this group convinced the cemetery board of directors that the prudent action was to leave the monument intact and forego the \$42,000 that had been offered for the two 1844 shore battery artillery pieces that are part of the monument.

Testimony was provided before the board of supervisors of a small community near Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the request of the president of the board. A developer had purchased a private cemetery that contained 17 Civil War veterans' graves and nine Revolutionary War veterans' graves. Fortunately, the cemetery is in an area zoned as a conservation district. The developer needed a zoning variance to construct his building. The variance was denied based upon the testimony of the office and the Sons of the American Revolution. The denial was upheld upon appealed and now has been appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Recommendations

1. That all those seeking membership be enrolled through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as a MAL. The applicant can then be directed to a local camp or department to which he may transfer. This should improve the number of members obtained from the recruiting program.

2. That a National Aide de Camp be appointed as the National Recruitment Officer to assist the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It is to be understood that this will be a multi-year position to provide continuity similar to that which we have with the MAL Coordinator.

3. That an e-mail address be maintained for the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief on the Web site. This address to remain the same from year-to-year and configured to forward all e-mail to the personal e-mail address of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or the National Recruitment Officer.

Travelogue

August 13, 1995	Post Encampment Council of Administration Meeting Columbus, Ohio
September 8, 1995	Davis * Camp meeting
September 19, 1995	Meeting with Bruno Krsul, Director of Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh regarding the SUVCW National Headquarters
October 13 1995	Davis * Camp meeting
October 21, 1995	Represented Civil War Medal of Honor awardees at the release of the book <i>Allegheny County Medal of Honor Awardees</i> .
October 28, 1995	Principle speaker at the dedication of the <i>Grove of Valor</i> -- a stand of trees planted by the SUVCW, Duquesne Light Company, Allegheny County Office of Veterans Affairs and the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Forestry, Department of Parks in honor of Medal of Honor recipients.
November 3, 1995	Meeting with Stephen Reed, Mayor of Harrisburg regarding National Headquarters
November 3, 1995	Gettysburg Camp #112 reorganization meeting
November 4, 1995	Special Pennsylvania Department meeting to re-write Department by-laws
November 11, 1995	Veterans Day program West View, Pennsylvania
November 11, 1995	114th Anniversary Dinner SUVCW & Davis * Camp
November 18, 1995	Remembrance Day, Gettysburg
November 19, 1995	Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg
December 8, 1995	Davis * Camp meeting
January 5, 1996	Presentation to Internet Genealogical Forum
January 12, 1996	Davis * Camp meeting, installed camp officers
February 9, 1996	Davis * Camp meeting
March 9, 1996	Council of Administration meeting, Grove City, Ohio
April 12, 1996	Davis * Camp meeting
April 27-28, 1996	Maryland Department Encampment
May 10, 1996	Davis * Camp meeting
May 11, 1996	14th Annual Bvt. Major Augustus. P. Davis Memorial Dinner
May 27, 1996	Memorial Day activities Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 30, 1996	Traditional Memorial Day activities Northside Catholic Cemetery, Ross Township, Pennsylvania
June 15, 1996	Ohio Department Encampment
June 20-23, 1996	Pennsylvania Department Encampment
June 21, 1996	Meeting Stephen Reed, Mayor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania regarding National Headquarters
July 12, 1996	Davis * Camp meeting

In F., C., & L.,
 Richard D. Orr
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
 Chair, National Membership Committee

Report of the National Secretary

Based on a review of all submissions received from the Departments and Camps-at-Large:

1. Membership in our order at year-end was 4,802 or a net increase of 583 (13.8%) over 1995.
2. Gross Membership increase during 1996 was 1,477.
3. Gross Membership Loss during 1996 was 894.
4. Departments increased by four with the formation of the Departments of Florida, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee; and
5. A net of 22 new Camps were organized during 1996, representing a 15.1 percent increase over 1995.

Statistical Summary

Membership in our Order increased by a net of 583 to 4,802. This membership increase brought our Order to 96 percent of the goal of 5,000 members set by National Secretary, James T. Lyons five years ago. Of our 35 Departments and Camps-at-Large, nine significantly exceeded the average increase of 13.8 percent for the 1995-1996 year, and they should all be commended for a job well done.

Gross membership gain of 1,477 for the year was primarily centered in the initiation category. This represents 71.3 percent of the total gross increase.

Gross membership loss of 894 was centered in the Drop category, as it has in previous years. This represents 81.7 percent of the total gross loss, and is attributable to the reduction in the amount of time a Camp must carry a delinquent member from 12 to three months. Hopefully, with much of this "deadwood" cleared from the roster, gross membership loss will not continue to represent 50 percent or more of the membership gains made for the year.

Compliance

All required reports and payments have been submitted by all Departments and Camps-at-Large except as noted below. I wish to acknowledge the outstanding job that the

Department and Camp-at-Large Treasurers do in preparing and submitting these reports to the National Organization. Their important contribution to the operation of our Order often goes unrecognized:

The following delinquencies are noted:

1. Department of Connecticut has not submitted 4th Quarter reports, Per Capita Tax payment or Form 49.
2. Department of Illinois has not submitted 4th Quarter reports or Per Capita Tax payment.
3. Department of New Hampshire has not submitted 3rd or 4th Quarter reports, Per Capita Tax payments or Form 49.
4. Department of the Southwest has not submitted 4th Quarter reports or Per Capita Tax payment.
5. Camp-at-Large No. 1 - Arkansas has not submitted 3rd or 4th Quarter reports, Per Capita Tax payments, or Form 22; and
6. Camp-at-Large No. 1 - Georgia has not submitted 4th Quarter reports or Per Capita Tax payment.

Proceedings Update

Three National Proceedings, 1982, 1988, and 1994, were completed and have been printed during this year. They should be distributed to the Delegates of those Encampments shortly, with the remainder being turned over to the National Quartermaster for purchase by the membership. Copies of these Proceedings will also be added to our microfiche collection. A goal of completing and printing 1996, 1995, 1993, and 1992 has been set for this upcoming year. I wish to acknowledge Brother Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, Assistant to the National Secretary, for his diligent work on this project.

Dedications

I have dedicated my service to our Order this past year to the memory of my great great Uncle, Charles Wallace, Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (1862-65), my great great Uncle, Jacob Foglesong, Company C, 49th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (1862-1865), and my cousin, Maj. General Lew Wallace, United States Volunteers.

Many thanks go to Commander-in-Chief Medert for his assistance and encouragement (and listening to me spout-off on more than one occasion). I also want to thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Alan Loomis, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr, and all the members of the Council of Administration for their support and advice. Finally, I want to thank my wife, Susan, and my son, Patrick, for their loving patience and understanding while I've been "on the phone or on-line" these many evenings.

Recommendations

1. Consideration should be given toward the purchase of a full-page scanner for the use of the National Organization. This will greatly assist in the preparation and retention of documents, records and proceedings.

2. Consideration should be given toward determining ways to improve membership retention. This could be an assignment for the National Committee on Membership as outlined in the Job Descriptions.

In F., C., & L.,
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Report of the National Treasurer

Our total financial picture has improved nicely over the past year. Our net assets have increased by \$58,739.93.

However, \$28,268.06 of this came from the Heald estate so we'd like to take credit on our fine financial management, but that bequest doubled it.

Also our high yielding CDs have matured and when we replace some of those high yielding CDs, we're now talking interest rates in the five and half to six percent range.

A National Headquarters fund has been established and we hope to have enough funds to endow both the GAR fund and the National Headquarters fund. Many years of unpublished proceedings has left us with the problem of having to budget for the printing of these proceedings each year even though some of them will not be published in any given year. The transfer of funds would be applied only if more than three proceedings were to be transcribed and published in one year. Otherwise the budget is balanced and we're in good financial shape.

It has been a pleasure serving as Treasurer this year and I thank the membership for extending me the privilege.

Now I'll go into the financial single sheet, which gives the statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances. I think it's pretty well self-explanatory that our assets have increased this year by that \$58,000 and we're in good shape on those.

I presented the budget to the Counsel of Administration to review and make suggestions. I have put in a request for a legal fund, and Council of Administration decided that needed a little more work and discussion before we presented that. So the figures are scratched out here and a new figure written in that we have total income of \$88,340.48 and a expenses of \$88,830 for an excess of \$510 for a transfer of funds to some of the things we have come up with here.

The graves registration committee is a new item. The office expenses I didn't increase over what we actually spent last year. The web page is a new figure. Telephone costs keeps going up, electronic mail and so forth. We had the figure in here for a couple years for microfilming records. We had the money to do it but nobody ever microfilmed the records so now we're purchasing a scanner to do the same thing only on electronic disk. The technology age is catching up with us -- there are better things than microfilm now.

The Budget portion of the Treasurer's Report will be continued until the end of the Encampment.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
AS OF JUNE 30, 1996**

	General Fund	G.A. R. Memorial Fund	Permanent Fund	SR. Vice Commande in Chief's Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Total All Funds
ASSETS						
Checking Account	6,988.15	2,487.45	6,471.24	3,556.32	721.02	20,224.18
Checking Account - Ohio	2,532.87					2,532.87
Certificates of Deposit		69,850.00	49,500.00		15,168.65	134,518.65
Money Market Accounts	45,346.33	12,369.22	5,965.11			63,680.66
US Savings Bonds			15,000.00			15,000.00
Accounts Receivable - Supplies	3.00					3.00
Accounts Receivable - Camp Charter Fees	25.00					25.00
Accounts Receivable - Per Capita Tax	525.00					525.00
Accounts Receivable - Life Membership			500.00			500.00
Accounts Receivable - New Member Applications						0.00
Interest Receivable - CD						0.00
Deposit - National Encampment 1998	100.00					100.00
Inventory	18,861.91					18,861.91
Short-term Investments					15,294.36	15,294.36
Total Assets	74,382.26	84,706.67	77,436.35	3,556.32	31,184.03	271,265.63
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	3,628.87	0.00	96.00	0.00	0.00	3,724.87
Other Accrued Liabilities	1,000.00	1,000.00				2,000.00
Beginning Fund Balance	62,868.11	66,363.38	68,166.84	4,397.98	0.00	206,800.83
Net Income (Loss)	6,885.28	17,343.29	9,173.51	(841.66)	31,184.03	58,739.93
Ending Fund Balance	69,753.39	83,706.67	77,340.35	3,556.32	31,184.03	265,540.76
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	74,382.26	84,706.67	77,436.35	3,556.32	31,184.03	271,265.63

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

GENERAL FUND

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Revenue			
Per Capita Tax	\$ 37,500	\$ 40,510	\$ 3,010
Registration Fee - National Encampment	400	568	168
Sale of Supplies	24,000	24,387	387
Auxiliary Gift	250	250	0
Banner Subscriptions	200	257	57
New Camp Application Fee	100	400	300
Interest Income & Investment Earnings	300	609	309
NMVA Donation	2,000	2,000	0
Transfer of Funds	2,000	0	(2,000)
Reserve Funds	37,383	0	(37,383)
Donations-General Fund	0	28,268	28,268
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>336</u>
Total Revenues	\$104,133	\$ 97,585	\$(6,548)
Expenses			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Natl. Soc'y, Treas. & Quartermaster Exp.	5,500	5,500	0
Council of Administration Per Diem	1,600	419	1,181
Purchased Services	200	0	200
Purchase of Supplies & Inventory Cost	21,500	16,161	5,339
Office Expenses	2,750	2,132	618
Printing of Proceedings	24,000	1,466	22,534
National Encampment Expenses	500	86	414
Transcribing Proceedings	1,000	0	1,000
"The Banner"	10,000	13,516	(3,516)
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel	475	510	(35)
Audit	1,600	1,600	0
Publications Committee	0	0	0
Sons of Veterans Reserve	500	500	0
Transfer of Funds	37,383	37,383	0
Scholarships	1,000	1,000	0
National Encampment Committee	500	500	0
Accounting Fees	1,200	1,200	0
History Book	400	182	218
Bank Charges	40	93	(53)
Telephone	500	829	(329)
Postage & Express Mail	2,450	2,176	274
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>1,000</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>553</u>
Total Expenses	\$119,098	\$ 90,700	\$ 28,398
Net Income		6,886	
Beginning Balance*		<u>62,868</u>	
Ending Balance		\$ <u>69,753</u>	

*Restated to give effect to prior year's audit adjustment of \$841.
SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

G. A. R. FUND

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable) <u>Variance</u>
Revenue:			
Interest Income	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,705	\$ 1,305
National Patriotic Instructor	0	1,957	(1,957)
Transfer of Funds	15,005	15,005	0
NMAT. Donation	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>(20)</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 17,505	\$ 20,747	\$ 3,242
Expenses:			
Student Scholarship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony	75	50	25
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	400	400	0
G.A.R. Remembrance Day	300	290	10
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines	100	100	0
Jefferson Memorial Ceremony	75	56	19
Tomb Unknown Civil War Soldiers	75	0	75
Congress of Patriotic Org.	25	25	0
G.A.R. Campfire Program	400	400	0
Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms	0	0	0
Bank Charges	60	8	52
Special Projects	1,000	1,000	0
Grant Tomb	75	75	0
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 3,635	\$ 3,404	\$ 231
Net Income		17,343	
Beginning Balance		<u>66,363</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 83,706</u>	

Permanent Fund

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable) <u>Variance</u>
Revenue:			
Interest Income	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,841	\$(409)
Life Membership Fees	4,000	7,100	3,100
Honor Roll Contributions	300	537	237
Donation	<u>0</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 7,550	\$ 10,513	\$ 2,963
Expenses:			
Office Expenses	\$ 825	\$ 0	\$ 825
Life Member Payments	1,200	1,328	(128)
Bank Charges	60	11	49
Transfer Funds	2,000	0	2,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,135	\$ 1,339	\$ 2,796
Net Income (Loss)		9,174	
Beginning Balance*		<u>68,166</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 77,340</u>	

*Restated to give effect to prior year's audit adjustment of \$484.

National Headquarter Fund

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Revenue			
Interest Income	\$ 500	\$ 716	\$ 216
Earnings-Short-Term Invest.	2,000	3,080	1,080
Transfer of Funds	27,383	27,383	0
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 29,883	\$ 31,184	\$ 1,301
Expenses			
Bank Charges	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Transfer Funds	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Income		31,184	
Beginning Balance		<u>0</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 31,184</u>	

Head Fund

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Revenue			
Interest Income	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Expenses			
Transfer Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>5,005</u>	<u>(5,005)</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>5,005</u>	\$ <u>(5,005)</u>
Net (Loss)		(5,005)	
Beginning Balance		<u>5,005</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 0</u>	

Sr. Vice C-in-C Fund

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable) <u>Variance</u>	Actual Totals All Accounts
Revenue				
New Member Registration Fees	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,799	\$ 299	
Donations	1,000	757	(243)	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	---
Total Revenues	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,556	\$ 56	\$165,585
Expenses				
Office	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,611	\$(1,411)	
Membership Drive	4,000	3,143	857	
Telephone & Postage	<u>900</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>256</u>	---
Total Expenses	\$ 6,100	\$ 6,398	\$(298)	\$106,846
Net Income (Loss)		(842)		58,739
Beginning Balance		<u>4,398</u>		206,800
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 3,556</u>		<u>\$265,539</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF ASSETS

ASSETS		
Checking Account Pittsburgh National Bank -4160027829		\$ 20,224
Checking Account - Killbuck Savings Bank, Ohio 441773385 - 2.5%		2,533
Certificates of Deposits & EE Bonds (Listed Page 11)		149,519
Money Market Accounts Pittsburgh National Bank		
2302-4224 Permanent Fund		5,965
2302-4232 G.A.R. Fund		12,369
2301-3170 General Fund		45,346
Fidelity Investment Funds - General Fund		15,294
Inventory		<u>18,862</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVENTORY		\$270,112
NET VALUE JUNE 30, 1996		<u>\$270,112</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES 1, 2 & 3 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Note 1 - Organization

The organization was founded in 1881 and was incorporated by an Act of Congress on August 20, 1954. The corporation is exempt from federal income taxes under Code Section 501(C)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of the corporation are: To perpetuate the memory of The Grand Army of The Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to The Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of, our constitutional union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

Note 2 - Basis of Accounting

The Organization's policy, effective July 1, 1995, is to prepare its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting.

Note 3 - Fund Accounting

In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc., the accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose.

- 1.) General Fund - used to collect revenues and to pay the expenses associated with the normal operations of the organization.
- 2.) G.A.R. Memorial Fund - used to collect contributions and maintain monies which finance national projects such as The Grand Army of the Republic Scholarship, The Lincoln Memorial and The Lincoln Tomb Services, The G.A.R. Remembrance Day Observance at Gettysburg, The G.A.R. Campfire Program, and The Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- 3.) Permanent Fund - authorized by Article VIII, Section 1 of the Organization's constitution. The Fund consists of monies that have been or may be given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War Veteran, all monies given or bequeathed to the National Organization and not designated for some other purpose by the donor or testator, and such other monies as may be added thereto by vote of the National Organization or the Council of Administration. Monies given or bequest in memory of a Civil War veteran shall be accounted for under a separate heading as the "Honor Roll Fund." Except as may be provided in the will or donation giving trust funds, no part of the principal of any of the funds covered by Article VIII shall ever be spent. By vote of the National Encampment or of The Council of Administration and subject to the restrictions governing any trust funds, the income of the funds covered by Article VIII accruing in the year in which such vote is passed, or any portion of such income, may be transferred to the General Fund and used for the expenses and purposes of the organization, but any income not so transferred shall be added to the principal.

Note 3 - Fund Accounting-Continued

- 4.) Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund - authorized by Chapter III, Article VI, Section 6 of the Regulations of the Organization. The Fund is to be used for the promotion of the Order (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.)

Note 4 - Inventory

Inventory is presented at cost of \$18,852.

Note 5 - Certificates of Deposit & Eft Bonds

The certificates of deposit of the organization are invested in a national bank and are as follows:

Killbuck Savings Bank				
29509	Permanent Fund	\$ 12,500	03/22/99	5.60%
29518	Permanent Fund	22,000	04/11/99	5.60%
29508	G.A.R. Fund	10,000	03/22/99	5.60%
Pittsburgh National Bank				
31000008995	Hq. Fund	\$ 5,000	06/13/97	4.70%
31800008936	Hq. Fund	10,169	06/13/97	4.70%
31800008935	G.A.R. Fund	10,000	06/13/98	5.35%
31700008882	G.A.R. Fund	5,000	06/13/98	5.35%
0420014931591	Permanent Fund	5,000	06/23/97	3.50%
0420014931592	Permanent Fund	10,000	06/23/97	5.00%
Northwest Savings Bank				
158764	G.A.R. Fund	\$ 15,000	08/23/98	6.14%
158765	G.A.R. Fund	25,000	08/23/98	6.14%
Troy Hill Federal Savings Bank				
107210	G.A.R. Fund	\$ 4,850	01/19/00	7.16%
The Vanguard Group				
9894935007-81	General Fund	\$ 6,548	Int'l. Growth Fund	
9894935007-23	General Fund	8,746	US Growth Fund	
United States Treasury				
*Series EE Savings Bonds				
			<u>ISSUED</u>	
x4579428EE	Permanent Fund	\$ 10,000	01/26/94	4.00%
x4579429EE	Permanent Fund	10,000	01/26/94	4.00%
x4579430EE	Permanent Fund	10,000	01/26/94	4.00%

*Shown at face value. Carried on books at cost (1/2 face value). If held 5 or more years the rate will increase to 4.30%.

Note 6 - Membership

Membership in the corporation is limited by the Act of Congress which incorporated the organization to: male, blood relatives of persons who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, as soldiers or sailors of The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service, and of such state requirements as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States General Officers between the dates above mentioned and were honorably discharged therefrom at the close of such service or who died in such service.

Report of the Banner Editor

During the past year we published four issues of our journal. Significant to those issues were the following points:

1. We have had a steady increase in advertising
2. The timeliness of the publication has improved.
3. The amount of pages was increased.

4. New features were added.
5. Readership satisfaction has increased.

This is my second year of editing our publication. Although the road at times has been rocky, I felt that we have made great strides forward in presenting a quality product to our Brothers. From the amount of mail I receive many in the Order feel the improvements we made have been for the better. One of the brightest spots was a suggestion by you that I implemented in the fall of 1995 issue. Incorporating the *Guidon* into the *Banner* has proven a masterstroke. The SVR gained huge exposure through this move and will probably increase its membership significantly.

For the next year I propose the following goals:

1. Devote one page per issue to the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.
2. Keep deadlines strict for submission of material.
3. Devote ½ page per issue to the Allied Orders.
4. Add an inquiry column for information.
5. Have one to two feature articles per issue.
6. Devote 2 pages to Department news.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Printing and Publication Committee for their help, comments and criticisms. To paraphrase P.T. Barnum "*You can't please all of the people all of the time, but you can please some of the people some of the time.*"

In F.,C., & L.
Gregory Hayes
Banner Editor

Report of the National Quartermaster

As our Order grows so does the work of the National Quarter Master. Since our last National Encampment I have mailed out over 512 supply orders. and 509 Eagle Scout Certificates. This is not including the supplies I sold at encampments and other SUVCW events I have attended.

There were very few problems with supplies this year other than running out of Rituals in the last month. This problem is under control and all back orders will be filled by the time of our encampment.

I now have a stock of the Order's official letterhead on hand available for 10 for \$1.00. There has been a problem with our supplier of Department and Camp Flags to whom I refer our members. I am talking to other suppliers more available to me in hopes of providing better service to our members.

I have lost count of the number of inquires I have received and answered with orders or by mail or telephone and as of late E-Mail, asking questions on both supplies and the

Sons. I know it was over 200. I answer their questions or if I can't, I refer them to the proper source. Members and potential members write they have trouble getting any information on our Order.

I have done a lot of traveling again this year as my wife was elected for her second term. At all the events I take a suitcase with a supply of all our badges etc. to show our membership what they look like and what is available to them. I hope in the future we will have a color print showing all the badges added to the C & R and have it available to members.

Our Eagle Scout program is growing. When I receive a request for a Certificate, I mail the Certificate along with two letters, one to the Scout Master advising him that I can not make the Court of Honor, unless it is in the Philadelphia area, and giving him the name and address of the nearest member of our Order so that he can ask him to make the presentation. The other goes to the Scout congratulating him on his achievement. This is a very good recruiting tool especially if the member making the presentation is in the Civil War Uniform. I have worked with three states this year with a program that is functioning well, and would like to increase this through out our Order. Each of the three States has appointed a member to handle the Eagle Scout program in their state. I supply each with a supply of blank Certificates and Promotion and Advertising Pamphlets. As I receive requests from these states I forward it to them ether by E-Mail or US mail, and them to contact their nearest member to make the presentation. I am certain this will help Camps to increase their membership.

I had the honor of representing the Commander-in-Chief at a number of Department Encampments and events this year and I thank him for giving me this privilege, and my thanks to the Departments for the courtesies extended me.

The Ceremonies at Grant's Tomb on April 28th sponsored by Oliver Tilden Camp #26 of New York were very impressive again this year.

I understand that next year on April 29, 1997 the 100th anniversary of the dedication of Grant's Tomb will be a special event hosted by the Federal Government, with the help of Camp #26. The National Order should take an active part in this.

The list, of the activities I attended this year with my supplies are:

- November 18, Remembrance Day Gettysburg PA:
- February 2. Lincoln Birthday Dinner, Wilmington, Del.:
- February 12, Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C.;
- March 29, Iowa Department Encampment
- April 14—15, G.A.R. Hall, Tuscola: 130th Anniversary of the G.A.R. Milliken University, Decatur; Lincoln Tomb, Springfield;
- April 26. Massachusetts Department Encampment
- April 28. Grant's Tomb. New York;
- May 15. General Torbert Camp. Milford. Delaware:

June 1. Vermont Department Encampment;
June 14. Ohio Department Encampment:
June 21. Pennsylvania Encampment.

Recommendations

1. That the National Organization Contributes the sum of \$200 to the Tilden Camp #26 for a wreath to be placed in the name of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War each year, and make arrangements to take an active part in the 100 year Anniversary.
2. That each Department appoint a member to act as the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. His duties will be to try to find members of his state to present the Certificate at the Court of Honor and if he cannot locate any one he will mail the Certificate. The requests for Certificates and pamphlets will be provided by the Quartermaster.

In F., C., & L.,
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
National Quartermaster

Report of the Life Membership Coordinator

Once again it has been my pleasure to serve as your Life Membership Coordinator. During the past year, 34 new life members were enrolled. Also, a new life membership card and life member certificate were developed. The new card is laminated plastic and will withstand use better than the old paper card. Because of the cost of these cards, we will no longer provide free replacement of the laminated card. Any existing Life member may obtain the laminated card for \$5.00. You will need to prepay the fee and include the name of your ancestor upon whose service you base your eligibility. Only the name of one ancestor can be placed on the new card. Existing duplicate paper cards will be made available as long as the supply lasts. The life membership certificate was developed by the Commander-in-Chief and will be issued beginning with the forthcoming year.

The special committee on Life Membership will have a more extensive report.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard D. Orr
Life Membership Coordinator

Report of the National Counselor

The growth of our order has demonstrated the fact that more attention needs to be paid to our legal obligations. This past year saw the formation of a national legal staff, attorneys from several Departments to assist in the various dilemmas we found ourselves in. The legal staff is working out potential legal issues currently in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Michigan. Legal action against the National Organization was threatened in Rhode Island but prompt response seemed to have doused this

danger. The National Organization was named as a defendant in an action filed by the city of Elgin, Illinois. The matter is progressing along the lines we have desired.

Communications have been attempted with the Internal Revenue Service to change of tax-exempt status 501 (c) (4) to 501 (c) (1). No response has been received as of this report.

An 1897 Digest of Opinions for the Sons of Veterans, USA was located. I've been transcribing this document on disk so it can eventually be available to all Members of the Order and on the worldwide web. I've also started a collection of historical documents, for reference purposes. Most of these are photocopies of original documents contained in the collections of many of our Members. My heartfelt thanks go to all those who contributed. Further contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Several unofficial opinions were rendered throughout the year from various members of the council administration. A few formal opinions were also issued as follows:

Camps and/or Departments Organized Outside of the United States. There has been discussion concerning the organization of Camps outside of the United States. My attention has been drawn to our Congressional Charter, Section 9A which reads "*The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Trenton, New Jersey, or in such other place as may be determined by the council of administration; but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place but may be conducted in various states, District of Columbia, the territories and possessions of the United States.*"

It is my official and legal opinion that the language serves two purposes. First, not to confine the activities of the Order to only the principal office of the corporation but to expand this authorization throughout the United States, etc. But this also serves as language of limitation. Our activities are confined to the various states, the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States. Camp and/or Departments outside of these locations are not legally possible without a change in our authorizing legislation. As a further note I do not believe this prohibits a Member from living outside of the United States. Second side note, military bases are considered United States territory, regardless of where they are located.

The Commander-in-Chief has the authority to make official rulings concerning interpretation of the Regulations of our Order, as he deems necessary to clarify the language of the Regulations. Such rulings are subject to review by the next National Encampment. If that Encampment does not overturn these rulings, then they remain as authoritative interpretations and are binding upon the Order. National Regulations, Chapter III, Article V, Section 1.

During the 114th National Encampment, I was approached by several Brothers concerning the proper protocol in wearing the badges of the Order and also wearing those badges with other badges and awards. The concerns were that many were wearing badges in several different ways and secondly, many appearing as "Russian

Generals,” with a great number of badges being worn. I sought and obtained permission of the Council of Administration to explore this area and make recommendations for change. I therefore propose the following changes to the National Regulations:

Amend Chapter V, Article III as follows:

Section 12. Eliminate this section and renumber Section 13 as Section 12.

