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Forward

The following Proceedings of the 101st Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were completed 14 years after the fact. While every conceivable effort has been made to try to present an accounting as complete as possible of the Encampment, there are several areas where information was no longer available.

Special acknowledgment needs to go to the late National Secretary-Treasurer and Past Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver for his original meeting notes and to Past Commanders-in-Chief Richard Schlenker and Donald Roberts, without whose annual Encampment synopsis and initial organization of Proceedings materials, respectively, these Proceedings could not have been completed to the present extent.

Keith G. Harrison, PC-in-C
Assistant to the National Secretary
March 1996



**HARRY E. GIBBONS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Harry J. Gibbons was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 100th Annual National Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 9 -13, 1981. Brother Gibbons is a Life Member of the Order deriving his membership from his paternal grandfather, Harry J. Gibbons, who served in Company C., 141st Regiment, New York State Volunteers for three years and died in Point Comfort, Virginia 1863. His maternal grandfather, Eli Stevens, who enlisted in Robert Brown's Company F., 89th Regiment, New York State Volunteers in Windsor, New York and served until mustered out in 1865. The 89th Regiment fought at Gettysburg, Antietam and Bull Run.

Brother Gibbons joined P.G. Cook Camp 223 in 1946 and served in all Camp Offices. He was elected New York Department Commander in 1969 after holding many Department offices. He is currently Press Correspondent in the New York Department. He has held appointed and elected offices in the National Organization, namely Historian, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Gibbons is a graduate of Buffalo State Teachers College and attended the University of Buffalo. He holds a Life License for teaching Industrial Arts and Vocational Technical Subjects in New York. He taught Automobile and Aviation Mechanics in Burgard High School in Buffalo, New York for 35 years. Brother Gibbons served in the 65th Regiment New York Guard from 1941 to 1945 as 1st Lieutenant (Motor Officer). He is a member of the University United Methodist Church, New York Retired Teacher Association, Washington Lodge 240 - F. & A.M., Valley of Buffalo Consistory-320-Ismailia Temple Shrine of North America, Erie County Historical Society, Civil War Round Table, Military History Chapter and an Honorary Member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Circle 91, in Buffalo, New York.

Brother Gibbons and his wife, Elsa, have three sons and two granddaughters. Sister Elsa Gibbons is the New York Department President of the Auxiliary and is very active as Patriotic Instructor in Circle 91 of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1981-1982
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Commander-in-Chief.....Harry E. Gibbons
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....Richard C. Schlenker
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....George W. Long
Council of Administration.....Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C
Richard E. Wyman, PC-in-C (8/81-11/81)*
Clark W. Mellor
National Secretary-Treasurer.....Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
National Counselor.....Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C
National Chaplain.....Roy Smith
National Patriotic Instructor.....James G. D. Marley
National Historian.....Jerome L. Orton
National Graves Registration Officer.....William W. VanDerhoff, Jr
National GAR Highway Officer.....George B. Shadel
National Personal Aide.....Royce A. Roberts
Washington Representative.....Richard C. Schlenker
National Member-at-Large Coordinator.....Fred H. Combs., Jr., PC-in-C
National Chief of Staff.....Donald L. Roberts
Banner Editor.....Thomas W.
Graham

* Died November 18, 1981.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**PRE-101st ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

**BILTMORE-PLAZA HOTEL
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1982

The pre-101st National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons.

Members Present: Commander-in-Chief Gibbons, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief George W. Long, Council Members PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey and Clark Mellor, National Secretary-Treasurer PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver and National Counselor PC-in-C Norman R. Furman.

National-Secretary Shriver read the minutes from the August 12, 1981 post-100th National Encampment Council of Administration meeting. It was moved (Clark Mellor) and seconded (George Long) that the minutes be approved as read; motion passed.

It was noted that neither *Banner* Editor, Thomas W. Graham, nor his report was present. Several issues regarding the *Banner's* Editorship and its distribution were discussed.

A discussion was held regarding the style of printing of future National Proceedings. A motion was made (Joseph Rippey) and seconded (Clark Mellor) that the same style and pattern be continued with its contents limited to Officers and Committee Reports, Motions, Encampment Activity and Encampment records such as Delegates registered for the Encampment; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Gibbons invited Brother Charles E. Sharrock of Denver, Colorado to enter the meeting to discuss the problem of past years in the Department of Colorado and Wyoming regarding Centennial Camp #100 and the Department. A motion was made (Richard Schlenker) and seconded (Chester Shriver) to grant permission to transfer Centennial Camp #100 from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming to a Camp-at-Large status within the National Organization; motion passed.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver distributed copies of the Financial and Membership statistical reports for fiscal year 1981-1982. These were reviewed and discussed.

After considerable discussion on the future of the *Banner*, a motion was made (Chester

Shriver) and seconded (Clark Mellor), to appoint Brother Robert J. Wolz of Ohio as Editor of the *Banner* for fiscal year 1982-1983; motion passed.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Schlenker discussed the reason for turning all excess records of the National Organization over to the Museum at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. A motion was made (Joseph Rippey) and seconded (Chester Shriver) to accept Brother Schlenker's suggestion; motion passed.

PC-in-C Rippey explained the legal procedure within the Constitution and Regulations to be used to notify a member who may be dropped.

A motion was made (Joseph Rippey) and seconded (Richard Schlenker) that the National Headquarters retain custody of the Gen. U.S. Grant Membership Trophy and that the names of Departments who earned it in past years be inscribed; motion passed.

The Council of Administration meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Harry E. Gibbons
Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
National Secretary-Treasurer

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
AND
AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1982
3:00 P.M.

Musical Prelude.....Emma Wheeler, PNP
Processional.....*Marching with the Heroes*
Lighting the Candles & Draping of Charters.....Harry E. Gibbons, Commander-in-Chief
Ann E. Willeke, National Aux. President
Invocation.....Elizabeth E. Mellor, National Aux. Chaplain
Solo: *The Old Rugged Cross*.....Dorothy McCormick
Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.....Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C
Eulogy to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman....Kenneth T. Wheeler,
PC-in-C
Eulogy to Past National Auxiliary President Flora D. Bates.....Minnie E. Madeiros, PNP

Tributes to the Memory of:
Past National Presidents.....Eilene Combs, PNP
Past Commanders-in-Chief.....Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
Deceased Officers & Members of the Auxiliary.....Jacquelyn Johnson, PDP
Deceased Officers & Members of the Sons.....Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C

Roll Call of Deceased Members 1981-1988 &
Placing of Flowers.....Department Commanders & Department Presidents

Hymn.....*Faith of our Fathers*

Benediction.....Roy Smith, National Chaplain

Extinguishing of Candles.....Harry E. Gibbons, Commander-in-Chief
Ann E. Willeke, National President

Recessional.....*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Postlude.....Emma Wheeler, PNP



RICHARD E. WYMAN
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1980 - 1981

Richard E. Wyman of Keene, New Hampshire, joined General S.G. Griffin, Camp 10, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on April 15, 1938 at the Department Encampment in Concord, New Hampshire. His eligibility comes from his maternal Grandfather, Luther M. Parker, who served in Company C. of the 14th New Hampshire Volunteers.

Within his Camp, he served in all offices including Camp Commander in 1942 and Secretary-Treasurer 1951 - 1981. On the Department level, he held all offices except Treasurer and served as Department Commander on three occasions, 1956, 1974 and 1975. Brother Wyman was elected to the office of Commander of the New England Regional Association in 1958. He served as General Chairman when the New England Regional Association celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1975.

On the National level, he served as National Chaplain twice, Chairman of the Americanism and Education Committee, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 99th Annual National Encampment held in Richmond, Virginia on August 10 - 14, 1980.

Brother Wyman served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946; being stationed in New Guinea, Philippines Islands and Japan, He was a surgical technician in the 35th General Hospital and the 168th Evacuation Hospital. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

Brother Wyman was a teacher. In 1980, he finished 31 years of teaching in schools in Wooster, Ohio, and Spofford, Grantham, Harrisville, West Swanzey and Keene, New Hampshire. He taught grades one through eight. In addition to teaching, he served as the first President of the Teachers' Association of the old Union No. 38 and President of the Monadnock Regional Teachers' Association. He was a member of the Keene Education Association, New Hampshire Education Association, and a life member of the National Education Association. Additional affiliations and activities included Brother Wyman's service as Secretary of the Keene Community and School Safety Committee in Administrative Unit 29, Assistant Director of Camp Union in Greenfield, New Hampshire and Secretary for the Parker Reunion Association, his mother's family group. He also worked as a nurse's aide at Pheasant Wood Nursing Home in Peterboro, New Hampshire.

Brother Wyman passed away on November 18, 1981.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
ALLIED ORDERS OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
BILTMORE-PLAZA HOTEL
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1982
7:00 P.M.

7:00 PM Concert.....215th Army National Guard Band of Massachusetts
Master of Ceremonies.....William W. Haskell, PC-in-C
Advancing of the Colors.....Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver, SVR Commanding
Pledge of Allegiance.....Fern Swanson, National Patriotic Instructor, Ladies of the GAR
National Anthem.....Assembly
Invocation.....Elizabeth Mellor, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Welcome from the State of Rhode Island
Vocal Selection.....Eleanor Lowe, Past National President, Ladies of the GAR
Greetings.....Harry E. Gibbons, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Greetings.....Ann Willeke, National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Greetings.....Lois Reffner, National President, Ladies of the GAR
Address.....Senator John F. Parker, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Singing.....Assembly
Benediction.....Roy Smith, National Chaplain, SUVCW
Retiring of Colors.....Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver, SVR Commanding
Taps

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**JOINT OPENING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1982, 9:30 A.M.**

The officers and delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its Auxiliary assembled at the Biltmore-Plaza Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:30 A.M. under the direction of Auxiliary Chief of Staff, Isabelle Roberts, and SUVCW Chief of Staff, Donald L. Roberts.

National Auxiliary President Ann Willeke and Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons were escorted to seats of honor. The National Aides saluted and the National Officers marched in and sat in front of the speakers table. All Past National Presidents and PC-in-Cs who were in attendance were then introduced. The gavel was turned over to National President Willeke and the SUVCW retired to its meeting room for its first business session.

**FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1982, 10:30 A.M.**

The 101st Annual Encampment of the National Organization, SUVCW was called to order in ritualistic form at 10:30 A.M. by Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons.

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

Guide:	Clark Mellor
Color Bearer:	James Ledwith
Guard:	Forest Altland
Committee on Credentials:	Miles E. Harrington, Sr. (Chair), William W. Vanderhoof, John Junge, Frank W. Luth, Gordon R. Bury, II
Committee on Officers Reports:	PC-in-C William W. Haskell (Chair), Robert J. Wolz, Charles Corfman, Charles E. Nelson, and Charles E. Sharrock
Committee on Resolutions:	PC-in-C Richard L. Greenwalt (Chair),

Charles P. Lowe, PC-in-C Elton P. Koch, Harold Goodman, and Richard O. Partington

Committee Constitution and Regulations: PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey (Chair), PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C Clarence J. Riddell, and PC-in-C Harold E. Beilby

Committee on Restoration of Rank: Eugene E. Russell (Chair), Robert L. McCandless, Philip W. Rogers, and Edgar A. Prince

Response to the Auxiliary: PC-in-C Richard L. Greenwalt

Response to the Ladies of the GAR: PC-in-C Norman R. Furman

INTERIM REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Encampment Credential Committee reported that 82 delegates were registered and 67 were present (see Appendix 1). A motion was made and seconded to accept the Credentials Committee's interim report; motion passed.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

On August 12, 1981 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I was elected Commander-in-Chief of our beloved Order, and I want to thank all the Brothers that elected me to the highest office that I could possibly attain in the SUVCW organization. It was an honor and a privilege that I accepted to serve to the best of my ability, and which I trust I have fulfilled my duties to your approval. I would like to repeat my watchwords or slogan I used in the *Banner* this past year, and that I brought with me in greetings to Department Encampments and meeting of our organization.

“DESIRE to help; DEVOTION to our Order of the SUVCW; DETERMINATION to carry on the remembrance of the GAR; and DEDICATION to our obligation as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. With these thoughts and incentives to help, and carry our desires for this Encampment, and success of all meetings and membership in the future, for years to come.”

Due to the overlapping and conflicting dates of Department Encampments and meetings, it was impossible for me to travel the distances in the time

between each date. I appointed a representative to bring greetings from the Commander-in-Chief and National Organization where I could not attend.

August 23: Drove to Ovid, New York for Auxiliary No. 72's birthday party for PDP Alma Evans and later meeting of Sons Camp No. 146. I spoke on membership and publicity for the SUVCW.

September 19: Traveled to Pulaski, New York for a luncheon in honor of New York Department President of Woman's Relief Corps, Eveline Donelski, and brought greetings to the many Allied Orders members attending.

September 20: Attended outstanding and very interesting exhibit of Civil War Memorabilia and Relics at the Genesee County Historical Museum in Batavia, New York. The exhibit was brought from Albany, New York by the Empire Brigade Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), with Major Harold Goodman, Commanding Officer in charge of the showing. The exhibit also had been displayed at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, New York, and has been viewed by many hundreds of people that were interested in Civil War Exhibits. This is the type of publicity the SVR has to have to recruit and build up the membership. The uniformed dress of these units are prominent and attract much attention to the public and help to promote membership.

September 27: Traveled to Rockland, Massachusetts to honor Department Commander Irving Commee and Department Auxiliary President Sara Fuller. The meeting and dinner were held in the original GAR Hall, which is kept up by the SUVCW and which is in excellent condition. We were invited to be overnight guests at PDC Miles E. Harrington and Sister Freda Harrington from Sandwich, Massachusetts. The next day we toured the historical spots, visited the famous Sandwich Glass Museum, and took pictures of the Civil War monuments.

October 3: Drove to Ontario, New York with PC-in-C Norman R. Furman and Sister Jackie Furman, to honor Sister Bessie Coates, National President of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65 (DUVCW). At the testimonial dinner and reception, I brought greetings and made remarks on their work and devotion to the Allied Orders of the GAR.

October 5: Attended my Camp No. 223 in Buffalo, New York where I talked on membership and an upcoming Civil War round table meeting.

October 9: Attended a combined Military History Chapter and Civil War

Round Table meeting. I recruited a new member for our camp. The 90 year old 17th Armory, where we met, burned July 12, 1982.

October 10: Attended the dinner and reception at Waterloo, New York, to honor New York Department Commander Royce A. Roberts and Department Auxiliary, President Elsa R. Gibbons. I brought greetings from our National Organization to the large group in attendance.

October 16: Elsa and I attended the Victory Dinner of the Sons of American Revolution in Buffalo, New York. This is an annual event and I spoke on our organization and membership, and then distributed our fliers and a few applications, which I am sure the prospects will use.

October 22: Attended the John Berry Camp No. 89 meeting; a very old Camp in Tonawanda, New York and formerly of Niagara Falls. PC-in-C Fred H. Combs, Jr. was a member. It is a very aggressive Camp and works hard to get members.

October 24: Journeyed up to East Windsor, Connecticut to a dinner and reception to honor National Auxiliary President Anne E. Willeke. New England turned out in large numbers for Anne. Greetings and best wishes were brought to all in attendance. I later visited the nearby Antique Trolley Car Museum.

October 31: Drove to Albany, New York to attend a dinner and reception, to honor New York Department Commander Royce A. Roberts and Department Auxiliary President Elsa R. Gibbons. This event was sponsored by TenEyck Camp No. 48 of Troy, New York.

November 7: At Cortland, New York, I was honored by a Testimonial Dinner and Reception at the Holiday Inn. All five Allied Orders were represented and many National, Past National and Department Officers attended. Also, many New England Brothers and Sisters were at the event. Mayor Edward Hart was the guest speaker, and received an application for SUVCW. I shall never forget the tributes sent me, as well as the lovely gifts I received on this memorable once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

November 11: Traveled to Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada to the Veterans Memorial Monument of all Wars and placed a wreath in memory of Civil War Veterans of 1861-1865. In the evening I attended the Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of Historical Societies of Tonawanda, New York.

November 12: Took part in Veterans Memorial Program in Lockport, New

York.

November 14: Attended Services at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. Honored Guest of SVR breakfast. Reviewed the many troops of blue and gray in the parade. Placed wreath with all Allied Orders at Woolson Monument, and in the evening presented the Annual Scholarship Award to the Honor Student of Gettysburg College. Attended the Blue and Gray Ball which followed the dinner. This is a day of services I cannot forget.

December 7: Participated in Pearl Harbor Day Services of all Veterans Ceremonies at Tonawanda, New York.

December 21: Attended Camp No. 6 and Auxiliary No. 1 meeting and Christmas Party in Rochester, New York where I spoke on membership and publicity.

