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Forward

The following Proceedings of the 104th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were prepared 14 years after the fact. While every conceivable effort has been made to present an accounting as complete as possible of the Encampment, there are many areas where information was no longer available.

Special acknowledgment needs to be made Sandi Crawford, Steve Fought, John Heseltine, Glenn Knight, Celeste Lewis, Carole A. Mason, Richard Orr, Jim Pahl, Rebecca Pratt; and Robert Wolz, without whose assistance these Proceedings could not have been completed to their present extent.

Keith G. Harrison, PC-in-C
Proceedings Editor
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Eugene E. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

Eugene E. Russell was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 103rd National Encampment held in Akron, Ohio, August 12 - 16, 1984. Brother Russell claims membership from his grandfather, Sgt. David H. Cheever, who served in the 17th Massachusetts, which was stationed in Newbern, North Carolina as one of the support groups for the Union Coastal during the Civil War.

Brother Russell has served his local Camps in various positions in Wakefield and Saugus, Massachusetts; was twice Massachusetts Department Commander; Secretary of the New England Regional Association; Assistant Curator of the Memorial Shrine and Museum of the Grand Army of the Republic Allied Orders of the Massachusetts Department, and in the State House at Boston. On the national level, he was appointed three times as chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee and proceeded through the chairs of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Russell has been active in various local community affairs, including, a past District Chairman of the Boy Scouts, active in community fund raising projects, present Chairman of the Malden Republican City Committee, and a long-standing member of the Centre United Methodist Church, having served in numerous official positions there. Brother Russell was educated at Malden High School and Harvard College. For 40 years, he has operated his interior decorating contracting business. His hobbies include 3-D (stereo) photography and candlepin bowling.



**Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Toaz Beilby
1901-1985**

Harold T. Beilby was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in 1977 at the 96th National Encampment held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby was born in Rochester, New York, on December 16, 1901. His grandfather, Henry M. Beilby served in the 13th New York Volunteers. Harold's father, Walter S. Beilby, was born in Rochester, New York on September 13, 1868, and served as New York Department Commander in 1925-26.

Although Brother Beilby joined the SUVCW in December 1922 (O'Rorke Camp #60, Rochester), he attended his first National Encampment in 1904. He was a veteran of WWII, having served as a Sergeant in the Medical Department of the Army Air Force from October 1942 to January 1944. Brother Beilby served as New York Department Commander in 1941. His wife, Margaret was a Past Department President of the New York Department Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. He was retired from the physical plant department of the University of Rochester. Brother Beilby died April 20, 1985. He was buried at White Haven Memorial Park, Perinton, Monroe County, New York.

National Officers for 1984-1985
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander-in-Chief Eugene E. Russell

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II

Council of Administration William L. Simpson, PC-in-C
Edward G. Kater
Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C

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

National Counselor William W. Haskell, PC-in-C

National Chief of Staff..... Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C

National Patriotic Instructor Charles Corfman

National Chaplain Sherman Weaver

National Historian & Genealogist..... Jerome L. Orton

National Graves Registration Officer Charles E. Sharrock

National GAR Highway Officer Robert L. McCandless

National Personal Aide Miles E. Harrington, Sr

National Aide (*USS Monitor* Liaison Officer)..... John B. Davis

National Washington Representative Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C

National Membership at Large Coordinator..... Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C

Banner Editor..... Robert J. Wolz

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
ALLIED ORDERS OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
RADISSON HOTEL
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1985
7:00 P.M.

7:00 PMBethseda Singers
8:00 PM Processional
Welcome to Delaware Franklin R. Townsend, Maryland Department Commander
Master of CeremoniesRichard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
Advancing of the Colors Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, SVR
National Anthem Assembly
InvocationSherman Weaver, National Chaplain, SUVCW
Greetings Dignitaries
Response to Greetings Dorothy L. Hilyard, PNP Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Greetings Eugene E. Russell, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Greetings Jennie B. Russell, National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Greetings Shirley Wool, National President LGAR
Singing Assembly
BenedictionSherman Weaver, National Chaplain, SUVCW
Retiring of the Colors Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, SVR

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SPECIAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1984

Commander-in-Chief Eugene E. Russell called the Special Meeting of the Council of Administration to order in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1984.

Members present included: Commander-in-Chief, Eugene E. Russell; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Roberts; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury; II, Council of Administration Members PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey and PC-in-C William L. Simpson; National Secretary/Treasurer PC-in-C Chester Shriver; and PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 15, 1984, Council of Administration meeting; motion passed.

National Secretary/Treasurer Shriver read a letter of resignation, dated November 13, 1984 from Brother. Wolz tendering his resignation as *Banner* Editor effective December 31, 1984. It was decided to contact Brother Wolz to assist him in getting the fall issue of the *Banner* into the mail. A decision was made to appoint Brother Robert Gregory of 610 East Hamilton Street, Cheryl, New York, as Editor.

The status of the Department of Oregon and Washington being in arrears for 10 quarters in per capita for 2 1/2 years, was reported by National Secretary/Treasurer Shriver. A motion made and seconded to accept the disbandment of the Department of Oregon and Washington; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted in F., C., & L.,
Chester Shriver, PC-in-C
National Secretary/Treasurer

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**PRE-104TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

**RADISSON HOTEL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1985

The pre-104th National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Eugene E. Russell at 1:38 p.m.

Those present included: Commander-in-Chief Russell; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury II; Council of Administration members PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey and PC-in-C William L. Simpson; National Secretary-Treasurer PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver; and National Membership-at-Large Coordinator PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver. The minutes of the August 15, 1984, meeting in Akron, Ohio and November 16, 1984, meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Russell appointed the following Encampment Committees:

Budget: Brothers Rippey and Roberts
Audit: Brothers Bury and Edward G. Kater

The following matters were then presented and acted upon where required.

1. Report of the *Banner* Editor Robert J. Wolz. National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver read a communication from Brother Wolz stating his many problems concerning employment, postal permits, and lack of membership addresses. In his letter, he requested to be relieved of the Editorship and offered assistance to the future Editor. The recent appointment of Brother Robert Gregory at the Gettysburg November 16, 1984, meeting was presented with guidelines to secure the membership roster for direct mailing. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report; motion passed.

2. Membership-at-Large (MAL) Coordinator. PC-in-C Schlenker stated that several problems and the lack of the *Banner* has hurt membership renewals. He submitted a check to the National Organization in the amount of \$600 as uncommitted MAL funds. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report; motion passed.

3. National Secretary-Treasurer . PC-in-C Shriver presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 1985, as well as the membership standing of the Order. Other matters presented included the investment of the Order's funds, the ruling by the Internal Revenue Service regarding Camp and/or Department reporting, distribution of special mailings in lieu of the *Banner*, the update of the medal manufacturer and the stocking of the supplies. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report; motion passed.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver reported that 17 Departments voted in favor of the adoption of the Constitutional change to allow Provisional Departments in the Order after three years.

The meeting was adjourned by Commander-in-Chief Russell at 2:53 p.m.

Respectively submitted in F., C., & L.,
Chester Shriver, PC-in-C
National Secretary/Treasurer

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AUGUST 12 -14, 1985

The 104th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Eugene E. Russell.

Roll Call of Officers

Commander-in-Chief, Eugene E. Russell
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II
Council of Administration members, PC-in-C William L. Simpson, Edward G. Kater;
and PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey
National Secretary-Treasurer, PC-in-C Chester Shriver
National Counselor, PC-in-C William Haskell
National Chief of Staff, PC-in-C Norman R. Furman
National Patriotic Instructor, Charles Corfman
National Chaplain, Sherman Weaver
National Historian and Genealogist, Jerome L. Orton
National Graves Registration Office, Charles E. Sharrock
National GAR Highway Officer, Robert L. McCandless
National Personal Aide, E. Harrington, Sr.
National Aide, U.S. Monitor Liaison Officer, John B. Davis
National Washington Representative, PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker
Editor of the *Banner*, Robert J. Gregory

The following ritual position appointments were made: Guide - William Little; Guard - Wallace Macomber; and Color Bearer - James Ludwig.

The following Encampment Committee appointments were made:

Committee on Officers Reports

PC-in-C Richard Schlenker, Chair;
Alan W. Moore;
George Long;
Richard Hines; and
Reverend Richard Partington.

Constitution and Regulations Committee

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey; Chair;

PC-in-C Chester Shriver;
PC-in-C William Simpson;
PC-in-C Fred Combs; and
PC-in-C Harry Gibbons.

Committee on Resolutions

PC-in-C Harry Gibbons, Chair;
Charles Lowe;
Charles Nelson;
Elmer Atkinson; and
Harold Goodman.

Committee on Restoration of Rank

PC-in-C William Haskell, Chair;
Clark Miller;
Ralph Piper;
David Reed; and
Jonathan Mayhew.

Press Agent

Marion Townsend

Budget Committee

PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, Chair; and
Donald Roberts.

Audit Committee

Gordon Bury, Chair; and
Robert Gregory.

Commander-in-Chief Russell turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Roberts.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Following the first moments of personal gratification at having the highest honor in the SUVCW bestowed on me by election as Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment in Akron, Ohio last August, I experienced qualms about being able to live up to my expressed intentions to fill the office creditably and to comply with all its anticipated duties and obligations. I cannot judge as to whether I have succeeded in any degree to measure up to the accomplishments of my illustrious predecessors, but to be perfectly selfish about it, the actual experience has completely allayed any initial qualms about the impending rigors of the task. In other words, the rewarding reality of my administration in the broadening of my friendships and the strengthening of my knowledge and

understanding of the operation of our activities have more than compensated for the time and effort expended.

Of course the various commemorative ceremonies attended should be high lighted: Remembrance Day at Gettysburg with its dramatic parade (an escort of 21 uniformed members from New Hampshire), the wreath-laying at the Woolson Monument, exercises at the Visitors Center Auditorium, the Commemorative banquet and Blue and Gray Ball, the awarding of a scholarship to John P. Thompson, history major at Gettysburg College; the wreath presentation at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. followed by a luncheon, not forget the banquet the night before at the prestigious Metropolitan Club; speaking and presenting a flower at the Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire along with 55 other listed organizations; representing the Sons at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois and speaking on the subject of Lincoln's Farewell to his fellow-citizens on leaving to assume the Presidency (I had at least one compliment - a man who said how nice it was to hear the good old New England accent). The other speaker was William Upham, a Wisconsin Son and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the US.

On Department visitations in most cases where my personal attendance was impossible, I sent regrets, prayed indulgence, and tried to have a substitute representative. In listing the visitations it would be unfair to the various Departments and dedicated members to try to single out some for special commendation, as the courteous treatment and high morale were universal. Further, in the interest of economy, I list these activities matter-of-factly.

1984

- August 15: National Council of Administration meeting at Akron;
- September 21: Reception at Waterville, Maine to Maine Department Commander and President;
- September 16: Rockland, Massachusetts Reception to Massachusetts Department Commander Kenneth Oakley and Auxiliary President Thelma Badger;
- October 7: San Jose, California. Cookout and meeting with several California members at the home of PDC Wayne and Mrs. Pyle;
- October 14: Upland, California Mid-winter meeting of the California Department on the premises of a fabulous Museum of which PNP Beatrice Riggs is founder and director;
- October 20-21: Waterville, Maine. New England Regional Association;
- October 25: Boscowen, New Hampshire meeting of Camp Durgin and Auxiliary. Awarded several membership pins, including a 55 year pin to Brother Robert Lawrence;
- October 27: Montpelier, Vermont. Reception to Shirley Wool. National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic;

- October 28: Somerville, Massachusetts. Annual Friendly Relations Banquet attended by all five Orders;
- November 3: Auburn, Massachusetts. National Reception for Jennie and me. Very appreciative of the large attendance, many from a distance, and thanks for all the love tokens and to the Massachusetts Department for its planning of this wonderful affair;
- November 11: Hall of Flags, State House, Boston. Massachusetts Veterans Day exercises;
- November 16: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Special meeting of the National Council of Administration;
- November 17: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Remembrance Day. National Military Affairs Committee;
- November 27: Rockland, Massachusetts. Installed officers of Camps I7 and 50;
- December 1: Worcester, Massachusetts. PDP Christmas Party; and
December 7: Brockton, Massachusetts Banquet of Camp and Aux. 17.