Add new Section 13 to read: A member is allowed to wear up to three badges of the Order, which shall be worn on the left breast of the jacket. The following order of precedence shall be followed from the wearer’s right to left; (A) the official membership badge of the Order. This badge is replaced by the appropriate badge of the current office held, Camp Commander, Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief. If the member is a sitting Department or National Officer, then he may wear the appropriate color ribbon with his membership badge. (B) Past Commander’s Badge of the highest past office entitled, i.e. A past Department Commander should only wear the Past Department’s Badge, not both the Past Department and Past Camp Commander’s badges. (C) Bronze War Medal. The Member may wear any one official badge of the Order he is entitled to, without the other badges being present, except the Bronze War Medal, which should only be worn along with one of the other two types of badges allowed.

Add new Section 14 to read: When members wear their membership badge and other badges of the Order, with badges not of the Order, the following order of precedence shall be followed from the wearer’s right to left: Federal decorations, federal campaign medals, state decorations, state campaign medals. Insignia of Hereditary. Patriotic and Veterans societies, foreign decorations, private and miscellaneous decorations.

Add new Section 15 to read: When Members wear their Membership badge and other badges of the Order, with badges of other Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans societies, the following order of precedence shall be, from the wearer’s right to left, according to the recognized date of founding or creation of the particular Order or Society (i.e., for Civil War related organizations, the order, left to right, would be: the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (1865), the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1881), Sons of Confederate Veterans (1896), Order of the Stars and Bars (1938). Other organizations may belong to include the Society of the Cincinnati (1783) and the General Society of Colonial Wars (1893).

Add new Section 16 to read: Badges of the Grand Army of the Republic may not be worn by a Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The only two exceptions are: (a) When the member is actively engaged in a first person impression of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic or (b) A miniature

commemorative reproduction of such a badge of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In F., C., & L.,
James B. Pahl
National Counselor

Report of the National Chaplain

The National Chaplain attended the annual Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Gettysburg, the Ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial, Camp and Department meetings in Connecticut. He will attend the New England Regional Meeting and will preach the Centennial Memorial Sermon at the Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at St. Paul's Church in Richmond, Virginia, on August 1, 1996.

He intends to conduct the Annual Memorial Service for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Columbus, Ohio on August 11, 1996.

In F., C., & L.,
The Rev. Dr. Robert G. Carroon
National Chaplain

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

It is with great pleasure that I report on the activities of National Patriotic Instructor for the term 1995-96. This year has been one of change for the office of National Patriotic Instructor. Last year at our National Encampment, the task of raising funds was taken out of the hands of the National Patriotic Instructor's job description. This was done in order to use the time of the National Patriotic Instructor for instructional purposes as opposed to fundraising. During this year, I have established a program of recognizing citizens who faithfully display our nations flag on an ongoing basis.

This award was established with the approval of Commander-in-Chief Medert in order to show our appreciation as an Order to the citizens of our country. It was to encourage and acknowledge not only their efforts but also to encourage Camp and Department involvement in recommending citizens worthy of this award. This was to help establish contact between our Order and the general public. This much needed exposure, in my thinking, was to reap many benefits for the Order. First, in showing appreciation to the recipient of the award. We are all charged with promoting the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The G.A.R. actively promoted patriotism. We should therefore encourage others to promote patriotic activities.

Second, in making the Order visible to the general public, we have the opportunity to inform the public of the activities and purpose of our Order and the place we hold in the history of the GAR.

As with most undertakings of this nature, response has started out rather slowly. As of the end of June only five awards were made: Mr. And Mrs. Robert Aben, DeWitt, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scharr, DeWitt, Michigan; Mr. Alex Kapitanski, Oceanside, California; Mr. Arthur Kierstead, S. Portland, Maine; and Mr. Loren Schneeberger, DeWitt, Michigan.

I am hopeful that the incoming National Patriotic Instructor will carry on this project and encourage the membership to participate. I feel that as this perhaps becomes one of the on-going awards issued through our Order, more and more requests will be made for the certificates of appreciation.

In spite of the request of the National Organization for donations to the GAR Memorial Fund to be sent directly to the National Treasurer for processing, old habits die-hard. I had the opportunity of receiving numerous contributions to the fund, and forwarded all funds collected to the National Treasurer for deposit.

I feel that the main drawback to sending donations directly to the National Treasurer is in the National Patriotic Instructor not knowing of the total receipts to the fund and the donors during his term. I feel that when someone gives a gift, a thank you note and receipt is only acceptable in return. I made it a point to send a letter of thanks and a receipt to all donors who sent money directly to me for the GAR Memorial Fund.

I recommend that a list of contributors with addresses be supplied to the National Patriotic Instructor on a quarterly basis. This will allow thank you letters to be sent, if that is felt necessary by future Patriotic Instructors.

To all those who sent contributions directly to the National Treasurer, let me take this opportunity to personally thank you for supporting the GAR Memorial Fund. Without the ongoing support of our membership many of the activities that we have grown accustomed to having take place during the year would have to be scaled back if not totally abandoned.

My thanks to all those who have sent me articles and information for my use during my term in office. This has been not only a heart warming experience but also very useful in the discharge of my duties.

My best wishes for a successful term are extended to my successor to this office. I sincerely hope that he finds it as rewarding as I have this year.

In F., C., & L.,
David A Turpin
National Patriotic Instructor

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Report of the National Historian and National Committee on History

I want to thank everyone for his or her confidence and apologize for lack of work from October to June because of illness.

1. I spent a lot of time checking histories, etc. for cyberspace and it was rewarding to have a part in getting our information on line.
2. I sent out numerous letters and information to persons who inquired about their forefathers. It was difficult to research everything. Many people were looking for genealogy, not history of our organization.
3. I have sorted out the Shriver papers from Pennsylvania. It can be computerized if there is someone that wants to do it. I do not have a computer.
4. The history of the G.A.R., Sons of Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in New York can be computerized at anytime. I have it completed.

Recommendation

People from all over the U.S. want information on G.A.R. Posts. They are also seeking information on their forefathers who were members of our organization. I recommend that each department compile this information for their state and submit it to the History Committee for review and submission to the National Historian.

In F., C., & L.
Danny Wheeler
National Historian

***Report of the National Grave Registration Officer and
National Graves Registration Committee***

I have worked with Brother John Mann to get the Graves Registration Program up and running. It will need continual upgrading. We have an excellent beginning and we encourage all Departments and Camps to participate with data collection and feedback on how this program can be improved.

Brother Mann has made some excellent recommendations in his report. He has made references to resources that are available to assist us in gathering information to complete Graves Registration forms and to answer inquiries.

It is rewarding to learn of the interest generated by the Graves Registration article in the Spring *Banner*. I anticipate even greater response after the printing of the summer and fall articles in the *Banner*. I enthusiastically support Brother Mann's recommendation

that the National Graves Registration Committee have a 'how to' column in the *Banner* which may even include "Q&A" from interested parties.

I have ordered and received 30 government headstones for Civil War Veterans' graves at Riverside Cemetery in Denver. This is all manual work. I dug out the old headstones and set the new ones all by myself, which takes many hours. I ordered at least another 20 headstones.

I have answered many letters of inquiry about Graves Registration and have traveled hundreds of miles in and about Kansas recording Civil War Veterans' gravesites.

I have encouraged the development of a program at Ft. Lyon National Cemetery in Ft. Lyon, Colorado for a memorial section. I have ordered 10 memorial headstones for Civil War Veterans who died around Ft. Lyon during 1863-65.

I have enjoyed being the National Graves Registration Committee Chairman for the past two years and I look forward to working with the new Committee Chairman.

In F., C., & L.,
Charles E. Sharrock, Chair
National Graves Registration Officer
National Graves Registration Committee

Report of the National GAR Highway Officer

I have sent letters to all department commanders in the states where the GAR highway is present to remind them to appoint a G.A.R. highway officer and to submit his name to the National G.A.R. Highway Officer.

Massachusetts - No problems
Rhode Island - No report
Connecticut – No problems
New York – G.A.R. highway sign was dedicated, and additional signs are to be erected
Pennsylvania – No problems
Remaining states - No reports

Recommendations

1. The Commander-in-Chief reminds each department to appoint a Highway Officer for two years.
2. Request a nationwide search be conducted to locate a manufacturer who will furnish signs at a reasonable cost.

In F., C., & L.,
Alan E. Peterson
National GAR Highway Officer

Report of the National Chief of Staff

It has been a pleasure serving on Commander in Chief David R Medert's staff for the past very active year. The year past was the first (at least in recent history) in which the Chief of Staff was asked to perform the traditional duties of that office. Shorn of its ceremonial trappings, I have tried to make the office of the Chief of Staff center on coordinating the actions of the appointed staff I think we have had some success in this attempt.

I have answered questions, provided staff advice and channeled the reporting of the appointed staff. They report, not to me, but through me to the Commander in Chief. My job has been to assure that the reports are made and that they are summarized for presentation to each meeting of the Council of Administration (COA).

I have received excellent cooperation from the appointed staff. They, of course, know that when I ask them to report or take action, it is because you need and expect the report or action. Regular reporting requirements remind us all that reportable action is expected and that it needs to be accomplished throughout the year.

Each Commander in Chief will have his own ideas on how to use a Chief of Staff .The Job also may change as the size of the SUVCW increases. As we consider opening a permanent National Headquarters, it is conceivable that an "Executive Director" manning the headquarters might be the person to perform the Chief of Staff job as well as some of the functions of the Secretary and Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Whatever the future may hold, it has been a rewarding year for me. I submit this report to you and the brothers in,

In F., C., & L.,
Andrew M. Johnson
National Chief of Staff

Report of the Washington Representative

Commander-in-Chief Medert, your servant was pleased to answer the call to serve the National Organization in this capacity as did my ancestor, Daniel Schlenker, who responded to the call of his regiment in 1862 and as did my father, Raymond Schlenker, respond to the call of his Camp of SUV in 1916.

While our Congressional Charter requires us to have an agent in the Washington, DC area, we are pleased to report there were no demands made upon us by that august body. Numerous inquiries and requests were made by members of our organization and at all times we tried to be helpful.

Living in the land of pomp and ceremony has provided many opportunities to represent our order. There were twenty five such occasions and were of varied nature including ceremonials, commemorations, meetings, dinners, receptions, balls, etc. Some of the

more memorable being the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials; the National Capitol; the Arlington and Congressional Cemeteries; the national convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans events. Probably the most meaningful was the third annual re-enactment of the original Memorial Day held by the Grand Army of the Republic on May 50, 1868, which re-enactment is produced and directed by my home camp, Lincoln—Cushing in Washington, DC and which is always held on May 30. What a pleasure it is to have such an active camp of one hundred and seventy members who also serve as Washington Representatives.

Participating with the Washington Representative of our National Auxiliary in presenting twenty Civil War oriented programs in period dress afforded us much opportunity to bring our Orders to the attention of many varied groups. On most of these occasions there was good print media publicity in the Washington environs, both civilian and military.

It is a pleasure to record here the fact that the microfiche project of copying our past National Proceedings has been completed and all have been rebound and are stored for delivery at such time as they are required at a permanent National headquarters.

Over the past several years we have also been collecting old issues of the *Banner* that would also be useful in the library of a national headquarters. Our collection at the Library of Congress has proven to be woefully inadequate and our particular need is copies from the first third of this century when the *Banner* was of tabloid size and issued monthly.

In recent years we have heard of many challenges to our rights as heirs of all G.A.R. property and records. In some cases photocopies of the 1954 Deed of Conveyance and subsequent Judgements by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia have been helpful. Recently several cases have gone or are going to litigation and certified copies of these documents have been required. We would be pleased to share with any who need such certified documents the procedure for obtaining them.

The many hours spent on behalf of our beloved Order are given in gratitude for what our ancestors preserved for us, a grand and glorious nation. Brothers, let us all strive to keep it that way.

Recommendation

That the National Organization, SUVCW present floral tributes on Memorial Day, May30 at the annual re-enactment of the original 1868 GAR ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and at the Confederate Memorial at Arlington in early June when invited.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Schlenker, PCinC
Washington Representative

Report of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

In this, the 22nd year of the Membership-at-Large (MAL) program, I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert and the Council of Administration (CoA) for appointing me to the office of the MAL Coordinator for the second and last year.

When I accepted the office in August 1994, the last quarterly report for the MAL listed 338 Members. In the last two years, while the office of the MAL has been in my care, 245 Members have been brought into the Order. In addition to the previously mentioned increases, 112 MAL Members were transferred into our newly formed Camps and Departments during the last two years. When Brother J. Douglas Park handed over this office to me, he had 13 Camp Organizers and five Camps-at-Large with whom he was working. Over the course of the last two years the number of Camp Organizers reached a high of 26; of that number five are left working on Camp formations, representing an 80 percent success rate of our Camp Organizers in forming Camps. Overall, the following activity has been recorded:

10 August 1995 - 21 July 1996

Beginning Membership = 376

LOSS		GAIN	
Death	0	Organization	0
Drop	64	Initiation	104
Honorable Discharge	0	Transfer	9
Transfer	78	Reinstatement	17
Total	144	Total	130

Total Membership transactions = 274

Ending Membership = 363

Inquiries processed through Nat. MAL office = 287

Number of inquiries who joined = 31 (this is a 10.8% rate for inquiries to join)

The inquiries for the most part came from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. An additional 26 inquiries came from Brother Alan Loomis' administration as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

In an effort to assist this office, Brother Orr began sending inquiries directly to the Camps-at-Large and Camp Organizers. This has been a helpful process to this office and I hope that it can be continued.

The MAL has been very active in promoting and working with National Camp and Department Organizer Richard Greene and Camp Organizers throughout the nation. Without interfering with Brother Green's report, it has been busy and without the efforts

of our original list of Camp Organizers, the formations that we have seen over the last two years would not have been possible.

Item for the CoA to Consider. Again as a reminder, I would request the CoA's assistance in supporting the National MAL by adding an additional 50 *Banner* copies to the printing requirements for each issue. These *Banners* are used in the new membership packets and reinstated members. I have been receiving them regularly and wish for this to continue.

This has been a very challenging year. In closing, I would like to thank the Council of Administration for their support and encourage them to support my replacement in the same way. I would like to thank PCinC Keith G. Harrison and Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert for their support of me in this role.

I am pleased, and in keeping with my predecessors' tradition, to present the CoA the enclosed check, in the amount of \$2000.00, representing a contribution from the MAL to the National Organization. I respectfully request this contribution be dedicated fully to the purpose of purchase equipment necessary to support a virtual National Headquarters. I would also recommend that this be used to complete the purchase of the computer that was discussed and approved last year and a printer.

Thank you again for the opportunity to have served the National Organization.

In F., C., and L.,
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Report of the National Membership List Coordinator

One of my primary functions is to maintain the mailing list for the National Organization. I took on this responsibility in the fall of 1993 and immediately took on the responsibility to computerize the mailing list and add additional features to the database that should be of interest in the Organization. Such items as Camp Officer positions, Department Officer positions, life number, home and office phone numbers, member status (regular, associate, dual, etc.) were added to each person's record.

We also created a table of information for each Department and Camp. Each table held specific information for each entity.

1. For Departments, we keep the month they hold their Encampment, the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and when the Department sent in their last officer update.
2. For Camps, we keep the Department and Camp number, Camp name, Camp city, charter date, Camp EIN, meeting frequency, meeting time, meeting location, Camp initiation fee, Camp annual dues and the last time officers were updated.

The database was created in a dBase III format (standard set by the Computer Standards Special Committee, last year). More recently, the database was imported into *Microsoft Access*. It still can be exported to a dBase III format to meet the standards previously set for communicating with other members in the organization.

The use of *Microsoft Access* provides for a better means of producing reports, providing screens for the casual user to use, provides a windows interface, and allows for a better means of editing current and future data.

The new data base format in *Microsoft Access* is set up such that the Department data can be extracted easily for a Department and the same forms, editing and reports produced for the National Organization can be used for the Department. The same capability is also extended to the Camps.

Data can easily be selected for displaying on the screen or in reports or label by: a partial last and first name; Camp Office, Department Office, Camp Officers, Department Officers, Camp Roster, Department Roster, Life Number, Camps within Departments; etc. The number of possibilities for getting information is large.

Such items as Camp EINs or Department EINs only need to be entered once and the data can be printed or displayed on the screen at any time.

We also instituted a mailable/non-mailable flag. When returns from the Post Office are sent back to me, I either make the address change or mark the member's records as non-deliverable and notify the Department Secretaries.

Data base updates are performed from data provided by the National Secretary. Camp Secretaries report additions, deletions and address changes to the Department Secretary who in turn report those changes to the National Secretary. On occasion, Camps and Departments correspond directly to me. All data received is reviewed carefully and recorded in the National database.

Information on Camp Officers and Department Officers are taken from reports sent in to the National Secretary by the Department Secretaries who in turn should include those updates in the first quarter's report to the National Secretary.

It should be the goal of this Organization to have up-to-date information so the correct people can be contacted. We do have the capability to produce labels of all Camp Commanders (or any office for that matter) for any Department. Perhaps, a set of mailing labels would be useful to Department Commanders for communicating by mail.

The information is as only good as the people supplying the information. Quite frankly I find 27 percent of Camps reporting officers unacceptable.

Mailings: We mailed four issues of the *Banner* and a special mailing to the Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS). The SOS printing and mailing were totally paid for by SOS.

We did not request address corrections from the U.S. Post Office during the past year. In a special mailing for SOS, we did ask for address corrections. We found approximately 4 percent of the members either moved and had a new address or moved and left no forwarding address. Most of those changes were not reported through the normal reporting to the National Secretary. They were reported the each Department Secretary.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Williams
National Membership List Coordinator

Report of the National Camp and Department Organizer

Great progress has been made in the past year. Tennessee and Florida formed Departments. Kansas moved a seat in department status and is now a full department. Last year we had 14 Camps-at-Large. We're doing things that we haven't done before. The big thing is the Internet. I really hope we continue to cultivate it and make good use of it. As we have went from serving six organizers up to 54,

I recommend that we add some aides. It's too much of turnaround time than we can respond to.

Another suggestion is to improve the process of getting new members names out of the maze. It takes months to get a name through the system. It has a lot of tradition and charm but it needs to be more efficient.

We need to do a better job of getting names on the list for the *Banner*. Its chronic and its constant.

My last suggestion would be to do a better job equipping departments to handle organizing departments. They need more help from national.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Greene
National Camp & Department Organizer

Report of the Banner Advertising Editor

We now have advertising rates set up in the *Banner* and an advertising section. We have had some advertisers in the *Banner* and I believe as of the last *Banner*, it should start to pick up.

I am preparing a cover letter to be sent out to various businesses that advertise in *Civil War News*, etc., and hope that we can pick up more. I have talked to people in Texas,

Florida, etc., at my expense, in hope of picking up more advertising for the good of the Order.

One recommendation; that we pick four people from different sections of the country (e.g., North, South, Midwest, etc.) that could work in their areas and send completed work to the Advertising Editor for the *Banner*.

In F., C., & L.,
Danny Wheeler
Advertising Editor

Report of the Aide-de-Camp

I traveled to Flint, Michigan, and throughout Ohio and Illinois. I attended the meeting regarding the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Illinois. I also attended the ceremony in Decatur and the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th, and went to Richmond, Virginia.

In F., C., & L.,
James E. Hilton
Aide-de-Camp

Report of the National Guard

As National Guard, I assumed my post and fulfilled my duty at the National Encampment on August 8-11, 1996 in Columbus, Ohio.

1997 National Encampment Arrangements. My committee, composed of representatives from three of the most promising convention areas in New York State, met with PCinC Charles W. Corfman, Chair of the National Encampment Site Committee, each provided tours of their proposed facility for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Allied Orders 1997 National Convention.

I am pleased to advise you that Brother Corfman has subsequently advised me that the Radisson Hotel - Utica Centre will be contracted for this event.

Reasons for the selection of Utica included: its central location, the support for the location among all the Allied Orders within New York, cost for accommodations were lower than at Albany, and the facilities were large and accommodating.

At the New York Department Encampment held in Syracuse earlier this month, a motion was passed to also have the 1997 State Encampment in Utica, so as to be better prepared for the National Encampment.

In F., C., & L.,
Douglas E. Smith
National Guard

Report of the National Guide

It has been a pleasure to serve. Thank you very much.

In F., C., & L.,
Herbert Webb
National Guide

Report of the National Color Bearer

(No Report)

Report of the National Aide for Protocol

I am always happy to serve our Organization and its Officers.

Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert and I have talked together on several occasions this year. When he asked me for my opinion on matters pertaining to our Organization, I gave what I considered to be what I felt was best for the Organization and its future.

On Saturday, 20 April 1996, with PCinC Charles Corfman and our wives, I attended the funeral for the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Irene Looker, at Washington Court House, Ohio. We represented the National Organization and expressed our condolences to the family. One of her sons, Robert Grim, is a member of the National Council of Administration.

In F, C, & L.,
Richard Greenwalt, PCinC
National Aide for Protocol

Additional Award Presentations

The Commander-in-Chief presented two more awards. Both awards were for Meritorious Service, which according to the C & R mean duties over and beyond what is expected of our Members. The first award was presented to Bradley McGowan, Iowa Department, who raised over \$40,000 towards restoration of state Civil War monument in Des Moines.

The second award was presented to Elmer F. Atkinson who salvaged a Pennsylvania Department Camp, pulled from financial and physical ruin the Grand Army of the Republic Museum in Philadelphia, puts out over 500 Eagle Scout Awards per year and currently serves as our National Quartermaster and on numerous National Committees.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Bradley McGowan and Elmer F. Atkinson to wear a 1/2 inch gold star on their membership badges; motion passed.

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Communications

A motion was made and seconded that all communications would be referred without debate to the proper Encampment Committee; motion passed.

Correspondence: From Daniel F. Lisarelli, Edward Lee Camp, Department of South West, Camp Groce Monument, concerning headstones. Propose one single monument be erected. Buy four to six more acres at Camp Groce. Asks for additional funding of Camp Groce to erect monument, repair tombstones, and purchase more land.

Communication: General George White, Camp #22, California, request for funds, for major restoration of memorial, want to purchase additional trees to replace missing trees. They want to plant additional trees.

Communication: Alan Moore, Past Commander-in-Chief, ref. monument in Indiana, dedicated in 1911, stone monument of two civil war veterans and cannons. Cemetery owner sold cannons in March. Wish to get the cannons back. Request money for court and legal fees. Asking for assistance.

Communication: New Jersey Department request assistance for 1873 statue to be returned to the cemetery where it belongs. They ask for support by sending a letter of support and help from national legal counsel. National cemetery administrators are not responding to problem. Legal issue is as stake.

National Standing and Special Committee Reports

A motion was made and seconded that recommendations contained in the Committee reports be voted on *ad seriatim* with passage at the sound of the gavel; motion passed.

National Committee on Programs and Policy

1. To leave the War Medal Application dates as they currently appear on the application. **Encampment Concurred.**
2. To move signatures on Membership certificate to right hand corner and to incorporate some minor language changes. **Encampment Concurred.**

National Site Encampment Committee

Your National Site Committee has been hard at work. We now have contracts with hotels for National Encampments through 1999:

Aug. 8-10 1997, Radisson Hotel, Utica, New York

Aug. 7-8 1998, Ramada Inn, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Aug. 20-22 1999, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana

We have been assisted by Janice Corfman, PNP of the Ladies of the GAR, and Frances Murray, PNP of the Auxiliary. We have met with the local site committees in New York and Pennsylvania, and helped them to select the hotel for the National Encampment.

In Indianapolis, the only hotel that can handle our group, with the possible additional Orders, is the Adam's Mark. Barry Cockrum, the manager, has been very cooperative. Our contract states that we will be there; he will have rooms, and will treat us right on price.

For the last several years, our National Encampments have been held in the Midwest. As our membership expands in numbers, and in area, we urge Departments in areas such as New England, Maryland, Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, or Wisconsin to consider hosting a National encampment. Their members should have a chance to attend a National Encampment without having to travel a long distance.

Recommendation: That the budget be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for the local committee Encampment expenses. **Encampment Concurred.**

Charles W. Corfman, PCinC, Chair
Dr. Gary E. Dolph
Andrew M. Johnson

National Committee on Legislation

Greetings. Your committee, appointed to study legislation and public policy of interest and concern to members of our Order, begs leave to submit the following Report to you and through you to the officers and delegates attending the 115th Annual National Encampment

Protection for our Flag – The United States Senate in December 1995, voted 63 to 36 in support of an amendment to the Constitution that would have empowered the Congress to enact legislation aimed at protecting our flag from acts of physical violence. However, the measure fell three votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass an amendment and send it to the states for ratification. The final vote came several days after the debate was begun and a number of alternatives had been considered.

A proposal authored by Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) would have barred desecration by statutory means rather than changing the Constitution. It was defeated by a vote of 71 to 28. A second proposal offered by Senator Joe Biden (D-DE) would have removed the word "desecration" from the proposed language and inserted "burn, mutilate, or trample" to describe prohibited acts. Senator Biden felt that this measure offered protection for the flag in a more specific sense than the use of the word desecration was designed to do. Critics of the Biden proposal said it attempted to

legislate through the passage of a Constitutional amendment. The Biden Amendment lost by a vote to 93 to 5.

In an effort to make the proposed amendment more acceptable, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), chair of the Judiciary Committee and principal sponsor, removed the authority of the States to pass legislation on the subject of flag protection, thereby giving the Congress the sole jurisdiction to enact a flag desecration law. The language of the amendment that the Senate finally voted on read as follows:

“The Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.”

The sponsors of the amendment, Senators Hatch, Howell Heflin (D-AL), and Diane Feinstein (D-CA), reasoned that if the power to pass flag protection laws was limited to the Congress, it would eliminate the argument that state legislatures could enact a patchwork of laws that might be more restrictive than Congress had intended. The flag is a national symbol. Congress has enacted a Flag Code to govern its use and display. Therefore, why should not Congress reserve to itself the power to protect it? But that alteration in wording was not enough to enable its sponsors to garner the requisite 66 votes.

This matter has been laid to rest in the 104th Congress. But it will be considered again in the 105th Congress when that body takes office in January 1997. The subject has been a principal topic of this annual report since at least 1989, the year of the Supreme Court's decision in *Texas v. Johnson* in which a majority of the Court struck down a Texas statute designed to protect the flag from physical abuse on grounds that it violated the First Amendment.

Shenandoah Valley National Battlefield – Long-time supporters of legislation to protect battle sites in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia were heartened last fall by House passage of H.R. 1901, co-sponsored by Representatives Tom Bliley (R-VA), Frank Wolf (R-VA), and Robert Scott (D-VA). The measure attracted bipartisan support and nearly 400 votes on final passage.

Attention has now shifted to the Senate and a companion bill, S. 305. Hearings were held this spring by the Subcommittee of Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation. Senate sponsors are Virginia Senators John Warner (R) and Charles Robb (D), and Senator James Jeffords (R-VT). It is possible that S. 305 will be called for floor debate before the 104th Congress adjourns this fall.

Members are urged to contact their Senators in support of this legislation. An explanation of this bill's provisions was contained in the 1994-95 annual report of the Committee on Legislation. Briefly, both House and Senate bills include provisions for the preservation of some 12 key sites and recognize the need for involvement of local units of government as well as private landowners. The Shenandoah Valley National

Battlefield Partnership Act is conceivably a model whose provisions could be adopted for inclusion in other preservation efforts.

Returning Memorial Day to May 30 - Representative Dan Frisa (R-NY) has introduced H.R. 2603 to return the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30. Co-sponsors are fellow New Yorkers Michael P. Forbes (R), Sue W. Kelly (R), and Gerald Solomon (R). Representatives Robert Dornan (R-CA) and Bob Barr (R-GA) are also co-sponsors. The measure has been referred to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and to Judiciary. A bill with a similar intent although containing different provisions, S. 77, was introduced in the Senate in January 1995 by Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HA).