January 16: We were snowed in so I could not get to the installation ceremony of Caywood Camp No. 146 in Seneca Falls; very disappointed.

February 12: It was an honor and privilege to present the National Organization Wreath at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. This was followed by a luncheon at the Army and Navy Building sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and the Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee. This was an outstanding event in my term of the office. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Schlenker escorted me through Washington with Elsa Gibbons, New York Department Auxiliary President, who was a guest of the Dames of MOLLUS.

February 13: Next day to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 115th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner with the Allied Orders in attendance. Gettysburg Address by Gary Heacock, who did it beautifully. We always enjoy Pennsylvania events.

February 14: Stopped at Petersburg Battlefield, Virginia, where the Park Service Guide asked for application to join SUVCW, as he was very interested in our organization. Traveled through Georgia and Florida to New Orleans to visit our son and new grandchild, stopping at historical Civil War sites. On returning north in March, we visited Abraham Lincoln's home in Hodgenville, Kentucky.

April 2: To Warwick, Rhode Island Department Encampment. A small state but very dedicated and devoted to the organization. A colorful presentation of American Flags was made to a Girl Scout Troop.

April 8: Fought our way to PC-in-C and PNP Ken and Emma Wheeler's

home through blinding snowstorm as we were invited to attend the New Hampshire Encampment. Next day to Concord State House where we were recognized by Speaker of the Assembly. On to Merrimac, New Hampshire to the campfire and banquet. An excellent speaker, Stacey Cole, spoke on the Battle of Gettysburg. The Campfire was very interesting and joyous with the Boston Circle Singers - "Golden Oldies".

April 10: New Hampshire Department Encampment where the meeting was very well attended and much business of the Department was important to all the Brothers attending. I was honored when asked to install the newly elected officers.

April 15: Attended the 26th Anniversary of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. There I presented the wreath from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I gave a short tribute and then read the "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield". Brothers Robert M. Graham and Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the ceremony and are to be commended for their excellent planning of this beautiful tribute. Luncheon at the State House Inn was excellent and as was the program planned by Ellinore K. Johnson. It was a great honor and privilege to participate in this event.

April 17: To Rochester, New York to honor New York Department Commander and Auxiliary President; very nice turnout.

April 23 and 24: Drove to Springfield, Massachusetts for the Massachusetts Department Encampment. I was escorted with the National and Department Officers to the head table and brought greetings from the National Organization. PC-in-C William W. Haskell and staff of officers treated us as royalty. I was presented with a beautiful silver bowl from the Governor of Massachusetts by Department Commander Frank J. Tucker. This was the 100th Anniversary Encampment for the Massachusetts Department.

April 25: Attended the annual General Grant Tomb Services in New York City. Small attendance, but very nice with Allied Orders of the New York Department keeping up this dedication service each year. Dinner followed at the Prince George Hotel.

May 1 and 2: Traveled up to East Hartford, Connecticut for a two day encampment with a very enthusiastic working Department. The officers and members are all devoted workers. After the banquet the entertainment was very lively and enjoyable. National Auxiliary President, Anne Willeke, also attended. I was made an honorary member.

May 16: To Candor, New York for Camp No. 99 and Auxiliary No. 99 meeting. This is a real growing Camp.

May 22: Attended reception and dinner honoring New York Department Commander Royce Roberts and Department Auxiliary President Elsa Gibbons in Buffalo, New York. The event was sponsored by Auxiliary No. 8 and the Ladies of the GAR, Circle No. 91. It was very well attended and an enjoyable evening.

May 30: Memorial Day Services at Forest Lawn Cemetery, in the Civil War section, in Buffalo, New York where my Camp 223 flag flew over 500 Civil War graves. William Hoyt, New York State Assemblyman, spoke on the Civil War and "General Grant at Appomattox". I spoke on the SUVCW's role in services of Memorial Day. In the afternoon I attended services and parade in Tonawanda, New York and gave greetings from the National Organization.

May 31: As I could not get to Cathedral of the Pines Services, PC-in-C William Haskell brought my greetings and presented the National Organization contribution in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. I received a very thankful letter from the Director.

June 3-5: Attended New Jersey Department Encampment, Avon-by-Sea. There was a very large attendance and much business went through the meeting. I really appreciated all that the officers and members did for Elsa and myself at this Encampment. PC-in-C Fred Combs presented me with a beautiful medallion from the Philadelphia Mint.

June 8: Attended a Memorial Service in Rochester, New York for Past National Chaplain, Margaret Beilby, who was also Past Department President of the Auxiliary in New York.

June 20-23: Traveled to Oneonta, New York to take Elsa Gibbons, Department President of the Auxiliary, to her Encampment, then left for Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania to attend the 102nd Annual Department Encampment, which has a very large Department, perhaps the largest, and more business like than I have seen in many years. Also, it was a pleasure to see all five Allied Orders in attendance. The Campfire was outstanding; Chair Anna Heacock did a fine job. PC-in-C Elton Koch kept me on time for meetings, lunch, and the evening reception. I gave greetings to all Allied Orders and left the next morning for New York Department Encampment in Oneonta.

June 22 and 23: Attended New York Department Encampment in Oneonta, New York. Many younger members attending, good business

sessions. With the young Commander, Royce A. Roberts, we will do very well.

June 24 and 25: Out to Ohio Department Encampment in Alliance where the business sessions really went to work and good attendance. I served as secretary during the installation of the new officers.

July 3-5: Traveled down to Perryville, Kentucky for the 12th National Sons of Veterans Reserve Encampment and the reenactment of the Battle of Perryville, 1862. This is a must for all Civil War buffs and those interested in the history of the Civil War; thousands in attendance.

July 17 and 18: Attended New England Regional at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire where there was good attendance. It was an honor to install the newly elected officers. Excellent meetings and enjoyable time. The meeting hall with Civil War memorabilia is invaluable and should be protected and secured.

Sister Anne Willeke, National President of the Auxiliary, and I met at many Encampments and occasions when possible. Due to the overlapping and same dates of meetings, it was impossible to attend many; also, the distances were miles from one state to the next meeting. The cost of flying is out of the question for a one day Encampment. Efforts should be made in the future to avoid same or overlapping dates of meetings.

To my Staff Officers and Committee Chairmen and members, many thanks, and I appreciate all their cooperation and time in their duties. We do lack communication at times when needed; a short telephone call is most helpful. Again, costs are increasing.

Membership this year has been my objective, and due to the untiring efforts of many dedicated and devoted members, our Organization has been on the increase; I think the National Secretary's report will show this.

In fact, I ran out of National Aide ribbons and certificates. Please contact me if any member obtained members and did not receive his award.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is doing a wonderful publicity job for our National Organization. Each time the uniformed units parade or are on the field at re-enactments, memorial services, they draw attention and many applications are accepted to increase our Sons membership. Thanks to each one of you that are working with the Reserve. I would like to commend Major Harold Goodman, Chairman of National Military Affairs Committee, and his members, especially for the Exhibit at the New York State Fair.

I wish to also thank the Legislative Committee, Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman, for its excellent reports to the Membership.

The *Banner* Editor, Tom Graham, has been under stress and pressure this year due to circumstances beyond his control. Under all the obstacles, I commend you Tom and thank you for your cooperation when I asked for it. I think all the members know that printing our *Banner* is a very complicated job.

In closing my report, I want to thank all the Departments, Camps, and Members of our organization. Whenever I traveled to each state, I always found respect and kindness to me, your Commander-in-Chief, and to my wife and Auxiliary President of New York Department, Elsa Gibbons. We both appreciated every courtesy and new friendships wherever we visited.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Richard C. Schlenker, has been a very dedicated and devoted Officer and done an outstanding job for the organization this past year. Also George W. Long; his methods of getting members really worked this year. As Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, he is tops! Thank you Brother George.

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, National Counselor, has been a big help on the Constitution and Regulations when I needed him. Thanks again, Brother Rippey.

To our National Secretary-Treasurer and General of our SVR, Chester S. Shriver, I highly commend you in all your busy details, plus dealing with my correspondence with the national supplies, etc. As a Past Commander-in-Chief, he knew all the answers when I called him. Thank you so much, Brother Shriver.

My National and Personal Counselor, PC-in-C Norman R. Furman, knows when I call him I really need information quick so I can answer a letter from members out of town. Thank you Norman.

Our National Chaplain, Brother Roy Smith, is a real active and devoted member. I attended the Memorial Service in Alliance, OH, where he had charge of the Department; excellent work. Thank you, Brother Roy.

Our National Patriotic Instructor, James Marley, really went strong and still going, so help him just a little more this year. Thank you, Brother Jim.

Brother Jerome L. Orton, our National Historian, has done an outstanding job. I know you will like his report later. Thanks very much, Jerry.

National Graves Registration Officer, William W. VanDerhoof, Jr., has held this job so many years I must just say thanks a million, Brother VanDerhoof.

GAR Highway Officer George Shadel left for the military service last week; but I thanked him in Ohio at the Encampment.

National District of Columbia Representative, Richard C. Schlenker, has an excellent report, as you will hear later. Thank you so much Brother Schlenker.

My Personal Aide, Royce A. Roberts, was very helpful all year, but is home this week with his youngest daughter, who is ill.

Recommendations

1. That we continue with the allotments for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Observance, the Lincoln Birthday Memorial Observance in Washington, DC, and the Memorial Day Observance at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, as in the past years.
2. That we continue the scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 to be presented to a worthy student at Remembrance Day.
3. That the allotment for the Commander-in-Chief be increased to \$1,800.00 due to the increasing expenses in transportation, cost of gasoline, motels and meals, also for the postage in correspondence in the interest of the National Organization.
4. That our Order continue working on legislation in all states to send resolutions to the Congress requesting favorable action on the bills before the House, to return the date of Memorial Day to May 30th, the original date designated.
5. That our Order support the efforts to restore the General Grant National Memorial on Riverside Drive in New York City, as reported by the National Park Services "to the appearance it had in the period of 1929-59." The Committee on Legislation, Chaired by Tom L.W. Johnson, reported on these last two recommendations in the past year.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Harry E. Gibbons, Commander-in-Chief

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

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

It is with pride and pleasure that this report is submitted -- pride in having been given the opportunity to serve my brethren and our beloved Order which honors our ancestors who gave so much for unity and pleasure in having a sense of accomplishment achieved during the expenditure of much time and labor performing the duties of this office as they were perceived to be.

The traditional duties are spelled out in our Regulations. Close coordination was maintained with the Commander-in-Chief throughout the year and problems, concerns and ideas were shared with each other.

The general membership was kept informed by quarterly reports of the activities of this office which were published in each issue of the *Banner*.

An open invitation seeking suggestions regarding the various areas of interest embraced by the undersigned produced more than 250 pieces of mail which gave the feeling of operating a "letter to the editor" column. For the response we are grateful as it gave a much clearer insight regarding our organization.

Our organization was represented on many ceremonial occasions as we continue to keep the knowledge of the existence of the SUVCW before the public.

The delegates at the 100th National Encampment determined that this office should be oriented toward Program and Policy and established a committee of four, plus the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as chairman, to carry out efforts in those areas. That committee report will be presented at the proper time in this encampment. The delegates further determined that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief should "promote the Order" and for that purpose continued the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund which had served its previous purpose in funding the 100th anniversary celebration.

No specific instructions being given, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief proceeded at his own discretion. A survey of magazine advertising proved too costly for the meager funds anticipated. It was decided that the funds could best be spent for postage. Letters were sent to over 100

Civil War round tables and 25 Civil War and Lincoln interest groups across the nation in October 1981, informing them of our 100th Anniversary; our goals, aims and requirements for membership and soliciting publicity for the same. Our letter was reproduced in the Jackson, Mississippi Civil War Round Table monthly publication, *Rebel Yell*. The Houston, Texas, Civil War Round Table November newsletter, *Lee-Jackson Quarterly Review* and others also gave publicity as inquiries were received from Texas, Arizona, California, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Maryland, Indiana, Connecticut, Mississippi, and Florida. All inquiries for membership were answered with reference to Department officers where applicable or to our Membership-at-Large Coordinator. Many requests for additional information were satisfied. Recently, news releases regarding our 101st National Encampment were sent to 100 newspapers in major population centers across the nation. The response to our appeal seems to bear out the premise that where honest effort is made, results are assured.

During the year, contributions totaling \$110.00 were received and postage expenditures of \$45.00 were made with a balance of \$64.40 plus any contributions received at this Encampment to be turned over to the incoming Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Contributions

Richard E. Wyman	\$20.00	Richard C. Schlenker	\$10.00
Robert A. Lawrence	\$ 5.00	Harry E. Gibbons	\$10.00
Fred H. Combs, Jr.	\$10.00	Chester S. Shriver	\$10.00
Thomas L. W. Johnson	\$10.00	Larry K. Swagger	\$10.00
Pennsylvania Department	\$15.00	New Jersey Department	\$15.00
Total: \$110.00			

We were able to have the necessary printing done gratis.

There being no clear definition of duties for most of our offices, we are pretty much left to conduct ourselves according to our own idea, time and energy.

Your servant's conscience tells him that he has made an honest effort this year in all areas assigned to him and hopes that all present here will find his work acceptable and will see fit to challenge him even more this coming year by providing him with further opportunity to be of service to the Order which meant so much to Great-grandfather and Grandfather Schlenker.

To Commander-in-Chief Gibbons and all officers and members who have been cooperative-operative this year I give my profound thanks.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Richard C. Schlenker
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Itinerary of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1981-1982:

08-12-81	Elected and installed
09-13-81	Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, MD
10-04-81	DUVCW Anniversary, Washington, DC
11-07-81	Commander-in-Chief Testimonial, Cortland, NY
11-21-81	Remembrance Day Dedication Day, Gettysburg, PA
11-23-81	Lincoln Birthday Committee, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC Committee formed-elected Treasurer
01-05-82	Lincoln Birthday Committee, Washington, DC
01-12-82	Lincoln Birthday Committee, Washington, DC
01-29-82	Maryland Dept. Encampment Committee, Hagertown, MD
02-12-82	Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC MOLLUS luncheon, Army-Navy Club, Washington, DC
02-13-82	Lincoln Dinner, Philadelphia, PA
02-14-82	Valley Forge, PA, Washington Memorial Chapel, reader.
02-22-82	Washington 250th Anniversary, Mt. Vernon, VA
04-14-82	Jefferson Birthday, Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC
04-24-82	Maryland Department Encampment, Hagerstown, MD
05-30-83	Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery, VA
05-31-82	Memorial Day, Bethesda, MD, speaker
06-20-82	Pennsylvania Department Encampment, Stroudsburg, PA
07-04-82	Independence Day, Washington, DC
08-11-82	Lincoln Birthday Committee, Washington, DC

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Officers and Delegates here assembled for this, the 101st National Convention, last August at Philadelphia, I was elected your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, whose prime job is membership. Throughout the year I attended many banquets, the Past Commanders and Past Presidents banquet in Gettysburg commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery, also the parade in the afternoon, several Lincoln and Anniversary banquets. I was called on several times to represent the Commander-in-Chief. I always mentioned membership.

The following is a poem which I recited several times during this year and one which I would like all to keep in mind:

I see you at the meetings, but you never say "HELLO". You are busy all the time with those you already know. I sit among the members but I am lonesome. The new ones are as strange as I and the old ones pass me by. But, DARN IT, you fellows asked me to join!! And talked fellowship. You could have stepped across the room but you never made the trip. Why can't you nod and say hello or stop and shake my hand, then go and sit among your friends. Now THAT I'll understand. I'll be at your next meeting, a nice time I hope to spend. Do you think you could introduce yourself? I'd like to be your friend.

Eleven Departments showed a decrease in membership, some due to death and some due to non-payment of dues. It is important to keep in mind that as dues are increased, our Brothers fixed incomes are not. They just cannot pay the increase.

Six Departments showed an increase: Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Four new Camps were formed: Major Peter Vanderburg Camp No. 6, Freehold, New Jersey, 20 members; Sgt. Marton Hackett Camp No. 1, Syracuse, New York, 9 members; Bucktail Camp No. 42, Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 22 new members (I and Brother Ivan Frantz, Pennsylvania Department Secretary-Treasurer, did the installation on November 7, 1981. This was the reason I didn't attend your testimonial dinner); Kokomo Camp No. 1, Kokomo, Indiana, 28 new members -- was Chartered June 27, 1982 and will be instituted in the fall of 1982; and William P. Sherman, Billy Yank Camp No. 65, St. Louis, Missouri, to changed to a Full Camp from a Provisional Camp, 20 members.

The year went very fast, and I hope I lived up to your expectations. How many members carry a membership application in their pocket?