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- February. 9: Horsham, Pennsylvania. Lincoln Day Banquet of Philadelphia Sons of Veterans Club;
- February 11: Washington, D.C. Lincoln Banquet at Metropolitan Club;
- February 12: Washington. Exercises at Lincoln Memorial, followed by luncheon;
- February 22: New Bern, North Carolina. Visited Civil War sites and on way home visited Monitor Aide John and Mrs. Davis at Virginia, Beach, Virginia;
- March 16-17: Montpelier, Vermont. New England Regional Association;
- March 21: Boston State House. Dedication of plaque to the Civil War nurses and the GAR. A commendable project of P.D.C. Frank Tucker;
- April 5-6: Merrimac, New Hampshire. Department Encampment;
- April 15: Warwick, Rhode Island. Department;
- April 14: Springfield, Illinois. Informal dinner;
- April 15: Springfield, Illinois. Exercises at Lincoln Tomb, followed by luncheon;
- April 19-21: Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Department Encampment;
- April 21: Cambridge, Massachusetts. Sons Memorial Service for PDC Ernest G. Wells;
- April 27: Wilmington, Delaware. Maryland-Delaware Department Encampment;
- May 4-5: Meriden, Connecticut. Department Encampment;
- May 26: Chelsea Soldiers Home. Annual visit of Massachusetts Department Auxiliary Rehabilitation Committee;
- May 30: Rindge, New Hampshire Memorial service;

May 31, June 1: Gibbstown, New Jersey. Department Encampment;
 June 8: Indianapolis, Indiana. 100th. Anniversary Department Encampment;
 June 17-19: Fort Ligonía, Pennsylvania. Department Encampment;
 June 21-23: Department Encampment of Ohio. Excellent flag presentation by PDC Thomas Hoffman with his Seeing Eye dog, Ralph, a member of the Sons;
 June 27-29: Syracuse, New York. Department Encampment and attended Memorial Banquet of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War;
 July 20, 21: Weirs Beach, New Hampshire. 50th annual meeting of New England Regional;
 August 12: George's Island, Boston Harbor. Enactment groups at Fort Warren; a Confederate prison; and
 August 9-15: 104th National Encampment at Wilmington, Delaware.

I also attended regular affairs of my Massachusetts Department when not in conflict with travel schedules, as: meetings of the Executive Board, Plymouth County Regional Association, and Massachusetts Department of the Allied Orders.

At all the Department Encampments, I had the honor and pleasure of installing the newly elected officers. As alibis for failing in any obligations in our stewardship Sister Jennie and I could not claim serious indisposition as through most of the time we suffered outrageous good health. However, late in July, my good wife took a tumble resulting in broken ribs, a shoulder problem and bruises so that some last minute travels plans had to be canceled. Also, an upsetting and time-consuming personal distraction this spring involved the sale of the home where I was born and lived most of my life, so far.

Of our several excursions, I would like to note the exercises at the gravesite of Indiana's Civil War Governor, Oliver P. Morton, in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis; our visiting of the graves of other famous Indiana people; and the memorial erected at the gravesite of 1,515 Confederate prisoners.

After the Pennsylvania Encampment, Sister Lois and Brother Tucker Mayhew met us at the retirement home of the Ladies of the GAR in Swissvale and gave us a tour of these splendid facilities. Finding out that after proceeding to Ohio we would have to stay overnight in the Pittsburgh area prior to catching a plane home and turning in a rented car, we were invited to spend a night in the President's room at the Home. To cap this enjoyable stay the staff brought a continental breakfast to our room at 5:00 A.M. Among incidents beyond the call of duty - we accepted a standing invitation from the Gordon Burys to spend a night in their history filled home, "The Octagon House," and the Dick Schlenkers were memorable hosts and tour guides during our stay in Washington.

In my travels I had been alerted more than once that I might encounter sticky situations on occasion - but evidently all the members decided to be on their best behavior and spare the Commander-in-Chief from viewing awkward situations or having to render embarrassing decisions. Even at Pennsylvania with three Past Commanders-in-Chief in a possible kibitzing role, their restraint was remarkable and appreciated. Not that Departments did not have problems to solve, but they were done expeditiously and harmoniously in the spirit of fraternity that should characterize all our deliberations. Not to be overly critical, but most of us could well review constitutional and parliamentary points.

Staff and Reports

The subsequent reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen will reveal to you the extent of their involvement in their respective duties, and will help evaluate the present condition of the SUVCW as to membership and finance. I find it difficult to try to give special recognition to particular members of the Staff and Committee Chairmen, as well as other members, who have all had to work under unusually trying circumstances. Without regular issues of the *Banner* and copies of recent Proceedings, it is amazing that the work of our Order was able to proceed at all. The extra burden imposed on our National Secretary-Treasurer, PC-in-C Shriver by virtually having to substitute in "priority mailings" for much of what would ordinarily be printed routinely in the *Banner* should be thoroughly recognized. Every consideration for adjustment to his new duties must be given the new Editor Robert Gregory. Legal advice from my Counselor PC-in-C Bill Haskell and PC-in-C Joseph Rippey was readily forthcoming when requested. The pleasure so many times repeated of meeting members or our Orders previously known only by their names is exemplified in the person of Brother Thomas L. W. Johnson, so long famous for his splendid legislative reports, his direction of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and work as Wisconsin Department Commander - his attendance at National unfortunately conflicting with his academic duties.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Having been advised that few became Commanders-in-Chief without first going through the ranks of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), I recognized the handicaps of my civilian status and resolved to do my best in regard to this important branch of our activities. I feel I still have much to learn. I hesitate to use the term "Show Piece" of the SUVCW - as rather shopworn, but show piece is exactly what it is - with the underlying significance of its utility in supplying publicity and securing new members for the patriotic work of our Order. I urge independent uniformed units to come into the fold for a more concentrated and unified program.

Banner

Not to make an unwarranted comparison, the energies of Abraham Lincoln were spent primarily in his war time efforts to preserve the Union, perhaps at the expense of other national problems of his era. So in my much minor position, I

have viewed the struggle for printing and distribution of the *Banner* and Proceedings as tantamount to preventing the demise of our Order for lack of communication among members - perhaps at the neglect of other matters.

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

It was gratifying to note the several Encampments at which all five Allied Orders participated. The paths of the different organizational heads crossed pleasurably on several occasions. Of course, joining me on all ceremonies and visitations was good wife Jennie, National Auxiliary President, whose presence and advice was a constant mainstay. Here again, there were unavoidable conflicts on dates for all concerned. Congratulations on your accomplishments and best wishes for any duties remaining in your term of office, and may your future association with your Order, respectively, be fruitful of continued good work and patriotic endeavor. I salute the other National Presidents: Lorraine Hebes of the Womans Relief Corps; Shirley Wool of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Kay Marie Hoecker, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 to 1864.

Membership

We talk endlessly about securing new members, realizing full well that a little judicious publicity will engender interested inquiries. But all is lost unless Camps and Departments follow up with programs and policies to sustain awakened interest. I had the pleasure of signing three new charters for new Camps. Before the end of this Encampment, I will add a list of all members acquiring National Aide status for securing new members.

In this time of increasing costs for rooms and meals and diminishing income for members, I suggest the Orders look into the practice of the Ohio Department in holding its meetings on the grounds of an educational facility, where feasible.

The Commander-in-Chief receives many requests for support, financial and otherwise, of worthwhile projects. It is hoped the Encampment will give consideration to these when proposed and, if financial support is indicated, that the Encampment Budget Committee will include the item in its proposed budget.

As I approach the winding down of my official tour of duty, I would like, if I did not appear to be infringing on the prerogatives of the subsequent Commander-in-Chief, to be able to revisit with my 3D Stereo Camera some of the wonderful places just touched on and enjoy more at leisure some of the sights denied me by pressure of time and duty and renewed the bonds of friendship with so many new found friends.

Recommendations

1. That each year the outgoing Commander-in-Chief inform the officials of the various ceremonial functions (as wreath-laying) of the name and address of the new Commander-in-Chief.

2. That the newly-elected Commander-in-Chief contact as early as possible in his administration, perhaps by form letter, each Department as to date and place of its Encampment, and as a courtesy and convenience to the Commander-in-Chief request the Department Secretary provide at Encampment time a full list of all Department offices and living PDCs.

3. That the customary appropriations for wreaths and other expenses at the usual ceremonial functions be continued, with a consideration by the Encampment Budget Committee as to whether previous allotment amounts will be adequate.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Eugene E. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of Commander-in-Chief and all subsequent officer reports, and that they be referred to the appropriate Encampment committees; motion passed. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roberts returned the gavel and the control of the Encampment to Commander-in-Chief Russell.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

I wish to thank you Brothers, for your continued support, in electing me to this honorable office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at our 103rd National Encampment at Akron, Ohio.

This year again has been a busy one. Special invitations have taken me many miles in the observance of anniversaries, memorials and testimonials; where I met with old friends and made new friends.

This office carries a direct line of communication to all members, with the appeal in the *Banner*, and also in the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief, for funds to carry on the work of our Order. Monies received from individuals and Departments support the public advertising of this administration, *For the Good of the Order*. I placed an advertisement in a paper called the *Courier* listing ads, items for sale, and items wanted of the Civil War. My name had been taken from the *Banner* and the editor or the *Courier* offered a special and I took advantage of the savings. I also placed the name of our Organization on living history programs, sponsored a handicap child to the Broom County Fair, and made a fair contribution to a non-profit organizations soliciting funds to take school children to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. early in June of this year. The publicity and its results will be measured in the coming years.

The communication with Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Russell, authorizing these expenditures has made it possible for me to keep informed of the business of the National Organization. Attending his testimonial November 3, 1984, at

Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, and attending several department encampments has also given me time to gain information.

The invitations to attend Department encampments this year have been an opening of the door for me to the workings of these Departments. A special honor was extended me as I was asked to fill a Department office at one encampment and serve as installing guide in two Department Officer Installations, and to bring the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief and my own greetings at the Campfire program of another Department. Getting to know the ones you serve is one of the rewards of membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Serving is the dedication, keeping alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union soldier, sailor, or marine who served to keep this great country united.

The Committee on National Military Affairs has kept me informed on considered changes in their Standard Operating Procedure and of the adoption of the changes on invitation by the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Memorial Day Committee, my wife Isabelle and I attended the 118th annual Memorial Day Observance. We were guests at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn and honored in the Grand Parade that followed by having as our escorts, PNP Doris Schlenker and PC-in-C Richard Schlenker. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that I was representing was the first organization called on to place a wreath at the Soldiers Monument. It was noted by the Master of Ceremonies, Col. Sebastian R. Hafer, that our Order was the organization that had picked up the Memorial Day Service from the Grand Army. I was assisted in the ceremony of placing the wreath by PC-in-C Schlenker. At this time and in this report, I wish to thank the Memorial Day Committee of 1985 for honoring the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

As I close this report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, near the end of my fifth National Office, I wish to thank the Brothers for their support of the offices in this great organization that I have held.

Recommendation No. 1

A provision be established in the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for Life Membership to be obtained for an infant son, to be activated and accepted to full membership at the time he meets the age requirement of our Order, and Life Membership dues be returned to camp designated by the donor of this membership or remain in the National Organization if there is no designation.

Recommendation No.2

Assign an elected National officer the duty of National Recorder, to direct each Department Commander to contact all Camps and locate any G.A.R. property in such territory, covered by a Camp. This includes real estate, cash in banks, bonds, stocks, records, and Civil War memorabilia, as was in an early official letter to

Department Commanders of December 1955 with Fred C. Howe, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. January- February issue of the *Banner*, 1956.