Status of Monuments and Memorials – Concern has been expressed about the condition of our national monuments and memorials not only in the Washington, DC area, but also across the country. National Park Service officials estimate that over one-half of the 3,500 outdoor sculptures, statues, and monuments are in either fair or poor condition. The Park Service budget is about \$1 billion with roughly a third of that amount devoted to maintenance of some 368 national parks and thousands of buildings, gravesites, statues, and monuments. Examples of unbudgeted needs abound. The Saratoga Battle Monument in New York State needs \$1.8 million worth of restoration work. The Mississippi State Memorial at Vicksburg National Military Park needs \$1 million in repairs, but the operating budget for the entire 1,700 acre park is only \$1.3 million. The plight of the U. S. Grant National Memorial in New York City, which contains the remains of our 18th President and his wife, is well known. Although the Congress did approve \$3 million for restoration work, that amount was later reduced to \$1.3 million.

The Chief Historical Architect for the Park Service, Randall J. Biallas, has stated that maintenance funds are usually earmarked for sites that attract a large volume of tourists in contrast to historically significant sites that may be less popular or isolated. Many outdoor sculptures are made of materials unsuitable for the climatic factors associated with their location. Others have been victims of benign neglect from as far back as World War II when manpower and other resources were channeled to the war effort.

H.R. 1174, the Grant's Tomb National Monument Act, introduced by Representative Jerald Nadler (D-NY), languishes in a House subcommittee.

H.R. 3248, introduced by Representatives Terry Everett (R-AL) and Lane Evans (D-IL), would authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to enter into arrangements for the repair and long-term maintenance of war memorials under the care of the Commission. Those facilities are separate from those maintained by the Park Service.

A measure to authorize the construction of an interpretive center at the site of the Battle of Corinth in Mississippi, S. 610, was reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 7, 1996. The bill is sponsored by Senator Trent Lott (R-

MS). Last year the Interior Department was recorded in opposition to the project, citing the cost involved and the proximity of the Shiloh Military Park.

National Park Service Protected – In September 1995 the House of Representatives considered H.R. 260, a bill to authorize creation of an 11-member commission to review and evaluate the system of national parks to determine where funds should be spent. The measure as presented was voted down by a tally of 231 to 180. But the sponsor of the bill, Representative James Hansen (R-UT), attempted to attach the provisions of the bill to a budget reconciliation measure. After hearing many objections, the Hansen proposal was removed from the reconciliation package. In the opinion of many veteran observers, the idea of creating a commission to oversee the development and maintenance of the Park Service was unnecessary and represented a step backwards in the application of sound public policy.

Movement for Official English – With the United States now having the highest percentage of foreign-born persons in its midst since 1940, there are renewed efforts in Congress to declare English as the official language and require the federal government to conduct its official business in English. A bill sponsored by the late Representative from Missouri, Bill Emerson, and more than 200 co-sponsors, received a hearing last fall in a House Education subcommittee. Supporters of the measure believe its passage would spur immigrants to learn English so as to enable them more fully to participate in the economic and social life of their communities and the nation. The Emerson bill does not speak to the question of the need for bilingual education. But Representative Toby Roth (R-WI) has introduced legislation to abolish federal aid for bilingual education and provisions in the Voting Rights Act that makes bilingual ballots a necessity.

Critics of these measures and others like them contend that they are not needed and claim that supporters of English Only legislation are pandering for votes. They say the federal money for bilingual education resulted from requests from the states after the Supreme Court had decreed that non-English speaking children were entitled to equal opportunity. They argue that efforts to make English this nation's official language is an example of "shameful immigrant bashing." Some people of Hispanic origin, for example, believe that English language laws represent attacks on their culture.

Recommendations for 1996-7 – Brothers are urged to give consideration to the issues discussed in this report as well as other measures that may come to their attention and convey their views to their elected officials as appropriate. The following recommendations are offered on behalf of the Committee on Legislation for the review and support of the delegates at this Encampment.

Recommendations

1. We urge support for H.R. 1091 and S. 305, which would establish 12 Civil War sites as apart of the Shenandoah Valley National Battlefield Park and effectively double the size of the Richmond National Battlefield. **Encampment Concurred.**

2. We urge support for H.R. 2603 and S. 77, which would restore federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30. **Encampment Concurred.**

3. We urge support for H.R. 1774, which would provide for the long-term maintenance and protection of the tomb of our 18th President, U. S. Grant. **Encampment Concurred.**

4. We urge recognition by the Congress of a strategy designed to raise public and private funds for the restoration of many existing memorials and outdoor sculptures of historic significance that have been entrusted to the care of the National Park Service. **Encampment Concurred.**

5. We urge that appropriate measures be taken to ensure the protection of our flag from mutilation or wanton destruction. **Encampment Concurred.**

It is a privilege to have been associated with Brothers Forest F. Atland, Ross S. Dent, Ronald Gill, and Peter F. Kane as fellow members of the Committee on Legislation and to have been able to serve our National Organization in this manner during the 1995-96 year.

In submitting this report, your Chairman completes 29 years as the chair and spokesperson for this committee. First appointed by the late Commander-in-Chief William Haskell in 1967 to succeed the late Charles A. Brady, Jr., I have had the honor to be re-appointed by every successive Commander-in-Chief. Looking back, it has been an interesting assignment because one was always learning something new that was worth reporting to our members. I have considered my role to be one of providing information on matters that affect issues that are of concern to a patriotic organization. In my first year, 1967-68, the Uniform Holiday Act was passed which relegated Memorial Day to the last Monday in May beginning in 1971. Studying the congressional hearings on that measure that were held at the time, it became obvious to me that the major veterans organizations were asleep at the switch in failing to present testimony regarding the significance of the dates of the four holidays included in the Act (Memorial Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and Washington's Birthday). The lesson it taught was that we cannot expect others to fight our battles and represent our interests. Perhaps the Uniform Holiday Act would have been enacted regardless, but the fact that veterans and patriotic organizations were not well represented at the hearings was most unfortunate. To paraphrase a famous quotation, "Eternal vigilance is the price we pay for good legislation."

In F., C., & L.,
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chair
National Committee on Legislation

National Military Affairs Committee

The Committee, working along with the Commander-in-Chief and the Chair of the National Committee on the Constitution and Regulations (C & R), Richard Orr, has

agreed to changes in the C & R governing the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). These changes will be voted on at the 115th National Encampment.

The SVR has completed an up-to-date roster of all the members of the SVR and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Camps where they are members. The SVR Adjutant General has told me that the strength of the SVR should be over 500 by the National Encampment.

As Chair of the Committee, I have checked over the Regulations pertaining to the National Military Department and the Standard Operating Procedure and made the necessary changes to bring the latter document in agreement with the C & R. Copies of these changes have been mailed to all the Committee members and will be voted on at the National Encampment.

The SVR, under the Command of General Charles Corfman working with the Committee, has made the necessary changes to ensure that the SVR will continue to grow along with the SUVCW.

In F., C., & L.,
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Chair
National Military Affairs Committee

Report on the Commanding Officer, SVR, to the National Committee on Military Affairs

Membership in the SVR has increased from 468 to 502 during 1996. Several new units have been formed. We now have active SVR units in Tennessee. Kansas and Virginia are promising new Units soon.

The SVR General Staff has been reorganized. The Military Districts are now commanded by:

1 st District	Capt. Norman F. Wheeler
2 nd District	Major Robert F. Bateman
3 rd District	Lt. Col. Richard Greenwalt
4 th District	Major Jack Grothe
5 th District	Vacant-Chief of Staff
6 th District	Vacant- Chief of Staff
7 th District	Major Clyde H. Hayner

The General Staff is composed of:

Comm Gen.	BG Charles Corfman
Dep. Comm.	BG Richard C. Schlenker
Exec. Officer	Col. Frank A. Foight III
DC Liaison	Major Andrew M. Johnson
Chief of Staff	Major David R. Medert
Adj. General	Capt. David V. Medert
J. Adv. Gen.	Lt. Comm. Joseph S. Rippey
Surg. Gen.	Vacant
QM General	Col. Elmer F. Atkinson
Nat. Chaplain	Col. Larry D. Freed
PIO	Major Clyde H. Hayner

Some difficulty was experienced in coordinating the SVR roster with the National Membership list. The National Membership list did not recognize out-of-state members of a Camp. When the smoke had cleared, twenty SVR members were found to not be members of the SUV.

Remembrance Day continues to be the Big Event for the SVR. The parade and Grand Military Ball draw Reenactors from across the Eastern USA. The SVR is well respected by the Reenactment Community in this event.

The SVR Artillery Training has been very successful. In 1995, we held schools in Ft Lauderdale, FL, Old Ft Niagara, NY, Chillicothe, OH, and St Louis, MO. I also gave training at Jackson, MI, McConnellsville, OH, and Blennerhassett Island, WV. I certified 192 artillerists in 1995, and 115 so far in 1996. Old Ft Niagara, Chillicothe, and St Louis are scheduled for 1997 with a Florida School in midwinter. The Artillery Schools are a joint venture with the NCWAA (National Civil War Artillery Association)

The 1996 National Muster was held again at McConnellsville— Malta, Ohio. This is our third and last year that it will be held there. We are entirely welcome to return, and I hope to be back personally next year, but this is enough of one place for the National. I recommend that we wait until someone else shows an interest in hosting the event. The day may still come when we can host a National Muster on our own.

On August 5, 1996, I received a FAX from Jerry Seely, Wichita, KS, that Co C, 1st Kansas Vol Inf, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Cpl Patrick Coyne Camp #1, had been formed with 22 new members. He indicated that two more were in the process of being formed. This would allow us to re-activate the 5th Military District.

This also increases our membership strength to 524.

We have many good, capable young officers who are doing a fine job in leading the SVR. This will lead to increased membership and more honor for the SUV in coming years.

BG Charles W Corfman
Commanding Officer, SVR

Additional Award Presentations

Commander-in-Chief Medert presented awards to the following Brothers for their work in securing the most new members in their respective Departments:

Alex Park, 8 new Members, Department of New York;
Jack Brody, 7 new Members, Department of Missouri;
Marvin Shalehouse, 29 new Members, Department of Maryland;
Dr. David Martin, 11 new Members, Department of New Jersey;
Dean Speaks, 29 new Members, New Department of Kansas; and
Charles Orr, 25 new Members, Department of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Medert introduced 92 year-old Brother Thayne LaBanta, Past Department Commander of Michigan, Member of the Austin Blair Camp in Jackson, Michigan, and a Real Son. Brother LaBanta father had served in the 76th Illinois Infantry.

National Committee on Americanization and Education

I received from the Committee information pertaining to patriotism projects and newspaper clippings of problems in the United States, lack of patriotism and movements to do away with the Confederate flag, and changing the history used in public schools. It is our job to see that the very roots of American history are not changed. We must promote our Civil War history from 1861-1865, our organization, and seek additional programs to promote.

We, as an Organization, have rebuilt monuments, written articles and informed others of flag etiquette. We have presented to schools and civic organizations programs on the Civil War. We need more programs on the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) history and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have a program that covers the years 1866 - 1949 of the GAR. I would like to share this program with all members at anytime.

Recommendations

1. All departments send any and all patriotic articles and ideas they find to the Committee chair for review for possible insertion in to the *Banner*. **Encampment Concurred.**

2. We should prepare a small handout with our logo on it which outlines flag etiquette. **Encampment Concurred.**

In F., C., & L.,
Danny Wheeler, Chair
National Americanization & Education Committee

National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance

The 40th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., recorded an attendance of some 54 organizations that presented commemorative wreaths and 87 persons who attended the luncheon at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel following the rites.

At the ceremony, brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert and by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michael P. Sullivan, who represented the MOLLUS Commandery-in-Chief. At the outset of the program, Thomas L. W. Johnson gave a tribute to the late Edward G. Pree, a ceremony co-chairman, for his contributions to the success of the ceremony and his life as a member of the Springfield Bar. Mr. Pree passed away in late November 1995.

The 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, under the coordination of Colonel Robert M. Graham, provided an honor guard. The Rev. David V. Schauer, a member of the

114th Regiment, served as Chaplain at both the ceremony and the luncheon. The colors of the Commandery-in-Chief were present. Members of the 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment from the St. Louis area also took part. Again, this year, the Springfield Municipal band provided appropriate musical selections throughout the ceremony. Sgt/Maj. J. Stephen Hall sounded Taps, which brought the rites to a close.

At the luncheon, Lloyd Ostendorf, artist, illustrator, and author of Lincoln subjects, spoke on the topic of *Photographers of Abraham Lincoln*. In addition, he graciously provided one of his Lincoln prints as a table favor for the luncheon goers and signed them on request after the close of his remarks.

Among those present were Margaret Atkinson, National President of our Auxiliary, and Ellinore K. Johnson, National Historian of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States, who represented her National President. In addition, Eileen K. Post, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Theda A. Cole, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Janice Corfman, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who represented her National president, led their respective organizations in presenting wreaths. Also present was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis. Past Commanders-in-Chief Charles W. Corfman and Elmer "Bud" Atkinson accompanied their wives.

Departments that participated were Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin and the Department Auxiliaries from Iowa and Wisconsin. Camps represented were C.K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; General John A. McClelland Camp No. 4, Springfield, Illinois; William T. Sherman – Billy Yank Camp No. 65, St. Louis, Missouri; Adm. David S. Porter Camp No. 116, Valparaiso, Indiana; Col. Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Madison, Wisconsin; Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 68, Missouri; and General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Chicago, Illinois. In addition, Auxiliary No. 4 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was represented.

The ceremony received good media coverage again this year from Channel 20-NBC in Springfield. The *Illinois State Journal-Register* carried a front-page picture in its April 16 edition.

For a complete account of the 1996 ceremony, your attention is invited to the Summer '96 issue of the *Banner*.

Your Committee takes pride in serving the National Organization in this manner and is very appreciative of the financial support and continuing commitment provided by our Order. Without those resources and the financial backing of the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., the ceremony would not be what it has become. We also wish to acknowledge the work of the late Edward G. Pree and the volunteer efforts of Past National President Ellinore K. Johnson. Working in concert, we believe we have a quality ceremony befitting the significance of the occasion and at a modest cost.

In planning for the 1997 ceremony, your committee pledges to do all it can to continue to contain its expenses, bearing in mind the core expenditures required for a ceremony

of this kind. In anticipation of the invaluable assistance of the Lincoln Deathday Association, the following recommendation is made and submitted:

That the appropriation in the amount of \$400.00 be continued for the support of the 1997 ceremony so as to allow the development of a projected budget for the conduct of the observance. **Encampment Concurred.**

A complete accounting of the expenses incurred for the 1996 ceremony has been filed with the National Treasurer.

In F., C., & L.,
Robert R. Graham, Co-chair
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-chair
National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance

National Committee on Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is the big event of the year for the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). The reenactment community refers to it as the unofficial close of the reenactment year, and they appreciate the work of the SVR in arranging the festivities.

Remembrance Day, November 18, 1995, was held under the uncertainty of a Government shutdown. The Park was officially closed. The Cyclorama building was not available for indoor ceremonies. Park personnel had volunteered to work for free, but were told that this was not allowed.

The day started with the 8:00 a.m. SVR Breakfast, attended by 50 SVR members. The 10:30 a.m. Officers' and Commanders' meeting was well attended with Superintendent. John Latcher in golf clothes. We agreed to police ourselves. Bayonets and sabers would be allowed at Zeigler's Grove. The parade moved out at 2:00 p.m. Approximately 6,000 troops marched from the recreation field, through the streets of Gettysburg, to Zeigler's Grove. Confederate General Ripley Robinson, and his staff joined the SVR staff on the reviewing stand. An impressive wreath-laying ceremony was held at Woolson's Monument at Zeigler's Grove. As the Cyclorama was closed, the SVR Staff attended the Confederate ceremonies at the Wall of Picket's Charge, and the Rhode Island Monument rededication.

The Pennsylvania Past-Presidents and Past-Commanders dinner was well attended.

The Grand Military Ball is limited to 800 attendants by the Fire Marshall. Eight hundred reenactors and their ladies danced from 9:00 p.m. o 1:00 a.m. to the music of the 28th Pennsylvania Band. This is said to be the largest Civil War Ball regularly held.

The Committee has been reappointed for 1996, and the date for Remembrance Day is Nov. 16, 1996. In 1997, it will be Nov. 15.

In F., C., & L.,
BG Charles W. Corfman, PCinC, Co-Chair
Major William J. Little, Co-Chair
National Committee on Remembrance Day

National Committee on History

Recommendation

Each department should make up a folder containing historical material on their former GAR Posts and submit it to the history committee. **Encampment Concurred.**

National Committee on Fraternal Relations

This Committee is pleased to report that contact has been maintained with the various other societies of the Civil War community, both North and South, to the degree that the constraints of time and circumstances would allow.

Early on in this administration, we were pleased to furnish the Commander-in-Chief, the Chief of Staff, and the National Secretary with the names and addresses of the National heads of all of the principal Civil War organizations, both North and South.

It should be noted that excellent communication and relations have been maintained during this period between our National Organization and the various other societies. Following the tradition of the last several years, the Commander-in-Chief has been invited to address the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Committee also wishes to report that complimentary copies of the *Banner* are provided each year to the National heads of the various Civil War organizations, and the Committee is requesting that the Editor of the *Banner* especially provide a copy of the latest edition to each of these National heads.

Recommendation

That the Editor of the *Banner* provide latest edition to all department heads. **Encampment Concurred.**

Peter Arrott Dixon, Chair
National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Special Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Foundation

Your Committee, appointed to formulate plans for the establishment of a 501(c) 3 public foundation, begs leave to submit the following report. The proposed foundation needs to have articles of incorporation drafted and filed with a Secretary of State of the National Organization's selection.

The incorporated foundation will then file for a letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for permission to operate as 501(c) 3 public foundation. If the IRS issues a favorable letter, the foundation will operate on a trial basis for five years before receiving a permanent letter of determination.

The foundation must be careful that its expenditures for operating expenses are not excessive in terms of the total contributions received and that the charitable expenditures clearly meet the stated goals of the foundation. Annual audits by a

certified public accountant are needed to verify these expense items. Failure to comply with these guidelines will cause the IRS to withdraw the foundation's authorization to operation.

Another item reviewed by the IRS is possible conflicts of interest in foundation control. The committee chairman is personally experienced with another non-profit organization that established a 501(c) 3 public foundation to solicit tax-deductible contributions from its members, and grants from other foundations. The other non-profit organization wanted to control who served on the board of the public foundation and also request from the public foundation monies to support the programs and objectives of the non-profit organization.

In the above situation, tax counsel advised that a conflict of interest existed under IRS guidelines, because the board of the public foundation was clearly controlled, influenced and subject to the non-profit organization. To correct this conflict or interest it was necessary for the non-profit organization to completely remove all control ties, in order to receive requested monies from the public foundation. Board members of the non-profit organization could neither serve on the board of the public foundation nor could the non-profit organization board nominate, appoint, elect or in any way determine who served on the board of the public foundation.

Recommendation

Tax counsel, a certified public accountant or tax lawyer, experienced with 501(c) 3 foundations, from either the volunteer legal staff of the National Counselor or hired from outside the Order review the control the Council of Administration (CoA) wants to have over the proposed 501(c) 3 public foundation. If an opinion, acceptable to the CoA, is given then the process of incorporating and filing with the IRS may be worked on by the tax counsel. **Referred to the National Council of Administration.**

In F., C., & L.,
Michael G. Friedel, Chair
Grand Army of the Republic
Memorial Foundation Committee

Special Committee on Blue and Gray Encampment

(No Report)

Special Committee on Banner Printing and Distribution

(No Report)

Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

THE COMMITTEE ON REAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS SUBMITS THIS REPORT TO YOU AS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR YEAR'S WORK. IT IS HOPED THAT IT MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL AND THE BROTHERS ATTENDING THE 115TH

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

WIDOWS

DAISY ANDERSON, WIDOW OF PVT. ROBERT BALL ANDERSON, 125TH U.S.C.T. IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE. SHE LIVES AT 4686 E. ASBURY CIRCLE, DENVER, COLORADO 80222. SHE IS A MEMBER OF AUXILIARY #41 OF ITHACA, NEW YORK. SHE RECEIVES A WIDOW'S PENSION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE OTHER WIDOW OF A CIVIL WAR VETERAN RECEIVING A FEDERAL PENSION IS GERTRUDE JANUARY WIDOW OF JOHN JANUARY. THE PRIVACY ACT OF 19714 FORBIDS HER EXACT ADDRESS FROM BEING MADE PUBLIC. SHE LIVES IN TENNESSEE. WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM HER SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ALBERTA MARTIN, RT. 4, Box 536, ELBA, AL 36323 IS THE LAST KNOWN SURVIVING CONFEDERATE WIDOW. SHE IS THE WIDOW OF WILLIAM JASPER MARTIN, A VETERAN OF THE 4TH ALABAMA INF.

DEPENDENT CHILDREN

As OF JUNE 30, 1996, THERE WERE 18 CHILDREN OF VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR RECEIVING COMPENSATION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. FIFTEEN WERE UNION AND 3 WERE CONFEDERATE. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE RULED TO BE MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED BEFORE THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT A NUMBER OF OUR REAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED ORDERS USE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THEIR YOUTHS. OME AS LITTLE AS \$2 A MONTH.

SOME SOUTHERN STATES, ESPECIALLY VIRGINIA ARE STILL GIVING COMPENSATION TO NEEDY CHILDREN OF THEIR STATE VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE CIVIL WAR.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES. EITHER FAMILY MEMBERS OR MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS WERE ASKED TO PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

1. CHARLES COOPER, BELLEVILLE KS. SON OF CHARLES R. COPPER, Co H 29TH OHIO VOLS. SUV
2. JOHN PETER Cox, WILMINGTON, SC. SCV CAMP #5. NAME OF FATHER NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.
3. ELIZABETH ADRAIN EDINGER, MICHIGAN CITY, IN. DAUGHTER OF PETER ADRAIN, Ws. STATE VOLS. S HE IS A WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS MEMBER. SHE IS A POSTHUMOUS CHILD.
4. JACOB P. GARVIN, WAGNER, SC. SON OF JACOB A. GARVIN, 20TH S.C.

VOLS. SCV MEMBER.

5. ABRAHAM CORWIN HENKINS, SENECA, MO. SON OF CORWIN THACKER HENKINS Co H 44TH MO VOL. INF. HE JOINED NEW YORK DEPARTMENT MARCH 27, 1996.

6. ROBERT HOTTENSTEIN, BARTLESVILLE, OK. SON OF JUSTIN HOTTENSTEIN, 2ND LT. Co G 20TH IL VOLS. HE JOINED NEW YORK DEPARTMENT MARCH 3~1996. His MOTHER, ENOS DEVIBLISS DIED NOVEMBER 15, 1986. SHE WAS THE NEXT TO LAST CIVIL WAR WIDOW IN KANSAS. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A CONFEDERATE VETERAN IN HER OWN RIGHT.

7. GLADYS KELLEY, PHILADELPHIA, PA. DAUGHTER OF SGT. JAMES THOMPSON, Co H 106TH PSV. COMMANDER GEORGE MEADE POST, GAR, PHILADELPHIA, 1893. Auxiliary to SONS OF UNION VETERANS MEMBER.

8. JEFF MCKINLEY, THOMPSONVILLE, AL. SCV MEMBER. CERTIFICATE SENT TO DEPT. TO FILL IN AND PRESENT TO HIM.

9. LENA LEOTA ATWATER MILLER, N. LITTLE ROCK AR. DAUGHTER OF CHARLES ATWATER, Co F 2ND MINN. VOLS. AND Co B 9TH MINN. VOLS.

10. GONES E. NELSON, SCV MEMBER. CAMP #1540, N.C. SON OF CAPT. LEANDER NELSON, STOKES COUNTY HOME GUARDS.

11. HATTIE NAOMI PIETI, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL. DAUGHTER OF EPHRAIM E. BEMIS, Co D. 30TH WS VOLS.

12. WOODROW WILSON PLAUGHER, SANTA BARBARA, CA. SCV CAMP #1631. SON OF JACOB HARVEY PLAUGHER Co I 7TH VA CAVALRY. WOODROW IS THE 9TH OF 29 CHILDREN HIS FATHER HAD BY 3 WIVES!

13. ROSELLA SCIESZINKI, ALBIA, IA. DAUGHTER OF JOHN BRANDON, Co. A 6TH WS INF. (IRON BRIGADE. HER BROTHER ARE SUVCW MEMBERS.

14. ROSE STAVELEY, SHROPSHIRE, ENGLAND. DAUGHTER OF GEORGE YEOMAN, CSS ALABAMA.

15. WALDEMAN WILLIAMS, FARRAGUT CAMP #6, SAVANNAH, TN, SUVCW. SON OF ALEXANDER CAMPBELL WILLIAMS, Co. D 1st AL CAV., USA.

16. ADDIE SHEEHAN, SISTER OF JEFF MCKINLEY, #8.

17. LELA COURTNEY, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #56k WYOMING DEPARTMENT. CERTIFICATE SENT AND ASKED TO FILL IN AND PRESENT.

It IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO KEEP TRACT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ESPECIALLY IF THEY DO NOT BELONG TO THE SONS. USUALLY THE CERTIFICATE IS SENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE FAMILY. A THANK YOU IS RECEIVED AND THAT IS THE LAST ONE HEARS FROM THE PERSON. SAD BUT TRUE. SOME OF THE DEATHS DURING THE YEAR ARE LISTED BELOW.

1. LYNFORD VOORHEIS, MAL, NY. SON OF EDWIN VOORI-IEIS, 136TH NYSV.

2. MARGARET NERO, DAUGHTER OF CHARLES COVELL, 81ST NYSV.

3. LEONARD DOYLE, SON OF LEONARD DOYLE, 53RD GA VOLS. SCV

4. FRANCIS CLEVELAND, SON OF GROVER CLEVELAND, THE 22ND AND 24TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM 1885-1889 AND 1893 TO 1897. HE DIED AT AGE 92 ON NOVEMBER 8, 1995. His FATHER WAS THE ONLY NON-VETERAN FROM GRANT TO MCKINLEY. HE HIRED A SUBSTITUTE IN HIS

PLACE FOR MILITARY DUTY.

5. GENEVA SHELTON. DAUGHTER OF SGT. ANDREW SMITH, 55TH MASS. VOLS. IT IS SAID HE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF HONOR BUT WAS IGNORED BECAUSE OF HIS COLOR.

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THIS COMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED NEARLY 200 NAMES OF REAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS IT HAS BROUGHT A LITTLE BIT OF SUNSHINE INTO SOME ELDERLY CITIZEN'S LIFE.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THE REAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS COMMITTEE BE MADE A PERMANENT COMMITTEE AND NOT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS LONG AS THERE ARE REAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS STILL ALIVE. **Encampment Concurred.**

2. THAT A HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR BE OFFERED TO THE TWO SURVIVING UNION CIVIL WAR WIDOWS' DAISY ANDERSON AND GERTRUDE JANUARY. DAISY WILL ACCEPT. THIS WOULD BE A VERY KIND ACT OF FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY. **Encampment Did Not Concur.**

In F., C., & L.,
Jerome Orton, Chairman
Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

Special Committee on National Headquarters Fund Raising

Your Special Committee on the National Headquarters Fund Raising Committee was given the task of fund raising development for a possible National Headquarters for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). We made a part of the recommendations contained in our March 1996 Quarterly report, and herein reaffirm the recommendations given for the consideration of the Encampment.

We must stress the need to define the goals, terms and conditions, and financial responsibilities required to operate, maintain, and otherwise acquire a National Headquarters. We must further stress the financial prudence of the establishment of sufficient monetary reserves capable of generating the operating funds required to operate and maintain an on-going National Headquarters separate from the administrative operational capitalization generated by dues collections from members through the Departments and Membership-at-Large.

Another fact regarding the establishment of the National Headquarters is the possibility of outside funds as assistance from corporations and grants, but we must first establish the basis, or cornerstone of the financial building blocks necessary for long term development of this project. We must also consider our tax exempt status and the proportionality of funds coming into the SUVCW from corporations, grants, etc. and the

expenditures of educational projects, historic preservation, etc. to which the SUVCW grants funds, under compliance with our Charter and the Principles and Objectives of the Order. This mixture of receivables and payables must be proportionate to maintain over a long period of time compliance with U.S. Code, etc.