Yours in F. C. & L.,
George W. Long
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

One year ago I attended the National Encampment at Philadelphia as a delegate from the Ohio Department and, as a comparatively new member in the Order, I expected nothing more than to enjoy the fellowship of the

members and to learn more of the Order to which we are all dedicated. It was a great surprise to me when the Commander-in-Chief asked me to be his National Chaplain, an honor that made me feel quite humble. I have tried to uphold the dignity of the office at all the events which I have attended, which were: Reception for the Commander-in-Chief, Cortland, New York; Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Central Regional Encampment, Peoria, Illinois; Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois; Reception for the Ohio Department Commander, Holmesville, Ohio; District No. 1 of Ohio, Unionport, Ohio; District No. 2, Mansfield, Ohio; and Ohio Department Encampment, Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio; where I finished three years as Department Chaplain, and took a part in the Memorial Service.

It is with great sorrow that I report the death of Richard E. Wyman, Past Commander-in-Chief, whom I had only known a short time but considered him a great friend and Brother.

I would be remiss if I didn't give thanks to all those who have given me advice and helped in the planning of the Joint Memorial Service, to Sister Mellor of the Auxiliary for her cooperation in planning the Memorial Service and taking care of the many details that are so necessary in making anything a success, and to all of the Officers of the National Encampment who freely gave me the help that I asked for.

In F. C. & L.,
Roy Smith
National Chaplain

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

It was a great honor to me when I was appointed National Counselor a year ago, and I thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for your faith and confidence in me. Whenever a problem arose, and I was consulted, I tried, to the best of my ability, to help the Commander-in-Chief, to find a solution to the problem. With this knowledge of our Order and our Constitution and Regulations (C & R), however, what I really did was give a little moral support. In most cases, a decision had already been reached by the Commander-in-Chief, and the proper action taken, but together we consulted the C & R, and other resources of information, to be sure the decision was correct.

It has been a pleasure to again serve on the National Staff, and I hope that I have, in some small way, contributed to the success of

Commander-in-Chief Gibbons' Administration, and for the good of the Order.

Sincerely in F., C. & L.,
Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C, National Counselor

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

It is with a feeling of pride and pleasure, that I submit to you this formal report of the activity and progress of our Order for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982. A year that experienced changes for the betterment of our Order after 100 years of existence as the only male organization representing the Grand Army of the Republic. This was a year when we continued to increase our overall membership and substantiated our flow of capital funds, despite continued economic conditions. Perhaps you can best visualize these facts with a breakdown of the various areas as follows.

Administration

All records at your National Headquarters have been received by the Audit Committee of the Encampment. Mr. Clay W. Garrett, CPA in Hanover, Pennsylvania, conducts our annual audit. Reports of finances and membership are forwarded annually to the Congress of the United States as required by our Congressional Charter. Receipts are on file to verify this action. The fiscal year just ending June 30, 1982 experienced a greater volume of mail than ever before, not only supply requisitions, membership inquiries, quarterly reports, forwarding of special memos and directions to the National Officers and Department Secretaries, but a tremendous increase of correspondence from dedicated Americans interested in seeking ancestry records of Civil War veterans. A form letter is normally used for each while some require a personal letter in reply. The year 1981-1982 resulted in at least 37 applications forwarded to several Departments, Camps or Membership-at-Large for processing. The work required by the office of National Encampment Proceedings were distributed in June 1982. The 99th Annual National Encampment Proceedings are now at the printer and promised for delivery by December 31, 1982.

Finances

The approved changes at the 100th National Encampment in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, last August 1981, have resulted in meeting

the capital flow of money to meet our annual budget appropriations. As you will note on the Financial Statistical Report as part of this report, the surrender of the 2,225 shares of Wellington Fund Stock and re-investment into Guaranteed and Insured Certificates of Deposits at 15.75% average, has earned nearly \$2,000.00 more interest income. This change plus the establishment of \$1.00 per member per quarter for Per Capita Tax has provided the solution to our operation as a National Organization on the same level as 1 or 2 people's income.

The depository is Gettysburg National Bank, Pennsylvania. A safe and secure lock box number 860 is used to protect our valuable papers. Fire insurance protection in the amount of \$5,000 is carried by the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company. Position Bonds are covered on the positions of the Commander-in-Chief of \$1,000 and National Secretary-Treasurer for \$10,000. Cash books and membership records are maintained monthly.

Supplies

The current conditions of maintaining a supply of forms and medals are good, despite our annual appropriations for replacement. The time element to replace medals from our present manufacturer is now three to four months. Printed forms are costly despite new methods of off-set printing. Postage cost is tremendous plus the irregularity of U.S. Post Office deliveries, have caused some problems.

Honor Roll Contributions

During the past fiscal year, the following have submitted contributions:

Luther T. Cook, Jr.	\$ 10.00
In memory of John Grearus, 18th Reg. 7th PA. Cav.	
Allied Order of GAR	\$ 10.00
In memory of Allen B. Howland, PC-in-C, MA	
Morgan Holmes Streeter	\$ 10.00
In memory of Pvt. Sherman S. Streeter, Co. C., 104th NY	
Morgan Holmes Streeter	\$ 10.00
In memory of Pvt. Harrison Streeter, Co. F, 33rd NY Reg.	
George El Place, PDC	\$ 10.00
In memory of Richard E. Wyman, PC- in-C, VT	
Mr & Mrs Richard C. Schlenker	\$ 10.00
In memory of Richard E. Wyman, PC-in-C, VT	
Mr & Mrs Fred H. Combs, Jr.	\$ 10.00
In memory of Richard E. Wyman, PC-in-C, VT	
LTC Wilbur Hoxie, U.S. Army	\$ 25.00
In memory of Richard L. Hoxie, 1st Iowa Cav	
Steven W. Cashman	\$ 6.00

In memory of Francis Osgood, Co. F, 2nd RI Reg.	
Steven W. Cashman	\$ 6.00
In memory of Francis Osgood, Co. A, 4th MA Reg.	
Gordon Vollandigham	\$ 10.00
In memory of George Vollandigham, Co. E, 125th Reg. OH	
Vol. Inf.	
Mr & Mrs Thomas L. W. Johnson	\$ 10.00
In memory of Charles Allen Brady, Jr., PDC, IL	
Kenneth P. Thompson, Jr.	\$ 10.00
In memory of George Shivery, Jr., Co. D, 151st PA. Vol.	
Kenneth P. Thompson, Jr.	\$ 10.00
In memory of Isa O. Leighty, Cpl. Co. F, 148th PA. Vol. Inf.	
(School Teachers Reg.)	
Gen. James A. Garfield Camp No. 4	\$ 15.00
In memory of Col. Samuel S. Kale	
Total:	\$181.50

The above-listed, who have contributed to the Honor Roll, have been recorded in the National Headquarters Archives and printed in the *Banner*.

Life Memberships

The following Brothers have purchased Life Memberships in our Order during the past fiscal year:

Luther T. Cook Jr.	\$100.00	Benjamin F. Lucas	\$100.00
Gene R. Cantwell	\$100.00	Ellery M. Linnell	\$100.00
William J. Little	\$150.00	Charles E. Sharrock, Jr.	\$150.00
George A. McKenna	\$150.00		
Total:		\$850.00	

Membership

We continue to increase our overall membership as a National Organization. Although only by a total of 21 new Brothers, there has been a continued surge of interest displayed by the listing of our Order in the booklet, *How to Trace Your Family Genealogy*. Inquiries numbering several hundred received during the past year resulted in many new applicants. Advertising in the *Civil War Times* by Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., Coordinator for our Membership-at-Large, has contributed greatly as has the Sons of Veterans Reserve activity of wearing the uniform of our Military Department to relive the life of the Civil War soldier in portraying history.

Four new Camps were Chartered during the past fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, with a total membership of 86 Brothers. While the total of 362 Membership Applications were processed, a total of 368 losses were reported, of which nearly 50% were by deaths.

Credit must be given to those Brothers who were organizers of the new Camps in Freehold, New Jersey; Syracuse, New York; Port Allegheny,

Pennsylvania, and Kokomo, Indiana, for their efforts in recruiting members. William P. Sherman Billy Yank Camp No. 65 in St. Louis, Missouri, which was chartered as a Provisional Camp-at-Large with seven members in 1979, changed its status to a Full Camp-at-Large with a total of 20 members.

Several Camps were disbanded during the past year for consolidation where membership has dwindled. A complete Report of our membership standing has been distributed to all officers and delegates attending this Encampment.

Recommendations

In the interest of experienced first hand situations confronting our beloved Organization and the trust our membership should take to resolve our weaknesses, plus striving to retain our highest standards, may I offer the following recommendations.:

1. That the Department Secretaries and Camp-at-Large Secretaries forward a complete current list of their membership with addresses, to the National Secretary-Treasurer, due within 30 days following the close of the fourth quarter, ending December 31, 1982.
2. That we continue to support by appropriations and membership attendance, our three special annual commemorations at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, the Lincoln Tomb at Springfield, Illinois, and the GAR Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
3. That the National Organization provide, at minimal cost, a mimeographed insert to the January 1983 issue of the *Banner* regarding contributions to the Honor Roll Fund and/or purchasing a Life Membership.
4. With factual experiencing in the operation and administration of our National Organization and in facing current economic problems to maintain our highest standards and provide a capital flow of income, that we maintain the current per capita tax of \$1.00 Per Member per quarter for the Fiscal Year 1982-1983.
5. That our National Organization provide all necessary measures to retain the quality of high standard of our publication of the *Banner*, and be assured by the Editor of the *Banner* to the National Organization, that all efforts will be empowered to obtain

this goal.

Thoughts to Ponder

Are you content to sit back and criticize our past faults and weaknesses, to let them be stagnated to return another year at our Encampment, OR are you willing to accept "God's Way" and come forth to ask - "What can I do to help strengthen and build our Order?"

Are you willing to let our Camps continue their present memberships, OR are you willing to help recruit new memberships and encourage new Camps to assume responsibility of our problems? Remember, they will be our leaders of tomorrow!

Are you aware of each member's importance regarding level headedness in sharing your efforts toward the administration, financial guidance, recruiting and leadership of your Camp, Department and National Organization?

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C, National Secretary-Treasurer

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Your appointment at the 100th National Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has given me my second rewarding year, serving the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am working with the Auxiliary National Chief of Staff, supporting her efforts, working to make this Encampment a success.

I was assigned the task by New York Department Commander Royce Roberts of making arrangements for your Testimonial at Holiday Inn Cortland, New York, November 7, 1981.

As National Chief of Staff, I brought the greetings of the National Organization to the Auxiliary of the New York Department at Oneonta, New York, June 1982.

Supporting by my attendance at many patriotic and social functions, I have witnessed your true dedication to our Order; certainly a great inspiration for those in attendance.

I have been privileged to serve on your staff, and by closing time of this 101st National Encampment I sincerely hope that I have fulfilled your

expectations of this office.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.,
Donald L. Roberts
National Chief of Staff

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

Words are inadequate to express the honor it has been to serve you and the members of our beloved organization as National Historian. I shall be forever grateful.

It is difficult enough to be historian of a Camp but to be National Historian is an impossible task. Bearing that in mind, I choice several projects to concentrate on.

To commemorate our actual 100th anniversary on November, 12, 1981, 500 cachets were printed with our Coat-of-Arms and you were kind enough to sign a number of them. An advertisement was placed in *Linn's Weekly Stamp News* and requests from as far away as the German Federal Republic and the Republic of France were received.

The Veterans Administration released the names of the 31 Union widows still receiving federal pensions as of February 12, 1982, and these women received frameable certificates signed by you and Mrs. Bessie Coates, National President of the DUVCW.

In all five Allied Orders of the GAR there is a considerable membership that can claim to be a real son or daughter of a Union veteran. Many of these individuals have received certificates and I shall continue this project next year and hopefully the incoming officers will be as kind as you.

While on active duty with the US Armed Services, I make liberal use of the autovon telephone system and called up many Army agencies and received a great deal of information not usually received by the general public. All the Army museums throughout the world (there are about 60) received a letter of inquiry and information about our Order. Many of these museums have outstanding displays about the Civil War and contains artifacts that only the U.S. Army could have.

The numerous state Veterans' homes replied to a letter and from the response received it is obvious that the concern of the GAR about its

comrades and other veterans is being carried on by many patriotic organizations.

There are still dependent children of Civil War veterans living in state Veterans Homes and 93 dependent offspring receiving pensions from the federal governments because they were declared mentally or physically disabled before their 18th birthday.

The DUVCW is still collecting material for Volume II of their book, *Civil War Union Monuments*. It is hoped that all members will cooperate and help locate these expressions of gratitude that our ancestors erected. In many places, especially in urban areas, they are in a sad state of repair and either littered with garbage or have graffiti sprayed all over them.

There are many organizations associated with the Civil War; the Civil War round tables, Lincoln study groups and reactivated units to name a few. However, the Utica Citizens Corps of Utica, New York, certainly has to be singled out. Established in 1808, it has been in continuous existence ever since, and its members fought in the Battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville, to name two. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, the composer of "Taps", belonged. Today the members still wear the original uniforms of their fathers, and to be a member of the 14th N.Y.S.V., a unit of the Utica Citizens Corps, one must be a member of the Allied Orders of the GAR.

To create a sense of academic excellence that our organization lacks and desperately needs, I hereby establish the PDC Marshall A. Hope Award. It is to be awarded to a member who is the principal author of a newspaper article, book or thesis on American History or any other article judged to be worthy. Details will be forthcoming. PDC Hope was a well-known writer in central New York.

My travels have allowed me to attend your testimonial, the Auxiliary National President's Testimonial, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg and the 100th Anniversary of President James A. Garfield's death in Elberon and Long Branch, New Jersey, on September 18, 1981.

It is hoped that my activities this year have brought some advancement to our organization.

Submitted in F., C., & L.,
Jerome L. Orton, PDC
National Historian

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

No report was presented.

REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

I would like to point out to the chair that the Constitution and Regulations refers to this office as Washington Representative for the record.

Appreciation is extended to Commander-in-Chief Gibbons for re-appointing me to the office of Washington Representative and providing me opportunity to be of further service to our Order.

Washington is a wonderful city in which to represent a patriotic society. With all its national monuments and the seemingly endless string of ceremonies and observances with attending pomp, a modern patriot cannot help but swell with pride on each and every occasion. It was my pleasure to represent you at the U.S. Capitol; Washington Monument; Lincoln Memorial; Jefferson Memorial; Arlington National Cemetery; Mt. Vernon; Yorktown, Virginia; Ft. McHenry; Gettysburg and Valley Forge - in some cases on more than one occasion. One never tires of acknowledging and honoring past leaders and events.

In October of 1981 it became known that the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States would no longer sponsor the Annual Lincoln Birthday Observance at the Lincoln Memorial as it had since 1923. On November 23, 1981, a meeting was held at the U.S. Capitol to consider the problem. The thirty plus organizations which usually participate were asked to send representatives. I was invited because of my known affiliation with SUVCW. The result was the formation of the "Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee", whose purpose is to ensure that the observance continues. It was determined that membership on the committee would be limited to a representative of each organization contributing a sum of \$50.00 to the operating fund. A poll of our Council of Administration indicated that our organization, above all others, sought to have a vested interest in this project, and the expenditure was approved. Our organization and the Auxiliary are among twelve permanent members of the committee. Several more planning meetings were held and the annual observance was held in usual magnificent order.

Recently, the first planning session was held for the 1983 observance. Your representative was elected as Vice Chairman after serving last year as Treasurer. Tentative plans call for a widely expanded civilian re-enactment unit participation with a parade to precede the ceremonies.

In 1983 the event falls on a Saturday, and in 1984, the 175th observance will be on Sunday and large participation is anticipated. With the full participation of the National Park Service, expenditures were kept to a minimum and the annual fee has been reduced to \$25.00.

I am also pleased to report that the statue of General George G. Meade, which has been in storage for some years due to road construction near the Capitol building, will soon be re-installed in a place of honor on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Third and Fourth Streets, NW. This is a project for which we have beaten the drums for some years.

It has been a joy serving in this assignment and the membership was kept aware of Washington activities through quarterly reports in the *Banner*.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Richard C. Schlenker
Washington Representative

Recommendation

That the sum of \$25.00 be made an annual budget item for membership dues to the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee.

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

The National Membership-at-Large program continues to be very significant and beneficial for our National Organization. The nature of these benefits was stressed at the 1980 National Encampment and summarized again at the 1981 Encampment. Therefore, it is unnecessary to elaborate further at this time.

It should be noted, however, that the unusually small net increase in membership for 1981-82 is mainly the result of two significant factors -- one being the tightness of money in these days of high inflation and the other the oversight of the *Civil War Times* magazine in not printing the annual advertisement in the spring issue as requested.