In F., C., & L.,
Donald L. Roberts
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

(Copy of report was not available)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

In submitting this formal report of the entire operations of our beloved Order for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985, I feel I must advise you it is submitted with mixed emotions - both mental and physical, and I pray for your patience and understanding of the many circumstances that have been corrected that reflected on the unfinished work of our Order. However, with the trust and help of many Brothers who stepped forth to lend a helping hand, these situations have been overcome and the coming months and years of our Order shall continue to prosper. Your National Secretary-Treasurer has faced very trying hours in reaching out to every officer where help could be received. I have shared these with our Commander-in-Chief during the past year and in return Brother Russell is to be commended on his understanding manner in our leadership as our Commander-in-Chief and his Staff came forth at the beckoned call to help.

Some of these Brothers served on National Committees or on a Department basis and others in service in their Camps back home. Especially in today's society of an ever changing way of life, requires the trust in God, faith in the future, where we have been, where we stand today, and then chart our course for tomorrow. We pray for and have received this faith for a rebirth of new blood in our membership, new ideas and efforts to carry on for the future. At the conclusion of this report, I trust you will continue to evaluate the huge scope of work performed at the Headquarters of your National Secretary-Treasurer.

Headquarters

The Headquarters of your National Secretary-Treasurer is established on RD #3, Box 3283, Spring Grove, Pennsylvania 17325. Here all files, records, supplies and administrative duties are performed. Yet - for the identity of historic Gettysburg - the mailing address continues to be Post Office Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17326, for all mailing correspondence, forms and supplies. Mail at the Gettysburg Post Office is picked up five days each week.

This past year saw a large buildup of the inventory of supplies due to corrected problems noted in this report. Total estimated value of medals and supply items

total \$4,250.00. In the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer a year ago, it was reported that the problems of the medal manufacturer - Albert E. Bachmann in Philadelphia, were resolved and medals should be available immediately. However, several weeks after returning from the 103rd National in Akron, Ohio, in August 1984, a telephone call was received from the sister of the Bachmann Company manager, stating a change was made in their company. This matter will also be covered further in this report.

The depository for the funds of our Order is the Gettysburg National Bank, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The checking account (No. 6-66106-6-13) and all Certificates of Deposit as noted on the financial report accompanying this report, are invested in the money market to provide the flowing cash required for our annual budget operations. The sound investment of our Permanent Fund is our foundation for interest income. Our Organization's valuable papers and records are protected in the Gettysburg National Bank - Safety Box #860.

The past year saw a greater volume of correspondence received daily regarding membership inquiries, duties of Camp and/or Department offices, inquiries regarding lineal ancestry of Civil War Veterans for genealogical purposes. Thanks to Brothers Richard C. Schlenker, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator and Brother Jerry Orton, National Historian/Genealogist, hundreds of inquires were acknowledged through their offices

Be advised your Headquarters contains the appearance of a full time business office which requires an average of 20 hours a week minimum work - these times, 50 weeks a year for at least 1,000 hours of labor. What value can be place upon your Headquarters of our Order and the duties of the National Secretary-Treasurer?

Administration

During the past fiscal year or if you may, since the close of the 103rd National Encampment, serious problems arose. Each was faced by our Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration. Your National Secretary-Treasurer was faced with serious matters and with the decisions of your Commander-in-Chief, sacrifices were made to have these corrected. Noted are the following matters:

1. Our Medal supplier in Philadelphia - The Albert E. Bachmann Company was forced to close by the IRS for non-payment of back taxes. A telephone call from a company representative alerted your Secretary-Treasurer to immediately take action. In early September 1984, a trip was made to the Bachmann Co. to survey the situation. Representatives from our Auxiliary and the other Allied Orders were present. Although the doors of the Company were locked, Officials of the IRS and creditors of the Bachmann Company were present, a physical inspection was made and inventory of the dies and cutters revealed these items for immediate pick-up. The assistance of Brother Elmer 'Bud' Atkinson, of the Anna

Ross Camp No.1 in Philadelphia and Sister Viola Bremme, PNP of the Auxiliary, secured a release through the IRS Office since proof was presented to the effect the dies and cutters were the property of the National Organization, SUVCW. A decision was made immediately to inspect the Simons Company on South 12th Street, Philadelphia, for the purpose of making our future medal orders. An on the spot decision to approve the Simons Company was made. An agreement was made, receipt for the dies secured and orders were placed. Proudly, may I report the medal problems have been corrected and as noted on the financial report, a supply of quality Membership, Past Camp Commanders, War Medals and others are in stock for immediate requisition; a condition not experienced in the last three years.

2. The *Banner*: At the final meeting of the Council of Administration in Akron, Ohio on Wednesday August 15, 1984, a commitment was made by Brother Robert J. Wolz, (then Editor of the *Banner*) to mail all pending issues by November 16, 1984, and further the Council of Administration would meet in special session Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Friday evening November 16, 1984 for a report of progress.

The meeting at Gettysburg on November 16 was held at the Holiday Inn. A letter was read by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver from Brother. Wolz requesting resignation as Editor of the *Banner* on December 31, 1984. Brothers' Gordon R. Bury, II, PC-in-C Richard L. Greenwalt, and Charles Corfman were authorized to contact Brother Wolz and assist in the final mailing by applying mailing labels. Although Brother. Wolz was informed of this action, he saw fit to retain his own efforts to the overall mailings.

Members of the Council of Administration then surveyed several prospective Brothers for the Editorship of the *Banner* effective January 1, 1985 and resolved the matter by appointment of Brother Robert J. Gregory, PDC of New York.

The pressure of this matter on your National Secretary-Treasurer was relieved. After many, many telephone calls to Brother Wolz, Commander-in-Chief Russell and other Brothers, our prayers have once again been answered after several tearful years, and today Brother Gregory has accepted our call.

During the interim, your National Secretary-Treasurer filled the obligation as required in our Constitution and Regulations by having a total of 27 pages printed including, Form 4, General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Russell, rosters of the National Officers and Department Officers, Past Commanders-in-Chief, IRS Notices and many other communications normally printed in the *Banner*.. This extra work during the past year

required many tiring hours and frustrations in excess and non-appropriated funds. But the First Class Priority Mailings were the only answer to meet our obligations.

Financial Review

The financial statistical reflects a continued sound foundation through appropriations and sound management of the investments. Noted is the fact that the per capita income meets half of the required income to meet the budget. This year only \$8,935.00 was recorded with several Departments reporting after the deadline date to prepare statistics for this Encampment. With the availability of supplies, sales and requisitions are increasing. Meanwhile, also note that the cost of replenishment exceeded to \$5,586.55 primary due to the medals needed for demand.

Income from the Interest on the Certificates of Deposit of \$42,000.00 totaled \$3,669.67 plus \$294.62 earned from the interest on the Super-Now Checking account.

Contributions to the Permanent Fund provides the basis for future guaranteed income. The entire financial investments are constructed toward income to help supplement other incomes. Total accumulated assets including the inventory of Stock equals \$50,057.02. Our National Patriotic Instructors of past years are to be commended for their efforts in contributions toward the annual appropriations from the GAR Memorial Fund.

Membership: For the first time in many years, our membership decreased for the past Fiscal Year 1984 - 1985. With a total effort of 276 new Members including a new Camp in the Department of Michigan and the formation of the Department of Nebraska and Oklahoma, our losses suffered greatly with 136 reported deaths. The overall membership now stands at 2,615 Brothers. Several new Camps are in the making and there are other inquiries regarding special membership programs to be instituted in several Departments. In search of answers for rectifying losses, special effort should be made by telephone, or letters or use of Form 14 to notify a Brother who is in arrears. The transition of the *Banner* locations for publication has contributed, but regardless what reasons we seek to help, the Camp Officers should make that extra effort in today's busy society.

It is encouraging to see many new members coming into our Camps and Membership-at-Large. Many of these have taken an active part in Camps and/or Departments.

Recommendations

1. That the current National Office of Secretary-Treasurer be divided into two separate offices for the purpose of two individual Brothers devoting their time and efforts to better serve our Order. These Offices to be known as National Secretary and National Treasurer.

The Duties of the National Secretary should be as follows:

- Record, publish and distribute annual proceedings;
- Acknowledge all correspondence received;
- Forward inquiries regarding membership and genealogy to the proper Officers;
- Term of National Secretary and National Treasurer – five years;
- Maintain archives of depository of all past copies of the *Banner*;
- Secure Bank safety box to store valuable papers of our Order;
- Maintain custody of the Commander-in-Chief's Colors and flag stands and assure their presence at services at the Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Day and Remembrance Day at Gettysburg and the annual National Encampment of our Organization;
- Maintain Bond and Fire Insurance coverage on the office;
- Maintain file of all past Proceedings of the GAR and SUVCW; and
- Record and maintain Membership standings of our Order.

The Duties of the National Treasurer should be as follows:

- Receive, record and report all monies from the following:
 - Per-Capita;
 - Sale of Supplies;
 - Honor Roll contributions;
 - Life Memberships;
 - Supervise the investment funds of our Order;
 - Maintain Cash book and records accordingly for the office; and
 - Position Bond and Fire Insurance coverage on the Office.

With these two separate offices, better and quicker service can be provided to the Departments and Camps and help to maintain our high standard of the Order.

2. All National Officers be requested to submit a copy of their annual reports to the National Secretary prior to the annual National Encampment. This to ease the transition of setting up the format for the printing of the National Proceedings.

3. Based on the tremendous response by Department Secretaries and Camp Secretaries, the procedure of submitting the names and address of all Camp members to the National Secretary and the Editor of the *Banner* be continued.

4. That the National Treasurer should assist the National Secretary and coordinate all reports for the annual National Encampments for their respective Offices.

In this, my final report of the current five year term as your National Secretary-Treasurer, my feelings are of deep humility. A total of 20 years as your National Secretary-Treasurer has passed with the greater materiel ever for a book.

The position of National Secretary-Treasurer is demanding of more time ever to fill the duties properly. He must accept and present a positive approach to every subject he confronts. He must listen to the membership of what help can be rendered. The last three years has been most trying in my personal life along with the pressures of an ever changing society in carrying on the work of the Order. As previously noted, many evenings plus many weekends are required to acknowledge letters, telephone calls and fill requisitions for supplies. The time and concern to assist in the transition of the *Banner* editorship and catch up on past issues were frustrating. The medal situation that required time from my employment - time neglected from my family, a recent promotion at my employer that requires more hours per week plus several periods of illness have found it impossible to fill the duties in the combined offices.

My deepest thanks and understanding to the membership everywhere during the past 20 years; especially to the Commanders-in-Chief and their staff. The Departments have seen many changes in leadership in recent years and yet they forward the needs from the Camps en route to your National Headquarters. My heart is hurt with a feeling of stress that a few matters have not been completed. More specially, the past few years of printing of the Proceedings. However, as reported to the Council of Administration at this Encampment, a stenographer/typist is now once again available and agreement made with a printer in Gettysburg at a cost within our budget they should be completed prior to December 31, 1985.

Our obligation we took upon acceptance into membership is support. May I have yours? Several of our Brothers have come forth special the last few years. They know who they are - who have helped. GOD bless your Brothers.

Within my 38 years of membership, in addition to serving on committees, National Offices, including your Commander-in-Chief, I have proudly represented the Order in Gettysburg Camp 112 with 32 years and General Chairman of the annual Memorial Day Veterans Committee; likewise, chairmanship of the GAR Remembrance Day weekend. I have tried to fill my obligation as a Brother and Member of our Organization.

Commander-in-Chief Russell, you have experienced a great year. With your lovely wife Jennie, you have visited with dignity and left an impression of greatness for our Order. You had a fine staff of Officers and my thanks to each for his help. To the Department Officers throughout our Organization, Camp Members and Camp-at-Large Officers - my sincere thanks for your help.