We ask your consideration and affirmation of our recommendations as a start to the financially sound establishment of a National Headquarters.

Recommendations

1. The SUVCW establish a projected goal(s) relating to what type(s) of National Headquarters it wants to establish (office, depository, museum, etc.). **Encampment Concurred.**

2. The Editor of the *Banner* publish in the next issue of the *Banner* the news relating to what goal the SUVCW has set for the creation of a defined National Headquarters. Said article to include request for funds (donations) to be sent to the National Treasurer. **Encampment Concurred.**

3. The National Treasurer to be directed to establish a separate bank account solely for the deposit of donations received for the National Headquarters Fund. This fund to be initially is used for the acquisition and then the operation of the proposed National Headquarters. **No Action Required – already done.**

4. The SUVCW establish a membership application surcharge of \$10.00 per application commencing with the notification of such action to be printed in the *Banner* and incorporated within the next issue of General Orders by the Commander-in-Chief. Said surcharge funds to be totally deposited by the National Treasurer in the National Headquarters Fund. **Encampment Did Not Concur.**

5. Life membership application funds be deposited into a segregated account(s) separate from and not co-mingled with other SUVCW funds. The SUVCW should decide if it wants to begin this funds segregation retroactive or not. The Life Membership is an investment in the SUVCW by the individual members; let that investment continue after the individual passes away by transferring the amount paid for the life membership to the National Headquarters Fund. **Encampment Did Not Concur.**

6. The SUVCW establish a surcharge above the amount required for the purchase of same, in the sum of \$100.00, which would be collected with the life membership fees, but deposited immediately into the National Headquarters Fund. **Encampment Did Not Concur.**

7. The SUVCW cease the practice of signing off unused cemetery plots formally belonging or assigned to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). These plots may be either sold for a nominal fee with the funds going to the National Headquarters Funds

and/or reassign these cemetery plots under the guidelines of the Veterans Administration to needy Veterans, this allowing grounds for reclassification of the SUVCW by the Veterans Administration which would open the SUVCW to funding and assistance by government grants, assistance, and support. **Encampment Did Not Concur.**

8. All funds received by the SUVCW from any source origination from the sale or transfer (including settlements) of property including real estate and chattels held by or previously held by the SUVCW and GAR, be directed to be deposited into the National Headquarters Fund. **Encampment Did Not Concur.**

In F., C., & L.,
Gordon R. Bury, PCinC, Chairman
National Headquarters Fund Raising Committee

Special Committee on the National Headquarters

Following the 1995 National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief created a Special National Headquarters Committee to investigate offers of locations for a national headquarters. Two primary sites were considered -- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the proposed National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A meeting between the Committee chairman and the Director of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall was held in September 1995. We were offered the use of approximately 500 square feet of office space at the prevailing rate in the greater Pittsburgh market.

The Commander-in-Chief and the entire Committee met with Stephen Reed, Mayor of Harrisburg on November 3, 1995. We also viewed the location of the proposed National Civil War Museum.

The meeting was very cordial. The proposal from the Mayor was very favorable. The city of Harrisburg was willing to provide us with whatever amount of office and storage space we request, unlimited use of conference facilities at the museum, parking for staff and the availability of the adjoining fields for outdoor activities and the National muster of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The cost would be minimal. The Mayor was forthright in his desire to have us locate our National Headquarters at the museum so that he could use our presence to strengthen the public profile of the museum.

Subsequently, through several telephone calls, letters and an impromptu meeting with the Mayor during the 1996 Pennsylvania Department Encampment, a draft lease agreement was prepared by the city of Harrisburg Solicitor. This draft has been reviewed by our legal staff and the Council of Administration. We have been offered 750 square feet of office space and a similar amount of storage space for the "astronomical" sum of \$1,000 per year for ten years. In addition, we will need to pay a portion of the cost of electric, gas, janitorial services, and refuse removal based upon

the percentage of the total space we will occupy in the complex. These costs have been estimated to be \$100 - \$500 per year. We are responsible for our own telephone service, furnishings etc. Construction of the facility is to begin next spring and we would be able to occupy the structure by late summer of 1998. The Mayor is planning on having the dedication of the museum concurrently with our 1998 National Encampment, which will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The committee recommends that this Encampment endorse the National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as the location of the National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. **Encampment Concurred.**

In F., C., & L.,
 Richard Orr, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chair
 Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
 George Powell
 Glenn Knight

Special Committee on Life Membership

Committee was formed with mission of studying the life membership plan. Our analysis of the standard plan, \$18 per living life member per year, it is undercapitalized, and will in time will exhaust the permanent fund. Total number of life members about 297, payments in 1995 were \$976.00. One hundred twenty-two members at \$8 each. No transfers from permanent to operating funds that year. In view of the new reporting procedures, a larger total number of payments is to be expected in the future. The Committee examined life membership programs of other patriotic organizations, came up with recommendations:

On the approval of the new program, the old life plan will be closed to any new enrollees. The funds and rolls of the old discontinued plan will remain in the fund and will continue as it has been. The funds of the new life membership plan will be maintained in an independent account and investments will be made by an Investment Committee consisting of three members as appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. They will serve for a three-year term. Life Membership Investment Committee will present an investment plan to the administration with status reports six months later.

The Council of Administration will accept or reject but not amend the plan. The investment committee will amend rejected plans and present them again.

Amend Section 3. The life membership fee shall be a multiple of the National per capita tax rounded to the next \$5.00 increment based upon the age of the brother at the time he requests life membership as follows:

Age Group	Multiplier	Age Group	Multiplier
less than 25	63	25-29	60.5
30-34	50	35-39	47.5

Age Group	Multiplier	Age Group	Multiplier
40-44	44	45-49	41
50-54	37	55-59	33
60-64	28	65-69	24.5
70-74	20	75-79	16
80-84	13	85 +	11.5

Not less than one-third of the fee shall accompany the application and the remainder shall be paid at the convenience of the member within three (3) years from the time of the application. If the total fee is not paid within three (3) years of the date of application, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and all payments shall be forfeited as donations to the Permanent Fund. Interest payments are payable after January 1 of each calendar year and request must be received by the National Treasurer on or before June 30. . A member is not considered a Life Member until all Life Member fees have been paid. Therefore, no interest payment shall be made to a camp until the entire life member fee has been paid for at least one complete calendar year. **Encampment Concurred based on Concurrence of Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations.**

New Section 4. (A) There shall be a life membership fund. All life membership fees received after *August 15, 1996* shall be placed in the Life Membership Fund. The investment of the Life Membership Fund assets will be in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution and an investment plan prepared by the Life Membership Investment Committee.

(B) The new Life membership Program will annually distribute an amount equal to twice the National per capita tax for each living participant as follows: an amount equal to the National per capita tax to the National General Fund and an amount equal to the National per capita tax to the member's camp. The camp shall pay the Department per capita tax from its portion of the distribution. If a Life Member belongs to more than one (1) camp, he must designate which camp will receive the disbursement. **Encampment Concurred subject to Concurrence of Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations.**

In F., C., & L.,
 Jason H. Moore, Chairman
 George H. Knell
 Herbert G. Webb

Special Committee on Membership Number

Purpose: To review the feasibility of using an identification number and its uses.

Sources of information: Ideas and information from other sources were gathered from Commander-in-Chief Medert, J. Douglas Park, L. Dean Lamphere, William Ward, John Mann, committee members and others in the Organization.

The Identification Number. The sole purpose of an identification number is to uniquely identify data for a person or entity within the database. It does not have any quality beyond that statement.

Several ideas were presented on what an identification number should look like. Some ideas were variations of specific information being printed in specific positions of an identification number. Some of those ideas represented a Department code, Camp number, seniority within the Camp, type of Membership (member, associate, life, junior, etc.), date the member joined the organization, and other abbreviations.

J. Douglas Park submitted a report from the American Legion. They use a simple nine-digit number. The next person who joins the organization gets the next sequential number assigned as their identification number. L. Dean Lamphere and the Committee Members also expressed interest in a simple sequential number be used for the identification number.

We reviewed the information from the various sources. Each idea had advantages. We reviewed how we could get the information for the various ideas and asked ourselves if the information would be reported on a timely basis in order to assign the identification number.

We then asked what is the purpose of having an identification number, what elements would the number be comprised and how would it be used and maintained? We believe, like the American Legion, the primary purpose in assigning an identification number is to eliminate duplicate information in our database. We also believe a simple number is beneficial and easier to maintain.

We have instructed the National Membership List Coordinator to implement the use of a simple number to uniquely identify every person or entity in the National database. A unique number was assigned to every current person and entity in the database and is being assigned to every new person or entity that is added to the database.

Since the computer software automatically assigns the number when a record is added, the assignments of ID Numbers must be handled at the National level. Because the software automatically assigns a unique number to every new record added, a method is being developed to identify members who are holding dual membership in more than one Camp and report only one id-number for that person.

Now that a number is automatically being generated for every record created in the National database, the organization needs to determine how that number will be used. Will the number be required to be used on every form a Secretary or member fills out? Will the transfer form need to be changed to include the id-number of the person transferring? Will the organization pick up the additional expense to annually produce ID cards with the id-number on it?

Recommendation

We believe that any use of the identification number on membership cards, reports or for other purposes still needs to be defined and worked out within the National Committee on Program and Policies. **Encampment Concurred.**

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Williams, Chair
George Powell
Ken Hershberger

Special Committee on Communication and Technology

The Special Communication Technology Committee had its start when then Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison appointed the chairman of the committee to look into ways that the new and emerging communication technologies could be applied within the Sons of Union Veterans to improve recruitment, retention, administration and the most simple acts of communicating. The concept was broadened at the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio in 1995 when Commander-in-Chief David Medert named me chairman of the National Communication Technology Committee and appointed PCinC Harrison, of Michigan; *Banner* Editor Greg Hayes, of Michigan; W. R. Ward, of Utah; Dan Bunnell, of California, and Steve Bauer, of Indiana, to the Committee. In the middle of the year I created the unofficial position of Picketmaster and asked Ed Berger, of California, to fill the new spot.

The Committee agreed that our first venture into this new world of enhanced communication methods should be a presence on the Internet's World Wide Web. I taught myself to write in HyperText Markup Language (HTML) and created, with the able advice and assistance of the Committee, a basic web site that I presented to the Council of Administration at their fall meeting in Gettysburg. They approved the plan and necessary funding so that I could obtain the Domain Name SUVCW.ORG for our exclusive use and contract with a local Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the server link to the Internet. We selected Central Penn CommNet and on November 10, 1995 (the 220th birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps), the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Web Site was made available to the international Internet community at the address <http://suvchw.org>. In December, due to poor service, we were forced to contract with and move to ProLog as our ISP. Things have gone fine since then and the site has been recognized as a good location for information about the SUVCW, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and Allied Orders.

The site presently contains historical and membership information on the GAR, SUVCW, Allied Orders, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U.S., Sons of Veterans Reserve and links to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Each Department has been offered a home page but only Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan, Tennessee, Indiana, and California have taken advantage of the offer. The site also contains a direct response page where the visitor can ask for additional information on membership and the query is delivered directly to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. We also have a listing of members and friends who have

agreed to have their names, titles and email addresses posted on the site under a White Pages listing. From that, the Picketmaster maintains a separate listing of Cyberpickets and issues a monthly newsletter. Also on the site are special pages for the National Secretary, National Patriotic Instructor, National Historian, and National Counselor along with the complete text of the National Constitution and Regulations, the U.S. Flag Code, the job descriptions for national, department and camp officers and the American's Creed -- all of which can be downloaded by a visitor to the site. A Calendar of Events was removed from the site as no one provided information for posting and the *Banner* articles were removed due to a dearth of interest in the pages.

Late last month the site was made totally "searchable" which means that a visitor can now go to the search page and find every page on the site that contains a word or phrase that they are interested in.

Any reasonable estimate shows that, since November of last year, more than 100,000 visits have been made to the SUVCW Web Site. The following sample statistics are for the first 27 days in July. During that period, 13,979 individual files were transmitted at an average of 518 per day. The low number of requests for information in any one day was 338 and the high daily requests hit, 715. During peak times, 36 requests per hour had been processed.

The most active page was the Genealogical Links Page at 697 requests while its sister page, Research, had 101 requests. A total 258 people visited the Membership Information Page and 177 went on to the Membership Request Form. A total of 257 people took advantage of the Flag Code Page while 101 checked out the Patriotic Instructor's Page and 282 connected to the History of the SUVCW with 205 going to the History of the GAR. The Civil War Links Page accounted for 225 visitors and the Daughters of Union Veterans saw 212 check out their organization. A total of 140 passed through the Departments Page and 103 looked at the White Pages (or Cyberpickets List). A total of 147 stopped at the Our Confederate Cousins Page and three people connected to the biography of the Commander-in-Chief (probably by accident).

Most of our visitors were from USA locations but we did see guests from: Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Colombia, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Great Britain, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, South Africa, South Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Singapore, and Uruguay.

If you go to the AltaVista Search Engine and insert "Sons of Union Veterans" you get at least 173 hits. That is good representation on the Internet but "Sons of Confederate Veterans" returns 300 hits.

The Picketmaster has asked permission to form a "Cyber Camp" which would not be a Camp in the normal sense but would rather be a loose association of members with Internet access who would offer advice, suggestions and assistance to the Committee. The initial membership would be the current Cyberpicket list. As this would not be a

totally new entity but rather a loose association of current members who would have no additional representation at Department or National Encampments, I have told him to pursue the concept; the first question being to decide if the term Cyber Camp is appropriate.

The Webmaster will continue to update and correct the Web Site looking in to the possible addition of "password protected" areas where national Officers could post information for other National Officers without having the information known to the entire world. He will also begin seeking ways for the Order to derive income from the site and perhaps make it an income source rather than an expense.

The Committee will begin looking into things like chat rooms--where people can gather on line to share conversation. Ultimately we would anticipate that a monthly Cyber Encampment could be held. We will also look at Gopher and File Transfer Protocol Sites and will stay on top of developing (and ever cheaper) ISDN telephone technology that may be of use for the Order. We will also seek solutions to how to approach the large service providers like AOL, Prodigy, and Compuserve. But our first piece of business will probably be a discussion of how to effectively use Newsgroups -- an area of the Internet that we are currently ignoring but which has great potential for membership extension and leadership.

Finally, it is gratifying to find the accepting attitude of most members toward the use of emerging technologies. Our ability to contact one another and resolve issues using these technologies has saved countless man-hours and the only glitch has been those members in key positions who either are unable to get connected or refuse. If every key person on the staff at least had an email address the work would be speeded up immeasurably. Those who refuse to get connected take it as a matter of pride -- much like the pride of Col. James Ripley, president of the Ordinance Bureau, who refused to consider a new weapon design, offered by Mr. Richard J. Gatling because it fired too fast and consumed too much ammunition.

In F., C., & L.,
Glenn B. Knight, Chair
Special Committee on Communication and Technology

Special Scholarship Committee

Your National Scholarship Committee appointed to evaluate scholarship applications and submit recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief for the awarding of two one thousand dollar scholarships, begs leave to submit the following report.

Students seeking a scholarship from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were referred to the Commander-in-Chief for an application form. The completed application forms were returned by the applicants to the Commander-in-Chief. These applications were then presented to the Scholarship Committee by the Commander-in-Chief for evaluation and a recommendation for awarding of the scholarships.

A total of 30 students requested scholarship application forms. Twenty-one application forms were completed and returned to the Commander-in-Chief. These 21 scholarship applications were evaluated by the Scholarship Committee.

After careful examination of the scholarship applications submitted to the Committee, it was our recommendation that the two scholarships be awarded to Thomas D. Giffey, Dodgerville, Wisconsin and Paul J. Hutchinson, Adams, Massachusetts. Both applicants have outstanding academic records; both are involved in extra curricular activities and come highly recommended by school officials.

It is the understanding of the Committee that the Commander-in-Chief will request the Department Commanders in Wisconsin and Massachusetts to present each of these applicants with a check for \$1,000 which will be made payable to the student and the college they elect to enroll in.

Recommendation

In view of the large number of applications received for these two scholarships, it is our recommendation that this committee be continued. A lot of time and effort is necessary to carefully evaluate each application. The scholarship committee allows the Commander-in-Chief more time to devote to other activities of the Order. **Encampment Concurred.**

In F., C., & L.,
Robert E. Grimm, Chairman
Allan W. Moore, PCinC
Dr. Gary Dolph

Special Committee on Carlisle Barracks

Your Committee, appointed at the recommendation of the Council of Administration, to look into the matter of storage and maintenance of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) records at Carlisle Barracks, visited the U.S. Army Military History Research Institute in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Present were Dr. Richard Sommers, head of the Research Division, and the members of the Committee. During our visit we also met Colonel Vossler, head of the Institute, and Lt Colonel Pavek. The meeting was congenial and informative.

We were told that the Institute has a Civil War Photo Collection that is the best in the world. That is high praise! Dr. Sommers stated that all recent historians and writers of Civil War books have at one time or another been to the Institute to research information on battles, etc. At the present time they have 4,000 personal papers on both Union and Confederate soldiers. The researchers average about 200 per month. They handle some inquiries by correspondence but would rather have the research done by the requester.

About 500 boxes of material are received each year and are immediately available for research even if they are not yet cataloged. We examined some of the GAR Posts records on file.

In view of our findings, the Committee recommends that no change be made in the current practice of continuing to send records to the Institute for retention and research.
No Action Required.

In F., C., and L.,
Lester A. Kerns, Chair
Special Committee on *Carlisle Barracks*

Special Committee on Save Outdoor Sculpture Project - SOS

The Special National Committee on *Save Outdoor Sculpture Project* (SOS) was established in March 1996. Brother Kent Armstrong (Department of Michigan) was appointed Chair. Brothers David A. Turpin (National Patriotic Instructor) and Danny L. Wheeler (National Historian).

Publication of the program in the *Banner* was coordinated via submission of all relevant information to Brother Gregory D. Hayes (Managing Editor) who graciously offered to "edit" it into the Summer 1996 issue.

As liaison with the Departments and Camps-at-Large, the Committee will distribute an updated list of SOS contact representatives and the status of their survey in each state. When this arrives from SOS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The National Secretary has been asked to provide an updated list of names and addresses for 1996 - 1997 Department and Camp-at-Large Commanders/Coordinators.

Unfortunately, in Brother Hayes article, he failed to mention of Project SOS Fundraising Kits, \$7.00 cost, and availability from an SOS Headquarters staff member at 1-800-422-4612. Brother Hayes mentioned that an information kit would soon be sent to all Brothers, but this should have been reference to the special SOS Newsletter. The Committee will submit a follow-up article in the Fall issue of *Banner*, to point out the toll-free telephone number, in case Members and Associates did not notice it in the special SOS newsletter.

With the invaluable assistance of Brother Richard Williams, the Committee coordinated the shipment of the Special Edition SOS Newsletters to Lansing, Michigan, where they were addressed and mailed using the Order's Non-Profit Postage Permit. Confidentiality of our mailing list was thus maintained. All costs, including the printing and folding of the committee's cover letter, were paid for by SOS Headquarters.

Both Editors of *Banner* (Advertising & Managing) have been in contact with SOS Headquarters and discussed Advertisement rates with Program Assistant Lynn Clark.

The Committee looked into the possibility of conducting an SOS Workshop at the Order's 1996 National Encampment. Due to the three-hour length and only time available being after 7:30 on August 8, 1996, the Commander-in-Chief wrote us on May 1, 1996, that this would not be practicable.

Letter of April 30, 1996 to Department of Ohio Commander J. E. Hilton requesting those responsible for restoration of Grand Army of the Republic Monument at Wooster, Ohio be officially recognized. This letter was copied to the Commander-in-Chief, National Chief of Staff and National Secretary.

Letter of May 8, 1996 sent to National Counselor James B. Pahl requesting all legislation tied to the maintenance of Veterans' Memorials be investigated for current status in all states (Goal = if found to be similar to what is on the books in Michigan, these Public Acts can be employed to help maintain the many Civil War monuments and memorials across U.S.). The Commander-in-Chief, National Chief of Staff and National Secretary were copied. To date, there has been no response from Brother Pahl.

Recommendations

1. We respectfully recommend that Brother Richard Williams (*Banner* Circulation Manager) be considered for official recognition for his efficiency in office, related to services rendered with special mailing, already detailed. **Encampment Concurred.**
2. We respectfully recommend that Brother Bradley McGowan (Department of Iowa) be considered for official recognition for his work tied to the restoration of the Civil War Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument in Des Moines. **No Action Required – already done.**

In F., C., & L.,
Kent L. Armstrong, Chair
Special National Committee on
Save Outdoor Sculpture Project (SOS)

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations

The Committee on the Constitution and Regulations has been extremely busy this year. Many items were referred to the Committee by the 1995 National Encampment, Council of Administration and Commander-in-Chief. We believe we have completed all tasks assigned to us. The Table of Contents of the Articles of Incorporation has been completed. The Index to the Constitution has been completed. The index to the Regulations has been completed pending page number changes following this Encampment. We have also considered numerous amendments to the regulations at the request of the aforementioned entities, National Secretary, National Quartermaster, National Counselor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief and several departments. After much deliberation we will be reporting on 37 modifications to the Regulations. We trust that additional amendments may be offered during the

course of this Encampment, which will be referred to this committee. There is also one amendment to the Constitution that we must consider.

Proposed Amendments

Chapter I. Camps Article VI. Duties of Officers)

Add Section 10. Camp officers shall have such other duties, which are described in the official Camp Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief and included herein by reference.

Chapter I. Camps Article VII Finances

New Section 4. Each camp to which a Brother pays dues shall report him as a member and pay all applicable fees and per capita tax.

Chapter II. Departments Article I. **Department Formation** (*new article name*)

New Section 4. Departments may consolidate with one another, provided a two-thirds vote of such Departments shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to each camp and past Department Commander thereof by mail at least thirty days prior to any vote. Vote may be by mail ballot or at a Department meeting. Such action to be subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. In such case the books, papers and property shall belong to the consolidated Department.

New Section 5. Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of camps for a provisional status Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of camps for a permanent status Department. The Commander-in-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order.

New Section 6. No camp may secede from a Department without the consent of the Department and the Commander-in-Chief. In no case may a camp secede from a Department and become a camp-at-large.

New Section 7. The Commander-in-Chief may by Special Order establish a Department from the camps-at-large attached to the Department-at-Large when a sufficient number of camps are established within a contiguous geopolitical area or when a sufficient number of camps-at-large petition for the formation of a Department.

New Section 8. Departments shall be composed of one or more states, commonwealths, republics, territories or the District of Columbia. All camps within the geopolitical area assigned to a department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the department. A department may not consist of a state, commonwealth, republic, or territory of the United States.

Chapter II. Departments Article III. Meetings

Amend Section 2. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum unless otherwise stated in the Department by-laws.

Chapter II. Departments Article IV. Officers

Amend Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the

Department Council, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer), Department Historian, Department Counselor, and at the option of the Department a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer and a Graves Registration Officer **and such other officers as may be established in its by-laws.**

Chapter II Departments Article V. Duties of Officers.

New Section 12. Department officers shall have such other duties, which are described in the official, Department Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief and included herein by reference.

New Article

Chapter II. Departments Article IX. Department-at-Large.

Section 1. For Administrative purposes all Camps-at-Large attached to the National Organization pursuant to Article VI Section 5 of the Constitution shall be organized into the National Department-at-Large.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief shall serve as the Commander of the Department-at-Large. The National Camp and Department Organizer shall serve as the Senior Vice Commander of the Department-at-Large. The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator shall server as the Junior Vice Commander of the Department-at-Large. There shall be no other permanent officers or standing committees of the Department-at-Large except as provide by Section 3 herein.

Section 3. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint an Assistant National Secretary to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-at-Large.

Section 4. The provisions of Chapter II, Article VI, Section 1 not withstanding the Council of Administration shall establish the Department per capita tax to be levied on Camps-at-Large.

Section 5. The provisions of Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 not withstanding the Department-at-Large shall hold its meetings at the call of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 6. The Department-at-Large is not required to comply with the provisions of Chapter II, Article VIII.

Chapter III National Organization Article II Membership Section 1.

~~Delete paragraph 3 "Of one delegate from each Camp-at-Large regardless of its membership."~~

(Not needed if Dept.-at-Large is established)

Chapter III National Organization Article V Duties of Officers.

Amend Section 9 by deleting the second paragraph

~~The United State Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, is designated the official repository for Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical material no longer in general use.~~

New **Section 19.** National officers shall have such other duties, which are described in the official National Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief and included herein by reference.

Chapter III National Organization Article VI Finances

Amend Section 3. The life membership fee shall be a multiple of the National per capita tax rounded to the next \$5.00 increment based upon the age of the brother at the time he requests life membership as follows:

Age Group	Multiplier	Age Group	Multiplier
less than 25	63	25-29	60.5
30-34	50	35-39	47.5
40-44	44	45-49	41
50-54	37	55-59	33
60-64	28	65-69	24.5
70-74	20	75-79	16
80-84	13	85 +	11.5

Not less than one-third of the fee shall accompany the application and the remainder shall be paid at the convenience of the member within three (3) years from the time of the application. If the total fee is not paid within three (3) years of the date of application, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and all payments shall be forfeited as donations to the Permanent Fund. Interest payments are payable after January 1 of each calendar year and request must be received by the National Treasurer on or before June 30. . A member is not considered a Life Member until all Life Member fees have been paid. Therefore, no interest payment shall be made to a camp until the entire life member fee has been paid for at least one complete calendar year.

New **Section 4. (A)** There shall be a life membership fund. All life membership fees received after *August 15, 1996* shall be placed in the Life Membership Fund. The investment of the Life Membership Fund assets will be in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution and an investment plan prepared by the Life Membership Investment Committee.

(B) The new Life membership Program will annually distribute an amount equal to twice the National per capita tax for each living participant as follows: an amount equal to the National per capita tax to the National General Fund and an amount equal to the National per capita tax to the member’s camp. The camp shall pay the Department per capita tax from its portion of the distribution. If a Life Member belongs to more than one (1) camp, he must designate which camp will receive the disbursement.

Chapter III National Organization Article VII Committees

Amend Section 1.... History, **Life Membership Investment**, and Graves Registration.

New **Section 9.** The Life Membership Investment Committee shall be composed of three Brothers with one Brother appointed by the Commander-in-Chief each year for a three-year term except in 1996 when one brother shall be appointed for one year, one for two years and one for three years. The Life Membership Investment Committee shall present an annual investment plan to the Council of Administration at their first meeting following each annual Encampment. A status report on the investments made under the plan will be presented to the Council of Administration six months following the close of the annual

Encampment. The Council of Administration shall either accept or reject the investment plan but may not amend it. In the event the Council of Administration rejects a plan presented to it, an amended investment plan will be prepared by the Investment Committee and presented at the next Council of Administration meeting.

Chapter IV Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Amend by replacing current chapter with the following:

Article I

Organization and Structure

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) shall constitute the authorized military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp Guard for parades, services and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp with which the unit is associated. The highest military rank attainable within any Camp Guard shall be that of Captain.

Section 2. To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a Member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 3. The SVR shall be governed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the SVR, herein incorporated in these Regulations by reference. The responsibilities of the SVR shall include participation in ceremonies, programs and parades such as Remembrance Day, Lincoln Death Day, Lincoln Birthday, memorial Day, and National Encampment programs and at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, special ceremonies and parades on behalf of and representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Individual units of the SVR and individual members of SVR units may participate in non-SVR or SUVCW sponsored National Civil War reenactments, living histories and educational demonstrations. Non-SVR members of independent Civil War reenactment units may participate with the SVR at SVR or SUVCW sponsored events and or/programs.