It should be said at this time, however, that the cost of advertising in the *Civil War Times* has now become so prohibitive that another practical and dependable source or sources of advertising our National Membership-at-Large program must be considered by the Coordinator.

Also, it should be noted that the burdensome effect of annual increases in the inflation rate and the extremely high cost of all items involved with the operation of the National Membership-at-Large program require that the amount of the balance existing as of July 31, 1982 be retained by the Coordinator so that the bulk of the funds necessary to meet commitments and expenses that will occur during the remainder of 1982 and the early months of 1983 will be available, thus bridging the gap until annual dues payments are received during the early months of 1983.

In spite of the pessimistic tone of the foregoing remarks, keep in mind the significance of the amount of per capita tax paid annually for the Members-at-Large to the National Secretary-Treasurer for the General Fund and the payments to the Permanent Fund in the form of Application Fees, Life Membership and donations to the GAR Memorial Fund. The financial posture of our Order would indeed be affected adversely without the benefits referred to above (Monies turned over to the National Secretary-Treasurer this past year amount to a total of \$2,377.59.).

It is worth noting, also, that there is much interest in some areas where Departments do not exist in the organization of Camps-at-Large. Where this is so, encouragement and support have been provided by your Coordinator and by the National Secretary-Treasurer. The net result of this interest is bound to be beneficial to our National Organization.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
 Fred H. Combs, Jr., PC-in-C
 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Membership-at-Large Financial Report
 Receipts (August 1, 1981 through July 31, 1982):

Uncommitted Balance August 1, 1982	\$ 220.84
Committed Balance August 1, 1982	350.00
Dues and Application Fees	3,279.00
Supply Sales	671.61
Life Membership Fees	150.00
Contributions to GAR Memorial Fund	83.00
Miscellaneous	27.00
Total Receipts	\$4,781.45

Expenditures (August 1, 1981 through July 31, 1982):

Uncommitted Balance August 1, 1981 (Paid to Natl. Org.)	\$ 220.00
Per Capita Tax (Paid to Natl. Org)	1,316.74
Application Fees (Paid to Natl. Org)	590.00
Life Membership Fees (Paid to Natl. Org)	150.00
Contribution to GAR Memorial Fund (Paid to Natl. Org)	101.00
Supplies purchased for Resale	321.00

Postage	773.65
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies	447.16
Telephone	50.00
Miscellaneous	45.04
Total Expenditures \$3,995.44	

Balance of \$786.01 to be used toward meeting committed and anticipated expenses for balance of 1982.

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

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

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1982, 9:15 A.M.**

The second business session was opened and called to order by Commander-in-Chief Gibbons at 9:15 A.M.

The Encampment Credential Committee reported that 82 delegates were registered and 15 not present.

A motion was made (PC-in-C Frank Heacock) and seconded to amend Section 5, Article II, Chapter III of the Regulations adding to the end of the section the words: "except that he shall not appoint the Editor of the *Banner*"; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to refer all communications and resolutions to the proper Encampment committee; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey presented a verbal report on the pre-101st National Encampment Council of Administration meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

During the past twelve months, it has been my privilege to serve our beloved Order in the capacity of National Patriotic Instructor for a second year. During this tenure our National Organization has embarked on its second century of service to the memory of our forebearers who defended the Union in its hour of greatest peril. I am most grateful to Commander-in-Chief Harry Gibbons for this opportunity to serve our Fraternity at this impossible time in our history.

In brief, my report for the past year is divided into five brief sections: Traditional Patriotic Work, Promotion of Increased Awareness of the Order through dissemination of SUVCW insignia (ties, decals, badges), Leadership Development Award, Training and Education and Financial Report.

Traditional Patriotic Work

It is well known that the National GAR Memorial Fund provides financial support to a host of patriotic endeavors undertaken by the National Organization. The importance of the GAR Memorial Scholarship, as well as the monetary support for such varied programs as the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve, annual services at Lincoln's Tomb and the Lincoln Memorial, the yearly commemoration of Remembrance Day at Gettysburg -- to name but a few -- underscore the significance of these responsibilities as National Patriotic Instructor.

Several years ago, a very worthwhile program of recognizing individuals, organizations, churches, schools, and businesses which fly the American flag prominently and on a regular basis -- the Star Spangled Salute Program -- was initiated by one of our distinguished predecessors, Brother Charles Alan Brady, and we have continued it again during this past year. Many "Star Spangled Salutes" have been issued, and I am grateful to the various members from throughout the country who have taken the time to recommend the names of recipients.

Having been involved with this "Star Spangled Salute" program for two years now, I believe we would do well to adopt a more formal policy regarding this worthwhile endeavor. First, I believe it would be most appropriate for the National Organization to officially adopt the "Star Spangled Salute" program as an ongoing patriotic endeavor of the Order. Second, I feel that an active effort should be made by Department Officers to promote this award, not only for the well-deserved recognition conferred upon those honored, but also for the public exposure which this program can provide to our Fraternity both locally and on the Department level. Third, I believe that the Americanism Committee should take a more active role as a "conduit", so to speak, in promoting Departments to encouraging the awarding of Star Spangled Salutes. And lastly, I believe that at least once a year we should publish an Honor Roll indicating the names of the individuals submitting the nominations.

In conclusion of this topic, I wish particularly to note the desirability of establishing a close working relationship with the professional staffs and volunteer leadership of local councils of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), as well as its program for high school age boys and girls, the Exploring

Movement. As a 20-year veteran of the scouting program, as an Eagle Scout myself, and as a longtime volunteer adult leader, I am thoroughly acquainted with the aims, aspirations and objectives of this fine movement. In particular, I believe that we should actively seek out collaboration with the BSA Honor Societies and Service Organizations, viz., the Order of the Arrow and the National Eagle Scout Association. These two groups include Scouting's most outstanding youth leaders (high school and college age) as well as responsible adult advisors. An appropriate working relationship with these groups would provide some useful experiences in citizenship development to these young people, and would help us further our goal of seeing more frequent public display of the American flag. Appropriate contacts by our National Organization and Departments to the BSA's National Council and Regional administrations would facilitate this objective.

Promotion of Public Awareness of the Order

In an age when the key to success for any organization lies in public visibility and in a clear public definition of its goals and objectives, our Order stands very much in need of intensified efforts to keep our name before the public and to constantly enhance the public perception of our worthwhile patriotic work at every level.

One way in which every member can demonstrate his pride in our Fraternity is through the wearing and displaying of emblems, insignia, crests and badges of our Order. During this year I have endeavored to further this objective, and at the same time raising funds to benefit the National GAR Memorial Fund, through the following:

GAR Heritage Buttons - These blue-on-white badges bearing the inscriptions "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY: PRESERVING OUR GRAND ARMY HERITAGE" have been available for two years, and they continue to be popular (These have been distributed in return for a \$1.00 donation, if requested.)

SUVCW Decals - This popular items, depicting the SUV membership medallion, has been available for a donation of \$.50 each (or two for \$1.00 by mail order). I wish to express by particular appreciation to my distinguished predecessor, Brother Donald Roberts, who kindly contributed them at last year's Encampment in Philadelphia. Due to their popularity, our supply of decals is now exhausted.

SUVCW Embroidered Club Ties - These beautiful mementos of our National Centenary were ordered early in 1981. Due to a factory delay and a subsequent manufacturing error, the material for the ties was

returned to the mill in Pennsylvania in early August, 1981, just prior to the 100th National Encampment. After reprocessing at the mill (which resulted only after extensive negotiations by your National Patriotic Instructor with the parties concerned), the bolts of navy blue and red material arrived back in Boston early in November, and I was informed on Wednesday, November 18, that the finished ties were ready for delivery. All outstanding orders to that date were packed and shipped within 10 days. Subsequent orders have been processed as they have arrived. This Centenary SUVCW Club Tie has been an outstanding success not only in terms of the increased visibility which it gives our beloved Order, but especially in terms of its fund raising achievements. Of an original order of just under 300 units, I am happy to say that over the past two years we have sold over 80% of the inventory to date. In return for a total investment of \$1,451.00 (of which \$700.00 was paid from the 1981 GAR Appeal and \$751.00 was disbursed from the gross receipts on the 1982 Appeal for the GAR Fund) we have realized a net profit to the GAR Memorial Fund in excess of \$800.00 over the past 24 months. This was, indeed, an ambitious project, and I am happy to be able to report to you today these gratifying results.

Leadership Development Award

Proposed adoption of a "Leadership Development Award" to be presented by the National Organization and the respective Department to deserving candidates enrolled in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs at colleges and universities throughout the country.

After conferring on numerous occasions with various members of our Order who are also members of other patriotic societies, especially the Sons of the American Revolution, I have come to the conclusion that, while our Fraternity is exerting most creditable and worthwhile efforts on behalf of the memory of our ancestors who fought to defend the Union in its darkest hour, the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, perhaps, in our contemporary culture, we their descendants, should be exploring new ways to keep the memory of their heroic example alive through projects which, in the words of one of our distinguished members, "also do something for the living", while at the same time honoring the dead. One such program is the "Star Spangled Salutes" Project. Another is the plan I shall now propose, namely the young people who are preparing, through the ROTC Program, to serve their country in the military, be recognized for outstanding leadership they have demonstrated during their college years. The form of this recognition, according to our proposal, would be a medallion suspended from a ribbon of red, white and blue (in the color pattern of the SUVCW membership ribbon). Several designs for the obverse and reverse of the medallion have been submitted to me by

Brother Jerome Lyon Spurr of Charles Russell Lowell Camp #9, Boston, who is an officer in the Massachusetts State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

It is our suggestion, after the final design for the medallion has been approved and the first group of medals have been cast and prepared, that each Department commence the program by selecting one college or university during the first year of the program, with the hope of expanding to other institutions of higher learning as time progresses.

Training and Education.

During my years of membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it has been my strong conviction that the success of our civic and patriotic endeavors at every level would be greatly enhanced if newer members were given an opportunity to learn, in the span of a few brief seminars, more about the history and traditions of the Grand Army, the Sons, and the other Allied Orders, as well as to acquire such leadership skills as they might need to exercise better their duties on the Department and Camp level. Accordingly, I have included a recommendation relating to the establishment of a permanent standing Committee on Training and Education.

Financial Report.

To all who have generously supported the GAR Memorial Fund, I am most grateful. As is customary, this section of our report will be delivered at the final session of this Encampment.

Recommendations:

1. That the "Star Spangled Salute" Recognition Program be adopted as an official patriotic endeavor of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; that appropriate steps be taken to encourage the several Departments to promote this program; that the names of recipients and sponsors be published at least once annually in the *Banner*, noting also the state or jurisdiction in which the recipient resides, as well as the membership affiliation (i.e., whether a Member-at-Large or member of a Department) of the sponsor.
2. That a standing National Committee on Training and Education be established by this 101st National Encampment for the purpose of developing a comprehensive program of training and instruction in the customs and traditions of the Order, as well as in general leadership skills for the benefit of the members of our

organization who hold camp or department level offices; and that said Committee be directed by this Encampment to prepare and present at the 102nd National Encampment a standardized information guide and training manual to be used as the basis of the aforementioned training program.

3. That this 101st National Encampment adopt and initiate a program to recognize leadership development in deserving candidates participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Programs of the several Armed Forces at colleges and universities throughout the nation; and that said recognition take the form of a suitable medallion, suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon (in the pattern of the standard membership ribbon); that a "National Committee (or Task Force) on the Recognition of Patriotic Leadership be established to develop appropriate criteria for such recognition; and that said proposed Committee or Task Force work in close cooperation with the Committee on Americanism to assist departments in the implementation of this program.

Respectively submitted in F., C., & L.,
James G. D. Marley
National Patriotic Instructor

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER

For the past year it has been a distinct privilege to serve as National GAR Highway Officer under our fine Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons. I regret that I couldn't present my report in person. I have entered the Armed Services and will be shipped out August 10 for Basic Training in Alabama. I wish I could attend, and I hope that everyone has a happy and prosperous encampment.

As National GAR Highway Officer, it has been my duty to collect data about the GAR Highway, U.S. Route 6, and convey this information to the National Assembly. This task is not as simple as one might think. I have been able to collect information for only a fraction of this lengthy road system.

State Highway Departments have been somewhat less than helpful. Also, I have to this date received no information from anyone other than the Ohio Department GAR Officer Forest Altland. This is despite my request last year from this office, that all Departments in which the GAR Highway

transverses send a copy of their report, or any information to this office.

The following is the only information gathered: Ohio, one marker noted, in Cleveland; West Virginia, one marker noted, in Chester; Indiana, markers do exist or are placed irregularly, the same for Illinois; Pennsylvania, good driving conditions, very scenic, markers unknown.

The problems are the same as mentioned before. The markers are stolen, or damaged, and not replaced. Also, highways have been widened and markers not are placed. Bypasses have been built, and are for four lane expressways, often miles from the original highway.

Action should begin immediately to establish new markers, and an information system to keep a closer and clearer eye on the highway network. The National Secretary-Treasurer should have received a report from the GAR Highway Sign Restoration Committee from Ohio. I strongly agree with all recommendations and resolutions of that report. I request that the said report be read to the assembly, and some positive action be taken with it. Also, I recommend more strongly that information about the GAR Highway be sent to the National GAR Highway Officer by states through which the GAR Highway passes; and that the National GAR Highway Officer have his name and address published in the proceedings of the National Encampment. I strongly believe that it is easier for one person per department to send to a central source; rather than having one person trying to contact several people to find the names and addresses of all the GAR Highway Officers, and then contacting them to gather information. This is a messy system that can be easily overcome by having Departments send to the National GAR Highway Officer any information obtained.

Respectively in F., C. & L.,
George B. Shadel
National GAR Highway Officer

(Referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

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

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE REVISION SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Membership Certificate Revision Special Committee was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Gibbons under authorization of the 100th National Encampment following approval of a resolution submitted by the

Department of New Jersey. This resolution expressed strongly that the membership certificate given to new members joining the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should be attractive and impressive, a source of pride to the recipients, an effective means of publicizing that the member is proud to be a descendant of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, of interest to observers and others to whom the certificate might be shown, and a document suitable for attractive framing and display.

In the judgment of your Committee, the currently used certificate falls far short of meeting these criteria. Evidence indicates that because this is so, members have been lost and persons otherwise interested have been discouraged from joining our Organization. Therefore, in the opinion of the Committee, what has been and is needed is a membership certificate that conforms with the above criteria and that is simply but attractively arranged and not congested with detail. Not only should it be an effective means of furthering and encouraging interest in membership but it should be a suitable means of advertising the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the successors to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Members of the Committee assumed their responsibility earnestly, gave much thought to arriving at a solution that would be appealing and gave careful consideration to numerous ideas, suggestions and drafts. Overall consideration was based on the aforementioned rationale that emanated from the Department of New Jersey's resolution.

For the purpose of presenting a vivid and meaningful report on the outcome of our deliberations, a copy of the final draft has been framed. It will be explained as you observe it. As you do so, keep in mind that the color will appear in three areas of the certificate -- near the top where the Civil War period flag will be tri-color, the years 1861 and 1865 will be in blue, and in the lower left corner where a national gold seal will be applied with an appropriate-size portion of Department ribbon placed under and below it. Those desiring a border can purchase an appropriate framing mat or border material at any art and craft materials store. By having the words National Organization and by having the signatures of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander of the appropriate Department and the Camp Commander appear at the bottom, the certificate will indicate that membership in our organization is highly significant and it will be an impressive and meaningful document for each member who receives it.

In the judgment of the Committee, it is unnecessary to include the military information of the ancestor on the certificate. This information is already in the possession of the member and can be used for reference by him as needed. It is also on his application, where it can be easily retrieved if desired.

The following cost information has been obtained by the Committee:

2,000 copies	\$436.25
3,000 copies	\$510.85
4,000 copies	\$576.85

There may be a slight variation in the estimated copy, depending upon the type of stock that is used in the final product. A type of paper stock will be selected which will be suitable for mailing and framing and will be attractive. The size will be 10x14; very suitable for placement in an attractive frame. The printing will be offset printing with red, blue and black ink.

On the basis of these costs, the National Organization can establish a sale price per certificate to cover the cost of printing and mailing, plus a reasonable profit. Also, the application fee charged by each Camp can be set at an amount sufficient to cover the minor cost that would be involved with the use of this proposed certificate.