With a faith in God, love of man, firmness in The right, respect completely in living your life of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

In F., C., & L.,
Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
National Secretary-Treasurer

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver read the following synopsis of the 103rd National Encampment: Sixty-eight Delegates present, 13 not present, 82 registered including Ralph, the seeing eye dog.

Approved:

Continuance of the financial support for traditional observances at Remembrance Day, Lincoln Memorial, Lincoln Tomb and the Cathedral of the Pines;
Scholarship set at \$300;
Memorial page in 1984 proceedings honoring PC-IN-C Koch;
Wreath allowance increase to \$50;
Pursuit of free publicity through other organizations;
Requiring the typed annual reports by July 15th to the National Secretary/Treasurer; Investment of \$2,500 in eight day deposits;
Camps send the roster to National Secretary by January first;
Change the Constitution to provide permanent status for provisional Departments after three years;
Urging the Congress to reject DVVA requests for charter;
Possible internment of Civil War unknown at Arlington;
Support for silent prayer in public schools;
Opposition to the bilingual teaching in public schools;
Restoration of Grant's Tomb;
No per capita tax raise until the *Banner* delivery assured;
Major A.P. Davis Tomb plaque;
Naming the scholarship fund the U.S. Grant, III Memorial Scholarship;
Maryland Department invitation to hold the 104th National Encampment in Wilmington, Delaware, August 11 –14, 1985;
Support to return Memorial Day to May 30th;
Support House Resolution 905 establishing the National Archives as an independent bureau; and
Support House Resolution 4571 National Observance Advisory Act establishing a Committee for commemorative dates.

Tabled:

Reverting to Department mailing of *Banner*;
PC-in-C Cashman's Memorial at Lincoln Tomb, more information is needed; and
All motions regarding dual membership.

Defeated

Reactivating the meritorious medal;

Requiring forms for more genealogical proof;
Dropping members after one quarter dues arrears; and
Decrease in the Commander-in-Chief's travel expense and specifying particular visitations.

Possible future Encampment sites: 1986. Lexington, Kentucky; 1987, Syracuse, New York; 1988; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the 125th anniversary of the Battle; and 1989, Des Moines, Iowa.

A motion made and seconded that the summary read by the National Secretary/Treasurer of last year's Encampment be construed as an accurate report of that meeting until such time as the Proceedings of the that Encampment are published; motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

(Copy of report was not available)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

I wish to thank you for the honor of my appointment as your National Chaplain, and for according the Department of New Hampshire an integral part of your administration.

I have attended New England regional meetings in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. I have attended the reception for Commander-in-Chief and National Auxiliary President Eugene and Jennie Russell, respectively.

I attended ceremonies for the renaming of the Massachusetts Senate Staircase Hall as Civil War Nurses Hall, at the Sate House in Boston, Massachusetts, under the direction of PDC Frank J. Tucker.

I appreciate the ready willingness of Department Commander Kenneth Oakley and PC-in-Cs Norman Furman and Richard Greenwalt for the special parts they performed at the Joint Memorial Service.

My deep appreciation goes to National Auxiliary Chaplain, Margaret Cromer, for her very able preparation and organization of the Joint Memorial Service.

This has been a rewarding experience for me, and I wish for you a fruitful Encampment and a rich future.

In F., C., & L.,
Sherman Weaver
National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

It is an honor for me to submit to you my report as National Counselor; an appointment that I was happy to accept. During the year, only two questions were submitted to me. Both were minor and easy to rule on.

I wish for you, Commander-in-Chief Russell, a very happy and constructive Encampment.

In F., C., & L.,
William W. Haskell, PC-in-C
National Counselor

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on your staff as your Personal Aide. I have enjoyed accompanying you at many affairs this past year. I was also pleased to represent you at two or three affairs when you could not be there. I trust that my duties have been carried out well and have met with your approval.

May you have a harmonious and constructive Encampment and may you and Jennie relive many of the happy memories of the past year and enjoy the many lasting friendships you have made.

In F., C., & L.,
Miles E. Harrington, Sr.
National Personal Aide

REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

(Copy of report was not available)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

It is a pleasure to report once again the condition of the Membership-at-Large (MAL) at the end of another year of activity. The statistical report of the National Secretary reflects the numerical status of the MAL but additional facts are worth noting.

Dues notices were sent out the last week of December. This past year a synopsis of the 103rd National Encampment was included. Many notes of appreciation were received in return in view of the absence of the *Banner*.

In March, distribution of the five back issues of the *Banner* was made to all MALs. Again, notes of appreciation came forth. In the same month, all Department Commanders and Secretaries were notified of the MALs living in

their area. Ten members subsequently transferred to local Camps, a highly desirable action.

While 42 members are in arrears for 1984 dues and will be dropped, having been given due notice, 42 new applications were accepted offsetting the projected loss. Fifty-five are in arrears for the current year. Past due notices have been sent.

Once again approximately \$2,000 was forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer in the form of per capita and initiation fees.

In F., C., & L.
Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE *BANNER*

Being Editor of the *Banner* has brought many challenges to me, but I am gradually meeting each of them.

It has taken some time to obtain rosters from the Departments but as I receive them, the Winter edition will be addressed and mailed out. After returning home from the National Encampment, I will submit the latest rosters that I have to a computer programmer who will set up the addresses by zip code. After this is done, mailing labels will be printed and affixed to the Spring *Banners* and mailed. As soon as this is accomplished, I will proceed to assemble the Summer edition.

One by-product of this computerization is a capability to list names by local Camps as well. This could be useful if our National Organization ever wants to publish a directory of members by Camp location.

I have enjoyed working on the *Banner* and hope that I am helping to improve our Order by strengthening its communication channel.

My goal is to get the printing and distribution back on schedule by November 1985. I hope that I will be given the opportunity to continue this important work during 1986.

In F., C. & L.,
Robert J. Gregory
Editor of the *Banner*

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN/GENEALOGIST

(Copy of complete report was not available)

Recommendations

1. Any member of the SUVCW who obtains 75 years of continuous membership be granted life membership without the payment of any further payment of National per capita tax. They would be liable for any dues to Department or Camp above the National per capita tax. Our application for membership should contain an additional page to show reference sources in proving lineage.
2. The incoming Commander-in-Chief establish a committee to report to next year's National Encampment on the proposed additional page to our application for membership form that will list genealogy sources in providing blood lines between all generations. We allow for associate membership. We do not want to make it more difficult.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

On August 20, 1984, I drove along Highway 30 from Sidney to North Platte, Nebraska copying the Civil War Veterans graves in each town. Each Veteran's name is then typed on a 3x5 card and this card file is sent to:

Richard Sommers, Ph.D.
Military Historic Institute
USA Army Barracks
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013

An alphabetical list is also typed, from which many copies are made. One copy goes to the Genealogy department of the following public libraries: Denver, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and any other library that requests one.

I have ordered ten headstones for Riverside Cemetery in Denver.

On the way back to, Denver after the Encampment last year, I talked to a gentleman, named William Cranston, who said that his Grandfather, Private Cranston, who served from the 66th Ohio Infantry, was a Medal of Honor winner and buried in one of three counties in Ohio. I wrote a letter to each of the County Commissioners inquiring about where Private Cranston was buried. After checking military documents in the Denver Public Library, I confirmed that Private Cranston is indeed a Civil War Medal of Honor winner. Many months of research disclosed that William Cranston was a Captain and not a private and that he is buried in Parsons, Kansas instead of Ohio. I ordered a government headstone with the Medal of Honor on it.

I have received many letters asking for help in getting headstones for Civil War Veterans graves. Mr. Randall W. Connell of Alvin, Texas has been a great help to me in marking Civil War Veterans graves in his part of Texas.

In September of 1984, I drove to Castle Rock, Colorado many times to locate and get permission to put up headstones in the Bear Canon Cemetery. There are 16 headstones to be put up.

Also, I drove to Evans, Colorado to inquire about a Medal of Honor recipient buried there. After I talked with city officials, I ordered a government headstone with the picture of the Medal of Honor on it for this Veteran.

In October of 1984, I was the guest speaker at a luncheon given by the Ladies Volunteer Historical Society of Colorado. I explained to the 42 ladies present how to get information and proper forms to order Government headstones and how to place them.

On October 11, 1984, I drove to Longmont and then to Brighton, Colorado, to inquire about Civil War Veterans buried in these two towns.

On October 14, I drove to Colorado Springs and to Pueblo, Colorado, to inquire about Civil War Veterans buried in these cities.

During November, I drove to Yuma, Colorado, and talked to city officials about Medal of Honor recipient, who is buried there. A new stone was ordered and the officials stated that they would put it up.

Also in November, I put up a government stone for an Indian War Medal of Honor Veteran buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheatridge, Colorado. His grave was unmarked for 72 years.

On December 23, 1984, I flew to Arizona to inquire about Civil War burial sites and copied some of the names in the cemeteries.

In January 1985, I wrote to all of the Allied Orders telling them I would assist them in any way I could in locating Civil War grave sites and how to order headstones for the graves. I also wrote to all of the Camps and Departments Secretaries asking for information on Civil War Medal of-Honor recipients.

During February, I was corresponding with the numerous people who have asked me for information and assistance with Civil war Veterans markers. In addition, I was researching information at the Colorado State Archives and Denver Public Library.

From March 9 -11, I traveled to Vilas and Walsh, Colorado, to check on Government markers, then drove to Kansas to check on headstones in Syracuse, Johnson, Tribune, and Goodland.

On March 20, I placed two more government stones in Riverside Cemetery in Denver. I left Denver on March 25, for Garden City, Kansas. On the way, I stopped to check cemeteries and copy Civil War gravestones.

I continued on to Fort Dodge the next day and stopped at the Old Soldiers Home. While there, I copied 300 graves and ordered one stone.

Traveling on through the eastern part of Kansas, going north, I stopped at each cemetery and recorded the Civil War dead.

In Hill City, I got in touch with the local newspaper, which led to an introduction with George Fountain who is copying all of Graham County, Kansas. We visited for several hours, and he gave a copy of the list of Civil War Veterans buried there to me and became a member of our Organization. Leaving Hill City, traveling west, I recorded all the cemeteries on my route to the Colorado state line.

During April, I traveled to Longmont and Eaton, Colorado. I ordered a stone for Medal of Honor Veterans buried in each city. I placed a stone for a Medal of Honor winner buried in Evans, Colorado.

From May 14-17, I traveled 1,328 miles into Kansas recording cemeteries.

On May 26, I put up 17 government headstones for Civil War Veterans buried in Bear Canon Cemetery located outside of Castle Rock, Colorado. Assisting with this project was Jerry Crow, our Camp Commander and Ed Queen, who had joined the SUVCW in March of this year. Subsequently, Mr. Queen's son, Edward, joined our organization. The cemetery caretaker, Bud Curtis, was assisting us in placing the headstones, and he also became a member.

In June, I visited Hill City to check on the progress of our Kansas representative and he showed us around several historical sites. He was making fine progress in his effort to record Graham County.

From July 8-13, I was a guest at the Comanche Crossing Museum and Historical Society. Their project for this summer is teaching school in a one-room schoolhouse built in 1904 four hours a day to 15 children as it was in 1904. I gave them a lot of answers about the Civil War for the history part of their lessons. This is located in Strasburg, Colorado.

On July 17, I was a guest at a Comanche Crossing Historical Society luncheon given for the Colonial Dames and Pioneer Ladies. All were interested in Civil War history and presented me with several questions that I answered to the best of my ability.

On-July, 18, I drove to Golden, Colorado where I talked to the cemetery supervisor, Steven K. Toler, about straightening up old headstones and ordering ones for the Veterans who need them on their unmarked graves. We will start this in September 1985.

From July 22-25, I was again a guest at the Comanche Crossing Historical Society at the Strasburg museum. At this engagement, I gave out a lot of information about the SUVCW and the Civil War.

Also, during July, I drove to Cheyenne, Wyoming to check on Civil War Veterans graves.

In closing, let me say that I am hoping to continue as National Grave Registration Officer for the coming year. I have enjoyed carrying out the duties of this office. I am sure that the upcoming year will be as fruitful as the previous one.