Section 4. The standing National Military Affairs Committee created under Chapter III, Article VII of these Regulations shall be composed of five (5) Brothers of the Order appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee shall have continuity of membership with the Commander-in-Chief appointing in 1997 three Brothers to serve two years and two Brothers to serve for one year, and, in subsequent years, appointing two (2) Brothers in even numbered years and three (3) Brothers in odd numbered years to serve for two years. The Chair of the National Military Affairs Committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief. No member of the National Military Affairs Committee shall hold a rank above Captain in the SVR. The duties of the Committee shall include preparation of an initial SOP in 1997 and subsequent modifications of the SOP through proposed amendments, general oversight of the SVR, and, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, appointment of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The SOP and any amendments thereof must be approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at the National Encampment.

Section 5. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be appointed by the National Military Affairs Committee with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. The appointment shall be made for a period of not more than three (3) years and may be renewed for additional three (3) year terms subject to the same procedures used for the original appointment. The duties of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be to administer and command the SVR pursuant to the Regulations of the Order and the SOP. The rank of the Commanding

Officer of the SVR shall not be higher than that provided for in the SOP and based upon the total membership of the SVR. In no case may the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than Brigadier General. Current and past SVR Commanding Officers holding ranks higher than that permitted according to the SOP, may retain their current rank for the remaining period of the SVR appointment, adhere to the rank permissible under the SOP, transfer to the Cadre at their current rank, or retire from the SVR at their current rank. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall serve at the pleasure of the majority of the Military Affairs Committee.

Section 6. The SVR shall be administered by a national body known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve (NMD, SVR). The Commanding Officer of the SVR may appoint a NMD staff consistent with the SOP. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The period of all such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. Current holders of such appointments who hold ranks higher than the maximum provided for such appointments in the SOP may either adhere to the stated ranks, transfer to the Cadre at their current ranks or retire from the SVR at their current ranks. All NMD staff shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.

CHAPTER V.

General Regulations

Article I

New Section 3. Definitions.

Collateral line - for purposes of administering Article III of the Constitution collateral descendant is defined as being a direct descendant of a brother or sister of a person who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865 as a soldier or sailor of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue-Cutter Service and of such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers between the dates above mentioned.

ARTICLE III.

Badges and Decorations

Amend section 2

Section 2. All Camp Commanders who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, **shall be entitled to use the title Past Camp Commander**, may wear the prescribed Past Camp Commander's Badge attached to the regulation Camp ribbon **and may use the suffix P.C.C.** All Department Commanders **who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, shall be entitled to the title Past Department Commander**, may wear the prescribed Past Department Commander's Badge attached to the regulation Department ribbon **and may use the suffix P.D.C.** All Commanders-in-Chief **who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, shall be entitled to the title Past Commander-in-Chief**, may wear the prescribed Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon **and may use the suffix PCinC.**

Amend section 3

Section 3. Brothers entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze War Medal, attached to the Department ribbon. Brothers who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America faithfully and honorably in War or any military conflict shall alone be entitled to wear this

particular decoration. Entitlement to wear the same may be determined by a brother's Camp at a regular meeting thereof. A gold bar may be attached to the ribbon **of the War Medal** naming the war or military conflict in which the brother served. **Such bars may not be attached to any other medal or badge of the Order.**

Amend Section 4 Paragraph one

Section 4. Brothers (~~not Associates~~) may wear the recognition button, which shall consist of a reproduction in miniature, to be made of bronze material, the lower portion of the membership badge, not to exceed 11/16" in height, and 9/16" in width, as the official recognition button of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Amend Section 6

Section 6. There shall be five (5) prescribed ribbons in the Order. All officers of the National Organization shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. All Department officers shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side. The officers and members of the Camp shall wear a ribbon with a blue center, and a red, white and blue border on each side, attached to the regulation badge. Associates shall wear a plain blue ribbon attached to the regulation badge. Honorary members shall wear a plain blue ribbon attached to the regulation badge with a one-half inch Silver Star affixed to the center of the ribbon. Juniors shall wear a ribbon with a white center and a red, white, and blue border on each side, attached to the regulation badge.

Members may wear a miniature of the badge of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commander-in-Chief the ribbon shall have the yellow center with three gold stars thereon; for Presiding and Past Department Commanders, the ribbon shall have the red center with two silver stars thereon; for all other members it shall have the blue center. Presiding and Past Camp Commanders may wear a bronze star on the ribbon. Members who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of War may wear a silver palm on the ribbon. **The gold, silver and bronze stars and the silver palm may not be worn on a full size badge or medal of the Order except to designate an Honorary Member or a recipients of meritorious service recognition with gold star (see Section 7).**

Amend Section 12

Section 12. **A life member may, at his discretion, wear his badge with a ribbon of the national Commandery colors.** (Eliminate neck ribbon hereby and incorporate a simple change of ribbon color on the membership badge.)

Amend Section 13

Section 13. A member or associate may, at his discretion, wear all badges and insignia to which he is entitled provided that he adheres to the limitations specified in this Article.

New Section 14 A member is allowed to wear up to three badges of the Order, which shall be worn on the left breast of the jacket. The following order of precedence shall be followed from the wearer's right to left: A) The membership badge. This badge is replaced by the appropriate badge of current office held - IE, Camp Commander, Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief. If the member is a sitting Department or National officer, then he may wear the appropriate color ribbon with his membership badge. B) Past Commander's Badge of the highest past office entitled, IE: A past Department Commander should only wear the Past Department Commanders badge, not

both the Past Department and also the Past Camp Commanders badge. C) Bronze War Medal. The member may wear any one badge he is entitled to, without the other badges being present, except the Bronze War Medal, which should only be worn along with one of the other two type badges allowed.

New Section 15. When members wear their Membership badge and other badges of the Order, with badges not of the Order, the following order of precedence shall be followed from the wearer's right to left: Federal decorations, Federal Campaign medals, State Decorations, State Campaign medals, Insignia of Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans Societies, Foreign decorations, private & misc. decorations.

New Section 16. When members wear their Membership badge and other badges of the Order, with badges of other Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans Societies, the following order of precedence shall be, from the wearer's right to left, according to the recognized date of founding or creation of the particular Order or Society. {IE: For Civil War related organizations, the order, left to right, would be: The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (1865); The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1881); Sons of Confederate Veterans (1896); The Order of the Stars and Bars (1938).} {Other organizations many belong to include the Society of the Cincinnati (1783) and General Society of Colonial Wars (1893).}

Encampment Action on Amendments

On page 1, Chapter 1, Article 6, Duties of Officers, adopt job descriptions as approved by National Encampment in 1994, never adopted as part of regulations per se, this will incorporate them as part of the C & R. Committee has concurred on this. Add section 10. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

New section 4, change: each camp to which its brother belongs, shall report him as a member and pay all applicable fees and per capita taxes. That is because the issue has arisen that the Council of Administration felt it is too cumbersome to track brothers belonging to multiple camps. One must be declared a principal membership in one camp. If he belongs to any other camp, he is an "honorary" member of that camp. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

We have more and more people who want to belong to the camp of their ancestors in addition to the camp in their own state. It is causing compounding problems because of this. Some departments are not charging per capita tax for the second camp and there was nothing put in the C & R about this. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

New article name, we have lost in our regulations a lot of the regulations regarding the formation of camps. Some of this is based on prior issues, prior to the 1956 version. The first section simply extends two departments, the right the camps currently have to consolidate and under what circumstances for two departments to unite as one. By 2/3rds vote, Ohio and Pennsylvania ... could they merge to become a gigantic department? Since the notice is sent to the camp, the Committee's intention and this may need to be stated, is that its 2/3 of the camps involved, not 2/3rds of the membership.

"Camps may consolidate ... providing a 2/3 ... approved by the department commander, books, papers, property, belong to the consolidated camps, 2/3rds of the members of the camps for two camps to consolidate..." 2/3rds votes of such camps

We are assuming that two camps are joining together so by the definition of how this is phrased, it's referring to the members. Is that 2/3rds of all eligible members. If you're given notice that a vote is going to take place and you don't show up, you've given up your right to that vote. Each camp is given a certain number of delegates. When camps come together, that's a membership vote. Now we're talking about numbers of members in good standing within the camp, or the delegates that each camp is entitled to. It's a department decision, it is not a camp decision. Each camp is represented by department delegates. This also simplifies the process in section It's a department decision; it is not a camp decision. Each camp is represented by department delegates. This also simplifies the process in section 4. We can reword this 2/3 vote of each department at their own encampment, 2/3 of each department would have to agree. The vote of each department shall so decide.

New section 5 may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide into more departments based on 2/3 vote.

It should read Commander-in-Chief shall deny or approve such requests if he thinks it is in the best interest of the order.

If you look down the page to new Section 8, he pointed out a phraseology problem, the intent and spelling error is "would not be an eastern and western dept. of Michigan", the intent of section 8 is to limit section 5 to multi-state departments.

It was moved and seconded to rewrite Section 5; motion passed.

Section 6. We changed the language on this one. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Section 7 clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's right to order a creation of a department, implied in existing regulations and backed up historically. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Section 8. The Encampment can't consist of multiple states, all Encampments must become part of the department, department cannot consist of part of a state. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Authorizes departments to set their own quorum. The majority of those present at the time of the vote. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

They can have whatever officers they want to establish in their by-laws. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Proposing to form a department-at-large. The National Secretary had to deal with more camps-at-large than departments. Created for administrative purposes, the Commander-in-Chief will serve as Commander of the Department-at-large for all camps-at-large. No other officers or committees would be required except for section 3 where an assistant national secretary would serve. Per capita tax would apply.

Department required to hold an annual meeting. Not required to comply with provisions of Chapter 2. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Creation of department-at-large, no need to call out camps-at-large delegates. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Chapter 3, new section 19, makes the National Officer's job description as approved in 1994 to be adopted as part of the regulations. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Repository issue discussed earlier, we have our own records that are not in general use, and if we get the Harrisburg contract we will have our own storage space for our own records. Carlisle will not return our materials to us. **It was moved and seconded to delete 2nd paragraph in Section 9; motion passed.**

Revision of Chapter 5, Sons of Veterans. We are saying based on our Articles of Incorporation, a collateral descendent is a direct descendent of a brother or sister of a person who served. We have never actually recognized cousins as collateral membership, a large number of organizations do. This definition is effective Aug. 10 1966, based on cousins, we will no longer admit people to membership based on the service of a cousin. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Badges and Decorations

Instruction from 1995 Encampment and National Counselor, members are giving themselves suffixes after their names; e.g., PDC. Language added here designating a suffix for individuals who have earned the right as past Department Commander. We recognize no other suffixes for any other officers except for the three Commander positions. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

War medals, war designation bars are being purchased. This has really never been permitted or prohibited. This specifies that this is only worn on the war medal. **Moved, seconded and passed**

Clarification of wearing of miniature gold silver and bronze stars only used on miniature medals, not full size badges with exception of 1/2 inch gold star for honorary members. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Delete next section, 12, allows life membership to wear medals suspended from collar. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

A life member may wear his badge suspended from a neck ribbon. The Committee originally changed neck ribbon to yellow. The Committee's final recommendation is eliminate the yellow ribbon altogether. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

The rest of the changes were in the National Counselor's report concerning the wearing of the badges. It will amount to a new chapter 17, badges in the Grand Army of the Republic are not to be worn by the SUVCW unless in a reenactment or a miniature another section which is a clarification. It is improper to mix miniature and full-size medals.

Number 14B is asking for clarification, the last line states a member shall wear any one badge that he is entitled to, why not wear the badge of the order? That's the first badge you should be wearing, all the way back to 1889, all members of the order shall wear on the left breast the regulation badge of the order. It's in the ritual.

The language was changed to read "...may be relieved by the Military Affairs Committee subject to the..." all we did was reverse the procedure. The current appointment is for five years; everyone agrees to change it to three years. We don't think there is any disagreement on the duties of the Commanding Officer. There were a number of those who felt we shouldn't have a Brigadier General as a Commanding Officer. It cannot be any higher than a Brigadier General. We need to include language so the Commanding Officer doesn't get their rank lowered when they retire. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

Section 6, the SVR shall be administered by the National Military SVR, a district staff may be appointed. The period of appointment concurrent of the commanding officer, such appointments may adhere to standard rank or retire at their current rank. Now, what we've done here is add, any appointments, for example, if he is in his third years and he makes an appointment, he could only make the appointment for the remaining year of his term. A new commanding officer has the right to appoint his own people. **Moved, seconded and passed.**

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Orr Chair.
Joseph Rippey, PCinC
Lowell Hammer, PCinC
Keith Harrison, PCinC
The Hon James B. Pahl
National Committee on the Constitution and Regulations

Additional Charter Presentations

The Commander-in-Chief issued the following new Charters:

- Issued Charter to Department of Missouri
- Issued two Charters for Department of Maryland, Camp #1 and Camp #6
- Issued Charter to Department of Florida, Camp #1
- Issued Charter to Camp #1, Department-at-Large, Omaha,
- Issued Charter to Camp #1, Department-at-Large, Greenville, North Carolina

Encampment Committee Reports

A motion was made and seconded that in the absence of an objection, the recommendations would be passed at the sound of the gavel; motion passed.

Rituals and Ceremonies
(No Report)

Resolutions

Camp #33, Dept. of PA, opposition to location of National headquarters, Committee feels that issue is moot and recommend non-concurrence with the resolution.
Encampment Concurred.

Resolutions from the Departments of Maryland and New Jersey -- Whereas the Confederate Battle Flag was carried onto the battlefield and represented and distinguished the forces ... etc... reaction of the period cannot be complete without the presence of the battle flag ...We feel that the display of the confederate battle flag. should have the support of the SUVCW. **Encampment Concurred with appropriate language change to reflect that the resolution is from National.**

Resolution from Camp #65 -- Whereas an accurate and up-to-date Constitution of the SUVCW has not been done, we hereby recommend that future issues be printed on both sides of each page and future amendments be printed on additional pages.
Encampment Did Not Concur.

Resolution from the Department of Ohio – That no additional changes be made until all past proceedings are published and made available for review. Furthermore, each change to the C & R bound in these proceedings be rerouted before being made a part of the C & R. The recommendation of the committee of resolution is non-concurrence. It's our feeling that three of the previous proceedings have been published; others are about to be published. The problems with this resolution also tie up large amounts of our financial resources. Did you concur with the committee's reports?
Encampment Concurred with Committee's Nonoccurrence recommendation.

Resolution for the department of Massachusetts -- That the C & R be amended as follows: Article 6, page 18, Chapter 3, Entitled Officers, strike lines 6, 7, 8, beginning with the words "Two Members to Be Elected" insert all sitting Department Commanders or in their absence all sitting Sr. Vice Commanders or in their absence, all sitting Jr. Vice Commanders. **Ruled out of Order by the National Counselor.**

Officer Reports

Commander-in-Chief

To retain the National Legal Staff. **Encampment Concurred.**

To Continue use of scholarship form. **Encampment Concurred.**

Retain B F Stephenson Award for member obtaining most new members per year.
Encampment Concurred.

Maintain progress in electronic email, encouraging not mandating, all nominees to obtain email. **Encampment Concurred.**

Continue to recognize past commanders. **Encampment Concurred.**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Program and Policy already taken care of.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

All those seeking membership be enrolled through the office of the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief as a national member at large and then they can be transferred. We concur but have a question with dues, how dues are collected. **Referred to the Council of Administration for review.**

A National Aid-de-Camp be appointed. **Encampment Concurred.**

An e-mail address be maintained for the Jr. Vice Commander on the website, configured to forward all email to the National Recruitment Officer or the Jr. Vice Commander. **Encampment Concurred.**

National Secretary

Full-page scanner purchased for National Organization. **Encampment Concurred.**

Determine ways to improve membership retention. **Encampment Concurred.**

National Quartermaster

Contribute \$200 for wreath each year. **Encampment Concurred.**

National Counselor

Wearing of membership badges were voted on earlier. **No Action Required.**

National Patriotic Instructor

List of contributors be supplied to the National Patriotic Instructors on a quarterly basis so thank you letters can be sent. **Encampment Concurred so long as it does not result in duplication of work or effort on the part of the Accountant.**

National GAR Officer

Highway officer term be for two years. **Encampment Did Not Concur**

Nationwide search be conducted to find a sign manufacturer. **Encampment Concurred.**

Washington Representative

Present floral tributes at the annual 1868 Memorial Day re-enactment at Arlington **Encampment Concurred.**

Streamlining of new member and transfer member processing. **Encampment Concurred and referred the matter to the appropriate officers to look into the matter further to see what could be done**

Old Business

Brother Herb Webb of the Dayton Camp in Ohio discussed the Orphans Children's Home at Xenia Ohio, which the state of Ohio intends to close. It was built by the GAR and turned over to the state in 1870. It appears to be a lost cause but the Ohio Department and the Dayton Camp are continuing to push for it to remain open.

New Business

It was suggested that the SUVCW recognize and award cadets in the National Military Academies with the highest scholastic standings. The Encampment referred the to the National Committee on Program and Policy:

Good of the Order

Department of Florida. We came upon a find that we want to share with all the brothers. I want to officially make sure it gets in the record. St. Cloud Florida is the home of the only GAR hall remaining south of the Mason Dixon Line. The last member of this post died in 1949. This lone veteran went to this post every day, made a cup of tea, and spent his days guarding this post. One afternoon he left the hall, locked the door, and went home and passed away. This hall is left exactly as he left it. It was the second largest post in the US with over 800 and some members. All of them were buried at a nearby cemetery. In the corner of this building, you'll see a plate that was a cornerstone and a time capsule by the builder of this post; they founded the town of St. Cloud, "the soldier-friendly city." We are organizing a camp in this town. This hall is not opened to the public. There are weapons, pins and ribbons in this building. We would like to extend an invitation. This building is being considered as a historic site. It will become a museum opened to the public.

Washington DC - Beginning September 8th and for those succeeding five days, the national park city are going to dedicate the site of a national monument honoring the Color Troops. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$150.00 toward this monument; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to support the dedication of the Irish Brigade Monument at the Antietam National Battlefield on September 17, 1997, with a donation of \$150; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Clark W. Mellor, PCinC, as National Chief of Staff Emeritus and Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC, as Washington Representative Emeritus; motion passed.

The Encampment referred to the Program and Policy Committee a request to develop a SUVCW greeting card that could be used to send to Brothers.

Vernon Strohmeyer was initiated into the Order.

Proposed Budget

	General Fund	GAR Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr VICE Fund	Headquarters Fund
Revenue: Per Capita Tax	\$42,000.00				
Sale of Supplies	22,500.00				
Shipping & Handling-Supplies	1,500.00				
Banner Subscriptions	275.00				
National Encampment Reg. Fee	500.00				
New Camp Application Fees	200.00				
Auxiliary Love Gift	250.00				
Donations	0.00	100.00	50.00	1,000.00	0.00
New member fees	0.00			4,500.00	
NMAL Donation	2,000.00				
Interest Income - Money Market	300.00				200.00
Interest Income – CDs	0.00	3,680.00	3,120.00	0.00	710.00
Recapture of Escheated Funds	3,815.48				
Life Membership Fees	0.00		4,000.00		
Honor Roll Contributions	0.00		500.00		
Transfer of Eunds	16,000.00	3,780.00	7,670.00	5,500.00	910.00
Cost of Sales: Supplis & Shipping and Handlings	21,500.00				
Expenses: Commander-in-Chief allowance	5,000.00				
National Secretary's allowance	3,500.00				
National Treasurer's allowance	2,000.00				
National Quartermaster allowance	2,000.00				
Council of Adminiatration per diem	1,200.00				
National Encampment Committee	1,000.00				
Graves Registration Committee	500.00				
Office expenses	2,750.00	0.00	775.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Web Page	900.00				
Telephone	1,000.00			300.00	
Postage & Express Mail	1,750.00		50.00	600.00	
Electronic Mail	800.00			200.00	
Electronic Recording Records	500.00				
Transcribe Proceedings	2,000.00				
Printing of Proceeding	24,000.00				
National Encampment Expense	500.00				
Publication - Banner	12,000.00				
Past Commander-in-Chiefs Jewel	500.00				
Accountant Fee	1,200.00				
Purchased Services	200.00				
Sons of Veterans Reserve	500.00				
Bank Charges	130.00	110.00	110.00		
Scholarships	1,000.00	1,000.00			
History Book	400.00				
Grant Tomb		75.00			
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		75.00			
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		400.00			

	General Fund	GAR Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr VICE Fund	Headquarters Fund
G.A.R. Remembrance Day		300.00			
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines		100.00			
Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers		75.00			
Jefferson Memorial		75.00			
Congress of Patriotic Organizations		25.00			
Special Projects		25.00			
G.A.R. Campfire		1,000.00			
GAR Highway Association		400.00			
Patriotic Instructors Appeal		75.00			
Life member payments			1,400.00		
Membership drive - advertising				4,000.00	
Purchase of Computer	2,000.00				
Total Expenses	88,830.00	3,710.00	2,335.00	7,100.00	3,000.00
Excess (Deficit)	510.00	70.00	5,335.00	(1,600.00)	(2,090.00)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget; motion passed.

Final Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund Report

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief reported that a total of \$557 has been raised

Final Encampment Credential Committee Report

The Encampment Credentials Committee reported that there were 118 Brothers registered of which 109 were present.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 1996/1997

Commander-in-Chief - Brother Alan Loomis of Indiana was nominated. A motion was made and seconded to have the Encampment cast a unanimous vote in the case of only one nomination; motion passed. Based Brother Loomis' concurrence to serve if elected, he was declared Commander-in-chief elect.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief – Brother Richard Orr of Pennsylvania was nominated. There were no additional nominations. Based Brother Orr's concurrence to serve if elected, he was declared Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief – Brothers David Turpin from Iowa, Andrew Johnson from Maryland and Danny Wheeler from New York were nominated. All three candidates were asked if they would serve if elected; all three indicated that they would. Based on an election by the National Encampment, Andrew M. Johnson (66 votes vs. 25 for Turpin, and 12 for Wheeler) was elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Counsel Administration Member for 3 years – Brothers Edward Krieser from Indiana and George Powell from Pennsylvania were nominated. Both candidates were asked if they would serve if elected; both indicated that they would. Based on an election by the National Encampment, George Powel (66 votes vs. 35 for Krieser) was elected as a Council of Administration Member.

Installation of Officers

At the request of Commander-in-Chief elect Loomis, the installation of National Officers for 1997/98 was conducted by PCinC Keith Harrison. Brother Gary Gibson served as Guide. Present for the installation were Edward Krieser, who pinned the Commander-in-Chief badge on Commander-in-Chief Loomis and David V. Medert, who pinned the Past Commander-in-Chief badge on Past Commander-in-Chief Medert. Upon being relieved from office, Brother Medert indicated that he could now be referred to as Brother el Supremo the has-been. The following elected and appointed officers were installed:

Commander-in-Chief	Alan R. Loomis
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Richard D Orr
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	Andrew M Johnson
Counsel of Administration Member.....	George L Powell
National Patriotic Instructor.....	Edward J Krieser
National Counselor	James B. Pahl
Washington DC Representative	Richard L Wilitch
National Chaplain	Ronald Gill
National Guide.....	Steven Jackson
National Guard	David Bailey
National Color Bearer	Nicholas Kelp
National Chief of Staff.....	David Turpin
National Aide-de-Camp	Ronald Gill
National Historian	Danny Wheeler
National GAR Highway Officer	Robert W. Davis
National Graves Registration Officer	James T. Lyons
National Aid to the National Secretary.....	Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
National Aid to the National Treasurer.....	Richard Orr
National Aid to the National Secretary.....	L D Lamphere Jr.
Washington DC Representative Emeritus	Richard Schlenker, PCinC
National Chief of Staff Emeritus.....	Norman Fuhrman, PCinC
Counsel Administration Senior Member Emeritus	Joseph Rippey, PCinC

A motion was made and seconded to disband the Encampment Committees and to express appreciation for a job well done; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded that upon publication, these minutes become the official record of the Encampment; motion passed.

Adjournment

The 115th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was formally closed in Ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Loomis.

Appendices

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Appendix 1
Council of Administration Meeting Minutes 1995/1996

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**Post 114th National Encampment Council of Administration Meeting
Columbus, Ohio
13 August 1995**

The Council appointed the following Brothers to the following positions for the 1995-1996 year:
Banner Managing Editor - Gregory D. Hayes, Department of Michigan; *Banner* Assistant Editor – Paul Huff, Department of Ohio; *Banner* Advertising Editor- Danny Wheeler, Department of New York; National Membership-at-Large (MAL) Coordinator - L. Dean Lamphere Jr, Department of Michigan; National Camp and Department Organizer Richard Greene, Department of Michigan; National Membership List Coordinator Richard A. Williams, Department of Michigan; and Assistant National Membership List Coordinator Kenneth Hershberger, Department of Maryland'

The Council approved the following subscription rate structure for *Banner*; \$6 for Juniors and members of the Allied Orders, and \$10 for those not associated with the Allied Orders.

The Council approved an overrun of *Banner* per publication in the amount of 50 extra for the M-A-L Coordinator, and sufficient copies to cover the estimated number of new members of the Order.

The Council approved providing a complimentary copy of the *Banner* per publication or the current National Presidents, National Secretaries, and National Editors of the Allied Orders, all Past National Presidents of the ASUVCW, and for the Editor of *The Confederate Veteran*.

The Council directed the Managing Editor and the Advertising Editor of the *Banner* to implement the advertising program proposed by the Advertising Editor, subject to review by the Council in November.

The Council approved a Life Member reimbursement for the 1995 - 1996 year in the amount of \$8.00 per Life Member. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer.

The Council approved the 1995 - 1996 Membership dues for the Membership-at-Large in the amount of \$15.00 with a \$20.00 Application Fee for new applicants.

The Council reviewed and approved the 1996 price List for National Supplies to be effective January 1, 1996.

The Council approved a revision to the 1996 National Supply Price List to include a requirement of proof of eligibility for the purchase of a Camp/Department Commander's Badge and a Past Camp/Department Commander's Badge. Eligibility to be certified by respective level Secretary.

The Council directed Brothers Richard Orr and Alan Loomis to complete a review of the proposed implementation of an "800 telephone number and submit a response to the November meeting.

Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting
Columbus, Ohio, November 19, 1995**

A motion was approved for the wearing of a Meritorious Service Star for Brother William Freck.

The Council approved a motion to provide each Department with five copies of the Camp Organizer's packet. Each packet to be replaced when it is returned completed.

The Council approved a motion to return any Camp Organizer's packet that is submitted on old and outdated forms as "invalid" once the new packets have been distributed.

The Council approved a motion to provide each new Camp-At-Large and each new Department with a copy of the Ritual and Ceremonials, and the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

The Council approved the setup of the Order's Homepage as recommended by the National Communications and Technology Committee, and approved payment of a \$50 per month fee to the site manager.

The Council authorized the National Communications and Technology Committee to include the Constitution and Regulations of the Order on the Homepage.

The Council authorized the National Communications and Technology Committee to include the *Banner* on the Homepage without advertising.

The Council authorized the National Communications and Technology Committee to develop a program for selling Vanity Pages and Yellow Pages on the Homepage; such program to be presented at the March 19, 1996 Council of Administration meeting.

The Council authorized the Chairman of the National Headquarters Site Committee to send a letter to the Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania indicating the Order's agreement in principle with placing the National Headquarters of the SUVCW in the National Civil War Museum, subject to review and approval of the council of the City's proposed contractual agreement and inclusion of the SUVCW's square footage estimate requirements.

The Council authorized the Commander-in-Chief to inform the Department of Colorado and Wyoming and the Department of Vermont that, as single Camp Departments, they do not meet the definition of a Department as contained within the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. They will be given until June 30, 1996 to meet such definition otherwise their Department Charters will be suspended and the Camps returned to Camp-At-Large status.

The Council authorized the National Camp and Department Organizer to assist the Department of Colorado and Wyoming and the Department of Vermont in their recruiting efforts. Up to \$500 of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund will be dedicated to this effort.