For more than a century, very little, if any, attention appears to have been given to the matter of developing the kind of membership certificate of which your Committee speaks and which would provide a much needed shot in the arm for our Order. Therefore, your Committee unanimously and wholeheartedly recommends:

1. Adoption of this report by the 101st National Encampment,
2. Granting of authorization for the purpose of 4,000 copies of the proposed certificate at a cost not to exceed \$600.00, and
3. Approval for including the amount of \$600.00 as a line item in the GAR Fund Budget to pay for the purchase of the certificates.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Fred H. Combs, Jr., PC-in-C, Chair
Charles Larkin
Jerome L. Orton

A motion was made and seconded to approve report of the Membership Certificate Revision Special Committee; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the Special Committee with the exception that the National Organization would purchase 5,000 instead of 4,000 tri-color certificates; motion passed.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Your Committee, appointed to study legislation of interest and concern to our Order, begs leave to submit the following report to you, and through you, to the officers and delegates attending the 101st Annual Encampment. Your chairman wishes to acknowledge the cooperation extended by Brother Thomas W. Graham in printing the quarterly reports in each issue of the *Banner*. With his fine help, we have been able to keep in contact with all Brothers and friends of the Order throughout the year.

Status of Memorial Day - It appears that the 97th Congress will adjourn next January without having had an opportunity to consider any of the measures that have been introduced to return Memorial Day to its traditional date of May 30. In addition to the measures cited in this report last year, Representative Phil Crane (R-IL) has introduced H.R. 5512 to return Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday to their traditional dates while eliminating Columbus Day as a legal holiday. Representative Frank J. Guarini (D-NJ) has introduced H.R. 3889 that would return all three observances to their traditional dates.

In the Senate, three additional co-sponsors have added their names to S.B. 447 introduced last year by Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV). They are Senators Robert T. Stafford (R-VT), Jake Garn (R-UT) and Guentir Burdick (D-ND). That brings the total to seven co-sponsors. On November 10, 1981, in a brief speech on the Senate floor, Senator Randolph reminded his colleagues that the only change in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 has been the return of Veterans Day to November 11, and that the major veterans organizations, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans, have all endorsed the return of Memorial Day to May 30. He asked that additional Senators consider becoming co-sponsors of S.B. 447.

Commemoration of Special Days and Weeks - During the past year, the 97th Congress has enacted several Public Laws requesting the President to recognize important events and significant dates or individuals in our history. Some of those enactments are as follows:

P.L. 97-28 designating week of March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week"

P.L. 92-32 designating August 12, 1982 as "National Blinded Veterans Recognition Day"

P.L. 97-43 designating September 13, 1981 as "Commodore John Barry Day"

P.L. 97-71 designating October 23, 1981 as "Hungarian Freedom Fighters Day"

P.L. 97-131 designating the week belonging with the third Monday in February 1982 as "National Patriotism Week"

P.L. 97-139 designating 1982 as "Bicentennial Year of the American Bald Eagle"

As a footnote to this section, your chairman was unfamiliar with the accomplishments of Commodore John Barry. Upon investigation, it was learned that Commodore Barry is considered to be the holder of the first commission granted in the United States Navy and commanded the Lexington, the first ship purchased and equipped by the Continental Congress for sea duty in the Revolutionary War.

In addition to the foregoing, a measure was recently signed into law which designated July 9, 1982 as "National POW-MIA Recognition Day". Other measures pending in the Congress including the following:

H. Jt. Res. 171 to designate May 7 of each year as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day".

H. Jt. Res 261 to designate April 30 as National Pledge of Allegiance Day".

S.B. 2387 to designate the birthday of Franklin D. Roosevelt, January 30, as a National holiday.

S. Jt. Res. 130 which would designate the 250th birthday of George Washington, February 22, 1982, as a day of "national celebration" passed the Senate on February 8, 1982. Since the date of last year's report, there have been no additional measures introduced that would designate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln as a national Holiday.

Memorials, Historic Preservations and Flag Decoration -Public Law 97-104, signed December 23, 1981, authorizes the minting of not more than ten million half dollar 90% silver coins to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. This is the first commemorative half dollar authorized since 1954 and is now in production and available for sale to the public.

Recently, President Reagan signed legislation to authorize construction of a \$31 million memorial garden for Franklin D. Roosevelt, the nation's 32nd president. The memorial garden will be located in the vicinity of the Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.

H.R. 1433 would provide for an addition to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial National Historic Site located in East St. Louis, Illinois. H.R. 3526 would permit the National Committee of American Airmen rescued by General Mihailovich, Inc. to construct and maintain a monument to General Draza Mihailovich in recognition of the role he

played in saving the lives of approximately 500 U.S. airmen in Yugoslavia during World War II. Only private funds would be authorized for the construction and maintenance of the memorial that would be located on federal property in the District of Columbia. A similar measure is pending in the Senate.

Last year this report cited the introduction of H.R. 2347 concerning increased penalties for flag desecration but gave no further details. Specifically, the bill would amend the U.S. Criminal Code to increase penalties from one year's imprisonment and/or a \$1,000 fine to five years imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine. No action has been taken on the measure by the House Judiciary Committee.

Construction of Memorial to Vietnam Veterans - Ground has been broken and construction begun on a memorial in Washington, DC to the Veterans of the Vietnam War. In 1980 the Congress set aside two acres in Constitution Gardens between the Lincoln and Washington Monuments as a site for the memorial and authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to erect with private funds a memorial that would "honor and recognize the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam war".

The original design called for two long arms of black granite constructed in the form of a V. The top of the memorial was to be at ground level with the base gradually receding to a depth of ten feet. No flags, statues or other reminders of War were to adorn the memorial. As the fundraising continued and preparations were made for the ground breaking, some Congressmen and others expressed concern that the design of the memorial was "negative" and suggested an "anti-government" message. In January of 1982, Interior Secretary James Watt entered the controversy by withdrawing his initial approval of the design and called for revisions to meet the objections of the critics. After intensive negotiations, it was agreed that the design would include an American Flag, a larger-than-life statue of an American soldier, and, in the words of Secretary Watt, a "better and proper" inscription that will bring "honor to all 2.7 million Americans" who served in the war. It is expected that the memorial will be completed in time for its dedication on Veterans Day, November 1, 1982.

The Fiscal Outlook of Historical Preservation - In recent issues of the *Banner* an effort has been made to describe the budget figures proposed for the National Archives for fiscal year 1983. To date, however, that matter has not been settled. In another area also supported by federal funds, that of historic preservation, space will permit only a limited discussion of the outlook for projects undertaken by the National Trust for

Historic Preservation and for preservation grants earmarked for the states. For the past several years, federal monies have been made available for preservation efforts ranging from large and ambitious projects to modest localized activities. The use of those funds focused the attention on the parts of our heritage and of contributing to cultural enrichment and renewal. Unfortunately, however, when federal dollars are involved, there is a tendency to consider the federal contribution as "free money" and not as a direct cost to the taxpayer. The tendency has contributed to rising deficits and increased demands for money to finance new projects, some of great and recognized worth and others of questionable value. At the present time, the President and the Congress have engaged in efforts to reduce the rate of federal spending as a means of strengthening the economy for the long pull. This is very difficult to do because every agency and interest group views its program and activities as necessary to the operation of the Federal Government and the general welfare. In this regard some questions arise. In the area of historic preservation, will budget reductions result in the stagnation of worthy projects? Will the commercialization of historic sites increase as a means of compensating for fewer public dollars? To what extent can private American philanthropy be expected to play a role? These are questions which policy-makers and an informed public must wrestle with in the years just ahead.

Recommendations

This report has set forth some issues and proposals that should be of interest and concern to our membership. In deciding how best to treat these matters, we are called upon both corporately and individually to assess their worth. The following recommendations are offered on behalf of the Committee on Legislation for the earnest consideration and support of this Encampment.

1. That our Order continues its endorsement of the return of the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 at both the federal and state levels of jurisdiction.
2. That our Order commends the successful effort to modify the design of the Memorial to Vietnam Veterans so as to make it more representative of the service and sacrifices experienced by all veterans of that conflict.
3. That our Order supports adequate federal appropriations for archives management and historic preservation, bearing in mind the necessity of reducing the federal deficit and achieving a balanced budget in the years immediately ahead.

4. That our Order continues to urge the states to set aside February 12, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, as a legal holiday and encourages suitable observances in the schools to commemorate his life and public service.

It is a pleasure to recognize my colleagues on the Committee: Kenneth T. Wheeler, Elton R. Koch, Robert J. Wolz. Jr., and William C. Rule. It has been a privilege to have been associated with these Brothers and to have served our Order in this capacity during the past year.

Respectively submitted for the Committee,
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Chair

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and recommendations of the National Committee on Legislation; motion passed.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

Your Committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday ceremony held on April 15, 1982, begs leave to submit the following report.

The 26th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, attracted 70 organizations, which presented commemorative wreaths, and the attendance of 113 persons who gathered at the State House Inn for luncheon following the rites.

We were honored to have with us Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons and National President Ann E. Willeke. Representing the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States were Recorder-in-Chief Russ A. Pritchard and National President Diana D. Madden of the Dames. Other distinguished guests were Bessie Coates, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Susie Cool, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Roy Smith, National Chaplain of our Order, was also in attendance.

As a part of the ceremony, brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Gibbons and Recorder-in-Chief Pritchard. Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman also spoke to those assembled.

Elements of the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, known as "Governor's Honor Guard", under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham, served as the official guard for the ceremony. The Griffin High School Band, under the direction of Ronald Wojcicki, played appropriate selections during the ceremony and added a great deal to the

proceedings.

Departments of our Order and their Auxiliaries presenting wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, wreaths were presented by the Camps and local Auxiliaries from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois. For a complete account of the 1982 ceremony, your attention is directed to the Summer issue of the *Banner*. Wilbur D. Dersch, an attorney from Peoria, Illinois, was the principal speaker at the luncheon and selected as his topic, "The Importance of Abraham Lincoln in 1982".

Your Committee is grateful for the steadfast support and generosity of the National Organization in providing the funds necessary to carry on the ceremony from year to year. Without your enthusiastic backing, the ceremony would not have grown and developed as it has over the years. Your Committee believes it has been prudent in the expenditure of funds available to it. The principal expenses comprise postage and mailing costs, chartered bus hire, rental of folding chairs, and the printing of the program. Invaluable secretarial support was contributed by Ellinore K. Johnson in maintaining the address file and sending out the annual letters of invitation. We have been fortunate in being able to obtain gratis each year a luncheon speaker who is a recognized authority on the life of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period. In short, your Committee believes it has been resourceful in stretching the dollars available to obtain maximum value. A complete report of expenses incurred in the conduct of the 1982 ceremony has been filed with the National Secretary-Treasurer and is available for inspection.

Careful management notwithstanding however, a 33% increase in postage rates and a 20% price increase in the combined costs of the printed program and bus hire far exceeded the rate of inflation and caused the Committee to exceed its appropriation and dip into a very modest reserve accumulated from the sale of luncheon tickets in years past. As restaurant food costs have risen, we have tried to keep the price of the luncheon tickets within reason for our patrons and have managed to break even the past two or three years but have not been able to add to our reserve.

Recommendation

In consideration of the standards built up over the years for the ceremony and in recognition of the increased demands placed upon the National Organization for the financial support of many worthy programs, your Committee recommends the renewal of the appropriation of \$400.00 for the 1983 ceremony.

Because we anticipate the need for additional monies, we will seek outside support in an effort to meet our projected needs. In undertaking this task, we pledge to uphold the dignity of the ceremony and of our

Order and will in no way compromise the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

Respectively submitted,
George L. Cashman, Co-chair
Robert M. Graham, Co-Chair
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-chair

Committee Report of Expenses for the 1982 Ceremony

This constitutes a report of expenses incurred by the Committee in its conduct of the 1982 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony held at Springfield, Illinois, on April 15. All available invoices are attached and all check numbers refer to the personal account of Thomas L.W. Johnson at the United Bank & Trust Company of Madison, WI.

Date	No.	Payee and Particulars	Amount
02-11	217	Bob's Copy Shop, Madison WI, for printing of 200 letters of invitation and 200 press releases	\$ 8.32
02-11	218	U.S. Postmaster-Postage for official photos	37.60
04-15	238	Marlin Roos, Lincoln, IL, for official photos	7.50
05-06	247	Schnepp & Barnes Printers, Springfield, IL for 250 copies of official program	206.00
05-07	249	Contribution to transportation of Griffin High School Bank, Springfield, IL	10.00
05-08	251	Springfield Mass Transit District for bus hire from hotel to ceremony and return.	99.90
05-08	252	United Rent-Alls Stores, Co., Inc., Springfield, IL, for 200 folding chairs.	70.00
	Cash	Miscellaneous office postage (\$3.95) office supplies (\$2.29); duplication (\$.75)	6.98
Total Expenses			\$446.30
Deduct: Expenses borne by Luncheon proceeds			(46.30)
Net amount due from National Treasury			\$400.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the National Lincoln Tomb Committee and turn over recommendations to the Encampment Budget Committee; motion passed.

[The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic brought greetings to the Encampment. The Ladies present included National President Lois Refner, PNP Mabel Taylor, PNP Nancy Conway, PNP Alice Arwood, PNP Ellinore Crone, PNP Ellinore Tye, PNP Elizabeth Koch, PNP Marian Leech, and PNP Della Richards. PC-in-C Norman Furman provided the response from the Sons.]

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

After my third term as Chairman of the National Fraternal Relations Committee, I am greatly disappointed in the degree of progress made in fostering more and better fraternal relations within the various

Departments. Back through the years, reporting of this Committee seemed to comprise only a few perfunctory personal recollections. An effort has been made to devise a system to obtain a more comprehensive accounting with the hope that subsequent cumulative reports might reveal improved general interest.

Two years ago, a questionnaire form was set up to indicate (1) cooperation among the five GAR Orders and (2) collaboration with outside organizations of a military, patriotic, or historic inclination - such questionnaire (to save postage) to be distributed to the Department Heads by the current Commander-in-Chief on his annual tour of duty. Last year nine replies from eight Departments and one Camp-at-Large were received. This year only four replies - three from Camps-at-Large were received. The W.T. Sherman Camp-at-Large #65 of Hazelwood, Missouri, had its banquet with the Auxiliary and Daughters. Also reported were other affairs with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Intra-Vets Organizations, and Boy Scouts. The Curtis Warren Camp-at-Large #64 of Kansas City, Missouri, with 21 members, reported little interest. Colonel Robert McCandless for Camps-at-Large #1 and #21, Fort Chicamauga, Lincoln, Nebraska, provided interesting accounts of cavalry activities - eight mounted riders in Nebraska Land Day parade, like "living in the past seeing real cavalry soldiers riding across the Nebraska plains" (news quote) and joint ventures with the U.S. Horse Cavalry Association and cavalry displays in the public schools. The only Department responding, Iowa, had its usual affairs but nothing of regional nature. The Ladies of the Grand Army were invited to Department affairs. These relatively few answers, both last year and this, showed many commendable instances of furthering fraternal relations.

Before the incoming Fraternal Relations Committee goes to any further expenditure of money, time or energy, I think an evaluation of this questionnaire method should be undertaken. Please bear in mind that such reporting was not designed primarily to cater to the ego of those Departments making a good fraternal relations effort but to encourage other less active units to undertake projects and hopefully to show over the years that there has been substantial progress. Understandably, changing economic conditions may be making it more difficult for all GAR Orders to find accommodations to meet jointly, particularly for more than a one day convention. As for association with "outside" groups, I fear there are some who may have a feeling that the sanctity of our own high-minded resolves and purposes may be contaminated by outside intrusions. On the other hand, there may be an impression that efforts of this sort on the part of the Fraternal Relations Committee represent only another bureaucratic boondoggle from National involving a waste of time and money on unnecessary paper work. If the incoming Committee would

not consider it an usurping of their prerogatives, I would like to be permitted, personally and unofficially, to contact the heads of our units, by mail or in person, and ascertain a reaction to the efforts undertaken the last two years. Any information garnered would be turned over to the new Committee for their consideration in formulating a new policy.

As Chairman, my departing comment is that too often our Organization tends to show a short-sighted provincial attitude to dealing with others who should be our friends and that without an energetic effort to encourage better fraternal relations both within our own GAR family and with other organizations with similar strivings and aspirations, the ails and ills of our own Order may become more pronounced with a hard "C" is PUBLIC-ITY, but properly with a soft "C" spelling PUBLICITY.

Fraternaly yours,
Eugene E. Russell, Chair
Edson Baker
Gordon Bury

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

It has given me much pleasure, Commander-in-Chief Gibbons, to serve you as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee. The members of the Committee share the same feelings and sincerely wish for you a successful Encampment.

We of the Committee sincerely hope we have conducted ourselves during the past year in a manner that meets your expectations. During the past year we have had some complaints and have tried always to keep the Parent Order in mind when making decisions.