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

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER

The Grand Army Highway once reached from the Atlantic shores of Massachusetts across our great Republic to the handsome Sons of Union Veterans Monument at the water's edge of the mighty Pacific in Long Beach, California. In recent years, we have seen many highway changes made by the federally sponsored throughways and the unifying of highways by naming the north-south routes with odd numbers and the east-west routes with even numbers.

Route 6 was principally the Grand Army of the Republic Highway from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Long Beach, California. Portions of Highway 6 have been renumbered and portions of it have just been left out or superseded by Federal interstate highways. These changes have been going on since as early as 1967.

There is no money, state or federal, for the resetting or replacing of old markers. To salvage a highway system to be presently known as the Grand Army Highway will take state effort by Department Highway Officers and contributions for markers from the National SUVCW or the SUVCW Departments in which the segments of the highway runs through.

With the route changes and the modernization of the throughways and freeways over the years, memorial signs and GAR Highway markers have been removed and now relatively few remain. Some markers remain but they are on portions of highway now bypassed and are discovered *only by chance*.

I do not see that National SUVCW or Departments of the SUVCW will feel that the expenditure of funds for resetting old markers or installing new ones will be high on their priority lists.

It is my considered opinion that the time has now come for the National SUVCW to recognize that the GAR Highway of the past is presently more honored by neglect than it is honored and that the time has come for the Office of the National GAR Highway Officer to be abolished.

In F., C., & L.,
Robert L. McCandless
National GAR Highway Officer

REPORT OF THE *USS MONITOR* LIAISON OFFICER

The engagement between the *USS Monitor* and the *Merrimack* is probably one of the most memorable naval events in American history. Rediscovery of the *Monitor* and the commemoration of her resting place as a marine sanctuary rekindled a national interest in her future. After its recovery, the *Monitor* anchor was placed under electrolytic reduction in a cylindrical tank. In 1984, the solution was drained and the anchor removed for cleaning and examination. Arrangements with the project archaeologist had been made to do extensive photography of the anchor at this time. Immediate plans call for continuation of electrolytic reduction at the present rate, with progress of the artifact being checked monthly until the surface is complete. It will continue to be removed from the tank for cleaning and examination every four weeks throughout the process, which will take another 11 months.

The hull itself is upside down, and the edge of the port quarter is resting on the turret that separated from its midship position sometime during the sinking process. The starboard side of the ship is almost entirely buried in the sand at the ocean bottom. The hull is no longer an integral body. The interior of the wreck is unexplored, and there is no information on the buried portion of the hull, which make up at least a third of the ship, and most of its contents. A great deal more has to be learned from the wreck, before the feasibility of recovery can be properly addressed. The future of one of America's most famous naval ships deserves a consideration commensurate with the heritage that she helped to provide our nation.

The *Monitor's* red lantern was recovered from the marine sanctuary on August 2, 1977, by the expedition, and taken to the Naval Research Laboratory two days later, where it underwent various tests. Later, it was sent to the Smithsonian Conservation Laboratory for further tests. I have recent information that conservation has now been completed on this brass navigation lantern recovered from the *Monitor*. Plans are being made to exhibit the lantern at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. Presently, there is not much

to report regarding any further work at the *Monitor* Sanctuary, but further studies are being made at this time to decide on the feasibility of raising the turret.

My wife joins me in thanking you for your unexpected visit to our home on February 10, 1985. Though your visit was short, we enjoyed seeing you and your lovely wife, the National President, and renewing old friendships. Sorry we are unable to be with you, but send our very best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention.

John B. Davis, PDC
USS Monitor Liaison Officer.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Committee on Program and Policy

This relatively new Committee established at the Centennial National Encampment in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, consists of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and four additional members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

An open letter in the *Banner* soliciting ideas and suggestions to benefit the Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, brought only the response of members of the Committee.

A Brother committeeman made a request that the 1902-1903 Proceedings of our Organization be searched to find by what authority was the directive issued to change from the military rank of Camp Officers from Captain, 2nd Lt., 1st Lt. to Camp Commander, Junior Vice and Senior Vice Commander, respectively. Communicating with the chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulation, PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, I find it best that we accept the change by the decision of our wise Brothers of early 1900s. I wish to thank those Brothers reporting to me with copies of those Proceedings that I requested in the Fall 1984 *Banner*.

It also has been suggested by Brother Robert McCandless that we consider as a Capital investment a computer that can store our Organization's history by being properly programmed. Additional usage would be almost instant reporting on material in the system, printing of National Proceedings and the *Banner*. Known problems would be in obtaining an affordable operator of the equipment with the knowledge to make the best possible use of the investment.

Our National Secretary-Treasurer has reported that the IRS: has reported to him that several Camps have failed to report on the proper tax form 990. It has been suggested to me by a Program and Policy Committee member that a Tax Officer be appointed to prepare tax form 990 for each Camp and Department relieving

the Camp and Department Secretary of this task and more uniformity in reporting.

Also, an officer needs to be named to proceed with the task of transcribing, printing and mailing the National Proceedings; both old and current.

In F., C., & L.,
Donald L. Roberts, Chair
National Program and Policy Committee

National Committee on Fraternal Relations

To begin with, I had no idea what duties the office consists of, or what to do for lack of proper guidance and no past Proceedings for a reference to go by. So, I therefore submit this short report with no progress on anything to report about.

In F., C., & L.,
Clark Mellor, Chair
National Fraternal Relations Committee

National Committee on Americanization and Education

The purpose of this Committee has been to establish a format for future committees. This we have failed to do. However, from the following observations and recommendations may come a basis for future committees to build on. There is in New Jersey a law stating that two years of history must be taught in high school.

An amendment is being presented to the assembly now which will make it mandatory to include a state history. We point this out to show you that education now has to be legislated. As has been suggested many times a way to overcome some of this is for our members to present programs and living history demonstrations of the Civil War in classrooms. This is a splendid idea but we do not have the personnel to carry it out. It must be done by creating an awareness in the state school systems of the importance of history in our lives.

Among our membership, many have old photographs, diaries and letters that are unpublished. This source material is much sought after by authors and students. It is the recommendation of this Committee that each Department have a receptacle for Civil War papers, books, and photos where they may be accessible to students and authors and that an inventory list of the available items for study be sent to the National Office of the Sons by the Departments each year so that they may be updated. Copies of these lists could be sent out to schools for student research,

The Sons of the Revolution hand out bookmark-sized document to new citizens at naturalization ceremonies. On one side are the dates for displaying the flag and on the backside instructions on how to display the flag. These new citizens have a deep feeling of patriotism and love for their new land. This item could be handed out to all sorts of groups and could do much towards keeping our name in front of people while at the same time encouraging the display of the flag.

In towns where there are local speaker bureaus, we should have members who will make themselves available to speak on the Civil War to schools and other interested groups. In towns that have no Constitution Day Ceremony, it is suggested that the SUVCW sponsor one annually. It is rather easy to get local politicians involved in these affairs which may end with the mayor proclaiming a Constitution Day. Local hereditary and patriotic societies should be invited.

We ask that a copy of this report be passed on to the incoming committee so that they may review these ideas and build on them.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Hines, Chair
National Americanization and Education Committee

National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance

Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday ceremony held on April 15, 1985, begs leave to submit the following report.

The 29th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), was honored by the attendance of 61 organizations that presented commemorative wreaths and by 96 persons who gathered at the State House Inn for the luncheon following the rites.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, the Honorable Joe Dees of Vandalia, Illinois, a former judge of the Fayette County court, spoke on the subject of patriotism and the spirit of Abraham Lincoln.

As a part of the ceremony, brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Eugene Russell, and by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief William H. Upham of MOLLUS.

Elements of the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, known as the *Governor's Honor Guard*, under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham, served as the official honor guard for the ceremony. The George Washington Middle School Band, under the direction of Ms. Cindy Garretson, played selections appropriate to the occasion and contributed a great deal to the significance of the ceremony.

In addition to Brother Russell and Companion Upham, we were honored to have with us Jennie B. Russell, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Helen V. Dutch, President of the Illinois Dames Society and representing the National Society of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Shirley E. Wool, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Kay Marie Hoecker, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1863.-1865, Inc., and Anita Clark, Past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois, representing the National Organization of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Departments of our Order and their Auxiliaries that presented wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, local Camps from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois took part. The Illinois Commandery of MOLLUS, presented each person at the luncheon with a copy of a photograph of Abraham Lincoln originally made by Alexander Hesler of Chicago in 1860.

For a complete account of the 1985 ceremony, your attention is invited to the Summer 1985 issue of the *Banner*.

Your committee is very aware and deeply appreciative of the fine support and generosity of the National Organization in providing the funds necessary to sponsor the ceremony each year. Without that financial backing, the ceremony could not have developed and grown as it has over the years. We believe we have been prudent in authorizing expenditures and in relying on as much volunteer help as we have been able to obtain in the various phases of program planning and development. A complete report of expenses incurred in the conduct of the 1985 ceremony has been filed with the National Secretary-Treasurer and is available for inspection.

Recommendation

In consideration of the standard of quality established over a period of years and in recognition of the demands placed upon the National Organization for the financial support of a host of worthy projects, your Committee recommends the renewal of its appropriation of \$400,00 for the conduct of the 1986 ceremony. If additional funds are required to meet projected expenses in excess of that amount, we will seek support from the George L. Cashman Trust, which was established under the will of the late Brother Cashman to help in providing for necessary expenses which could not be met by the appropriation from the National Organization. This source was used to assist the committee in its conduct of the 1985 ceremony. We believe this is compatible with the aims and objectives of the National Organization as we strive to provide a ceremony in keeping with the stature of the man we are honoring, Abraham Lincoln.

In F., C., & L.,
Robert M. Graham, Co-chair
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-chair

A motion was made and seconded to approve the continuation of the annual \$400 stipend to the Committee and to request that the Encampment Budget Committee include it in its budget recommendation; motion passed.

National Committee on Legislation

Greetings, 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 104th Annual Encampment.

Your chairman wishes to express his appreciation to Brother Robert J. Wolz, Jr., for his cooperation in printing the quarterly reports in each issue of the *Banner* during his tenure as its editor and to wish the new editor, Brother Robert J. Gregory, well as he prepares to complete his first year in the position. We look forward with pleasure to working with him in the future.

Status of Memorial Day - H.R. 84, a bill to return Memorial Day, Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day and Martin Luther King's Birthday to their traditional calendar dates, was introduced in the House of Representatives on the first day of the 99th Congress by Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois. To date, no hearings have been scheduled on the measure before the Subcommittee on Census and Population. That panel has been reduced in size to five members and includes, besides Rep. Garcia, only one other holdover member from the 98th Congress, Rep. Mary Rose Oaker of Ohio. New members are Rep. Gary L. Ackerman of New York, Rep. James V. Hansen of Utah, and Rep. John T. Myers of Ind. Rep. Hansen is the ranking minority member.

Centennial of the Death of Ulysses S. Grant - Measures designed to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Ulysses S. Grant on July 23, 1985, have been introduced in both houses of Congress. S. Jt. Res. 105 would designate July 23 as "Ulysses S. Grant Day" and has been introduced by Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon with co-sponsorship of Senators from Ohio, Illinois and New York; states in which U.S. Grant lived during major phases of his life. In the House, Rep. Kenneth J. Gray of Illinois has introduced H. Con. Res. 59 to mark the anniversary of U.S. Grant's death. Recognition of General Grant's Birthday, April 27, 1822, is provided by S. Res. 141 sponsored by Sen. Hatfield.