The Council referred the question regarding dual membership to the Program and Policy Committee for their review and report. The Council recommended the 1986 Department of Pennsylvania amendment regarding dual membership be brought to the floor of the 1996 National Encampment.

The Council referred the question of past rank initials to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations for a review and report.

The Council referred the issue of Collateral Descent to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations for them to bring it into line with the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

The Council authorized the purchase of a copy of the Microsoft Publisher program for the Assistant Editor of the *Banner*.

The Council authorized the purchase of a laminating machine for use in laminating the Life Member Cards. Purchase not to exceed \$350.

The Council authorized the National Counselor to contact the attorney of record representing the City of Elgin, Illinois informing him that the National Organization is willing to consider signing over its interest in

the property in question in exchange for the right to any artifacts relevant to the Allied Orders and a portion of the proceeds of any sale of the property.

The Council authorized the marketing of Civil War oriented videos from Video Post Productions of St. Louis, Missouri subject to the review and approval of the National Counselor. He will report the results of his review to the Commander-in-Chief.

The Council authorized that a letter be written to the Park Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Battlefield Park thanking him for his services during the recent Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Council also authorized a Certificate of Merit be issued to the Superintendent and a general certificate to his staff.

The Council authorized a \$500 donation to the Gettysburg National Military Battlefield Park for monument maintenance.

The Council directed that an article regarding the issue of National Park permit fees be run in the *Banner*.

The Council waved the \$5.00 membership fee for members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who are not currently members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who apply for membership before February 29, 1996.

The National Secretary acknowledged receipt of a set of rebound past proceedings from Brother J. Douglas Park.

The next Council of Administration meeting is scheduled for March 9, 1996 in Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted in F.C. & L.
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting
Grove City, Ohio
Saturday, March 9, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert. Brother J. Douglas Park gave the invocation. Commander-in-Chief Medert lead the Council of Administration (CoA) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr; Council Members Andrew M. Johnson, Robert Grim, J. Douglas Park and PCinC Keith G. Harrison; National Treasurer PCinC Charles W. Corfman; National Quartermaster PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson; National Membership-At-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.; Edward Krieser, Department of Indiana; and Brothers Jason Moore and Herb Webb, Department of Ohio.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 19, 1995 CoA meeting as distributed; motion passed.

National Officers Quarterly Reports

Commander-in-Chief Medert reported that he had received and sent, thus far, 621 and 325 e-mail messages, respectively; received and sent 250 and 200 U.S. mail items, respectively; processed 42 certificates of merit and one meritorious service award; and issued one new Camp Charter (General Torbert Camp in Delaware). Fifty inquiries for the Commander-in-Chief's two scholarships have been referred to the Special National Scholarship Committee for review and recommendation; the deadline is March 31st. He has appointed 10 attorneys as national aides serving in the capacity as Assistant

National Counselors; one of which was assigned to the Gettysburg Camp. Finally, he reported that he had attended 33 different activities including the Washington, DC Abraham Lincoln Birthday Commemoration and a meeting with Generals Corfman and Schlenker, Colonel Atkinson, and Lt. Grim regarding the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis reported that additional advertisements had been placed in *Everton's Genealogical Helper* and the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution magazines. He briefly reported on the progress being made on the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Elgin, Illinois and the proposed ceremony in Decatur, Illinois.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Orr indicated that, to date, a total of 805 inquiries had been received and processed. Of these, 308 were received electronically (e-mail, world wide web and fax), 164 from four magazine advertisements, 17 from the Daughters of the American Revolution and 316 from other sources. He reported that he had four referrals that he needed to follow up on due to a lack of action on the part of a Department, Camp-at-Large and Membership-at-Large. Finally, he also reported that there may be a possibility of a Canadian Camp.

[Special National Committee on Life Membership Report - Due to time constraints, the Special Committee presented its recommended Life Membership program out of agenda sequence]

Brothers Jason Moore and Herb Webb indicated that their report was based on actuarial reports from insurance companies and life membership programs currently operating within the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The Committee's recommendations included an updated schedule for life member dues covering more age categories, changes to the Constitution and Regulations (C & R), a cut off date for the existing life membership program and the creation of a three-member Standing National Life Membership Investment Committee. A motion was made and seconded to have the report referred to the National Counselor for review and reporting back to the Commander-in-Chief with an outline of the steps and time-lines needed to have the issue legally brought before the National Encampment; motion passed with PCinC Corfman dissenting. Commander-in-Chief Medert requested that upon receipt of the National Counselor's review, the proposal minus the proposed dues schedule could be sent to the Departments for passage at their Encampments and forwarding to the National Encampment. The proposed dues schedule needs to be discussed further and could be included later as an amendment if the program passes.

National Quartermaster, PCinC Atkinson reported that updated forms were available from the Quartermaster and that he had prepared an article for publication in the *Banner* explaining how to order supplies from the Quartermaster. He also indicated that he was still working on obtaining a new seal for the Order.

A motion was made and seconded to (1) drop the multi-color format from the Order's official letter-head; (2) that Departments and Camps be afforded through the National Quartermaster letter-head incorporating the SUVCW and GAR badges on top and the bottom language "Legal Heir ... Grand Army of the Republic"; and (3) when ready, that an example of the letter-head and a brief article be placed into the *Banner* indicating the necessity for using the prescribed letter-head; motion passed. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Orr indicated that he would provide PCinC Atkinson with a mock up for printing; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the National Quartermaster to sell SVR-related materials; motion passed.

National Secretary (David Wallace): PCinC Harrison distributed copies of National Secretary David Wallace's report. Brother Wallace reported that (1) the membership stood at 4,584 as of December 31, 1995; (2) one new Camp and five new Camps-at-Large were organized during the quarter; (3) four Departments (Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Southwest) and two Camps-at-Large (Isaac Murphy #1 - Arkansas and James B. McPherson #1 - Georgia) were delinquent in filing their Second

Quarter Reports and paying per-capita tax (all were sent delinquency notices); (4) Department-organizing activity continued during the quarter in Florida, Missouri and Tennessee; (5) Camps-at-Large in Utah and Montana may affiliate with the Department of Colorado and Wyoming and (6) the 1982 and 1988 National Encampment Proceedings had been prepared for printing and publication. In addition, he had attached to his report a letter from the Department of Vermont which he sought clarification. Following review of the report, the following actions were taken:

1. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the number of Camp Organizer Packets being made available to Departments from four to one; motion passed.

2. A motion was made and seconded for the Council of Administration to endorse the Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS) Project as a worthy project for all Camps and Departments and to encourage their active participation; motion passed.

3. A motion was made and seconded that Commander-in-Chief appoint a Special National SOS Committee to coordinate with the SOS Program Assistant, act as liaison with the Departments and Camps-at-large and to coordinate publication of the program in the *Banner*; motion passed. Commander-in-Chief appointed Brother Kent Armstrong, Michigan Department, as the Committee Chair and requested that Brother Armstrong recommend two additional Brothers for appointment to the Committee.

4. A motion was made and seconded that the National Organization provide only upon request a SOS Fund-Raising Kit to all Camps-at-Large (except those in Florida, Missouri, Tennessee, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Billings, Montana) but not Departments - who would need to purchase their own, and place an article in the *Banner* advising the membership of the availability of the kits and name of the contact person; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that the Order would offer to SOS the opportunity to use its printer to affix member address labels to their fliers and to mail the material provided that SOS provide the fliers, pay for the printer's time and pay for the postage; motion passed.

5. A motion was made and seconded that the Advertising Editor of the *Banner* be directed to contact the SOS Program Assistant Lynn Clark in order to discuss advertising rates; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Medert indicated that he would direct the National Secretary to have the Special National SOS Program Committee look into the possibility of conducting a SOS Workshop (costs and logistics) at the 1996 National Encampment and to report back to him of its findings.

Commander-in-Chief Medert indicated that the National Secretary would be directed to respond back to the February 28, 1996 correspondence from the Department of Vermont and indicate that the \$250 authorized for advertising was not a grant offer but rather an offer for the Department to be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$250 based on submittal of paid receipts and a request for reimbursement to the National Treasurer.

National Treasurer, PCinC Corfman briefly reviewed the report prepared by the Order's Accountant (Geraldine Orr) and indicated that two CDs in the Permanent Fund were coming due and his intent to move them to a bank which could provide an interest rate from 5.6 percent to 5.9 percent. He also indicated that the Accountant's contract was coming due. A motion was made and seconded to offer an extension of the Order's contract with its accountant, Geraldine Orr, for a period of 24 months; motion passed with Brother Orr abstaining. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to increase the offer of extension of the previous adopted motion from 24 to 25 months; motion passed with Brother Orr abstaining.

Life Membership Coordinator Orr reported that applications for Life Membership were up in anticipation of an increase in life membership dues. He also indicated that there was a need for additional life membership cards and that the Order should consider having Life Member Certificates prepared.

Membership-at-Large (MAL) Coordinator-Dean Lamphere reported that the MAL has 400 members. He has sent out the second dues notice for 1996 and is anticipating about 160 more renewals. In addition, he asked all 1995 dropped MALs to consider reactivating their membership and sent out a letter on how to transfer to a Camp or Camp-at-Large. Finally, he indicated that he will not be seeking another term as National MAL Coordinator. As a consequence, and since he has computerized the MAL program, the new MAL Coordinator will need to know "*MS Office Professional*" (in particular *MS Assess*) in order to effectively serve in the capacity.

National Chief of Staff Andy Johnson presented the following National Officers reports:

National Counselor (Jim Pahl): Brother Pahl reported that the National legal staff was up to 10 attorneys. Each member of the legal staff has been provided guidelines and reporting requirements, and each will be receiving a copy of the C & R from the National Quartermaster. Regarding the Elgin, Illinois GAR building, a motion has been filed in court for a share of sale price plus the right to go through the contents. The National Counselor expects a favorable resolution by end of the year. The National Counselor has heard nothing further on Quest's claim against the Department of Rhode Island and therefore has closed his file on it. The Order's World Wide Web Home Page now has a National Counselor sub-page. Finally, Brother Pahl plans to complete a digest of legal opinions of the Sons of Veterans, USA and the SUVVCW and to put it onto the National Counselor's sub-page. The Digest would serve as a resource for the Order's legal staff.

Commander-in-Chief Medert indicated the he will request that National Counselor prepare a letter to each Departments and Camp-at-Large requesting that it submit a summary of all legal matters in which it is currently involved. Also, it was indicated that there was no problem with Brother Pahl's desire to research and put a digest of previous opinions of National Counselors and Commanders-in-Chief onto the Order's World Wide Web Home Page.

National Chaplain (Rev. Jerry Caroon): Rev. Caroon reported that he has been active in ceremonies and is ready to pray.

National Patriotic Instructor (Dave Turpin): Brother Turpin reported that solicitations were sent out to each Department encouraging community involvement, \$795 had been received for the GAR Memorial Fund; and that only two flag recognition certificate requests had been received.

National Historian and Banner Advertising Editor (Danny Wheeler): Brother Wheeler reported that advertising in *Banner* has not been all he desires. He expressed concern that the rates have not yet been published by the *Banner* and that such should be printed in every issue. He also reported that he has been helping to answer the on-line history questions and has been working with PCinC Corfman on the 1997 National Encampment site selection process in New York.

Banner Editor (Greg Hayes): Brother Hayes reported that two *Banner* issues were out and that a third issue is scheduled out on March 15th. He indicated that there have been problems with the printer (photos and timeliness) and he may need to switch printer. Also, first class mailing to PCinCs and National Officers has not proved totally successful and he has not yet received any advertisement rates for publishing. The Order has been saving money with the use of inserts and article submissions and, therefore, issue page numbers have been rising.

The Commander-in-Chief expressed concern with the lack of publication of the advertisement rates and indicated that he is getting conflicting reports from both the *Banner* Editor and *Banner Advertising Editor* on this subject. As a consequence, he directed the Chief of Staff to have the *Banner Advertising Editor* contact the *Banner* Editor directly and resolve this issue. A brief discussion regarding the possibility of capping the page number per issue briefly ensued. The consensus was not to do anything at this time. The Commander-in-Chief requested that the Chief of Staff ask the Editor about the status of the 100th Anniversary Issue.

National Guard (Doug Smith): Brother Smith reported that he has been working with PCinC Corfman on the 1997 National Encampment Site selection process.

National Aide for Protocol (PCinC Richard Greenwalt): PCinC Greenwalt reported that he has had no requests or complaints.

National Membership List Coordinator (Richard Williams): Brother Williams reported that the total mailing list stands at 4,652.

National Camp and Department Organizer (Richard Greene): Brother Greene reported that letters to Tennessee and Florida were sent in January 1996 regarding their status in forming Departments.

Standing National Committee Quarterly Reports

National Committee on Program and Policy: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Al Loomis reported that the committee was continuing to review the Order's forms (including the Orders Ceremonials and Ritual) and their instructions and guidelines. A variety of certificates were distributed for review by the Council.

A motion was made and seconded to have certificates prepared for presentation to Past Camp Commanders, Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief. The certificates should be without borders, have the appropriate color seal attached (Blue - Camp, Red - Department and Gold - Department) and be designed to be signed by the appropriate level Commander (Camp/Department/National); motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that two generic certificates be made for use and signature by the Commander-in-Chief to acknowledge the election and appointment of Brothers to National offices; motion passed.

National Committee on Membership: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Orr elaborated on his earlier Officer's report by indicating that he has received electronic communications (World Wide Web and E-mail) from all but four states. He also indicated that Brother George Duffy, thus far has enrolled the greatest number of new Brothers this year with 35 members.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations: Brother Orr reported that he had assigned various C & R revision tasks to his committee members and has requested that all be completed by June 1, 1996. Once material is received from each member, it will be distributed for review. It is anticipated that material will be ready for the 1996 National Encampment.

National Committee on Military Affairs: PCinC Atkinson reported that PCinC Harrison had been appointed as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the SVR effective 2 January 1996. He also indicated that Gettysburg would not be charging the Order a weapons permit fee on Remembrance Day and that the SVR has been continuing to work and resolve the SVR/SUVCW membership list issues.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed a Special National SVR Committee (PCinC Harrison - Chair, and Brothers Richard Williams and Dean Lamphere) to establish a field on the SUVCW membership list for SVR status of SUVCW members and associates. The list will be updated on a semiannual basis based on a list provided to the Membership List Coordinator from the SVR Adjutant General. The committee is to report back to the Commander-in-Chief as soon as it has completed its task and implemented the program.

National Chief of Staff Johnson presented the following Standing National Committee reports:

National Committee on Americanization and Education (Danny Wheeler): Brother Wheeler reported that he had given a Lincoln dinner speech and presented a display during the last quarter.

A discussion ensued for need to have this committee report on the activities of the committee rather than just the chair and that as this is a National Committee, its activities and reports should become more nationally (versus locally) focused.

National Committee on Graves Registration (Charles Sharrock): Brother Sharrock reported that he had written to all known Department Grave Registrations Officers, and has traveled extensively in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. In addition, he is currently reviewing 8,000 Civil War names in Oklahoma plus 1,500 more recorded in Missouri. An article on the National Graves Registration Program and a copy of the form that were both adopted by the 1995 National Encampment is tentatively planned for publication in the *Banner* this summer.

National Chief of Staff Johnson indicated that he had written to Brother Sharrock about contacting Brother Glenn Knight and seeking assistance regarding automation and also to make available his committee to answer graves registration questions which arise on the World Wide Web. The Chief of Staff was directed by the Commander-in-Chief to inform Brother Sharrock to designate one of his computer familiar committee members to serve as a liaison with the Special National Committee on Communications and Technology. The Chief of Staff will also request from Brother Sharrock a list of the Departments who have not appointed a graves registration officer yet.

National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance (Tom Johnson): Brother Johnson indicated that he had sent out the mailing for the April 15, 1996 Lincoln Tomb Springfield Ceremony on February 14 and 17, 1996.

National Committee on Legislation (Tom Johnson): Brother Johnson reported that he was currently tracking the Grant's Tomb legislation. The flag amendment was essentially dead for now. Brother Johnson indicated that battlefield sites and monument bills will be slow this session due to the election.

According to Commander-in-Chief Medert, the committee was appointed but the appointments were not printed in the *Banner*. The Chief of Staff will add the Committee to the list and ask for a report next quarter.

National Committee on History: No report.

Special National Committee Quarterly Reports

Special National Headquarters Site Committee: Brother Orr reported that the Mayor of Harrisburg has responded to the Order's interest in locating its headquarters in the new museum facility. The consensus of the Council of Administration was that the Order should initially ask for 750 square feet. Also, the Committee should try to find out (ballpark estimate) how much utilities would cost for this square footage and also estimate how much insurance would cost.

National Chief of Staff Johnson presented the following Special National Committee reports:

Special Banner Publications Committee (Greg Hayes): [Contained in the *Banner* Editor's report.]

Brother Lamphere of the Committee asked what period should be used for the Best *Banner* Article Award. It was the consensus of the Council of Administration that the Committee should view the period of August 1995 through July 1996 as the time frame from which to select the best *Banner* article. The Chief of Staff was requested by the Commander-in-Chief to inform the *Banner* Editor and the Committee that the *Banner* should be proof read by the members of the Committee prior to it being sent to the printer and prior to it being printed in order to reduce the number of errors.

Special GAR Memorial Foundation Committee (Mike Friedel): Chief of Staff Johnson indicated that he has recently advised Brother Friedel that he should plan to create a 501(c)(3) foundation located in Pennsylvania and that the Board of Directors of the Corporation should be set up to be under the control of National Council of Administration.

The Commander-in-Chief asked that the National Chief of Staff request Brother Pahl to find an attorney to assist Brother Friedel and the Special GAR Memorial Committee. Materials that the Committee prepares should be reviewed to ensure that every thing is legal before being presented to the Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration or National Encampment. The attorney should also keep Brother Pahl informed.

Special Member Number Committee (Richard Williams): Brother Williams reported on the status of the member number development. He is currently asking key National Officers how they see the use of this number in the Order. He also reported that there appears to be a leaning towards the use of a simple sequential number.

Special Committee on Communications and Technology (Glenn Knight): Brother Knight reported that the World Wide Website, as of February 19, 1996, had 5,000 visitors. The Web Site has a new server, Prolog. The site can sell vanity addresses for \$100 per year and can make pages available for sponsorship for various prices depending on how much linking is required. He indicated that the Order's print advertisements need to identify the web address, the Departments need to fill out their pages and that the National Graves Registration Committee needs a point of contact for the committee. Finally, he acknowledged Brother Ed Bergen for doing a great job as Picketmaster.

Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters (Jerry Orton): Brother Orton reported that during the quarter four certificates were awarded and three deaths occurred.

Special Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Planning Committee (Howard Bartholf): No report.

Chief of Staff Johnson indicated that he now has Brother Bartholf's new address and will request a report from him. He also reported that the Sons of Confederate Veterans had previously indicated that they would not favor a joint encampment but a one-day activity would probably be fine.

Special Committee on National Headquarters Staffing: No report.

Special National Scholarship Committee: No report.

Old Business

Update on Vermont and Colorado & Wyoming Department Status: [This information was presented in the National Secretary's written report.]

Camp Organizer's Packets: [The determination of the number of packets to be distributed per Department was made by the Council of Administration following the National Secretary's Report.]

Dual Membership: [After a protracted discussion, the issue was tabled by the Council.]

New Business

Department Formation: The Commander-in-Chief created a Special National Ad hoc Department-Formation Committee composed of Brothers Orr (Chair), Park, Lamphere and Harrison. The Committee is responsible for developing a program to help make it attractive to Camps-at-large to form departments or some other supra unit. Also, for the remainder of this year, the Commander-in-Chief will appoint a National Aide for Camps-at-Large to help relieve the National Secretary of the extra workload associated with the large number of Camps-at-Large.

Carlisle Barracks: The Commander-in-Chief created a Special New Carlisle National Committee composed of Brothers Lester "Al" Kern (Chair), Ivan Frantz, Sr., PCinC Atkinson and an attorney from the National legal staff. The Committee is to investigate the disposition of the Order's records at Carlisle Barracks and, if possible, secure their return in anticipation of the Order moving to a permanent

headquarters. The National Secretary was directed to prepare a letter of appointment to Brother Kern, listing his committee members, authorizing his committee to go to Carlisle Barracks to ascertain SUVCW material in their possession, and to ascertain if this material could be obtained on behalf of the Order. The National Secretary is also to be directed to write a letter of introduction for the Committee to the Commandant of Carlisle Barracks. Both letters should be copied to the Committee members. The Committee is to report back at the August 8, 1996 meeting of the National Council of Administration.

Life Membership Cards: Brother Krieser presented two examples of plastic laminated life membership cards for the Council's consideration. A motion was made and seconded that Brother Krieser be given authority to produce the laminated card; motion passed. Price was briefly discussed by Brother Krieser. The initial card and replacement cards will cost the Order \$1.00 and \$3.00, respectively. National Life Membership Coordinator Orr indicated that the Order should probably charge Brothers \$5.00 for replacements. Brother Orr will work with Brother Krieser on the selection of color and wording for the card.

Embroidered Emblem Proposal: Brother Krieser presented examples of patches the Department of Indiana would like to sell as a fundraiser. The Department was seeking approval to use the Order's protected symbols. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Department of Indiana to produce the patches using the protected symbols of the Order; motion passed.

Kohl Associates Proposal: Brother Orr presented a proposal by Kohl Associates to produce the Order's emblem on polo shirts and lightweight jackets. The clothing would be advertised in the *Banner* and would be capable of being purchased through the Order on a prepaid basis. A motion was made and seconded to allow Kohl Associates to use the protected symbol of the Order and to begin the marketing of the merchandise pursuant to their proposal, provided that such marketing did not duplicate other authorized fund raising projects currently in existence; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that the National Secretary, with the assistance of the National Quartermaster, develop a list of all those who have received authorization to date to use any of the Order's protected badges, emblems, seals and symbols. This Policy was created at the 113th National Encampment. Both the National Secretary and the National Quartermaster are to retain and maintain a copy of the master list; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that the master list referred to in the previous paragraph be published in the *Banner* with a statement to the effect that "if your Camp or Department is currently producing merchandise for sale and the merchandise and Camp's or Department's name is not on the master list, it is in violation of the National Order's Policy on the Use of Protected Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols and all production of said merchandise must cease. Permission to use such protected symbols may be sought (but not necessarily approved) by writing to the Commander-in-Chief"; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Medert requested the Chief of Staff inform all Department and Camps-at-Large Counselors of the National Policy on the Order's protected symbols and request they help to ensure that the policy is being followed.

Rebound National Proceedings: Chief of Staff Johnson was given the charge to investigate the issue by Commander-in-Chief Medert. He is to talk to all parties involved (Brothers Schlenker, Wallace, Orr, Lyons, Park, Harrison and Lambert - to name a few) and to make a report back to the Commander-in-Chief.

Conference on Women Endorsement: Commander-in-Chief Medert requested that the National Secretary prepare a letter for his signature endorsing the upcoming Conference on Women and the Civil War.

Standing and Special Committee Reports for National Encampment: Commander-in-Chief Medert requested that all Standing and Special Committee reports to be presented at the National Encampment be sent in early to National Chief of Staff Johnson. Brother Johnson will prepare a synopsis and a list of

recommendations of each report and then put together a compilation in time to be handed out to delegates. Brother Johnson will advise the Committee chairs of this directive.

Good of the Order

Commander-in-Chief Medert requested that the members of the Council think about and come up with some material that might be used in his presentation to the Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion later this summer.

Brother Park reported on two legislative initiatives in Michigan; one dealing with increasing the fine associated with the stealing of veterans grave flag holders and one to re-name Michigan Highway M-99 as the General John A. Logan Memorial Highway.

The next meeting of the National Council of Administration is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 1996 in Columbus, Ohio.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the National Council of Administration, the meeting was adjourned by the Commander-in-Chief at 5:00 p.m.

David R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief

Respectively submitted in F., C., & L.,
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Assistant to the National Secretary

**Pre- 115th Annual National Encampment
National Council of Administration Meeting
Radisson Columbus North
Columbus, Ohio
Thursday August 8, 1996**

The pre-115th National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert. Brother Ed Dowd offered an opening prayer.

Members Present: Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr; Council of Administration Members Andrew M. Johnson, Robert Grim, J. Douglas Park and PCinC Keith G. Harrison; National Treasurer PCinC Charles W. Corfman; National Quartermaster PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson; Washington Representative PCinC Richard Schlenker; Council of Administration Senior Member Emeritus PCinC Joseph Rippey; and PCinCs Kenneth Wheeler, Clark Mellor, Richard Greenwalt; and Lowell Hammer.

Other Brothers Present: National Membership-at-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.; National Membership List Coordinator Richard Williams; National Department and Camp Organizer Richard Greene; Ed Dowd, John Mann, Gary Gibson, and William Brennan from the Department of Michigan; and Robert Petrovic and Steve Leicht from the Department of Missouri.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 9, 1996 National Council of Administration meeting as distributed; motion passed.

Reports of Officers. Commander-in-Chief Medert indicated that he will present his full report at the National Encampment. Commander-in-Chief Medert reported on a letter that he had received from the US Army Military History Institute regarding the SUVCW/Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) holdings. According to the letter, the SUVCW/GAR material will be retained at Carlisle Barracks and continue to be

made available to users. Commander-in-Chief Medert and Brother Atkinson expressed a need to have the material inventoried.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis indicated that he will present his report at the National Encampment. He did, however, briefly report on a letter from PCinC Allen Moore regarding the setting up of a \$5,000 fund to pay for legal services to secure GAR-owned Civil War gun tubes. A motion was made and seconded to refer this matter to National Counselor, James Pahl, and Auditor, Robert Delany, for legal and tax reviews, respectively, and reporting back to the Commander-in-Chief; motion passed.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Orr indicated that he had been besieged with email membership inquiries. He will present his full report at the National Encampment.

National Quartermaster, PCinC Atkinson reported that he has processed over 500 orders for supplies during the year. He has also processed over 300 Eagle Scout certificates. He expressed a need for the establishment of Department contacts to arrange for presentation of the certificates.

National Secretary Wallace - Assistant to the National Secretary, PCinC Harrison, read a fax to the Council regarding National Secretary Wallace's inability to be at the meeting. He distributed a portion of Brother Wallace's report which showed deficiencies in reporting and percapita tax obligations. He indicated that since the report was prepared, there remained only the Departments of Illinois and New Hampshire with outstanding obligations.

Brother Harrison reported that the Department of Colorado & Wyoming still had not secured the minimum number of Camps needed to constitute a Department. A motion was made and seconded that the Department of Colorado & Wyoming Department charter be suspended for failure to make any effort to obtain the minimum number of Camps required under the Constitution and Regulations; motion passed.

Brother Harrison reported on a July 8, 1996 letter from Brother Wallace to Camp Commander, Daniel F.B. Lisarelli (Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2, Department of the Southwest) regarding the membership eligibility of descendants of the ambushed Union recruits in Texas. It was the consensus of the Council that the National Secretary be requested to write Brother Lisarelli informing him that the descendants of the recruits would not be eligible for SUVCW membership since the recruits at the time of the ambush were not members of the Union Army.

Brother Harrison reported that the Library of Congress had been contacted regarding the exchange of all their paper National Proceedings for microfiche copies. In order for the library to consider this, the microfiche copy would need to be silver halide. When the past National Proceedings microfiche were initially prepared, the Order obtained one silver halide master and several diazole copies. The Library of Congress will only accept silver halide microfiche (silver halide lasts 500 years, diazole last about 125 years). Based on additional research with the company which produced microfiched National proceedings indicated that it is not possible to make a silver halide duplicate from a silver halide master. As a consequence, if we wanted to give the Library of Congress a set of silver halide microfiche proceedings, the Order must give them our master or have the re-bound Proceedings ripped apart again. It was recommended that the Library of Congress be given our master for all those Proceedings which have been microfiched, (we retain the diazole copy), and that two master copies be made of all future Proceedings. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Brother Harrison reported that he had completed three past National Encampment Proceedings (1982, 1988, and 1994). Copies of the Proceedings will be mailed to the respective Encampment registrants following the 115th Encampment by the National Secretary. The remaining copies will be given to the National Quartermaster for sale. A copy of each of the three published Proceedings was passed around for review.