Following, Sir, is the report of the National Military Affairs Committee (NMAC) for the year 1981-82.

Following the last Encampment after the appointments were made we of the NMAC met and exchanged addresses and expressed views of possible goals for the Committee.

During Remembrance Day services held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania last November, the members of the Committee met in the Holiday Inn with you present as an honored guest.

At this meeting you heard the report on the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) given by the N.M.D.-SVR Brig. General Chester S. Shriver. It was a very informative report and also very complete. General Shriver has during the past year worked closely with the Committee and, except for one or two exceptions, has completed all requested of him.

We feel that during the past couple of years the efforts of the NMAC has made progress in some of the troubled areas of the SVR. Among these were the updating of the National Standard Operating Procedures and Regulations last year.

Keeping this in mind, the Committee this year feels that last year's effort should be carried one step further. Therefore, the following recommendations are respectfully submitted.

Recommendations

1. At the National SVR Encampment held July 4, 1982 weekend in Perryville, Kentucky, it was noticed and reported that Chapter IV, Section I, which reads, in part, "No member of said Camp Guard or Unit shall wear rank above Full Colonel", was completely disregarded. We strongly recommend that the Commander National Military District instruct the SVR Inspector General inform the parties involved to remove said rank and comply with our regulations. The Committee feels that it isn't proper to have persons on the field equal or higher rank than the SVR Commanding Officer.
2. Of recent years it appears to many that outside organizations not belonging to the SVR are not complying with SVR Rules and Regulations. Many times they are ignoring these by reason of the fact that they do not belong and so they don't have to comply. Infractions are as follows, ramrods on the field of battle, drawn swords on field of battle by non-members serving as Cavalry, women in uniform as men after requests were made not to use women on field at Colors by General Shriver. These are major infractions. Our recommendation is that the host Units and the National Staff place more pressure on non-SVR Organizations and enforce our Rules and Regulations to the letter; someone could get hurt and cause the SVR big trouble.
3. We recommend that even though the National SVR Encampments are mostly in the hands of the host Unit Commander for planning events, etc., the National SVR Commander should be allowed to make available information

such as names of SVR-related ladies qualified to suggest guidelines and rules for ladies' events. Many of our ladies have made a study of period clothing and are fully qualified and able to act as judges and coordinators for ladies' events. These ladies could work closely with Host Unit Commanders and make the events more successful as SVR events. We further recommend that the National SVR Commander survey possible qualified ladies and maybe suggest to the Host Unit Commander a possible Committee to work together with his Unit pertaining to ladies' events in the future.

In closing, we of the Committee wish to thank General Shriver for his cooperation during the past year. Everyone must realize that it is mostly an uphill battle, to say the least, and it is very hard to keep all moving smoothly. General Shriver and his Staff, for the most part, have tried to keep things smooth.

Harold Goodman, Chairman
National Military Affairs Committee

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and recommendations of the National Military Affairs Committee; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

One year ago, the Encampment Site Committee accepted the recommendation from our host of this year, to have the 101st Encampment at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. The change in location was due to the Fairfield Conference Center at Chicopee, Massachusetts, canceling all convention commitments. Again this year, as in the past, I received many invitations from chambers of commerce and hotels across the country inviting us to hold our Encampments in their cities.

Immediately following our National Encampment in Philadelphia last year, I received an invitation from the Department of Maine. On September 27th, I traveled to Portland, Maine to see the Holiday Inn. It is located downtown at 88 Spring Street. I toured the facilities and found them adequate for our needs.

The Department of Ohio has extended an invitation for the 1984 Encampment and the Department of New Jersey has issued an invitation for 1985.

Last year at the Philadelphia Encampment, the Site Committee submitted

a form to be used as a guideline by the host committee in planning the various events for future encampments. These are to be distributed by the officers of the Sons, the Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the GAR. Again, this committee recommends its adoption for future use.

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief Gibbons, for the opportunity to serve our Order.

I trust the work of this committee meets with your approval. May these sessions be harmonious and prosperous. May they be the culmination of a wonderful year of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted,
Elton P. Koch, PC-in-C, Chair
William W. Haskell, PC-in-C

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the National Encampment Site Committee; motion passed.

[The Auxiliary to the SUVCW brought greetings to the Encampment. The ladies present included PNP Edith Snyder, PDP Elsa Gibbons and several Auxiliary Sisters. PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt provided the response from the Sons.]

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

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1982, 9:10 A.M.

The third business session was opened and called to order by Commander-in-Chief Gibbons at 9:10 A.M.

The Encampment Credential Committee reported that 82 delegates were registered and 15 not present.

REPORT OF RESTORATION OF MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

As required, I am submitting a report on the Restoration of Memorial Day Special Committee, as an individual. The members may wish to submit a majority report.

As was reported last year and the year before, NOT ONE BLESSED THING WAS ACCOMPLISHED by this Committee. No one seems to care. In my own locality, a member of the Memorial Day Committee of which I am privileged to serve as Chairman (and we observe Memorial

Day on May 30th) has said, not in so many words, let us drop May 30th, and have it when others have it. After observing Memorial Day for sixty-six (66) years of my seventy-two (72), I am too old to change. I am like the proverbial leopard, I can't change my spots.

In view of the committee's non-accomplishment, I recommend it to be abolished.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., PC-in-C, Chairman

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report of the Special National Committee on the Restoration of Memorial Day as presented; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

The delegates at the Centennial National Encampment in August 1981 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania established a new standing committee entitled Program and Policy Committee, to be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and consisting of four members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Gibbons subsequently appointed the following members: Robert J. Wolz (Ohio) for four years, Miles E. Harrington (Massachusetts) for three years, Charles E. Sharrock (Colorado) for two years, Wayne Pyle (California) for one year, and Albert A. Morey (New York) for one year.

With no specific duties being spelled out, the Chairman wrote to the Council of Administration members, all Past Commander-in-Chief and 45 Department Commanders and Secretaries collecting suggested criteria and goals. Subsequent letters were sent to 30 others who were delegates at the 100th Encampment and officers of 77 camps whose addresses were obtained while engaged in the recruiting work of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief the previous year.

The Committee members were supplied with copies of the following reports for familiarization: *1922 School of Instruction*, *1930 Committee on Grandsons*, *1953 Three Year Plan*, *1958 New Hampshire Plan* and *1969 Membership Survey*. An appeal for suggestions was made to the general membership in the October 1981 *Banner*. Some of the results of this and prior work were published in brochures entitled: *The Failing Camp*, *The Thriving Camp* and *Our Members Speak*, which were given wide distribution. Regular reports were made of the committee's activity in each issue of the *Banner*.

After study of the above mentioned reports and studies made in prior years, the Committee members agreed that the diligent efforts put into those works resulted in very little ever being adopted by the National Encampments.

We offer now for the evaluation and/or action of this Encampment the following concerns expressed to us by our membership this past program year:

Disband inactive Camps and make few remaining members as Members-at-Large.

Organize a Department-at-Large for our Camps-at-Large.

Set an early date for distribution of our National Encampment Proceedings.

Commend *Banner* Editor for initial efforts in direct mailing.

Commander-in-Chief should first serve as Junior and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Change Regulations to reflect this. Ability to perform should be demonstrated by "going through the chairs".

Fifty-four percent increase in per capita tax enacted at 100th Encampment is unreasonable.

Two year terms for National officers.

Hold National Encampment in Regional sections and link business sessions by television.

One person-one vote at National Encampment.
Officer training should be conducted at National or Department Encampments.

Leadership positions should be given for demonstrated ability, not for longevity reward.

Complete job descriptions should be written for National officers.

Unwritten rules and understandings should be part of Regulations or discarded.

Make more National offices elective rather than appointive.

The Committee feels that these are all legitimate concerns and hopes that the delegates will want to consider acting upon some of them.

The Committee has strong feelings about several and offers the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. The Commander-in-Chief should organize a Department-at-Large to include all present Camps-at-Large under the authority he now has to organize other Departments under Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution.

2. A Commander-in-Chief should first serve as Junior and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to which end Chapter III, (National Organization) Article IV (Officers) Section 2, Paragraph 2, of the Regulations should be amended as follows: It now reads, "To be eligible for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief, a member must first have served as Department Commander." Change period to a comma and add "Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief".

The Committee prays that our Brothers will find our efforts this year to be helpful to the cause we try to support.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Richard C. Schlenker, Chair, Program and Policy Committee

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve Recommendations 1 and 2 ; motion did not passed.

MINORITY REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

The broad scope of the Program and Policy Committee mandates this minority report.

While the majority report deals with program and its effects on our Camps, this report focuses on long range policy. In the past, we as an organization have operated so to speak in a "hand-to-mouth" manner. The time has come when long range planning is no longer desirable, but absolutely necessary. Two complex major policies are examined: future growth and future finances.

Thirty years ago, Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald reported, "Our

financial condition should be a matter of grave concern to all. One of two things must happen. Either we must face facts and act accordingly or continue the dissipation of our financial resources until such time as we shall automatically cease to function because of lack of funds."

In 1962, National Secretary Al Lambert said, "During the past year our disbursements in the General Fund exceeded our income. The principle reason for this is that membership has now decreased to the point where per capita received is no longer adequate to meet operating expenses." Our membership in 1951 was 10,583. By 1962 it had dropped to 4,407 and last year it stood at 2,686.

In 1972, Brother Shriver noted, "It is my observation today more than ever, that we have remained too cheap-too long. We cut corners to save face, but if we are to continue to retain our prestige and promote our principles laid down by the Grand Army of the Republic, then we better face reality by establishing a sound financial budget within our means."

Thirty years ago, 20 year ago, 10 years ago, the message was the same yet, my Brothers, you have opted for the easier road of low income and voted major expenditures via projects we, as a National Organization, should have. If we decide we must drop our present projects and add no new ones then why do we exist, for we have failed to even minimally carry out the charges given to us by the GAR. The Board of Directors of our corporation (the National Officers & Council of Administration) need to create budgets more than one year at a time.

Recommendation No. 1: That budgets be planned three years ahead with an automatic per capita tax increase of 10¢ a year. At each National Encampment the current budget would be approved subject to conditions prevailing at the time of implementing it. By knowing several years in advance, the local Camps and Departments could prepare for these increases before they were put in effect. The first automatic tax increase would be effective January 1, 1984.

Recommendation No. 2: That the 40¢ a year *Banner* assessment be dropped and that the same amount be drawn from the General Funds and credited to the *Banner* account this year.

For the past 20 years, the bright spot in the National Treasurer's report has been the continuing growth of the Permanent Fund. Fortunately, the principal was "locked up" by General U.S. Grant III, Frederick Davis and Al Lambert so that it would grow without the membership raiding it to cover shortages in the budget. In 1971, I recommended the payment of life memberships in installments. From 1954 through 1971 only 17 men

had invested in the future of our Order via a Life Membership. From 1972 to 1982, 97 men have Life Memberships.

The Life Membership program is one of our soundest financial programs as these thousands of dollars are yielding good return to the National Organization. One problem does exist though, fiscal responsibility must exist at the Camp and Department level as well as at the National level. At present, National is benefiting at the expense of our Camps by paying the Camp \$6.00 dues for the life member then collecting \$4.40 back via per capita and *Banner* mailing.

Recommendation No. 3: That the National Regulations Chapter III, Article II, Section 4, Membership, be amended causing Camps and Departments to be exempt from paying National per capita tax on Life Members. The result being the amount of \$6.00 currently paid will be used to strengthen the Camps and Departments, and hopefully, Camps and Departments will encourage Life Memberships.

In the past ten years we have seen major changes in our Constitution and Regulations to broaden our membership base: lowering the age of eligibility, admission of collateral members, changes in Associates, rapid expansion of Life Memberships, creation of Provisional Camps and, hopefully, creation of provisional Departments in the near future. The task of coordinating our growing National Membership-at-Large is well placed in Fred Combs' hands. All these changes could result in increases in membership and some have helped check the steady decline in members. However, major problems in the growth of membership exist. Commander-in-Chief Frederick Davis stated it almost 30 years ago, "Explanation of the continuing decline is simple. Our Camps consist largely of elderly men, many of whom have grown old in loyal, sacrificial service to the Order. As these older men "fade away" they are seldom replaced by younger men...Many Camps frankly desire to pass quietly into oblivion unbothered and undisturbed." Cleon Heald phrased the same problem as "we are off balance in age groups".

Frankly, Brothers, we are very rapidly approaching the point in time when a huge loss in membership is going to occur as the result of death. The national mortality age in men in 1970 was 72, and many of our members are over that age. We must take immediate steps to greatly increase both the number of new members and the age mix with younger men.

Recommendation No. 4: Noting the proven results of a national advertising program by Fred Combs and others, that a sum of \$1,000.00 be loaned from the GAR Fund and ads be placed in either *American Legion Magazine*, *VFW Magazine* or *American Rifle Association Magazine* so that a readership in the millions will

be made aware that we still exist. This loan would be repaid from National membership application fees and handled by the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator or others appointed by the Council of Administration.

A second major problem in membership growth is retention of current members. This committee must continue to explore means to retain current members. One means is communication via the *Banner*. The *Banner* is a key link between the Order and the membership.

Recommendation No. 5: It is important that the *Banner* (1) is issued on a regular, timely basis (2) is professionally presented for maximum prestige to the Order as possible (3) be expanded in size to better serve its readership and (4) be used as an educational and promotional tool for the benefit for our members.

To quote Past Commander-in-Chief Joe Rippey, "There is a growing interest among professional men and men of all walks of life predicated upon prestige of membership. To merit this in larger measure our entire outlook must approach a loftier plane". The Program and Policy Committee will continue to strive for the loftier plane; to create programs to attract new members and to retain current members. Our goal must be long range professional planning to provide continuity from one administration to the next so as to present a modern patriotic society in which we can all take great pride in membership.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Robert J. Wolz, Co-Chairman

A motion was made (Altland) and seconded (Macomb) to acknowledge receipt of the report; motion passed. After a failed attempt to table the Committee report, a motion was made (Wolz) and seconded (Heacock) to have the report reconsidered under "Unfinished Business" at the 1983 National Encampment; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RAISING THE U.S.S. MONITOR

I am sorry to report that efforts to raise the U.S.S. Monitor have all but been abandoned, and no work has been done in the last year on this project.

The U.S. Government said a year ago that it was all but impossible to raise the ship in one piece, if at all, with present technology. Then too, there has been many financial problems which have beset the Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation, in raising enough money to finance the operation, due to economic conditions that have dried up the private donations. The City of Norfolk had provided a suite of offices, and some funding, but the required amounts from the City and private donors never materialized. The City of Norfolk, near the Hampton Roads area, where

the Monitor fought a historic battle with the Merrimac, had originally offered \$150,000 in expenses, office space and political support for recovery efforts, but the required amounts from the City and private donors never materialized, and presently, the offices are closed.

However, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, now administers the site of the sinking as a Federal Marine Sanctuary. Several months ago, another project has been undertaken by a private group, and divers have found the wreck of the Cumberland, the first Union ship sunk by the Merrimac, and recovered several artifacts. They also found the wreck of the Florida, a Confederate commerce-raider that had sunk or captured more than 60 ships before it was scuttled by the Union in 1862. They are the two most significant finds since the Monitor. The divers, who explored the James River, were working for the National Underwater Marine Agency, a non-profit organization. There have been no further developments this past summer, but any news available will be forwarded to the *Banner*, if and when it becomes known.

Commander-in-Chief Gibbons, the U.S.S. Monitor Camp here in Virginia Beach, Virginia wish you a most successful and harmonious convention.

Fraternally in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
John B. Davis, Chair

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Special National Committee on Raising the U.S.S. Monitor; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

We have examined the accounts and records pertaining to the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and do hereby certify that they appear to be true and correct.

Clark W. Mellor
George W. Long, Jr.,

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Encampment Audit Committee; motion passed.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

It appears that this Committee rarely has anything to report, as is the case this year with no petitions having been received. It has been intimated, however, that there may have been times in the past when proper

restoration procedures may not have been followed as outlined in the Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, Section 4, and it is suggested that Departments should make themselves familiar with the process wherever possible.

Respectfully in F., C., & L.,
Eugene E. Russell, Chair

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the National Committee on Restoration of Rank; motion passed.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Committee on Officers' Reports met and reviewed the work of our National officers. All officers are to be commended for their efforts.

Commander-in-Chief's Report

Recommendation #1.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #2.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #3.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #4.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #5.	Recommend Concurrence, but feel the New York Department should report back.