Charter for Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Under H.R. 1806, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., would be granted a congressional charter. Sponsored by Rep. Thomas N. Kindness and Rep. Michael G. Oxley of Ohio, and by Rep. Doug Bereuter of Nebraska, the bill passed the House on May 13, 1985, and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

Saving Civil War Battle Sites - Under provisions of a new law, the Archeological Resources Protection Act, individuals who plunder historic sites by digging up artifacts like bullets, buttons and other valuable souvenirs are subject to federal prosecution by the National Park Service. Within the past year, two such thieves caught combing the grounds of the site of the Battle of Richmond with metal detectors each received a year in jail following their convictions under the new law. The statute provides a clearer definition of what an antiquity is and makes prosecution easier to sustain. According to a spokesman for the National Park

Service. We are trying to protect the common heritage of all Americans, something that should not be ripped off for private profit.

Designation of Special Days - S. Jt. Res. 128 designating May 7, 1985, as "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day" was signed into law by the President as Public Law 99-35. Jt. Res. 66 to designate June 14, 1985, as "Baltic Freedom Day" was signed into law as Public Law 99-49. S. Jt. Res. 87 to authorize the proclamation of July 19, 1985, as "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" passed both houses of Congress this spring and was slated to be signed by the President in late June.

H.R. 106 would designate September 17, 1987 as "Constitution Day" in honor of the bicentennial of the signing of the U.S. Constitution and make that date a legal public holiday. It is sponsored by Rep. Thomas M. Foglietta of Pennsylvania. Rep. Eldon Rudd of Arizona has introduced H. Jt. Res. 41 which would designate August 4, 1985, as "National Legion of Valor Day" in honor of the 30th anniversary of the granting of a federal charter to the Legion of Valor. H. Jt. Res. 101 would designate December 7, 1985, as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" and is sponsored by Rep. Jim Courter of New Jersey. Rep. Glenn Anderson of Calif. has introduced H. Jt. Res. 119 to designate the period of April 8 - May 6, 1986, as "Bataan-Corregidor Month." Sen. Charles McMathias of Maryland would designate June 15, 1985, as "National History Day" under terms of S. Jt Res. 121.

Rep. Jim Bates of California believes there are better ways for the Congress to spend its time than that of designating special days in honor of historic, cultural or commercial events or happenings. He has introduced H. Res. III, which would amend the House Rules to prohibit the consideration of legislation introduced for the purpose of designating special days.

Other Legislative Proposals Concerned With Patriotic Themes - Public Law 99-44 approved in June 1985 provided for a nationwide pause on Flag Day, June 14, for the purpose of reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." Under the sponsorship of Rep. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, the new law specified that a "Pause for the Pledge" was to occur at 7:00 P.M. EDT on June 14, 1985.

Rep. Andrew Jacobs of Indiana. has introduced H.R. 1052 which would replace "The Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem with "America the Beautiful."

Burials would be permitted in national cemeteries on weekends and holidays under terms of H.R. 399 introduced by Rep. Jimmy Quillen of Tennessee. Rep. Quillen is also sponsoring a bill that would designate "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the "national march." In a recent House speech, he said that the Sousa march has "captured the hearts and imaginations of Americans" since it was first played before President McKinley in May 1897.

The grave of Samuel (Uncle Sam) Wilson in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, New York, would be maintained as a national symbol honoring Uncle Sam under S. 91 introduced by Sen. Alphonse D'Amato of New York. S. 726 introduced by Sen. Charles McMathias of Maryland and H.R. 1670 sponsored Rep. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland would authorize the completion of the reverse side of the Great Seal of the United States. Although the Great Seal has been in use since September

16, 1782, only the obverse side was cut at that time. The sponsors of this proposal would like for the reverse side to be cut in time for the bicentennial celebration of the Constitutional Convention in 1987.

Rep. Nancy L. Johnson of Connecticut has introduced H. Jt. Res. 142 that would authorize the construction of a memorial to black men and women for their role in the American Revolution. It is expected that the monument would cost about \$2.5 million and would be privately financed by the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation.

Recommendations FOR 1985-86 - Brothers are urged to give careful consideration to the issues and proposals discussed in this report as well as other measures of interest and contact their Representatives and Senators to inform them of their views on pending legislation. The following specific recommendations are offered on behalf of the Committee on Legislation for the earnest consideration and support of this Encampment.

1. That our Order continue its long standing advocacy 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 support congressional efforts to mark appropriately the centennial anniversary of the death of one of the great figures of the Civil War and our 18th President, Ulysses S. Grant.
3. That our Order supports efforts by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Inc. to obtain a congressional charter.
4. That our Order supports the fair and vigorous enforcement of the Archeological Resources Protection Act as that statute applies to national parks and battlefield sites and other areas in the public domain.
5. That our Order urges retention of "The Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem as a most appropriate expression of our national heritage.
6. That our Order urges consideration of legislation that would permit burials in national cemeteries on weekends and holidays.

It is a privilege to have been associated with my colleagues, Elmer Atkinson, Stephan M. Frederick, Lewis E. Garney, and Marion C. T. Townsend, in the work of this Committee and to have been able to serve our Order in this capacity during the year that is about to close.

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

It was moved and seconded that all six recommendations of the Committee be adopted by the Encampment; motion passed.

National Military Affairs Committee

The members of your National Military Affairs Committee (NMAC), LTC Richard C. Schlenker, Committee Secretary; Captain William J. Little; PC-in-C William L. Simpson; and Sergeant Charles W. Corfman; and I have done committee work throughout the whole year.

The Committee started its year's work in Gettysburg last November. Since November, the members of the Committee have kept in touch through correspondence and telephone communication to continue the work of the Committee.

It was the thought of your Committee that the subjects of their considerations should be made known to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Roberts, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, LTC Gordon R. Bury, and the Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver. Accordingly, a copy of each subject of consideration was mailed to each.

In brief, the amendments to the SVR Standard Operating Procedures made during the current year of the Committee's service were:

ARTICLE II - National Headquarters.

Par. 2 Add:
 The Washington D.C. Liaison Officer, SVR, with the rank of Colonel.

Par 4. New:
 There shall be a Headquarters Company to which Members-at-Large shall be assigned. This Company shall be organized in the same manner as specified in Article VI - Company Headquarters - except that the Headquarters Company Staff shall be appointed by the Commanding General.

ARTICLE VIII - Uniform and Equipment

Par 7. New:
 Included in its entirety the expanded Uniform and Equipment Regulations adopted by the preceding NMAC.

I wish to thank the SVR Commanding Officer, Brig. Gen. Chester Shriver, and his staff for their service and assistance during the year.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you, Sir, as Chairman of our NMAC.

I would like, through you in this report, to address my personal thanks to all the members of the Committee for their time and efforts in considering the subjects that were presented during the year in our continued labors aimed at strengthening the SVR and keeping it a viable organization. I would most like to thank LTC Richard C. Schlenker for his time and efforts expended as secretary of the NMAC.

I would again, sir, like to express my thanks to you for the privilege and honor of serving you as your Chairman of the NMAC.

In F., C., & L.,
Robert L. McCandless, Chair
National Military Affairs Committee

National Encampment Site Committee

Lexington, Kentucky, as approved last year will be the scene of the 105th National Encampment next year; the Radisson Plaza Hotel will be our site. Miss Doris Winkler (a former Wilmingtonian) and I have signed the negotiation papers.

Syracuse, New York, was approved last year; however, further investigation finds the hotel (The Syracuse Hilton) not completely suitable and it is recommended that last year's action be negated and further study be conducted with New York being given prior consideration. The following hotels are being scrutinize: Corning Hilton, New York Penta, Buffalo, Elmira, Ithaca, Lake George, Lake Placid, and Courtland.

For 1988, the site of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and invitation has been submitted by a delegation from the Pennsylvania Department. The Holiday Inn was the hotel in mind. However, when we were in Gettysburg last November (1984) we found the Holiday Inn had been so extensively remodeled that the three organizations could not meet there; as a matter of fact, two organizations could not meet there. The Sheraton Inn-Gettysburg is the only such location found in Gettysburg where all three Orders could meet under one roof.

The National Encampment Site Committee wants you to know and fully understand that the Sheraton Inn-Gettysburg was visited last November by PC-in-C Greenwalt and me and was found to be most suitable. In June, I visited the Inn and negotiated with the Sales Manager and have been assured in writing that we would be suitably accommodated for the Encampment in August.

However, when you are at the Sheraton Inn-Gettysburg, one becomes isolated. To go out for a meal or to any site or any store, it necessitates driving several miles. It will mean eating all meals at the hotel, unless you drive.

Your Committee recommends this Encampment vote to reconsider the action as voted last year and then to vote on the Sheraton Inn Gettysburg as reported.

For 1989, as approved last year, it will be Des Moines, Iowa.

In F., C. & L.,
Frank Miller Heacock I, PC-in-C, Chair
National Encampment Site Committee

A motion was made and seconded that the selection of the Sheraton Inn-Gettysburg be approved for 1988; motion passed.

Special National Committee on Training and Education

(Copy of complete report not available)

Recommendation: That the 104th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reaffirm the commitment of the National Organization to a program of training and education for members and officers, the better to ensure their preservation of the customs, traditions and moral values of the Order for future generations.

In F., C., & L.,
James G.D. Marley, Chair
National Training and Education Committee

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the National Training and Education Committee; motion passed.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Officers' Reports

All officers are to be commended for their efforts. A motion was made and seconded that Committee recommendations be approved by the sound of the gavel; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Report

Recommendation #1: **Concur – Passed.**
Recommendation #2: **Concur – Passed.**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Report

Recommendation #1: **Concur – Passed.**
Recommendation #2: **Concur – Passed.**

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Report

Recommendation #1: **Nonconcurrency –Passed.**
Recommendation #2: **Concur – Passed.**

National Secretary-Treasurer Report

Recommendation #1: **Concur – Passed.**
Recommendation #2: **Concur – Passed.**
Recommendation #3: **Concur – Passed.**
Recommendation #4: **Concur – Passed.**

National Historian/Genealogist Report

Recommendation #1: **Concur – Passed.**
Recommendation #2: **Nonconcurrency – Passed.**

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C , Chair
Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports

Resolutions

A motion was made and seconded that Committee recommendations be approved by the sound of the gavel; motion passed.

Resolution #1 **Concur – Passed.**

Resolution to of support the adoption of adopt H.J. Res. 96, Joint Resolution an amendment establishing English as the official language of the United States.

Resolution #2 **Refer to Committee on Constitution and Regulations - Approved.**

Amendments to National Constitution and Regulations establishing multiple memberships in Camps and Departments; restricting voting at National Encampments regardless of multiple memberships to one man one vote; and allowing Departments to determine voting privileges of multiple Camp membership members.

Resolution #3 **Nonoccurrence – Passed.**

Resolution prohibiting any increase in National per capita tax.

Resolution #4 **Refer to Committee on Constitution and Regulations – Approved.**

Resolution establishing an end date for War Medal to include Viet Nam era.

Resolution #5 **Nonoccurrence – Passed.**

Resolution establishing an end date for War Medal to include Grenada and Lebanon eras.

Resolution #6 **Concur – Passed.**

Resolution encouraging proper labeling in terms of what country an item is manufactured and encouraging that US citizens purchase items made in the US.

Resolution #7 **Concur – Passed.**

Resolution opposing the use of bilingual teachers in schools.

Resolution #8 **Concur – Passed.**

Resolution opposing the substitution of the *Star Spangled Banner* with any other song as our National Anthem.

Resolution #9 **Nonconcurrency – Passed.**

Resolution allowing Camp #100 to represent the Department of Colorado-Wyoming in the absence of the Department at the National Encampment

Resolution #10 **Concur – Passed.**

Resolution of support for the English language amendment (see Resolution #1).

Resolution #11 **Concur – Passed.**

Resolution supporting the split of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer into the Office of National Secretary and the Office of National Treasurer

Resolution #12 **Nonoccurrence – Passed.**

Resolution creating the office of National Tax Officer.

Resolution #13 **Nonoccurrence – Passed.**

Resolution to remove wording in the National Regulations that requires the National Secretary to keep accurate records of the Proceedings, and creating the new office of Editor of Proceedings to be elected by the Council of Administration.

Resolution #14

Concur – Passed.