Brother Harrison reported on a letter received by Brother Wallace from Brother Ernst Von Frankenberg regarding recognition of some Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) badges to be reproduced for sale under

the Order's Emblem policy. Since the noted badges were no longer issued by the SVR, the letter was referred to the National Military Affairs Committee for resolution.

National Treasurer, PCinC Corfman distributed and briefly reviewed the FY 1996 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance, and Proposed FY 1997 Budget reports prepared by the Order's Accountant (Geraldine Orr).

Special National Headquarters Site Committee: Commander-in-Chief Medert reported on the National Headquarters draft lease from the City of Harrisburg. The matter is scheduled to be presented to the National Encampment with the recommendation to approve the location and then refer it back to the Council of Administration to work out the details.

Old Business. History Book Report: Brother Gary Gibson reported that the SUVCW History Book was completed and that copies of it had been mailed by Turner Publishers to the members of the Order 4th Class. The National Quartermaster will be provided 40 copies for sale at the National Encampment. A copy of the book was passed around for review.

Conference on Women Endorsement: Brother Atkinson indicated that he had been informed by National Auxiliary President, Margaret Atkinson, that the letter of endorsement from the Order on the Conference on Women and the Civil War was never received.

New Business. SUVCW Merchandise: Following a presentation by US Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, the following series of motions were made and seconded and passed.

1. Permission with an option to renew be granted to the US Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, to produce and sale banners, golf shirts and two types of jackets with the SUVCW badge affixed. Permission approved until 30 June 1998.

2. Permission be granted to the Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan, to produce and sell to Governor Crapo Camp members only, clothing items displaying SUVCW emblems.

3. The National Secretary shall advise all previously authorized Camps and Departments producing and selling SUVCW-emblemmed merchandise that they are authorized to continue to sell the merchandise until 30 June 1998. They may seek permission to continue to produce and sell such items beyond the 30 June 1998. This request must be received by the Commander-in-Chief before the March 1988 Council of Administration meeting.

4. Permission be granted to the Department of Pennsylvania to produce and sell as a fundraiser for the Department-hosted 1998 National Encampment SUVCW-emblemmed T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets as proposed under "Make It Special" through 30 June 1998. After this date subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, this material may be sold through the National Quartermaster.

Good of the Order. Brother Harrison briefly reported on a successful August 5, 1996 mission by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Loomis and himself to have a GAR-owned Civil War cannon returned to a cemetery in White Pigeon, Michigan.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the National Council of Administration is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M. (depending on the time of completion of the National Encampment) on Sunday, August 8, 1996 in Columbus, Ohio.

David R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief

Respectively submitted in F., C., & L.,
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Appendix 2
General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Series 1995/1996

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 1
Series 1995/1996
David R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief
16 Shawnee Drive
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148

1. I wish to express my deep appreciation to all the Brothers who elected me Commander-in-Chief at the 114th National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio on August 13th, 1995. It is a great privilege to hold this office and I gladly accept the challenge it presents.
2. Camp William Dennison #1 of the Ohio Department is to be congratulated for a job well done in planning and hosting the 114th National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio. The artifact displays were appreciated by all and the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the host camp was very apparent.
3. All correspondence to this office should be sent to the above address, which also has E-Mail capability. All business correspondence is to be sent to the National Secretary, David Wallace with the following exceptions. Requisitions for supplies are to be sent to National Quartermaster Elmer Atkinson, PCinC, and quarterly reports from Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees are to be sent to the Chief of Staff Andrew Johnson. Addresses for these Brothers as well as for the 1995-96 elected and appointed Brothers to National Offices and Committees are listed in this issue of the *Banner*.
4. Standing and Special National Committee appointments for 1995-96 have been made and are listed in this issue of the *Banner*. The quarterly reporting by committee chairmen will continue. As previously stated these reports and correspondence from committee chairmen will be directed to the Chief of Staff. This office will be the liaison between the committees and the Commander-in-Chief. He will have the authority to follow-up on the progress of the various committees. He will make his report to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration. Quarterly reports are due by the following dates: November 5, 1995, February 15, 1996, May 20, 1996 and two weeks prior to the next National Encampment. All previous appointees are hereby relieved unless listed in this issue of the *Banner*. Their work and dedication to the Order is greatly appreciated by all.
5. All Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. The money will be used to pay for recruitment advertising in various national periodicals. These advertisements have proven to be an invaluable recruiting tool. Contributions are to be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, 1310 Forest Park Ave., Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.
6. The G.A.R. Memorial Fund finances patriotic programs that perpetuate the memory of the GAR. Contributions are to be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, David Turpin, 6510 Merle Hay Rd., Johnston, Iowa 50131.
7. Recruitment has always been my No. 1 priority and without a doubt it is the lifeblood of our Order. Not only do we grow in numbers but our financial base is increased as well. As in the past each Brother who secures three new members will be appointed as a National Aide and issued a National ribbon for his badge. Those who recruit five new members will receive a Certificate of Merit. There will be an additional two awards. A miniature GAR lapel pin will be awarded to the top recruiter in each department for the period of August 1995 thru July 15, 1996. A minimum of 7 new members recruited will be the base. There will be only one such award issued to each department. There will also be one national award for the member who recruits the most members for the above dates. This award will be a walnut plaque with an engraved brass plate. It will be a permanent award and not a rotating award. All entries must pass through the department secretary.
8. Any deaths, addresses or membership changes should be sent immediately to the National Membership Coordinator Richard A. Williams, 1917 Teel Ave., Lansing, MI 48910.

At present there is no instrument in place that furnishes information to our National Data Base for the following: members who are interested in chairing or serving on a department or national committee and fields of expertise of members that would qualify them for positions with the Order. A Member Data Form has been created and is printed in this issue of the *Banner*. Any Brother that wishes to advance within the Order should fill out the form and send it to National through channels. This information will be placed in the National Data Base and can be called up for future use.

10. Any deaths or serious illness of a Brother should be immediately reported to this office. Deaths of past presidents of the allied orders should be reported to this office so that proper letters of respect can be forwarded to the order concerned. One of my goals is to maintain a close relationship with our sisters in the allied orders. We are all working toward the same goals and must remain close.

11. All per capita tax and other quarterly reports are to be forwarded to the National Secretary on time.

12. Along with recruitment, communications should hold a high priority in our Order. It isn't cheap but it is necessary. The individual camps are the most important segment of our Order and each individual member of a camp is important. Each and every member should be kept informed and contacted. Each of us wants to know that we are more than a name on a roster. Most national officers now have E-Mail capability. Communications among these officers is the best that it ever has been due to this electronic communication. We must maintain and expand our communication technology. A special committee has been appointed to do just this.

13. During the current year the Commander-in-Chief has received over 20 requests for the Order's two one thousand dollar scholarships. We have reached the point where we must become more professional in the issuance of these scholarships. A scholarship form has been created and each applicant will fill out this form and attach supporting evidence to it. This request will then be turned over to a three-member scholarship committee. The committee consists of educators from our Order who will review the requests and make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief as to who should receive the scholarships.

14. I have spent my entire adult life in a military atmosphere and have learned the value of "Chain of Command". The C & R gives us the proper direction to handle our business and other types of problems. I would expect all Brothers, Camps and Departments to adhere to the direction given us in the C & R.

15. All requests for the Commander-in-Chief to appear at department encampments and other functions should be forwarded as soon as possible so that a proper itinerary can be formulated.

16. On behalf of the Order, I would like to extend congratulations to all the new presidents of the four other allied orders of the GAR: The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps. We must all work together. Each of our orders is just as important as the others. We are all Brothers and Sisters working toward the same goals.

17. The Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies at Gettysburg are designed as a means of remembering the Grand Army of the Republic and paying homage to it. Members are encouraged to attend this event on November 18, 1995.

18. All members of the Council of Administration are advised there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:00AM, Sunday, November 19, 1995 in Gettysburg at the headquarters hotel.

19. Our Order is growing by leaps and bounds. We are growing in membership and technology. We are exploring new ways of doing things. We must always keep in mind the purpose for which our Order was created and strive to carry it out on a daily basis. In this period of our country's history there are persons and groups who would like to place our nation's history on the back burner. It is up to us and our allied orders to keep our heritage bright and shining and not permit it to be tampered with.

Good luck to all officers and committees. The espre de corps is excellent within our Order and we will continue to go forward on all fronts.

20. Each Department Commander is to submit the name of a member of their department to be appointed a national aide for regional reporting. It would be the responsibility of this member to submit news for his department to the editor of the *Banner*. This news to include: outstanding work by camps and members of that department, news of allied orders, scheduled events that will be occurring in his area of reporting and other items that may be of interest to the Order.

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 2
Series 1995/1996
David R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief
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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148

1: The holiday season has arrived and I would like to extend my best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to all Brothers of the Sons and our Sisters in the Auxiliary and the allied orders. We are all fraternally related in our dedication to our country and our Civil War ancestors.

2. I had the honor of having a joint reception with the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Irene Looker at Washington, C.H., Ohio, where the Ladies rededicated a Civil War monument. I would like to thank all those who attended and those that could not attend due to previous commitments.

3. The Remembrance Day celebration at Gettysburg was outstanding even though the Park was closed and the weather was cold. As usual, our SVR people did their usual efficient job in planning and executing the many facets of the celebration. The parade ended at the Woolson monument where the National Heads and the Pennsylvania Heads of the Sons and the Allied Orders conducted the wreath laying ceremony. The ceremony at the cyclorama was not held due to the building being closed. This gave us the honor, however, of attending the Confederate ceremonies at the Angle. This ceremony was very impressive and honored the Confederate soldiers who lost their lives in the struggle to take Cemetery Hill. The Remembrance Day event was concluded with the annual Blue and Grey ball, which was well attended.

4. Departments are requested to forward their encampment dates to me as soon as possible if you wish the Commander-in-Chief to attend. I am sure there will be conflicting dates but I will try to attend as many as possible.

5. As most of you know Past Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor has been seriously ill and is now recuperating at home. Clark is a very courageous fellow and this illness will not keep him down. He would like to hear from his many friends. Send him a card and let him know that you are thinking of him during the holidays and wish him a speedy recovery.

6. As many of you may also be aware, Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene Russell celebrated his 90th birthday this past November 24th! I know that all Brothers will join me in extending our congratulations and best wishes to Brother Russell.

7. I had the honor of attending a ceremony in Detroit, Michigan on November 11 marking US Highway 12 as the "Iron Brigade" highway. Certificates of Merit were issued to the 24th Michigan Infantry, the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, the Michigan Order of the Loyal Legion and the Michigan Department of Transportation. It was a long drawn out fight to get the job done but these dedicated people prevailed.

8. A meeting was held with the Mayor of Harrisburg, Pa. on 11-3-95. An offer was made to the Sons to establish a National Headquarters there in a new National Civil War museum that is in the planning stage. Those attending were Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer Atkinson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Pennsylvania Department Commander George Powell, Pennsylvania Dept. Sr. Vice Commander and Chair of the National Headquarters Committee Glenn Knight and myself. The discussions at this point look very promising. The offer was presented to the Council of Administration and approval was given to investigate the offer further.

9. I had the honor of issuing a Meritorious Service award to Brother William Freck of Ocean Grove, N.J. who has spent the past 50 years locating the burial sites of New Jersey Civil War Veterans and is credited with having located about 40% of those sites that are known. The Council of Administration has approved his wearing of a 1/2 inch gold star on his membership badge. To me this is true dedication to the purpose and goals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Good luck Brother Freck and your many years of work is deeply appreciated by us all.

10. The following National Aide ribbons have been issued for recruiting 3 or more new members:

William Smith, Ohio, 3 new members
Stephen Shields, Ohio, 3 new members
George Wilkinson, Ohio, 3 new members
James Pykare, Ohio, 3 new members
David V. Medert, Ohio, 3 new members

11. The following Brothers have been issued a Certificate of Merit for obtaining 5 or more new members:

Edward Parks, Massachusetts, 6 new members
William Morris, Michigan, 8 new members

12. The following Certificates of Merit were also issued:

Danny Wheeler, PDC, New York restoring Civil War Monuments
Glenn Knight, Pa. Dept., outstanding work on the Internet
Kenneth Butterfield, Sec/Treas. Maine Dept. efficiency in office
John Witt, Sec/Treas. Kentucky, efficiency in office

13. One Certificate of Merit issued to individual not in the SUVCW

Glen T. Rick, New York, monetary support for monument dedication

14. As I stated in the previous General Orders, we have created an additional two recruiting awards. The first one is the GAR Lapel Pin to be awarded to the Brother recruiting the highest number of new members within a Department (minimum of 7 new members to qualify). The second is a walnut plaque, which will be awarded to the top recruiter within our Order based on total number of new members recruited.

15. A reminder to please submit to my attention the names of Brothers or individuals who are doing outstanding work to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Soldiers and Sailors, so that they can be recognized for their efforts.

16. A national legal staff has been created consisting of attorneys within our Order who are appointed as National Aides to the National Counselor, the Hon. James B. Pahl, who will serve as chair. They will serve as consultants to Camps and Departments for such things as search for lost funds, possible legal actions, and interpretation of the Constitution and Regulations. As our organization grows, our Camps and Departments will encounter problems where legal advise is warranted. One National Counselor is not enough to handle all of these situations. We would like to have Assistants to the National Counselor from the various states. If any Brother is interested, he should contact me for further information. The National Aides will be issued updated copies of the C&R and will be briefed by Brother Pahl in the near future. The following Brothers have been appointed as National Aides to act as Assistants to the National Counselor: Thomas G. Ayer, Esq., Department of Indiana; Gregory D. Cox, Esq., Department of Ohio; Stephen R. Gribble, Esq., Department of Pennsylvania; Joseph Rippey, Esq., Department of New York; George Knell, Esq., Department of Ohio.

17. Camps or Departments that foresee being involved in legal actions or lawsuits are requested to report full particulars to the National Counselor. When requested our legal staff by their sound advice can prevent many problems.

18. In the last issue of the *Banner* we initiated a new member data form for those who wish to become involved at the National and Department level. We have had outstanding response from Brothers who have offered their expertise and time to the Order. We will run the form again in this issue.

19. I am again calling on Department Commanders to make recommendations from their Department for members to be appointed personal aides for regional reporting. The *Banner* is constantly looking for items of interest from our Camps and Departments and from our Allied Orders.

20. We are utilizing the Marshal Hope award for the best news story submitted to the *Banner*. The award will be a traveling award and issued each year. This award will be given at the 115th National Encampment.

21. We are continuing to increase our membership. The gross increase for the last quarter was 210 new members and six new Camps. On the downside we lost 97 members. Retention of members is just as important as enlisting them. Our people must be made to feel wanted and part of the SUV family. This can be done through newsletters, good productive meetings and a feeling of comradely in our Camps. Rotating leadership in our Camps and Departments is a must.

22. I would like for all Brothers to contribute to the GAR Memorial Fund, which is supervised by the National Patriotic Instructor David A. Turpin, 6510 Merle Hay Rd., Johnson, IA 50131 and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs Fund, which is supervised by Sr. Vice C-n-C Alan Loomis, 1310 Forest Park Ave., Valparaiso, IN 46383-3329.

23. We wish a speedy recovery to all our Brothers and to our Sisters in the Auxiliary and the Allied Orders who may be ill. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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To My National Staff, the Departments and Camps, and Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The year 1995 has become history. It has been an exceptionally good year for the SUVCW. The last administration under Keith G. Harrison did an outstanding job of launching our Order into the 21st century. All of the Brothers of Keith's administration are to be commended!

This administration is dedicated to the same goals! We must never again allow ourselves to become stagnated. At our peak, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had a membership of 225,000 Brothers. Our ancestors in the Grand Army of the Republic organized us to pick up the *Banner* and carry on their important work when the last Union Veteran was called to the Grand Army above. We cannot let them down! We have excellent people on board who are doing fine work.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION OF MEMBERS and COMMUNICATION with our membership are the three goals that we must maintain for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to grow and prosper.

We must elect Brothers at the National, Department and Camp levels who want to work - not just hold a title. New officers mean new ideas. Don't keep people in office too long. Give someone else the chance to pick up and advance our *Banner*.

This year we have established a National Legal Staff through the appointment of National Aides to assist the office of the National Counselor. Any Brother who is an attorney is invited to join our staff - contact me for an appointment.

Our Special National Committee on Communications and Technology, under the chairmanship of Brother Glenn Knight, has been doing an outstanding job of establishing a presence for the SUVCW in cyberspace.

We are doing research to establish a National Member Number, which has many possibilities for us.

We now have established four awards for recruiting new members.

We are very near to establishing several new Departments. I urge all Brothers who are interested in doing this to make this a No. 1 priority. I would like to have the honor of installing the new Departments and their officers. Let's do it!

Another important goal is to develop a closer relationship with our Sister Orders of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are Brothers and Sisters in our patriotic endeavors and we should strive to work together in harmony!

One of my strongest desires is to see a close relationship with our brethren in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We all share similar goals and I would like to see another "Hands Across the Wall" relationship with our Confederate Compatriots!

Much more could be said. I wish to thank all of you for your work and dedication to our beloved Order. The only time that you need to look back over your shoulder is to reassure yourself that you are out in front!

God Bless all of you and God Bless the SUVCW!

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. I am pleased to announce that our National Legal Staff, which was created last fall to assist Camps and Departments, has been a great success. In General Order #3 I reported that five Brother attorneys had signed on. I am proud to announce that five additional Brothers have volunteered to work on the National Legal Staff. They are as follows:

Brother Hugh A. Jones, Esq.	Pennsylvania
Brother Ron Turo, Esq.	Pennsylvania
Brother James M. Gal len, Esq.	Missouri
Brother Daniel H. Miller, Esq.	Kentucky
Brother Donald H. Shelf, Esq.	Maryland

We would like to see an attorney from each Department sign on to assist the National Counselor. To be eligible one must be a member or associate in good standing in the SUVCW.

2. All Departments who desire to have the Commander-in-Chief attend their annual encampments or special events in their area are encouraged to submit their requests as soon as possible as conflicting dates are beginning to occur.

3.1 had the honor of attending the Camp Crapo winter meeting in Flint, Michigan on the 27th of January where I installed the newly elected Camp Officers. This is a very active Camp and many of its members hold positions at the National level. During the month of January I also had the honor of installing newly elected Officers in five Camps in Ohio.

4. National Headquarters update: The Council of Administration in November voted to tentatively approve the site of Harrisburg as a National Headquarters for our Order pending a contract agreement with the Mayor of Harrisburg. This agreement to include square footage of office and storage areas, cost to the SUVCW for this space, terms of lease, etc. A reply has not been received as yet but everything looks very promising.

5. Camps and Departments are again reminded to submit the names of Brothers who deserve to be recognized for their work and dedication to the Order. The report should include the area of accomplishment.

The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruitment and have been authorized to wear the national ribbon behind their membership badge.

John Pollard	California	3 new members
Alex Park	New York	4 new members
Danny Wheeler	New York	3 new members
Albert Orr	Pennsylvania	3 new members

Ellsworth Brown	Massachusetts	4 new members
Lawrence Corbert	Massachusetts	4 new members
Paul Huff	Ohio	3 new members
Jon Silvis	Ohio	3 new members
Kent Armstrong	Michigan	3 new members

The following Brothers have been issued Certificates of Merit for recruiting:

William Neal	Delaware	5 new members
Marvin Scheihouse	Delaware	19 new members

The following Certificates of Merit were also issued:

Billy J. Darnell	Tennessee	Camp Organization
John A. Latschar	Gettysburg Nat. Park	Remembrance Day
Gettysburg Park Staff	Gettysburg, Pa.	Remembrance Day
Dean Lamphere	Nat. MAL Cord	Efficiency in office
Richard Greene	Nat. Camp Org.	Efficiency in office
David Wallace	National Sec	Efficiency in office
Cliff Douglas	Colorado	Assistance to SUVCW
Kenneth Hershberger	Maryland	Efficiency in office
William Neal	Delaware	Camp organization
Marvin Schelhouse	Delaware	Camp organization

Additional Brothers working in Camp Organization will be recognized under a separate caption.

6. A request was made for Departments to appoint a member to serve as a regional *Banner* reporter. One state has complied to date. Indiana has appointed Michael P. Kline, Sr. Vice Commander for the Department of Indiana to serve their state. All Departments are encouraged to participate in this program.

7. I had the honor of presenting a new Camp charter for the General Alfred Torbert Camp #1862 in Wilmington, Delaware on February 4. Even though there was 20 inches of snow on that date we had a great turnout. The charter was presented to Brother William Neal. They assure me this is just the beginning.

8. I attended the Lincoln Birthday events in Washington, D.C. on February 10-12 and had the high honor of sitting in the Lincoln pew at the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church where President Lincoln and family worshipped. The ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial, although the weather was cold, was equally impressive.

9. I would like to remind all Brothers and Compatriots of our Allied Orders of the Lincoln Tomb ceremonies to be held in Springfield, Ill on Monday April 15. While in Springfield take the time to visit the Woman's Relief Corps museum. The headquarters for the event will be at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

I also understand plans are being made for a 130th anniversary celebration of the founding of the GAR in Decatur, Ill on Sunday, the 14th. Information on this event is not available at this time.

10. The National Counselor requests that any Camps or Departments that become involved in legal actions or have the potential for same to send all the particulars to him as he may want to assign a member of the National Legal Staff to the case as an adviser.

11. All Brothers are asked to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund which is supervised by Alan Loomis, 1310 Forest Park Ave., Valparaiso, In 46383-3329 and to the GAR Memorial Fund which is supervised by the National Patriotic Instructor, David A. Turpin, 6510 Merle Hay Road, Johnson, IA 50103

12 We have been making great progress in recruiting and name recognition through our Home Page on the Internet. The Sr. Vice Commander of the Dept. of Pennsylvania is the Web Master and is ably assisted by members of our Order who are proficient in this field. I am informed that we are receiving about 1200 hits per month from persons wanting to know about the SUVCW. Through the Internet and our magazine ads we have had over 700 requests since August for membership applications for the SUVCW.

13. All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to take part in Memorial Day activities to represent our Orders and above all the memory of all who have served their country in time of war. We have all accepted the task of teaching others respect for our flag and to love and respect our great country for which many gave their lives.

14. There are many new Camps that have been organized in the various states thanks to the dedicated hard work of the Brothers of our Order. I am requesting that Camps be joined into Departments wherever possible. Departments can bring better representation and more chances for advancement for Brothers in these areas of the country.

15. The annual services at Grant's Tomb will be held again this year on Sunday, April 28 at 11:00AM at the National Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, New York. This event is sponsored by the Oliver Tilden Camp #26

16. I request that all Camp and Department charters be draped for 30 days in memory of our departed Brothers and in respect for their survivors.

By Order of
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

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In the name and by the authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To all unto whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know that reprising Special Trust and Confidence in our Worthy Brothers Charles C. Yates, Edward J. Duffel, John Anderson, George R. Dunlap, Clyde J. Getman, James G. Green, Jr., Allen F. Smith, Craig S. Courtney, Larry J. Waggoner, Clyde H. Hayner, Shawn G. Atchely, James E. Green III, Andrew J. Duffel, John Ross, Robert Higginbottom, Billy J. Darnell and Waldemar Williams,

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby constitute them, their associates and successors, a Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be known as The Department of Tennessee and as such they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to conduct the business of said Department in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and the regulations of the Order.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and have caused the Seal of the National Organization to be affixed at Chillicothe in the State of Ohio this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine

Hundred and Ninety-Six and the Two Hundred and Nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America; with rank from March 15th, 1996.

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

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In the name and by the authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To all unto whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

Know that reprising special trust and confidence in our worthy Brothers:

Dr. Ron Bair, Warren Gentzel, James Hayward, Leland Smith, Robert M. Jones,
Richard Beyer, Ellis Goe, Jonas Ban, Brice Scalley and William Stevenson,

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby constitute them, their associates and successors, a Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be known as The Department of Florida and as such they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to conduct the business of said Department in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and the regulations of the Order.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and have caused the Seal of the National Organization to be affixed at Chillicothe in the State of Ohio this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Six and the Two Hundred and Nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America; with rank from March 16th, 1996.

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. During the course of this administration to date, I have traveled 4,475 air miles, 11,477 miles by car with approximately 4500 miles yet to travel on my itinerary. 878 Email messages have been received, 338 sent and 367 mailings have been received and 247 mailings sent out. It has been a busy but very productive year thus far.

2. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis and I traveled to Jackson Tennessee where we had the pleasure of installing the officers and presenting the charter to the new Department of Tennessee. I also presented a real son certificate to Waldemar Williams of that Department. We had an afternoon of fellowship with our Tennessee Brothers and managed to take a tour of the Shiloh battlefield while there.

3. On May 18th I traveled to Ft. Myers Florida and installed the officers and issued the charter to the new Department of Florida. Our Brothers in Florida are very active there and have many plans for the future of their Department.

4. Department Secretaries are to submit the name of the top recruiter in their Department with the number of new members recruited to the National Secretary by July 30. The top recruiter in each Department that has a minimum of seven (7) new members that he has recruited will receive a miniature GAR lapel pin. The top recruiter in the Order will receive a walnut plaque honoring him for his outstanding contribution to the Sons. All recommendations for these awards are to be submitted to the National Secretary by the Department Secretaries.

5. The following awards have been issued to Brothers of the Order since the last issue of the *Banner*.

Certificates of Merit:

Donald Cheney	California	Efficiency in office
Andrew Johnson	Maryland	Efficiency in office
William B. Neal	Maryland	Efficiency in office
Dean Speaks	Iowa	Camp organization
George Flagg	Iowa	GAR memorial fund
James a McCafferty	Maryland	Efficiency in office
Robert J. Eck	Maryland	Efficiency in office
Gene Armistead	California	Camp organization
Charles Davis	California	Camp organization
David R. Curfman	Maryland	Memorial day events
Albert L. McMullin	Maryland	Patriotic leader
Ronald Bair	Florida	Department organizer
Charles Yates	Tennessee	Department organizer
Robert Beverage	Maine	6 new members
Robert Lennel	Maine	5 new members
Warren Gentzel	Florida	Camp organization

National Aides:

Otis Evans, Sr	Maine	4 new members
Duane Gettings	Ohio	3 new members
Donald Hazel	Ohio	3 new members
Donald Meredith	Tennessee	3 new members

6. The 130th anniversary of the founding of the GAR was celebrated in Decatur, Ill., which was sponsored by the Department of Illinois. It also included a tour of the GAR hall at Tuscola, Ill. After this event we traveled to Springfield, Ill for the Lincoln Tomb ceremony.

7. We were all saddened by the death of Irene Looker, the National President of the Ladies of the GAR. Irene was extremely dedicated to her work and will be missed. Not only had we traveled together many times but also she was a dear friend of mine for many years.

8. On August 1, I will attend the opening ceremonies of the annual encampment of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Richmond, Virginia where I will present greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

9. All Committee reports at the National Encampment will be confined to one side of an 8 1/2 by 11 paper. We must conserve floor time as we have a full schedule for the 11th encampment. Chief of Staff Andrew Johnson will supervise this operation.

10. I want to extend my thanks to all Departments where I have attended functions for the generosity and kindness that was extended to me on my visits. I also would like to extend my thanks to the Departments that had invited me to their functions which I could not attend do to prior commitments. I would also like to extend my thanks to the following Brothers who have represented me at functions around the country: PCinC Elmer Atkinson, PCinC Richard Schlenker, PCinC Clark Mellor, PCinC George Long, Sr. Vice CinC Alan Loomis, Jr. Vice CinC Richard Orr, Patriotic Instructor David Turpin and Commander Robert E. Bartholf.