National-Secretary's Report

Recommendation #1.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #2.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #3.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #4.	Recommend Concurrence
Recommendation #5.	Recommend Concurrence

Washington Representative's Report

Recommendation #1.	Recommend Concurrence
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National Patriotic Instructor's Report

Recommendation #1.	Recommend Concurrence if there is no additional expenses.
Recommendation #2.	Refer to the incoming Patriotic Instructor
Recommendation #3.	Refer to the incoming Patriotic Instructor.

Respectively submitted,

William W. Haskell
Robert J. Wolz
Charles E. Sharrock, Sr.
Charles Corfman

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and recommended actions of the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports; motion passed.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The following actions are recommended by the your Committee on Resolutions:

Resolution 1 (Recommend Concurrence)

Be it resolved that the National Secretary send to the Biltmore Plaza Hotel a resolution thanking them for the courtesies shown us during our Encampment and Be it resolved that the National Secretary send a resolution to the Mayor of the City of Providence for the courtesies extended to us during our Encampment.

Resolution #2: Department of Pennsylvania (Recommend Concurrence)

WHEREAS, the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at its 100th National Encampment in August 1981 took action to sell the Wellington Fund shares and to invest the monies from the sale in "money market" investments where presently higher interest rates are being paid, and

WHEREAS, the money paid to the local Camp for Life Membership has been in the amount of Six Dollars (\$6.00) for sometime, it is the consensus of opinion that this amount paid to the local Camp should be raised by the Council of Administration, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends a minimum amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) per year for each life Membership paid to the local Camp.

Resolution 3: Department of New Jersey (Recommend Nonconcurrence)

WHEREAS, it was enacted at the 100th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that the per capita tax on every member be increased to \$1.00 and

WHEREAS, no reason was offered for such a major increase in capita payments, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of allowing the overall membership a democratic insight into the expenditures of money in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is felt that such a resolution should have first been proposed to every department prior to the national encampment for the purposes of digesting same, and informing camps of the upcoming action so that attending delegates could be instructed in the manner of voting for such a proposal, and

WHEREAS, the per capita increase as passed at the 100th Encampment of the SUVCW will cause a loss of a great number of the small and indigent camps in the Order, thus beginning the erosion of the membership strength of the SUVCW.

BE IT RESOLVED that any future raising of per capita tax first be proposed to all departments prior to any future encampments of the Order.

Resolution 4: Department of New Jersey (Recommend Nonconcurrency)

WHEREAS, the raising of the per capita tax to one dollar per person per quarter from the Departments to National has resulted in the raising of per capita tax from the Camps to the Department, and

WHEREAS, the dues being paid to the Camps from the National remains at six dollars per year for life members while the amount of money being paid to the Department in per capita tax per year is seven dollars, exceeding the amount taken in and causing financial burden on Camps for life members,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Department Secretary-Treasurer request that the National Secretary-Treasurer bring this matter before the Council of Administration at the National Encampment for discussion and resolution.

Resolution #5: Department of Pennsylvania (Recommend Concurrence)

That the National Organization, SUVCW through the Council of Administration delete the present ten cents per member per *Banner* issue mailing fee presently in effect, and use monies realized from the present one dollar per member per quarter per capita tax now in effect, to cover the mailing costs of the *Banner* to the members.

Resolution #6: GAR Highway Signs (Recommend Concurrence)

Be it resolved that in order to restore the rightful and legal tribute to our forefathers, who fought to preserve the Union that all GAR Highway Officers of those Departments which encompass U.S. Route 6 which is known as the GAR Highway, under the supervision of the National GAR Highway Officer investigate in their respective departments the willingness to participate in jointly having markers produced at a reduced cost by volume so that the GAR Highway can be appropriately marked and that each Department GAR Highway Officer report to the National GAR Highway Officer the receptive Departments' willingness to commit themselves to the restore the GAR Highway markers which is the duty and obligation of our Order as Sons of Union Veterans, to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectively submitted in F., C., & L.,
Richard L. Greenwalt, Chair

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and the recommend actions of the Encampment Committee on Resolutions; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, Chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, presented the following seven Regulations and one Constitution proposed amendments and Committee recommendations:

Regulations Amendment 1: (Recommend Concurrence)

Chapter III, Article II, Membership, Section 5, on the subject of life memberships, there is added at the end of the section the words "No per capita tax shall be paid to the National Organization on Life Members".

Regulations Amendment 2: (Recommend Concurrence)

Chapter III, Article IV, Officers, Section 3, there is added at the end of the section the words, "except that he shall not appoint the Editor of the *Banner*".

Regulations Amendment 3: (Recommend Concurrence)

Chapter V, General Regulations, Article I, Section 2, the subparagraph (C) is deleted in its entirety; the next subparagraph (D) renumbered (c); the next subparagraph (E) renumbered (D) and amended to that it now reads in its entirety "(D) Each Department Secretary is required to mail a

complete mailing list of the Department to the editor of the *Banner* on or before January 1st of each year."; and a new section (E) is added which reads in its entirety "(E) The Editor of the *Banner* is required to mail one copy of each issue of the *Banner* to each member of the Order."

Regulations Amendment 4: (Recommend Concurrence)

Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Badges and Decorations, Section 4, there is added at the end of this section as a separate unnumbered paragraph the words "Brothers may wear as a buttonhole decoration a red, white and blue rosette, the rosette not to exceed 5/8" in diameter, the central circular disk to be divided into four segments more than half the area being devoted to opposed segments of blue alternating with white, and the band to be composed of alternating red and white.

Regulations Amendment 5: (Recommendation to Table)

Chapter V General Regulations Article III Badges and Decorations Section 1. At the end of the present Section 1 restore the description of the regulation badge that was given in older editions of the Constitution and Regulations. ADD: The regulation badge shall be of bronze. On the face of the badge is a medallion with the monogram of the letters "SUV" The inscription being between two concentric circles of the medallion, the inner circle enclosing the monogram and also rays radiating from the center behind the monogram. Surrounding the medallion is a wreath of laurel and the ends of two cannons which apparently cross at the back of the wreath and medallion, and the top of the medal is surmounted by an eagle. Upon the back of the badge is medallion with the monogram of the letters "USA" and the inscription "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". The inscription being between two concentric circles. The badge is suspended from a prescribed ribbon which is attached to a fastening pin with safety clasp consisting of a bar having a rim and bearing the inscription "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". The Regulation badge of the Order shall not be plated, gilded or changed in any manner except as noted in Section 5.

Regulations Amendment 6: (Recommendation to Table)

Add to Chapter V General Regulations Article III Badges and Decorations Section 5a: The Commander-in-Chief shall wear the authorized Commander-in-Chief's badge consisting of a gilt regulation badge with a gilt fastening bar bearing the inscription "Commander-in-Chief" and suspended from the gold ribbon of the National Organization.
Section 5b: Departments may use an authorized Department

Commanders Badge for their sitting commander. This badge shall consist of the regulation badge with the addition of a suspended bar reading "Department Commander" affixed to the regulation Department ribbon.

Section 5c: (the current section 5 pertaining to 50 year membership badges).

Section 5d: Life Member's badges. Those Brothers who have obtained Life Membership shall have attached to their badge a gilt bar reading "Life Member".

Regulations Amendment 7: (Recommendation to Table)

Restore to Chapter V. Gen. Regulations Article III Badges and Decorations Section 8 Coat of Arms: The Coat of Arms of the Order shall be as follows: Shield - the field is white; two sabers crossed, points up, in proper colors, ensigned by a wreath of laurels, green on a chief azure (Heraldic blue cobalt); the rising sun, gold; in the disc the monogram "SUV" in vermilion, on the white field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in cut in vermilion. Supporters - On the right a soldier, in fatigue uniform (without arms) of 1861-65, viz. a dark blue blouse, light blue trousers, zouave cap, cross and waist belts of a brown leather, on the buckle the letters "US". On the left a sailor in navy blue shirt and trousers, black silk necktie and regulation cap. Crest - An eagle (American) on rocks, in proper colors. The scrolls containing the motto are white, shaded at the end with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield, and under the same, of gold; the flags, naval and military, with cannon and muskets, all in their proper places and colors.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommended actions by the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations regarding the Order's Regulations; motion passed.

Constitution Amendment 1: (Recommend Concurrence)

Article VI, Formation and Disbandment: delete from Section 3..."to consist of 5 or more camps with a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred and fifty members." Thus causing it to read: Section 3: A department may be formed by authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Add a new Section 4 reading: A Provisional Department may be created in states having 3 or more regular or Provisional Camps. The Commander-in-Chief may call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a department and election of Department Officers. After one year a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent Department status by the Commander-in-Chief. Section 4 and 5 will be renumbered Sections 5

and 6.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommended action by the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations regarding the Order's Constitution; motion passed by a two-thirds majority. The Encampment-passed Constitutional amendment was ordered by Commander-in-Chief Gibbons to be submitted to the Departments for consideration and ratification.

REPORT OF ENCAMPMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Encampment Budget Committee presented a proposed balanced budget of \$24,052 for 1982 - 1983 (see Appendix 2).

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commander-in-Chief Gibbons indicated that the winner of the Membership Plaque for 1981/82 was the Department of Pennsylvania with an increase in membership by 44.

National Patriotic Instructor Marley reported that he had raised a total of \$1,776.00 for the GAR fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept the National Patriotic Instructor's report; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Gibbons requested a final report from the Encampment Committee on Credentials. The Committee reported a total of 82 registered delegates with 15 not present.

A motion was made and seconded to declare the minutes of the Encampment as the official Proceedings of the Order for 1982; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to move to the nomination and election of officers for 1982/83; motion passed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1982/83

The following officers were nominated and elected:

Commander-in-Chief	Richard C. Schlenker (MD)
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	William L. Simpson (PA)
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Eugene E. Russell (MA)
Council of Administration Member.....	Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C (NY) (to 1984)

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

National Counselor Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C (NY)
National Chief of Staff Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C
National Chaplain Franklin Lucas (DE)
National Patriotic Instructor Gordon R. Bury II (OH)
National Historian Forest F. Altland (OH)
National Graves Registration Officer William W. Vanderhoof (NJ)
Washington Representative Richard C. Schlenker (MD)
National GAR Highway Officer Charles E. Sharrock (CO)
Banner Editor Robert J. Wolz (OH)
National Personal Aide Donald L. Roberts (NY)
National Aide - USS Monitor Liaison John B. Davis (VA)
National Aide - SUVCW History Book Jerome L. Orton (NY)
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Fred H. Combs, PC-in-C (NJ)

All elected and appointed officers were duly installed by PC-in-C Fred H. Combs and then escorted to their respective stations by Guide PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt. Brother Marion C.T. Townsend served as Chaplain for the Installation Ceremony. Installing Officer PC-in-C Combs invited newly elected National Auxiliary President, Mrs. Richard (Dorris W.) Schlenker to pin the badge of office on Commander-in-Chief Schlenker but she deferred in favor of his mother, Mrs. Raymond J. (Elsie K.) Schlenker, who did the honors.

Commander-in-Chief Schlenker presented the following acceptance speech:

He said it. Abraham Lincoln said it. Abraham Lincoln said, "today has Providence smiled upon me". I say it. Richard Schlenker says it. Richard Schlenker says, "today has Providence smiled upon me, doubly". Providence on high and Providence, Rhode Island.

I am pleased to have this further opportunity to honor my ancestor, Daniel B. Schlenker, who was from Berks County, Pennsylvania, and who along with his neighbors answered the call which preserved us a nation.

This year you will probably hear many Lincoln quotes from me. Please forgive. I can think of no group which ought to be more steeped in the principles he espoused than ours. After all, he was the Commander-in-Chief of the ancestors which qualify us for membership and as a student of Lincolnia I find many traits of his worth emulating.

In recent days his quote "with malice toward none and charity for all" has been ever present in my mind. So much so that I would like to adopt it as a theme for this administration.

When first I affiliated with the SUVCW, I was impressed with the principles

of brotherhood set forth in credo and ceremony, more so than any of the several other hereditary societies to which I belong. Through the years I have seen these principles tested time and time again and ultimately triumph when men take time to reflect upon their action. I am hopeful that during the coming year we can, more than ever, conduct ourselves with "malice toward none".

I ask forbearance and understanding of each member as problems with new procedures and ideas develop. The firing off of angry letters in quin-, sex- and optuplicate does not contribute much to smoothing operations within our organization. However, well thought out and thoroughly presented counterpoint are truly needed and will be appreciated.

Remember that we are all donating our services, but by the same token the acceptance of an assignment also requires diligent and honest effort. I like to think of our offices as honorable, not honorary and that hard work will be given.

Because the Brothers present show continued interest in the operation of our Order by attending these Encampments it is also hoped that you may want to serve on one of our standing committees this next year. If you do, please let me know today.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and the appreciation of the Order to all officers and committee members who have served this past year. I now declare all Encampment appointees and committees discharged with our gratitude.

ADJOURNMENT

Commander-in-Chief Schlenker ritualistically adjourned the 101st Annual National Encampment until the 102nd Annual National Encampment in 1983 in Portland, Maine.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
POST-101st ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

BILTMORE-PLAZA HOTEL
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1982

The post-101st National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker.

Members Present: Commander-In-Chief Schlenker; Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief William J. Simpson; Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief Eugene E. Russell; National Secretary-Treasurer PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver; and Council Members PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C Harry E. Gibbons, and Clark Mellor; *Banner* Editor Robert J. Wolz and George Long.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver read the minutes of the Sunday, August 15, 1982 meeting of the Council of Administration. A motion was made (William Simpson) and seconded (Eugene Russell) to approve the minutes as read; motion passed.

A motion was made (Joseph Rippey) and seconded (Clark Mellor) to establish \$8.00 as the interest payment to Camps for Life Members for 1983; motion passed.

A motion was made (Richard Schlenker) and seconded (William Simpson) to established a goal of \$2,000 for the National Patriotic Instructor for fiscal year 1982/83; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to retain the size of the current 8 1/2 x 11 inch Standard Certificate of Membership; motion passed.

A motion was made (Joseph Rippey) and seconded (Clark Mellor) to establish the cost of the new tri-color Membership Certificate at \$5.00; motion passed.

A motion was made (Chester Shriver) and seconded (Eugene Russell) to reimburse PC-in-C Rippey \$155.15 for the mimeographing of 150 copies of the current Constitution and Regulations dated August 1, 1982; motion passed.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver agreed to contact Brother Thomas W. Graham by telephone and letter regarding a financial report, excess supply of *Banners* and any property of the National Organization from the *Banner* Editorship for 1959 through 1982.

The Council of Administration meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Richard C. Schlenker
Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
National Secretary-Treasurer

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1. REGISTERED DELEGATES - 101ST ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Adshead, Chester
Altland, Forest
Baker, Edson
Beilby, Harold **(NP^a)**
Black, Herman T. **(NP)**
Bodge, Newell T.
Buchanan, Martin **(NP)**
Bury, Gordon R. II
Chadwick, Thomas A.
Clark, Frank L. **(NP)**
Coltrin, G. Edward **(NP)**
Combs, Fred H. Jr.
Comee, Irving
Corfman, Charles
Davis, William A. Jr. **(NP)**
Dugan, Goodling H.
Foulkrod, Raymond
Frantz, Ivan E. Sr. **(NP)**
Furman, Norman R.
Gerke, Robert L.
Gibbons, Harry E.
Goodman, Harold
Greenwalt, Richard
Harrington, Miles E.
Haskell, William W.
Hayes, Warren G. Jr.
Heacock, Frank M.
Heacock, GAR
Heald, Cleon **(NP)**
Hooper, Charles W.
Hosmer, William E. **(NP)**
Johnson, Thomas L.W. **(NP)**
Junge, John J.
Kater, Edward
Kegerise, Paul C. **(NP)**
Koch, Elton P.
Laffoley, Ralph
Lambert, Albert
Larkin, Charles S. **(NP)**
Lawrence, Robert **(NP)**
Ledwith, James Y.
Little, William J.
Long, George W.
Lowe, Charles P.
Lucas, B. Franklin
Luth, Frank W.
Macomber, Wallace J.
Marley, James G.
McCandless, Robert L.
Mellor, Clark
Nelson, Charles
Oakley, Kenneth
Orton, Jerome
Partington, Richard O.
Peiper, Ralph E.
Perry, William
Plante, Joseph
Prince, Edgar A.
Riddell, Clarence J.
Rippey, Joseph S.
Roberts, Donald L.
Roberts, Royce A. **(NP)**
Rogers, Philip W.
Rule, William C. **(NP)**
Russell, Eugene E.
Schlenker, Richard C.
Scott, William L.
Sharrock, Charles E.
Shriver, Chester S.
Simpson, William L.
Smith, Roy
Stoudt, C. LeRoy **(NP)**
Townsend, Marion C.T.
Townsend, Robert E.
Vanderhoof, William W.
Waddell, Harold
Werkheiser, Robert U.
Wheeler, Kenneth T. Sr.
Wheeler, Richard
Wolz, Robert J.
Wyman, Leonard
Yocum, John C.