Resolution to investigate and establish a procedure to ensure that the Proceedings are published in a timely fashion.

A motion was made and seconded to refer this matter instead to the National Council of Administration; motion passed.

Resolution #15

Concur – Passed.

Resolution to the hotel thanking them for the hospitality.

In F., C., & L.,
Harry Gibbons, PC-in-C , Chair
Encampment Committee on Resolutions

Audit

The Encampment Audit Committee having had extenuating circumstances was not able to properly review and audit the books and bank statements of the National Secretary-Treasurer. We suggest that the Council of Administration review or have reviewed the accounting ledgers and bank statements held by the National Secretary-Treasurer. We, the Encampment Audit Committee, have the recommendation to this body here assembled that in light of no CPA audit of our National Secretary-Treasurer ledgers as required by our federal charter, that such audit be completed by an CPA within 60 days following the close of this Encampment (October 15, 1985) and that such report be entered into the Proceedings of the Encampment at that time.

In F., C., & L.,
Gordon R. Bury, Chair
Encampment Audit Committee

Constitution and Regulations

Commander-in-Chief's request for updated C&R by next year. **Concur and refer to Council of Administration - Passed**

War medal - Amendment to add all military commitments. **Concur - Passed**

In F., C., & L.,
Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C, Chair
Encampment Constitution and Regulations Committee

Budget

(Copy of budget was not available; however, notes indicate that it was passed)

OLD BUSINESS

Patriotic Instructor Corfman reported that total of \$1741.00 had been raised for that fund.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roberts reported that a total of \$129.02 had been raised for that fund.

Secretary-Treasurer Shriver reported on the pre-Encampment meeting of the National Council of Administration.

NEW BUSINESS

The membership increase award was given to the Department of New Hampshire.

It is moved and seconded that Brother Roscoe Butcher of the Department of California, because of his generosity and devotion to the Order be granted a life membership in the Order; motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that all tabled items carried over from the last two years in absence of Proceedings be reported at the next Encampment; motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that \$200 appropriated for the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve for the fiscal year 1985 - 1986; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to disband the Encampment committees; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to declare the minutes of this Encampment as the Official Proceedings for the Order for 1985; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to move to the nomination and election of officers for 1985 - 1986; motion passed.

FINAL REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Encampment Credentials Committee reported that a total of 76 Brothers were registered with 11 not present for a voting strength of 65.

NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1985/86

The following offers were nominated and elected:

Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief..... Rev. Richard O. Partington
 Council of Administration George Long
 National Secretary Frank M. Heacock I, PC-in-C
 National Treasurer Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C

The following appointments were announced by Commander-in-Chief-elect Donald L. Roberts:

National CounselorWilliam W. Haskell, PC-in-C
 National Chief of StaffClark W. Mellor
 National Patriotic Instructor..... William J. Little
 National Chaplain Charles A. Nelson
 National HistorianDavid Orr
 National Graves Registration Officer Charles E. Sharrock
 National GAR Highway Officer.....Lowell V. Hammer
 National Personal AideJohn R. Lainhart
 National Washington Representative.....Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.....Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
Banner EditorRobert J. Gregory

PC-in-C Norman Furman served as the installing officer, with PC-in-C Fred Combs and PC-in-C Harry Gibbons serving as Chaplain and Guide, respectively. All elected and appointed officers were duly installed and then escorted to their respective stations.

ADJOURNMENT

Commander-in-Chief Roberts ritualistically adjourned the 104th Annual National Encampment until the 105th Annual National Encampment in 1986 at Lexington, Kentucky.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**PRE-104TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

**RADISSON HOTEL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1985

The post-104th National Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts at 3:30 p.m.

Those present included: Commander-in-Chief Roberts; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury II, Council of Administration members PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C Eugene E. Russell and George Long; National Secretary- PC-in-C Frank M. Heacock I; National Treasurer PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver; PC-in-C Fred E. Combs, Jr., National Membership-at-Large PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker; and *Banner* Editor Robert J. Gregory.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon as required:

1. Establishment of a goal of \$2,000 for the National Patriotic Instructor's;
2. Establishment of \$8.00 as interest payment for Life Members, payable after January 1, 1985; and
3. Re-appointment of Robert Gregory as Editor of the *Banner*.

A motion was made and a seconded to approve the previous three matters; motion passed.

Additional items discussed but without formal action included:

1. Updating the Order's Constitution and Regulations;
2. Recording of future Proceedings on a memory typewriter (Brother Bury was to investigate and report back at the next Council of Administration meeting);
3. The transition from National Secretary-Treasurer to the newly created offices of National Secretary and National Treasurer; and
4. Efforts to secure a CPA.

PC-in-C Combs reported on the efforts of a U.S. Army Officer to reactivate the R.M. Smith Camp #21 at Beaufort, South Carolina and requested any member of the Council of Administration to shed any light on any member of the Camp. Brother Combs will make an effort to contact and/or visit the area for information as to any members.

The meeting was adjourned by Commander-in-Chief Roberts at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Frank M. Heacock I, PC-in-C
National Secretary

APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Commander-in-Chief General Orders, Series 1984-1985.

Series 1984 – 1985 GENERAL ORDERS NO 1.

CALL TO GLORY

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 103rd National Encampment held at Akron, Ohio, August 12-16 1984, command is hereby assumed with headquarters established at the above address for personal communications. Regular business should be addressed to the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Box 24, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.
2. The Department of Ohio is commended for the excellent arrangements and service given as hosts of the National Encampment.
3. Some Standing Committee appointments have been made and Chairmen have been notified. Suggestions from the Membership are requested for some positions not yet filled. All previous appointees are hereby relieved and a vote of thanks offered to those who expended time and energy for the good of the Order. There should be a smooth transfer of information from retiring officers to their successors.
4. The Committee on Legislation will pursue efforts to return Memorial Day to its proper date May 30.
5. John B. Davis of Virginia Beach, Virginia. is reappointed Aide to act as liaison to the USS Monitor National Advisory Committee.
6. Jerome L. Orton of Syracuse, New York is reappointed Aide to coordinate the writing of the History of the SUVCW (Possible substitution or addition - Jerome L. Orton of Syracuse New York as newly appointed Historian will combine his work in the writing of the History of the SUVCW with the position of Genealogist).
7. The policy of appointing as National Aide and awarding a National Ribbon to be worn through the next National Encampment and Brother securing three new members will be continued. Also those who recruit five or more new members will receive a Certificate of Merit.
8. Please give full support to our new National Graves Registration Officer Charles E. Sharrock of Denver, Colorado., replacing the late William W. Vanderhoof, who served commendably for many years.
9. Members are reminded of the support needed by the National Patriotic Instructor for his fund to continue our patriotic work and also by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for his fund to continue the promotion of our Order.
10. Camps are now electing new officers. Congratulations to those assuming new duties and may their efforts result in inspiring leadership.
11. Should there be any information for the Membership about any important action of the Encampment?
12. Information regarding the ill and bereaved should be forwarded to Headquarters that proper attention will be given.
13. Departments and Camps-at-Large are reminded that quarterly reports and remittances are due in the National Secretary-Treasurer's office at the end of December, March, June, and September.
14. The Commander-in-Chief's travel itinerary will be planned to best serve the total organization.

Invitations should be extended as early as possible.

15. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg is when we remember the Grand Army of the Republic and pay homage to them. Many of us will gather there on November 17, 1984. Those who cannot attend are urged to hold ceremonies in their Camps.

16. Bob Wolz, whose editorial efforts should be praised, has promised to get out an October *Banner* on time. The Council of Administration will meet at Gettysburg to seek a solution to the burdensome distribution problems. To this end, all Camps and Departments are requested to submit up-to-date membership rosters. Also items should be submitted by Nov. 30 for a January *Banner*.

17. Warm congratulations and pledges of close cooperation is extended to Sister Jennie B. Russell, Auxiliary National President; Sister Shirley Wool, Ladies of the Grand Army National President; Sister Kay Marie Hoecker, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Sister Lorraine Hebestreit, National President of the Women's Relief Corps. Best wishes for successful administrations.

18. To all my elected and appointed officers and committees my best wishes for a most successful year. A special plea- keep the lines of communication open. I extend my sincere thanks to all who made this high honor available to me. With your help and that of the Almighty, I will strive to advance the programs and objects of our Order to the best of my ability.

By Order of
Eugene R. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

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

**Series 1984 – 1985
GENERAL ORDERS NO 2.**

CALL TO GLORY

1. Now that the customary holiday greetings are safely out of the way, and trusting that the expectations of joy for the season were duly enjoyed by all, and hoping that the usual New Year's resolutions have already been neither too badly bent nor broken - may we all face the New Year with renewed expectations of a banner year for our Order - a real *Banner* year if you are reading this in a new edition of our official organ of communication, issued on time.

2. After two sessions at Gettysburg (Remembrance Day), the Council of Administration selected Robert J. Gregory, D.C. of New York, as the new Editor of the *Banner*. It looks like a much-needed restoration of the communication life-line of the SUVCW. Bob is at 610 E. Hamilton Ave., Sherrill, New York 13461, Telephone. 315-363-5312. Send him material on time for future issues but try not to inundate him too quickly with a backlog of news. Brother Bob Wolz is to be commended for his editorial work and efforts under very trying circumstances and should not be held accountable for all problems encountered in the distribution of our quarterly, most of which were not adequately foreseen by National when the changeover to central mailing was adopted.

3. Recognizing that most of the honors accorded me are in recognition of the office and not the occupant, I nevertheless take great personal pride in the honor guard of 21 uniformed members from J.F. Durgin Camp of Boscawen Camp, New Hampshire, which escorted me at the Gettysburg parade. The wreath-laying at the Woolson statue, exercises at the Cyclorama, the Holiday Inn banquet, and the Blue and Gray Ball all gave credence to the report that next year these prestigious events are worthy of recording on national television. Commendations to the general committee and the participating military

units, and particularly to Brig. General Chester S. Shriver for arranging the multitudinous details connected with the appearance of those in uniform. General Ripley Robinson, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, led the many men in Confederate uniform, and the presence of the women in authentic costume of the period lent a beautiful touch to all the proceedings of Remembrance Day.

4. It has been remarked that most Commanders-in-Chief have risen from the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) ranks. It is my sincere hope that this "outsider" can prove his worth in genuine concern for our military branch and that all members will support and guide me in "learning the ropes". It was indeed dismaying to have three dedicated members of the National Military Affairs Committee suddenly resign on a matter of "principle" but hope they will still favor me with any advice or comments on SVR affairs. I have been alerted to the unfortunate rules of the Military Park Department excluding weapons carried by a color guard into the Cyclorama auditorium. I will endeavor to make myself a nuisance to the authorities on this matter.

5. Please pay attention to the urgent appeals of our fund-raising officers. Patriotic Instructor Charles W. Corfman's fund will benefit the various patriotic programs of our Order and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Roberts for what used to be called the Centennial Fund but should have a new designated goal so as to encourage greater participation. Junior Vice commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, in charge of membership, will have his hand extended, not to receive money, but to greet new members in fellowship.

6. Sister Jennie (wife and Aux. National President) and I were overwhelmed by the large attendance of sisters and brothers, relatives and friends and our testimonial in Auburn, Massachusetts and by the many gifts received. The packaged articles will serve as long-time reminders of the respective donors, and monetary items will be totaled into some permanent memento of this splendid occasion. A couple of gifts were missing the donor's name, so a special and unorthodox thanks to these unknown.

7. Award of National yellow ribbons to be worn with badges and appointment as National Aide are in order for any Brother securing three or more new members, and a certificate of merit for five or more.

8. On behalf of the National Organization, I had the pleasure of presenting the annual scholarship award to John P. Thompson of Amherst, Massachusetts for excellence in American Civil War history while a student at Gettysburg College.

9. Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and Appomatox Day, April 9, are important dates for proper observance by Camps and Departments. Department Secretaries please send dates and location of Encampments as soon as possible.