11. This has been an outstanding year in new achievements for the Order. A national legal staff has been formed and is functioning. Complete Internet participation including a Web site that has had several thousand inquires into the SUVCW. Also most of the National Officers are now on Email that has made communication among national officers more efficient than it has ever been. We have established new Departments and Camps this year and have several more lined up to come on line. The groundwork has been laid for the establishment of a National Headquarters at Harrisburg, Pa. Hopefully the work can be completed to present the proposal to the National Membership in the near future. The Chief of Staff position at the National level has been given an active role in conducting national business. This position now supervises all standing and appointed committees. Several other new innovations have been put into place this year. None of this work could have been done without the dedication and expertise of our national officers both appointed and elected. All I can say is "God Bless them All" for this outstanding volunteer work which they are doing for our Order. They get criticized many times but let us not forget they are doing this work for us at the same time they are supporting and raising families.

12. I have had the pleasure of attending events around the country with our Sisters in the Allied Orders. We have worked well together throughout the year and they are fine folks. No one Order is more important than the others. We are all Brothers and Sisters doing the work set aside for us by the GAR and may we always go forward hand in hand.

13. I would like to remind all Brothers to support the GAR Memorial fund supervised by Patriotic Instructor David Turpin and the Sr. Vice CinC fund supervised by Alan Loomis.

14. Encampment committee assignments will be made at a later date and announced at the 115th encampment.

15. I would like to close this last General Order with these thoughts. The GAR was created to die with the passing of its last member. We were created to carry on their work. We will not always agree on issues. We must always work toward solutions in fraternity, charity and loyalty. Even though we may differ we must go forward together should to shoulder in tight formation just as our ancestors did in 61 to 65.

God Bless you all and may peace and harmony always be utmost in our thoughts as we move toward the 21st century.

By Order of:
David R. Medert
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Appendix 3
List of Delegates to the 115th National Encampment

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1. Allison, David
2. Altland, Forest
3. Ahley, Keith Drew
4. Atkinson, Elmer
5. Bair, Ronald
6. Baker, Harrison Scott II
7. Bateman, Robert J.
8. Beard, John
9. Brennan, William
10. Bunnell, Daniel
11. Bury, Gordon R. II
12. Carroon, Robert Gerry
13. Clark, Barry
14. Clark, Ron
15. Cook, P.G.
16. Corfman, Charles
17. Darby, Donald E.
18. Davis, Robert W.
19. Delaney, Robert
20. Dowd, Ed
21. El, Albert
22. Frantz, Ivan E. Sr.
23. Frantz, Ivan E. Jr.
24. Frederick, Francis Richard
25. Frost, Howard T.
26. Funck, Charles Ed III
27. Furman, Norman R.
28. Gettings, Duane R.
29. Gibson, Gary L.
30. Gill, Ronald B.
31. Greene, Richard
32. Greenwalt, Richard L.
33. Grim, Robert E.
34. Grismer, James
35. Gucciarelli, Joseph
36. Hammer, Lowell V.
37. Harrison, Keith G.
38. Harrison, Nathan
39. Hayner, Clyde H. Sr.
40. Hayward, James Bert
41. Hershberger, Kenneth Day
42. Hilton, James E.
43. Hogan, Edward J.
44. Horr, Charles H
45. Jackson, Stephen T.
46. Johnson, Andrew M.
47. Jones, Gerald
48. Kaup, Nick
49. Kelly, Dennis
50. Kern, Lester A.
51. Krieser, Edward
52. LaBanta, Thayne
53. Lamphere, L. Dean Jr.
54. Lee, Richard F.
55. Leicht, Steve
56. Long, George
57. Long, Joseph Jr.
58. Loomis, Allan R.
59. Lufkin, Richard P.
60. Lyons, James T.
61. Mann, David
62. Mann, John
63. McElfresh, Wayne
64. McGowan, Bradley S.
65. McKee, Richard Edwin
66. McMKinch, Terrance L.
67. Medert, David R.
68. Medert, David V.
69. Mellor, Clark W.
70. Metcalf, Bob
71. Michaels, Stephen A.
72. Mierka, Gregg
73. Miller, Max
74. Miller, Ralph R.
75. Mooney, Ralph E.
76. Moore, Jason
77. Mourning, James Gilbert
78. Neal, William B.
79. Orr, Richard
80. Ouhrabka, Jan
81. Pahl, Hon. James B.
82. Park, J. Douglas
83. Park, Tim
84. Parks, Edward W.
85. Perry, George
86. Peterson, Alan E.
87. Petrovic, Robert M.
88. Plante, Aram A.
89. Powell, George
90. Richman, Willich
91. Rippey, Joseph S.
92. Sautter, Kim William
93. Schaeffer, Karl F.
94. Schimming, Randal W.
95. Schlenker, Richard C.
96. Sheperd, Byrd
97. Smith, Douglas R.
98. Smith, Roy
99. Smyser, Richard H.
100. Speaks, Dean K.
101. Swogger, Larry K.
102. Tucker, Frank J.
103. Turpin, David A.
104. Wallace, David F.
105. Webb, Herbert G.
106. Weld, Theodore V.
107. Wheeler, Danny L.
108. Wheeler, Kenneth T.
109. Wheeler, Norman F.
110. Williams, Richard A.
111. Willman, Charles
112. Wyszumiak, Edward P.
113. Yates, Charles C.

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Appendix 4
Lists of New Camps and Departments Chartered 1995/1996

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Departments Organized:

Florida - 3 Camps
Kansas - 4 Camps
Missouri - 4 Camps
Tennessee - 3 Camps

Camps Organized:

Sgt. William Pittinger No. 22, Department of California & Pacific
Gen. George Wright No. 22, Department of California & Pacific
Winfield Scott Whitehurst No. 1, Department of Florida
Winfield Scott Hancock No. 2, Department of Florida
Gen. Thomas J. McKean No. 3, Department of Florida
Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Department of Kansas
Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing, Jr., No. 2, Department of Kansas
Joseph Gaston No. 3, Department of Kansas
Col. John A. Martin No. 8, Department of Kansas
Shepley Camp No. 4, Department of Maine
Gen. Alfred Torbert Camp No. 1862, Department of Maryland
Maj. Henry F. Wallace No. 160, Department of Michigan
Richard J. Oglesby No. 61, Department of Missouri
U.S. Grant No. 68, Department of Missouri
Brobst No. 23, Department of Pennsylvania
Memphis No. 1, Department of Tennessee
Farragut No. 6, Department of Tennessee
Fort Donelson No. 62, Department of Tennessee
To Be Named No. 2, Arkansas Camp-at-Large
Picacho Peak No. 1, Arizona Camp-at-Large
Victor Vifquin No. 1, Nebraska Camp-at-Large
To Be Named No. 2, Washington Camp-at-Large

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Appendix 5
Campfire Program, August 9, 1996

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**CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
RADISSON HOTEL COLUMBUS NORTH
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1996
7:00 P.M.**

Master of Ceremonies Clark Mellor, PCinC
7:00 PM Concert..... 44th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band
Posting of ColorsWilliam Dennison #1 Camp Color Guard, SUVCW
National Anthem 44th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band
Pledge of Allegiance.....David Turpin, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
InvocationDorothy Kerns, National Chaplain, Aux to SUVCW
Greetings from the Ohio Department, SUVCW Herb Webb, Commander
Greetings from the State of Ohio..... The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Governor
Greetings the City of Columbus The Honorable Greg Lashutka, Mayor
GreetingsDavid R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Greetings Margaret E. Atkinson, National President, Aux to SUVCW
GreetingsLeta B. Torrey, National President, LGAR
Address: *Johnson Island*..... Robert Hazel, J.B. McPherson Camp, SUVCW
Welcome to Delaware Franklin R. Townsend, Maryland Department Commander
Announcements..... Clark Mellor, PCinC
Benediction Jennie Vertrees, National Chaplain, LGAR
Retiring of the Colors..... William Dennison #1 Camp Color Guard, SUVCW

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Appendix 6
Listing of Past SUVCW National Encampments

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NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6 - 7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27 - 30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17 - 18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1-2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17 - 19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15 - 17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10 - 13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26 - 29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24 - 29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8 - 12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15 - 18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20 - 23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16 - 18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8 - 10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9 - 11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10 - 14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7 - 9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11 - 13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7 - 9	Washington, D.C.
22nd	1903	September 15 - 17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18 - 20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20 - 23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20 - 21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25 - 27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24 - 26	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20 - 22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20 - 25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27 - 29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16 - 18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1 - 3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28 - 30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30 - 31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22 - 23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20 - 21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9 - 11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22 - 23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26 - 28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4 - 6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12 - 14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1 - 3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21 - 23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18 - 20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10 - 12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26 - 28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14 - 17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19 - 22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19 - 21	St. Paul, Minnesota

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
53rd	1934	August 14 - 16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9 – 12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22 – 24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6 - 9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5 - 8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 -12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	1942	September 15 – 17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20 – 23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12 – 14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1 - 4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10 - 14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26 - 30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28 - 31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20 - 24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19 - 23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24 - 28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23 - 27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8 - 13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21 - 25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 1 – 15	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18 - 22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17 -21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16 - 20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21 - 25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20 - 24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19 - 23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18 - 23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16 - 20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15 - 19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6 - 10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18 - 22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17 - 21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23 - 27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13 - 17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5 - 9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18 - 22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10 - 14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15 - 19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14 - 18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13 - 17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12 - 15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10 - 14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9 - 13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 15 - 19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12 - 16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10 - 15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10 - 13	Lexington, Kentucky

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
106th	1987	August 9 - 12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14 - 17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13 - 16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12 -15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11 - 14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13 - 16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13 - 15	Portland, Maine
113th	1994	August 11 - 14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10 - 13	Columbus, Ohio
115th	1996	August 8 - 11	Columbus, Ohio

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Appendix 7
Listing of Past SUCW Commanders-in-Chief

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ELECTED NAME DEPARTMENT

1881 *Harry T. Rowley Pennsylvania
 1882 *Harry T. Rowley Pennsylvania
 1883 *Frank F. Merrill Maine
 1884 *Harry W. Arnold Pennsylvania
 1885 *Walter S. Payne Ohio
 1886 *Walter S. Payne Ohio
 1887 *George B. Abbott Illinois
 1888 *George B. Abbott Illinois
 1889 *Charles L. Griffin Indiana
 1890 *Leland J. Webb Kansas
 1891 *Bartow S. Weeks New York
 1892 *Marvin E. Hall Michigan
 1893 *Joseph B. Maccabe Massachusetts
 1894 *William E. Bundy Ohio
 1895 *William H. Russell Kansas
 1896 *James L. Rake Pennsylvania
 1897 *Charles E. Darling Massachusetts
 1898 *Frank L. Shepard Illinois
 1899 *A.W. Jones Ohio
 1900 *Edgar W. Alexander Pennsylvania
 1901 *Edward R. Campbell Maryland
 1902 *Frank Martin Indiana
 1903 *Arthur B. Spink Rhode Island
 1904 *William C. Dustin Illinois
 1905 *Harvey V. Speelamn Ohio
 1906 *Edwin M. Amies Pennsylvania
 1907 *Ralph Sheldon New York
 1908 *Edgar Allen, Jr. Maryland
 1909 *George W. Pollit New Jersey
 1910 *Fred E. Bolton Massachusetts
 1911 *Newton J. McGuire Indiana
 1912 *Ralph M. Grant Connecticut
 1913 *John E. Sautter Pennsylvania
 1914 *Charles F. Sherman New York
 1915 *A.E.B. Stephens Ohio
 1916 *William T. Church Illinois
 1917 *Fred T.J. Johnson Pennsylvania
 1918 *Francis Callahan Pennsylvania
 1919 *Harry D. Sisson Massachusetts
 1920 *Phelam A. Barrows Nebraska
 1921 *Clifford Ireland Illinois
 1922 *Frank Shelhouse Indiana
 1923 *Samuel S. Horn Pennsylvania
 1924 *William M. Coffin Ohio
 1925 *Edwin C. Irelan Maryland
 1926 *Ernest W. Homan Massachusetts
 1927 *Walter C. Mabie Pennsylvania
 1928 *Delevan B. Bowley California
 1929 *Theodroe C. Cazeau New York
 1930 *Allen S. Holbrook Illinois
 1931 *Frank C. Huston Indiana
 1932 *Titus M. Ruch Pennsylvania
 1933 *Park F. Yengling Ohio
 1934 *Frank L. Kirchgassner Massachusetts

ELECTED NAME DEPARTMENT

1935 *Richard F. Locke Illinois
 1936 *William A. Dyer New York
 1937 *William A. Dyer New York
 1938 *William L. Anderson Massachusetts
 1939 *Ralph R. Barrett California
 1940 *J. Kirkwood Craig Minnesota
 1941 *Albert C. Lambert New Jersey
 1942 *Henry Towle Maine
 1943 *C. Leroy Stoudt Pennsylvania
 1944 *Urion W. Mackey Michigan
 1945 *H. Harding Hale Massachusetts
 1946 *Neil D. Cranmer New York
 1947 *Charles H.E. Moran Massachusetts
 1948 *Perle L. Fouch Michigan
 1949 *John H. Runkle Pennsylvania
 1950 *Cleon E. Heald New Hampshire
 1951 *Roy J. Bennett Iowa
 1952 *Frederick K. Davis Wash & Oregon
 1953 *U.S. Grant III Maryland
 1954 *U.S. Grant III Maryland
 1955 *Fredrick G. Bauer Massachusetts
 1956 *Fred E. Howe New York
 1957 *Albert B. DeHaven Maine
 1958 *Earl F. Riggs California
 1959 *Harold E. Arnold Rhode Island
 1960 Thomas A. Chadwick Vermont
 1961 *Charles L. Messer New York
 1962 *Chester S. Shriver Pennsylvania
 1963 Joseph S. Rippey New York
 1964 Joseph S. Rippey New York
 1965 *W. Earl Corbin Ohio
 1966 *Frank Woerner California
 1967 *William H. Haskell Massachusetts
 1968 *Frank M. Heacock, Sr. Pennsylvania
 1969 Fred H. Combs, Jr. New Jersey
 1970 *George L. Cashman Illinois
 1971 Norman R. Furman New York
 1972 *John C. Yocum Pennsylvania
 1973 *Allen B. Howland Massachusetts
 1974 John H. Stark Pennsylvania
 1975 Clarence J. Riddell Pennsylvania
 1976 Kenneth T. Wheeler New Hampshire
 1977 *Harold T. Bielby New York
 1978 Richard L. Greenwalt Ohio
 1979 *Elton O. Koch Pennsylvania
 1980 *Richard E. Wyman New Hampshire
 1981 Harry E. Gibbons New York
 1982 Richard C. Schlenker Maryland
 1983 William L. Simpson Pennsylvania
 1984 Eugene E. Russell Massachusetts
 1985 Donald L. Roberts New York
 1986 Gordon R. Bury II Ohio
 1987 Richard O. Partington Pennsylvania
 1988 Clark C. Mellor Massachusetts

1989 Charles W. Corfman Ohio
1990 George W. Long Pennsylvania
1991 Lowell V. Hammer Maryland

1992 Elmer F. Atkinson Pennsylvania
1993 Allen W. Moore Indiana
1994 Keith G. Harrison Michigan
1995 David R. Medert Ohio

HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

1883 *A.P. Davis Pennsylvania
1899 *R.M.J. Reed Pennsylvania
1939 *Horace M. Hammer Pennsylvania
1953 *Albert Woolson Minnesota

SONS OF VETERANS

1881 !*Alfred Cope Pennsylvania
1882 !*Alfred Cope Pennsylvania
1883 !*Edwin Earp Massachusetts
1884 !*Edwin Earp Massachusetts
1885 !*Louis M. Wagner Pennsylvania
1886 !*Louis M. Wagner Pennsylvania
1887 !*Louis M. Wagner Pennsylvania

THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90 !*George W. Marks New York
1890 !*George T. Brown New York

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

*Isaac S. Bangs Maine
*A.V. Bohn Colorado
*Frank Challis New Hampshire
*Charles S Crysler Missouri
*A.P. Davis Pennsylvania
*E. Howard Gilkey Ohio
*H.P. Kent Massachusetts
*William Maskell Illinois
*Walter S. Payne Ohio
*R.M.J. Reed Pennsylvania
*William Ross Maryland
*Raphael Tobias New York
*Leland J. Webb Kansas

* Deceased

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Appendix 8
Commander-in-Chief Public Addresses

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LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY
APRIL 15, 1996

ON BEHALF OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR, I AM PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PRESENT A FEW REMARKS AT THIS COMMEMORATION. THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR WAS CREATED IN 1881 BY THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. THE PURPOSE OF OUR CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED ORDER IS TO FOSTER AND PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO PRESERVED THE UNION IN 1861 TO 1865.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN ONCE SAID MANY YEARS AGO "THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE". I CANNOT THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY HERE TODAY ABOUT PRESIDENT LINCOLN THAT HAS NOT BEEN SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE.

ALL OF US HERE TODAY HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES AS PATRIOTS OF THIS WONDERFULL COUNTRY OF OURS. EACH OF US IN OUR OWN WAY HAVE KEPT OUR TRADITIONS BRIGHT, OUR LOVE OF COUNTRY STRONG AND OUR DEDICATION TO CONTINUING CEREMONIES SUCH AS THIS ONE TODAY UPPERMOST IN OUR MINDS.

WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL DUTY TO PERFORM THAT IS EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT AS ANY THAT I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED. AS EACH YEAR PASSES OUR NUMBERS DEMINISH. WE MISS A FAMILIAR FACE THAT IS NO LONGER THERE OR ONE OF OUR ORDERS THAT HAS GROWN SO SMALL IT CAN NO LONGER PARTICIPATE. THIS ADDITIONAL DUTY IS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. WE MUST INSTILL THE LOVE OF COIJNTRY, RESPECT FOR TRADITION AND THE DUTIES OF PATRIOTISM INTO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THESE REMARKS TODAY AT THIS SACRED TOMB TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

THERE ARE MANY DISTRACTIONS IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY THAT ARE ATTRACTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

IN TIME OF WAR EVERYONE UNITES TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY BUT IN PEACE TIMES OUR PATRIOTIC FERVOR FINDS A BACK SEAT. IT IS UP TO THE HARD CORE PATRIOTS SUCH AS YOU FOLKS HERE TODAY TO CARRY ON AND SEE THAT OUR TRADITIONS NEVER DIE AND OUR REMEMBRANACE OF PAST PATRIOTS REMAINS STRONG.

WORK WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE. ENROLL THEM INTO YOUR ORGANIZATIONS AND ABOVE ALL TEACH THEM AS YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT.

WE HAVE THIS TASK BEFORE US JUST AS PRESIDENT LINCOLN HAD HIS TASK BEFORE HIM WHEN HE LEFT SPRINGFIELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 1861 WITH THESE WORDS.

"MY FRIENDS, NO ONE, NOT IN MY SITUATION, CAN APPRECIATE MY FEELING OF SADNESS AT THIS PARTING. TO THIS PLACE, AND THE KINDNESS OF THESE PEOPLE, I OWE EVERYTHING. HERE I HAVE LIVED A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, AND HAVE PASSED FROM A YOUNG TO AN OLD MAN. HERE MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BORN, AND ONE IS BURIED. I NOW LEAVE, NOT KNOWING WHEN OR WHETHER EVER I MAY RETURN, WITH A TASK BEFORE ME GREATER THAN THAT WHICH RESTED UPON WASHINGTON. WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THAT DIVINE BEING WHO EVER ATTENDED HIM, I CANNOT SUCCEED. WITH THAT ASSISTANCE, I CANNOT FAIL. TRUSTING IN HIM WHO CAN GO WITH ME, AND REMAIN WITH YOU, AND BE EVERYWHERE FOR GOOD, LET US CONFIDENTLY HOPE THAT ALL WILL YET BE WELL. TO HIS CARE COMMENDING YOU, AS I HOPE IN YOUR PRAYERS YOU WILL COMMEND ME, I BID YOU AN EFFECTIONATE FAREWELL."

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PATRIOTISM, YOUR LOVE OF OUR COUNTRY AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THESE CEREMONIES REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND ABOVE ALL GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DAVID R. MEDERT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ADDRESS
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
AUGUST 1, 1996**

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DASINGER
OFFICERS AND STAFF
MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND
MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

I WISH TO EXTEND GREETINGS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS. I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS SITTING IN THIS ROOM TODAY WHO HAVE ANCESTORS THAT FOUGHT ON BOTH SIDES DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES. WE WILL HAVE THE SAME REPRESENTATION FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING OURS NEXT WEEK.

I HAVE BROUGHT A LETTER WITH ME FOR YOUR INCOMING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF INVITING HIM TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1996

JUST AS THE OLD VETERANS DID WHEN THEY MET ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF GETTYSBURG IN 1938 AND EXTENDED THEIR HANDS TO EACH OTHER ACROSS THE STONE WALL, I WISH TO EXTEND MY HAND OUT TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS TODAY IN FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE TODAY FOR REASONS OF THEIR OWN WHO WOULD DESTROY THE HERITAGE OF THE OLD CONFEDERACY AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS STANDS WITH YOU IN THIS FIGHT TO PROTECT YOUR HERITAGE.

CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME THINK, YOU AND I HAVE MANY THINGS IN COMMON. FOR AN EXAMPLE;

WE NOT ONLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARRY ON THE RICH HERITAGE OF OUR ANCESTORS BOTH BLUE AND GRAY BUT WE INTEND TO EXERCISE THAT RIGHT.

WE ALSO SHARE AN EVEN GREATER LOVE COMPATRIOTS, AND THAT IS FOR OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN WHICH WE LIVE TODAY AND FOR WHICH THE DESCENDANTS OF THE GRAY AND THE BLUE FOR GENERATIONS HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT.

COMPATRIOTS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS COME TOGETHER AGAIN AT THE STONE WALL AND EXTEND OUR HANDS OUT TO EACH OTHER IN FRIENDSHIP.

WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT NATION TOWARD THE SAME GOALS:

I'LL MENTION JUST A FEW AS EXAMPLES.

#1 IN MY HOMETOWN OF CHILLICOTHE, OHIO WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL CEMETERY ON A HILL AND LYING SIDE BY SIDE IS BRIG. GENERAL SILL OF THE UNION ARMY AND IN THE GRAVE NEXT TO HIM LIES MAJOR CHARLES TAYLOE MASON OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY WHO CAME TO SOUTHERN OHIO SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR.

ABOUT A 100 YARDS DISTANT LIES CONFEDERATE PRIVATE MORDACAI HOPE WELL AND NEAR HIM UNION SGT. RICHARD ENDERLIN A MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER.

EACH YEAR THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS HOLDS A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL OF THEM. RIFLE VOLLEYS ARE FIRED AND AN ARTILLERY VOLLEY IS FIRED. THE LADIES PLACE A WREATH OF CONFEDERATE COLORS ON MAJOR MASON'S GRAVE AND A WREATH OF UNION

COLORS ON GEN. SILL'S GRAVE. APPROPRIATE REMARKS ARE MADE OVER EACH.

WE THEN PROCEED TO PRIVATE HOPE WELL'S GRAVE WHERE REMARKS ARE READ, A VOLLEY FIRED AND THE LADIES SPREAD FLOWER PEDALS OVER HIS GRAVE. PRIVATE HOPE WELL CAME TO CHILLICOTHE SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES AND EVERY YEAR AT MEMORIAL DAY HE WOULD DECORATE THE GRAVES OF UNION SOLDIERS IN THE SMALL CEMETERY NEAR HIS HOME. HE CONTRACTED PNEUMONIA ONE MEMORIAL DAY WHILE DECORATING GRAVES AND DIED.

THE GAR PASSED A RESOLUTION THAT AS LONG AS UNION SOLDIERS GRAVES WERE DECORATED SO WOULD BE THE GRAVE OF PRIVATE HOPE WELL. THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS CARRIES ON THIS TRADITION EACH YEAR. I PERSONALLY PLACE A CONFEDERATE FLAG IN THE FLAG HOLDER FOR BOTH MAJOR MASON AND PRIVATE HOPE WELL.

#2. MANY CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WERE CONFINED AT JOHNSONS ISLAND ON LAKE ERIE AND MANY DIED THERE. OUR TOLEDO CAMP OF THE SONS HELD A VERY MOVING CEREMONY THIS YEAR AT JOHNSONS ISLAND FOR THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WHO DIED THERE.

#3 IN FLORIDA THE WM H. HARTS CAMP #1395, SCV AT FT LAUDERDALE FLA. HELD THEIR ANNUAL CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES. LT. COMMANDER MIKE EVANS NOTIFIED THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS THAT THEY HAD LOCATED AN UNKNOWN UNION SOLDIERS GRAVE. THEY PROCEEDED TO SECURE A HEADSTONE FOR HIM. THEY DID NOT IGNORE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS A FORMER ENEMY. THEY RESPECTFULLY INCLUDED HIM IN THEIR SERVICE. THEY DID NOT HAVE TO DO THIS BUT THROUGH THEIR DEDICATION TO THE HERITAGE OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH THEY SHOWED THEIR RESPECT FOR THE OLD UNION SOLDIER.

#4. COMMANDER BRUCE R. BUCHWEITZ OF THE SCV DOUGLAS MEMORIAL CAMP #1507 OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS NOTIFIED THE SUV OF A DESCENDANT OF A UNION GENERAL WHO IS A PATIENT IN A FACILITY FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES AND REQUESTED WE EXTEND MEMBERSHIP IN THE SONS TO HIM AS HE IS VERY DEPRESSED AS BOTH PARENTS HAVE PASSED AWAY. HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN HISTORY AND IT WOULD BOOST HIS SPIRITS IF WE WOULD ENROLL HIM IN THE SUV, WHICH WAS DONE. WE OF THE SUV ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO BRUCE FOR HIS THOUGHTFULNESS AND COMPASSION. HE EVEN VOLUNTEERED TO SHARE THE EXPENSE IF NEEDED.

#4. I HAVE A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE TO RELATE WHICH TELLS IT ALL.

I HAVE TWO ANCESTORS THAT WERE CAPTURED AT THE BATTLE OF HARTS VILLE, TENN. DECEMBER 7, 1862. WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH TENN. IN MAY I MADE IT A POINT TO DRIVE THROUGH HARTS VILLE IN HOPES OF FINDING A MARKER TO PHOTOGRAPH. I HAD THE HONOR OF MEETING TIM HEATH, A LOCAL BUSINESS MAN AND MEMBER OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS WHO IS AN EXPERT ON THIS BATTLE. HE PERSONALLY TOOK ME ON A TOUR OF THE BATTLEFIELD AND GAVE ME A SET OF PHOTOS OF THE AREA AS IT IS TODAY. IN FACT HIS ANCESTORS WERE INVOLVED IN CAPTURING MINE DURING THE BATTLE.

WE HAD NEVER MET BEFORE BUT WE PARTED AS FRIENDS EVEN THOUGH OUR ANCESTORS WERE ENEMIES 134 YEARS AGO.

WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN MANY AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY HELPING ONE ANOTHER TO KEEP OUR HERITAGE ALIVE, AS THE OLD VETERANS OF BOTH SIDES WANTED US TO DO. WE WILL NOT BUCKLE UNDER TO THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY US AND WE SHOULD DISPLAY A UNITED FRONT AS STRENGTH COMES FROM LARGER NUMBERS AND RESOURCES. ABOVE ALL WE WILL PREVAIL.

WE ARE ALL AWARE THERE IS STILL SOME HOSTILITY THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE NORTH

AND THE SOUTH BUT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE DAY
WILL COME WHEN WE WILL EXTEND OUR HANDS ACROSS THE WALL IN FRIENDSHIP
FOREVER.

GOD BLESS THE DESCENDANTS OF THE OLD CONFEDERACY GOD BLESS THE DESCENDANTS
OF THE OLD UNION AND GOD BLESS THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DAVID R. MEDERT
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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