(a) NP = Not Present

APPENDIX 2. REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 1982-1983

RECEIPTS

Percapita tax assessment on 2580 members at \$4.00/member.....	\$10,320
Registration fees from 80 delegates at \$5.00 each.....	400
Sale of supplies.....	1,900
Auxiliary gift.....	500
Income from permanent fund, savings and investments.....	3,000
New Camp application and charter fees.....	150
Income from interest on other savings accounts.....	2,200
Uncommitted funds - Membership-at-Large.....	220
Refund from 101st National Encampment.....	100
Miscellaneous.....	300
Allocated from GAR Fund.....	4,962
Total.....	<u>\$24,052</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Commander-in-Chief's expenses.....	\$ 1,800
National Secretary-Treasurer's expenses.....	1,200
Purchase of supplies.....	5,000
Printing, stationary, postage, telephone.....	1,600
Printing and mailing of Proceedings, 1980 & 1982.....	9,016
National Encampment expenses.....	145
Transcribing Proceedings.....	300
The <i>Banner</i>	4000
Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel.....	396
Certified Public Accountant.....	520
Miscellaneous.....	75
Total.....	<u>\$24,052</u>

APPROPRIATION FROM THE GAR FUND

Student scholarship award.....	\$ 300
Lincoln Memorial ceremony.....	25
Lincoln Tomb ceremony.....	400
GAR Remembrance Day.....	300
Memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines.....	25
National Military Department, SVR.....	150
GAR Campfire Program expense.....	300
Fraternal Relations Committee.....	20
Printing of Forms for Contributions.....	130
National Historian expense.....	50
Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee.....	25
5000 Membership Certificates.....	650
Miscellaneous.....	125
Allocated to General Fund.....	4962
Total.....	<u>\$7,412</u>

APPENDIX 3. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GENERAL ORDERS 1-4, SERIES 1981-1982.

Series 1981 - 1982 GENERAL ORDERS NO 1

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 100th Annual National Encampment held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 9 to 13, 1981, command has been assumed and Headquarters established at the above address.
2. Rosters of elected and appointed officers and committee appointments are printed elsewhere in this issue of the Banner.
3. My theme for the year is DESIRE, DETERMINATION, DEVOTION AND DEDICATION. We must Desire to carry on our Heritage, and inform the public of our aims; Determination to do our best in getting new and younger members; and Devotion to our Allied Orders of the GAR, we need each and every one to help if we are to exist and carry out our obligation to the utmost. Dedication, this word means so much to each member and if we dedicate ourselves to the Order and "To the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic", teach patriotism, history of country, love and honor of our flag, cooperate and participate with other patriotic organizations in the proper observance of national holidays (especially Memorial Day), we are bound to improve and gain in membership.
4. As your Commander-in-Chief, I am asking for your full support and cooperation from each officer and member of our Order for the coming year. It behooves us, each and every member, to try a little more effort to improve and enlarge our beloved Organization. Membership should be our by-word and aim, as this is an organization's life blood.
5. Department Secretaries, please send the name and address of your department's Junior Vice Commander to our National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, George W. Long. He will welcome your response on membership.
6. As in past years, each member securing three new members will be appointed a National Aide and receive a National ribbon for his badge. Also, the member securing five new members will receive Certificate of Merit. Please notify me when members are eligible.
7. We must have the CORRECT ADDRESS of each member, as the return of each Banner is very costly.
8. I would like to commend our Patriotic Instructor, James G.D. Marley of Massachusetts, for his outstanding work in his office. I have reappointed Jim because he is a very capable and enthusiastic worker for our Organization. Please support him this next year. You will hear more from him later.
9. REMEMBRANCE DAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1981 is a day to remember and HONOR Grand Army of the Republic with our Allied Orders of the GAR. This is a day of real remembrance, and each member should try to attend. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is a wonderful place to visit and REMEMBER.
10. DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS: I sincerely will try to visit as many Departments as possible, but I must have the Dates and Locations of your Encampments. Please advise me, as this is a very important item for my itinerary.
11. My sincere congratulations and best wishes to Miss Ann Willeke, National President of the

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Bessie Coates, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Lucy Mawson, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also, my very best and sincere wishes to the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. May all of these Allied Orders have a most successful and happy. healthy year. I pledge my loyal support to all Allied Orders.

12. My congratulations to Tom Graham, Editor of the Banner - our official quarterly publication, who has been reappointed for the next year. Best wishes Tom, you do a mighty fine job for the Order.

13. Many thanks to all the delegates who elected me as your Commander-in-Chief. I appreciate this high honor and I shall try hard to do my best to improve our beloved organization. With the help and cooperation from all, I know we will.

14. To all my elected and appointed officers and committees, my fondest hopes and wishes for a most successful year in 1981-82.

Harry E. Gibbons
Commander-in-Chief

Series 1981 - 1982
GENERAL ORDERS NO 2

1. As I approach the New Year of 1982 and the half-way of my term of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I write this No. 2 of the General Orders with mixed emotions. With the passing of our dedicated and devoted Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard E. Wyman, who has just finished his term and had served our beloved Organization many long years, in many Camp, Department and National offices. We will miss Richard in more than I can ever express in words. My most heart-felt sympathy is extended to his family and friends in our great loss of our Brother.

2. To all Department Commanders and Secretaries. As in my first General Order, I must have the DATE and LOCATION of your Encampment, as I would like to attend as many as possible, some overlap dates, and it will be impossible to attend every one. Please get your Quarterly Reports in promptly.

3. The Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Gettysburg were very outstanding and will be remembered by all those attending. The Committee can be proud of the excellent planned program. All five Allied National Heads, with many Department Officers were in attendance, and were recognized and spoke in the Auditorium. Major General Richard M. Scott, gave a very inspiring speech. I want to thank the Gettysburg Committee, from our National Organization for their untiring efforts and work to make the program a huge success; also all the troops, officers of the SVR with General Chester S. Shriver and Confederate officers and troops, that made that impressive and memorable day a tribute to the GAR.

4. The National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was honored to present the annual scholarship award to Timothy Anderson, a Senior student on the Dean's Honor List, with the Hartzell Award (for History Majors for Superior Performance) and many other talents in several other areas at the Gettysburg College in his past years at schools. Dr. Gabor Boritt, Abraham Lincoln specialist at the College who has authored a book on Lincoln and the Economics of the American Dream, introduced Mr. Anderson. I was highly honored and privileged to present the Annual Scholarship Award to this very outstanding student of Gettysburg College at the 51st Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of the South Central Pennsylvania Association. The dinner was followed by the Blue and Gray Ball sponsored by the SVR.

5. I have sent National Aide ribbons to members who have obtained three new members, and Certificates of Merit for five new members. Have you really tried to get one new member? A new Camp

of 33 members has been installed in Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Also, Camp No 65 from Missouri, Commander Jack Grothe and Jimmy Woods, Senior Vice Commander, are getting awards. Don Roberts, Chief of Staff, has received awards for new members. Frank Bellinger, New York Camp 89, also recruited five new members and received an award. Membership is our life blood. Let's all work on getting one or more members in 1982.

6. Please support your GAR Memorial Fund. Brother Jim Marley is working for his 1982 goal of \$2,000 set by our National Council of Administration. See his appeal in this Banner.

7. February is the month to honor our two great Presidents, Washington and Lincoln. All Camps should observe these holidays which commemorate the birthdays of these patriots of our beloved Organization and country. A patriot is one who really loves his country and therefore loves its people and land. A patriot is also one who is ready and willing to offer and give his service to his country in times of peril or danger. Lincoln and Washington were this type of patriot. Observe these holidays in their honor.

8. January 1982 starts our 101st year of our beloved organization. Let us resolve that all members will pull together in getting one or more new members so that in the next year January, we can double our Camps and our membership from the last year of our 100th Anniversary year. Our Organization is one that moves upwards NOT down. Patriotism is moving in the country and getting the public aroused. With more people interested in their lineage, we have the public inquiring about our Organization. Fly the flag, talk patriotism, and write news articles; notices in local papers on meetings, etc. Write me all your inquiries. Dick Schlenker, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, has done a wonderful job. He has outlined a program for promotional ideas. Read your Banner!

9. To those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, my deepest sympathy and to those who are ill, my sincere wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

10. As your Commander-in-Chief, I hope each member, officer and all in the Allied Orders have had a very happy holiday, and will have a happy, healthy and better year than ever. May God bless each one and guide you throughout the year of 1982.

Harry E. Gibbons
Commander-in-Chief

Series 1981 - 1982
GENERAL ORDERS NO 3

1. Our membership has been on the increase this year due to the untiring efforts of our loyal and dedicated members, working to help their Department and Camps to better and larger memberships for the good of the beloved Organization to carry on the memory of the GAR and continue the patriotic work we undertake in their memory.

2. Members that recruit three new members will receive a National award of appointed National Aide and authorized to wear the National ribbon, those enlisting five new members will be awarded a Certificate of Merit.

3. Brother William Little, Gettysburg Camp No. 112, obtained five new members and Brother Robert McCandless, Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1, forwarded nine new members this year. My congratulations to each one of the members that have helped with getting new members. How about you? Lets do it in 1982!

4. On February 12th, I was honored and it was a privilege to attend the commemoration of the 173rd Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC with the Military

Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. I placed the beautiful wreath of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, followed by National President of Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Anne E. Willeke. Richard C. Schlenker, Washington Representative and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, had been elected Treasurer of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. The service was beautiful, thirty-three wreaths were placed, as the U.S. Navy Band played marches and the colors were posted by color guards from all five Armed Services of the U.S. The Lancaster Fencibles, Pennsylvania Brigade, SVR, furnished the wreath bearers. William Kelly, 14 years old, was the bearer of my presentation wreath.

5. Memorial Day (Decoration Day) 30th of May was dedicated to the observance of decorating the graves of Union soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and "do all in my power to persuade others to do the same." This is our Obligation, to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. With all Members, Camps, Departments, and Auxiliaries, please plan to take part in this annual observance by placing flags on graves of veterans of the Civil War, and all wars, and to take part in appropriate services. Plan to get others to attend, and help to keep our faith to the GAR Memory.

6. I must remind all Departments and Camps to send reports in promptly and efficiently to the National Secretary in JUNE, THIS IS IMPORTANT.

7. Brother James Marley, your National Patriotic Instructor, needs your support to reach his quota this year. Will you please send him a good contribution to help your organization promote patriotic events, such as Remembrance Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, and many other patriotic events.

8. I am informed that the New Jersey Monument in Gettysburg Battlefield needs restoring and a fund has been started to help this state memorial. If you can spare a dollar or two, send it to Brother Richard D. Hines, Secretary-Treasurer, 5535 Walker Ave., W. Trenton, New Jersey 08628 (This is not a National project). I think all Civil War Monuments should be restored where possible.

9. Much correspondence comes to my office and many problems need attention during the year, which I have consulted with PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, Legal Advisor., and PC-in-C Chester Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you all, Brothers. We need cooperation and working together in our great Organization, and with Dedication and Desire to work together with Devotion, we inspire others to be the best patriotic organization that ever existed.

10. As Commander-in-Chief, I have appointed a Special Committee on Revision of the Membership Certificates. I have appointed the following Brothers: Fred H. Combs, Jr., New Jersey; Jerome Orton, New York; and Charles W. Larkin, New Jersey. This Committee will report at the National Encampment in August in 1982.

11. I regret that I was unable to attend the New England Regional Association Conference March 20-21st. I regret that I cannot attend all of the Encampments and services as I would like to as your Commander-in-Chief. It will be impossible to attend as dates set are too close for traveling the distances so far from each other. I send my best wishes to the officers for the coming year. It was my honor to represent our National Organization at several Lincoln dinners, especially the luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington DC. After the ceremony at Lincoln Memorial, National Auxiliary President and I were introduced as dignitaries attending the ceremony.

12. We were saddened to learn of the passing of Past National Auxiliary President, Flora Bates. The loss of Sister Flora will be felt by all who knew her.

13. To those confined at home or ill, may you soon be up and enjoying good health. To members and all who have lost loved ones - may God give you strength to carry on the burden in your work and heart in the future.

Harry E. Gibbons
Commander-in-Chief

Series 1981 - 1982
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

1. This is my final General Orders and I want to express my sincere thanks for the honor and privilege given to me to serve our beloved Organization as Commander-in-Chief. It was with pride and gratitude to all members and officers that elected me to this high office. With my wife, Elsa, New York Department President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, traveling to the many Department and Camps, we want to thank those officers and members for the courtesies and delightful fellowships in our visits to those Brothers and all the Sisters of our Organizations. We regret that the dates were so close together, and conflicts of the Encampment meetings prevented us to attend. I recommend the dates be separated so not to conflict.
2. I extend my congratulations and very best wishes to all newly elected officers of Departments and camps, in all their endeavors, to keep up our membership in the coming years.
3. The 101st Annual Encampment will be held at the Biltmore-Plaza Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island (Kennedy Plaza) 02903, August 15-19th, hosted by the Massachusetts Department. Plan to attend as this is the Encampment you need each year to solve problems, and meet all the officers who, with your help and cooperation, make a better understanding and growing Organization.
4. The following Brothers are appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee: Miles E. Harrington, Sr., Chairman, Massachusetts; William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., New Jersey; Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Pennsylvania; Frank W. Luth, Rhode Island; and Gordon R. Bury, Ohio. All other committees and appointments will be announced at the opening of the Encampment.
5. I would like to commend the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, for their outstanding work in activities and functions during this past year. The uniformed units and equipment used in the Memorial Day services, parades and programs bring attention to the public, when dressed in Civil War uniforms, and are instrumental in the recruiting of new members of the SUVCW Organization. Brig. General Chester S. Shriver and Major Harold Goodman, Chairman of Military Affairs Committee, are to be congratulated on their work in our National Military Department. All members must be in good standing in the SUVCW Organization.
6. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the National heads of Allied Orders of the GAR and their officers: Miss Anne E. Willeke, President of Auxiliary of the SUVCW; Mrs. Susie Cool, President of National Womans Relief Corps; Mrs. Lucy B. Mawson, President of Ladies of GAR and Mrs. Bessie Coats, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. May each one have a happy, harmonious and successful Encampment.
7. Many thanks to my National officers and members of the committees appointed and elected for carrying out duties of your respective office.
8. All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve attending the Nationals Encampment are requested to bring their uniforms.
9. Chairman of all committees must have reports ready to be read at the first session and submitted to Committee on Officers Reports. Please type reports on 8 1/2" x 11". If any Chairman is unable to be present please send your report to National Secretary, Chester S. Shriver.
10. I am very grateful and thankful for reports of new members and Camps being installed in my term

of office, through untiring efforts of many Brothers in the Departments the Organization is growing stronger by the increasing membership. PC-in-C Fred H. Combs, reports the Membership-at-Large is growing in numbers. Departments in Colorado, New Jersey, Nebraska, Indiana and Pennsylvania have new Camps. I have sent eight National ribbons and six Certificates of Merit. If you have not received yours, please let me know as soon as possible with the names and number of new members.

11. Departments, Camps and Brothers, please help your National Organization carry on our civic and patriotic programs with your small or large contribution to the GAR Memorial Fund needed by Patriotic Instructor, James G.D. Marley, to help meet his goal of \$2,000 by August 15, 1982.

12. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will miss one of the most devoted members, Margaret Beilby, Past National Chaplain and Past Department President of New York, and wife of PC-in-C Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief 1977-78. Sister Beilby passed away April 4, 1982.

13. To those Brothers and Sisters who are ill or confined, my prayers for each one and, a return to good health, and to those who have lost loved ones, I extend my deepest sympathy. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

Harry E. Gibbons
Commander-in-Chief

APPENDIX 4. LIST OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1936	*William A. Dyer	New York
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1937	*William A. Dyer	New York
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1896	*James L. Rake	Pennsylvania	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1905	*Harvey V. Speelamn	Ohio	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1960	*Thomas A. Chadwick	Virginia
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania	1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	1977	Harold T. Bielby	New York
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California	1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York	1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois			
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana			

* = Deceased

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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 COMMANDER

*E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
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* = Deceased

! = Conferred by the Commandery-in-Chief

APPENDIX 5. LIST OF PAST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.

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, DC
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, DC
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, DC
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
53rd	1934	August 14 - 16	Rochester, New York
NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION

54th	1935	September 9 - 12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22 - 24	Washington, DC
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 9 - 13	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, DC
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