10. Greetings to all newly elected officers of Camps and Departments and best wishes for a successful year. Observe your duties in forwarding all reports on time.

11. To all the National Presidents of the Allied Orders a desire for good fortune and flourishing accomplishments in your administrations. May we meet at our approaching visitations in good health and under favorable circumstances.

By Order of:
Eugene R. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

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

Series 1984 – 1985
GENERAL ORDERS NO 3.

CALL TO GLORY

1. First and foremost and if nothing else - the *Banner*. Latest word is that Bob Wolz has sent out all overdue copies, including my first of Fall 1984. Some may have been sent in bulk to Departments and some to individual members. In any case, I ask the cooperation of all in seeing that all members receive the copies that are rightfully due them. If not printed correctly, the last four figures of my phone number should be 1724. From now on, please send to me any complaints about not receiving the *Banner*.
2. *Banner* under new Editor Bob Gregory: his first edition (Winter 1985) has been proof. read and in the hands of the printer. Distribution should begin within a week, in some case to individual members and in others to Departments. He is working already on the Spring edition, hoping to have it out by late April. He should be commended for tackling forthrightly a very demanding job under unprecedentedly difficult conditions.
3. I hope Departments and Camps can now get down to routine business, with *Banners* to provide information and boost morale. With new officers elected and installed -congratulations and best wishes to all for successful administrations. The usual reminder that reports must be submitted to National by July 1.
4. The 104th National Encampment will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware, August 10-15. Let's have a good turnout in spite of the hiatus in our internal communications. The justifiable threats to withhold per capita payments must not jeopardize the seating of delegate.
5. Renewed efforts should be made to secure new members. Give every support to the membership officers - Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury and Coordinator of Membership-at-Large Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker. Send me names of Brothers securing three or more new members for National awards.
6. Our National fund raisers need your cooperation more than ever before. The contributions received by Patriotic Instructor Charles Corfman are the mainstay of our patriotic work, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts needs funds for worthy special projects.
7. I participated in Lincoln birthday activities at the Philadelphia Camp and Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D.C. Wreath laying ceremonies at the latter were inspiring and unforgettable. I very much appreciated the honor guard from the Lancaster Fencibles, led by 1st Sergeant Carl Hulsart, and the display of the Commandery-in-Chief's flag.
8. Visitation to the Department of California and the Pacific was made in October. Many other invitations have been received. Where there are conflicting times, every effort will be made to resolve such complications, with no offense intended if the impossible wins out. I do not wish to impose my presence on any Department not desiring a visit from the Commander-in-Chief, but there are a few not yet heard from.
9. Coming Events
Appomatox Day April 9.
Ceremonies at Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois April 15
Ceremonies at Grant's Tomb, New York City. April 27
Memorial Day, May 27 or May 30
Ceremonies at Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire May 30
Flag Day June 14.
Ceremonies at Mt. McGregor, New York in July, planned by National Historian Jerome L. Orton observing the death of General Grant.

10. Department Secretaries will receive notice of required action at each Department Encampment on an amendment to the Constitution adopted at the 103rd National Encampment in Akron, Ohio and changing the time period for a Provisional Department to acquire permanent status from one year - to three years.

11. I regret to report the death of Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert Lawrence, a 55 year member, and a sparkplug in his Department of New Hampshire and in the New England Regional Association.

12. To those in poor health and others mourning the loss of loved ones sincere sympathy is extended. Perhaps the only good thing that can be said about a spring (March) edition of the *Banner* being late is that it may coincide with the final demise of winter "blahs" and the resurgence of hope and good spirits usually associated with the annual phenomena of life's renewal in nature.

By Order of:
Eugene R. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

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

**Series 1984 – 1985
GENERAL ORDERS NO 4.**

CALL TO GLORY

1. Official call to the 104th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be convened at Wilmington, Delaware with headquarters in the Radisson Hotel, 700 King St. August 11 to 15, 1985.

2. I view the issuance of these my final orders in a spirit of gratitude for the opportunity given me to represent our Order in this high position and fondly hope that I may have approached in some small measure the achievements of my illustrious predecessors. Good wife Jennie (National Auxiliary President) and I are deeply appreciative of the many courtesies and kindness extended us by the various Departments on our visitations, and find it impossible to thank personally all who contributed to our comfort and pleasure. To me, perhaps the most treasured part of this experience was in meeting people in all the GAR Orders who were formerly merely names but now have become faces and memorable personalities; even more satisfaction in discovering dedicated members, often without portfolio or formal positions, who are nevertheless striving more or less in the background to further the principles of our Organization. Such a short time for a Commander-in-Chief to become acquainted with all the wonderful personalities of our Allied Orders of the GAR:

3. I appoint the following Brothers to serve on the Credential Committee: Forest Altland (Ohio) Chair; John Junge (New Jersey); and Ivan Frantz, Jr. (Pennsylvania). Others on this Committee, Encampment Officers, and all Committee members will be announced at the first business session.

4. All members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve in attendance are requested to bring their uniforms for wearing particularly at Sunday night's Campfire. The uniformed branch of our Order is more than just the show-case part of the SUVCW, it denotes a dedicated desire to give a living realistic witness to those patriotic principles that the rest of us only talk about.

5. Sister Jennie and I have made a genuine effort to fulfill our obligations to the Department Encampments. Sincere apologies to any missed because of travel conflicts. Other representations were

to the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.; Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, and the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire on Memorial Day.

6. Several awards of yellow ribbons and Certificates of Merit have been made for Brothers securing three or five new members respectively. If there are others who should be appointed as National Aides please report to me as soon as possible. All award recipients will be announced at the Encampment and names printed in the Proceedings. Congratulations to those who realize the importance of obtaining replacements due to the natural and inevitable depletion of our membership.

7. Elsewhere in the *Banner* you will find a more detailed statement on recent *Banner* problems, as well as comments on other communication matters.

8. Congratulations and best wishes to all Department and Camp Officers in furthering the principles and objects of our valued Order, and also full support from all to next year's elected and appointed National Officers.

9. All Camp and Department reports should be made promptly to the respective Secretaries to facilitate complete reports for the year. National Officers and Committee Chairmen should have reports, concise but informative, typed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and ready for presentation at the first day's business session. Any proposed resolutions or constitutional amendments should be forwarded in time for proper consideration by the appropriate National Committee. Voting delegates must present proper credentials, but any member, if not an official delegate may be seated and may attend all business and social functions.

10. Be sure to contribute as generously as possible to the National Funds that provide the wherewithal for the Sons' patriotic work: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Roberts fund for promotional work and that of Patriotic Instructor Charles Corfman.

11. Appreciation to my Staff Officers, Committee Members, Department Commanders and Secretaries and all others who offered me their loyal support. Special praise to National Historian and Genealogist Jerome Orton for his commendable program of issuing certificates of recognition to first generation descendants of Civil War Veterans. Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker should be recognized for caring for Members-at-Large. In the absence of recorded material of recent administrations, I would have been lost without the valued advice and suggestions of National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver and many other Past Commanders-in-Chief.

12. To the other National Presidents of the GAR family whose paths have pleasantly coincided on many occasions: Lorraine Hebestreit - Woman's Relief Corps; Shirley Wool - Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Marie Hoecker - Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Jennie B. Russell - Auxiliary to the Sons (whose presence was more than a coincidence and provided much-needed moral support) - to all may your National Conventions be successful, constructive, and pleasurable.

13. To all in poor health and those suffering bereavement may God's blessing be with you as we all extend our heartfelt sympathy.

By Order of:
Eugene R. Russell
Commander-in-Chief

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

Appendix 2. Registered Delegates to the 104th National Encampment.

1. Baker, Edson
2. Butcher, Roscoe C.
3. Colburn, Kenneth Altland, Forest
4. Atkinson, Elmer F.
5. Baker, Edson
6. Black, Herman T.
7. Bury, Gordon R. II
8. Butcher, Roscoe C.
9. Colburn, Kenneth
10. Combs, Fred H. Jr.
11. Corfman, Charles
12. Dugan, Goodling H.
13. Estridge, Willard G.
14. Evelien, Harry
15. Frantz, Ivan E. Jr.
16. Frantz, Ivan E. Sr.
17. Furman, Norman
18. Garney, Lewis E.
19. Gauthier, Joseph
20. Gibbons, Harry
21. Goodman, Harold
22. Goodman, Kirk
23. Greenwalt, Richard
24. Gregory, Robert
25. Hammer, Lowell V.
26. Harrington, Miles E. Sr.
27. Haskell, William W.
28. Heacock, Edward
29. Heacock, Frank M. Sr.
30. Heacock, Frank M. Jr.
31. Hines, Richard D.
32. Johnson, Thomas L.W.
33. Kegerise, Paul C.
34. Keister, Wesley
35. Ledwith, James Y.
36. Little, William J.
37. Long, George W.
38. Lowe, Charles P.
39. Lucas, B. Franklin
40. Macomber, Wallace
41. Marley, James G.
42. Mayhew, Jonathan T.
43. McCandless, Robert L.
44. Mellor, Clark W.
45. Miller, Leon S.
46. Mook, Conrad P.
47. Moore, Allen W.
48. Nelson, Charles
49. Oakley, Kenneth
50. Orr, David
51. Orr, Richard
52. Orton, Jerome
53. Partington, Richard O.
54. Peiper, Ralph
55. Poehler, Herman
56. Prince, Edgar A. Sr.
57. Reed, David
58. Riddell, Clarence J.
59. Rippey, Joseph
60. Roberts, Royce A.
61. Roberts, Donald L.
62. Rule, William C.
63. Russell, Eugene E.
64. Schlenker, Richard C.
65. Sharrock, Charles E.
66. Shriver, Chester S.
67. Simpson, William L.
68. Smith, Roy
69. Stoudt, C.L.
70. Townsend, Marion C.T.
71. Townsend, Franklin R.
72. Townsend, Robert E.
73. Tucker, Frank J.
74. Weaver, Sherman
75. Wolz, Robert J.
76. Wyman, Leonard A.

Appendix 3. List of Past Commanders in Chief.

ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1936	*William A. Dyer	New York
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1937	*Willam A. Dyer	New York
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1943	*C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1896	*James L. Rake	Pennsylvania	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1905	*Harvey V. Speelamn	Ohio	1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Virginia
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1962	*Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1977	*Harold T. Bielby	New York
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1979	*Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California	1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York			
1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois			
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana			
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania			
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio			
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts			
1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois			

HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

1883	*A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	*R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	*Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	*Albert Woolson	Minnesota

SONS OF VETERANS

1881	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90	!*George W. Marks	New York
1890	!*George T. Brown	New York

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

*E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
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* Deceased

! Conferred by the Commandery-in-Chief

Appendix 4. 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, D.C.
22nd	1903	September 15 - 17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18 - 20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20 - 23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20 - 21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25 - 27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24 - 26	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20 - 22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20 - 25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27 - 29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16 - 18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1 - 3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28 - 30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30 - 31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22 - 23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20 - 21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9 - 11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22 - 23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26 - 28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4 - 6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12 - 14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1 - 3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21 - 23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18 - 20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10 - 12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26 - 28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14 - 17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19 - 22	Springfield, Illinois

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
52nd	1933	September 19 - 21	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14 - 16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9 - 12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22 - 24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6 - 9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5 - 8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 - 12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	1942	September 15 - 17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20 - 23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12 - 14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1 - 4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10 - 14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26 - 30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28 - 31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20 - 24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19 - 23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24 - 28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23 - 27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8 - 13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21 - 25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 1 - 15	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18 - 22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17 - 21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16 - 20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21 - 25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20 - 24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19 - 23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18 - 23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16 - 20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15 - 19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6 - 10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18 - 22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17 - 21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23 - 27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13 - 17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5 - 9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18 - 22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10 - 14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15 - 19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14 - 18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13 - 17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12 - 15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10 - 14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9 - 13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 15 - 19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12 - 16	Akron, Ohio
104st	1985	August 11 - 15	Wilmington, Delaware